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by Scott McCullar



Lack of qualified drivers

# Buses overcrowded

By MARY COX  
Reporter

Students are complaining about the crowded conditions on the shuttle bus, but those conditions soon will change, John Lake, Texas A&M University manager of bus operations, says.

"It takes a good two weeks to make adjustments and changes," Lake said. "We have to consider the overall picture."

Lake said the beginning of each school year presents new problems. This semester the shuttle bus system faced congested traffic conditions as well as a lack of qualified drivers. It

was necessary to revise the shuttle bus schedule for more efficient service, Lake said, but it still takes time.

Lake said changes were necessary for Southwest Parkway, Munson Avenue, Anderson Street, Lincoln Avenue and Villa Maria Road routes this fall.

The route changes eliminated excessive costs and time consumption, Lake said. By altering routes and avoiding the congested traffic on Texas Avenue and Harvey Road, the bus operations office is trying to ensure better safety.

Another problem the bus operations office faced is the lack of qual-

ified drivers, Douglas Williams, assistant manager of bus operations, said.

Douglas said 30 percent of the drivers expected this fall did not report for work. A total of 200 employees is expected after training more drivers this week, he said.

"We have the buses, we can provide the service, but not overnight," Williams said.

While some students have legitimate complaints about changes in the shuttle bus system, Lake said he still would match the Texas A&M shuttle bus service against any other college system in the United States.

# Majority of Aggie students conservative, Republican

By JERRY OSLIN  
Reporter

The vast majority of students at Texas A&M are politically conservative and show it by voting Republican, says Dr. Richard Stadelmann, former election accuracy chairman for the Republican Party in Brazos County.

In the last 18 years the lowest ratio of students in precinct 20 voting Republican has been 3 to 1 and the

highest has been about 7 to 1, Stadelmann said.

Precinct 20 is the part of Texas A&M bound by Texas Avenue, University Drive, Wellborn Road and Jersey Street but excludes the dorms on the northwest side of campus.

The conservative votes of students has made the difference in a number of local elections, Stadelmann said.

According to Brazos County clerk Frank Boriskie, off-campus students also are largely conservative. The precincts in College Station that

have many apartment complexes are going to have a high Republican turnout because of the students that live in those apartments, Boriskie said.

"We don't participate in any kind of 'blanket' registration of students because we know the majority of students are conservative," Young Democrats president Gary Young said. But off-campus students are not as conservative as on-campus students, he said.

# Couple held for trying to sell infant for \$50

United Press International

GIDDINGS — A man and a woman were held without bond Thursday on charges of attempting to sell an infant for \$50 in a Giddings parking lot, Lee County authorities said.

Sheriff Joe Goodson identified the couple as Ana Gomez, 20, and Roberto Cortez, 23.

Goodson said authorities were questioning the couple through an

interpreter to determine if the baby, which appeared to be 5 or 6 months old, is their own or might have been kidnapped.

Authorities were called Wednesday night after a woman said she was approached in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store by a couple who offered to sell the baby for \$50.

Washington County authorities arrested the couple about 30 minutes later.

Goodson said the car they were driving had been stolen earlier in Austin. They also face charges of car theft.

The baby, which appeared to be in good health, was turned over to the Texas Department of Human Resources.

Goodson said the couple told officers they were from Mexico, but had lived and worked in Austin and Houston.

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