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Summer participation doesn't cover bus cost

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Texas A&M's Transportation Department is offering a shuttle bus service this summer, but the bus operations manager says the contributions from apartment complex owners and students are not covering the costs of the service.

"It is very frustrating," manager John Lake said. "We haven't had the participation expected to override the cost."

Lake said about 35 apartment complex owners are contributing to this summer's shuttle service. During a regular semester, over 90 apartment complexes participate in the shuttle service.

Twenty full-time drivers are employed during a summer session, Lake said, but during a regular

semester 35 to 40 student helpers are hired in addition to the 20 full-time drivers.

Of the 35 buses purchased 13 months ago by Texas A&M for the shuttle service, Lake said, only 10 currently are being used.

"We plan to run a bus service next summer," he said, "but changes have to be made. We have to fund it differently."

Apartment complexes are not subsidizing enough money to run the shuttle service, Lake said.

A minimum of \$100,000 in addition to drivers' salaries and benefits is necessary to run a summer shuttle service, he said. Although 1,600 bus passes at \$20 have been sold for both summer sessions the profits fall short of the expenditures.

Lake said many apartment complexes offer summer shuttle bus ser-

vice as an added attraction to its occupants, but some complexes that don't contribute still benefit from the services.

Complexes with 100 units contribute \$500; 100 to 200 units — \$1,000; 200 or more units — \$1,500.

Students have three days during summer registration to purchase passes, Lake said, and one week to apply for a full refund.

About 2 percent of the students who purchase passes seek refunds for sometimes inadequate reasons, he said.

Passes may be purchased in 103 Rudder Tower after registration is completed. If the pass is purchased after registration, the price will be pro-rated to the amount of time remaining in the summer session.

Beginning today, Lake said, students must show passes to ride the shuttle buses.

Galveston A&M hosts academic youth camp

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More than 100 gifted children are spending two weeks of their summer vacation at an academic camp at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The "Galveston Island Adventure," which began Sunday, has been sponsored by the Texas A&M Gifted and Talented Institute for four years.

The 135 participants, ages 11-16, will spend two weeks studying architecture, marine biology, ocean geology, space science and veterinary medicine and working with microcomputers.

In a news release issued this week, Dr. William Nash, director of the institute, said the camp places an emphasis on intellectually stimulating activities.

"We try to give them a broad look at the field of study and provide them with some training in the basic technology of that field," he said. "We try to encourage each student to become involved in a project and produce some tangible product. It might be architectural drawings or a custom designed model aircraft."

He said the camp also encourages recreational activities.

"These kids have a great deal of academic pressure on them during the year and we have tried to avoid that," he said.

Nash said many of the children never have been challenged intellectu-

ally. "A lot of bright kids in some school settings aren't really challenged and breeze through making the highest grades with little effort," he said. "Then they receive scholarships to outstanding universities and are forced to compete. Some of them don't handle it very well and even flunk out."

The camp directors have planned special activities for the campers. This year the students will take trips to the Johnson Space Center, the Lunar Planetary Institute and will visit oil companies. They will tour Galveston and Houston and will cruise on the research vessel *Roamin' Empire*. They also will meet with astronaut Dick Scobee.



Stretch that Hamstring

staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Johna Jo Maurer, a Texas A&M journalism graduate from Cleveland, Ohio, reaches for her toes Tuesday while doing warm-up exercises in East Kyle. Maurer enjoys aerobic dancing as a hobby and works out every day to keep in shape.

Chileans, police clash

United Press International
SANTIAGO, Chile — Soldiers patrolled the streets of Santiago today after thousands of Chileans clashed with riot police and banged pots and pans in protests against military rule that killed one youth and seriously wounded another.

At the Vatican, Pope John Paul II

called for a dialogue between the military government and the opposition and implored "that the road to violence not be taken, not even with the intention of reaching legitimate aspirations."

Protesters demanding restoration of civilian rule defied a four-hour curfew Tuesday night, burning tires

and hurling stones at riot police from behind street barricades.

Army patrols in trucks mounted with machine guns rumbled through Santiago neighborhoods as riot police used tear gas to disperse angry crowds in several neighborhoods of the Chilean capital.

House chairman, White House in conflict over files

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The White House seemed headed for a confrontation Tuesday with a House subcommittee chairman over direct access to Ronald Reagan's campaign files that may contain materials taken from the

Carter White House. Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Rep. Donald Albosta, D-Mich. — who said he will seek today to subpoena the documents if access to them is refused — should take advantage of President

Reagan's order to the Justice Department to cooperate with Albosta over access to relevant papers.

In the meantime, Reagan told Republican congressional leaders he wants to get to the bottom of the matter quickly, Senate GOP leader Ho-

ward Baker of Tennessee said. Baker, after a regular leadership meeting with Reagan, also defended the apparent decision to turn down Albosta's request that trustees of the papers kept at the Hoover Institution in California give his subcommittee

access to the documents.

Baker said it should not become a "fishing expedition" and only relevant material should be looked at.

"He has instructed full and complete and total cooperation with the Department of Justice and all of his

staff to get to the bottom of the 'briefing-gate' investigation," Baker said.

"There ought to be a specific inquiry into the briefing book episode," Baker added, referring to a copy of a document drafted to help Carter in the Reagan-Carter debate in 1980.

Attorney claims sex party videotapes stolen by media

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — An attorney, under court order to produce videotapes allegedly showing federal officials at sex parties, says someone from the media stole the tapes but also gave varying accounts of their disappearance.

Robert K. Steinberg was subpoenaed Tuesday and ordered to produce the alleged tapes in court July 25 — the same day Marvin Pancoast, 33, the confessed killer of Vicki Morgan, 30, is to be arraigned on murder charges.

Steinberg, who briefly represented Pancoast, told investigators the three tapes — which the attorney said show people involved in "sado-masochistic sex acts" — were kept in a gym bag in the library of his law office.

"Someone from the press corps went into my library this morning and stole the tapes," a highly agitated Steinberg told reporters as he left his Beverly Hills office Tuesday afternoon.

But police said Steinberg made no

mention of his suspicions during a lengthy talk with investigators.

It was one of several contradictions that surfaced Tuesday, a day after Steinberg, 46, first claimed the tapes existed.

He said the tapes, received from a woman claiming to be Pancoast's friend, show sex acts involving the late Alfred Bloomingdale, a close friend of President Reagan; Morgan, Bloomingdale's mistress; an unnamed congressman; and four top Reagan administration appointees.

In a telephone conversation, White House counsel Fred Fielding told Steinberg the tapes — if found — should not be destroyed so it can be determined if any criminal conduct was involved.

When pressed for details of the alleged theft, the attorney refused further comment, referring matters to the police and the district attorney's office.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Jim Bascue said Steinberg informed his office Tuesday morning of the alleged theft after prosecutors re-

quested he turn over the tapes.

"Questions have been raised about the involvement of federal appointees and federal officials in this thing and we were asked for reaction to it," Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters at the White House. "And the reaction is we don't want any of it destroyed."

Steinberg said he quit the case in a dispute over use of the tapes. Pancoast's attorney, Arthur Barends, said he will eventually enter a plea of innocent by reason of insanity on behalf of Pancoast, who remained jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Miss Morgan, a former model, filed unsuccessfully for \$11 million in palimony against Bloomingdale last year.

Bloomingdale, heir to a department store fortune, founder of the Diners Club and a member of President Reagan's "kitchen cabinet," died of cancer last August at age 66.

Claims against his estate based on alleged written contracts to Morgan are still pending in court.

Progress in AIDS research reported

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Federal scientists see a virus-fighting substance produced by white blood cells as possibly holding an answer to the deadly and mysterious Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The Department of Health and Human Services announced Tuesday that recent studies found the substance raises the infection-fighting activities of lymphocytes cells of AIDS victims — "at least in the test tube." "Whether it will help AIDS patients is not yet known," the HHS said in a statement. "Nevertheless, the research may provide a hint about the nature of the disease and how it might be treated."

Dr. Edward Brandt, HHS assistant secretary for health, cautioned against premature expectations of a "quick cure," but said the studies may help draw a battle plan.

"HHS Secretary Margaret Heckler has said AIDS is the No. 1 health priority of this department," he said. "And we are acting accordingly."

AIDS attacks the white blood cells, the body's defense against disease. The syndrome severely reduces the

body's ability to fight off viruses and other illnesses and has been related to a high incidence of rare cancers.

There have been 1,700 reported

cases of the illness since it was first identified by the Center for Disease Control in June 1981. More than 600 of the victims have died.

Most of the victims are homosexuals who have had multiple sex partners.

The latest research was conducted by the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, both of which are under the jurisdiction of the FDA.

At the same time, Dr. Alain Rook of the FDA announced at a Michigan State University symposium that initial tests on the blood-cell product, known as Interleukin-2, show the agent is useful in restoring some of the infected cells damaged by AIDS.

In the tests, he explained, Interleukin-2, which is naturally produced by the white blood cells of healthy people, were introduced into test tubes containing deficient white blood cells taken from six AIDS sufferers.

No-record drops end today, degree deadline Friday

The deadline for dropping courses with no record is today. Drops are being held in the New Animal Pavilion. The last day to Q-drop courses with no penalty is July 20.

Friday is the deadline for graduating seniors to apply for degrees.

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forecast

Mostly cloudy today with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high of 89. A 30 percent chance of showers tonight with a low near 73. Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers Thursday and a high of 88.