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## Computer malfunction delays student orders for AggieVision

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A computer malfunction left students who wanted to order Texas A&M's video yearbook during phone registration out of luck.

During registration for Spring 1990 and drop-add registration, students were unable to order AggieVision '89-'90.

Sydney Whitlock, editor and producer of AggieVision, said she is not sure why the phone registration system did not work.

"We didn't even realize there was a problem until some people who tried to order AggieVision told staff members the phone registration system wasn't working," Whitlock said.

By then, drop-add registration was over and it was too late to correct the problem.

Randy Hines, manager of student publications, said some people were able to order AggieVision by phone and some were not.

Whitlock said she is not sure how many people couldn't order AggieVision during phone registration, but said about 260 people did order the video over the phone.

There are still opportunities for people to order the video yearbook for the 1989-1990 academic year at A&M.

Anyone who wants AggieVision '89-'90 can order it during Summer 1990 phone registration this spring or in the Student Publications Office in 230 Reed McDon-

ald.

Orders for the video also will be taken at a table in the MSC during Parents' Weekend. Parts of AggieVision will be shown at the table so people can see a preview of the video.

AggieVision's eight-member staff is contacting organizations on and off campus to find out if there are any upcoming events the organization wants taped for the video. Order forms are mailed to members of taped organizations.

Faculty and staff, as well as students, can order the video yearbook.

The final version of the 60-minute video will be produced by Yearlook Enterprises of Durham, N.C., and costs \$32.25.

AggieVision, which covers events from Fish Camp '89 to May 1990 graduation, will be mailed to each person's permanent address in June or can be picked up at the Student Publications Office.

Hines said AggieVision is not trying to replace the AggieLand, A&M's print yearbook.

"AggieVision is not competing with the AggieLand," Hines said. "A video yearbook can capture things that a print yearbook can't and vice versa."

Whitlock encourages everyone to give AggieVision's staff information about events to include. She also wants feedback about the video.

"We want to produce a fair representation of what happened at Texas A&M this year," she said.

For more information or to have an event taped for inclusion in AggieVision, call 845-0048.

## Missing airplane discovered Congressman's two children killed in crash

COALGATE, Okla. (AP) — Searchers found the wreckage of a small plane missing since Wednesday buried nose down in a pasture Sunday. None of the four people on board survived, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

The plane, which carried two children of Rep. Bill Brewster and two others, was discovered about 7 1/2 miles north of Coalgate in southeastern Oklahoma.

Kecia Brewster, 16, and Kent Brewster, 13, had accompanied their father as he kicked off his campaign for the 3rd District congressional seat. They left McAlester Wednesday night for Ardmore while Brewster and his wife, Suzie, flew in another plane to Oklahoma City. A third plane carrying campaign work-

ers and Brewster's other daughter landed safely in Ardmore.

Also on the downed plane were Herb Pate, 32, publisher of the Madill Record Register, and pilot Jack Kirkpatrick, 43, of Broken Arrow.

Rep. Don Duke, D-Ardmore, said it was he who notified the Brewster and Pate families that no one survived.

"It was my unpleasant task to do that," Duke said from his home in Ardmore. "There's a lot of sad families tonight, but I think they're relieved to know there was no suffering."

He said the Highway Patrol told him the plane crashed nose-first and that all four were killed on impact. Highway Patrol Lt. Mike Grimes

said the plane apparently struck the ground at a high speed shortly after takeoff from McAlester and was partially buried. The cause of the crash wasn't immediately known.

"We have no way of knowing that," Grimes said. "That will be up to the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause."

Grimes said NTSB investigators were expected to be on the scene late Sunday.

The search, which began Thursday morning, was hampered much of the time by inclement weather. In addition, the area searched contained thick woods and tall grass.

### Modern technology

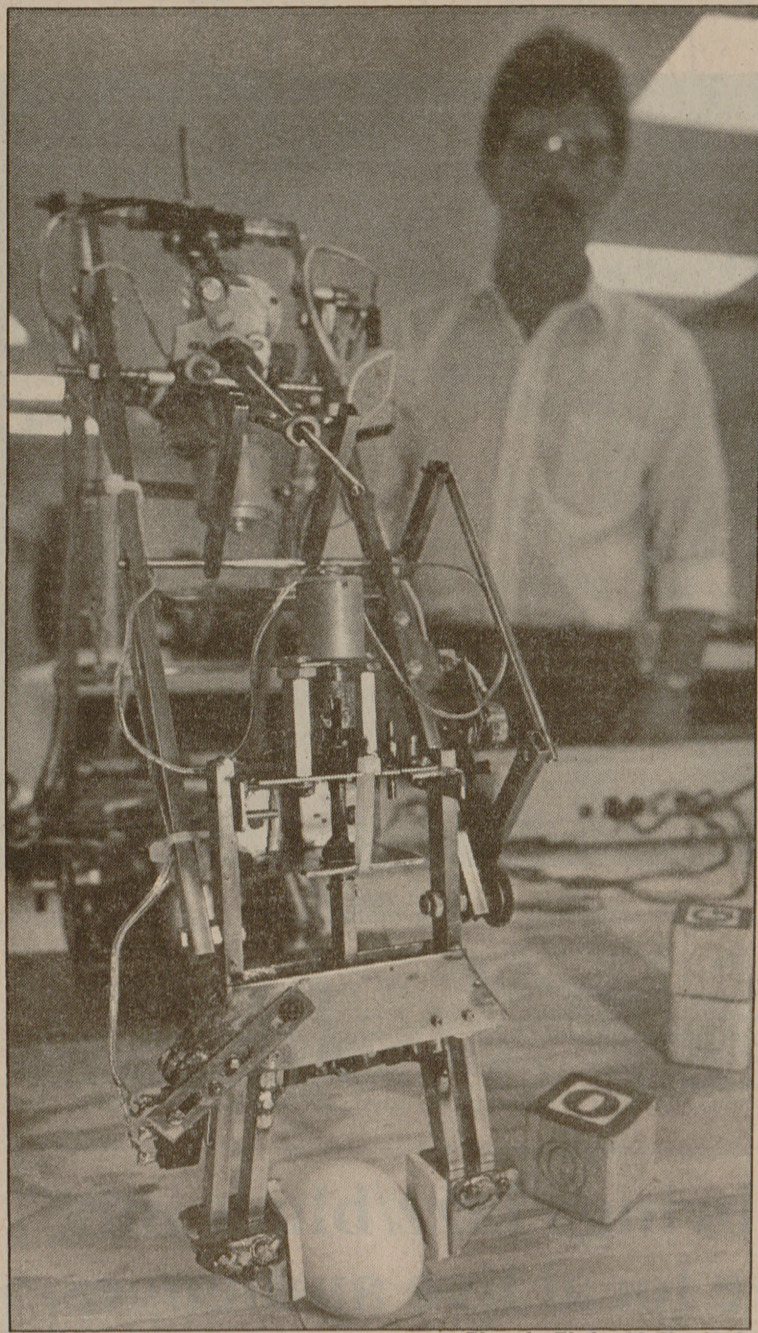


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Nathan Rawls of Bryan shows off his robotic arm. Rawls and several other students at Texas A&M's Riverside Electronics Institute are turning out to be experts in computer technology. A demonstration featuring some of the student's senior projects was presented Friday at the Electronics Institute.

## Investigation connects CIA to S&L failures

HOUSTON (AP) — A newspaper's eight-month investigation into savings and loan fraud produced evidence that suggests CIA and organized crime involvement in the failure of 22 thrifts, including 16 in Texas.

The Houston Post cited court documents, sworn testimony, law enforcement records and interviews with key government investigators and prosecutors in its report Sunday. Those sources suggest the CIA may have used part of the proceeds from S&L fraud to help pay for covert operations that Congress was unwilling to support publicly.

The CIA denied that the agency has used savings and loans to fund covert activities. "That would be a violation of U.S. laws, and we do not violate U.S. laws," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said.

The Post, however, said it found evidence that the CIA has intervened in criminal investigations involving agency operatives accused of S&L fraud.

Lloyd Monroe, a former prosecutor with the Justice Department's organized crime strike force, said the federal agencies responsible for investigating S&L fraud are "being precluded from investigating wrongdoing that is possibly being conducted in the name of national security."

Richard Brenneke, a former CIA contract agent, testified in September 1988 during a federal court trial in Denver that the CIA had set up a systematic program to raise money for the Nicaraguan Contras.

Support for the Contras first became a point of controversy in 1984, when Congress cut off aid to the rebels.

The late William Casey, then director of the CIA, and Lt. Col. Oliver North, then a White House aide, wanted to set up self-sustaining operations that would not be dependent on Congress for approval and funding.

One operation was the program to sell arms to Iran and divert the profits to the Contras, a scheme that led to North's resignation and subsequent prosecution for his role in the affair.

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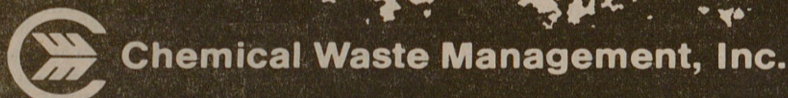
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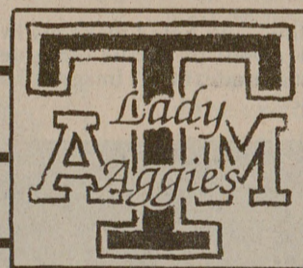
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