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Today

High 95
Low 72
Chance of rain. 20%

Tomorrow

High 92
Low 70
Chance of rain. 50%

Begin visits to protest sales of U.S. planes

NEW YORK — Opening a 10-day U.S. visit, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is huddling with his aides and Jewish leaders at a New York hotel to prepare for his first venture to the Reagan White House.

Begin's trip to Washington starts Tuesday and is complicated by conflicting goals.

The Israeli leader hopes to warm relations with the new administration. But he also is trying to muster enough congressional support to block Reagan's proposed \$8.5 billion sale to Saudi Arabia of Airborne Warning and Control System planes, known as AWACS, and other advanced military equipment.

Congress has until Oct. 30 to vote on the proposal.

On his arrival Sunday, Begin stood firm on his opposition to the AWACS. "We can only repeat our position that it will endanger very seriously the security of Israel."

Asked if his meetings in Washington meant a new stage in Israeli-U.S. relations, he said, "Well, it's a new administration in the United States, it is a re-elected government in Israel, and so

perhaps it will be a new era."

Begin and a huge entourage, including three top government ministers, arrived at Kennedy International Airport at 1:11 p.m. Sunday on an El Al flight from Tel Aviv.

They were taken to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown Manhattan, where they occupied four floors. Begin was scheduled to conduct private meetings until he leaves Tuesday for Washington.

The prime minister spent most of Sunday resting after a long journey from Israel, a spokesman for Begin said.

In Washington, Begin has scheduled two days of official meetings. He also plans to meet former President Carter in Plains, Ga., as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat did last month.

"We go to the United States to hold important discussions on international and bilateral issues," Begin said at Ben Gurion Airport before leaving on the trip that will include his first meeting with Reagan.

"We go with open hearts and as allies to allies, friends to friends. We hope the talks will end positively as allies and friends."

Night shuttle bus ends dark walks

By MARY JO RUMMEL

Night travellers walking between the west parking lots and campus don't have to journey alone in the dark to reach their destinations.

The Texas A&M Night Shuttle program provides late night transportation Sunday through Thursday from parking lots 56 and 61 (across the railroad tracks) to the Memorial Student Center and the North Area dormitories.

A University-owned van transports students, staff and faculty at 20-minute intervals from 7:20 p.m. to 12:40 a.m.

The mini-bus, which can be identified by a flashing blue light, is manned by members of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. The night shuttle program which began in 1979 is a joint project of the Department of Student Affairs and A.P.O.

The program was established after Student Government conducted a study of similar programs at other universities.

Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for Student Services, then approached APO with the idea of driving the van as a regular service project. Koldus has served as an adviser to APO.

"The night shuttle was mainly designed as an anti-rape tool for women who must park so far away from their dorms on the north side (of campus)," said Ed Morris, administrative assistant to the director of Student Affairs. Mor-

ris is the staff representative in the night shuttle program.

With the addition of four women's dorms in the North Area in the last few years, parking close to the dorms is a problem, Morris said. Underclassmen must park one-quarter to one-half of a mile away from their dorms in the lots across the railroad tracks.

Norb Mahnke, APO president, said that last year between 75 and 100 people rode the bus each week — men as well as women.

"We try to make the interval between runs short enough to make waiting for the bus faster and more convenient than walking," he added.

Mahnke said Sunday night is probably the night shuttle's busiest night because people are getting back in town from weekend trips.

There are approximately 20 regular drivers — male and female — that man the mini-bus. All drivers are members of the fraternity and are required to have a restricted chauffeur's license.

Presently there are no plans to expand the program to the south side of campus, Morris said. He said residents in southside dormitories have more convenient access to parking areas.

"The night shuttle is a good thing for the campus," Morris said. "With a (prevention) program like this, you never know how many it may have helped," he said. "If it helped one girl, it is worth it."



Thanks, I needed that.

Senior center David Bandy hugs Aggie head coach Tom Wilson after the Texas A&M victory over the Cal-Berkeley Golden Bears. The Ag-

gies fought back from a 28-16 half time deficit for their first season victory.

Photo by Bob Sebree

Mount St. Helens forms new dome

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Glowing cracks crisscrossed the giant lava dome of Mount St. Helens today and a ribbon of lava hundreds of feet wide protruded from the dome's northeast side, said geologists monitoring the volcano's latest eruption Sunday.

"It's like a big wart or bump on the side of the dome," said Mike Doukas, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist. "At night, it's pretty spectacular. There are ribbons and tongues of this glowing rock cascading down. You can see falling rocks coming down the slopes of the dome and exploding into sparks."

Geologists made a night flyby Sunday after the unpredictable mountain began yet another dome-building eruption with up to 10 earthquakes reported per hour. More flights were planned today.

Both the Geological Survey and University of Washington scientists said the eruption would probably not become explosive and that little or no ash would be emitted.

Doukas said USGS scientists were still trying to determine if the new lobe of the dome — about 300 to 400 feet wide — was formed out of fresh lava or old lava pushed up from below.

"The dome is definitely undergoing quite a bit of structural change and the crater is very unstable," said A.B. Adams of the University of Washington geophysics lab.

The dome, a mass of toothpaste-like lava rising out of a vent in the center of the crater, lost its circular appearance as the northeast side pushed out, Adams said.

"Thin red cracks" surrounded the new section and incandescent boulders rolled down its slopes to the crater floor, casting sparks into the air and providing natural fireworks, Doukas said.

"The bottom of that area has incandescent rocks cascading down the slope," he said. "Plus that, there's hot

red glowing cracks in spots sprinkled about the rest of the dome. We're assuming that something is coming up inside and forcing the dome to start to break up like that."

Adams said an "enormous" rock rolled off the lava dome and interfered with transmissions from the lone seismic monitor in the 2-mile-wide crater.

The seismic monitor continued to transmit readings of the earthquakes, but the information was hard to interpret because the transmissions were partially blocked by the rock, Adams said.

The volcano's last eruption June 18 also was a nonexplosive event that increased the size of the lava dome to about 2,000 feet long, 1,000 feet wide

and 500 feet high.

Geologists have said that eventually the dome could grow to fill the crater and restore the mountain to near 9,677 feet, which is how high it was before the massive May 18, 1980, eruption blew off the top 1,300 feet.

Mount St. Helens first exploded May 18, 1980, leaving 60 people dead or missing, dumping up to 6 inches of gray grit on eastern Washington, sending a huge black ash cloud across the U.S., wiping out thousands of acres of lush southwest Washington forest and triggering mudflows that flooded three river valleys.

Since that time, it has erupted about 10 times, with each event generally quieter than the previous one.

Survey rates A&M business grads tops

Graduates from the Texas A&M College of Business have been rated the best in the state according to a survey of 1,600 chief executive officers of Texas-based firms.

In addition, the survey, conducted by Texas A&M's College of Business Administration, assessed the college's emphasis on teaching as tops among business programs.

"The executives also rated the University's overall reputation number one," said Dr. William Muse, dean of the college.

Enrollment in the college has doubled in the last five years, Muse said in July at an open house celebration sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce to introduce the college's new classroom facilities.

With more than 5,600 undergraduate students, the school is now the sixth largest in the nation in terms of full-time students and the second largest college at Texas A&M, surpassed only by the College of Engineering.

Another survey, the national Gourman Report, which rates undergraduate programs in American and international universities, lists Texas A&M's College of Business Administration as 20th in the nation, he said.

The graduate school was rated 34th in the nation. The report strongly considers quality of faculty and curriculum, and success of graduates, Muse said.

"That's pretty darn good considering there are more than 600 educational in-

stitutions in the nation that offer business degrees. Of these institutions, 217 have accredited business programs at the undergraduate level," Muse said, adding that 136 universities have both graduate and undergraduate programs that are accredited.

During ceremonies featuring the University's newest and largest academic building, the Academic and Agency Building, Muse was lauded for the guidance and leadership he has provided since he came to Texas A&M two years ago.

"It's the leadership of men like Dr. Muse that makes Texas A&M among the great universities in the nation," said H.R. "Bum" Bright, Class of '43 and chairman of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents. "I'm amazed at the progress the University has made since I was a student here."

State Sen. Kent Caperton (D-5th District) a 1971 finance graduate of Texas A&M, and Pat Mann, executive vice president of the local Chamber of Commerce, also praised Muse for his dedication which has created a "significant relationship" between the business school and local community.

"Texas A&M has the kind of spirit that nobody can quantify — an understanding that there is something special about this university," Caperton said. "Students who graduate here will always remember the University with pride."



Welcome home Aggies!

Photo by Dave Einsel

The Texas A&M football team is welcomed home from their victory over Cal-Berkeley by over 300 whooping supporters at Easterwood

Airport. The Aggies came from behind to win Saturday with a score of 29-28 and blocked a field goal for an exciting finish.