



Beat 'Bama Blue Band members practice Sunday for the band's Sugar Bowl appearance.

Photo by Dave Bloomquist

True Pittsburgh commuter service started

University Park Airport now can provide full commuter service to Pittsburgh. As a result of the recently enacted Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, Trans Penn Airlines has been granted approval to fly all classes of passengers enroute from University Park to Pittsburgh. Until Nov. 14, Trans Penn was permitted to fly to Pittsburgh only those passengers with final destinations outside the state. Permanent rights to the route were owned by Pennsylvania Commuter, which flew the route on a sub-contract from Allegheny Airlines. The deregulation act has allowed more airlines to compete along the same routes.

"We're still struggling along, just doing our thing," Trans Penn's Director of Operations Richard Lambert said, but he added that he has noticed an increase in the number of passengers on the route since the act went into effect.

"I'm pretty happy," Lambert said. Being able to fly commercially between University Park and Pittsburgh, Lambert said, "is still a well-kept secret."

Trans Penn flies four daily round-trip flights from University Park to Pittsburgh during the week and two on weekends. Pennsylvania Commuter-Allegheny offers seven such daily flights.

This summer, the two airlines withdrew their respective legal challenges to each other's claim to the route and agreed to share the route.

Lambert announced that Trans Penn has arranged joint fares with both Trans World Airlines and Eastern Airlines.

The move, he said, has lowered the cost of flying to cities serviced by those two major airlines.

He added that another joint fare agreement with United Airlines has been reached and will go into effect next March.

In addition to Pittsburgh, Trans Penn flies to Baltimore and Atlantic City from University Park.

—by Dan McKay

Taiwanese 'upset' by U.S. severing of ties

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Taiwanese students at the University are "very disappointed" by the Carter administration's decision to sever diplomatic and military relations with the government of Taiwan, said Chinese Student Association President Hwang-tang T. Tsai.

Tsai said yesterday that the 150 member group was "very upset" about the announcement, and would issue a statement asking Congressional support for Taiwan later this week.

"I just feel very sad about it," said Shiyann Wang, a Taiwanese student and association member. "This is not a good way to treat a friend," Wang said. He said President Carter is "playing a (political) game" which has "nothing to do with morality."

"I can realize there is some benefit to your government in the short run. But Communist is Communist," he said.

Of particular concern is the lack of specific security guarantees for Taiwan in the language of the communique released Friday by the administration. Tsai said although the Peking government is currently involved in political squabbles with the Soviet Union, in the future it might turn its military bulk toward Taiwan.

Tsai said he hopes that the U.S. will continue to trade with Taiwan, an economically thriving nation of 17 million people. As long as the People's Republic of China does not pressure the

U.S. to cut its trade with Taiwan, the island nation can maintain its "high standard of living," Tang said. Taiwan currently has diplomatic relations with about 22 countries, but trades with many more, according to Chinese history professor E-Tu Zen.

Tsai said American recognition of the Peking government was expected, but came about suddenly and without a hoped for "specific determination" of the status of Taiwan. The country is referred to as a province of Mainland China in the agreement announced Friday.

Taiwanese students emphasize that Taiwan is an industrialized, hard-working country as well as a loyal ally of the U.S. "We just work hard to support ourselves," Wang said. "We didn't want to rely on anyone else."

Wang said that now the Taiwanese "don't think we can trust the U.S." and said he was "very disappointed" and "depressed" by the American decision.

An American citizen of Taiwanese descent, who asked to remain unidentified, said the United States has "betrayed a good friend." The source said that he hoped American investments and trade with Taiwan would continue.

Although calling the agreement "a fast decision made solely by the executive branch," the source said there are "still many things the U.S. can do to help this friend" maintain its prosperity and way of life.

Financial woes hurt Vietnam veterans

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service was not voluntary — they were drafted.

Vietnam vets also say they are not being given the benefits other vets received before them.

"Our fathers had it better coming out of World War II," Mike Kusaplos (12th-business logistics) said. "They were heroes. Today, everyone wants to sweep the Vietnam vet under the rug because it was an unpopular war."

Veterans used to have their full tuition paid plus a stipend on the side.

Penn State is one of the more expensive schools veterans can afford, and most seem to feel that it is also the best. The University has a Developmental Year program for those vets who feel they need some refresher courses before starting school again.

Kusaplos also said the University would give him the "best-looking diploma."

The best part of the University's program, though, seems to be the Veterans Affairs Office and its director, Jack Swords. According to Amersek, "a lot of students wouldn't have

gotten through without Jack Swords. No matter what your problem is, Jack will help you."

Veterans Affairs provides the vets with an emergency loan when an individual demonstrates a need. The loan can go up to \$250, extends for three months and is interest free. It is beneficial when a veteran has not received his VA check on time or if he has had some extraordinary expense.

But, Dunlap said there is still a long way to go in solving the problems Vietnam veterans have.

The Vietnam Veterans Act has a provision that would set up a commission to study vets' problems. If this bill is passed, Dunlap said, he feels it would "definitely be a good start" in solving vets' problems. Dunlap says he is sure that such a commission would find many more problems that still need to be solved.

Vietnam veterans feel they have been forgotten by the federal government. They are finding it difficult to get by financially, and feel the government is not being sympathetic.

Lou Paris (9th-individual and family studies) sums up the veteran's attitude best: "It's like we are taking an elevator ride and the veterans are only getting the shaft."

PLO bomb wounds 21 in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (UPI) — A bomb planted by Arab terrorists yesterday ripped apart a bus crossing from occupied Arab territory to the Jewish sector of Jerusalem, wounding 21 people.

In Beirut, Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for the attack, which apparently was planned to mark this day set as a deadline for an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

"It was an operation carried out by Palestinian fighters, by the PLO," a spokesman said. "Our Palestinian patriots are launching operations daily against the Israelis inside occupied territory."

The national radio said 21 persons

were taken to hospitals and one person was reported in serious condition. The others were moderately or lightly injured.

A second terrorist bomb was safely dismantled earlier on a busy highway near Tel Aviv at a soldiers' hitchhiking station. There were no injuries or damages, news reports said.

Chaim Katz, 17, a witness to the explosion, said, "The bus came up to the stop and all of a sudden there was an explosion and flames came out from behind."

The bomb, which went off with a roar heard throughout West Jerusalem, exploded as the bus passed through the Bayit Vegan

neighborhood, an area where many orthodox Jews live.

"It was like fireworks," said Katz, who is a student at the nearby Kol Torah religious seminary. "A woman was standing on the sidewalk crying. Her hand was wounded. A man's stomach was wounded, but he refused to be taken to the hospital."

Witnesses said the wounded were rushed to hospitals in private cars before police arrived.

The street was covered with broken glass, torn rubber and other parts of the bus including metal advertising signs. The entire rear half of the bus was torn apart by the bomb, which apparently was planted behind the vehicle's rear seat.

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