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Teen-ager hijacks bus in Oklahoma

United Press International

EL RENO, Okla. — A teen-ager who allegedly held a straight razor to a Continental Trailways bus driver's throat and demanded a straight-through trip to California Saturday apparently had become angered by frequent routine stops, authorities say.

Lemuel Lewis, 18, who had boarded the bus at St. Louis, "just went berserk" when the bus made its third stop between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, a passenger said.

"Man, I'm going to get that bus driver if he stops again for no reason," Brian Huggins of Washington, Okla., quoted Lewis as saying.

Lewis reportedly pulled a straight razor and held it to bus driver Gerald Stewart's throat following a lunch stop at a fast food restaurant at Wellston, Okla., about 10 a.m. Saturday.

"He said, 'Take me straight to Los Angeles. If you stop I'll slit your throat,'" said passenger Pam Lee, a University of Oklahoma freshman.

Lewis was arrested some 50 miles down the road, about 1,300 miles short of his desired destination, after a chase by Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers and local police officers.

Trooper Bruce Watkins spotted the bus speeding on Interstate 40 about 11 a.m. and attempted to stop it, but the bus driver appeared to be deliberately ignoring his orders to stop.

"It just went right through Oklahoma City," Highway Patrol spokesman Stewart Meyer said, adding that units from several law agencies joined in the pursuit at speeds of 65 mph to 85 mph.

The bus finally exited the interstate about 30 miles west of Oklahoma City and headed north on state highway 270, stopping about one-half mile later. The driver then fled the bus, with the hijacker in pursuit.

After a minor scuffle, Lewis was disarmed and subdued. Meyer said Lewis, whose hometown had not been determined, was treated at an El Reno hospital and then taken to the Canadian County jail in El Reno.

He said no one else was injured, but an unidentified passenger who complained of chest pains was taken to the El Reno hospital for observation.

Meyer said Lewis faces hijacking charges.

Around town

Science students must take exam

Any junior or senior in the College of Science who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to take the test Oct. 2 or Oct. 15 unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. Students in the College of Science are required to pass either English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree candidate.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered by the English Department. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Departments should register for the exam in 313 Biological Sciences Building prior to exam.

Big Event job requests accepted now

Job requests are now being accepted from the Bryan-College Station community for projects for the Big Event. Student organizations wishing to volunteer for this 4-hour service project are encouraged to pledge. Deadline for organization pledges is Nov. 1. Job requests will still be accepted after that date. Contact Mark Maniha at 696-5930, or Maritza Pena at 764-0770.

Mauro and Edwards to address Aggies

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and state Senator Chet Edwards will speak on "Aggies in State Government" at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The program will be in Rudder Theater and is sponsored by Young Democrats and Political Forum.

Voter registration deadline approaches

Saturday is the last day to register to vote in the November election. Aggie GOP will have registration tables in the MSC, Blocker and Zachry this week.

Student contractors club organized

The TAMU Student Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors has been formed. The organization's goal is to study and develop an understanding of the Merit Shop and Free Enterprise philosophies of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. It shall accomplish this by acquainting student members with issues of importance in the construction industry and with professional members of the construction industry. For more information, contact Rick Rodriguez at 822-0801 or Rob Jenkins at 764-8228.

Firearms program will be offered today

The Brazos County Sheriff's Department will be offering the National Rifle Association Voluntary Practical Firearms Program to area residents during the week of Oct. 1. The program is designed to teach fundamental safety and handling of handguns to persons who know little about them, but keep them for purposes of sport or home defense. Registration fee is \$7. For more information, pick up an application form at Brazos County Sheriff's Department, Outfitters Sporting Goods, Shootist or Tri State Sporting Goods.

Good grades in English predict college success

University News Service

All the emphasis on the importance of science and math in paving the way for success in college and a high-tech career may be overlooking the true key to "making it," a Texas A&M study indicates.

Good grades in high school English may be the best predictor of success in college, said Dr. Harold L. Pace, who conducted the research for his dissertation in educational administration at A&M.

Pace, currently registrar at Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, came across that finding while looking at the effectiveness of college remedial work among students at Louisiana Tech.

"We found that grades in high school English and the number of English courses completed in high school were highly correlated with all success variables in college," he said.

In fact, grades in high school English were more highly correlated with grades in college math than were grades in high school math, Pace said.

"You've got to be able to deal in logic in math, and the English language is a good teacher of logic," he said. "Being able to communicate and read is essential to every subject — history, math, science and English."

What this study shows is that if a student doesn't have a good background in English and a command of the English language, he's going to have problems in college," he said.

Pace's findings on the effectiveness of remedial work were equally as interesting. Colleges and universities are spending thousands of dollars on the remedial programs for students who didn't get an adequate education in high school, but his study indicates these programs may not improve regular college work.

Participants in the study were drawn from students who had completed remedial work and those who entered the university in 1981 before the courses were available. The two groups, each consisting of about 100 male and 100 female students, were matched on several factors including ACT scores, high school

grades in math and English and types of high schools.

After comparing the two groups' grades in regular college course work, Pace found there was no difference in the grades the two groups made.

"The people who had completed remedial work stayed in school longer, but they didn't make any better grades than the control group," he said. "We were looking for a relationship between remedial and normal college work and we didn't find anything that indicates remedial work helps improve students' performance when they begin college-level work."

Pace said the results are only indicative of one university, but that the remedial courses at Louisiana Tech are "standard remedial courses which the people here at Tech think are very good."

"The results of this study put a question mark in front of the validity of remedial work for college students," he said. "Are we really doing any good? Are we really gaining anything?"

Jimmy Carter has 60th birthday, keeps busy fund-raising for library

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Carter celebrates his 60th birthday today, busy with enough private projects, his aides say, that he is having no problems adjusting to life as a past president.

Asked by United Press International how it feels to reach three-score years, Carter replied, "Old."

Carter's aides say he is busy with fund-raising for the Carter Presidential Library and the Carter Center, busy teaching at Emory University, and busy traveling.

"I think he's adjusted very well to being a former president and enjoys being able to speak freely, something you can't do in the White House," said Dan Lee, Carter's chief aide.

Indeed, with the election drawing near, Carter has made it clear he has no love lost for Ronald Reagan, the man who beat him in the 1980 White House race.

The former Georgia governor and his wife, Rosalynn, had no big celebration plans to mark his birth-

day. Instead they were packing last week for a tour of South America beginning Tuesday, featuring visits to Peru, Brazil and Argentina with the "Friendship Force," an exchange group he promoted when he was in the White House.

The Carters will not be around for the last lap of the presidential race, which pits Walter Mondale, Carter's vice president, against Reagan. But they did attend a Georgia state Democratic picnic at Lovejoy, Ga., Saturday where Reagan was the chief target.

Carter ripped into Reagan and declared, "I'm here to say we're going to win. We're going to win because we're together, because we're right."

Reagan in turn has been relentless in his charges on the campaign trail that Carter's policies led to high interest rates, "weakness" in foreign policy and military strength and a myriad of other failures.

The conflict between the past and present chief executives boiled over last week when Reagan blamed the

latest bombing of the U.S. embassy annex in Beirut on "the near destruction of our intelligence capability" during earlier administrations. White House aides said he was talking about the Carter years.

Carter demanded an apology. Instead, Reagan telephoned his predecessor Friday to assure him that he was not talking about him and to explain that his remark had been "misinterpreted."

But Carter indicated Saturday that he still was irate over what he called the "steady stream of false allegations over the past four years that everything that went wrong or every mistake was the fault of someone else."

Carter jabbed Reagan with the declaration that the Republican's "only foreign policy success" was to get an appointment with a Soviet diplomat — a reference to Reagan's meeting Friday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Carter recently spent a week in New York on a "Habitat for Humanity" project.

THE RICHARD SMITH STORY

Last Spring, Bill Press, our former State Representative resigned from office in order to go to work for Texas A&M. This allowed Gov. Mark White (Dem.) to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy. Would you believe he set the election during A&M's Spring Break? He did. Why? To keep the Aggies from voting. He knew we could make a difference. There are only 45,000 registered voters in Brazos County (which alone makes up this State Representative District.) There are 37,000 students at A&M so obviously if we register to vote and vote we can make a difference. As it turned out, many Aggies did register to vote and voted absentee for Aggie Richard Smith '89. He is the only experienced, conservative independent candidate who can go to Austin and get the job done. To Richard Smith A&M isn't just a part of the district, A&M is a commitment and a concern that all Aggies share. It ended up that over 13,000 people voted last March. Our candidate, Richard Smith, lost by 29 votes (to force a runoff). By two tenths of one percent of all the votes cast last March our candidate lost. The conservative Republican lost to Mark White's chosen Democrat, Neeley Lewis. That was the Special Election.

The Battalion Editorial Board called the scheduling of the Special Election by the Democrats "an attack on Texas A&M students, staff and faculty members." The Student Senate passed a resolution in opposition to the setting of the election date when Aggies could not vote. Governor White (Dem.) refused to even see the student government leaders concerning the issue. The Bryan-College Station Eagle Editorial Board said, "Let's face it, this whole thing smacks of partisan politics at its most petty level."

"...Democrat Party officials had described March 10 as a 'convenient day' for the election. Convenient to keep the Aggies from voting. Convenient for the Democrats to unfairly help Neeley Lewis. On Nov. 6, we have a chance to prove that we won't be pushed around again. Richard Smith and Neeley Lewis are on the ballot again—this time in a fair fight. We will determine the winner, if we register to vote (the deadline is Oct. 6) and then vote on Nov. 6. Mark White and the Democrats can't set this election when the Aggies can't vote. It's up to us!

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