WHILE ON PATROL
Security discovered that an unknown person broke a window at Kiosk 2 outside of the Bart Luedeke Center on Monday, Oct. 26, at 5:17 a.m. It was observed that the outer pane of glass had shattered and the inner one remained in tact. Cost of repair will be $150. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Security at x 5029.

Big Time Bust
Two male resident students of Swilick residence hall were arrested Saturday night in possession of illegal substances. They were charged with Possession and/or Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Selling and/or Distribution of Illegal Substances and Intended or Actual Making, Possession and/or Use of Controlled Substances. The students were Unauthorized Possession of Illegal Substances, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Intended or Actual Making, Selling and/or Distribution of Illegal Substances and Intended or Actual Making.

Ralph Smith, resident student who was being harassed by a female visitor. The complainant reported harassing phone calls as well as threats and remarks being written on her door. The visitor has been issued a letter of Persona Non Grata from the building.

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