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Dr. David Wiltschko, a Texas A&M professor of geology, said the bachelor of arts geology program offers students greater flexibility with electives.

He said the program provides students with a good foundation in physical science and geology and a minor in another field. This way students can explore other fields.

"A bachelor of arts program opens up different options for students," he said. "This type of degree can be a stepping stone to careers in law, medicine and business. It can be a powerful combination."

Wiltschko said that all of the science departments on campus offer bachelor of arts programs.

Dr. Michael Friedland, dean of the college of medicine and vice president of health affairs, said the master's program of public health will train students to serve the needs of communities.

"This program is consistent with A&M's land-grant mission to get out and serve the community," he said.

New study reveals American less likely to relocate, move to cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans aren't as restless as they used to be, and when they do move more are now heading to the countryside than to the cities.

The share of Americans relocating dropped to 16.3 percent in the year ending March 1996, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

Mobility, dropping steadily, is now well below the 1980s when more than one in five Americans moved every year. "I keep thinking pretty soon they're going to bottom out, but they don't," Kristin A. Hansen of the Census Bureau said.

Young people tend to move more than older folks but the decline is affecting all age groups, and so is not just a result of an aging population, Hansen said.

The report "Geographical Mobility, March 1995 to March 1996"

also disclosed the nation's metropolitan areas are losing population, with a quarter-million more people moving out than moving in. Declines in the central cities have been common as Americans headed for suburbs in recent decades, but now the metro areas are losing to the countryside.

"It's hard to come up with a why" for the metro losses, Hansen said. Jobs are moving to the suburbs in some areas, and people are willing to commute farther, she said. Other people may simply be choosing to live in smaller communities.

Reasons for moving may differ from person to person and community to community, she said.

What makes the falloff especially surprising is that the report is the first to use the new 1993 definition

for metropolitan areas, which often include additional counties that should result in increased population, she said.

Metro areas were growing in the late 1980s but experienced a loss between 1992 and 1993. In most other recent years figures have about balanced out, Hansen said.

For 1995-96, the net loss to metropolitan areas totaled about 275,000 people, the Census Bureau said, as cities lost 2.4 million and suburbs gained 2.1 million. The net loss accounted for people who moved to nonmetro areas.

The highest moving rates were for people in their 20s as about a third of those aged 20 to 29 relocated during the year. The rate for those 30 to 34 was 14.1 percent. It was just 6.6 percent for those 55 to 64.

Gore: Hollywood blame for smoking

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Vice President Al Gore contending that Hollywood is partly to blame for teen-age



Gore

smoking, some movie-makers and TV producers agreed Wednesday to clean up their acts.

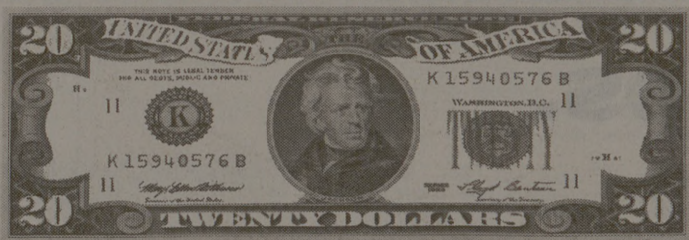
Representatives of the Screen Actors Guild, Directors Guild and Writers Guild — along with Christy Turlington speaking for supermodels — pledged to use their own kind of peer pressure to keep their colleagues from depicting cigarettes as cool.

It would be a voluntary pact with no new government regulations or censorship. Gore

He cited a study that 35 percent of all movies released last year showed tobacco use, finding coincides with rise in teen smoking.

"The cause and effect is very, very clear," Gore said. "I think the moviegoers 'don't see the lung cancer' smoking in the builds up in their lungs."

Richard Masur, president of the actors' guild, blamed the generation of younger actors and TV executives have not had the benefit of educational programs many of us who are older he said.

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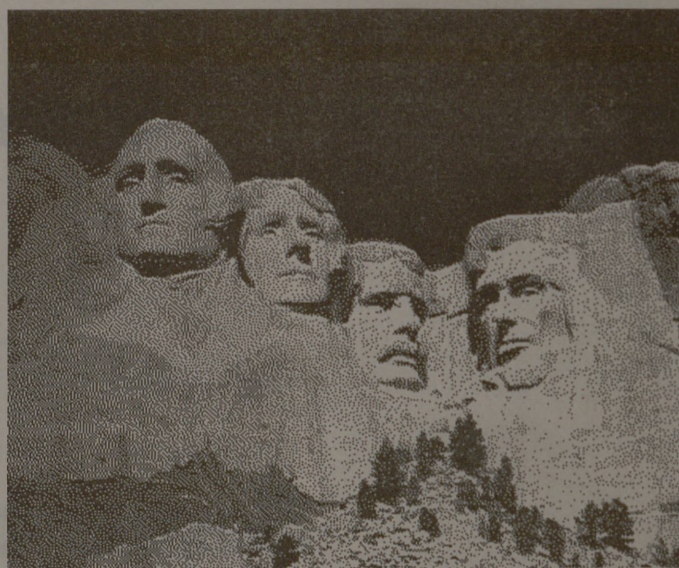
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