

Zips end reign with Tuesday's elephant walk

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Reporter

Before bonfire each year, the seniors gather in front of the flagpole on Military Walk and wander aimlessly about the campus like old elephants about to die. This symbolizes the fact that the seniors will graduate the following spring and will be of no further use to the Twelfth Man.

The Class of '85 will have its elephant walk Tuesday beginning at noon at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross in front of the Academic Building.

The class also will have live elephants in the Grove for rides and pictures.

Carla Proctor, Class of '85 vice president, said elephant walk will begin with a short yell practice at Sully.

Because the tradition states that seniors "wander aimlessly about the campus," the route is known only by the redpots who lead the procession, she said.

Head yell leader Kelly Joseph said the redpots lead elephant walk because of all the time and effort they have put into bonfire.

"It's really the redpots day of glory," Joseph said.

Though the redpots lead the procession, Joseph said elephant walk is for all seniors.

"It's the seniors' day," he said. "They can make with it what they want."

The elephant walk route varies from year to year.

"Traditionally we have gone through the MSC fountain, the fish pond, the Chemistry Building fountains," Proctor said. "This year we cannot go through Rudder fountain because there is a Christmas crafts show that day."

Senior redpot Scott Strom said, "In the past they used to go through buildings and disrupt classes. That's not on our agenda."

Strom said the redpots have a basic route planned, but "we're just going to play it by ear."

"In the past, I've heard tell that they would argue as they were walking. Then when they all decided that they all wanted to go one direction, that's when they would turn."

"We have to watch it a little more carefully because of our construction on campus."

Strom said they plan to hit major campus landmarks such as Kyle Field, "at least one fountain" and



Seniors parade through the MSC to promote elephant walk.

Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

"the two graveyards."

The graveyards are located at the Corps of Cadets Quadrangle and the grassy area between northside men's dormitories. These areas are tradi-

tionally decorated as graveyards by juniors.

Throughout campus, members of the junior class, clad with elephant hunting attire, await the procession.

When the seniors venture through the grave yards and these "ambushes," the juniors "shoot" them, symbolizing the junior class' desire for the seniors to "die" so that they may

begin their reign as seniors.

Elephant walk will end at the bonfire stack where a short yell practice will be held and the Class of '85 gift will be announced.

Police Beat

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

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- A blue Huffy Omni 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the Hughes Hall bike racks.

- A blue Montgomery Ward 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside Underwood Hall.

- A purse was stolen from the second floor women's restroom in Sterling C. Evans Library.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

- A stereo, two speakers and an equalizer were stolen from a 1975 Chevrolet in Parking Annex 56.

- A Dolby cassette stereo was stolen from a 1979 Volkswagen Rabbit parked on Lubbock Street.

108 passengers fear for their lives if 21 prisoners aren't freed

Ethiopian hijackers vow to 'end it all'

United Press International

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Three "furious" army officers who hijacked a Somali jetliner to Ethiopia vowed Sunday to "end it all" by blowing up the plane and all 108 people aboard if the Somali government fails to free 21 political prisoners.

Ethiopian Foreign Minister Goshe Wolde said negotiators told the hijackers that the Somali government of President Siad Barre had rejected their demands, which included freedom for seven high schools students who were sentenced to be executed Sunday. Somalia denied a date had

been set for the executions.

"We pray the hijackers will not carry this threat out and shed blood on Ethiopian soil," Wolde said.

In a statement broadcast over state-run Radio Mogadishu, the Somali government said "it completely rejects" the demands of the hijackers, three Somali army officers led by a captain.

Witnesses said the hijackers, who described themselves as sympathetic to anti-government Somali National Movement, were armed with submachineguns and grenades.

The officers seized the jetliner Saturday after it took off from Mo-

gadishu, the Somali capital in East Africa with 130 aboard, beat up the pilot and shot a security officer in the chest before landing at Addis Ababa's Bole airport.

The pilot, co-pilot and the wounded security officer were among 22 people released by the hijackers within hours of their arrival in Addis Ababa. The security officer was listed in stable condition.

The foreign minister said two civilians aboard the Somali Airlines Boeing 707 joined the hijackers Sunday and were given arms.

"Several other passengers have asked to be granted political asylum

in a third country if this thing ends peacefully," Wolde said.

Wolde said negotiations were continuing and that Italian diplomats had offered to represent the Somalis in the negotiations, but he sharply criticized the Somali government for its inflexible position.

Somalia has no formal diplomatic relations with Ethiopia, which allows Somali rebels to operate from bases inside Ethiopia. Egyptian diplomats were representing the Somalis.

Wolde identified the leader of the hijackers as Somali army captain Awil Adan Bourhan. The two other military men involved in the hijack

were named as Bashe Nuse Mohamed and Ahmed Hadji Mohamed Adan. Wolde did not give their military rank.

He said an Ethiopian medical team was permitted onboard the airliner and reported the passengers as "well under the circumstances."

He said most of the Somali passengers had requested and been given the drug Khat, a mild stimulant derived from the mescale plant. The drug was banned last year in Somalia.

Food and drinks also had been brought to the plane.



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