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## Car crashes into bus

University Police Officer Jim Suter examines the damage under the hood of a car that rear-ended a Texas A&M shuttle bus late Thursday af-

ternoon. The accident occurred on campus between the Psychology and Military Sciences Buildings. No one was injured.

## Former WTSU president denies charges

CANYON (AP) — A former West Texas State University president said the school broke no laws regarding the investment of endowment funds in the wake of a state audit that showed WTSU lost more than \$2.5 million through apparent mismanagement.

"We contend that there has not been anything done which is unlawful," Ed Roach said in a prepared statement included in the audit of the school's finances released by the state Wednesday.

The state auditor's office said it started investigating West

Texas State after receiving information that the university had lost \$200,000 on an investment in Mesa Limited Partnership, T. Boone Pickens' oil and gas company.

The auditor said that charge proved inaccurate. However, the report criticized the way university endowment fund transactions were handled while Pickens was chairman of the university board of regents and Roach was president.

Roach resigned as president Jan. 1 after being named associate deputy chancellor for academic program planning in the

Texas A&M University System.

West Texas State merged into the A&M State on Sept. 1.

"The type of 'arm's length' relationship which should be maintained between a donor and the university did not exist," the audit said.

Roach characterized the report as "little more than a witch-hunt."

Roach said the audit's reference to an "arm's length" relationship between a university and donor "reveals an almost total absence of any knowledge of the nature of relationships that universities,

public or private, attempt to develop with donors or prospective donors."

West Texas State, according to the auditor's report, purchased Mesa stock equal to a \$500,000 matching grant from Mesa and a \$100,000 personal matching gift from Pickens given in late 1987.

The report said that, four days after the university's original stock purchase, Roach and his family bought 20,000 Mesa shares through the same Dallas broker the university had used, paying 50 cents less per share.

## Foreign student travel cautions

Reentry into U.S. requires correct documents; International Student Services processes papers

By Jayme Blaschke  
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Foreign students traveling outside the United States this summer must have all their paperwork in order with International Student Services before leaving the country.

Suzanne Droleskey, assistant director of ISS, said many international students assume their visas and passports are valid, only to find out otherwise.

"It is OK to leave the country without valid paperwork, but when students try to come back into the country, they are refused entry," Droleskey said. "We've had frantic students stranded everywhere from Tokyo to Canada calling us to fax them the appropriate documents."

Therefore, students should come to the ISS office well in advance of their travel date, she said.

"Everyone comes in at the end of the semester to get their paperwork signed, and we get log-jammed," Droleskey said. "It's helpful when students come in a

week, or even a month, before they plan to travel."

The process is simple but the papers take a day to put in order. Droleskey said students can't walk into the ISS office and have everything in order 15 minutes later.

Another problem sometimes faces students with children, Droleskey said.

"People with families need papers for their children," she said. "Babies born in the U.S. are automatically U.S. citizens, but need passports for international travel, and to get back into the country."

Droleskey said if a Korean mother and father took their baby to Korea with them, the child wouldn't be allowed into the country without a passport, and the baby couldn't get back into the United States either.

"We've received calls from upset parents at airports that have said they (the parents) could board the plane, but must leave their baby behind," she said.

For more information about requirements for traveling abroad, contact the ISS office at 845-1824.

## Scientists identify swarm as 'killer' bees, add 11 southern counties to quarantine zone

HARLINGEN (AP) — Eleven South Texas counties were added to an Africanized bee quarantine zone Thursday, following the discovery of a swarm of the insects in Laredo.

The swarm of so-called "killer" bees, trapped Monday in a tree at a Laredo residence,

was confirmed Thursday as Africanized, said John G. Thomas, extension entomologist at Texas A&M University.

It was the fifth swarm of what Thomas calls the "honey bee with a personality problem" trapped in South Texas since last week.

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John F. Welsh, Jr. was the first of four children born to John F. and Vera M. Welsh on February 22, 1957. He attended E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville, NC where he served as senior class president and graduated with honors in June, 1976. After one year at East Carolina University, he entered the United States Navy and served as an Aviation Machinist Mate in Patrol Squadron Eight. During this assignment he held the position of Training Petty Officer for the Aircraft Division. Upon discharge, in October, 1980 he assumed a position as Tire Room Shift Supervisor for the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company in Fayetteville, NC. In December, 1986 he married the former Sherri Lynn McFarlin of Leavenworth, KS. They now have two children, age 2 and 6 months.

Prior to his marriage, John entered Fayetteville State University in August, 1986 to pursue a degree in Chemistry. While at Fayetteville State, he was involved in the National Institute of Health Biomedical Research Program. John's research interests include the study of the electrical and magnetic properties of proteins. He was recognized by the North Carolina Institute of Chemists and received the Outstanding Chemistry Student Award in 1990. John graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry in June, 1990.

In July, 1990 John came to Texas A&M University to study under the direction of Professor Emile A. Schweikert. His research goals include the development of a Recoil Nucleus-Neutron Depth-Time of Flight technique for studying the chemical composition of the very near surface of a solid sample.



Mahinda Karunaratne was born in Illukowita, a small village in the district of Colombo, Sri Lanka. His father is a small businessman and his mother is a retired teacher. Mahinda received his BS degree in Mathematics from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1983 and a MS degree in statistics from Southern Methodist University, Dallas Texas in 1987. He has been a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University since the Spring of 1988. Courses include STAT 301, STAT 302 and STAT 303.

Mahinda's wife, Kumudinie is a graduate student in Entomology and their son, Pathum was born on the third of this month. Mahinda plans to earn his Ph.D in August of this year. After graduation, he hopes to continue his career in Academics as a teacher, and researcher as well.



Lisa Regalado Smith is originally from San Benito, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Texas A&M University in 1988, and completed the State of Texas Teacher's Certification with a science composite in 1989. As an undergraduate, Lisa was recognized by the College of Science as a Distinguished Student in the Department of Biology for five out of nine semesters attended. For one year, she taught 10th, 11th and 12th grade biology to students attending Memorial High School in Houston, Texas. Lisa returned to Texas A&M in the fall semester of 1989 and is currently working on a Master of Science in Biology.

Lisa is nominated for the McDonald Graduate Teaching Assistant Award for her commitment to teaching excellence. It is clear that Lisa's students value her willingness to help them on an individual basis and respect her for her professionalism, dedication and command of the material. When asked what they liked best about Lisa's teaching, her students often cite Lisa's enthusiasm, clear presentation of the material and the way she relates to the students. As one student said, she interacts on a "one on one basis with the students and encourages a general interest in the course." Other comments include that Lisa "clearly explains concepts" and that she "showed an interest in the students, not only as students, but as people". Another student cites as her strength that Lisa genuinely likes the students and emphasizes the understanding of concepts rather than just memorization of facts.



James Chepin was born November 11, 1965. He attended New Mexico Tech, and graduated in May, 1987 with a BS in Physics. While at New Mexico Tech he received the Brook Award as an outstanding physics student by vote of the physics faculty. In the summers of 1985 and 86 he worked as a technical assistant at the Irving Langmuir Laboratory for Atmospheric Research. Mr. Chepin entered the graduate physics program at Texas A&M in the fall of 1987. He is working on a Ph.D. under the research supervision of Dr. Joseph Ross in the area of magnetic resonance studies of condensed matter systems. He has passed the physics department's Ph.D. qualifying exam. His graduate GPA at A&M is 3.50. Mr. Chepin has been previously honored for his excellent performance as a teaching assistant by being awarded a Complementary Student Membership in the American Association of Physics Teacher for 1991.

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