

Weather Today

Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Cooler tonight. Maximum temperature today 61, low tonight 40.

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Almost Springtime at Aggieland

A&M cadets got a little "rambunctious" Sunday and staged the first intra-dorm water fight of the year. The weather was warm, bull ring had been held the day before and the Aggies were restless. One dorm in the New Corps Area

attacked another and pretty soon a third took part. The result: wet Aggies, wet sidewalks—and a sure sign of spring coming.

Buford Replaces Wharton

MSC Council Names New President, Veep

Ronald Buford, senior agricultural economics major from Livingston, was elected president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate last night to replace Hugh Wharton, who graduated in January.

Buford assumed his duties immediately upon election. Elected to replace him as vice president of the council was S. R. (Rush) McGinty, sophomore pre-veterinary medicine major from Abilene.

In a financial report to the

council, C. G. (Charlie) Haas, MSC business manager, said the Center showed a 9 per cent financial decrease for the past five months over the same period last year. He said this was no figure to be alarmed about however, since other business has shown a similar decrease over the same period.

In contrast to the overall decrease, the bowling alleys and game area has shown a 60 per cent increase, Haas said. The increase in this area is due primarily to

the automatic pinsetters installed last spring, he added. His report also said the barber shop was on about even keel with last year's figures.

"The bowling alley figures are even above expectations," Haas stated. "We have already doubled our note payment on the automatic pinsetters, paying \$10,000 instead of the \$5,000 due, which will enable us to pay off the new equipment much faster than anticipated."

Haas said several factors help account for the year's financial decrease.

"Having only three home football games instead of the usual four was a telling factor as well as the fact that 400 less students paid the MSC activity fee this year as compared to last," he stated. "But as for the exact number of students using the MSC as compared with last year, we can't say."

He said that although the decrease presents no immediate problem, the long range program must be taken into consideration. Current efficiency studies and proposed alterations in the food programs and other operations may furnish part of the answer, he added.

Wayne Stark, MSC director, backed up Haas on the need for long-range consideration.

"Although we are in no immediate financial danger, we must take the future into our plans," Stark said. "Furniture and equipment is going to wear out and necessitate replacing if we plan to keep the MSC operating at its present standards."

Installment Fee Due by March 20

Second installment fees for the spring semester are now payable in the Fiscal Office.

This installment — \$56.70 — covers room, board and laundry until March 20. The last two payments for the semester will be \$61.40 and \$74.75.

ME Lab Students Have 'Batty' Time

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One department on the A&M campus was proved to be batty Monday afternoon! Who proved it? Bats, that's who.

Prof. J. G. H. Thompson's Mechanical Engineering 338 lab was turned into chaos by an estimated 150 wildly-flying bats which had come in through a hole in the window frame during the night.

They were discovered peering over the Venetian blinds by a group of early-bird engineers who had just arrived in Fermier Hall for their lab.

The engineers drew their trusty

Seniors May Order Grad Invitations

Seniors planning to graduate in May may begin ordering graduation announcements today in the Department of Student Activities, Room 210 of the YMCA.

Price of the invitations is 10 cents each for the french-fold type, 40 cents each for card-board-bound invitations and 75 cents each for leather bound invitations.

Printed cards are \$1.50 per 100 and engraved cards may be obtained for \$2.50 per 100.

March 12 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for ordering the invitations.

slide rules and T-squares to do battle as the web-winged bats began to circle the room in threatening gestures. The first swoop past the excited engineers by the jet-fast creatures brought no casualties for either side.

By quick calculation the engineers realized that the winged mammals have built-in radar and could quickly dodge a slow moving missile.

The slide rule experts speeded up their swings, and the bat casualties began to mount. Every time the formation zoomed past, a gleeful engineer would swing with all his might and blast a bat into a crumpled heap into the nearest corner.

The "batmitton" battle waxed hot and the sounds of battle drew a neighboring class from their studies to the scene. The newly arrived spectators shouted encouragement, but seemed to lose courage whenever a dead bat was battered their way.

Finally, Thompson arrived at the battlefield and gave orders for his men to retreat to a room far down the hall. The combat-weary engineers collected their blood-splattered equipment and left.

The final tally included approximately 40 bats dead or wounded, and one badly mangled and broken T-square.

★ Milstead Elected Football Captain; Oliver Named Aide

Charlie Milstead was elected captain of the 1959 Aggie football team by a near unanimous vote yesterday. Gale Oliver was picked alternate captain.

Head Coach Jim Myers remarked that he didn't believe better men could have been chosen for the honor.

Both griders are honor students. Milstead, the Aggies' single wing tailback from Tyler, is majoring in industrial engineering and Oliver, A&M's first string center from Refugio, is a mechanical engineering major.

Milstead and Oliver both won their second varsity letter during the 1958 campaign. It was largely due to Milstead's guidance that the Aggies managed to salvage a 4-6 season record. At one point he was recognized as the nation's leader in total offense.

Tot Hit by Car Reported Okay

Cal Linne, four-year-old son of Milner Hall Counselor Alton C. Linne Jr., returned home yesterday morning after spending two days in St. Joseph's Hospital following an accident in which he was struck by an auto Saturday morning.

The child was struck by a car driven by James T. Jones, a day student, while walking out from between two parked cars in front of Milner Hall Saturday morning.

Linne said his son was unconscious until shortly before the ambulance arrived to take him to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Attendants at St. Joseph's Hospital said the boy received a concussion, a broken collar bone and multiple bruises from the accident.

Alton Linne, father of the boy, said he was still confined to bed, but was allowed to come home yesterday morning. The Linne family lives at 1997 Milner in College Station.

Patrolman Howard C. Kirkland of Campus Security investigated the accident.

School Aid Plan Unveiled by Ike

Dimes Leader Pleased With Drive Outcome

Mrs. Grace M. Martin, chairman of the College Station 1959 Mother's March of Dimes Drive, was 'greatly pleased' with progress of the drive and extended congratulations yesterday to all who participated.

Mrs. Martin extended sincere thanks to area captains, the 100 mothers that marched, the contributors, the national guard, the press, radio and TV.

"The students were most generous this year, contributing \$109 from their Campus Chest fund," Mrs. Martin said.

"The area captain, Mrs. Jim Riggs of College View, collected over \$150, the largest amount brought in from any area. Mrs. Riggs and the students' wives that worked with her and the A&M students who contributed so generously are to be congratulated on their part in this worthy cause," she said.

More than \$1200 were collected this year, three times the amount collected last year, Mrs. Martin said.

Program to Offer Billion Dollar Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration Monday formally unveiled a five-year program of federal school aid, aimed at helping to provide five billion dollars worth of facilities.

The program was presented by Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, as one that would help needy school districts and institutions of higher learning without pushing President Eisenhower's budget into the red.

Flemming disputed advance criticism by Sen. James Murray (D-Mont), chairman of the Senate Education subcommittee, that the administration plan is aimed at helping bankers rather than students and teachers.

The secretary told a news conference that under the new bill, school districts urgently in need of schools could get federal aid amounting to half the cost of bonds and interest incurred to build schools.

He figured this would make it possible to begin three billion dollars worth of construction during the next five years in money-short communities.

Colleges and universities could get federal help in debt retirement with the government agreeing to pay 25 per cent of the principal of long-term bonds issued by institutions to finance housing, academic or other educational facilities.

The federal payments would be limited to half a billion dollars, or 25 per cent of the total construction cost of two billions in the college program.

A total of three billions was figured for the public school program, for a grand total of five billions.

The total cost to the federal government, spread over 25 years or so, was estimated at 2½ billion dollars.

Sen. Murray and 30 other senators are jointly sponsoring a bill that would provide \$1,100,000,000 in federal aid to states this first year and increase this to \$4,700,000,000 after four years. The money could be used for construction or teacher pay.

On the "banker's bill" taunt, Flemming said: "I would like to point out that all pending proposals for assistance in this area, because they call for deficit financing, would require borrowing on the part of the federal government at interest rates comparing to interest rates on school bonds."

Mexican Group Visits A&M's Ag Facilities

Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, former president of Mexico, headed a delegation of visitors from Mexico who toured agricultural facilities at A&M yesterday.

Gen. Cardenas, president of Mexico from 1934-40, is completing a world tour in which he is observing industrial, agricultural and cultural developments in various nations.

Accompanying Cardenas was Alejandro Carillo, former vice-mayor of Mexico City; Manuel Santillan, former minister of economy; Gonzalo Martinex; and Luis Quintanill, Mexican ambassador to the Organization of American States.

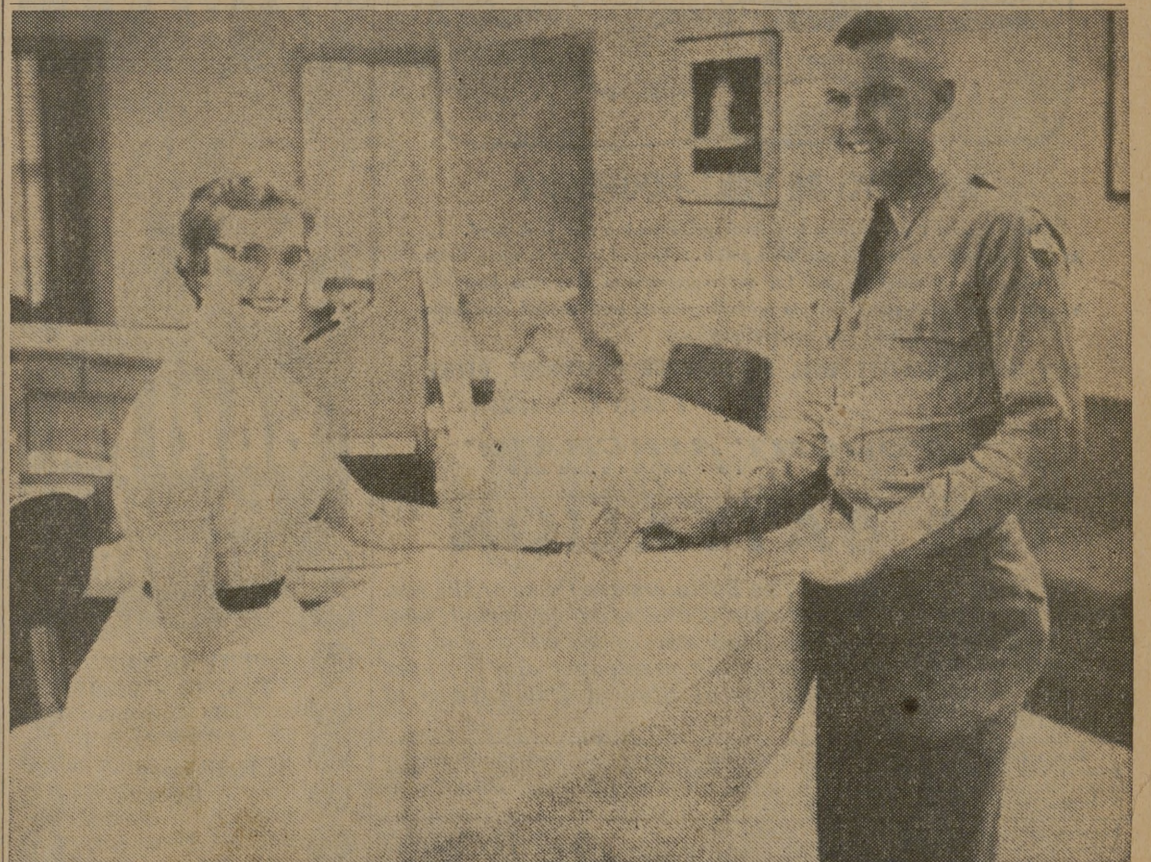
President M. T. Harrington welcomed the visitors to the campus. Dr. R. E. Patterson, A&M vice president for agriculture, made a talk outlining the organizational setup of the system and explained the broad scope of the agricultural teachings, research, and extension of the system.

Patterson and Jack Gray, coordinator of foreign programs, led the visitors on a tour of the agricultural research and training facilities and the quarterhorse breeding unit of the college. The group visited the Department of Agricultural Education and conferred with the head of the department, E. V. Walton, and members of his staff.

They were officially escorted by Louis F. Blanchard of the U. S. Department of State.

Guide Posts

"Nothing good ever comes of violence"—Martin Luther.



There Will Be at Least One Fish at the Ball

Ted Wilson, A Infantry freshman from Meridian, Monday was assured a place at the Fish Ball when he purchased the first ticket to the ball to be held in Sbis Hall

Feb. 28. Freshman officers have already begun preparations for the annual ball. Tickets are on sale in the Office of Student Activities.