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Dr. Ray Bowen looks on as Dr. Barry Thompson congratulates Dan Buche of St. Joseph Regional Health Center on becoming a diplomatic corps member.

Diplomatic Corps inducts new members

Organization familiarizes B-CS business and community leaders with Texas A&M.

By Wes Swift
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The Texas A&M/Bryan-College Station Council honored community leaders of the 1995-96 Diplomatic Corps at a reception in the Board of Regents board room Monday. Drew Matthews, chairman of the Diplomatic Corps planning committee, said the program should create a link between Texas A&M and the community. "The goal of this program is to establish a pathway between you and the Texas A&M System," Matthews told the 25 honorees. "This pathway allows information to

flow in both directions. We're very interested in your thoughts, visions and feelings about A&M."

Matthews later added that the program is a chance for corps' members and A&M administrators to better understand the relationship between the System, University and community.

"The more we foster the understanding of the symbiotic relationship between the community and A&M, the more we constantly move toward a win-win situation," Matthews said. "This is our way of building bridges between us and the community."

The Diplomatic Corps was created last year. Each year the program familiarizes 25 business and community leaders in the Bryan-College Station area with the complexities of Texas A&M University, A&M System state agencies and System offices. Corps members are selected to provide a cross section of the community.

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BISD Facilities Task Force meets

Members set priorities for facility use.

Jill Saunders
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Members of the Facilities Task Force established priorities for the Bryan Independent School District Monday.

The task force, composed of Bryan citizens and chaired by Dr. Dale Knobel, director of A&M's honors program, prioritized expectations for the use of BISD facilities, school environment and programs.

The following held the highest priority by the task force:

- consideration of creating two high schools, each with grades nine through 12.
- consideration of creating one new high school, consisting of two separate campuses, one for ninth and 10th grades and one for 11th and 12th grades.
- exploring efficient construction options for new and renovated buildings.
- creating a climate conducive to optimum achievement for all students.
- expanding vocational programs.

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Serbian president's office says hostages to be freed soon

Proposed moves would defuse the Bosnian Serbs' standoff with the international community.

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serbia's powerful president said Monday that he had persuaded Bosnian Serbs to release all of the more than 250 U.N. peacekeepers still held hostage.

President Slobodan Milosevic's office in Belgrade said in a statement that his chief of security, Jovica Stanisic, reported Bosnian Serb leaders had "responded positively" to demands to quickly release the hostages.

Sources in Pale said the hostages were being gathered from the locations where they were being held in preparation for departure. The moves repeated developments Friday when 121 hostages were freed, but it was unclear exactly when this group might go free.

Freeing of the hostages would defuse the Bosnian Serbs' latest standoff with the international community as well as strengthen Milosevic in his bid to get debilitating economic sanctions lifted against Serb-led Yugoslavia.

Milosevic's announcement came minutes after Stanisic arrived in Pale, the Bosnian Serbs'

headquarters nine miles from Sarajevo, in a four-jeep convoy with about a dozen Serbian secret police.

The Greek defense and foreign ministers had arrived earlier Monday for talks with rebel Serb leader Radovan Karadzic in a surprise initiative to win freedom for the hostages.

The Greeks are Orthodox Christians like the Serbs and are the only Western nation to have maintained strong ties with Belgrade and Bosnia's Serbs through more than three years of Bosnian war.

The Bosnian Serbs had toughened their line on releasing the remaining hostages over the weekend. Their commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, vowed not to let more go without guarantees that NATO will not repeat its May 25-26 airstrikes.

NATO jets blew up rebel ammunition dumps outside Pale in retaliation for the Bosnian Serbs' artillery strikes and sniper attacks in Sarajevo.

Milosevic's statement treated the release of all hostages as a done deal, and added: "The international community and all sides in the conflict should use this mo-

ment of relaxation of high tensions to ... move towards peace."

Milosevic officially severed ties with the Bosnian Serbs last August, but has flexed his muscles there in recent days to bolster his standing with the West as a peacemaker.

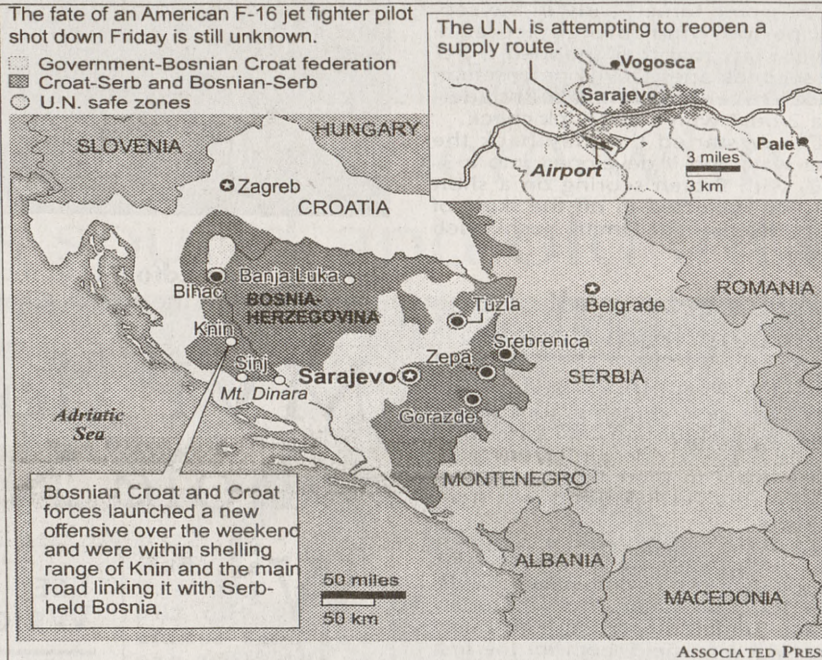
That could translate into wringing more concessions in negotiations to lift international sanctions imposed three years ago.

The world had seemed more than ever set on a collision course with the Serbs since NATO defense ministers decided in Paris on Saturday to form a rapid deployment force. Up to 10,000 men would protect some 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia.

The force's mission and command structure are vague. But the danger of getting sucked directly into Bosnia's war could grow if the force were to fight its way through roadblocks or other impediments.

On Monday, Karadzic warned the United Nations against trying to open overland supply routes into besieged Sarajevo.

"Only Serb forces can open a corridor through Serb territory, certainly not Gen. Smith," said Karadzic, referring to Britain's Rupert Smith, U.N. commander for Bosnia.



A&M's Bus Operations cuts back hours during summer sessions, stops running evening routes

Students must rely on personal transportation after 6:00 p.m.

By Katherine Arnold
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Students who use bus services to get to and from campus must rely on personal transportation after 6 p.m. during the summer.

Bus Operation officials said bus service hours are reduced during the summer because of a lack of demand and funding.

On-campus and off-campus bus routes leave their regular stops at 6 p.m. for their final cycle. There is no Dial-a-Ride service in the summer.

Off-campus bus routes during the spring ran every 30 minutes from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Dial-a-Ride ran from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Woody Isenhart, shuttle bus coordinator for Bus Operations, said one reason the hours are cut back during the summer is because Bus Operations does not have enough funds.

"We do not have an endless pool of money to work with," Isenhart said. "We have limits on how much we can spend on bus routes."

On-campus bus routes are funded by student services fees, and off-campus bus routes are paid for by bus pass sales. About 1,000 summer bus passes were sold, compared to the 9,000 sold during the rest of the year, Isenhart said.

"We never end up with enough money to cover costs," Isenhart said. "The rest of the cost is usually subsidized by other sources."

Susan Burchfield, a junior education major, said she would have more reasons to use later bus service during the summer than during fall or spring.

"With summer school classes, reviews tend to be later at night," Burchfield said. "If the buses were running, I could be using them all summer."

Elva Chamberlain, a senior education major, said that she has to plan her

schedule around her transportation.

"If I know I have to be on campus late one day, I'll drive, but I take the bus whenever I can," Chamberlain said.

Allison Smith, coordinator for the Office of Student Life Programs, said it is important for students to plan how they will get home for safety reasons, as well.

"We encourage students to plan out where they have to be so they are not walking out to remote parking lots by themselves," Smith said. "If you are going to be on campus late, make sure you have someone to pick you up or walk you to your car."

Elmer Schneider, associate director of security for the University Police Department, suggests that students get rides from friends or take a cab.

Schneider reminded students that Brazos Transit, the local city bus service, also stops running at 5 p.m.

Students who drive to campus and have summer permits may park in staff lots after 5:30 p.m. Spaces marked "24-hour tow-away" may not be used.



Dan Reeves, a senior psychology major from Orange, waits for the bus at the MSC stop Friday afternoon.

Report shows conserving energy provides a boost to environment, pocketbooks

Individual consumers can control increasing summer costs by adjusting personal habits.

By Tara Wilkinson
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Increasing summer energy costs for individual consumers can be controlled by changing personal habits and maintaining building facilities, said city of College Station officials.

A College Station Energy Conservation Division publication said it is financially beneficial to conserve energy and that there are potential savings in every room in a building.

In residence halls or apartment buildings where management pays for utilities, energy conservation can prevent tuition or rent increases, the Energy Conservation Division said.

Lee Battle, city of College Station energy auditor, said air conditioning can amount to 50 percent of summertime utility bills.

A Center for Information Sharing publication calculates that if energy costs are \$50 a month, reducing energy consumption 10 percent will save the consumer \$60 a year. A 30-percent energy reduction will save \$180 a year.

Charles Darnell, energy manager of the Texas A&M Physical Plant, said A&M spends \$40 million a year on utilities and 60 to 65 percent of these utilities are generated by the University's Physical Plant.

Energy is wasted on campus because students and faculty do not take personal responsibility to turn off lights and shut off computers, especially in common areas like student lounges and lecture rooms, Darnell said.

"Most campus custodial services occur at the beginning of each day," he said. "Therefore, lights left on at the end of each day will be on all night or

maybe all weekend."

Energy is also wasted on campus when maintenance problems are not reported.

"People should not assume that someone else has already reported a problem," Darnell said. "With only 155 maintenance personnel covering 16 million square feet of campus, the Physical Plant needs the help of faculty, students and staff to report problems as soon as they are discovered."

Excessively cold areas in buildings and gushing sprinkler heads are among the problems Darnell said should be reported.

Battle said consumers can help College Station use energy more efficiently by doing energy-taxing activities, like baking or laundry, early in the morning or late in the evening.

Energy peaks occur between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. when people are coming home from work and when restaurants are filling up, Battle said.

The day of the year that the city uses the most energy is the first Wednesday after A&M fall classes begin, Battle said.

"We can't just flip on a generating plant down the road whenever there's an energy demand," he said. "It takes a while to get going. So we have to run it all the time, just in case it's needed. We are trying to flatten out the peaks in the city so generators can be turned off sometimes."

Darnell said the city is attempting to do this by educating residential consumers and encouraging the use of energy-efficient equipment. The city is also asking large companies to time their energy use so that a strain is not placed on the system.

Battle said there are unrealized effects of something as simple as watching television or leaving the lights on.

"Many people don't think of pollution when they use electricity — that coal or oil is being used somewhere and that carbon monoxide is being released," Battle said.

The city of College Station Energy Conservation Division offers the following tips to save energy and cut down on utility bills:

- AIR CONDITIONING**
- Clean or replace air conditioner filters once a month.
 - Do not place lamps or televisions near thermostats.
 - Close curtains and blinds.
 - Keep lights off or at low settings.

- WATER**
- Check to see if water heaters are set at high temperatures, 120 degrees is adequate.
 - Use cold water for laundering and when running the food disposal.
 - Take short showers.

- APPLIANCES**
- Match size of pan to size of burner.
 - Turn off range or oven a few minutes before food is done cooking.
 - Boil water in a covered pan or kettle.
 - Cook small items in an electric skillet or toaster.
 - Set refrigerator temperature no lower than 38 degrees and the freezer no lower than 5 degrees.



Correction:

A Page 1 story in The Battalion Monday should have stated the new Study Complex addition to Sterling C. Evans Library will add 125,000 square feet of space.