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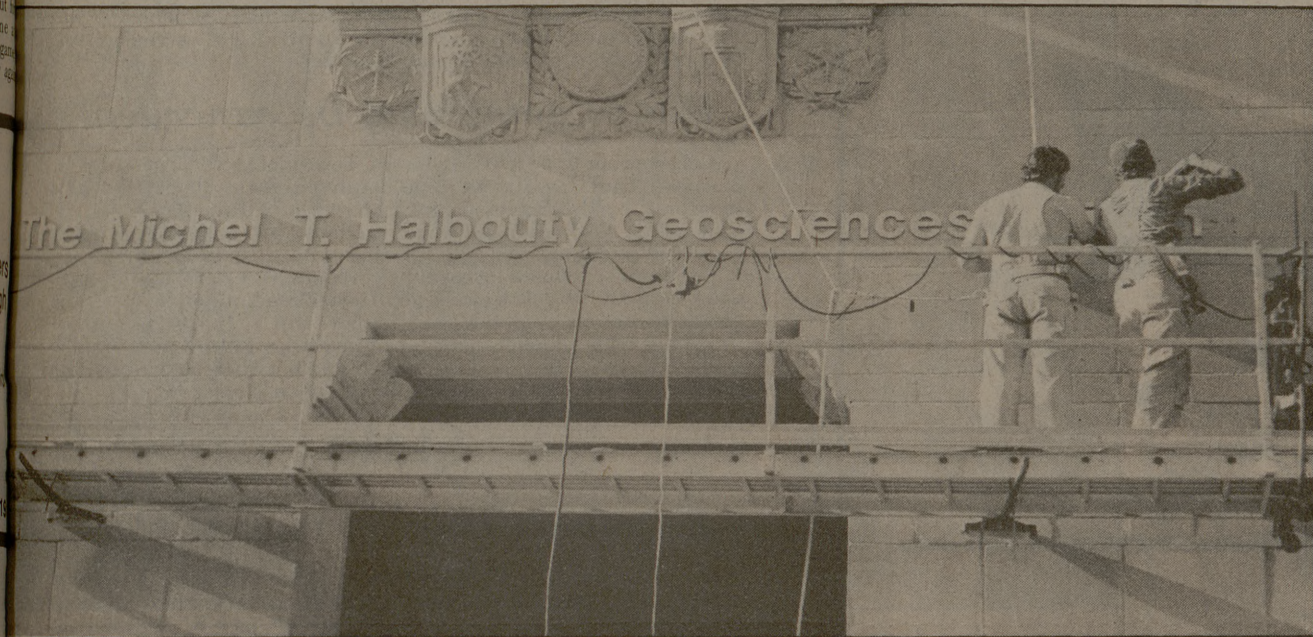
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'Now, hold it straight . . .'

Battalion photo by Michael Fred

Billy Hill and Louis Ruffino add letters to the Michel T. Halbouty Geosciences Building. The building was officially named last weekend in ceremonies honoring Halbouty, a 1930 Texas

A&M graduate. Also, the University's television and radio building was named the Joe Hiram Moore Communications Center, in honor of Moore, a 1938 A&M graduate.

Shuttle bus system ready for official 'go ahead'

By LIZ NEWLIN
Battalion Staff

After an on-campus, internal shuttle bus system next semester has been all but officially announced, administration officials agreed Tuesday.

Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller and Dr. John Adams, vice president for student services, are expected to sign an official this week and begin planning for the trial, but have been out of town.

"We're relatively sure some type of shuttle bus system will be in the spring," Howard Perry, vice president for student services, said Tuesday. "Within the next few days, the decision will be made depending on the Transportation Enterprises, Inc., (TEI) decision." Texas A&M contracts with TEI for shuttle buses and drivers, and TEI would be used in the trial. TEI's decision is whether or not the company can supply additional buses in time.

Two weeks ago the Texas A&M Student Senate approved a resolution requesting the trial and supplied reports on the need for the shuttle bus. The proposed route travels the perimeter of the campus, with three buses traveling in one direction and three more in another. At each stop, time between buses would be about 10 minutes.

Student service fees would finance the project, which would cost approximately \$51,000 under the senate proposal.

The testing would not affect existing shuttle bus service, but may use the same bus stops and intersect the off-campus routes.

Preventing traffic hazards and jams will be the main concern in planning the trial, said E. C. Oates, Residence Hall Safety and Maintenance supervisor and chairman of the Shuttle Bus Operations Committee. If the Student Government recommendation to run three buses both directions is followed, it is predicted problems on Ross Street, already narrowed by bike lanes. One possible hazardous area, he said, might be the intersection of Lamar and Bizzell Streets near the Teague Research Center.

These problems must be resolved "before the spring test begins," Oates said Tuesday. He said the cost of each bus will be about \$100 per day next semester. The number of buses on a regular system, serving about 7,000 riders, will probably increase next semester because fewer students will be enrolled, Oates said.

The proposed system would not integrate on and off-campus routes, but transportation services at UT and Texas Tech do. The UT shuttle system, running 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. week-

days, includes nine routes, two of which encircle the campus. Fifty-five buses transport about 15,000 people a day, said Jim Wilson, assistant to the vice president for business affairs.

"It is an essential part of our way of running the campus," he said. "There is not even any standing room on the buses. We could expand by 50 percent except for money."

Of a UT student's \$30 student service fees, \$12 goes toward the bus service. The eight-year-old service operates on a yearly budget of \$1.2 million. Like Texas A&M, UT contracts with TEI for buses and drivers.

Buses run every four minutes in the morning, 10-12 minutes in the afternoon and 20-25 minutes in the evening.

All routes intersect at least once, and one intersection near the main library sees 82 bus stops per hour in the morning.

About 12,000 of 22,000 Texas Tech students use Tech's nine-year-old campus bus system, Ernie Prenevost, manager of Lubbock Transit Co., said Tuesday. The university contracts the company, paid by student service fees, for the system which operates from 7 a.m. to 4:45 or 5:45 p.m. weekdays. The yearly budget is \$126,000.

Eight buses shuttle four routes to parking lots, dormitories and academic centers of the campus, he said. Buses run four or five minutes apart. Two routes go off campus every hour to streets near apartment complexes, said Ronnie Bobbitt, vice president of the Texas Tech Student Association. The association allocates student service fees, designates routes and handles complaints about the system, he said Tuesday.

Recommendation for a spring trial of the Texas A&M system was first made in May, 1977, by an ad hoc committee appointed by Chancellor Jack Williams. The committee investigated the need for an internal shuttle system and concluded next semester "might be a more opportune time to start a trial run."

In a letter to Williams, Koldus said, "since the project would have to be funded by student service fees, it is my opinion that Student Government should be given the assignment of assessing a need for such a service."

A subcommittee chaired by student senator William Altman studied the situation this fall and drafted the resolution passed by the Student Senate.

The resolution itself does not mandate any specific route or number of buses, but the report sent with the bill recommends the looping and six buses.

The recommendation states one route should serve the College of Veterinary Medicine, west campus, existing shuttle bus stops, Northgate area, peripheral parking areas at the west campus and Zachry Engineering Center.

Carter, Shah meet despite violence

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter and the shah of Iran, ignoring the most violent demonstrations in the capital in more than six years, are forgoing fresh promises of friendship between the oil rich nation and its chief arms supplier.

Carter, the shah, and their wives, Tuesday night traded a tearful White House welcoming ceremony, marred by riot gas, for the formality of a State Dinner in which the president and monarch vowed close ties.

Police braced for more protests today, as the shah was continuing meetings with Carter after a morning meeting with Energy Secretary James Schlesinger. The Iranian leader planned an appearance on Capitol Hill later in the day.

Even as guests arrived for the White House dinner Tuesday night, anti-shah

demonstrators continued the vigil across from the executive mansion.

U.S. Park Police said the day's violence was the worst in the city since anti-war demonstrations in 1971. Police said 109 civilians and 17 police were injured, most with cuts and bruises. Hospital spokesmen indicated the numbers may be lower than that, but included one man, a shah partisan, in serious condition with a skull fracture.

Eleven persons were arrested, nine for disorderly conduct and two for assaulting policemen.

Guests arriving for the dinner were brought into the executive mansion through rear entrances along streets blocked to regular traffic.

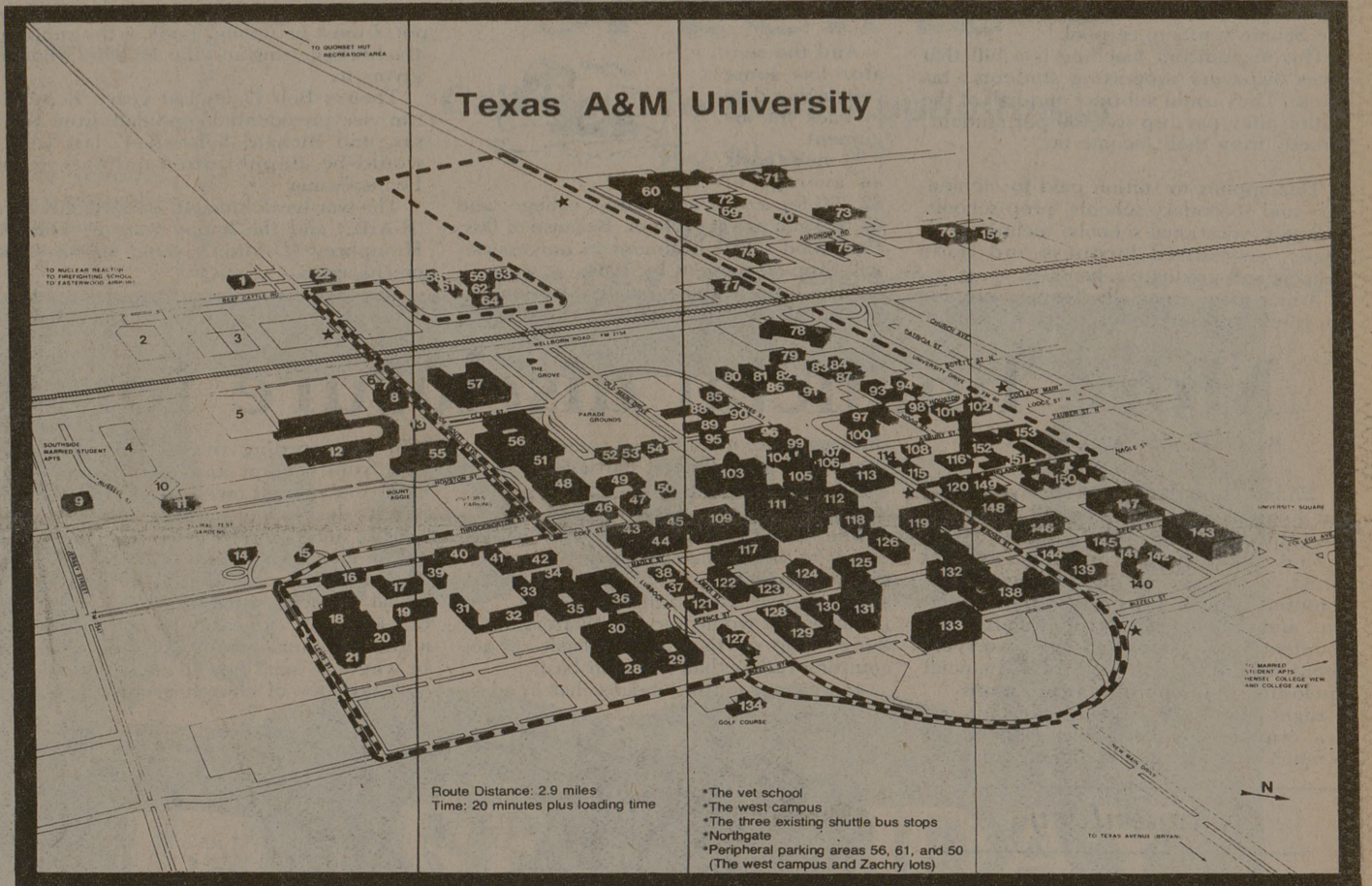
"We look upon Iran as a very stabilizing force in the world at large," Carter told the dinner guests.

"We are bound together with unbreakable ties," Carter said. "Our military alliance is unshakable."

"We look to your country and your people . . . as such good friends that this gives us even more fortitude and courage to pursue our goals," said the shah, who has met every American president since Harry Truman.

"This is a world in which countries with the same principles must come closer together."

Evidence ties between the two nations would remain strong came earlier in the day. Following his first private meeting with his visitor, Carter said he had assured the shah the United States will continue to help Iran meet its military security needs and fulfill its economic and social development programs.



Student Senate has recommended a shuttle bus route, shown by the dotted line, to University administrators. Under the senate proposal, three buses would travel the route clockwise, and three counter-clockwise: a bus would come to each stop,

shown by stars, every 10 minutes. The round trip takes about 20 minutes, plus time for loading or heavy traffic. Officials are expected to act on next semester's trial later this week.

Patrolman accused of lighting bonfire

By STEVE MAYER

The rascal who tried to ignite the bonfire on Monday, 11 days ahead of schedule, wasn't from t.u. or Texas Tech, nor was he a two percent.

College Station patrolman Donald Gooch, wearing a Texas Tech t-shirt, doused the stack with a can of gasoline and lit it at 12:50 Monday afternoon after an apparent dare.

Gooch has been charged with criminal trespassing by the College Station Police Department and has been dismissed from the department, College Station Police Chief Marvin Byrd said Tuesday.

Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic for Texas A&M University, was the first to notice the flames.

"I was standing over there talking to a couple of the kids," Parsons said. "There were six or seven working on the stack. Then I saw this flame and heard this poof and I said 'What in the hell is going on?'"

A dozen cadets chased Gooch across Jersey Street to a house at 806 Silvey owned by William Lancaster, who leases it to students.

Mrs. Lancaster said Gooch showed a badge to one of the residents and said he was being chased, but that it was "just a joke."

The cadets outside, however, didn't see the humor and they surrounded the house. Mr. Lancaster was summoned to go into the house, where he found Gooch squeezed in the back of a closet.

Gooch told Lancaster he was from Texas Tech and that eight others had been with him. He was wearing a custom-printed t-shirt which read "Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas and

something about karate," Lancaster said.

He told Gooch, "You better come on and face the music, they're waiting for you outside." He was surrounded by cadets until College Station police arrived.

Mrs. Lancaster praised the behavior of the cadets in that they never entered the house. "They could have gone in there and gotten in a big fight," she said. "They were just itching to get him."

Gooch was taken to the College Station Police Department and suspended 30 minutes later for "unprofessional behavior," Byrd said.

Gooch's trespassing charge stems from his entering the house, and is punishable by one year in jail or a fine, or both, Byrd said. He had been with the department 13 months.

No one was injured during the incident and the bonfire was not damaged.

Gooch has lived in this area all his life and he knows it takes more than a gallon of gasoline to ignite the stack, Byrd said. He said he thought it was because of a dare.

He also said College Station police officers were concerned that the incident might adversely affect the department's relationship with Texas A&M students. As a result, some of the officers have offered to guard and help build the bonfire. Parsons said it really wasn't necessary.

The 26-year-old Gooch was unavailable for comment, but his wife agreed the incident resulted from a dare. Despite all that has happened, she said she and her husband plan to attend the bonfire.

Begin-Sadat talks considered foregone result by officials

United Press International

TEL AVIV, Israel — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin both used Communist Romania to sound each other out about a possible summit meeting, Begin's top aide said today.

Official sources treat the historic visit almost as a foregone conclusion. Some say it could take place next week, possibly Friday, shortly after Begin returns from an official visit to Britain.

Sadat arrived in Damascus, Syria, today to confer with Hafez Assad, who is believed to oppose Sadat's dramatic offer to travel to Jerusalem. But Arab diplomats said it would be exceedingly difficult for Sadat to back out of the trip now.

Begin's top aide, Yehiel Kadishai, said today the question of direct talks between Begin and Sadat was raised during the prime minister's five-day visit to Romania in August for talks with President Nicolae Ceausescu.

"It was all verbal, of course," Kadishai said. "All sort of political questions were raised and a possible meeting was among them."

When Sadat visited Romania in October, he said, "I imagine something happened there as well."

Diplomatic sources said the Romanian leader previously used his connections as president of the only Soviet-bloc country with diplomatic relations to Israel to pass similar messages from Israel to the Arabs.

Begin handed the formal invitation Tuesday to U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, who cabled it to Cairo for retyping and delivery to Sadat. It was not clear yet whether Sadat had actually received it.

Sadat Tuesday told a group of U.S. congressmen in Cairo he considered his visit to Jerusalem a "holy job" to end 30 years of hostilities between the Israelis and Arabs.

In Washington, Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz thanked President Carter for U.S. help in arranging the visit and said Israel had proposed several alternative dates.

The fast-breaking developments caught Israeli officials by surprise, forcing them to start making arrangements for a visit that would have been considered an impossibility as recently as a week ago.

Government sources said a hasty search is under way for Egyptian flags and music

sheets of the Egyptian national anthem in anticipation of the visit.

Jerusalem's three largest hotels — the King David, The Hilton and the Plaza — are vying for the privilege of hosting Sadat, his entourage and a bevy of reporters.

Begin issued the momentous invitation to Sadat from the floor of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, and lawmakers overwhelmingly endorsed the move.

"I hope that soon I will meet President

Sadat at Lod Ben-Gurion Airport and we will ride together to Jerusalem," Begin said as he handed over the note to Lewis.

"He may speak Arabic — we will have an interpreter — or we may both speak English, he with Arabic accent and I with an Israeli accent."

He said his invitation to Sadat can be expanded to include the leaders of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. But invitations to these leaders have not been transmitted.

Schlesinger predicts future of energy to oil industry

United Press International

HOUSTON — Energy Secretary James Schlesinger predicts "a golden age" for the petroleum industry once it patches up its disagreement with the government over energy policy.

Schlesinger Tuesday told representatives of the oil industry they needed to practice moderation in order to meet the energy requirements of the future.

"This industry has never failed to respond to a national challenge. I expect that once those energy policy quarrels are over, everyone will get to work. It will be for the next 20 years a golden age of the industry," Schlesinger said in closing remarks of the American Petroleum Institute's 57th annual convention.

But the secretary, whose remarks stirred occasional grumbling in the audience, warned oilmen to limit their demand for reward.

"If you ask for too much, more than is politically acceptable in this country, you may get it temporarily, but it will not be consistent with stability in planning."

Schlesinger said the petroleum industry was apprehensive of government, and he said it was his responsibility to eliminate the problem.

"It is part of my purpose to do what I can to try to reduce some of that apprehension. The object of the government is to see the American oil industry flourish. Indeed it is flourishing," he said.

Schlesinger, who admitted his address had "nothing new in terms of policy," said President Carter's energy plan should be considered "a major step forward . . . not a blueprint for all time. It was intended to provide a stable framework within which industry could operate."

He said the president's policy included some reduction in regulations, changes in

some price controls favorable to industry and a diminished bureaucracy.

Schlesinger attacked what he called "a mythology that has spread wide in this industry" and called for reasoning rather than "facile answers or sloganeering."

He said industry myths include: the government thinks there is no new oil; Carter too strongly favors conservation over production; and government regulation is to blame for energy problems.

Schlesinger said the first is untrue, "We read the same publications . . . that you do." He said there are an estimated 81 billion barrels of reserves yet to be discovered, but that could be exhausted in 20 years if the country did not practice moderation.

Schlesinger also said blaming government regulation ignores the fact that oilmen sought such regulation in times past, when the reverse of today's situation prevailed and supply exceeded demand.