

FSCIC Steering Committee
Recommendations for TAMU Responses to
Recent Incidents of Hate in Northgate

June 8, 2005

On Wednesday, June 1, 2005 Ravi Mallipeddi, a graduate student at Texas A&M University, was assaulted by unknown individuals in a white van. The individuals struck him with a baseball bat and shouted racist epithets. The incident occurred around 10:00PM near the corner of College Main and Church in College Station, Texas.

- a) Now that TAMU has been informed about this incident, we ask that the university make sure that this crime be aggressively investigated.
 - i) If possible, the campus police should be brought into the investigation. If they cannot be brought in, then TAMU should work with CSPD to make sure that this case is given a high priority.
 - ii) The university should send out a crime report on this incident to the entire campus.
 - iii) Mr. Mallipeddi should be contacted regularly on the progress of the investigation.

- b) Institutional response to safety issues in Northgate.
 - i) Short term:
 - (1) Dusk to dawn policing of the area from University Drive to Old College Road, and Wellborn Road to South College Avenue. College Main Street, Boyett Street, Church Street, and Nagle Street are all particularly important, as well as the side streets with apartments and rental properties. Large numbers of international students live in this area. If jurisdiction is a concern here, TAMU should work with the cities of College Station and Bryan to insure that this area is properly policed. If necessary, TAMU should pay for private security services to patrol the area.
 - (2) Start an information campaign in and around campus (posters in and around campus, broadly distributed e-mail messages, campus mail flyer, etc.) explaining how to report incidents of hate and bias.
 - (3) Publicize the fact that students of color, international students, women, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students have experienced incidents of hate and bias in Northgate after dark. This information should be broadly disseminated, but new students and international students should be especially warned.
 - ii) Long term:
 - (1) The policing of Northgate, the safety information campaign, and the Northgate information campaign need to continue on a permanent basis.
 - (2) Police need to be trained in dealing with diversity issues.
 - (3) Create a single mechanism for reporting incidents of hate and bias. This mechanism should be widely and continually publicized so that everyone in the TAMU community knows what to do when an incident occurs.
 - (4) Add more emergency phone boxes in Northgate.
 - (5) Create a unit within the campus police to deal with hate crimes. This unit should interface with the community as well.