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A&M tests engine for replacements of shuttle buses

By Jeffrey L. Jones Reporter

Texas A&M bus operations had a temporary addition to its fleet last The unusual-looking bus on the Munson route was being tested to see if its engine would be suitable for future replacement buses, Doug Williams, manager of bus opera-

Bus operations plans to purchase three new buses this fiscal year, Wil-

While students should expect to see new buses in the future, they should not expect any to look like the demonstration bus used last

Bus operations is satisfied with the body style of the buses already in

"The buses we get will be very similar to the ones we already have," he said, "but hopefully they'll have that particular engine and transmis-

He explained the Detroit Diesel engine in the demonstration bus is of a much higher quality than the en-

gines in the buses currently used. Williams said starting this year bus operations will probably be buying more buses each year.

"Technically, these aren't going to be additional buses," he said. 'They're going to be replacement

buses. "We plan to trade some in, but we're going to make sure we have plenty of others on the routes ready

to go." He said this will prevent them from having to replace the entire fleet of 35 buses all at one time.

Each bus will cost between \$70,000 and \$75,000.

The majority of the money used to support bus operations comes from the purchase of bus passes by the students, he said. In addition, he said, a smaller amount of the money used comes from student services.

Aggie Players' show will spoof problems on campus in satire

By Sara Mitchell

Reporter

In an effort to broaden their appeal to the student masses, Texas A&M's Aggie Players have devel-oped Sully's Satire Theater, a com-edy forum which debuts at noon today in front of the Lawrence

Aggie Players President Matt Hunt said the troupe's past perfor-mances have been limited to major stage productions, but the satire theater is a student-generated production that will make fun of just about

Today's performance features 11 sketches, said Hunt, a senior theater

One of the sketches will focus on a fictional "Faculty Camp," where new instructors are taught how to make classes as difficult as possible for stu-

"We want to spoof campus prob-lems, to have fun," he said. "We want it to grow into something fun for the student body to go to and laugh at themselves and submit ideas.

extracurricular activity for people who did it in high school and loved

major from Houston, said the satire theater will spoof everything from

campus issues to politics. "Everything is within the realm of laughter," McWade said. "Every-body is there to be made fun of." Christy Claxton, a senior English major form Cidding said Arrija

major from Giddings, said Aggie Players wants students' ideas.

"If it goes over big with the stu-dent body, we'll continue it," Clax-ton said. "We want students to submit their ideas and talents.'

Hunt said anyone with an idea for sketch should take it to 144 Blocker.

Besides getting more students to see their performances, Claxton said, members also are providing an opportunity for students to perform with them.

Claxton, co-chairman of student productions for Aggie Players, is planning an open-stage forum for students to perform in a relaxed atmosphere.

"Anything goes," she said. "So-meone might be sitting in the audience watching a performance and say, 'Hey, loan me your guitar. I've got something for you.' It's a chance to be seen.

Aggie Players also will perform "The Wind Dancers" from Oct. 30



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Official urges state to move CC very carefully on tax reforto s

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans should move slowly on any major state tax reforms, in part because it was poorly planned federal tax changes that precipitated the stock market plunge, the House tax-writing committee chairman said Tuesday.

"I don't see major reform next session (in the Texas Legislature)," Rep. Stan Schlueter told the Texas Association of Taxpayers' annual membership meeting. "Tax reform is something that you need to move very carefully on. The recent drop in the stock mar-

Killeen Democrat said.

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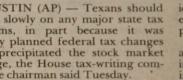
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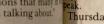
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Vicki McWade, a junior sociology through Nov. 7



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East Texas woman celebrates 106th birthday IcC

LUFKIN (AP) — Leora Jackson is watching the outside world give itself up to autumn. It's a seasonal sight she's seen before — 106 times now.

Jackson celebrated her 106th birthday last week with a party at Lufkin's center for the Re-tired Senior Volunteer Program. Lufkin mer-chants donated gifts and local public officials attended the celebration.

Having lived all her life in the Moscow area, Jackson is now a resident of Pineywood Acres Nursing Home in Corrigan. Nursing home offi-cials say their records indicate that Jackson

turned 106 Sept. 1. A blue shawl around her shoulders and a bright balloon bouquet tied to her wheelchair, Jackson talked recently about her long life.

Her earliest memory, she said, is of her mother teaching her to recite "The Lord's Prayer." "That's the first thing my mother taught me

when I got big enough to talk," she said, and began to recite it.

She was poor growing up, and life was hard by today's standards, but Jackson said she was not aware of any hardships at the time because it was all she knew

She and her family lived in a two-room cabin made of mud and pine logs that relatives and neighbors helped them build. She had plenty of relatives and friends at one time, she said, but that has changed. She has outlived two husbands and her only daughter, as well as all her other relatives.

"The world ain't full of 'em now . . . I ain't got no folks now," she said. "They've all done come and gone.

One of the rooms in their home was used for cooking when it was too cold to cook outdoors. Cooking was done on a rack placed over a fire. Most of their cooking vessels were made of hardened mud.

"All we had to eat was what we not MIDLANI said. "We raised sweet potatoes, himphere Jessica corn, collard greens, hogs, chicken stell was not We got milk from the cows.

To make cornmeal, Jackson said to westigators beat dried corn kernels with a harm and Tuesday were the days when her brothers would cornmeal, water and butter and letit all morning in the embers of a camp**odd**ler's right they could have corn muffins when well wishes po for lunch from their work in the field. Jamie Moo The other room in their home was ar

sleeping. "We slept on the floor, and a diffuse she said. "We made our beds out of and leaves. When it was cold we come the pine straw and kept the fire going

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