

Evening shuttle

Students now have night 'escort service'

By MERIL EDWARDS
Battalion Staff

Aggies will no longer be left in the dark on the west side of the tracks. A night shuttle service began Monday to ferry students from the west side of the campus to the Memorial Student Center and the area women's dorms.

The shuttle van is being provided by the Office of Student Services and Alpha Omega, a service fraternity.

Members of OPA will drive the van weekdays through Thursdays from 7:20 to 12:40 a.m. It will run every 20

minutes continuously. There is no charge for the service.

Ed Morris, administrative assistant, said the van belongs to the University and has no special markings to designate it as a shuttle service vehicle. He said it will seat 15 people.

Morris said the shuttle van was designed for after-dark hours since the intra-campus shuttle stops running at 5:30 p.m.

The van will stop on the west side of campus between parking areas 56 and 61 to pick up students. It will then cross

Wellborn Road at the West Main intersection, and make stops at the MSC, Beutel Health Center and the Fowler-Keathly-Hughes dorm complex. (See drawing.)

Dr. John Koldus, vice president of Student Services, asked APO to take on this service project.

"APO is always looking for new projects," Koldus said, "so when the night shuttle service came up, I offered it to them first and they decided to take it on."

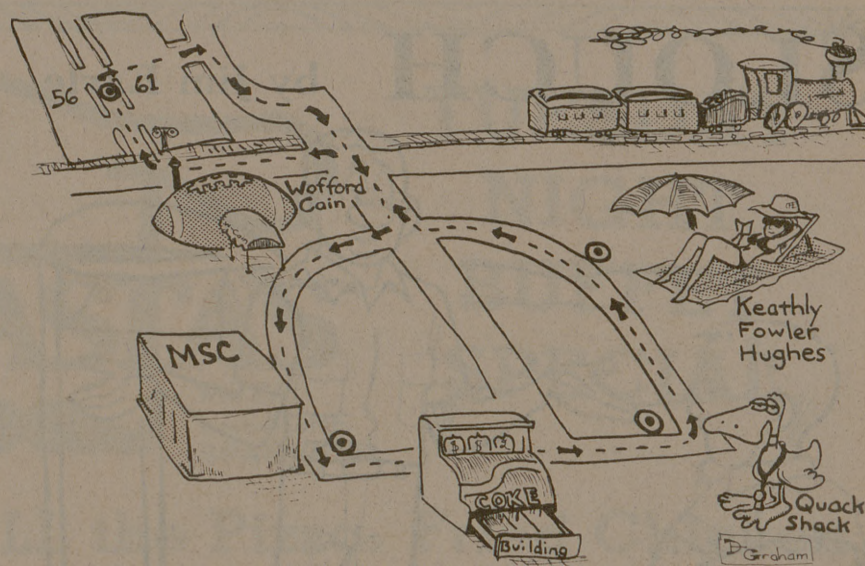
Koldus said the night shuttle service has been planned for some time now. He said both the university police and residence

hall safety staffs have been thinking about such a system.

"I think it will be a beneficial service," Koldus said. "There will be some rough spots to work out in terms of time. They'll have to play with it a bit to come up with the best situation."

The new night shuttle service does not serve the Commons area, so Police Chief Russ McDonald said the University Police will continue to serve students who call.

"We may turn some callers down, though," McDonald said, "if the night shuttle serves their area."



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Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today, in the low 90s today and low 70s tonight. Winds 5-10 miles per hour with a 20 percent chance of rain today.

Middle East envoy reports negotiations 'stepping up'

United Press International

President Carter's Middle East envoy Robert Strauss and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil reported a general accord Monday to "step up the tempo" of the negotiations with Israel on Palestinian autonomy.

Strauss, who returned to the Middle East Sunday for his second visit in less than a month, met for three hours in Cairo with Khalil, who leads the Egyptian side at the autonomy negotiations.

Strauss, who left today for Israel, said afterward: "I think we leave here with a general accord that will serve us well."

"This is the time for our continuing, stepping up the tempo, if you will, for actions around the (negotiating) table between now and next May," he said.

Negotiations on autonomy for the 1.1 million Palestinians who inhabit the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip opened last May 25 and have a target duration of one year.

As the Strauss-Khalil meeting was under way, Vice President Hosni Mubarak departed for Washington for summit talks with President Carter and his aides on Middle East peace efforts and American economic aid to Egypt.

Indicating the Palestinian question would figure prominently in the Washington talks, Mubarak said: "We are paving the way now for the Palestinians" in the autonomy negotiations.

"After this stage, they can join the

negotiations. So can (Jordan's) King Hussein," Mubarak said.

Mubarak's departure came after Sadat said his relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had been "cemented" and predicted others — possibly the PLO — may join their peace efforts by the end of the year.

Sadat gave Strauss Sunday an "in-depth report" about his summit conference in Haifa last week with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Mubarak was expected to brief Carter more fully on the Haifa talks.

16% increase proposed

Bryan may raise tax

By SYLVIA FELLOWS
Battalion Reporter

The Bryan City Council held a public hearing Monday night to consider a 16 percent increase in property taxes.

The increase would raise the tax rate by 10 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is now 62 cents per \$100. The tax rate is applied to 80 percent of the assessed market value of the property.

Taxes on a \$40,000 home would total \$230.40 under the proposed tax rate, a \$32 increase over last year's taxes on the same house.

The new tax rate, if approved at the next council meeting, would be the first such increase in three years.

Councilman Wayne Gibson was apologetic about the proposed increase.

With prices rising during the last few years, Gibson said, the city needs to have some way to pay its workers.

Residents demand and deserve city services, Mayor Richard Smith said, and the increase will go for maintaining "minimum services."

With an 84 percent annual turnover rate for city employees, Smith said, there is a need to improve employee satisfaction and loyalty. The tax increase would also improve efficiency by eliminating the need for excessive training of new employees.

The agenda for the meeting also called for a public hearing on the 1979-80 budget.

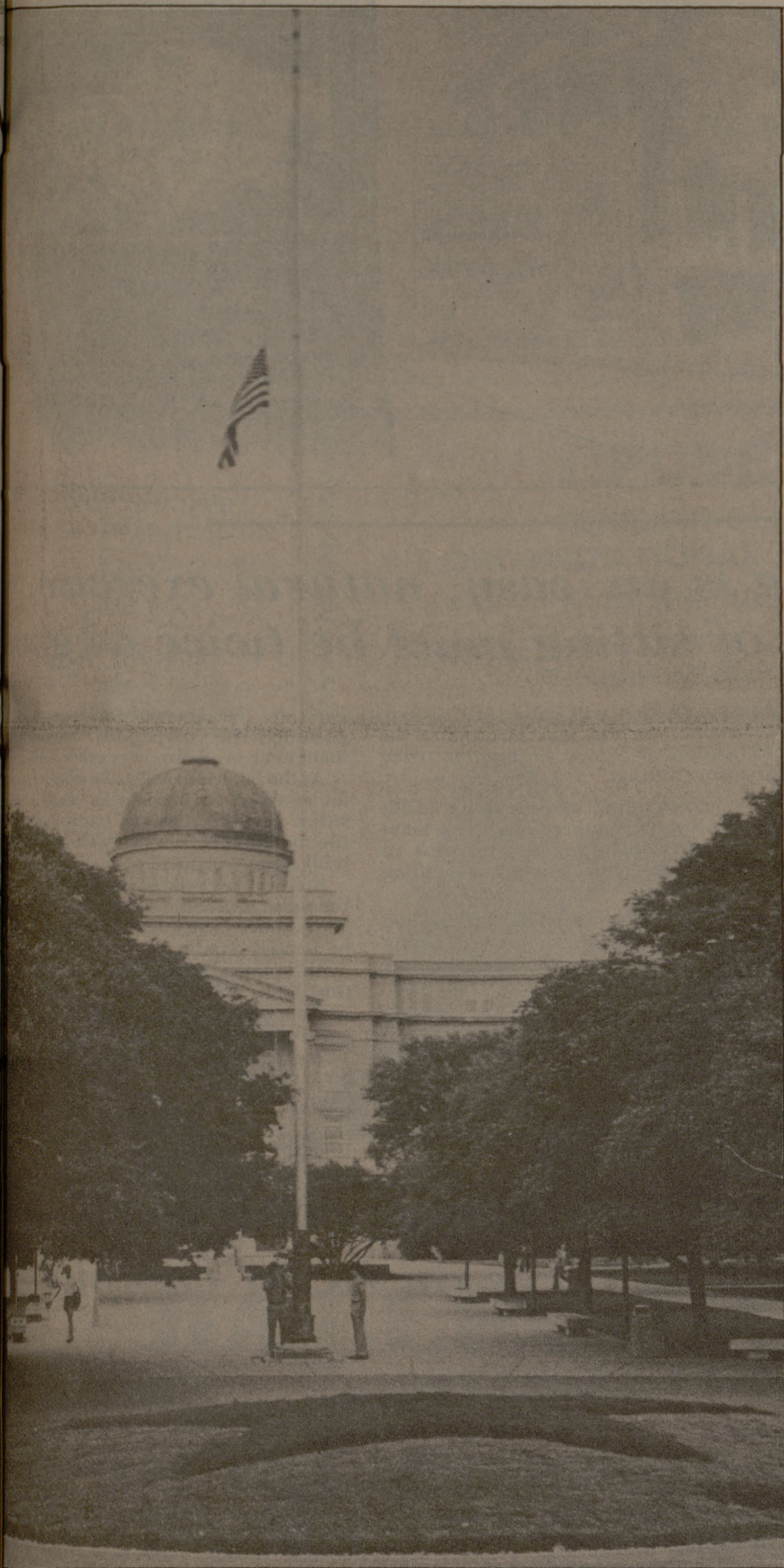
No one spoke during the time allotted for the hearing, so action on the budget

will take place at the next meeting on Sept. 24.

The council also awarded bids totaling \$126,334 for services and equipment such as sewer and pipe fittings, a motor grader and pre-mix asphalt.

Mubarak will later visit Austria for talks on the Palestinian question with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. Kreisky has been attempting to make the Palestine Liberation Organization moderate its stand to allow for its participation in peace efforts.

Israel's Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was also en route to Washington for a series of meetings with Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and other administration leaders. He reportedly is set to ask for nearly double the \$1 billion in military aid from United States for next year.



In memory of ...

Silver Taps for all those students who have died since Muster '79 will be tonight at 10:30 p.m. in front of the Academic Building, where the flag stands at half mast. Those who will be remembered are Charla Gwin, Stuart Brent Walker, Alan Dale Peacock, Tamara Lynn Bates, Henry Barbee Bishop, Luke Dennis Bell, Edward Thomas Ulbricht and Woodrow Keith Ratliff.

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

Cleveland busing draws quiet protest

United Press International

CLEVELAND — School buses rolled across Cleveland without incident Monday in compliance with a court-order for racial balance in Ohio's largest school system.

"No news is good news," declared Board of Education President John Gallagher.

School Superintendent Peter Carlin said the morning pupil transportation operation was carried out with only "minor confusion," concerning bus routes and pupil pickup locations.

Monitoring of two-way radio communications between bus drivers and school system headquarters supported Carlin's assessment of the situation.

Cleveland's limited desegregation program this fall calls for busing of nearly 10,000 students in the 91,000-pupil district. A more extensive desegregation plan will take effect in February, and desegregation of the entire city school system is slated to start in September 1980.

This fall's racial balancing program is being implemented over a four-day period this week, with about 3,000 students to begin busing Monday.

Gallagher, Carlin and school board vice president George Dobrea acknowledged that the turnout for the first day of classes at desegregated schools was light, but expressed optimism that if desegregation continues to proceed peacefully, attendance will gradually increase through the next two weeks.

"We understand the apprehension parents may have on the first or second day. The safety of youngsters is uppermost in the mind of most parents," Dobrea said. "We are not going to be punitive with anybody."

Antibusing leaders organized a "yellow flu" sickout, urging parents to keep their children out of school. They also urged parents to attend a rally at a park on the city's West Side.

"I think the march yesterday (Sunday) set the tone for the opening of schools today," Gallagher said Monday, referring to a demonstration urging peaceful desegregation attended by about 2,000 people.

At the rally, religious and community leaders and about 1,000 people from the predominantly black East Side and 1,000 from the predominantly white West Side met on a downtown bridge linking both sides of town.

Also on the downtown bridge Sunday were 75 anti-busing protesters.

Cleveland is the third school district in Ohio to bus students for desegregation this fall. Busing began without incident in both the Columbus and Dayton school districts last week.



Contrast

Aggie fans come in all shapes and sizes and these Texas A&M backers watching the Texas A&M-Brigham Young football game Saturday represent a good variety.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Carter says Kennedy didn't ask his withdrawal from race

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter sharply denies Sen. Edward M. Kennedy asked him to pull out of the 1980 race — and Carter's wife and aides leave little doubt the president will seek re-election.

"No, that's silly," Carter replied Sunday when asked if the Atlanta Journal and Constitution report was true.

"I'm not a candidate — yet," Carter said, over his shoulder, as he walked away from reporters at a gospel music session on the White House South Lawn.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution carried a page-one story Sunday with the name, "Kennedy suggests Carter withdrawal from '80 race." The request reportedly was made at a private White House lunch of the two men Friday.

Democratic National Chairman John

White also told reporters at the sing-in any hint Carter would withdraw was "pure horse manure."

Carter, meanwhile, planned the first meeting with his newly constituted Cabinet Monday. During the first two years of his presidency, Carter had regular and frequent Cabinet meetings, but Monday's session was the first since the Camp David "domestic summit" and the mass resignations of Cabinet secretaries.

There was as much politicking going on as gospel singing on the South Lawn Sunday.

First lady Rosalynn Carter gave several interviews in which she repeated the theme of a speech she gave in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Saturday.

"This is obviously no time to divide our party and our nation," she said in Cedar

Rapids. "This is a time for Democrats to unite behind and support an incumbent Democratic president."

She joined her husband in denying Kennedy had asked Carter to pull out.

"I just can't believe that happened," Mrs. Carter told reporters. "It was not in our conversation."

Mrs. Carter said she spent about half an hour at the meeting and asked Kennedy about mark-up of the mental health bill for which she is a strong advocate.

Asked whether new indications that Kennedy would seek the presidency in 1980 were causing any changes in Carter's own campaign timetable, press secretary Jody Powell replied, "I haven't noticed that it has."

Powell said only the two men took part in the lunch Friday.