

Bus program provides security for students

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"Walking is much easier, but why take the risk," says Dan Meacham, a freshman general studies major from Spring.

He says he rides Dial-A-Ride because he was approached by four people while walking to his girlfriend's residence hall last semester.

"My girlfriend likes for me to ride it when she has a bad feeling," he says.

But some students use Dial-A-Ride for reasons other than safety.

"I think Dial-A-Ride is awesome," says Jessica Liska, a sopho-

more mathematics major from Donna. "I rode it all the time last semester."

Deshandra Sandles, a freshman political science major from Houston, says she rides Dial-A-Ride constantly.

"I use it because I am too lazy," she says.

Her sister, Lisa Sandles, a sophomore business administration major, says she rides the bus because of her sister.

"When I was a freshman I never rode the bus, but since my sister came to A&M I find myself riding Dial-A-Ride all the time," she says.

Some students use Dial-A-Ride several times in one night.

"When I use Dial-A-Ride I use it twice a night, once there and once back," says Amy Worrell, a junior applied mathematics major from Daingerfield.

She says the rainy week before spring break caused her and her friends to become "Dial-A-Ride groupies."

Dickerson says the success of Dial-A-Ride is by word-of-mouth.

"Students using Dial-A-Ride tell their roommates to call before walking across campus," Dickerson says.

He says other people see the bus and ask where he is going. He replies, "Anywhere you need to go."

Dickerson says two to three times a week the on-campus bus will fill to capacity while transferring passengers.

Because of Dial-A-Ride's increased popularity since its beginning, PTTS hopes to add another bus to the program next semester, says Doug Williams.

"The service is always busy, and it fulfills a demand, need and want that is more equitable to our riders and PTTS," he says.

Senate halts aid to Jordan, cites king's Iraqi support

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted Wednesday to halt foreign aid to Jordan because King Hussein supported Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, ignoring White House protests that the move would hinder Mideast peace efforts.

The aid ban was inserted into a measure dispensing \$5.2 billion for war assistance to allies Turkey and Israel, nuclear weapons waste cleanups and a host of other programs. The overall bill was approved

92-8.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the action against Jordan "takes away presidential flexibility ... at a time when we are threading our way through a very complicated peace process in the Middle East."

The vote to halt this year's planned payments to Jordan was in part symbolic because President Bush temporarily blocked the assistance last month.

Bullock calls state welfare drain on state budget funds

AUSTIN (AP)—The Texas welfare agency is a "parasite" on the state budget, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said Wednesday, one day after a Senate committee issued a report skewering the agency and recommending its board members be replaced.

"It is a drain on our state finances," Bullock said. "Regardless of the sum of money that we dropped in by way of appropriation — it's very questionable whether it would ever get down to the people who really need the help."

Five of 13 violations false

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family's best interest to prolong the situation."

A&M's three-month investigation into the Aggie basketball program turned up 13 possible NCAA violations, but only eight are substantiated by evidence.

Those eight are:

- Reported player broker Rob Johnson accompanied Syracuse transfer Tony Scott on an official visit to A&M.

- A University aircraft was used to fly Scott and Johnson from Houston to College Station with Davis and assistant coach Fletcher Cockrell.

- A&M coaches, Scott and Johnson all dined together at a College Station restaurant during Scott's official visit.

- Johnson was assisting the A&M coaching staff in the recruitment of another player from New York.

- Part-time assistant coach Billy Kennedy, acting on Davis' instructions, gave a recruit's wife \$8 to submit a financial aid package.

- Kennedy paid the same recruit's wife \$60 for five or six hours of babysitting.

- Kennedy transported the same recruit in his personal car from the recruit's apartment to Davis' office.

- Cockrell transported a recruit to a summer league game on July 9, 1990. This was during an evaluation period when no contact was permitted.

Davis said the only violation he knowingly committed was out of compassion — allowing the \$8 to be given to the recruit's wife.

"I let my compassion overrule good judgment with that," he said. "That was a mistake on my part, but as far as the other violations are concerned, I don't think they're as major as what the wild speculation that began in December would lead people to believe."

"We made some mistakes, and with some of the things, we weren't aware they were violations. However, that by no means excuses them. We should have known, and we just have to learn from these things and go on."

Davis said he's ready to get on with his life, hopefully to get back to coaching a Division-I basketball team.

In order to attain that goal, Davis must go before the NCAA and clear his name. Davis said no particular timetable has been set by the NCAA, saying it could be anywhere from two to six months. He said it all depends on how much extra investigation they choose to undertake.

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