Lack of qualified drivers

Buses overcrowded

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.

v faced congested traffic conditions as vell as a lack of qualified drivers. It tions office faced is the lack of qual-

ice, 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

The route changes eliminated exessive costs and time consumption, Lake said. By altering routes and avoiding the congested traffic on Texas Avenue and Harvey Road, Lake said the beginning of each school year presents new problems.

This semester the shuttle bus system

Texas Avenue and Harvey Road, the bus operations office is trying to ensure better safety.

Another problem the bus opera-

was necessary to revise the shuttle ified drivers, Douglas Williams, as-bus schedule for more efficient serv-sistant manager of bus operations,

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,"

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

Majority of Aggie students conservative, Republican

By JERRY OSLIN

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

In the last 18 years the lowest ratio of students in precinct 20 voting Rehighest has been about 7 to 1, Stadel-

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 not as conservative as on-campus precincts in College Station that students, he said.

going to have a high Republican turnout because of the students that live in those apartments, Boriskie

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

Couple held for trying to sell infant for \$50

United Press International

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

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

Goodson said authorities were numers questioning the couple through an utes later

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

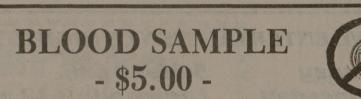
Authorities were called Wednesday night after a woman said she was approached in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store by a couple who offered to sell the baby for \$50.

Washington County authorities arrested the couple about 30 min-

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

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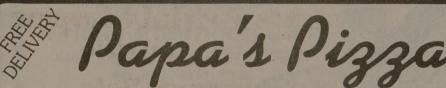
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