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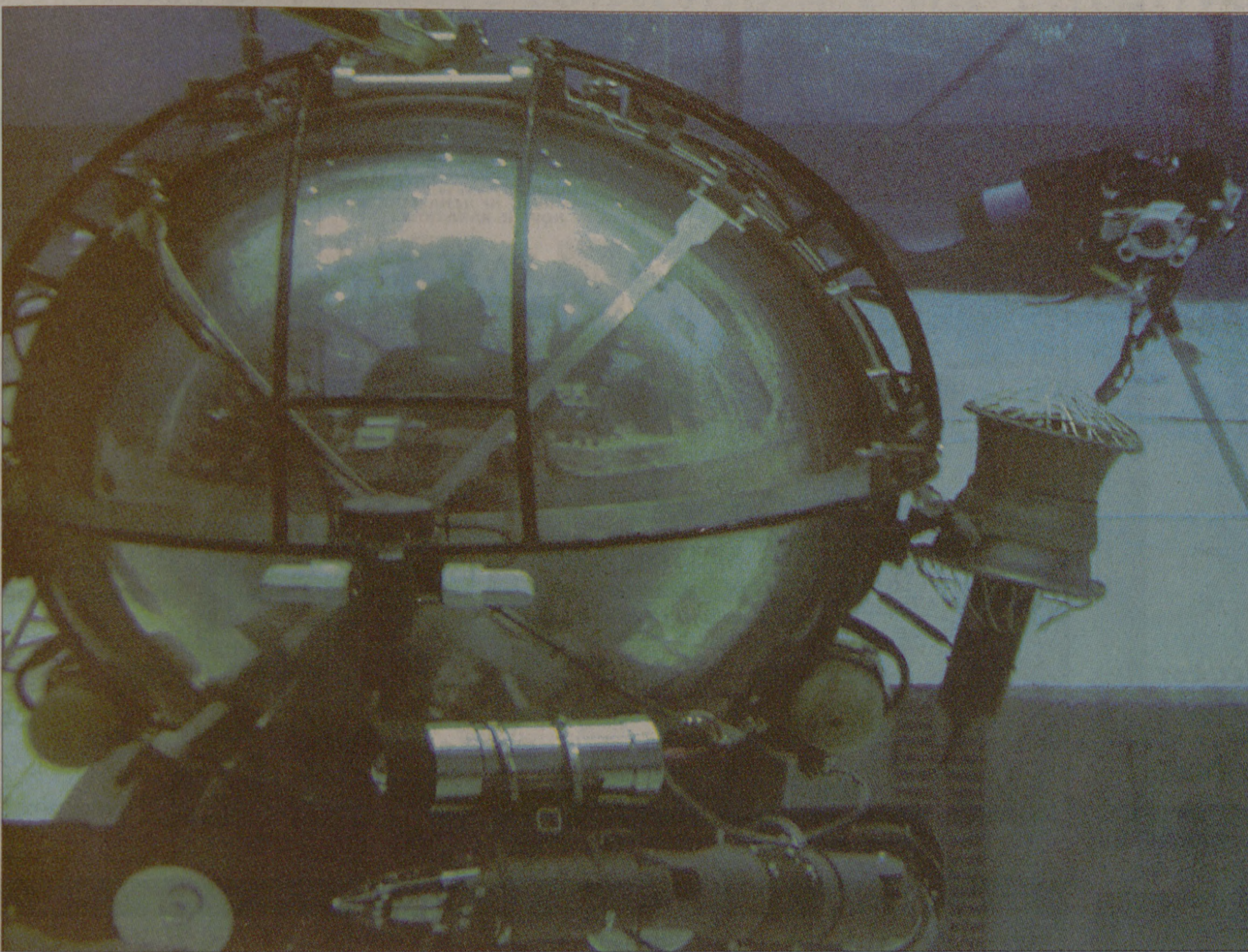
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Deep diving



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Emma Hickerson, Class of 1992, videos College Station resident and Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary manager G.P. Schmahl maneuver the Deep Rover in the wave pool at the Offshore Technology Research Center on Monday afternoon. The submersible will be used at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, a coral reef 100 miles south of the Texas-Louisiana border.

Bush urges change to achieve peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged the Palestinians on Monday to replace Yasser Arafat as their leader and adopt "a practicing democracy" that could produce an independent state within three years.

"Peace requires a new and different Palestinian leadership so that a Palestinian state can be born," Bush said at the White House.

In his long-anticipated speech, Bush said "reform must be more than cosmetic changes or a veiled attempt to preserve the status quo" if the Palestinians are to fulfill their aspirations for a state alongside Israel.

Elections should be held by the end of the year for a legislature with normal authority and there also must be a constitution, Bush said as he set stiff conditions for a Palestinian state.

"When the Palestinian people have new leaders, new institutions and new security arrangements with their neighbors, the United States of America will support the creation of a Palestinian state, whose borders and certain aspects of its sovereignty will be provisional until resolved as part of a final settlement in the Middle East," Bush said.

Senior administration officials said they envision the Palestinians being able to reach provisional statehood within 18 months and full permanent statehood in as soon as three years.

"With a determined effort, this state could rise rapidly — as it comes to terms with its neighbors on practical issues, such as security," Bush said.

Israel also has a large stake in the success of a democratic Palestine, he said. "A stable, peaceful Palestinian state is necessary to achieve the security that Israel longs for," Bush said.

Touching delicately on the thorniest issues, the president said Jerusalem's future and the plight of refugees must be addressed. But he offered no prescription.

"You have lived too long with fear and funerals," he said.

Addressing the Palestinian people, Bush said he understood how they could feel like pawns in the Middle East conflict. "You deserve democracy and the rule of law," he said. "You deserve a life for your children and an end to occupation."

The president made his remarks in an afternoon speech in the Rose Garden, where he had announced in April that his administration would try to mediate the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. Bush leaves Tuesday for a meeting in Canada with leaders of the world's other major industrialized democracies.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, stood alongside the president in stifling early summer heat. Bush and his advisers staked out a shady area.

Bush also demanded that Israel withdraw to positions it held on the West Bank two years ago and to stop building homes for Jews on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Incoming freshman dies en route to Bible study

By Melissa Sullivan
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Heather Marie Folden, an incoming freshman, died June 18 while riding in a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe with three women on their way to a Bible study in Tyler.

While stopped at a red light at the intersection of Highway 69 North and Farm Road 344, their vehicle was rear-ended by a 1998 Dodge pickup. Two others remain hospitalized.

"She was very excited about

attending Texas A&M," said Terri Folden, Heather's mother. "She had just attended her new student conference a few weeks ago. She has several friends attending now and many who will attend in the fall."

Heather wanted to go into the medical field, but had not decided on a major, her mother said.



FOLDEN

Heather's dream to attend A&M began with her grandfather, who graduated in the 1950s.

"She went and toured the campus this past summer and upon returning she said 'this is where I want to go,'" said Terri.

Heather recently graduated from Jacksonville High School, where she was active in sports.

"She loved athletics and played for two years on the varsity basketball team and helped lead them to the playoffs," Terri said.

In addition to her athletic ability, Heather was a member

of National Honor Society, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and received numerous honors, including being named a member of the Texas Girls Association Academic All-State team for her achievements on the court and in the classroom.

"She received several awards for having one of the highest GPAs among female athletes," her mother said.

Heather was known for being competitive in everything she did, from snow skiing to water

skiing, her mother said.

"She was a strong, independent person who tried hard at everything," her mother said. "She was very good to be honest, not the very best, but good. She could beat her dad snow skiing down a mountain even though he would not want to admit it."

Heather was an active member of her church, Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville, where she sang and attended Bible study.

"She was a wonderful person and her Christian faith was very important to her," Terri said.

Friends of Heather remember her as an admirable person who could light up any room she entered.

"I have known her my whole life," said Brad Brewer, incoming freshman and business administration major. "She was real good-hearted and genuine, she loved people and was fun to be around. She was always smiling and laughing."

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PTTS makes changes for summer

By Christina Hoffman
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Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) will be making a number of structural changes this summer including choosing a new director, hiring a bus operations communications coordinator and filtering in new buses.

Jane Schneider, assistant vice president for administration and chair of the search committee for a new PTTS director, said the committee has been hosting on-campus interviews with three candidates for the vacant position.

The search committee's three finalists are Patrick J. Kass, current director of parking services at the University of Arizona; Gary S. Graham, current

director of parking services at Louisiana State University and A&M College; and Rodney Eugene Weis, current director of parking services at Georgia Institute of Technology.

"The search committee will put recommendations together and determine what we see as the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate," Schneider said.

She said the search committee will meet sometime this week to make recommendations.

Robert Bisor, assistant vice president for administration and interim director for PTTS, and Charles Sippial,

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Church charter bus crashes into pillar

TERRELL, Texas (AP) — A chartered bus taking youngsters to a church camp crashed into the concrete pillar of an overpass Monday, killing the driver and four passengers, authorities said.

At least 36 other people were injured in the accident about 30 miles east of Dallas. The bus was carrying more than 40 people and had departed from the Dallas suburb of Garland.

The bus became wedged between the pillar and a grass embankment, its left side nearly sheared off. The scattered debris included a shoe and a tattered black Bible, along with a pile of bus seats and twisted pieces of metal.

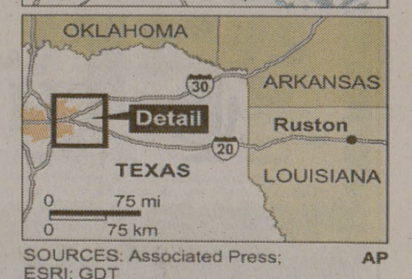
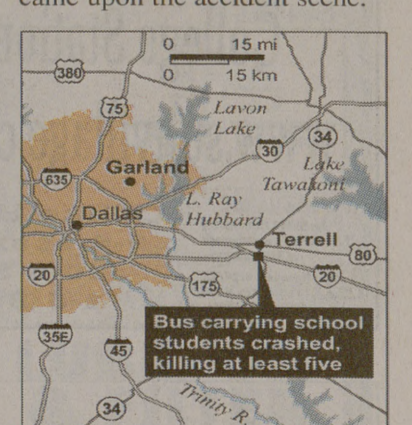
Family members gathered under the bridge on the other side of the interstate, hugging and crying as emergency officials worked to clear the mangled wreckage.

Passengers said the eastbound bus on Interstate 20 swerved just before it veered into the pillar. The cause of the crash wasn't immediately determined, said state Department of Public Safety Cpl. Joe Applewhite. The wrecked bus was loaded onto a trailer and taken to a site where it will be inspected.

The bus was one of two taking middle and high school students and some adult chaperones to a church camp in Ruston, La.

"I was able to pull some of the children out from the chairs that were all mangled up and tore up," said Ruben Vasquez, a passer-by who was among the first on the scene. "These kids were screaming and hollering for their moms and dads."

Todd Von Helms, a youth minister with First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill, was traveling with another group headed to the same camp when they came upon the accident scene.



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Bus Ops informs students of route changes

By Ruth Ihde
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Due to the construction on Bizzell, New Main and Houston Street, Bus Operations are seeking alternate routes for campus buses, Assistant Director for Bus Operations Gary Jackson said.

The Replant bus, which is the counterclockwise version of the Bonfire bus route, will not be running. To compensate, Bonfire will leave Rudder Tower every 10 minutes and will have three buses on route, he said.

"Those are really the only two changes for the summer,"

Jackson said.

Last spring, construction started on New Main, affecting the Excel bus route. Like the Howdy route, Excel now makes two on-campus stops near the Memorial Student Center and by the Bizzell West building and continues on its normal route. The route still makes its main campus stop on Asbury Street.

Jackson said it works well because it minimizes the time spent on University Drive, thereby making the route more efficient. The construction has not complicated the bus routes too much, Jackson said.

Other changes being made to off-campus routes this summer and continuing into the fall include dropping the Oaks Apartments from the Gig 'Em bus route due to lack of passengers and dividing the Hullabaloo bus route in half.

Instead of having Hullabaloo run the normal route, Bus Operations has brought the Tradition bus back to cover Holleman Street, Jackson feels this will make the route more effective and will serve the passengers better.

In recent years, Bus Operations has made an effort to communicate the changes

being made to the students more efficiently. Now, when a route change is planned, it must be advertised for one week before any changes start, he said.

Jackson said they get helpful student input from the drivers and trainers at Bus Ops about which routes need to be changed.

This fall, Jackson said that Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) hopes to hire a consultant full time in order to make the bus

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