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To Russia with students

Dr. Michael Barzap has been working on a trip to Russia for students since he moved to Texas A&M in June 1978. For more information see page 9.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

M. T. Harrington Tower soon will house a student lounge similar to those in the MSC. After the spring semester began, workers put finishing touches on the first floor glass enclosure, which reflects the Academic Building. The first floor is also used for offices.

Student lounge in Harrington to open

A student lounge similar to those in the Memorial Student Center is scheduled to open in mid-February in M. T. Harrington Tower, said a spokesman for the maintenance department. The lounge, which will occupy the northern half of the ground floor, was designed to provide students with a place to go. "We feel that the students need someplace to go between classes and Harrington is in a great location," explained Dr. Charles McCandless, director of planning for the University. The lounge will not have vending machines, but machines are on the second floor of the tower. The southern half of Harrington has been converted into offices, which are now occupied by the General Studies Program and the English Language Institute. Those offices were completed over the Christmas holidays and the departments moved in before the semester began. The offices were finished before the student lounge because of the shortage of office spaces on campus, McCandless said.

Former Houston police chief sentenced, fears persecution

HOUSTON — An attorney for one-time police chief Carroll Lynn fears his client will be the victim of persecution and harassment if he is imprisoned on his conviction for extortion. Lynn, an assistant chief at the time of his arrest last spring, was sentenced Monday to 12 years in prison and fined \$10,000 for trying to extort money from a wealthy oilman, then resisting a grand jury investigation of the scheme. The 45-year-old Lynn served as police

chief from January 1975 until July 1976, when he was forced to resign because of a wiretapping scandal and if his appeals are unsuccessful, he could become Houston's first police chief to serve in prison. James Pape, Lynn's attorney, unsuccessfully argued his client will be the target of harassment from other inmates because of his police background. "Lynn was a police officer for 22 years. Imprisonment would be especially harsh, far harsher than for other inmates, because he would be in constant danger from other inmates," Pape said.

Lynn received a 10-year sentence suspended in lieu of five years probation for extortion. District Judge Carl O. Bue hinged the probation on payment of the fine. The judge also sentenced Lynn to four years in prison for one count of perjury and eight years on two counts of obstruction of justice for lying to a grand jury and trying to influence other testimony. Lynn — flanked by his wife, two daughters and parents — displayed no emotion and declined comment after the hearing. He will remain free on \$50,000 bond pending appeal. The former police chief was convicted of trying to extort \$25,000 from oilman John V. Holden by warning him of an alleged death plot and then seeking a payoff to stop it. Prosecutors also charged Lynn had said he could block a federal securities investigation of Holden for the right amount of money and then threatened Holden after the oilman refused to pay off. The securities investigation continued and led to charges still pending against Holden. Prosecutors said Lynn told Holden he could obtain the "fix" through U.S. Attorney Tony Canales and U.S. Immigration Commissioner Leonel Castillo. Both ridiculed Lynn's story as untrue. When the deal failed to materialize, Lynn told Holden "the Mexican mafia" was out to get him and used the mysterious shooting of Holden's lawyer, Gerald Birnberg, to support his story about a death contract.

13-year-old leads police on Interstate speed chase

SLIDELL, La. — A policeman who stopped a girl driving aimlessly was surprised to find she was only 13 years old, he was even more surprised at being chased on a 30-mile chase at speeds of more than 100 mph. "I'll tell you what — they tell me she'd make A.J. Foyt look bad," said Police Chief Max Rodriguez. "She's a good driver. She drove the Interstate at 3 in the morning with no lights on." The chase ended in New Orleans when the car was rammed by a New Orleans patrol car and forced to a halt. During the chase she was involved in several minor accidents without injuries, police said.

The girl, whose name was withheld because of her age, was held for a juvenile court hearing today. Charges against her included numerous traffic violations, being a fugitive, hit and run, resisting arrest, driving without a license, reckless operation of a motor vehicle and failure to yield. The girl was in her parents' car but they apparently were unaware she had it. "She even asked us not to tell her parents," Rodriguez said. Asked if the officer was surprised by the incident, Rodriguez responded, "Wouldn't you be? Apparently she can really drive an automobile."

Teng charges U.S., China with keeping world peace

WASHINGTON — Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping told President Carter in a historic White House visit Monday the United States and China are "duty bound" to help maintain peace and stability in the world. "Friendly cooperation between our two peoples is bound to exert a positive and far-reaching imprint on the world and the way the world situation evolves," said Teng through an interpreter. The diminutive Chinese leader spoke in a wind-whipped, nationally broadcast greeting ceremony before Teng and Carter began two days of delicate diplomatic summitry to cement the Jan. 1 resumption of U.S.-Peking diplomatic relations. Both Carter and Teng voiced pleasure at the resumption of normal relations during the colorful, 30-minute ceremony on the White House south lawn. It was marred

by a brief demonstration in which two protesters were arrested by security police. "The significance of normalization extends far beyond our bilateral relations," said the 74-year-old Teng, adding that he looked forward to meeting Americans from "all walks of life" later this week in Atlanta, Houston and Seattle.

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"The factors making for war are visibly growing. The people of the world have an urgent task of redoubling their efforts to maintain peace and world stability. Our two countries are duty bound to work together and make a true contribution to that end," he said.

The Secret Service identified the two demonstrators — who obtained temporary press passes after showing accreditation from the New York City Police Department — as Keith Kozimoto of New York City and Sonja Ransom of Seattle. The two, who shouted during Carter's welcoming remarks, were believed to be members of a Maoist group protesting the new Washington-Peking relations. "Today is a time of reunion and new beginnings," Carter said before he and Teng retired to the Oval Office for their first meeting on such matters as Taiwan, a lessening of tensions in Asia and the Western Pacific and increased trade and cultural ties. The two leaders were to continue their talks later Monday and again earlier today. Teng will also meet with congressional leaders and attend several receptions before he leaves Washington Thursday on a

whirlwind visit to Atlanta, Houston and Seattle. He flies home from Seattle next Monday.

"Great possibilities lie ahead for developing amicable cooperation between China and the United States," said Teng, adding that he looked forward to exploring such cooperation "with your government leaders and with friends in all walks of life."

Shortly before the welcoming ceremony, the Washington Star published an interview with Teng by Hendley Donovan, editor of Time Inc., in which the Chinese leader called for the United States and Japan to join him in an alliance "to place curbs on the (Soviet) polar bear."

Calling the Soviet Union "a hotbed of war," Teng said:

"If we really want to be able to place curbs on the polar bear, the only thing is for us to unite. If we only depend on the strength of the U.S., it is not enough. If we only depend on the strength of Europe, it is not enough."

Carter personally opened the door of Teng's black limousine and shook the Chinese leader's hand as the greeting began at 10 a.m. Both men — dressed in overcoats on the raw, windy day — smiled warmly and Teng clapped in the Chinese style of returning the crowd's applause.

Teng showed no emotion as he and the president and their wives stood on the podium for the 19-gun salute. Then Teng reviewed the military honor guard, towered over by Carter and a U.S. Army aide.

While reviewing the troops, Carter waved at the crowd. Teng walked at his side without any visible show of emotion, then he saluted a flag and held his thumb and forefinger together in the traditional American "OK" gesture.

Medical technology program here to end

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Due to a ruling by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, no new-comers will study medical technology at Texas A&M University.

The new rule requires that universities offering a medical technology curriculum must be affiliated with an accredited medical technology school by May 1, 1980.

Medical technologists work with chemicals and instruments to test body tissues and fluids. They also culture bacteria to identify disease-causing organisms, analyze blood samples and other related laboratory activities.

Texas A&M's current program consists of three years of academic study here and one year of training at an accredited medical technology school.

However, Texas A&M is not affiliated and has no plans to do so in the future.

"There are a variety of reasons for this decision," said Dr. Marlene Churchwell, who is an assistant professor of biology and adviser for the medical technology program.

Churchwell said it has never been necessary for Texas A&M to be affiliated with a particular medical technology school in the past because "A&M students are well prepared for the field." It has always been the responsibility of the student to apply and gain entrance to the school of his choice, she said.

Churchwell said that if Texas A&M were affiliated with a particular school, the students would have no choice of where they could go to complete their fourth year.

John Beckham, assistant dean of the College of Science, said another reason behind the decision not to continue with the medical technology curriculum is that the new ruling could require as many as 15 members of adjunct or part-time faculty members from the medical technology

school to be placed on the Texas A&M faculty.

"A&M's faculty members are picked to the 'nth' degree," Beckham said. "We would be taking on people we don't know, don't get to select and basically have no need for."

Although the three-year program in medical technology will not be offered in the catalog next semester, students can apply to a medical technology school after getting a four-year bachelor of science degree in a related field such as biology, chemistry or microbiology.

Churchwell said that due to advanced technology in the medical field, students often need more preparation and the extra year would be an advantage.

Since some students are studying in related fields but are planning to apply for medical technology school upon graduation, it is undetermined how many students at Texas A&M will be directly affected by the new ruling, Churchwell said.

Last fall, Texas A&M has 144 students enrolled in medical technology and has graduated only 29 students since the program began in 1972.

No teachers will lose their jobs as a result since medical technology students don't take any specialized courses here.

Kirsten Dunson, a sophomore medical technology student from Levelland, said she's decided to go an extra year and get a degree in biology since she can't finish her three-year curriculum by the 1980 deadline.

"I was very shocked when I heard about it because I'd just entered the program," she said. "But in the future it might turn out for the best because I'll get my B.S. degree and be more qualified to get a job."

Elizabeth Lund, a third-year medical technology student from Houston, said, "I'm just glad I'm getting out before the hassle. I do feel sorry for those poor kids in their first and second year who have

trouble getting in."

In the meantime, it looks like medical technology students at Texas A&M have the options of trying to finish their curriculum before the new ruling deadline, going an extra year and getting a degree in a related field, or transferring to another university that is affiliated with a medical technology school and offers a three-year program.

Khomeini says he will return to Iran

PARIS — Iranian opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini reaffirmed Monday he will return to Iran "at the first opportunity" and is ready to die if more bloodshed sweeps his country.

"I will go home whenever the airports in Iran are opened, at the first chance to be among my own people," the 78-year-old holy man said in a statement to journalists clustered at his tiny suburban cottage west of Paris.

He was responding to both Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar's cancellation of a trip to Paris after Khomeini refused to see him unless he resigns and the announcement that the embattled new premier is ordering Iranian airports reopened so Khomeini can return home — without any guarantees to his safety.

"If there is any blood to be shed further we want to be among our own people," Khomeini said in a statement read out by spokesman Ibrahim Yazdi in English and Sadegh Ghotbzadeh in French.

About Khomeini's safety, the chief of Iran's majority Shia Moslem sect said, "God himself is the one who oversees my

security and my own people will be responsible for looking after it."

Neither Khomeini nor his spokesmen offered any comment on Bakhtiar's cancellation of his Paris trip to see Khomeini after the holy man refused to see him unless he resigned. Khomeini has denounced the premier as a "traitor" and his government as "illegal."

"Once back home we will solve all the problems our country faces," the ayatollah said.

Speaking of Sunday's bloody clashes in the streets of Tehran, Khomeini said, "Experience has shown that each time there has been interference by the illegal government and the army we have had violence. Whenever the army and the government have been absent there has been peace and quiet."

"In conclusion, I will leave as soon as the airfields are reopened so as to be among my own people."

Bakhtiar's twin announcements of canceling his own trips and reopening the airports appeared to have taken the Khomeini entourage by surprise.

A Khomeini aide called the UPI Paris bureau asking confirmation that Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar had decided to cancel his trip to Paris to reach some accord on Iran's political turmoil.

Aides of Khomeini Sunday repeated his long-standing policy that "Mr. Bakhtiar will be received by the ayatollah only if he comes to present his resignation."

The said he will be treated in the same fashion as Sahed Teherani, who was president of the shah-appointed regency council of Iran until he arrived in Paris and resigned in order to gain an audience with Khomeini.

Consol quiz seeks chief

Screening of applications for A&M Consolidated School District Superintendent Fred Hopson's job continued Monday night when the screening committee met for the third time.

The school board terminated Hopson's three-year contract in November citing "disagreements concerning educational policy and policy implementation."

The committee, comprised of three school board trustees, two administrative officials and four teachers, went into executive session to discuss what questions it will ask the applicants and what their probable answers would be.

Although past selection committee meetings have been open to the public, Elliott Bray, chairman of the committee, decided to close future meetings to prevent applicants from learning the questions and desired answers.

"You don't give someone the answers before they take the quiz," Bray said. Deadline for applications is Feb. 2. Bray said the committee expects to receive 30-50 applications.

