

## Penn State student arrested for assaulting sleeping female students

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Penn State University police arrested a 21-year-old student Wednesday, Sept. 13, after he allegedly entered the dorm rooms of 13 female freshmen and groped six of them as they slept.

Hung Truong, of Harrisburg, Pa., was charged with five counts of burglary, 13 counts of trespass, one count of aggravated indecent assault, six counts of indecent assault and 12 counts of harassment. A cash bond has been set at \$50,000 and Truong is currently being held in Centre County Prison. He faces a Sept. 20 court date.

Truong entered the unlocked rooms of the students before 4 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, and indecently touched six sleeping women and verbally harassed seven women who were awake, said Campus Po-

lice Lt. Clifford Lutz. The dorm-room doors use a deadbolt and do not automatically lock when closed.

Many of the victims informed their resident life coordinator, who in turn called campus police. During the subsequent investigation, several of the victims identified Truong in a police lineup.

Truong, who had been asked to move out of the dorms Sunday until the investigation was complete, was served notice Monday night that he has been evicted from his university housing, Lutz said.

Truong was also a resident of Snyder Hall, a co-ed dorm, which is generally one of the safest and quietest living areas, Lutz said.

"This series of events is definitely an isolated incident," Lutz said. "The co-ed dorms, because of the special screening process, are some of the safest housing we have on campus."

## University of Houston helps business students put theory into practice

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The University of Houston wants future money managers who graduate from its business school to have learned more than just theories about investing other people's money.

To that end, the school plans to introduce this spring a student-managed mutual fund to give its MBAs experience in making and losing money for real investors.

Students "will be running, I hope, a \$3 million portfolio and, instead of learning how to do that on the job, they will be learning about it at the university," says Michael Cemo, the UH alumnus instrumental in getting the fund started.

He heads a division of Aim Management Group, the Houston-based mutual fund company that has provided seed money for the project created to increase the local investment talent.

For over a decade, other universities have started similar student-managed funds, including those at the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Christian University. But the projects typically only use money from the school's endowment, says Bob Casey, assistant dean at UH's

Bauer College of Business.

The students who will run the UH fund will be responsible for individual investors' money and, possibly, some of the school's endowment. They will have to explain their investment choices, successes and failures to those shareholders.

"It's not only real money, it's the full mutual fund experience," Casey said.

The privately held fund will be set up as a limited liability corporation and will begin with \$1 million in assets with hopes of increasing that to \$3 million.

Alumni and other university supporters are being approached about joining the pool of investors, which will be limited to 99 shareholders.

Officials are looking for sophisticated investors as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission rules. They want individuals with net worths of at least \$1 million; an annual income of at least \$200,000; or an investment in the fund of at least \$150,000, which does not account for more than 20 percent of their net worth.

Students will research stocks to be included in the growth fund's portfolio, determine the fund's asset mix and decide at what price they want to buy and sell securities. They, then,

present their analysis to a team of volunteer mentors culled from Houston's investment management industry.

Once the mentors sign off on the students' selections, the students direct the fund's broker to place the orders.

"This is going to be more challenging than anything else we've had in school," says Darien Ross, a senior in the undergraduate program who will help to monitor and modify the technology the fund's managers will use.

Right now, Ross and other students are using a simulated stock fund to practice their jobs before the real fund gets rolling.

Undergraduates can participate in the project if they work in technology, marketing or accounting, but the actual stock picking will be left to the MBA candidates.

"After a few years, we expect the undergraduates will be helping to run the fund," Casey said.

The mutual fund is the key academic program for the new \$5 million Aim Center for Investment Management.

The Houston-based mutual fund company Aim Management Group and its executives and charitable foundation have committed \$1 mil-

lion in cash and another \$1 million of in-kind donations to inaugurate the center. The rest of the money is coming from an ongoing fund-raising campaign.

Cemo, who serves on the business school's advisory council, is president of Aim Distributors, the retail marketing arm of the fund company.

This is the second significant contribution Aim's management has made to UH. Last month, Charles T. "Ted" Bauer, Aim's chairman and co-founder, gave \$40 million to the College of Business Administration.

In appreciation of the lump-sum gift, the UH System Board of Regents renamed the school the C.T. Bauer School of Business.

Bauer's largess and Aim's assistance in creating the mutual fund is expected to strengthen the business academics at UH and help the school boost its national reputation.

Houston's business community will benefit from that as well. As UH begins to recruit marquee business professors, the school will provide a more challenging education and training to its students, which will make them better job recruits.

"The whole goal of this is to increase the opportunities in the UH business program," Cemo said. "It's going to be a big factor in our city."

## Whiz kid starts grad program at 15, after starting at 10

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SAN JOSE, Calif. - Kids going away to college for the first time often take something precious from home.

Steve Lu is bringing his mom.

But his graduate school classmates at Stanford probably will notice something else unusual about him.

Like, that he's 15 years old.

As one of the youngest kids ever to enter a graduate program, Steve couldn't have expected to move alone from his family's home in Torrance, Calif. So his mom, Nancy Lu, arranged for the two of them to live in an apartment in Escondido Village, a graduate housing complex. They move in Sept. 25. Steve will be studying for a master's degree in computer science.

"It's okay, I guess," Steve said of his roomie. With his mom standing nearby, he quickly added, "No, it's great that she's coming."

There are some advantages to having a parent on-site. The laundry will get done, and he won't have to eat cereal for dinner every night. But what about the keg parties? What about girls?

College vices aren't really a temptation for Steve, who can't drive and only dreams of dating, but has a double degree in math and computer science from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Summa cum laude. With a minor in physics.

At 10, he was the youngest person ever to enroll in the Cal State system, and he's one of the youngest graduate students ever at Stanford.

"To me, I am normal," Steve says in a written profile. "I am mature and dedicated to my education."

Steve seemed above average as a baby, Nancy said, but she really took notice when at 5, he scored 194 on an IQ test.

"That's off the charts somewhere," said Peter Rosenstein, executive director of the National Association for Gifted Children. Although there are no national statistics on how many children begin college before they hit puberty, Rosenstein said the numbers are probably in "the dozens."

Nancy Lu said Steve is mature enough to go it alone. But she's not.

"He's ready to be by himself," she said. "It's harder for me to leave him there. But I think next year, he'll kick me out."

Steve's dad, Simon, will stay home in Torrance with Steve's sister, Mary.

Mary, by the way, is starting Harbor Community College this fall, and is a nationally ranked gymnast. She's 12.

What is Nancy feeding these kids? "Pizza," she said.

Steve chose Stanford because he loved the trees on campus, and he wanted to be near Silicon Valley. He plans to study artificial intelligence.

"Robots are fun to build, but I'm going to be concentrating on logic and autonomy," Steve said. Autonomy is the concept of software or computers that think for themselves.

One day, he hopes to give something back to society by becoming a math professor.

But that's AFTER he makes his

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mother of Steve Lu

first billion in Silicon Valley on a big idea, he said. He couldn't name his hero, but said it would be "one of those billionaire dot-com people."

Steve spends his free time in tame pursuits like computer programming and working out at the gym, so Nancy probably won't have to do much chaperoning. Asked if he dates, Steve said,

"Oh boy, I wish! But those people over at Stanford, they're much older than me. Maybe a freshman."

He said he hopes to meet Chelsea Clinton, the president's daughter, who is taking time off this fall but is scheduled to return to campus next year.

Nancy believes she and Simon, who are both from Taiwan, were gifted children. But at the time, Taiwan had no accelerated programs for gifted kids. Both parents have held jobs in the computer industry; Simon is CIO of a construction company.

Nancy spends most of her time shuttling her Wunderkinds to class and gymnastics practices, but she has written three self-published books on raising gifted children. She plans to work on a fourth book while in Palo Alto.

"Steve will be chaperoning me," she said. "He already told me I wasn't allowed to go out and socialize."

The federal government estimates that 3 million kids, or 5 percent of students, are in some way gifted.

"But Steve is on the far-out end of these kids," Rosenstein said.

So just what was Stanford's new president, John Hennessy, who is a computer scientist, doing at age 15?

"I was working on building my first computer," he said. "It was a tic-tac-toe game, made entirely of surplus relays."

## U. Of Alabama-Huntsville tennis player suspended for posing in Playboy

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University of Alabama-Huntsville suspended a tennis player after it discovered Playboy magazine paid her to pose for photographs, a violation of NCAA rules.

Roseleena Blair, a 19-year-old sophomore from Hawaii, did the photo shoot over the summer in her hometown of Honolulu for the "Sexy Girls In Sports" issue. Blair was not aware that the modeling would be a violation of NCAA rules and based her decision on "a lack of judgement," said Joel Lonergran, director of university relations at UAH.

The university found out about the photo shoot a week ago and immediately suspended Blair.

Blair, a Gulf South Conference honor roll recipient and UAH Silver Scholar, could not be reached for comment.

Next week, Blair will participate in an educational workshop for student athletes on NCAA rules, Lonergran said.

The university sent information about the suspension to the NCAA and has yet to receive comment on the severity of the violation. Once the NCAA responds, the university will decide on when to apply for Blair's reinstatement.

"We're going to take our lead from the NCAA," Lonergran said.



The NCAA says University of Alabama-Huntsville sophomore Roseleena Blair violated NCAA rules by getting paid for her appearance in Playboy's "Sexy Girls In Sports" issue.

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