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## Sixth satellite launched OK

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Challenger's astronauts launched a multi-purpose Indian satellite today to fill a gap in that nation's long distance telephone and television systems and maintain an around-the-clock cyclone watch.

Guion Bluford, America's first black in space, sent the boxy satellite spinning like a top out of the space freighter's cargo bay at 3:49 a.m. EDT as the shuttle swept 184 miles over India on its 18th orbit.

It was the sixth satellite launched from a shuttle in NASA's effort to use the ships to replace unmanned rockets.

Bluford, commander Richard Truly, co-pilot Daniel Brandenstein, Dale Gardner and Dr. William Thornton then moved their 219,000-pound ship above and behind the satellite before its own rocket fired to push it toward a 23,000-mile-high orbit.

The astronauts were concentrating on commercial jobs during their second day in orbit — earning NASA \$14 million by launching the satellite and running a biological processor for an aerospace company. Gardner

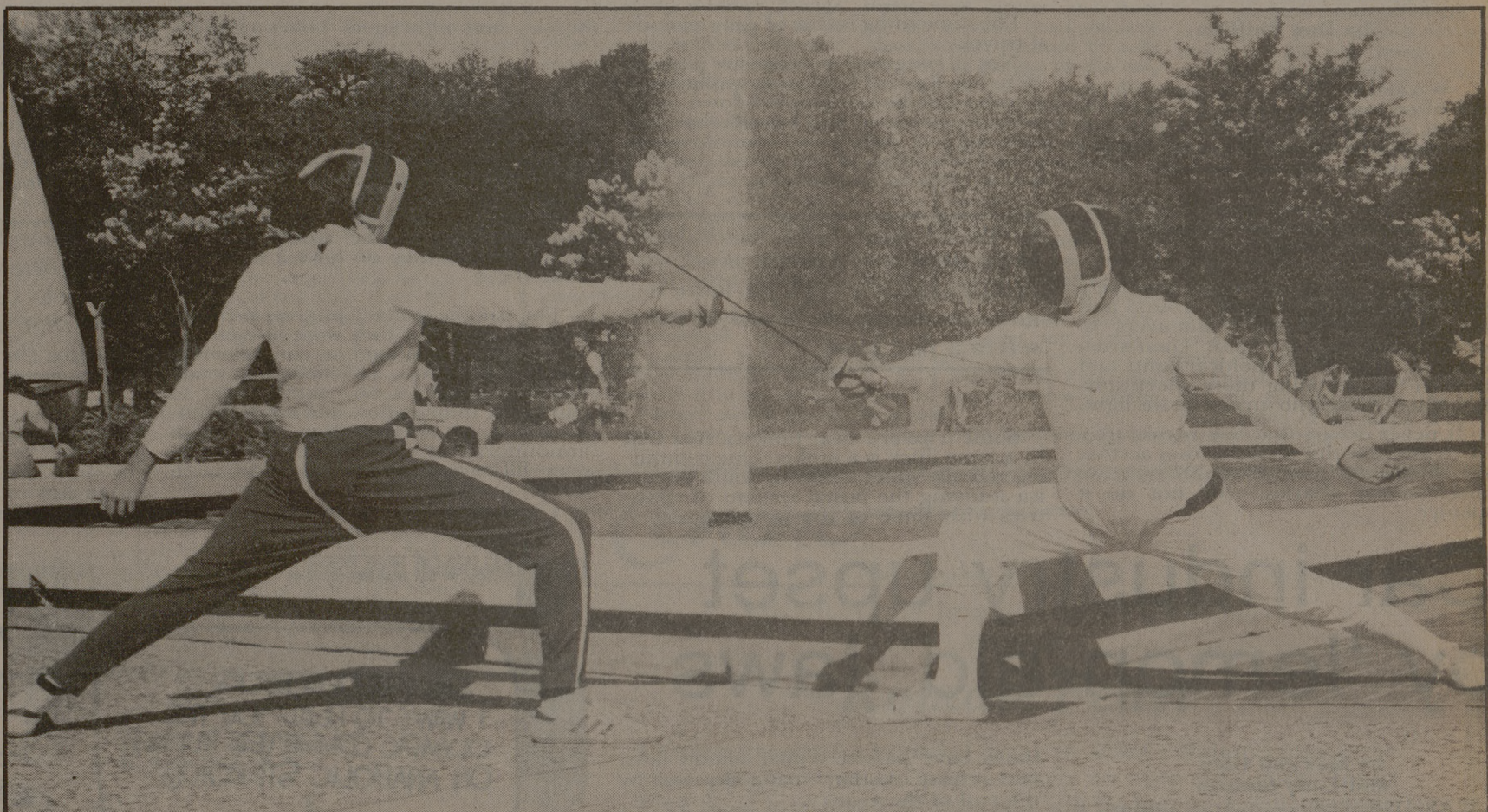
was operating the space medicine machine to separate living pituitary gland and kidney cells for study back on Earth.

Successful placement of the \$50 million Insat-1B satellite in the proper path at sunrise over India today by the "Eight Team" as NASA calls them, was crucial because a twin failed last September when a navigation sensor mistook the moon for the sun.

India leased some communications channels for interim service from a Soviet satellite but that agreement ends next week. The new spacecraft, which carries an \$8 million insurance premium, is expected to begin service in mid-October.

The satellite is equipped to relay 8,000 simultaneous long distance telephone calls and to beam social and educational television programming directly to 100,000 antennas placed in rural communities across the country of 613 million people.

The Indian government hopes the satellite will turn out to be a lifesaver for the cyclone-prone eastern coastal areas. The spacecraft will be able to send disaster warnings to 100 stations in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu states.



staff photo by Guy Hood

### Fountain duel

Brad Myers, left, a junior computer science major from Austin, and Kelly Ferguson, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Whitney, stage a fencing

exhibition by Rudder fountain Tuesday afternoon. The two were promoting the Texas A&M Fencing Club. They also performed in the Memorial Student Center.

## West Point graduate wanted to be his own boss

by Rusty Roberts

Battalion Reporter

A 34-year-old former West Pointer and ex-Green Beret is teaching political science at Texas A&M because he says found army life too structured.

Assistant Professor William West joined the 82nd Airborne Division after graduating from West Point because he wanted to be his own boss. He said he chose the 82nd because it ranked highest in the chain of command.

"I thought getting into the 82nd would be a good 'ticket to punch,'" West said, "but I really hated the tremendous demands placed on my time."

West was a platoon leader at Fort Bragg, N.C., for two years of his four-year obligation. He said his own self-discipline was what helped him survive those two years.

"I thought West Point was a great teacher of discipline and structure," he said. "But the Army was too structured. It took my identity away and made me feel like a cog in a machine."

"I wanted the Army as a career, but there's no way I could have been happy in such a structured atmosphere."

"I'm not at all bitter about changing my career ambitions or regretful of the time I spent at the academy or in the military because West Point taught me how to think and the army taught me how to discipline my life."

But after two years with the 82nd Airborne, West decided he no longer wanted an Army career and joined the Green Berets to fill his remaining two years with a little excitement.

"I knew the Green Berets did interesting things and I wanted to have some fun and still be challenged," West said.

Rock climbing in Utah and skiing in Montana were fun, he said, but parachuting into pitch black darkness was more than challenging. It was crazy.

He grinned as he told about a parachute drop that turned into a circus of sorts.

"I was the last one out of the plane one night on a training mission," he said, "and I couldn't see what was below me. Suddenly, I

was jerked to a halt and realized I was stuck in a tree. I could see two other men on top of a tin barn and a third soaking in a pigpen."

"I knew immediately that this wasn't the open pasture we were supposed to land in."

"After a minute or so, three farmers hurriedly piled out of a pick-up and cut me down. I laughed thinking that Green Berets are supposed to rescue the natives, not be rescued by them."

West said helping other people is a primary goal in his life.

"I think I give good advice when colleagues and students approach me with a problem," West said.

He said he likes to think most problems are easy to solve, but said circumstances can arise making solutions more difficult. West said he always has been willing to work with those "gray area problems."

"My best friend at West Point couldn't understand this," he said. "If another cadet even vaguely violated the honor code (Don't lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do), he'd

simply turn their ass in. Period.

"He wouldn't listen to explanations from anyone, not even from me. However, he was still my friend, hardheaded or not," West said.

West takes pride in his friendships, just as he prides himself as an interesting teacher.

"I consider myself a good scholar," he said. "I'll go that extra yard in both teaching and research to do the best job possible."

He said creating a good atmosphere is very important to teaching, but each class has its own personality and teachers must work within the temperament of the class.

West said he'll even tolerate a class clown if it fits the personality of the class.

"I have a black digital watch with four red buttons on either side that looks like something out of Buck Rogers," he said, "and at times students interrupt class and ask questions about it."

"A young lady asked what functions the watch could perform so I explained that it was a stop watch and alarm clock. But before I could finish, another student butted in and

asked if it could defrost a turkey he had sitting at home."

West said such outbreaks help loosen class structure and allow him to be natural when he teaches. A comfortably structured atmosphere is how West said he likes to teach and do research.

"At A&M, I can choose which books I teach from and which subjects I research," he said.

West said Texas A&M gives him the free time he needs to be his own individual and not a cog in a machine.

"I have ample free time to do as much research as I want to do," he said. "This way I can be thorough enough to compete with other scholars who also are trying to publish articles on the same subject."

West has been successful already in publishing material he has researched. All five articles he has submitted have been published and he now is working on his first book, which deals with regulatory agencies.

## Ex-Green Beret finds a home teaching at A&M

## Hostages freed in Tehran, none killed in five-day seige

United Press International

Four hijackers holding an Air France jetliner freed all their 15 hostages at Tehran Airport today, ending the five-day drama, an official at the airport said.

"The hostages are well but they have been taken to a hospital for a check-up," the official, reached by telephone from London, said.

The airport official said all four hijackers surrendered to police. But the French news reports said one of the hijackers insisted, at least temporarily on

staying in the Boeing 727 that was hijacked Saturday over Europe.

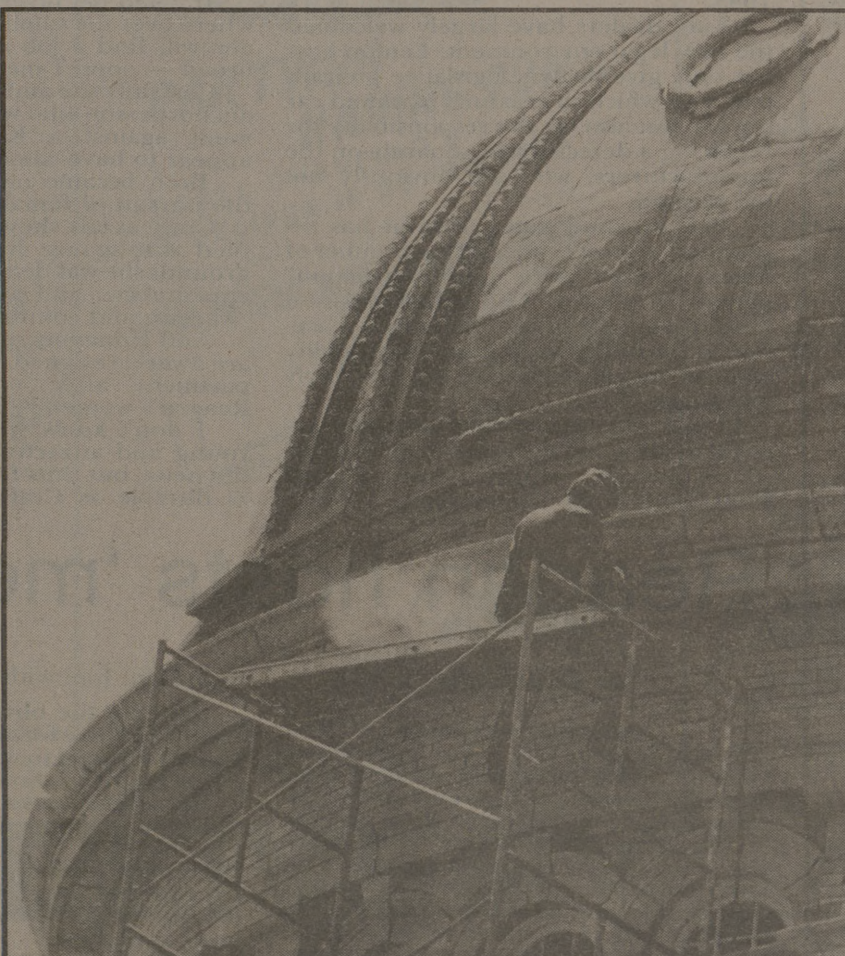
The official said he did not know if the hijackers had won concessions but a French reporter at the scene said the Iranian government apparently promised the four Arabic speaking gunmen political asylum.

Before releasing their hostages the four had threatened to kill them if France did not pull out its troops from Chad and Lebanon and stop providing Iraq with credits for buying

French fighters jets.

The hijackers Tuesday night threatened to force the jetliner into the air and blow it up over Iraq with their 15 hostages aboard, but Iranian authorities denied the pilot takeoff permission and blocked the runway.

At the same time, the hijackers offered to trade hostages for French Charge d'Affaires Jean Perrin. It was not immediately clear if the flight crew would be included in a swap and there was no immediate word from the French government.



staff photo by John Makely

### Time for a facelift

The Academic Building's exterior restoration is progressing slowly but surely. This worker is shown sanding down the stone near the top of the structure. The restoration project is scheduled to be completed in September of 1984.

## Struggle develops in Israel

United Press International

JERUSALEM — A power struggle developed today between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy over who will succeed Menachem Begin as prime minister of Israel.

The succession battle began Tuesday after Begin affirmed his Sunday decision to resign despite entreaties by his Likud coalition executive committee.

"I cannot continue. I cannot go on," one participant at the meeting quoted the 70-year-old prime minister as saying.

Begin looked frail as he left the emergency meeting and was driven off in a bulletproof limousine. Supporters chanted for him to retract his decision.

The Israeli leader did agree to delay handing in his official resignation letter, in order to give his Likud coalition time to build a government before he steps down and to deprive the opposition Labor Party of a chance at leadership.

The first step in building a government is to have his Herut Party pick a successor — but a struggle immediately broke out Tuesday between party leaders Shamir and Levy, two of Begin's closest partners.

The eight Cabinet ministers belonging to Herut, including Levy and Shamir, met through the afternoon and into the evening but failed to decide on a successor.

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### forecast

Today will be partly cloudy and hot with a high in the mid 90s. Winds will be from the southwest from 5 to 10 miles per hour. Tonight will be fair and warm with lows in the mid 70s. Southerly winds will be from 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow will be partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. The high will be in the mid 90s with winds light and variable.

## U.S. military force to stay in Lebanon

United Press International

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — President Reagan plans no changes in the current size and role of America's 1,200-man military force in Lebanon despite the death of two Marines in Beirut fighting.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters Monday that Reagan, acting on the advice of his top-level aides, decided there will be no adjustments in the status, numbers or responsibility of the Marines in the four-nation peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

"The key element of the U.S. policy continues to be support of the Lebanese government," Speakes said.

The recommendations were made by a special crisis group, headed by Vice President George Bush, after a meeting in Washington Monday.

Speakes said Reagan agreed with suggestions that there be no change in U.S. participation in the peacekeeping force that also includes French, Italian and British troops.

At the same time, the Bush panel directed a review of the War Powers Act to ensure the administration is complying with provisions requiring regular reports to Congress whenever American troops are deployed.

Reagan called the families of the two dead Marines to express his condolences.