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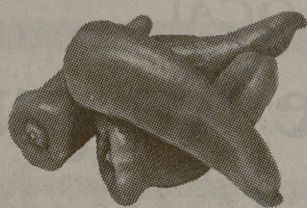
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Memo defends A&M employees

Long-standing University practice disguised purchases of alcohol, administrators say

By Jan Higginbotham THE BATTALION

Texas A&M administrators spoke out last week in defense of the 10 A&M employees charged for tampering with government records.

In a memo signed by A&M System chancellor Dr. William Mobley, A&M president Dr. Ray Bowen and 12 college deans, the University accepted responsibility for its practice of describing alcohol purchases as food and beverages on state vouchers.

"Our purpose in sending this memo to all members of Texas A&M faculty and staff is to state, in a public way, our unwavering support for all these employees," the memo said.

The memo came in response to the indictments of four A&M employees, including A&M's athletic director, who were charged

last month with misdemeanor counts of tampering with government records.

Similar misdemeanor charges were filed against four other employees who opted not to go through the grand jury process. Among those individuals were A&M's vice president of student affairs and an assistant to the president.

Two A&M System Board of Regents secretaries were also indicted in February on felony charges of disguising alcohol purchases with an intent to deceive A&M's fiscal department.

The memo explained how a wide-spread institutional practice had developed over the years in which vouchers listing alcohol purchases would not be paid by the fiscal office.

A common practice evolved, in which alcohol purchases were listed as soft drinks, food, beverages, catering, cups and ice on

vouchers to ensure payment.

"Both practices were the result of our failure to conduct a long needed review of the institution's policy on how we vouchered and paid for appropriate purchases of alcohol," the memo said. "The University's 'business as usual' approach resulted in a failure to address this issue in a proper manner."

Dr. Don Hellriegel, a professor of management and one of the employees charged with tampering, said he was pleased with the letter from the administration.

"I was delighted at two levels," he said. "First, I was delighted at a personal level. But maybe I was more delighted for all those people working hard within the University."

"This is a tragic set of circumstances that never should have occurred. I'm not sure (the district attorney) understood that there was a long-standing informal practice within the University."

Hellriegel said because the memo was signed by all of the top administrators, it

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ON SOLID GROUND

A&M alumnus Halbouty continues life of contributions to geosciences

By Sara Israwi THE BATTALION

Michel T. Halbouty has earned respect and prestige at A&M and elsewhere for his contributions to geosciences.

Halbouty, Class of '30, graduated from A&M with bachelor's degrees in geology and petroleum engineering. The Geoscience/Geophysics Building was named in honor of him.

Halbouty said he is pleased that A&M has a building named after him. "It is the most beautiful building on campus, and I am proud," he said. "The building was named after me, and it is going to be there forever. I have done a lot for A&M over the years, and I feel this is a payback."

In 1931 Halbouty returned for his master's degree in petroleum/geological engineering.

Halbouty said he has tried to show his support by endowing scholarships for Texas A&M students, which he has done for almost 50 years.

His loyalty to Texas A&M has remained strong since he graduated. He presently serves on the Geosciences and Earth Resources Advisory Council at A&M.

Halbouty said it is important that all students are aware of A&M's camaraderie. "Texas A&M University is still the greatest university in

the world," he said. "Students graduating from Texas A&M have a better attitude and a better feeling for themselves, and they do better."

George Mitchell, Class of '40 and a close friend of Halbouty, said Halbouty is dynamic in his ways and a wonderful person.

"He has made contributions to Texas A&M for a number of years," he said. "He is an outstanding alumnus. He is patient with people, and he knows how to make things happen."

Halbouty has been head of several U.S. government projects and has been instrumental in oil and gas exploration.

A&M System Regent Bill Clayton said Halbouty is properly recognized for his contributions to Texas A&M.

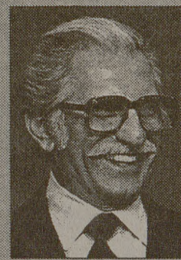
"He always contributed and is very helpful in the Petroleum Engineering department," he said. "Not only with a large amount of money, but with time and talent."

Clayton said Halbouty is active with Texas A&M and is around the university frequently.

"He has always been a very active, feisty type - not hesitant about saying what he thinks," he said. "He has been an energetic oil and gas operator for many years because of his dedication to that particular area and contribution."

Halbouty was appointed to the A&M Board of Regents by Gov. Bill Clements but was removed when Gov. Mark White decided to bring in a new Board.

He is currently CEO of Michel T. Halbouty Energy Co. in Houston.



Halbouty

Warning Americans in Haiti

U.S. ready to evacuate 3,500 if invasion begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The word could come any moment for 3,500 Americans still living in Haiti. If they are threatened or an invasion begins, the State Department would activate its "warden system" to get them out.

U.S. warships stand guard off the coast of Haiti, with instructions to evacuate Americans if needed. If the order is given - and there's no indication yet on when or whether that might happen - the U.S. Embassy would call its 60 "wardens" and have them direct Americans to preset locations to be removed from the country.

The system is standard for U.S. embassies worldwide, although trouble spots such as Haiti and Rwanda require heightened precautions. Gary Scheaffer, spokesman for the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs, said the system was critical to getting Americans out of Rwanda after ethnic violence flared into a bloodbath in April.

In Rwanda, the embassy contacted all 258 Americans, and most traveled by convoy to neighboring Burundi.

"When you have a situation like Haiti, where there is the potential for real problems that could affect Americans, the warden system becomes more important, more refined," said Scheaffer.

Embassies designate contact individuals, each responsible for contacting a specific group of Americans. The contact could be through a "telephone tree" system or through radio contact, which may be more appropriate in rural Haiti, officials said.

Because of growing tension, Ambassador William Swing has held periodic meetings with the American wardens in Haiti, most recently on Friday.

According to embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager, Swing discussed the recent expulsion of international human rights monitors by Haiti's ruling military, and the upcoming suspension of flights by Air France, the last airline serving the impoverished nation.



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Cup of joe

Velia Smith-Munyon, a graduate student in kinesiology from Cypress, throws pottery in the MSC craft center on Monday. She is making an oversized coffee mug.

Biggest fragments yet streak toward Jupiter

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — The comet train struck Jupiter Monday with an explosion several times more powerful than all of the world's nuclear weapons, leaving black scars the size of Earth.

A Shoemaker-Levy 9 comet fragment called G slammed into the gas bag-like planet and set off a fireball that was briefly brighter in some wavelengths than the whole planet. Some observing instruments watching from Earth 480 million miles away were momentarily blinded.

Fragment G was followed by an equally large fragment H, and at least two more of the 21 fragments of Shoemaker-Levy 9 are of similar size.

By Monday afternoon, nine fragments had smashed into Jupiter since the bombardment started on Saturday. The last fragment, W, is expected to hit the planet Friday.

Upcoming is a triple whammy. Beginning Wednesday, three fragments will slam into the planet's upper atmosphere at about the same spot over a 20-hour period.

"You'll have three - boom, boom, boom," Heidi Hammel of the Space Telescope Science Institute said Monday. "You are going to have one heck of a mess."

The first of the three fragments, Q, is expected to hit just before 4 a.m. EDT on Wednesday. R follows 10 hours later and S will be 10 hours after that. The Jovian rotation is 10 hours, which means the fragments will hit at nearly the same spot on the planet.

Comet fragment G, the largest in the comet train, hit the planet early Monday with the biggest explosion yet - estimated at the energy equivalent of 6 million megatons.

Bringing the country club to the country

Pebble Creek expands, builds clubhouse, swimming pool

By Christi Erwin THE BATTALION

Few people realize that a new country club and subdivision are opening in College Station off Greens Prairie Road.

Pebble Creek offers 1500 homesites, an 18-hole golf course, and will soon feature a 40,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Molly Young, the office manager at Pebble Creek, said the clubhouse will open in late December 1994 or early

January 1995.

She said the two-story building will provide casual and formal dining facilities, conference rooms, a golf pro shop, an exercise room, locker rooms and cart storage to members.

The backside of the clubhouse will be constructed entirely of windows to offer a view of the tee box of the 1st hole and the green of the 18th hole, she said.

An intercollegiate swimming pool with a diving well and wading pool, seven tennis courts and a tennis pro shop will be adjacent to the clubhouse.

Young said Pebble Creek will appeal to a wide variety of people because it offers a little for everybody and has a casual atmosphere.

"Pebble Creek will not be the typical country club where everyone has to be dressed just so," she said. "It will be comfortable, casual and welcoming to different age groups."

Although the clubhouse is not yet open, the golf course has been open

since July of 1992.

Bobby Lane, head golf professional at Pebble Creek, said the course is currently open to the public, but will become private when it reaches its cap level of 550 members.

Now Pebble Creek has 410 to 420 members, he said.

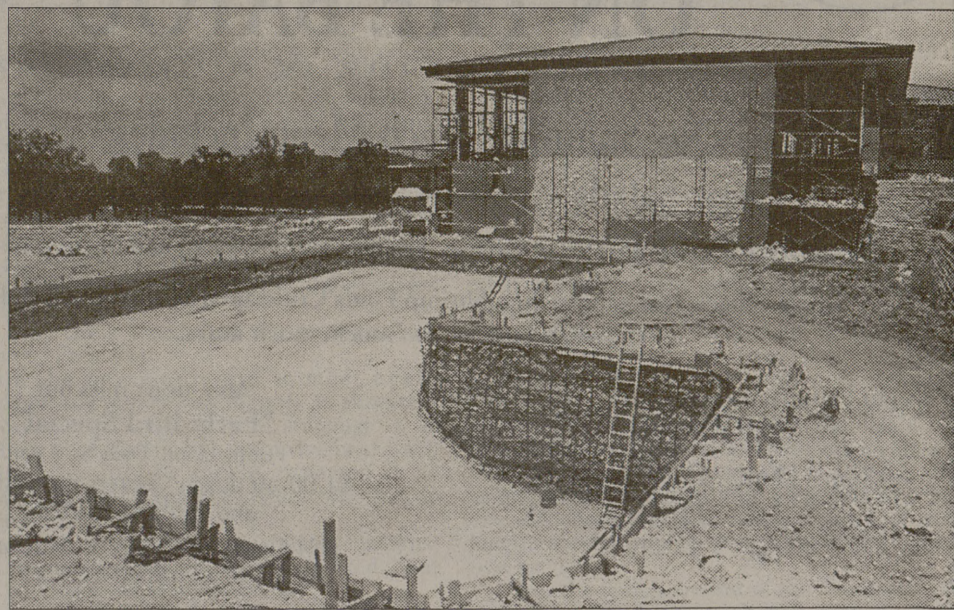
"We have a cap level because that is the maximum number of golfers an 18-hole golf course can accommodate," he said.

Lane said the course attracts people within a one hundred mile radius. "In addition to College Station we get a lot of people from Houston and Austin and the surrounding small towns," he said.

People enjoy playing at Pebble Creek because it has a natural, wooded setting and is challenging for every level of golfer, he said. "We have four sets of tees on every hole," he said. "We can accommodate six or seven levels of golfers."

Lane said Pebble Creek is differ-

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The Pebble Creek clubhouse and pool are under construction off Greens Prairie Road.

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