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College Republicans blast multiculturalism at first meeting

By Jennifer Smith

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Voices are continuing to rise in opposition to this summer's decision by the Liberal Arts Council of Texas A&M to require liberal arts students to complete six units of coursework in classes emphasizing cultural diversity.

Reed Irvine, founder and chairman of the board of Accuracy in Media and Accuracy in Academia, spoke out against multiculturalism at the first fall meeting of the College Republicans Tuesday in the Theater.

Irvine, who has appeared on Night-

line, Donahue, Crossfire and MacNeil/Lehrer and is a media critic, called the people who support multiculturalism "air heads," and said multiculturalism teaches hatred and "things of no value."

"The multiculturalists think they are doing us a favor by creating a better society," Irvine said. "Western civilization is the greatest culture ever known."

"Diversity is something we can afford as long as we have unity," he said.

Dr. Richard Street, professor of speech communication and theater arts, said this

our differences is a good way to come to a common ground."

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issue has become muddled. "People are reacting to the word multiculturalism," he said. "Understanding

derogatory labels at the Liberal Arts Council, he said. "But most members of the Liberal Arts

Council are married white males," he said.

Street said the Faculty Senate is currently considering a resolution similar to that of the Liberal Arts Council's.

"They're using the same approach and are trying to come up with an entire list of classes," Street said. "This would be a University-wide requirement."

Irvine urged the College Republicans to voice their disapproval of this requirement and praised their efforts to fight it.

Marcel Satsky, vice president of public relations for the College Republicans and

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KAMU-TV raises more than \$20,000

By Cheryl Heller

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Texas A&M University's public television station, KAMU-TV, concluded its first fund drive of the fiscal year Sunday after raising \$20,335 in pledges from 374 contributors.

Program Director Rodger Lewis said the goal for the drive, which started Aug. 27 and ran for 11 days, was \$25,000.

"This was first fundraiser of the fiscal year, and we're not really worried about not reaching our goal this year," he said.

"We'll have two more fundraisers and an auction that would help us with our programming expenses this year."

KAMU-TV Development Director Penny Zant said although the station didn't reach its goal, this year's August fund drive was the most successful the station has ever seen.

"We are encouraged by the response from our viewers, and I think the drive really got this fiscal year off to a good start," she said.

Both Lewis and Zant said they thought the station would reach its goal because pledges generated by a Civil War special that

aired in August were added to the total pledges for the fund drive.

"We received about \$5,000 in pledges during the Civil War special," Zant said. "I was hoping we could raise \$20,000 during this last fund drive, then add the pledges together and reach the goal, but obviously that didn't happen."

Lewis said KAMU-TV spends about \$210,000 a year on programming expenses, with the proceeds from the fund drive earmarked for purchasing program rights from PBS, National Geographic, the BBC and

other U.S. distributors. Because KAMU-TV doesn't receive any federal, state or University funding program sponsorship by local businesses and proceeds from a week-long auction in April are also used for programming expenses.

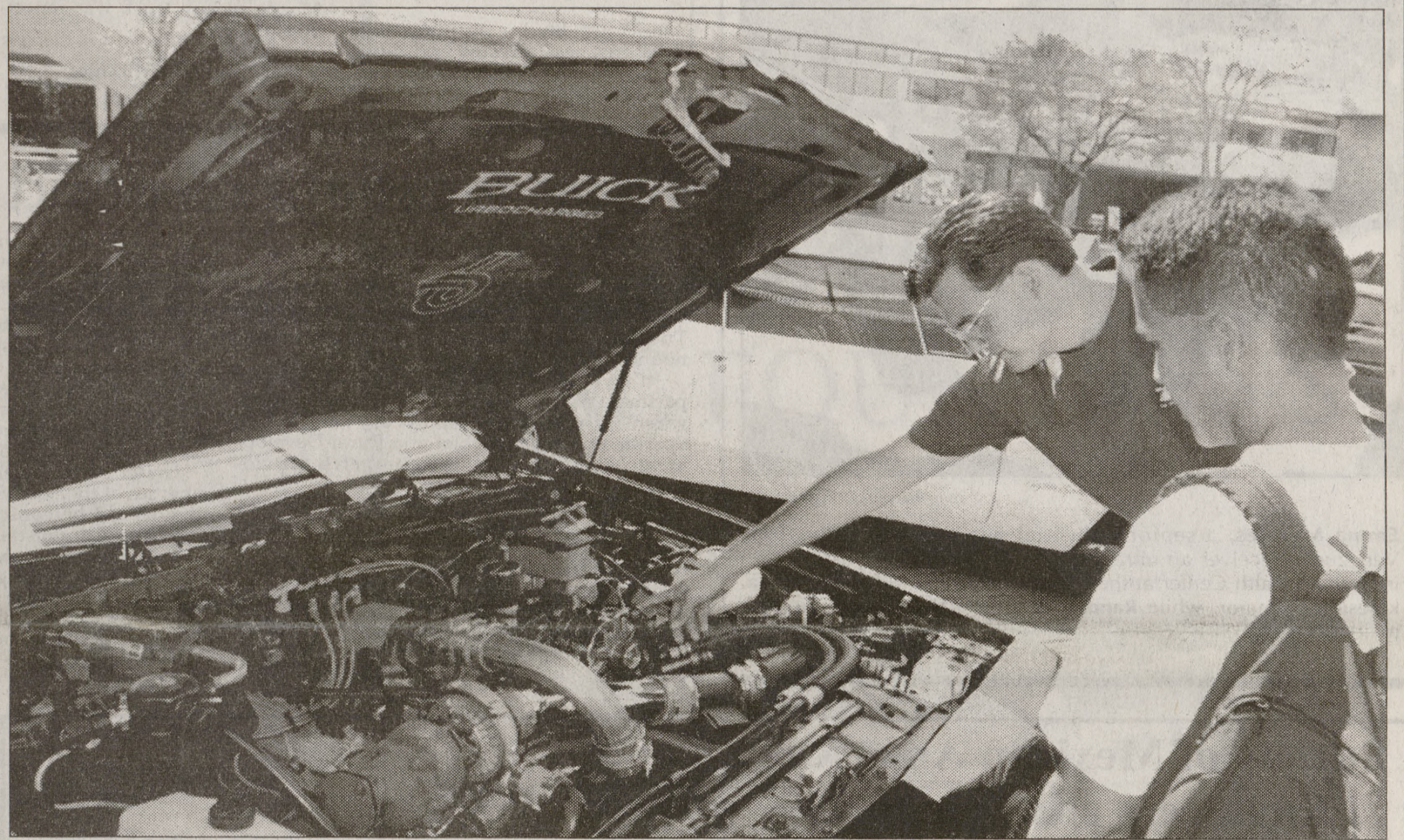
"We're very responsive to our viewers," he said. "If our viewers don't like a certain type of program, that affects our decision on what to air, because we depend on our viewers for our livelihood."

KAMU-TV also benefits from Texas A&M faculty and staff members who might contribute to the University's Capturing the Spirit campaign, Zant said.

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Car show rolls in at A&M



Tommy Huynh/The Battalion

Nathan Blasingame, a junior management major from Granberry and secretary of the Texas A&M Sports Car Club, shows David Yin a

Buick Regal Grand National at a car show in front of the MSC Tuesday. Yin is a senior mechanical engineering major from Houston.

Shuttle bus route-changes frustrate students

By Jan Higginbotham

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Texas A&M students returning to classes last Monday were surprised to find a number of changes in the intra-campus shuttle bus routes-changes that not all of the students were happy about.

Although the changes went into effect in July, students said they knew nothing of the new routes until they headed for the bus stop on their first day of classes.

"There wasn't much publicity given to the locations of the new bus stops," said Leighton Stovall, a junior agricultural systems management major. "Now that I've found them, they seem out of the way and inconvenient to students."

Mary Lepel, a sophomore kinesiology major, said she used to ride the bus frequently last year but does not anymore.

"It (the bus) doesn't run counter-clockwise anymore, so the route really isn't convenient for me."

The major changes came when Bus Operations decided to no longer run Howdy and Rudder buses on Lamar and Lubbock Streets. Also, the buses now only run clockwise along their routes.

The number of buses on each route has been increased to six in order to prevent any students from having to wait too long for a bus.

Bus Operations has received complaints about the route changes since the start of the semester, said Doug Williams, manager of Bus Operations.

"It is essentially impossible to run without any problems," Williams said. "With every solution, there are, of course, two more problems that arise from it."

Shuttle bus drivers have also received a number of complaints regarding the changes, but most of the drivers support the new routes.

Michael Prather, an intra-campus bus driver, said the changes keep the bus schedule running more efficient.

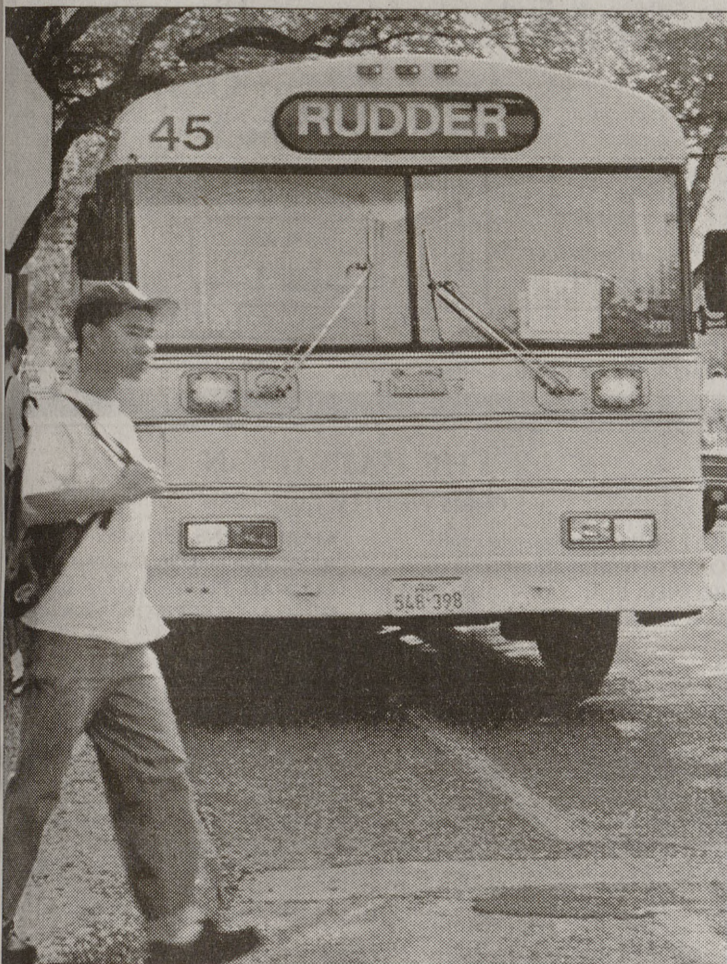
"The new route will work out better in the long run, once people get used to it," he said.

Meanwhile, passengers complain that buses are often delayed, making it difficult to get to class on time.

Amy Miller, a shuttle bus driver, said "The major delays aren't because of the changes in the route but because of the rush between classes."

Prather and Miller said drivers have difficulty keeping on schedule because of pedestrian traffic caused by this rush.

Williams said the University has discussed changes in order to alleviate major problems, but no major changes will be made in the near future.



Mary Macmanus/The Battalion

The Rudder bus now only rides through campus clockwise and Howdy goes in the opposite direction.

7 Texans die in plane crash

The Associated Press

ROWE, N.M. — State police Tuesday found the bodies of seven Houston residents who died in the crash of a Learjet on a mesa about 30 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

The plane apparently crashed en route from Houston to Santa Fe on Sunday, state police Maj. Frank Taylor said. The plane had been due to return to Houston on Monday. Relatives notified authorities when it didn't arrive.

Taylor said state police were told of the missing plane about noon Tuesday, and a state police helicopter located the wreckage at 3:19 p.m.

Taylor identified the victims as the pilot, Morty Rich; co-pilot Al Sumrall and his wife, Lori Sum-

rall; Gary Becker and his wife, Mary Becker; Bucky Arrons, and a friend of Arrons, Kim Coleman.

Police at first reported there were four dead, then found three more bodies, Taylor said.

Taylor said he didn't know why the group was flying to Santa Fe. They were expected back in Houston at 4 p.m. Monday.

The Santa Fe airport wasn't expecting the plane and the pilot never radioed the Santa Fe tower to announce he would land there, Taylor said.

State police were able to determine from radar tracking information obtained from Albuquerque that at 5:10 p.m. Sunday the plane was at an altitude of approximately 8,700 feet, Taylor said. That was the last time the plane appeared on the radar.

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