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Students refuse second evacuation

For the second night in a row, students refused to evacuate the Sterling C. Library Tuesday night. But this time, some of them refused. Someone set off a number of hand-rated fire alarms at about 9:30 p.m. Several students didn't leave the building, complaining that this was just another alarm that would take up their time.

Bus routes to continue this summer

By JERRY MAZE
Campus Reporter

Students on the south and east shuttle routes will receive bus service both summer sessions, following a unanimous decision of the Shuttle Bus Operations Committee Tuesday afternoon.

The new program resulted from the combined ideas of Texas A&M University representatives and Transportation Enterprises Inc. (TEI).

Brady Burnett, branch manager of TEI Bryan, said the summer routes will be similar to the present evening routes.

TEI has guaranteed service both summer sessions for \$15 per session. Burnett said buses will run at 10-minute intervals from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These times may be reduced if not enough students ride the buses, but Gene Oates, chairman of the shuttle bus operations committee, said they will always run until at least 5:15 p.m.

The 19 apartment complexes to receive summer service are Plantation Oaks, Usalito, Sundance, Tanglewood, Barcelona, Sevilla, Scandia I, Taos, Pepper Tree, Ingmire, Parkway, Southwest Village, Willowick, Arbor Square, Cripple Creek, Turtyard, Yellow House and Longmire House.

Oates said these areas of service are the result of a recent survey conducted by TEI to determine interest in having summer shuttle bus service.

The north route was excluded because of lack of interest.

A shortage of customers, Oates said, was the reason a similar system failed at Texas A&M two years ago.

"It may be because gasoline was cheaper then," Oates said, "but it was just not economically feasible at that time."

Burnett said TEI is enthusiastic about the new program and has already started advertising.

"It may help in making College Station a month town, instead of a nine-month town," Burnett explained that by giving students transportation and a better reason to stay in College Station, apartment complexes and businesses will not have to concentrate as heavily on making their annual come in nine months.

Dr. John Koldus, vice-president for student services at Texas A&M voiced his support of the new plan and said he could see no problems.

His approval of the plan is required.



Soccer, anyone?

A tired soccer player, carrying a bag of those funny-looking balls that are becoming a familiar sight on the Texas A&M campus, heads for home

after a late afternoon practice session on the University's polo field.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Air Force voids critical evaluation of teacher who reported cheating

By ANDY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The Air Force has voided an evaluation report that criticized a former Texas A&M University aerospace studies teacher for his actions in reporting a cheating incident.

The Officer Personnel Records Review Board at Randolph Air Force Base acted in response to a request from Maj. Joe McNabb. The results of the board's study are volunteered to The Battalion by a source who wished to remain anonymous.

A letter from the board said that an Officer Evaluation Report concerning McNabb's conduct was voided. The letter instructed the records officer at Dyess Air Force Base, where McNabb is stationed now, to remove the report and replace it with a form saying McNabb was not rated for that period.

Col. Kenneth Durham, McNabb's former commanding officer and the man who ordered the Officer Evaluation Report, said he would make no comment on the matter because of privacy regulations. Durham is commander of the Air Force ROTC detachment at Texas A&M.

McNabb was "on alert" at Dyess Air Force Base and could not be reached for comment.

The report rated McNabb "below standard" in two of 10 categories. Those were "judgment and decisions" and "professional qualities."

Remarks listed beneath both ratings referred to McNabb's handling of a cheating incident that occurred in the fall of 1978. Specifically, Durham's report said, McNabb "failed to obey my 22 Jan. 1979 instructions that all involvement (in the affair) in an official Air Force capacity must cease."

In the fall of 1978, McNabb told Gen. Ormond Simpson, head of the School of Military Science, that a student in one of his classes had cheated. Information regarding another cheating incident, this one in a class in the College of Business Administration, was also passed on to Simpson.

The student involved was in the Corps of Cadets and was on contract to the Air Force. He was majoring in management. He admitted he had cheated in both courses.

McNabb said that after six weeks, neither the dean of the College of Business Administration nor the head of the Department of Management had been told of the happenings. Meanwhile, the student had resigned from the Corps.

Texas A&M University Rules and Regulations state, "Cases of apparent scholastic dishonesty ... may be reported by the instructor through the head of the department to the dean of the student's college."

Dr. Clinton Phillips, acting dean of the College of Business Administration, said last spring that because of that statement, he should have been informed of the incident immediately. Simpson said afterward that Phillips was "probably right."

McNabb talked to Dr. Charles McCandless, director of Academic Planning and Services.

The teacher of the business course the student cheated in had taken no disciplinary action and allowed the cadet to withdraw passing. After McNabb told McCandless what had happened, however, Dr. Clinton Phillips began a series of meetings to consider taking action.

The student resigned from the University

before any decision had been made.

Durham said that by discussing the matter with McCandless, McNabb violated a lawful order. Statements from Maj. Gilbert Mayeux II and Capt. David Dubblede said that no such order was issued.

McNabb contended he did not violate the instructions he was given because he approached McCandless as a former student and not as an Air Force officer. Durham questioned that, saying in the Officer Evaluation Report that the letter McNabb wrote McCandless after their interview was written on official stationery and signed with an official signature block.

"You have blatantly violated a lawful order and have embarrassed the United States Air Force," Durham's letter of reprimand to McNabb said.

But Dr. Don Hellriegel, head of the management department, wrote to Durham in a letter dated Feb. 19, 1979, "... I hope it is possible for you or your superiors to provide Capt. McNabb and his colleagues with an appropriate letter of commendation for such 'above and beyond' the call of duty actions."

Students name Smith president

Brad Smith won Tuesday's runoff election for Texas A&M University student body president.

Smith, a 21-year-old management major from Houston, collected 2,246 votes, almost 56 percent, to defeat Rip Van Winkle. Van Winkle, an agricultural education major, received 1,776 votes. Smith, who served this year as vice president for student services, trailed Van Winkle in the April 1-2 elections by almost 600 votes.

In other runoff races, Gary Branch was voted the Class of '82 president. Branch received 515 votes, more than 55 percent, to opponent Bubba Correa's 418 votes. Branch is an engineering technology major from Blue Ridge.

Dale Whittaker was elected to the position of Class of '83 vice president with 59 percent of the votes. Whittaker received 615 votes, beating out Mike Plank's 425.

In the race for secretary-treasurer for the Class of '83, Diana Horadam defeated Sherry Ackles. Horadam tallied 556 votes to Ackles' 461.

A total of 4,043 ballots were cast within

the nine-hour period with the greatest percentage being freshman votes. The College of Engineering posted 1,156 votes, the largest amount of all colleges.

Smith will preside over the recently-elected members and officers of the Texas A&M University student senate tonight.

The senate meets in room 204 Harrington at 7:30 p.m.

The new speaker of the senate will not be elected until the senate's next meeting in two weeks.

Tonight's meeting will mainly be an orientation for the new senators, to familiarize them with parliamentary procedures.

There is no new or old business scheduled to be discussed.

Outgoing student body president Ronnie Kapavik will present his final report before the senate. And the new vice presidents will give their initial reports.

Incoming vice presidents are Kathleen Miller for academic affairs, David Collins for external affairs, Tracy Cox for finance, Julie Spinn for rules and regulations and Eric Langford for student services.

MSC craft shop offers bike rental

By ANGELIQUE COPELAND
Campus Staff

For those times when you wish you had a bicycle on campus to make it to a class a little faster or you just get tired of walking, the Memorial Student Center Crafts Shop now has a bike rental program.

The service is available to students, faculty and community residents.

Wren Grauke, assistant manager of the Crafts Shop, said they now have four bicycles available for rent at 25 cents per hour and are going to get more in the future. The shop requires the renter to show a current Texas A&M University I.D. card or a valid Texas driver's license.

There is also a \$10 security deposit that may be made with cash or check that will be refunded after the bike has been returned.

Grauke said that the bikes may be rented for up to 12 hours, but not overnight, anytime during Craft Shop hours. A \$5 late fee will be charged for failure to return the bike before closing time on the day of rental.

Craft Shop hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday.

The bicycles were purchased last year in the auction held by the University Police Department. Grauke said that Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic, told her he would try and donate more bikes to

the program next fall.

There are two more bikes now that aren't yet in working order, but when finished, the shop will have one single-speed, four three-speeds and a five-speed bike that can be rented.

"These bikes are ancient, but they're classics," said Grauke. "They're like '54 Chevys."

"The program is aimed mainly at the students, but we don't want to limit the program to the campus."

"The money we take in will be used for upkeep and repair. We aren't trying to make any money on the program, we see it more as a service."

"We've had quite a few people make inquiries about the program in the last two months, but we're just now ready to start renting bikes. There hasn't been any real publicity before now because we didn't have it organized, but maybe we'll have President Miller kick it off and hop on a bike."

In addition to the bike rental program, the shop also has a complete set of bicycle tools and a technician to help oversee repairs available free to all students, Grauke said.

For bike reservations or more information call the Crafts Shop at 845-1631.

Carter, Sadat end summit

WASHINGTON — Winding up talks with President Anwar Sadat today, President Carter says Egypt and Israel are honor bound to keep their Camp David commitment for full autonomy for the Palestinian people.

The two leaders planned a final meeting for this morning on the deadlock in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on self rule for the Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza.

In a toast at a White House dinner in honor of Sadat Tuesday night, Carter expressed his concern the stalemate on autonomy may continue.

"It would be inconceivable that we would let this promise slip from our grasp

and end the hopes and the confidence and the aspirations of two troubled peoples and indeed the entire world with failure," he said. "It is inconceivable."

Carter read excerpts from the Camp David accords and recalled that during the meetings in September, 1978 at the mountaintop retreat, (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin "said many times in the presence of President Sadat and me, not just autonomy, full autonomy — full autonomy, he said many, many times."

"We cannot fail," Carter said. He said the agreement specifies a self-governing authority in the West Bank and Gaza through free elections held by those who live in those two areas.

State, city taxes up 6.5 percent

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Americans are paying more in state and local taxes than a year ago, buying fewer homes and — to make matters worse — are being told they must let prices rise faster than their wages to curb inflation.

In Washington, the Bureau of the Census reported Tuesday Americans paid a total of \$211.2 billion in state and local taxes during 1979 for a 6.5 percent increase over the previous year.

The \$211.2 billion figure included taxes paid on property, general sales and gross receipts, motor fuel, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, individual income, and corporation net income and motor vehicle and operators licenses.

Charles Schultze, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, told the National Press Club, when people obtain wage increases to pay for higher energy prices they simply cause more inflation for themselves.

"It necessarily means," said Schultze, "that for awhile prices have got to rise faster than wages and salaries and other forms of income."

Schultze said inflation will remain high for several more months, but there is "potential for a sizable decline thereafter."

The Commerce Department said, in February, new one-family homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 532,000 — a 10 percent dropoff from January's sales and a 26 percent decline from a year ago.

The department said 42,000 new single family homes actually were sold in February at an average price of \$65,100. That left a total of 384,000 new houses unsold at month's end.

Traditionally, tough times for the housing industry signals tough times ahead for other sectors of the economy.