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Photography student dies in head-on collision

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St. Edward's University student, Emily Palmer-Dunham, died in the early morning hours of Oct. 23 in a car accident on MoPac Boulevard.

Robert Murphy Jr. also died in the accident when Palmer-Dunham, 26, drove her Honda Civic southbound on the northbound lanes of the highway and collided with Murphy's Chevrolet Malibu head on, according to the Austin Police Department.

Murphy, a 48-year-old father of three was the manager of the command and control center of FreightWatch In-

ternational, an Austin-based security company. He was pronounced dead after being rushed to St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, according to the Austin Police Department.

Police estimated that Palmer-Dunham was traveling up to 80 mph. She was pronounced dead at the scene at about 12:52 a.m.

An autopsy was performed and toxicology test results will take about eight weeks to come back, according to the Travis County Medical Examiner's office.

Murphy's family has not spoken publicly about the accident, but friends and family have expressed their grief online.

Murphy's older sister, Lita



Photo by Joe Arellano

Palmer-Dunham was in her final semester at St. Edward's.

Murphy Letourneau, commented on the online obituary that as children, her and her "baby brother" were inseparable.

"My heart is filled with precious memories of you and our escapades," she wrote. "I will forever be your Big Sister."



Courtesy of Beck Funeral Home

Father of three Murphy, 48, died in the car crash on Oct. 23.

Palmer-Dunham was a native of Iowa and a senior studying Photocommunications. Palmer-Dunham was

in her final semester. "Emily always made her own way," Stephen Dunham,

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Student witnesses Egypt differently than the media portrayal

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If you go to your average news source right now and search for Coptic Christians, another name for Egyptian Christians, one is likely to find hundreds of images of burned churches, shops and homes.

You will find literature on how they have been attacked, persecuted and their communities maimed under a Muslim majority.

Yet St. Edward's Senior Matthew Aragones just returned from Egypt and has a

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different story.

"The media has yet to show the willingness of Muslims and Christians to seek recon-

ciliation between each other. All we get is the violence that is occurring," Aragones said. Aragones returned Oct.

14 from what he described as a "pilgrimage" to go visit the Coptic Christians, an Eastern sect of Christianity that has been in Egypt since around 42 A.D. He was part of a church group whose goal was to "be present" with these communities knowing that before any help could be provided or missionaries

planned, first they had to listen to their stories.

After spending a week going around the country to Suez and Cairo to Coptic monasteries in the desert as well as meeting with different people to understand the issue, he explained that the

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