U. Police face officer shortage

Vacancies reach 23 percent; low pay, overtime cited

By Steven Overly

University Police officers are leaving the department for higher wages and less mandatory overtime at neighboring departments, leaving fewer officers to patrol the streets, police say.

As the Fraternal Order of Police, a union representing lower-ranking officers, negotiates a new contract with the university, University Police Lt. Elton Dan and the FOP are working to keep officers from considering more lucrative competitive wages to keep officers on the force.

Dan said the university spends tens of thousands of dollars and anywhere from 12 to 18 months on each officer’s onboarding training, but the investment yields little to no return if they leave the department for another agency.

“We just need our department to get competitive with those agencies because we are losing many qualified officers,” said Dan. The FOP

TAs say workload too heavy

Work week often balloons past 20 hours

By Lindsay Kaler

Whenever his students take an exam, teaching assistant Jeremy Best dedicates 20 to 30 additional hours to his normal working week, grading and preparing grades.

With each course, he comes under additional stress and temporary workloads, but his workload yields little or no return if he leaves the department for another agency.

“We just need our department to get competitive with those agencies,” said Best. “It’s just difficult. Best said.

“I try hard that sometimes the teach- ing assistant because it’s a part-time job. But I didn’t think I’d be doing everything I’m doing.”

Meanwhile, many graduate students are leaving the university with the expectation that they will only be working around 20 hours each week for teaching assistant duties and getting paid enough to afford adequate rent, particularly at Graduate Gardens and Graduate Hills, the

Students say Jena, La., protests hit close to home

By Sarah Bade

College students from schools throughout the country took to the streets of Jena, La., yesterday to decry the racially charged cases of six black teens accused of beating a white high school student.

On this campus, students showed similar unity in calling for an end to racism, wearing shades of green and black in a show of support for the teens, five of whom were charged as adults with attempted murder. The teens’ charges were

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Tucked away in a lab in the A.V. Williams building on campus, Engineering professor Uzi Vishkin has built a personal computer that uses “parallel processing” — a multi-tasking technique that increases speeds exponentially.

The pilot for a new weightlifting show, set to star students on this campus, has been scrapped.

The upcoming show is modeled after World’s Strongest Man, broadcast on ESPN and also produced by TWX, an IMG Media company. But strong-armed competitors try to pull off tricks such as using their hands, feet and backs to lift weights around stacked refrigerators.

University Spokesman Millree Williams said by the time the contract was handed to them earlier this week, the show “really had no program on campus willing to sponsor the pilot.”

“This show does not meet with the strength-building principles taught in the TWX strength-building program,” said Williams.

It is our understanding that they had approached either ACC schools, and the same concerns about strength-building principles were expressed,” he later said.

Williams said there weren’t any strong advocates — with the exception of students — who wanted to bring the show to campus.

The pilot, which according to the

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