

# University gets phones, lights for campus safety Officials pinpoint danger areas

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Texas A&M is taking action to make the campus safer for students by installing lights and outdoor emergency telephones.

In a speech to the Student Senate last week, University President William H. Mobley said a study of the campus is being conducted to determine where more lights should be installed for better campus security.

He said that plans are already underway to install lights and emergency telephone boxes along the jogging trail near the President's house and in all parking lots.

Bob Wiatt, University Police Department director, said the UPD and the Office of Student Affairs are working together to improve campus safety.

"We are working with Student Affairs to try to pinpoint all the areas in campus that are well-traveled but not well-lighted," Wiatt said. "Based on our input, it was decided that lights should be installed along the jogging trail and in all parking lots, especially the ones behind the Commons and the gravel lot where married student housing used to be."

More lights and new emergency phones are being installed in identified "problem or dark areas," said

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Tom Murray, assistant director of student affairs.

"So far, we've decided to install lights behind the Commons and on a new temporary poorly lighted walkway between the band hall and Underwood Hall," Murray said. "Also, overgrown trees that shade existing lights are going to be trimmed."

The Security Awareness Task Force, a committee created last year by the Department of Student Affairs, decided that lights on campus should be monitored for burnouts, Murray said.

"We never had a really effective method of reporting burned-out lights," he said. "Now any student or staff member can report faulty lights to the UPD, which will notify the Physical Plant."

Two new phone systems also are being installed on campus.

Because residence halls are locked from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m., eight courtesy-convenience phones are being placed outside some halls.

Murray said the phones should be installed by the end of September at Haas, McGinnis, Underwood, Hughes, Hart and Clements Halls. Phones also will be placed in the Law-Puryear area and on the golf course side of Krueger and Mosher Halls.

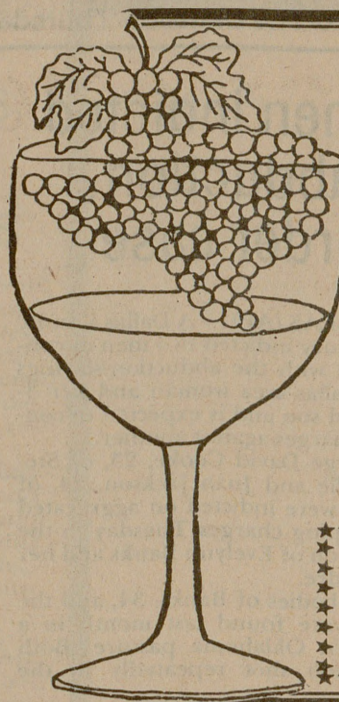
Three emergency "blue light" phones also will be installed.

"These phones will be installed on a test basis in select areas of campus," Murray said, "one of which will be near the jogging trail."

He said the phones will be tied directly into the UPD computer system. Lifting the receiver will send a signal to the UPD and the computer will identify the phone being used automatically.

Murray said the new safety measures are being implemented to ensure student safety.

"Locking the doors early has nothing to do with our perception of students as adults," he said. "We're just trying to provide the students with a safe environment free from anything including innocent solicitation and anyone who may cause students harm. We're just trying to provide the students with an increased opportunity for safety."



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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment and/or clarification providing that federal reimbursement of state highway dedicated funds are themselves dedicated for the purpose of acquiring rights-of-way and constructing, maintaining, and policing public roadways."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish an economic stabilization fund in the state treasury. The fund would consist of one half of the unencumbered balance of general revenues at the end of a biennium and three fourths of the difference between the net oil and gas production taxes received in a fiscal year and the net oil and gas production taxes received in the 1987 fiscal year. During any fiscal biennium, the amount in the economic stabilization fund could not exceed 10% of the total deposited in general revenue in the preceding biennium.

The state comptroller and the state treasurer could decide to trans-

fer monies from the fund into the general revenue fund to alleviate a temporary cash shortage in general revenue. The legislature could make appropriations from the fund on approval by a three fifths vote of each house to make up the difference between anticipated general revenue and appropriations. On approval of two thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, the legislature could appropriate monies from the fund for any purpose.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment establishing an economic stabilization fund in the state treasury to be used to offset unforeseen shortfalls in revenue."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment that establishes the Texas growth fund. All investments of the Texas growth fund must be directly related to furthering economic growth and employment opportunities in Texas. At least 50 percent of the fund must be invested in equity and/or debt security for the initial construction, expansion, or modernization of business or industrial facilities in Texas. Not more than ten percent of the fund may be invested in venture capital investments. Of the funds available for venture capital investments, not more than 25 percent may be invested unilaterally, and the remaining investments must be matched at least equally by funds from other sources. The Texas

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growth fund will be managed by a board of trustees consisting of four members appointed by the Governor and one member from and elected by the membership of each of the following: The Board of Regents of the University of Texas System; The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M System; The Board of Trustees of the Teacher's Retirement System of Texas; The Board of Trustees of the Employee's Retirement System of Texas; and the State Board of Education. The trustees may set the investment policy of the fund, enter into investment contracts, and take any action necessary for the creation, administration, and protection of the fund. The amendment authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System and the State Board of Education, in managing the permanent university fund and the permanent school fund, to acquire, exchange, sell, supervise, manage, or retain any kind of investment, including investments in the Texas growth fund. The fund will be phased out after the tenth anniversary of its creation, but the Legislature may create a second growth fund by a two thirds vote of each house.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the investment of the permanent university fund, the permanent school fund, and public employee retirement systems in the Texas growth fund created by the amendment, which will directly create, retain, and expand job opportunity and economic growth in Texas."

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# Texas oil-industry analysts don't worry about world price

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas economists and oil analysts are shrugging off a recent slide in the price of oil, that many consider the lifeblood of the state's economy.

And that's a dramatic change from the days when the prospect of \$14-per-barrel oil would send shivers down the spine of any self-respecting Texan.

Optimists may attribute the change in attitude to a diversification of the state's economy since the last great oil bust of 1986. But analysts say the main reason is that oil companies have grown so lean the prices will have to drop considerably to force further cutbacks.

Oil futures prices, trading on two-year lows, slipped below \$14 per barrel this week before surging back a bit after King Fahd of Saudi Arabia called for better cooperation among OPEC members.

When the October contract for benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude skidded to \$13.75, it marked the lowest level since Oct. 29, 1986. On spot markets, crude prices also have dropped below \$14.50.

Despite the dwindling "upstream" profits in drilling and production, Texas refineries are profitably working around the clock. And the integrated oil companies are streamlined enough to make up for the low price of crude with the firm price of refined products.

The Texas state budget, meanwhile, has grown less dependent on oil tax revenues, managing a \$113 million surplus in the 1988 fiscal year despite continuing problems in the oil patch.

"The feeling right now is that (oil) prices would have almost go down to the single-digit level before we saw any seriously detrimental effects on the Houston re-

gion," Michelle Michot Foss, senior associate at Houston's Rice Center, said.

"The energy industry is just as important as it once was, but if you look at the region and the composition of industry, it's a much smaller share," she said. "Not that the others have grown so much, but because the oil industry has gotten smaller."

The Houston area alone lost about 160,000 jobs during the first major drop in oil prices in 1982-83, and an additional 130,000 jobs disappeared in the 1986 price plunge, officials said.

Ray Perryman, director of the Baylor University Forecasting Service said, "Our short-term dependency on oil during this recovery, oddly enough, is not that great. But the state's long-term dependency is significant."

Texas' gradual economic recovery, he said, has been primarily driven by export industries, including petrochemicals, paper, aircraft and electronics.

"I think that a year from today, if the price of oil stays at that level, the economic outlook in Texas will be lower than otherwise," Perryman said. "But I don't think we're going to have any significant problems unless the price drops below the Texas production levels of \$11.50 a barrel and stays there."

Tony Proffitt, a spokesman for State Comptroller Bob Bullock, agreed that a sustained depression in oil prices would hurt the state economy, but downplayed the effects of any temporary price declines.

"Oil and gas revenues once accounted for 27 percent of all economic activity in the state," Proffitt said. "But now it only accounts for 9 percent of all economic activity in the state, so the importance is lessened."

## Three officers bitten, beaten by suspect

DENISON (AP) — Three officers trying to take a bite out of crime were bitten and beaten as they arrested a man Tuesday, police said.

All three policemen were given shots for hepatitis after the scuffle, and the 32-year-old man was being checked for communicable diseases.

The suspect, who was not injured, is expected to face a number of charges, including aggravated assault on a police officer, resisting arrest, public intoxication, and criminal mischief after he damaged the inside of a patrol car, police said.

Capt. H.C. Strandlien lost a fingernail and had to have stitches in both thumbs after he was bitten. One thumb was broken. Lt. John Nelson was treated for multiple bites, bruises and a broken thumb. Officer Ray Aaron was treated for bites and bruises.

The incident took place after police tried to arrest a man who allegedly shoved and grabbed a woman delivering a pizza. Another woman said the same man had banged on her door saying someone was trying to kill him.

Police spotted the suspect and tried to talk to him. When they informed him he was under arrest, the suspect turned on them cursing, fighting, kicking and biting, police said.

The man was subdued and handcuffed, then shoved into the police car, where he started kicking again, police said.

Officers said they had to stop several times en route to the police station to try and quiet the man. At police headquarters, the man continued to battle officers.

## Bentsen: Dukakis will pursue 'real' defense

HARLINGEN (AP) — Democratic vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen, seeking votes in his pro-defense home state of Texas, said Wednesday that Michael Dukakis would pursue practical weapons instead of the "Buck Rogers" Republican program.

"We live in the real world these days, not some science fiction movie," said the former bomber pilot, speaking at a podium amid a collection of World War II combat planes. "And in the real world, real wars are still fought with real tanks and guns and fighter planes," he said.

"Under this administration, Buck Rogers has been promoted and our conventional forces have been neglected" while the Soviets have gained in that area, he said.

"Mike Dukakis and I are going to devote more defense resources to areas where America is most vulnerable," he said.

Bentsen toured the Confederate Air Force, a private collection, and spoke to an audience including uniformed students from the nearby Marine Military Academy, a boarding high school.

The Texas senator donned a leather flight jacket, climbed aboard and fired up a single-engine trainer. He waved to the crowd and cameras from the open cockpit as the wind from the prop blew back his hair.

Both Bentsen and Dukakis were hitting the military theme to counter Republican efforts to portray the Massachusetts governor as weak on defense.

Vice President George Bush has said Dukakis opposes every weapon devised since the slingshot, citing the Democrat's opposition to the MX and Midgetman missiles and deployment of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative.

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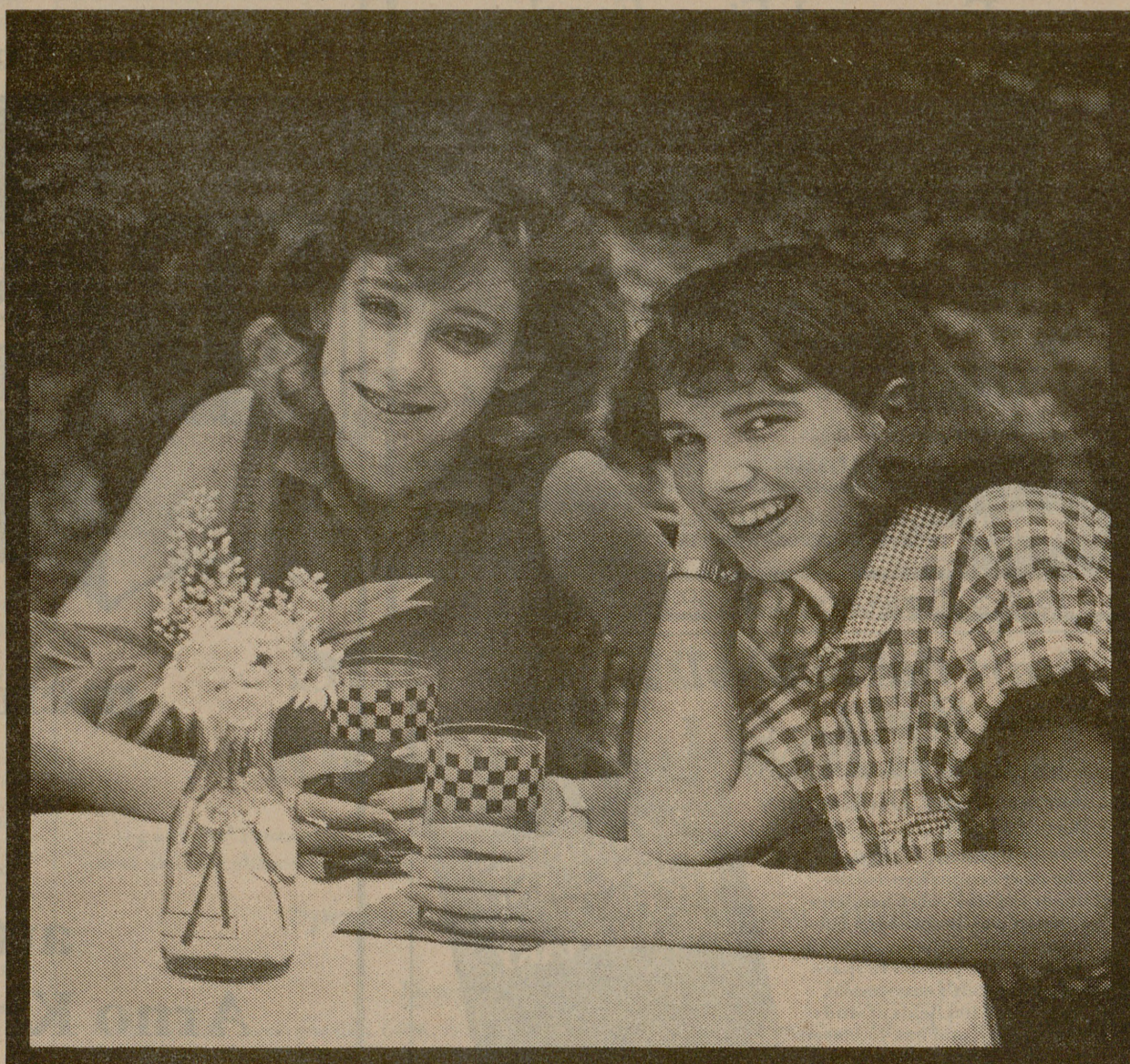
In a speech prepared for delivery later Wednesday at an LTV corporation plant in Grand Prairie, Bentsen said Bush's comments were wild charges and innuendo from the vice president and his handlers . . . hit and run attacks staged for the network news.

Bentsen said Dukakis supported the cruise missile, the Stealth and B-1 bombers, and an array of other weapons including continued SDI research. The Republican's problem was that they never met a weapons system they didn't like and mismanaged the Pentagon Bentsen said.

"Any objective person would have to acknowledge that defense spending over the past eight years has been mismanaged," he said. "This administration's idea of a Pentagon watchdog is one that bites the whistleblower and wags its tail at the consultants getting their kickbacks on military contracts."

The wasted money, he said, was adding to a federal deficit that could threaten the country as surely as a military attack.

Bentsen planned to travel Thursday morning to Shreveport, La., but his staff was watching the progress of Hurricane Gilbert to see if plans would be changed.



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