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Dave Scott, Battalion staff

Vijaya Potluri prepares some meat samples to check different types of packaging methods. Potluri is a Ph.D student from India.

Anthropology course gives glimpses of life overseas

by Elizabeth Hascall
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M graduate students can gather information about other cultures in a course offered by the Department of Anthropology.

Each week students in Anthropology 650 interview a student from a foreign country to learn about the student's homeland, Dr. Norman Thomas, the class instructor, says.

Questions about marital customs, religion, government and the celebration of national holidays are answered during the interviews.

Thomas says the class can benefit students planning to work overseas — or with any unfamiliar group.

Although it is an anthropology course, it is open to graduate students from other majors. Only one member of the class is an anthropology student.

"Since the department is so oriented toward archaeology, there are relatively few grad students in anthropology and only

one in the class," Thomas says. Anthropology student Craig Hanks says he would like to work with people of other cultures and hopes the class will help in his work.

Geography student Skeeter Dixon says the class will help him

when doing his field work in Mexico.

Others in the class say they want to work for the government designing educational programs for foreign students, while some students say they are taking it just for fun.

Last week, a doctoral candi-

date in educational development and curriculum instruction was interviewed. Rosukhon "Rose" Makaramanee of Thailand says she has lived in the United States for four years. She says she would like to return to Thailand and become a university professor.

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Mischief darkens Austin

United Press International
AUSTIN — A teenager who allegedly plunged parts of South Austin into darkness Sunday night by smashing a piece of equipment at a power substation was charged Monday with felony criminal mischief, police said.

The man was identified as Scott Fortney, 18, of Austin.

Fortney, who received minor burns in the incident, was accused of scaling a six-foot chain link fence and using a club to break a 12,500-volt circuit breaker.

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