

# Texas student sues over grade

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HOUSTON — A University of Houston student who claims he was discriminated against in one of his classes because he has a disability won a court battle against the university last week.

Jonathan Sadik, a senior electronic engineering student, said in court documents filed Wednesday that he was accused of cheating on a test in an electronics course during the spring 2002 semester.

He denies charges of academic dishonesty and is asking that a low grade he received in the class be reviewed. He requested a court injunction so he wouldn't be dropped

from classes while awaiting his university hearing.

Sadik would not say in a telephone interview what his disability is, but was in a wheelchair at the time of the test in question.

According to the court papers, Sadik was informed by a university official that an unidentified professor complained to UH's Center for Students with Disabilities "that individuals with a physical disability should not study engineering because engineers are required to have ease of mobility in projects in which they work."

The director of the center, Cheryl Amoroso, told Sadik's mother, Linda Sadik, that the professor who made the complaint was

not an engineer, according to Linda Sadik's affidavit.

Sadik received a D in the class, which is a prerequisite for other classes he must complete to get his degree, according to the injunction request. The College of Engineering requires a C-minus or better in its required courses, so Sadik could have been dropped from engineering classes he's in now because of the grade.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner on Wednesday granted Sadik a temporary restraining order so that he can remain enrolled in his classes through Oct. 4, while he challenges the grade he received

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## Fights

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little rowdy and a little overexuberant," USC spokesman Russ McKinney said. "It's never been a huge problem, but generally a few more arrests are made than at other games."

Whether the game is in Columbia or between the hedges at Athens, fans usually find something to argue about.

"There is a lot of hate between the fans because of how close the schools are," Gooding said. "There was a lot of yelling back and forth, and after the game, a lot of Georgia fans were talking a lot of junk, but I didn't see any more fights, although I felt like fighting."

Lt. Leroy Taylor of the state Highway Patrol has been providing security at USC games for 14 years, and he said the Georgia

game in particular always produces problems.

"This game always has more arrests made," he said. "We usually expect more vehicle traffic and expect to deal with a lot more intoxicated people because of the close driving distance."

Of the 11 arrests this past Saturday, the USC Police Department was involved in four, which included underage drinking violations and cocaine possession. Ernie Ellis, USC's director of Law Enforcement and Safety, said the 11 arrests are higher than average for the year.

"It's like any high-spirited competition, whether it's Georgia, Clemson or Tennessee," he said. "All of those high-spirited games tend to have more crowd tensions and issues that build up with the crowd."

Security for USC games is provided by a variety of police agencies, including the USCPD, the state Highway Patrol, Columbia's

Police Department, the Richland County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

"When it comes to law enforcement, it's a group effort," Ellis said. "It's like operating a small city with a crowd of nearly 80,000."

Stacey Drakeford of SLED said the division's main focuses at football games are underage drinkers and ticket scalpers. "Both demand that we respond with appropriate action," Drakeford said.

Police are stationed throughout the stadium and are there for the public's protection, Ellis said, but they are quick to act if needed.

"It is expected for crowds to get excited and boisterous at games," Ellis said. "But officers are there to protect the well-being of the fans, and if an individual poses a threat, action will be taken."

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## POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

**DAY CRIMES** (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

□ Violent  
○ Nonviolent

**NIGHT CRIMES** (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

■ Violent  
● Nonviolent

**CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS**

■ Violent  
● Nonviolent

15-inch speakers, police said. One in-dash CD player and one CD case with CDs inside were also in the car. They also admitted to removing one of the car's tires and rims, police said.

**17 BURGLARY, LARCENY, STROM THURMOND FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER, 1000 BLOSSOM ST.** Reporting officer J.R. Merrill responded to a burglary alarm and noticed Tariq Bey-Luqman standing in the back of a truck. Bey-Luqman had items that were determined to have come from the burgled trailer. A vehicle at the scene was determined to be owned by Abdullah Salih, and officers also apprehended a juvenile at the scene. The subjects gave written statements. Bey-Luqman was transported to USC Police Department headquarters for questioning.

### Sunday, Sept. 15

**18 INFORMATIONAL REPORT, COLUMBIA HALL, 918 BARNWELL ST.**

Carlita Cheek said she had a meeting on Sept. 11 with Ms. Cooney from Judicial Affairs, who told Cheek not to contact Torrence Saxton because of stalking allegations. Cheek received a phone call from Saxton and requested it be documented. Reporting officers: T. Cox and B. J. Timbers.

### Monday, Sept. 16

**19 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, RUSSELL HOUSE, 1400 GREENE ST.**

Emily Wahrer said Bryan Norwood was involved in suspicious activity. Norwood was interviewed and a field interview card was completed. An investigation continues. Reporting officer: D. Hare

**20 ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE (OBSCENE), EAST QUAD, 1400 BLOSSOM ST.**

The victim said John Thompson made two obscene collect calls to her dorm room. The victim also said Thompson said he was an inmate at the Richland County Detention Center. A logbook was issued. Reporting officer: J. D. Patterson

**21 INFORMATION, PRINTING SERVICES, 506 ASSEMBLY ST.**

Yvonne Conley said an unknown subject sped toward her vehicle and shouted profane words at her. Reporting officer: D. Hare

**22 LOST PROPERTY, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP)**

Arthur Peters said he lost his Qualcomm LGC 330w cell phone with serial number 904K106371. Reporting officer: L.R. Morales

**23 INFORMATIONAL REPORT, MCBRYDE QUAD, 614 SUMTER ST.**

Young said there was a smell of gas coming from the third floor from the McBryde Quad. Reporting officer T. Cox and the Fire Department responded. A generator that was in the storage room on first floor caused the smell. The room was cleaned by the resident adviser on duty. Reporting officer: T. Cox.

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### Wednesday, Sept. 11

**1 LARCENY OF MONEY-ACCESS CARD, RUSSELL HOUSE POST OFFICE, 1400 GREENE ST.**

Aheta Almonson said Wachovia Bank was supposed to send her money-access card through the mail and that she never received it. On Sept. 11, she received a bank statement saying that she was missing or that \$900 was taken from her account. She said an unknown person called her and pretended to be from the bank and that he asked for her personal identification number, which she provided. Investigator Young was notified. Reporting officer: L. R. Morales

**2 LARCENY OF TEXTBOOKS, FRONT LOBBY OF LAW CENTER, 1112 GREENE ST.**

Katie Whitney said someone took two unattended textbooks from the front lobby of the Law Center. Estimated value: \$256. Reporting officer: J.B. Coaxum

### Friday, Sept. 13

**3 SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, CAROLINA COLISEUM LOT, 600 PARK ST.**

Reporting officers E. Periera and Z.S. Voulgarelis noticed a suspicious van in the lot. People were lying down in the back of the van. On closer inspection the suspects exited the van in a cloud of smoke thought to be marijuana. Joshua Faigen was arrested and confessed to possession of marijuana. Zachary Faigen, Devan Wiggins, James Cleaveland and Kerri Ann Brown were also listed as suspects. Faigen was searched, handcuffed and transported to the Richland County Detention Center. All students were written up on student discipline.

**4 LOST PROPERTY, RUSSELL HOUSE BOOKSTORE, 1400 GREENE ST.**

Jeffrey Simpson lost a black Bank of America checkbook containing checks. Reporting officer: G. Cox.

### Saturday, Sept. 14

**5 LOST PROPERTY, BAND HALL, 511 MAIN ST.**

Bryan Ceglis said he lost his wallet in the Band Hall. He said the wallet contained \$12, a S.C. driver's license, a Security Federal check card, a Social Security card and a student ID. Reporting officer: T. Cox

**6 LOST PROPERTY, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD.**

William Mearcs said he lost his wallet containing a driver's license, a military ID, a MasterCard, a Midas card and a Social Security card. Reporting officer: T. Cox

**7 LOST PROPERTY, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP)**

William Franklin said he lost his tri-fold brown

leather wallet in the stadium. He said it included cash and credit cards. Reporting officer: J.E. Howell.

**8 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP)**

Reporting officers Hare and Colman saw Robert Lewis walking unsteadily, smelling strongly of alcohol and slurring his speech. Police arrested Lewis, who resisted physically and verbally. He was ticketed and taken to the Richland County Detention Center.

**9 POSSESSION OF COCAINE, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP)**

At the gate of the stadium, reporting officer E. L. Knisley stopped Justin Albright and asked to search him because he saw a suspicious bulge in Albright's right front pants pocket. A black can insulator was removed, and a small plastic bag containing white powder fell from Albright's jacket. He was arrested and taken to the Richland County Detention Center by Richland County deputies. The substance tested positive as cocaine.

**10 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP)**

Reporting officer J.D. Rossier saw Robert Young walking unsteadily on his feet, slurring his speech and smelling strongly of alcohol. He was arrested and taken to the Richland County Detention Center. DAY

**11 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, CLARION AND GERVAIS STREETS**

After being called to the premises by a resident adviser, reporting officer Nicanor Beza saw two suspects and a juvenile behaving boisterously. They were unsteady on their feet and had bloodshot eyes. They were arrested and taken to the Richland County Detention Center. The juvenile was later released to parental custody.

**12 MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, BATES HOUSE, 1423 WHALEY ST.**

Branson Butler said someone damaged the driver's side doorframe of his car, which was parked in the Bates House lot. Estimated value: \$300. Reporting officer: J.A. Clarke

**13 GRAND LARCENY, AUTO BREAK-IN, 1200 WHEAT ST.**

Attending the scene of suspicious activity, reporting officer E.L. Pereira found a car broken into. After watching the area for 15 minutes, he noticed a nearby car fogging up. Kareem Garvin and Octavious Garvin were on the floor inside the car. They were ordered out of the car at gunpoint and arrested, and they later confessed separately to breaking into the vehicle and stealing two

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## S.C. seeks funds for scholarships

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)** — More students qualified for South Carolina's LIFE scholarships this fall, forcing the state to find extra money to pay for all the \$5,000 awards.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bobby Harrell says it's a good problem to have.

"It's very satisfying to see a program work this well," Harrell said. "I'm sure the General Assembly will step up to the plate and do whatever it takes to fund the scholarships."

Lawmakers set aside \$95 million set this year for the college scholarships, but it's \$9 million short of the final bill. About

22,500 students qualified for the scholarship this fall, according to the state's Commission on Higher Education.

It's been a struggle to predict how many students will qualify for the scholarship each year. The number of students qualifying for the scholarship has doubled since they were created in 1998.

Plus, a \$2,000 increase in the scholarship amount and less stringent eligibility requirements this year have made the program more attractive to students.

"The problem is it's a moving target," Higher Education spokesman Charlie FitzSimons said. "In 1998, some people

might not have caught on to the fact that this (LIFE) money was available."

The scholarship requires high school seniors to meet two of three criteria: an 1100 SAT score, a B average or a class standing in the top 30 percent.

The award can be used at any public or private college or university in the state. College students need to maintain a B average if they want to keep the scholarship. Half of college freshmen who got LIFE scholarships in 2000, kept them as sophomores in 2001, according to the Higher Education Commission.