

Police seek Heights prowler

By Tony Perry

An investigation is still underway today of apparent prowling incidents in the Meade Heights area, according to supervisor of safety and police services Charles Aleksy.

At least eight complaints of a "peeping Tom" have been filed with campus police since July, the most recent of which filed on August 27.

The situation is one of a handful of police-related incidents on campus this summer, including a series of sex offenses by an area youth, a high speed hit-and-run and a small collection of firearms which were discovered in a Meade Heights residence.

Campus police said they have received eight complaints about a prowler in Meade Heights. One student told *The Capitol Times* that someone has been "peeping in windows" since mid-summer. The incidents, which began on July 17, are believed to have resulted in the relocation of four female Meade Heights residents.

"We do have a suspect but no charges have been filed," Aleksy said.

A few of the Heights residents expressed concern over the possibility of a prowler in the area.

"I hope they arrest him, find him help, do something," said one female student. "I'm tired of worrying about my windows."

The arrest of a Lower Swatara Twp. juvenile in connection with a series of sex offenses led the list of at least seven major police-related incidents on campus this summer, according to campus police officer Dave Buckwash.

The juvenile was charged with one count of assault and two counts each of indecent exposure, open lewdness and harrassment and turned over to the juvenile probation office for further action, police said.

In the first incident, a female student was walking along the path between Meade Heights and Fifth Street toward Fifth Street around noon on July 12 when she was approached by a black male, according to reports. The man began to

chat, and then allegedly approached her, grabbed her shirt and said "Take off your bra."

The reports said the victim then screamed, and ran toward the Olmsted Building. As she ran away from the scene, campus police said she claimed to have turned and saw the man masturbating. He then got on a bicycle and rode away, the reports said.

Campus police said they received a report on July 13 from a woman who walks through the campus on her way to work that she was approached by an individual who fit the same description. The woman said the suspect rode past her on a bicycle, turned around and exposed himself to her. He then asked her "a few lewd questions" and when she refused to answer, he pedaled into the Olmsted plaza, she said.

Police said that at 11:20 a.m. that same day, a female student was walking along Wharton Ave. when a young black male exposed himself to her while riding a bicycle. Twenty minutes later, one of the victims was able to iden-

tify the alleged offender as he rode through the campus, when he passed by as she talked to police officers.

The last incident occurred around 11:30 a.m. on July 16 when a woman was walking in the vicinity of Olmsted Drive and Wharton Ave and was approached by a bicyclist fitting the same description as the previous suspects, the reports said. He approached her and asked a few lewd questions before allegedly exposing himself and sexually assaulting her by grabbing her breast.

Campus police interviewed the juvenile suspect and his parents before pressing charges with juvenile authorities.

Since the end of the Spring semester, campus police also have:

- ✓ Found three firearms in a campus house on Weaver Ave. A high-powered rifle, a .22-caliber rifle and a 12-gauge shotgun were confiscated during the summer.
- ✓ Arrested a local teenager for a May 28 high-speed hit-and-run incident at the intersection of First and Q Streets. The 15-year-old driver was apparently travel-

ing north on First St. at a high rate of speed and lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle struck a pole after traveling 176 feet across the grass, traveled 44 more feet and hit a sign post, crossed Q St. and hit a ventilation box before it bounced back across Q St. and came to a rest on the fence that surrounds Frehauf property.

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Buckwash estimated that the vehicle traveled 450 feet from the initial point of impact. The driver was arrested for five traffic violations.

✓ Arrested a juvenile for riding a Honda ATV on campus even though he was issued a warning on June 7 and a citation on June 10.

✓ Discovered a "suspicious person" sleeping in venderville, the vending area of the Lion's Den at 12:30 p.m. on June 9. Campus police said the person was not a student, "apparently had severe psychological problems"

and has a criminal record. When the officer questioned him, he said his house was "wired" and that "everyone was watching" him. When the person's vehicle was discovered in front of the main building later that afternoon, a campus police officer was advised through the communications center that the vehicle was wanted for hit-and-run incidents in Lykensboro and Susquehanna Twp.

He was taken into custody and turned over to the state police.

The suspect was discovered sleeping in his vehicle again at 2:25 a.m. on June 13 near the fleet services building behind the old student center. He left the area after being advised to do so by a campus police officer.

In addition to these incidents, Lower Swatara Twp. police officers chased two motorcycles on August 18, one of which was apprehended through the assistance of the campus police when the cyclist rode onto campus. Buckwash said "numerous charges" were filed by the township police.

Faculty to speak at picnic

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hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, brownies and fruit from noon until 2, and planned activities will include musical entertainment and lectures from four faculty members.

Dr. Robert Bresler, Associate Professor of Public Policy, will lecture on "The Presidential Election"; Dr. William Mahar,

Associate Professor of Humanities and Music, will lecture on "Women Composers"; Dr. Gayle Yaverbaum, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, will lecture on "Computers and You" and Dr. George Wolf, Professor Emeritus of American Studies and History, will lecture on "American Sports History."

Assistant provost John H. Joseph said that one of the

reasons for such an elaborate installation for the new provost is "to make the community aware of the campus and its programs." He added that it would also serve to further develop a "campus community."

Joseph said he "did not know" the total costs of the picnic and installation and was "reluctant" to disclose the figure to "avoid misunderstanding."



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