

Shuttle buses serve off-campus students

A record 6,000 Texas A&M University students are expected to use the shuttle bus service which starts at 7 a.m. Aug. 30, predict university officials.

Riders will have access to 16 buses this year, two more than in the past, as service expands southward to the FM 2818 bypass, eastward to Scarlett O'Hara Drive and northward to Country Club Drive.

Students and staff at Texas A&M may purchase semester passes for bus service at the University Police Department. Costs are \$15 per student, \$22.50 per student and spouse and \$20 per staff member.

Individual, 10-ride booklets are also available from the cashier in the Coker Building for \$1.50 per student and \$2 per staff member.

All shuttle routes begin service at

7 a.m., note organizers, with end-of-line departures every 10 minutes until 5:30. After that time, buses leave every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour from campus stops. Last bus leaves campus at 9:30 p.m.

One change has been made in the shuttle service maps made available to subscribers, say officials.

On the northern route, the jaunt from S. College Ave. onto North St., Cavitt, Villa Maria Rd. and back to S. College has been abolished until establishment of a traffic signal at S. College and Villa Maria.

Instead, the buses on that route continue on S. College, turn left onto Country Club Dr., proceed around Lakeview and Lynn streets and turn back onto S. College toward campus.

Northern route service stops at

A&M married student housing, S. College and North St., S. College and Pleasant, Lakeview and Ehlinger, Fairway Apts., Tri-State Sporting Goods, Triangle Bowling Lanes, 4212 Apts., Country Place, Casa Blanca and College Main before stopping on campus at the Reed McDonald Building.

Eastern routes halt between Plantation Oaks and Briarwood on O'Hara Drive, after 9 a.m. at Butler and Highway 30, Travis House, Barcelona and Sausolito. Buses stop on campus between Teague Center and the golf course.

Southern buses stop at University Terrace, Monaco I & II, Scandia I & II, Seville, Glade East and Holick Square, Doux Chene, Oak Forest, Parkway and Bee Creek, Southwest Village, West Knoll and Willowick. Two buses simultaneously serve

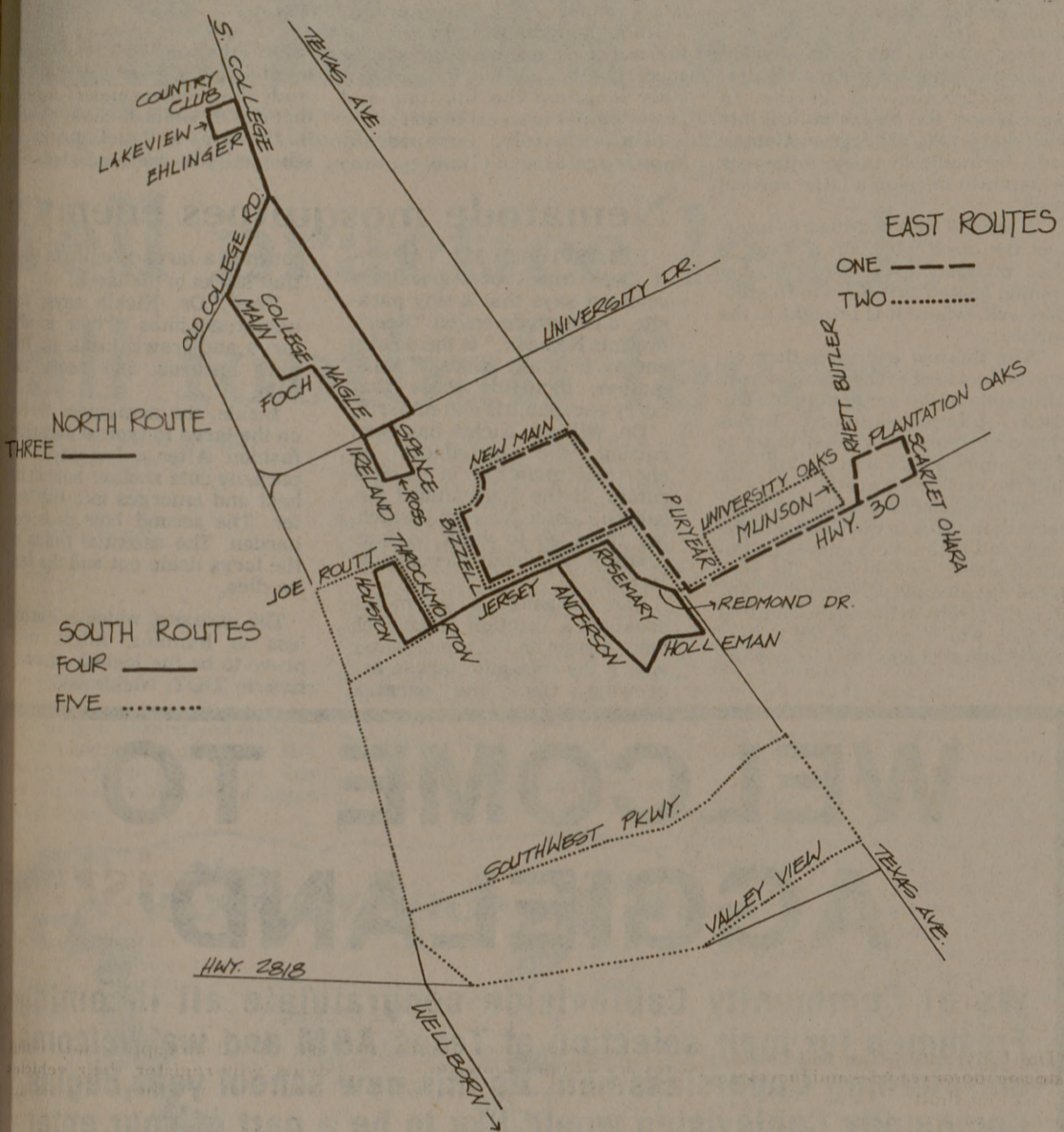
the southern routes and both will stop on campus at the corner of Throckmorton St. and Joe Rountt Blvd. across from Rudder Tower. A

modified schedule is in effect during final exams.

Another benefit to shuttle bus service users is the opportunity this

year to obtain a night parking permit for their autos free if they already subscribe to shuttle service. The permit allows students to park on the

main campus from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. the following day. Night permits may be obtained at University Police headquarters.



Mastadon remains found

By TERRY WEIDE

HIDDEN TIMBER, S.D. (AP)—A team of four Rapid City men has unearthed the remains of a giant mastadon that probably roamed the earth 70 million years ago.

"What's so exciting about this find is the condition of the skull, and the tusks, too," said Peter Larson, 24, a leader of the excavation team.

"I don't think we will have to replace more than 1 or 2 per cent of the bone in the skull."

Remains of the mastadon were dug out of a hill near Hidden Timber on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in south-central South Dakota early this summer.

The mastadon is an ancestor to the elephant and roamed semi-tropical forests just before the Ice Age.

The team found most of the skeleton intact and well preserved. One rear leg, the tail, some foot bones

and an upper leg were the only bones missing.

The excavation team included Jim Honert of Rapid City who, with Larson, operates a business specializing in minerals and fossils.

Also digging were Larson's younger brother, Neal Larson, Jr., who is a senior geology student, and Robert Tate, 13, son of a local rancher.

"We went out there, not really expecting anything, and started digging. But then we found vertebrae, then a femur, then some ribs. By now the dirt was really flying," said Pete Larson.

The skull measured seven feet one inch, from the tip of the tusks to the back of the skull. The tusks had been worn down during the mammal's lifetime, but were intact and measured 47 inches. The skull was estimated to weigh a ton.

"I don't know how many complete

skulls have been found, but there are not very many," Larson said.

Examination of the molars indicated the beast was at least 60 years old when it died, he said. It probably stood 10 feet tall at the shoulder.

The skull and other remains were dabbled with a preservative mixture of water and glue to guard against the deteriorating effects of sunlight and oxygen. The skull was also cast in plaster of paris.

Although fossil fragments of a saber-toothed tiger and a rhinoceros were found by the diggers, Larson said he does not believe the elephant died of violence.

He theorizes that the mastadon died of old age in a quick-sand pit or a stream bed at the discovery site.

Commercial collectors have been known to pay thousands of dollars for assembled mastadons, but Larson declined to set any value on the specimen he helped find.

"It's just impossible to place a value on it as far as human enjoyment goes," said Larson, a graduate student at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Larson said he would like to see it given to the school museum.

The skeleton belongs to the Tribal Council of the federal government, though the council voted to allow the excavators to crate the bones to send to Rapid City, he said.

Ahead of Larson are plans to write a paper on the discovery and, he hopes, at least help with the assembling of the skeleton for display, which could take two years.

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