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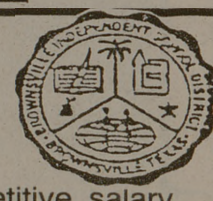
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The building, which will be constructed on the northwest corner of the park, will house the offices of the University chancellor and his immediate staff.

Gen. Wesley Peel, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction, said total cost of the new building will be around \$7.5 million.

That includes all the furniture and office equipment," he said. "The cost of the building alone will be closer to \$6 million, but we won't know an exact cost until we get all the bids for construction."

A preliminary design for the building has been accepted by the regents.

Peel said the University will open bids for construction in February 1985 and will probably award a contract sometime in March.

When the building is finished, there will be a shift similar to the game of musical chairs.

The chancellor's office is now in the System Administration Building. The staff moving with the chancellor to the new complex includes the deputy chancellor, the system controller and the vice chancellors of personnel and human resources and the research park and corporate relations.

As soon as the chancellor's office is relocated, the interior of the System Administration Building will be renovated. Exterior renovations have just been completed.

When all restoration to the building is finished, the University president's offices will be moved there from the Coke Building.

The space in the Coke Building that will be left when the president moves will be open for other faculty offices, Peel said.

'Computerji' Rajiv Gandhi takes office

United Press International

Rajiv Gandhi is sworn in Wednesday as India's sixth prime minister, catapulted by the assassination of his mother into an office he inherited because of her political ambition.

For 14 years, Rajiv, 40, worked as an airline pilot, content with his mother Indira's decision to groom his eager younger brother, Sanjay, to succeed her as leader of the world's most populous democracy.

But Rajiv suddenly found himself pulled by Indira Gandhi from a quiet life with his Italian wife Sonia and their two children and thrust into India's fractious politics after Sanjay's death in the crash of a stunt plane in June 1980.

Rajiv quit his career with India Airlines at her direction to run for the parliamentary seat in the Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh state vacated by Sanjay and he won a landslide victory on June 15, 1981.

Rajiv, born Aug. 20, 1944, took to his new calling studiously, walking through his impoverished district to view firsthand the grinding poverty and efforts at development.

"I've never been around so much," he told reporters on one of his forays. "One has got to know the country before one can do anything."

Rajiv also directed his energies into learning the power structures of the ruling Congress-Indira Party, of which he was selected as a general-secretary two years ago and expected to be named head of within the next few days.

Members of the political opposition were angered by what they saw as a bid by Indira Gandhi to create a ruling dynasty. Her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, led India after it gained independence from Britain in 1947 and she herself was elected prime minister three times.

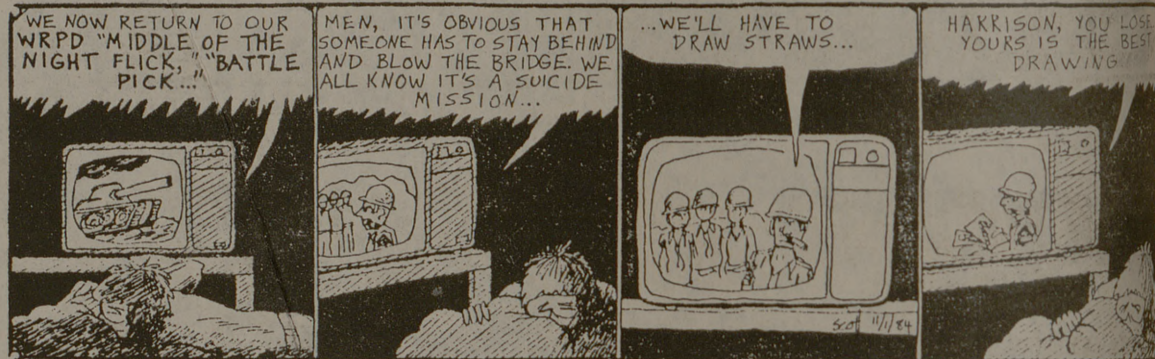
Indira Gandhi invoked family ties herself during Rajiv's by-election campaign for the parliamentary seat in Amethi, reportedly telling a rally: "I am here before you neither as the prime minister, nor as the leader of the Congress party, but as a mother to seek your vote for my son."

Rajiv and Sanjay projected vastly different personalities — while Sanjay was criticized as being heavy handed, power hungry, and haughty, Rajiv is seen as personable, easy-going, logical and sincere. His interest in bringing India into the modern world has earned him the affectionate nickname "Computerji."

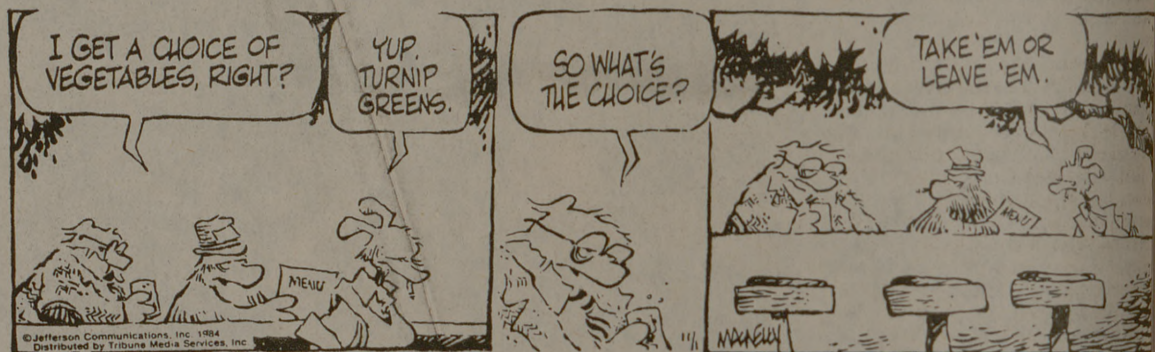
In the thousands of villages where most of India's 720 million people live, the distinctions between the two brothers blurred in the peasants' reverence for the Gandhi name.

Rajiv's standard campaign speech was full of down-to-earth practicalities about building roads and drinking water facilities.

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SHOE



by Jeff MacNelly

Weather stalls bonfire

By Trent Leopold
Staff Writer

The centerpole for the 75-anniversary bonfire will be raised this afternoon at 4:03 on Duncan Field.

"The pole will be raised regardless of weather conditions," said Richard McLeon, head civilian. "The weather has set us back a little on this year's fire, but the pole goes up at 4:03 p.m."

McLeon said the 4:03 time is in keeping with Texas A&M tradition.

"We say the pole will be raised at 4:03," McLeon said. "It usually isn't exactly at 4:03, but will be within ten minutes either way."

The pole comes from Conroe

Crescote and is about 55-60 feet tall.

"Actually the pole is made from two separate poles," McLeon said. "Company C-1 splices the two poles together and a ten-foot hole is dug for it to be supported in."

"When the pole is placed in the hole its actual height comes out to be about 55-60 feet."

McLeon said everyone is invited out to the bonfire site for the event, but cautions people to stay outside the perimeter designated for bonfire.

After the pole is raised, the task of stacking logs begins, McLeon said.

"The problem we are having this year is getting the logs from the cut-

ting site in Carlos to the bonfire on campus," McLeon said. "The wet ground is making it almost impossible to transport wood from Carlos."

McLeon said the ground is so wet they can't even get big bulldozers into the cutting site.

"Even our biggest bulldozer can maneuver on the wet ground," McLeon said. "We have managed to transport about eight loads, but we are behind schedule."

"Although we now have only eight loads at the site, we have plans to get about 20 loads moved this weekend."

McLeon said the bonfire will burn, but it will be hard work.

Bus-train collision kills at least 43

United Press International

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A train smashed into a bus loaded with early morning commuters Wednesday, killing at least 43 people and injuring seven others, police said.

Officers said the accident at San Justo, 13 miles west of Buenos Aires, apparently occurred when the bus driver tried to save time by zig-zagging his vehicle around lowered railroad crossing barriers.

Fifty-one people, most of them going to work in the city, were aboard the bus at the time, police said.

The speeding commuter train rammed into the bus and shoved it 600 feet down the tracks, scattering wreckage and bodies along the way.

Police said most of the passengers died instantly and that those who survived were rushed to local hospitals, where several more died of injuries.

Two bus passengers riding in the doorway saw the train coming and jumped to safety, according to a policeman who saw the accident.

Police from San Justo and nearby La Matanza said at least 43 deaths — all apparently passengers on the bus — had been confirmed. It was the most serious train-bus accident in Argentine history.

It also was the second such accident in less than a month.

On Oct. 7, ten people died and 10 others were injured when a bus driver illegally crossed the tracks in the path of an oncoming train in a Buenos Aires suburb.

The state railroad company, Ferrocarriles Argentinos, quoted witnesses of Wednesday's wreck as saying the crossing barriers "were in

their normal lowered position" and that the bus driver, who died in the accident, drove his vehicle around the gates in an attempt to beat the train.

Other bus drivers and a newspaper vendor who witnessed the accident disagreed, saying the manually operated barriers were not lowered before the train passed.

The barrier operator, Andres delinas, was questioned by police along with several other witnesses, including the two passengers who escaped without injuries.

Nearly a dozen ambulances carried the survivors to nearby hospitals and six local fire departments sent rescue crews to sort through the tangled wreckage for more than three hours.

More than 400 fires started in Detroit; 8 firemen injured

United Press International

DETROIT — Vandals set more than 400 fires on Devil's Night but city officials said Wednesday beefed-up police and fire patrols and faster response times helped keep damage below last year's record toll.

Fire Commissioner Melvin Jefferson said fire crews, assisted by crews from surrounding suburbs, made 410 runs between 4 p.m. and midnight Tuesday. Twelve people, mostly in their teens and early 20s, were arrested for suspected arson, he said.

Most of the fires were set in garbage dumpsters, but some vacant garages and homes and cars also were torched, Jefferson said. Eight firefighters suffered minor injuries, he said.

"They don't care for other human beings," Johnny Thomas, who al-

most lost his home when a vacant home next door was torched, said of the vandals. "If I had anything to do with it, I would have them all locked up."

Devil's Night has been a pre-Halloween tradition in Detroit for nearly 40 years, but arson did not become a major problem until 1982. In 1983, firefighters were unable to keep up with the rash of fires, many set by youngsters.

"The difference (this year) is we have things under control," Jefferson said. "Our manpower has been beefed up 33 percent."

About 100 fires are reported in Detroit during a normal 24-hour period, the commissioner said.

Mayor Coleman A. Young planned a major offensive against Devil's Night vandalism in the wake of a near riot after the Detroit Ti-

gers' World Series victory on Oct. 14. Stinging from criticism about the city's failure to contain the violence, the mayor quadrupled police patrols and ordered the curfew for youths under 17 strictly enforced.

But despite elaborate preparations, dispatchers said reports of fires came in so fast that there were temporary delays in firefighters getting to the scene of new blazes.

On the East Side, Gilbert More said he resorted to a garden hose to fight a blaze in a neighboring garage because it took firefighters 25 minutes to arrive.

One serious fire broke out on the East Side when flames from a vacant home spread to adjacent houses, including a four-unit building. Firefighters prevented it from spreading to a string of homes each separated by only a few feet.

Baboon donor comes from Texas

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — The baboon used in a history-making heart transplant at a California hospital was born at a Texas research facility, where officials Wednesday hailed the future use of animal organs in humans.

Baby Fae, the 18-day-old girl who is now the longest living survivor of an animal heart transplant, displayed a hearty appetite Wednesday six days after the operation at the Loma Linda, Calif., University Medical Center.

Dr. William J. Goodwin, director of the laboratory animal medicine department at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, confirmed that the baboon whose heart was transplanted was raised at the San Antonio facility.

Goodwin said it was too early to tell how successful the California

transplant will be, but he said the operation shows that animal organs can be used in humans at least on a temporary basis.

"It's obvious that you can survive for some period of time if you don't have a human donor available," he said. "We can use a baboon heart until we can find one (human donor). It may mean the difference of life."

Goodwin said the transplant proves the value of using baboons as animal models for humans and that it will lead to further research.

He said the baboon provided to Loma Linda had no name but only a number, and that it was 6- to 8-months old and weighed about 5 pounds, the same as the infant girl whose own heart was malformed.

Public relations director George Larrieu said the Texas foundation, which raises baboons for the National Institutes for Health, has been

inundated with telephone inquiries about its animal research program.

Just five days after the operation, Baby Fae was taken off all life support systems and played gently with her mother, Loma Linda officials said.

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Wednesday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT.
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• A blue 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside a student apartment at Married Student Housing.

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