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## FRIENDSHIP FORCE

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President Carter's far-reaching Friendship Force will extend its program to Harrisburg this year.

On February 20, 380 American "ambassadors" selected from the Harrisburg area will leave Harrisburg International Airport on a charter flight bound for Mexico City. On that same day, 380 Mexican ambassadors from Mexico City will land at Harrisburg International. Upon arrival at their respective destinations, each ambassador will meet the host with whom he or she will stay for the first four days of the scheduled ten-day visit.

In addition to the ambassadors, Harrisburg will also be sending a basketball team, a jazz band, and an opera singer to Mexico City. A similar group will come to Harrisburg with the group from Mexico.

This mass exchange of people has its roots in the Friendship Force program initiated by Jimmy Carter while he was governor of Georgia. The first exchange between citizens of Atlanta and a group from New Castle-on-the-Tyne proved successful, and following his election to the presidency, Carter expanded the program to a national level, with office headquarters still located in Atlanta.

The purpose of the Friendship Force is to promote international friendship and understanding on a person-to-person basis. To that goal, the program plans to select a city from each state in the union to participate in an exchange similar to the one currently planned for Harrisburg and

## EVICTED

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Residents of Church and Wrisberg Halls were forced to evacuate their dorms on Friday when a leak in the hot water pipe from the power plant left them without heat or hot water.

The students were gathered in the dining hall for a meeting with Dean of Student Affairs Jerry South, who informed them they would have to be out of the buildings by 9:00 p.m. Friday. The general atmosphere of the meeting was one of turmoil. Some of the students complained of a breach on their housing contracts while others sneered at the idea of sleeping in the provided army cots in the Multi-Purpose Building.

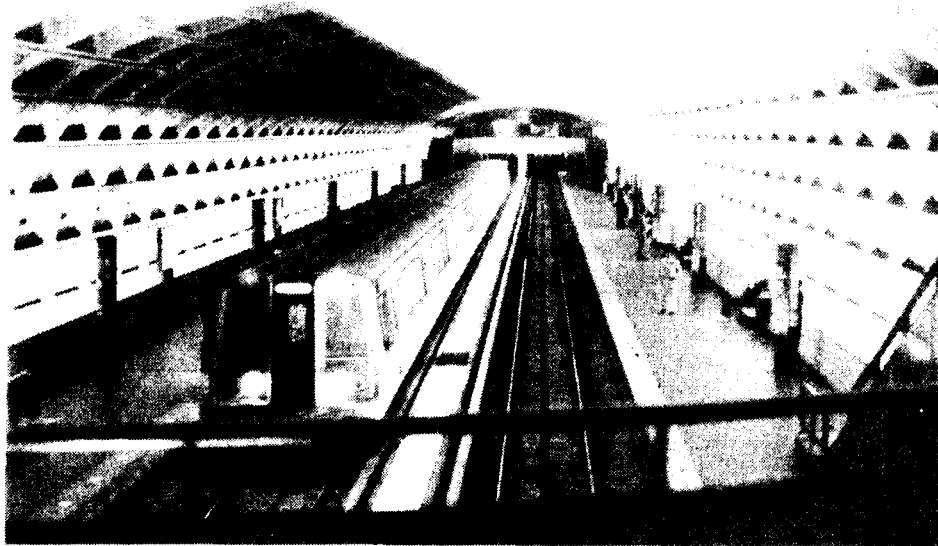
The students left the dorms and went to stay with friends in Meade Heights, or off campus. Approximately 30 students stayed in the Multi-Purpose Building. Meals continued to be served in the student dining hall.

The leak was found and repaired by Sunday morning and students were admitted back into the halls. The students returned to the dorms but still expressed discontent with the possibility that staff negligence caused the incident.

Mexico City. The office in Atlanta is responsible for selecting the specific cities that will participate in the Friendship Force each year.

Selection of each city's hosts and ambassadors, meanwhile, is conducted at a local level by a Mayors Task Force. Roberta McLeod, Student Activities Coordinator, and Reuben "Bud" Smitley, Athletic Director, both from Capitol Campus were among the group selected by the Task Force to act as interviewers. It was their job to find and select the necessary number of hosts and ambassadors from the Harrisburg area. The selection process was conducted in such a way as to include a good cross section of the total

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Washington's Metro, a \$5 billion mass transit system.

## ITE GOES TO WASHINGTON

By Alan Merkel

On January 16 and 17, members of the student chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) went to Washington D.C. Those students, whose majors are Transportation Technology here at Capitol Campus, experienced more than they planned. The purpose of the trip was to attend the Transportation Research Board meeting at the Sheraton Park and Shoreham American Hotels. It took two hours to host 150 technical sessions dealing with problems or new ideas in land, air and river transportation. The two days were filled with: 1) a tour of the United States Geological Survey (USGS); 2) a brief presentation and a ride on Washington's five billion dollar mass transit system called the Metro; 3) a stop off at a totally preplanned city, Columbia, Maryland.

The unexpected happened when the students were caught in the Washington rush hour and the adverse weather conditions on the return trip.

The first stop was the U.S.G.S. They are responsible for mapping the eastern U.S. Here we saw what we learned in school and realized how much work goes into producing an accurate replica of the earth's surface

so that engineers can build highways, bridges, railroads, dams, etc. Yes, it even helps the weekend hiker or outdoor sportsman directly or indirectly.

The Metro is another engineering solution to traffic jams, time consuming delays, drive-free worry and inexpensive transportation. It is the engineers code of ethics to use his skills for the betterment of mankind. Surely, mass transit is one of those goals. The Metro is clean and efficient, with minimum waiting and modern fare collecting. Escalators moved people to the various levels to catch the right train. The routes were color-coded and were displayed at entrances and in the railroad cars. The stops were announced via a public address system in the car. Ironically after leaving the Metro we got caught in bumper to bumper traffic. It took one hour to go five miles where the Metro averages 35 miles per hour.

The students were on their own at the convention. They listened to experts talk, picked up topic related literature, discussed job opportunities in the many careers of transportation, and learned about the many related areas of research being done in the career fields.

Dr. Sabir Dahir, a teacher in the transportation program at Capitol Campus, gave a talk on microscopic examination of rock minerals used in highways and their resistance to wear.

On the return trip we heard traffic reports of accidents due to freezing rain and they told us there was seven inches of snow in Harrisburg. The last stop was Columbia, Maryland. The importance of this stop was to see a city designed for working and living in harmony. The main concerns were the environment and architecture. Their slogan was "people live in the community not in their houses." By this time the rain was turning into slush and darkness had fallen on the party of students and their instructor (who was also our driver). The weather conditions gradually became worse the further north we traveled. As temperatures dropped the slush froze and formed a slippery surface between tire and road. Slow speeds and hazardous conditions made the journey exciting and quite different than it had begun.

Our many thanks go to Ted Galuschik, president of the student chapter of ITE, and Professor John Harmon, a teacher in the transportation program at Capitol Campus. If it wasn't for their planning, personal contacts, and their efforts, the trip would not have been as educational, informative, and pleasurable.

## Weekend

### Weather

The National Weather Bureau has no forecast for the weekend but keep your eyes to the skies. A Soviet nuclear satellite shower is expected.



ITE students receive a lecture on the metro.

