



Twin Towers shooting leads to two arrests

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Two men were arrested for incidents involving gunshots fired outside of Twin Towers Tuesday.

Melvin Lowe of Marion was arrested at 1 p.m. Tuesday for firing a shotgun outside of Twin Towers, which occurred at 3:41 a.m. Oct. 7, according to Capt. Mike Archer of the University Police Department. Lowe is not affiliated with Arkansas State University.

Kenneth Johnson, a sophomore undecided major of Marion, also was arrested Tuesday for filing a false report of the incident.

Many conflicting stories from various people claiming to have witnessed the incident hampered the

UPD from solving the crime.

Johnson had been interviewed directly following the shootings. He stated in a UPD report the incident was caused earlier that day when, while at a party at the Pavilion, a close friend of his was hit over the head with a bottle. After returning from the hospital, he said a man (Melvin Lowe) standing outside of the dorm asked him "if he knew a tall, dark football player with braids."

Johnson said he didn't know who Lowe was talking about but said he had an idea of who the man was. Johnson said Lowe was holding a gun and some shells and was "about his height (6 ft.) with an Afro." He also stated he had seen Lowe around but didn't really know him.

According to Johnson, Lowe

soon left and a student named Jerome Stegall pulled up to Twin Towers some time later. After Stegall got out of his car, both guys heard someone yell but couldn't see the person because he was standing in the shadows behind the Center of Excellence of Education Building on the corner of Aggie Road, Johnson said.

Stegall continued walking and two shots were fired. Johnson said everyone standing outside ran into the dorm.

Johnson went immediately into the bathroom and was confronted by Stegall and a couple of other guys. The guys accused Johnson of firing the shots and followed him up to his room. Stegall started to swing

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Trick or Treat



Fireman Kenley Gatewood handed candy out to local trick-or-treaters at the Jonesboro Fire Department Station No. 1 first Halloween near the Arkansas State University Equine Center.

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Anthrax hoaxes cost time

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Arkansas State University has been the focus of a series of anthrax hoaxes including five at Twin Towers since Oct. 19, said Capt. Mike Archer of the University Police Department.

The lab sciences in the Department of Agriculture received two separate pieces of mail from Iraq, which they contacted the UPD to investigate.

The ASU Post Office also received a letter that was from Brooklyn, N.Y. The reason the post office was suspicious of the letter was because it was addressed only to ASU, and not an individual or a department. The post office called the UPD as well.

"[The Post Office employees] thought that it was a little odd that someone would go to the trouble to send us a letter all the way from Brooklyn, N.Y., but not really care who got it," Archer said.

"It's one of those things that six months ago we would have opened it and checked it. Today, due to everyone's heightened awareness, we are just being careful and exercising a little common sense,"

Archer said.

The UPD, with the help of a local Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, thoroughly inspected the letters and found that they held no actual threat. As a precautionary measure the department triple-bagged the contents, sealed them and placed them in a storage container for future reference, Archer said.

Twin Towers also received five anthrax scares. On Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:45 a.m. students reported finding powder on the floor of Twin Towers. Then, on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 11:15 p.m., another report was made about finding powder on the floor in a different area of Twin Towers. On Monday, Oct. 22, a student reported finding an unknown type of powder that was sprinkled around the seat of a commode. On Tuesday, Oct. 23, and Wednesday, Oct. 24, students reported finding unknown powders in Twin Towers.

In all cases, the UPD and the local fire department responded and quickly identified the powders as non-harmful. Four of the cases proved to be laundry detergent, while the Oct. 22, case turned out to be talcum powder.

"We cleaned it up ourselves for

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ASU prepares for real threat

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The University Police Department and Arkansas State University are prepared in case an anthrax attack does occur.

Three weeks before the attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, three UPD police officers attended a Hazardous Material Awareness certified class. This course, conducted by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, updated the officers' training in responding to hazardous material.

According to Archer, this course did help when the UPD was faced with these anthrax hoaxes.

UPD Assistant Chief Gary Dennis put together a special response kit, which includes dust masks, gloves, re-sealable bags and a small vacuum cleaner for the UPD to clean up materials with.

If an anthrax attack or credible scare did occur, the police depart-

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Dr. Jack Zibluk, left, assistant professor of journalism, and Mark Berky, micro-form supervisor of the Dean B. Ellis Library, take time to talk in the computer section of the photography lab. Zibluk was dressed as Professor Dumbledore from the Harry Potter books, and Berky was dressed as a druid.

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ASU not looking for athletic director

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It has been rumored that Arkansas State University President Les Wyatt has contacted former ASU Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Larry Laceywell about taking over the athletic director position at the conclusion of this year. According to Wyatt, those rumors are false.

"We don't have the position for Athletic Director open at this time," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said he was contacted by a reporter at the Dallas Morning

News about an alleged conversation with Laceywell concerning the athletic director position. Wyatt said he told the reporter that the reports were false.

"If we were looking for an athletic director, I am confident that Coach Laceywell's name would come to the table," Wyatt said.

Joe Hollis is currently the interim athletic director, which means that he holds the position temporarily.

"I told Coach Hollis that he would hold the position until the end of the football season at the least," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said he expects that at some point in the future he will be looking

for an athletic director, but Hollis will continue to hold the position on an interim basis.

Neither Wyatt nor Coach Hollis have talked to each other about Hollis' status as athletic director.

"We haven't talked about it. It is something we would talk about at the end of the season. We just haven't talked whether it is his instigation or mine," Wyatt said.

Laceywell, 64, told the Dallas Morning News that he has not been contacted by anyone directly employed by ASU.

Laceywell has recently been added to the ASU Ring of Honor, which

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Haunted Halloween



Firefighter Bob Smith of the Jonesboro Fire Department chases visitors to the "Tower of Terror" with a chainsaw Tuesday night. The tower was sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and members of the Jonesboro Fire Department.

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Web for Students not operating

The Web for faculty and students is temporarily out of service due to the physical relocation of Information Services and Technology and supporting computer equipment. The Web should be up and operating in time for priority registration on

Nov. 5. Advising holds must be removed prior to registration. Printed copies of the spring schedule have been distributed to all colleges. Faculty needing student information for advising purposes should contact their departmental office.

Open Senate seats

Elections for the Student Government Association Business Senate seat, the Communications Senate Seat, the Junior Senate seat and the Graduate Senate seat will be held at the next SGA meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Wax Hands

The Student Activities Board will host a Wax Hands event at 11 a.m. Monday in the Indian Lounge located in the Carl R. Reng Center. There will be an exhibit show. Students can participate in creating their own wax souvenirs.

Night in Nepal

The Center for English as a Second Language is sponsoring "A Night in Nepal" Monday.

Mr. Walt Ding, the CESL director, and Anil Baral, a Nepalese national, will speak on Nepal's history, culture and geography.

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