



Look ma, no handlebars

staff photo by Barry Papke

Harry Callicote spent Thursday afternoon on the Quad, attracting attention with his specially designed bicycle. Harry is a Petroleum Engineering student from Chicago, Illinois.

Plane safe after loss of engines

United Press International
MIAMI — An Eastern Airlines L-1011 with 178 people aboard made an emergency landing at Miami International Airport Thursday after all three of its engines temporarily failed over the ocean, officials said. No injuries were reported and the passengers were put aboard another plane to continue their trip to Nassau. Tom Myers, an Eastern spokesman, said shortly after Flight 855 left Miami for Nassau

at 7:56 a.m. it experienced engine problems while over the Atlantic. Coast Guard Petty Officer Mike Kelley said all three of the plane's engines lost power.

The pilot of the wide-bodied aircraft notified the Coast Guard to prepare for a possible emergency landing in the ocean and several Coast Guard cutters, four helicopters, a C130 aircraft and three small boats were rushed to the area to assist.

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Methane recovery research to be conducted at A&M

United Press International
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Tests are being conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy Technology Center and a number of other research organizations, including Texas A&M, to determine if a frozen mixture of natural gas and water can provide a new source of energy. Known as a methane hydrate, the substance is actually a small piece of ice, with molecules of natural gas trapped inside. Energy researchers are examining samples recovered by the National Science Foundation off the coast of Guatemala in 1981. They're trying to determine if sources of methane hydrate are plentiful and whether natural gas inside the ice crystals can be recovered.

while the high undersea pressures could form them in the Atlantic. Special equipment was installed last month in Morgantown to begin work on the substance. "Although some analysis has been done on synthetic gas hydrates made in the laboratory, this is the first time we will be able to determine if our theories and models are consistent with what nature actually had in mind," said geologist Rod Malone, who heads the DOE efforts. In Morgantown, scientists plan to measure the amount of time it takes for pulses of sound

to travel through the material. When a characteristic sound pattern is determined, geologists in the field using sonic devices will be able to determine the presence of methane hydrate deposits. Experiments will be performed on the substance's electrical resistance, another key to locating deposits. If such tests prove successful, Malone said, a third series of experiments will gauge the thermal properties of the sample. Data taken from those tests could help decide how much energy would be needed to break the ice "cage" surrounding the methane.

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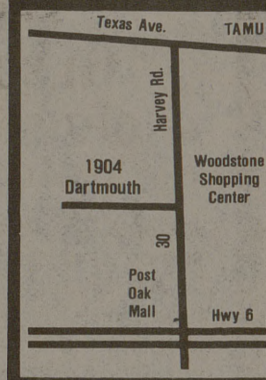
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