

Hate mail sent to UC students

College Press Service

COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

BERKELEY, Calif. — Fourteen minority students at the University of California at Berkeley recently found racist fliers in their mailboxes, marking the second time since December that African-American and Hispanic students have been harassed because of their race.

Minority students enrolled in the Boalt Hall School of Law received the fliers, which were filled with racial slurs and attacks on the school's affirmative action admissions policies.

"...It's affirmative action month. A town hall meeting will not save you, the wetbacks or the chinks," stated the anonymous messenger. "Your failures are hereditary and can't be corrected by these liberals."

"Look around Boalt Hall. Besides the few hand-picked affirmative action professors, this is a quality law school. When I see you in class, it bugs the hell out of me because your (sic) taking the seat of someone qualified. You belong at Coolie High Law, don't you forget."

More than 500 Berkeley students showed their support for the minority law students by participating in a campus protest against the fliers a few days after the incident.

"Student of color do not have to justify their presence here," said Josefi-na Alvarado, a second-year Hispanic law student, during the rally. "We have worked too hard to be called niggers, wetbacks and chinks."

Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien also spoke at the rally, telling students he could not rent an apartment when he first came to Berkeley as a professor in 1959 because he is Chinese.

"And I stand here today as chan-

cellor," he said.

Officials at Berkeley are concerned that the person responsible for the fliers may somehow be connected to the university, since the material was sent to students whose mailboxes are coded according to who receives minority law journals. At the protest, Tien told students the perpetrator would face swift discipline if caught.

Last December, the same students received a flier containing a picture of a monkey and the statement, "Affirmative action sucks."

FSU law student arrested for soliciting murder

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A Florida State University law student is accused of plotting the murder of a school employee after the hit man she allegedly hired turned her into police.

Joann Plachy, 49, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with soliciting murder.

Plachy paid Peter Laquerre \$1,000 to kill Margaret Satterfield, a university employee who Plachy said accused her of cheating by obtaining a copy of a final exam, according to Tallahassee police. Before the monetary transaction, Laquerre had informed police of Plachy's intentions. They then worked together to set the stage for Plachy's arrest.

"If I don't take this person out of the picture, I'm just screwed," Plachy told Laquerre, according to a police affidavit. "I'm looking at losing my whole law career, and I'm just about a straight-A student."

Once the money changed hands,

Plachy was arrested and imprisoned. Bond has been set at \$500,000. If convicted, the FSU law student could face 30 years in prison.

Graduate in four years or classes are free

FULTON, Mo. — Westminister College is offering students an unusual guarantee: If they don't graduate in four years, classes after that are free.

But to discourage students from dallying, there is a catch. Students must meet some basic requirements such as taking a full load of classes and pulling in C's in their courses, said Jim Muensch, director of media relations at Westminister.

"As long as students follow the guidelines, which are to take 16 hours a semester, get C's in their classes and decide upon a major in their sophomore year, we guarantee they'll graduate in four years or extra classes are free," Muensch said.

Administrators at the 700-student college came up with the idea after hearing that many students couldn't enroll in the classes they need to graduate.

"Our president has a daughter in college at another school," Muensch said. "This year, she told him that if she couldn't get into a section of a class she needed for her major, she wouldn't graduate on time. This shocked him."

Next year's freshmen will be the first students eligible for the offer.

"Parents and students are understandably concerned about the financial burden they will assume should graduation be postponed one or even two years, not to mention the costs associated with delayed entry into the job market," Westminister President James Traer said.

Sunday, March 12

Larceny, West Energy Plant. A complainant reported a stolen microwave oven. Estimated loss: \$100.

Friday, March 10

Simple possession of marijuana, intersection of Blossom Street and Assembly Street. An officer observed two men in a red Corvette smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette. During a search of the vehicle, the officer found the end of a cigarette that smelled like marijuana. The subjects were transported to USCPD.

Thursday, March 9

Trespassing after notice, sidewalk in front of Gambrell. An officer stopped a subject and asked for identification. A background check on the subject revealed he was previously warned not to be on USC property.

Theft, fraud, automatic teller machine at the Russell House University Union. A man reported he lost his wallet. On March 1, someone withdrew \$300 from his bank account at the Russell House ATM.

Tuesday, March 7

Grand larceny, BA construction site. Two Motorola walkie-talkies were removed from a construction trailer. Estimated loss: \$1,200.

Accidental damage to personal property, parking lot at 1800 Wheat St. A woman reported her car window was broken by a golf ball found inside the vehicle. Estimated damage: \$300.

Monday, March 6

Assault and battery, Carolina Gardens. Officers responded to intervene in a domestic dispute.

CRIMEREPORT

Thursday, March 2

Assistance rendered, Blatt P.E. Center. Officers helped a man who dislocated his shoulder while playing basketball. The man was transported to Baptist Medical Center by EMS.

Larceny and recovery, parking lot at 1800 Wheat St. An officer noticed a hang-tag with a number that corresponded to a tag previously reported stolen. The decal was turned over to the parking division.

Altered parking decal, South Coliseum Parking Lot. A complainant reported an altered tag. The decal and vehicle were taken into possession by the police department.

Larceny, Thomas Cooper Library. A complainant reported two textbooks taken from a study carrel. Estimated loss: \$65.

Wednesday, March 1

Larceny, Sloan. A woman reported two keys taken from a desk drawer. Estimated loss: \$2.

Larceny, Earth and Water Sciences Building. A compact disc player was reported stolen. Estimated loss: \$250.

Larceny, Pendleton Street garage. A man told police someone took his garage access card from his unlocked car.

Trespassing after notice, west side of Thomas Cooper Library. An officer saw a man outside the library. A background check on the subject showed he had been previously warned to stay off campus. The subject was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Sunday, March 5

Armed robbery, Carolina Gardens. A man reported he was approached by a man with a handgun who demanded money. The suspect is described as an African-American male, 17 to 19 years old, 5-foot-6, 140 pounds, with large eyes and no facial hair. Estimated loss: \$46.

Saturday, March 4

Malicious injury to personal property, parking lot at 1800 Wheat St. A car owner reported deep cuts on the sides, hood and trunk of his vehicle. Estimated damage: \$500.

Friday, March 3

Burglary, resisting arrest, Gibbs Property. An officer saw a subject climb into the window of a building. As assisting officers searched the building, the suspect ran from the premises and headed south on Assembly Street. The subject was apprehended but resisted arrest. He was transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Larceny, Faculty House. A purse was reported missing. Estimated loss: \$123.

Burglary, larceny, The Roost. A resident reported evidence of forced entry to his room. Cash, two watches and a pocketknife were reported missing from the complainant's room and an adjoining room. Estimated value: \$3,010.

Forgery, University Bookstore. A complainant reported having a check stolen. The missing check was paid to the bookstore for \$47.63.

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