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**NEWS**

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**Bus operations  
late-route added**

BY BRANDIE LIFFICK  
The Battalion

A new late-night route was added this semester to the on and off campus bus routes already offered.

The new route shuttles students from Fish Lot to their residence halls and consists of two vans, one for south campus residence halls and the other for Northside halls. The vans run from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week.

Pat Hernandez, a transit system coordinator for Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services said the new route was created to transport students to their halls safely.

"The vans have a bright yellow light on the front so that the students can actually sit in their cars until they see the light coming, and then they can get out of their cars and ride to their halls," Hernandez said.

He said the residence hall route was not utilized by the student body

at first, but after having some exposure, the number of riders is continually increasing.

"After the RHA meeting where the route was mentioned, we immediately saw the number of riders in the route go up," Hernandez said.

The residence hall route averages about six passengers on Friday and Saturday nights, while approximately 60 students use the service on weeknights.

"There are less passengers on Friday and Saturday nights, mainly because there are more parking spaces available on the weekends, and not as many have to park in Fish Lot," Hernandez said. "Thursday nights seem to be especially busy."

Four off-campus night bus routes run Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. After 10 p.m., students are offered late-night bus routes, which pick students up behind the MSC and take them to any bus stop in the Bryan-College Station area. Like all off-campus bus routes, the late-night service requires a bus pass or a one-way bus ticket.

A nightly on-campus route is also available Monday through Friday. The Texas Aggies route runs the normal Rudder route at night, and makes stops at the Memorial Student Center, Fish Lot, the Commons residence halls and Reed Arena.

"While we have two vans on the [residence hall] route right now, we may look into adding additional vans and even a bus to handle the additional students on the weeknights," Hernandez said.

Due to the increase in students using the dorm route, it will continue for Fall 2000.



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Texas A&M students take advantage of the late-night bus route available on and off campus Tuesday night.

**PRADHAN**

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persuaded by certain A&M officials to deny the authorization forms.

"This guy comes from mainland China and feels weak here because of the prejudice from powerful people because he was not born in America," Pradhan said. "I feel as though he has stabbed me in the back."

Wei Zhao refused to comment. Pradhan said he attributes the charges to prejudice against him because of his Indian ethnicity. He has filed a \$75 million civil lawsuit against A&M officials and the Texas A&M University System on charges of discrimination.

"I think the majority of people at A&M are great, but there are a few very powerful individuals who are hateful to people other than them-

selves," Pradhan said. "It is because of these people that I am in prison."

Turner said the ruling was a proper result of violating probation.

"In the criminal justice system, we just look at the facts, and it doesn't matter what race or gender or occupation someone is," Turner said. "In this case, I think the justice system has been more than fair with Mr. Pradhan."

Turner said the sentencing brings an end to Pradhan's probation and further prosecution by the A&M System would be double jeopardy.

Pradhan said that while he thinks he is in jail for the wrong reasons, he is glad that the next 60 days will bring an end to the charges against him from the University system.

"From now on, I will be free from the University's harassment, and that is a small victory in and of itself," Pradhan said.

**PRIMARIES**

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Based on partial returns, Bush picked up at least 347 delegates Tuesday, pushing his total to 517 of 1,034 needed to win nomination. McCain won 117 delegates Tuesday for a total of 222. Alan Keyes won six in the Minnesota caucuses.

With Super Tuesday voting, the general election began to take shape: Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill

Bradley to the brink of withdrawal.

Bush's victory in Ohio was sobering for McCain. He had won in Michigan and hoped to go next door to establish his strength in a conventional Republican setting. But it wasn't close, running behind 60 percent to 35.

Apart from the 367 delegates at stake there, California's unique open primary system listed all candidates on the same ballot in a popular vote contest, an early gauge of each party's strength in the state that offers the biggest Electoral College prize in the fall. McCain had hoped to top Bush in the category, if not the delegate race, but the

**RHA to revise constitution**

Changes include bonfire events, leadership positions

BY RICHARD BRAY  
The Battalion

Students who take leadership positions at future bonfire activities may find a new obligation on Wednesday nights other than swinging axes and carrying logs, they may instead be carrying votes and swinging opinions from established positions in the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

A new version of the RHA constitution is being presented at the RHA meeting Wednesday, which includes suggested changes for the structure of the organization and issues relating to bonfire.

Kim Twiggs, RHA affairs director and a sophomore biochemistry major, and Michael Haughey, Texas Residence Hall Association president and a senior mechanical engineering major, will present the revisions.

"The [current] constitution mentions nothing of bonfire," Twiggs said. "All it says is that the residents and the hall councils and the constitutions thereof must follow student activities policy."

"That covers whatever happens with the bonfire positions. That way, when it is decided what place bonfire leadership will have in the halls, RHA will be covered and residents will realize that they must abide by whatever student activities says."

Haughey said one revision under consideration would also require that bonfire leadership hold a position on the hall council.

Twiggs said the initial purpose of the constitutional revisions were to change RHA's overall leadership; however, few changes were actually made.

"A lot of people on the board of directors

felt that there was a strong need for a change in infrastructure, but only two directions were affected by the whole constitution," she said. "The environmental position and the campus safety position were consolidated under the facilities operations director."

Haughey said the internal structure of the board of directors will be better defined.

"It clarifies a lot of information regarding who is on the board of directors and voting rights and in the general assembly and specifics of the duties of the vice president," Haughey said.

Haughey said the constitution will be revised biennially, and past constitutional amendments have led to a restructuring of the RHA leadership.

"It is really a two-year house cleaning. We want to have a president, a vice president, a secretary and treasurer," he said. "We have a structure with four vice presidents [and a president], and this is evaluating that system — which worked really well."

Tara Gray, RHA vice president programs and a senior history major, said the revised constitution will only be presented at the meeting and will not be debated until the March general assembly.

"Members of the assembly will be able to ask questions about it. However, no debate will take place, nor will amendments from the floor be allowed," she said. "Parliamentary procedure requires two meetings in order to pass a constitution. At the next general assembly, members will be allowed to debate points of the constitution and present amendments from the floor."

— Tara Gray  
RHA Vice President

**PRAIRIE VIEW**

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such as liberal arts, engineering or agriculture; and square footage.

Crain said schools in the system receive money for each square foot, and the Legislature has adopted a space model that proposes how many square feet are needed for a faculty or non-faculty member in a certain department.

"All courses are spaced out based on a certain square footage," Crain said. "For example, an engineering lab would need more space than liberal arts coursework."

Although there may not be obvious financial advantages to being affiliated with the A&M System, University System officials say there are other benefits such as shared resources and services like administrative oversight, a combined investment office and a centrally-operated payroll system.

One of the spectators displeased with the lack of funding for historically black universities like Prairie View is civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson.

While speaking at a church service in Houston, Jackson demanded equal funding for historically black universities in Texas according to a recent article in the *Houston Chronicle*. Jackson referred to the current equity as "apartheid."

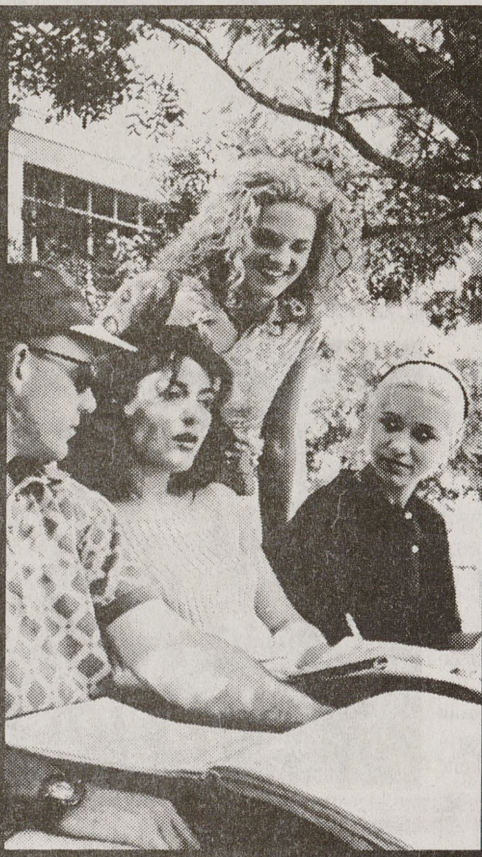
Following Jackson's comment, Howard Graves, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System released the following statement: "The Texas A&M University System wholeheartedly committed to ensuring the quality at all nine of our institutions of higher education, including Prairie View A&M University."

Right now the governor, the attorney general and other state officials are collaborating with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights to review programs and funding at Prairie View A&M University. Once the review is complete, the A&M System plans to cooperate fully with any changes directed and resourced by the governor and responsible state officials.

Supporters of Prairie View and other historically black universities are planning a march and rally in Houston on Friday for funding for historically black universities.

McCain had opened a slight edge in early returns. McCain did best with men, moderates, independent people voting in their first Republican primary and those who decided to vote in the past week. Voters who rank Social Security and Medicare as their top issues stood up for what they believe.

Bush said the fact that McCain's sister questioned breast cancer was "all the more reason" to question senator's record on the issue. Firing back, McCain said Bush might "not be ready for prime time."



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