

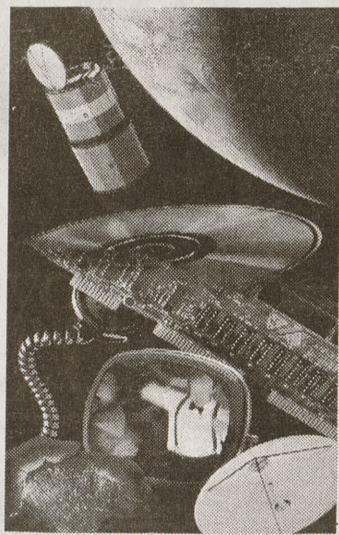
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Hit-and-run driver damages two parked cars



Rob Greene, SPECIAL TO THE BATTALION

The victim's vehicle was damaged by a hit-and-run driver Thursday.

The owner of a red Ford truck was driven off Wellborn Road. No one was injured in the accident.

By Kasie Byers
THE BATTALION

Two parked cars were damaged and a road sign taken out in an accident at 5 p.m. Thursday on Wellborn Road near Parking Area 30.

A 1966 red Ford truck was traveling northbound in the far right lane of Wellborn Road when a small white Ford truck cut across the road, causing the red Ford truck to jump the median between the road and the parking area.

The victim's vehicle was wrecked and towed from the scene.

The owner of the truck, Brandon McElroy, a junior business administration ma-

jor, suffered no serious injuries, but complained about soreness in his left hand.

"There was a crack in my windshield," McElroy said, "but I don't know if that was from the road sign or my head." McElroy walked to the A.P. Beutel Health Center for a check-up and X-rays.

UPD officer Morgan Harkrider said eight witnesses' statements were taken, but none could give the exact identification of the vehicle or the license plate number.

"We had eight great witnesses who all stuck around to give statements," Harkrider said. "With the information we have now, this guy probably won't be caught, unless the person comes forward or there is a witness who saw his license plate number."

Two parked vehicles, a 1989 Ford F-50 Ranger and a 1992 Chevy Cavalier, were damaged. Harkrider said the F-50 Ranger appeared to be totaled as well.

LOANS

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Madeleine Kunin, deputy secretary of education, said most direct loans eliminate the middlemen.

"Loans serve students, not guarantee agencies," she said. "What we see here is turned around where the burden is going to the students."

"When banks continue to make a profit of 8.1 percent on students and 8.6 percent after graduation, it goes precisely counter to the intent of the program. We started direct lending because the present system was not working properly and needed competition."

Leo Kornfeld, senior adviser on direct lending, said the program, which was created in June 1994, has grown significantly, and eliminating, or even capping it, would negatively affect many students.

"More than 2 million persons who are in the program or want to be in it will be denied," Korn-

feld said. "What the cap would do is get the banks back in the situation."

Joel Bacon, spokesman for Senator Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas, who sponsored the bill, said the change will not cut students off from any funds.

"This in no way affects the amount of loans to students," he said. "There's absolutely no effect on the ability of a student to get a loan."

Kunin said other loans may still be available, but this change would make the process more complex for the students and the schools, reducing interest in loans.

"The fact that costs are being shifted has a chilling effect on students getting a loan," she said.

Bacon said direct loans are new, and cutting them will not hurt students that much.

"The guarantee program has worked in the past," he said. "One thing about making a 20 percent cut is that we can see the advantages of both."

The plan also includes charging universities a fee of .85 per-

cent for each student loan.

Marshall Smith, undersecretary of education, said this measure would hurt state schools the most.

"This is a disincentive to schools to tell students to take loans," Smith said. "It's ironic with all the talk about sending money back to the states, that this is also a tax on the states."

Bacon said the fee was added to spread the costs of cuts around.

"It's to minimize the cost to students and to spread the pain around," he said. "It's a difficult cut to make. Sen. Kassebaum made the cut without great relish."

Bacon said the only cut that would affect students directly would be the elimination of the six month grace period to pay back student loans.

Smith said the department of education proposed cuts of \$4 billion, as opposed to the \$10 billion proposed by both the House and Senate.

"Four billion crafted in the right way, I think, would make a difference," he said.

INTEGRITY

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for academic integrity could be lacking at A&M, and he is pleased to have the chance to address the issue with other schools.

"Academic dishonesty is a concern at A&M, like it is at other schools," he said. "We know that we have students in classes who know other students are cheating and don't do anything about it."

"These institutions are making a statement that they are concerned about this issue enough to invest the time and money to discuss it."

Sandi Osters, assistant to the vice president for student affairs, who is involved in the coordinating the teleconference, said this teleconference will serve the A&M community well by "bringing the issue into focus."

"I don't know if it is policy that needs to be changed as much as we need to understand the

problem and decide what it means to A&M," Osters said.

University policies on academic integrity are often not well-defined, Osters said, and standards are not clear.

"Students and faculty don't even agree about what those standards should be," she said, pointing out that activities such as note-trading and group study may be acceptable to some students and considered dishonest by some professors.

Participants in College Station can watch the teleconference and call in with their own questions or comments on a toll-free line. A fax number and e-mail address will also be available to supply greater access to the discussion.

The event is today from 12-2 p.m. in 292 MSC.

Participants are asked to check in by 11:45 a.m.

A&M students who are interested in becoming involved in the issue of academic integrity at A&M can join additional discussions that will be coordinated by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at a later date.

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Tonight	Saturday Night	
Partly cloudy. Low near 70. Light SE winds.	Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Low near 70.	

Source - A&M Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

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