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Winds hinder plane recovery

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WASHINGTON — Accident investigators abandoned salvage efforts on a chilling Sunday but hope to raise the tail section of the Air Florida jet from the bottom of the Potomac River and recover the plane's black recorders.

Blowing 30 mph winds and record-cold forced diving crews to make efforts to locate more victims of the crash. The winds also made it too difficult to lift the tail to a bridge 40 feet above the water too much of a risk, necessitating bringing in the barge today from Indian Head, Md., 100 miles down the river.

One of the reasons they don't expect to bring it (the wreckage) up on the bridge is because of wind conditions, said Francis McAdams, who is leading the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the crash.

Police said the attempt to raise the tail section was not expected before noon. The wreckage would then be moved by barge and truck to a pier at nearby National Airport.

Fifty bodies had been recovered by Sunday, including four victims from

the bridge that were clipped by the descending plane. Overall, the crash killed 78 persons; five survivors were pulled from the river's icy waters.

Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Delaplane of the U.S. Navy, in charge of the diving operation, said recovery crews were searching an area the size of a football field under about 25 feet of water with a visibility of 6 to 8 inches.

Investigators said they now have a radar picture of the major portions of the plane, including the engines and cockpit. They estimated it will take 10 more days to complete salvage operations.

The board is particularly interested in the tail because that area contains the two vital "black boxes" that record detailed information on what was happening to the doomed plane before it crashed Wednesday about 12 seconds after takeoff from National Airport.

The safety experts were reasonably confident the boxes, which are supposed to withstand an impact up to 1,000 times the force of gravity, are in one piece. Both boxes have been emitting signals from transmitters contained within them.

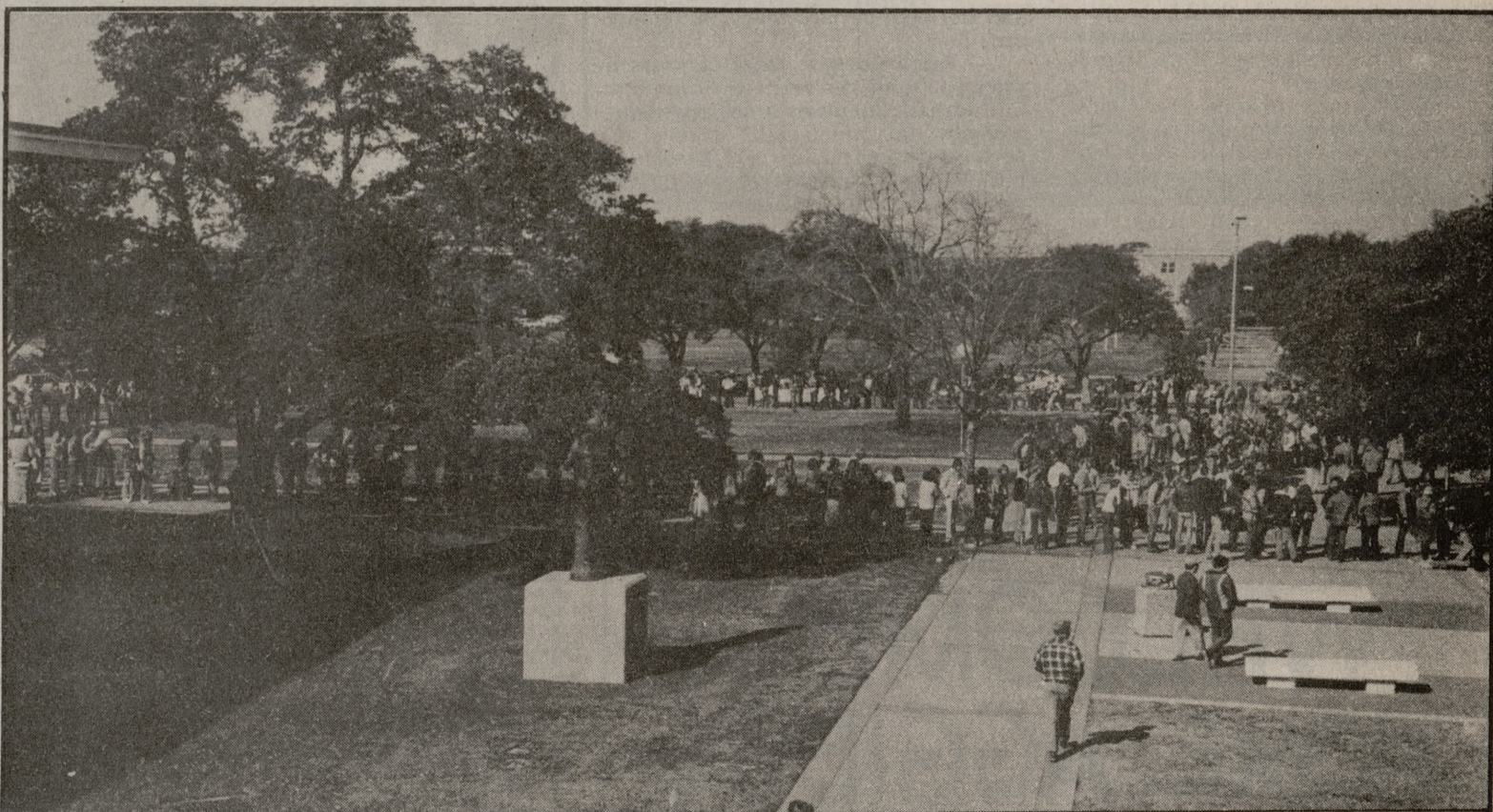


photo by Janet Joyce

Wednesday's snowfall brought a holiday for Texas A&M employees, but the slushy weather also prevented many students from registering for the spring semester. Because of this, students registering Monday and Tuesday will not have to pay

a late registration fee. Students registering after Tuesday will have to pay the \$10 fee. The registration deadline will not be extended. Delayed registration and drop-add will continue through Friday. Drop-adds are being handled in G. Rollie.

Electrical contracts approved

by Denise Richter
Battalion Staff

The committee of Texas A&M University System Board of Regents Monday approved \$1.7 million in contracts which include the purchase of equipment for the electrical utility expansion.

The Planning and Building Committee approved a \$194,240 contract to Siemens-Allis of Houston for the purchase of three oil circuit breakers and a \$599,943 contract to RTE/EA for the purchase of two power transformers.

The \$5 million utilities expansion for the campus to receive additional power from the Brazos Electric Power Cooperative and should fulfill the University's electricity needs through the year 2000, said Wesley E. Bell, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction.

The committee also approved a \$194 contract to Young Brothers Contractors to convert the old football field to a parking lot.

Plans had for reroofing the All Faiths Chapel was rejected by the committee. Plans received by the committee "totally out of line" for the proposed H.C. Bell of Austin said.

The Planning and Building Committee action taken Sunday subject to approval by the full Board. The Board will act on the com-



H.C. Bell Jr.

mittee's recommendations at its meeting Jan. 26 in the MSC regents annex.

A tabulation of bids for the following renovations and construction will be presented when the regents meet as a committee of the whole Jan. 25:

- expansion of the Cyclotron Institute
- the Physics Teaching Observatory to be constructed at Texas A&M
- construction of the University Press building on the intramural field behind Duncan Dining Hall
- the replacement of windows in Briggs, Gainer and Leonard halls
- the replacement of windows in the Agriculture Building.

Economize

Vandiver wants conservation, not panic

by Daniel Puckett
Battalion Staff

Panic surrounding a personnel memorandum issued by University President Frank E. Vandiver is unwarranted, Vandiver says.

The Dec. 17 memo includes two controversial points: a request for layoff plans from department heads and a hiring freeze on all non-faculty employees.

Vandiver said the memo was meant only to start people thinking in an "economy mode," not to make them fear for their jobs.

The president said Sunday that one point, the one requiring department heads to submit plans by Jan. 31

for the layoff of two employees per department, is widely misunderstood. He added the panic over his request is unjustified.

He said that asking for the layoff proposals did not mean the layoffs would necessarily take place.

"I wanted to get people thinking in an economy mode," Vandiver said, "which may be hard when they haven't had to do it for some time. We had a lot of misunderstanding about the memo — a lot of panic.

"If we can bring down our expenses through attrition, we may never have to carry out the layoff plans. I do want the contingency plans available, though, just in case I do have to

order layoffs."

Despite the part of the memo that calls for a hiring freeze, the University is hiring a significant number of new employees. Departments which claim a critical need to replace a departing employee can apply to the president's office for special permission to do so.

Vandiver said his office has received a large number of the special hiring requests, and "only about one percent of those requests have been turned down."

Exactly how much money the move will save is unknown, Vandiver said. But when he first ordered the hiring freeze, he was hoping to save up to \$2 million.

"Now, I think we'll be lucky to save \$1 million," he said.

One of the major benefits of the freeze, Vandiver said, will be to reallocate manpower more effectively. Since economy has not been a priority here for several years, he said, many employees are not being used efficiently.

"We need, not so much to reduce the number of employees, but to redistribute them, to put the manpower where it will do the most good," Vandiver said.

"By instituting the freeze, by asking for the layoff plans, I'm trying to get everyone to start thinking — is this job necessary? Can we get along without filling it?"

Sniper kills U.S. military attache

United Press International

PARIS — Lt. Col. Charles Robert Ray, the assistant U.S. military attache in France, was shot and killed today outside his home in the second gun attack on an American diplomat in Paris in two months.

Ray, 43, was shot through the head at 3 a.m. EST as he left his home in Paris' well-to-do 16th residential district, said police officer Marcel Lecler.

A witness told police he saw a man step forward and shoot Ray from behind on the sidewalk as he was heading for his car, parked a few hundred

yards away.

The gunman escaped into the early morning crowd of Parisians rushing to work, police said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Sue Pittman confirmed the diplomat was dead, but said they had no information on the assailant. "We do not know what the motive was, or the reason."

Police said the bullets fired Nov. 12 at U.S. charges d'affaires Christian Chapman, that missed the diplomat, were of the same caliber as those used

to shoot Ray.

The killing appeared patterned on the attack against Chapman, said investigators, who speculated both attacks could have been carried out by the same man.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Ray's killing, just as no one did so after the attack on Chapman.

Chapman narrowly escaped death when a lone gunman fired six pistol shots at him as he was leaving his home.

Some investigators were fearful an elusive killer organization similar to Italy's dreaded Red Brigades has emerged in France.

The Red Brigades kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier from a NATO base in Verona, Italy, on Dec. 17. The general so far has not been found in an intensive manhunt.

Police commanders held an emergency meeting on how to assure security of the U.S. diplomats. Security measures already were strengthened since the attack on Chapman.

Design updated

The Battalion has taken on a new look with the new year — we've updated our design to make it more appealing to you to find the news you want.

Texas A&M University is changing and we want its newspaper to reflect its contemporary outlook. We hope you find the new design more attractive and easier to read.

The Battalion was redesigned by Nancy Boyce, a senior journalism major from Richardson, as a project for a journalism graphics

MSC budget review

The MSC Council and Directorate will conduct its fifth hearing on the annual budget process tonight in the meeting room of the Student Programs Office, 216T MSC.

Council President Doug Dedeker said members are interviewing and going over each committee's requests for money for next year. The hearings are designed so that any problems over the budgetary process can be worked out before the Council examines the budget for approval Wednesday night.

Dedeker said members are looking at past programming and ex-

penses of the committees and special programs to determine how much money will be allotted to each group.

The budget must be given to Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, Thursday.

The hearings originally were intended to begin this week, but the date for turning in the budget was moved up.

The Council and Directorate have a final budget of almost \$2.2 million to work with Dedeker said. Of this amount, around \$200,000 is from student service fees.

Dates to remember

Students hanging brand new 1982 calendars on their dormitory or apartment walls may want to mark the following spring semester dates.

— Feb. 2 - last day for dropping courses with no record. Silver Taps will be held for Javier Antonio Garcia, a sophomore economics major from Bolivia who was killed Dec. 6.

— Feb. 5 - deadline for applying for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in May.

— Feb. 19 - last day for drop-

ping courses with no penalty (Q-drop).

— March 8 - mid-semester grade reports.

— March 15-21 - spring break.

— May 7 - last day of spring semester classes. Commencement.

— May 8 - Commencement and Final Review.

— May 10 - first day of spring semester examinations.

— May 14 - last day of spring semester examinations.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Overcast and foggy with light drizzle and a 20 percent chance of rain. High today in the mid-50s; low in the low 50s. Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with the high in the low 70s and low in the high 50s.