Stalker targets 2 in wheelchairs

By Ty Young

A man has been following two female students who use wheelchairs, for about a month, but police say they cannot stop him.

The students, who recently reported the incidents, said the man has followed them into university buildings and waited for them to leave their classes.

UAPD spokeswoman Sgt. Eugenia Mejia said police cannot act because the reported incidents have come on public property and because the women have not designated themselves as victims.

“It’s a lot more difficult when you have a person who has been contacted or harassed in a location that everybody has a right to be,” she said. “He’s been warned, but there has to be probable cause that this person has committed a crime.”

Jennifer Frame, a molecular and cellular biology junior, called police after the man stared at her and her friends for approximately 30 minutes as they attended a private Disability Resource Center event on Oct. 4.

When police arrived, the man said he was watching a soccer match on the Mall, police reports stated.

The officers instructed the man to stay away from the women. It was the first time that police confronted the man, but not the last.

He was seen the next day at 6:30 a.m. at the Jim Click’s Run and Roll Race on campus. Frame said he was standing in front of Old Main building red and black balloons and “Viva La Raza” signs and began a celebration march up the Mall while singing songs.

At the Administration building, President Peter Litakis joined the march, and the procession marched back to the building where the formal dedication ceremony was held.

“We’re honoring the man, but, more than anything, we’re honoring what he stood for,” said Socorro Carriozza, director of Chicano/Hispanic Student Affairs and leader of the campaign for the name change.

“There is no doubt that the greatest leader for the Hispanic people has been and continues to be César Chávez,” said Antonio Estrada, director and professor of Mexican-American studies. “Chávez’s name continues to embody justice and civil rights.”

Also attending the dedication ceremony was Richard Chávez, brother of the late rights activist, Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and the dean of both the College of Humanities and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“Today, this is not about icon politics. Today is about the history of our people, and the struggle of our people,” Grijalva said from a podium in front of the new Chávez building.

“He insisted early on that we not be relegated to anything less than equals.”

Richard Chávez spoke about his and his brother’s humble beginnings, and said their mother, a Tucson native, would never have believed that one of her sons would one day have a building named after him.

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