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Suspect in stabbing arrested

By BRIAN PEARSON
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University Police arrested Thursday a man being sought by Bryan Police in connection with attempted murder.

Grady Deckard, 20, was being sought by Bryan Police as a suspect in the stabbing of Richard Norton, who is currently at St. Joseph Hospital in stable condition. The stabbing occurred in Bryan Saturday.

The arrest ended a 24-hour stakeout by the University Police Department. Decker was apprehended near the Physical Plant at Texas A&M.

The stabbing occurred during a fight between Deckard and Norton at Manor East Mall, said Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at the University Police Department.

Wiatt said Bryan Police said Wednesday that Deckard might be staying with his girlfriend who lives in Hobby Hall.

"He had been staying there off and on for the last several days," Wiatt said. "Apparently he has no permanent address as far as we know."

Wiatt said he would not release the girlfriend's name.

Wiatt said University Police in plain clothes began looking for Norton on campus, especially in the Hobby area.

Deckard was spotted and arrested in Parking Annex 33 near the Physical Plant at about 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Deckard was carrying a switchblade knife at the time of arrest.

He was transported to Brazos County Sheriff's Office and will be charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and possession of weapons where weapons are prohibited.

"He's currently on probation in Brazos County, having been convicted of burglary," Wiatt said.

Attempted murder is a second-degree felony, which carries a prison sentence of two to 20 years. Possession of weapons where weapons are prohibited and aggravated assault are third-degree felonies.



Final Touches

Late nights at the Langford Architecture Center are common for Lee Shaw, who spends time on a

project for Environmental Design 403, Architectural Design. Shaw is a senior from Dallas.

Photo by JOHN COLES

Reagan asks Soviet Union for 'fresh start'

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Reagan committed the United States on Thursday to "a fresh start" in U.S.-Soviet relations and the search for world peace. Reagan proposed that Moscow join him in trying to settle conflicts in five war-torn nations where he said the Soviets are contributing to the daily loss of life.

Launching a public relations counteroffensive from the podium of the United Nations General Assembly on its 40th anniversary, Reagan shifted his focus for next month's summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev from nuclear arms reduction to local flashpoints in the Third World.

He said before he goes to Geneva for the Nov. 19-20 summit he will present new proposals for ending what he called the unjustified division of Europe between East and West.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who drew worldwide attention two months ago with his proposal for the same lectern for "star peace" instead of "Star Wars," sat impassively in the packed but silent chamber as Reagan presented what he called the plain and simple but deep and abiding differences between the United States and Soviet Union.

The Soviet foreign minister addressed the world body after Reagan, reiterating that "the Soviet Union has countered the concept of Star Wars with the concept of Star Peace and of lasting peace on earth."

He denounced the United States' recent attempt to redefine the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty to permit development of Reagan's strategic space shield, popularly called Star Wars.

The president and Shevardnadze met later in the day for a discussion on plans for the Geneva summit. After the meeting, Secretary of State George Shultz told reporters it was a

"base-touching" session in the continuing preparations leading to the Geneva summit.

As part of his preparations for the summit, Reagan convened a meeting of allied leaders to advise him on tactics he should use in Geneva.

Shevardnadze turned aside reporters' questions about Reagan's proposal but said, "If there were not positive seeds we would not have met at all."

In an initiative that one senior administration official acknowledged had little chance for success in its present form, Reagan proposed a three-point plan for ending civil strife in five countries where he said the Soviets or their allies are trying to impose their Communist ideology by force and subversion.

He outlined a plan for peace talks between the warring parties within Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Ethiopia and Nicaragua while warning that U.S. support "for struggling democratic resistance forces must not and shall not cease" until negotiations "result in definitive progress."

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, after listening to Reagan's address, said "it's full of lies" and "a slap in the face of peace."

Remember to set those clocks back!

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For most Americans, it's nearly time to re-gain that hour of sleep they lost when they shifted to daylight-saving time last spring.

That extra hour arrives at 2 a.m. Sunday when most of the country returns to standard time.

Because that hour in the evening during summer's longer days provided extra time and light for recreation, some daylight time boosters say that time should be used all year to save energy on nighttime lighting.

After all, saving energy was the idea when daylight time was first introduced in 1918.

But a brief shift to year-round daylight time during the energy crisis of the 1970s produced negligible energy savings and many complaints from rural residents.

McCaw 'sweeping' B-CS to catch cable thieves

By RODNEY RATHER
Reporter

McCaw Cablevision has electronic sweeping equipment that allows cable technicians to determine if residences are receiving cable services illegally, Bob Helmuth, the regional marketing manager says.

The sweep analyzer system may aid McCaw in identifying and prosecuting violators of the state cable television theft law, which makes

stealing or tampering with a cable television system a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of six months imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

Over 4,500 of the 47,000 homes in McCaw's service area receive some level of unauthorized cable service, Helmuth says, which costs the company over \$1 million annually in lost revenue.

McCaw's system manager in the Bryan-College Station area, Steve

Beasley, says the system measures the amount of signal power sent to a specific residence by tapping into the feed, which is located at some point outside the residence.

When the receiving equipment, such as a television set or stereo, is connected illegally to cable, the signal level drops, he says.

"Our cable has a certain amount of decibels (signal power)," Beasley says. "When a piece of unauthorized

equipment is added, it drops the signal level."

The analyzing system determines if a residence is receiving illegal cable service even if the equipment is turned off because the signal level going to that equipment does not change, Beasley says.

"The signal level still comes in even though the television, stereo or whatever is not on," he says.

Dr. Pierce Cantrell, A&M assistant

professor of electrical engineering, says the system and its operation, as described by Beasley, is feasible.

"They can certainly go out into the neighborhood and measure the local drop in that field," he says.

The people who may be concerned about being caught with illegal cable services through the use of the sweeper include those who have

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Two football players charged in burglary

By BRANDON BERRY
Staff Writer

Two Texas A&M football players were arrested by College Station police Wednesday morning and charged in the burglary of a motor vehicle.

The players have been suspended from the team by Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill "until we find out what was really involved."

Matthew Gurley, a freshman redshirt from Arlington, and Robert Middleton, a member of the 12th Man Kickoff Team from Hillsboro, were arrested in the parking lot of the College Station Hilton and Conference Center.

According to police reports, a Hilton security guard reported seeing an unidentified man and woman in a General Telephone Co. truck.

The security guard summoned College Station police, who questioned the man and the woman,



Matthew Gurley

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Credit crisis hurting small producers

Farmers prosper by balancing skills

By SHERI A. STEBENNE
Reporter

The successful farmer in the future will have to be business oriented and strike a balance between marketing skills, management of resources and production.

This was the consensus in a panel discussion Thursday night in Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center sponsored by the Society of Agriculture Managers, Appraisers, and Consultants.

Dr. John Penson, professor of agricultural economics was the moderator and provided a background into the farm credit problem.

Jim Jamison, president of the Texas Agricultural Credit Corp., Tom Engelke of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and Dr. Danny Klinefelter, an extension economist-management specialist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service were the panel members.

"The farm sector has become increasingly dependent on other sectors in our economy," Penson said.

Rising interest rates and increasing interest payments have caused



Jim Jamison, seated, and Dr. John Penson.

farm operating expenditures to rise drastically, he said. The farm sector is extremely sensitive to changes in the interest rates, Penson said.

He said a macroeconomic policy requiring a lower deficit and a moderate monetary supply would guide the industry out of the current crisis. Penson said the result would be a

rise in the net income and a slow increase in land values by the end of the decade.

"As a result of the credit crisis we are presently in," Jamison said, "we are going to have larger farms, corporate farms, larger ranches, general partnerships, limited part-

nerships and its going to take more innovative financing."

There are a number of characteristics common in farmers who make a profit, he said. They are:

- Detailed and accurate records. Most lending institutions require complete records from the past three years.
- Continually improving marketing abilities.
- A good understanding of cash flow — the receipt and disbursement of cash — and the importance of knowing whether one is over or under his projected budget.

Engelke said, in order for the farm credit system to survive the current crisis it must merge and grow.

Through consolidation, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas can offer more viable units, better management and combined capital, he said.

"Agriculture cannot isolate itself any longer," Engelke said. "It must change."

Klinefelter added that "a major re-adjustment needs to take place in the agriculture industry."