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A&M To Receive Bryan Air Base



Oops!

Eager Aggies scurrying to classes today found an unusual type of substance underfoot, and this scene was probably repeated on many parts of the campus as ice and sleet made footing unsteady all day. A Batt photographer caught this graceful looking pose just as a freshman went down in front of the YMCA Building. (Photo by Ben Wolfe)

Snow, Sleet Fall As Mercury Drops

An unheralded blizzard swept the entire length of Texas yesterday, killing at least eight persons throughout the state and sending the temperature below 20 degrees in the Bryan-College Station area last night.

The cold monster, which swept all the way into the Rio Grande Valley, swept through College Station with full force early yesterday morning.

Yesterday's high recorded at 1 a.m., was 53 degrees. By 8 p.m. last night the mercury had dived to 19 degrees. Temperature was below freezing from mid-morning on.

The Federal Aviation Agency weather station at Easterwood Airport recorded .61 inches of moisture yesterday in the form of rain, sleet and snow.

The Weather Bureau predicted Wednesday temperatures as low as 12 below in the Texas Panhandle, 2 below zero in North Central Texas, and near zero in northeast Texas.

The rich vegetable-citrus area in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expected the coldest weather in a decade with readings as low as 20 degrees above zero in the western section and to 26 along the coast by Wednesday night.

"Things look grim," a forecaster said.

As the state braced for even colder weather, Northwest Texas and North Central Texas expected clearing skies Tuesday night. But Northeast Texas looked for more snow in its eastern and southern portions. Texarkana already had 5 1/2 inches on the ground, more than at any time in 20 years.

The intense cold with sleet and snow struck early Tuesday without warning and continued most of the day in the northern half of the state as blizzard conditions moved quickly southward.

Roads iced over from the Panhandle to the Gulf and a low of 22 was predicted for the Houston area, where freezes rarely occur.

Snow continued late in the day at Wink, Midland, Lubbock, Abilene, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Junction, Carthage, Tyler, Corsicana, Greenville, Longview, Waco and even at Beaumont in the state's extreme southeast corner.

The Texas Highway Department pleaded with citizens to stay at home if they lived north of a zig-zag line that ran through the Big Bend National Park, San Antonio, Houston and to Jasper in East Texas.

OPEN TO FACULTY, STAFF

Workshop Opens Next Week On Use Of Movie Projector

The Department of Education and Psychology will hold a workshop Jan. 17-19 in the use of the latest model overhead projector. Dr. Paul Hensarling, head of the department, said the projector is known as the Tecnifax, a device designed to assist teachers to develop excellence in teaching.

Dr. Hensarling said the workshop is open to all A&M faculty and staff members and teachers in

the College Station and Bryan school systems.

"In order that we may determine space and material requirements necessary for the workshop, we request that you notify us by Jan. 10 concerning the members who will participate from your department," he said.

Clifton W. Darby, an educational consultant for the Tecnifax Corporation, will help conduct the

workshop.

The workshop will be held for three afternoons. Each session is a successive step of certain techniques in the use of the machine and the production of teaching materials, Dr. Hensarling said.

The following is the schedule: Jan. 17—Uses of the projector, 1-2 p.m.; Diazo-master preparation, types of bases, methods of blocking light, pencil, pen, cut-outs, 2-5 p.m.

Jan. 18—Projectual preparation, exposure, development mounting, 1-2 p.m.; Diazo-master preparation, types of bases, methods of blocking light, pencil, pen, cut-outs, 2-5 p.m.

Jan. 19—Reversal techniques, 1-2 p.m.; photo-copying art from books and magazines, 2-3 p.m.; non-projectuals, making copies on paper, cardboard and Technisheens, 3-5 p.m.

Dr. Hensarling said there is no charge for workshop participation.

Intellectual Life Missing, Sociology Professor Claims

"The most important problem on the A&M campus, academic excellence" was the topic of a talk given by Dr. C. Harold Brown, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, to members of the Economics Club last night in the Memorial Student Center.

In opening his talk Brown stated that "excellence" has become the watchword of our time. Every goal is expressed as a striving for "excellence," although exactly what this "excellence" and the characteristics of its composition are, is left in doubt.

In regard to the question of academic excellence, Brown went on to say that merely speaking of "excellence" does not bring about the occurrence of such a state. He added that when many students hear the use of the word "intellectual," they automatically think of a person who is a radical or is somewhat "eccentric."

Another opinion contributed to many students by Brown is that "a 'C' is a good enough grade for the average course and a 'D' is good enough for English or Chemistry."

Brown contents that this outlook on grades and the corresponding effort which brings about those grades tends to result in the reduction of intellectual competition and a mass effort to smooth off the individual student differences and put everyone on the same academic level.

According to Brown, "There is a lack of intellectual atmosphere on our campus. This is not restricted to A&M's campus but is perhaps more pronounced here."

In attaining an intellectual atmosphere at A&M, Brown went on to say, A&M must broaden its outlook. He added that students who come to A&M should have the chance to come into contact with ideas outside the fields of engineering, agriculture and military training.

Brown stressed the need for a much increased liberal arts program and added school support to the departments in the liberal arts areas.

In closing Brown stated that to attract the better students among our high school graduates, we must offer a comparative education in all subject areas. Brown considers this to be but one step in achieving a state of "academic excellence."

Following the talk was a discussion period in which Economics Club members probed Brown concerning many of the problems now being considered by the Century Council.

Spring Room Reservations Open Monday

Procedures for spring semester room reservations have been released by the Department of Student Affairs, and students are urged to comply with the registration methods, according to Harry L. Boyer, housing manager.

In order to reserve the rooms they now occupy, all students now enrolled who expect to attend school during the spring semester should pay fees and reserve rooms beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, but following this procedure:

Fees are to be paid at the Fiscal Office in the Richard Coke Building, and students should bring fee slips to the Housing Office in the YMCA Building.

Rooms should be reserved according to the following schedule: Students who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy should register between 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, and noon Saturday, Jan. 20.

Those who wish to reserve any room other than the one they now occupy, including students changing from military to civilian dormitories and vice versa, may do so between 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, and noon Saturday, Jan. 20 by presenting written permission (room change slips) from both housemasters and organization commanders concerned.

A student moving from a military to a civilian dormitory, in addition to other signatures, will also secure the signature of his tactical officer on his room change slip. Students in this category must also turn in a "clearance for dropping ROTC" form to the Housing Office before registration.

All remaining rooms will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22.

Students moving from the cadet area to civilian areas are reminded that they must turn in their mattress covers to the place they were drawn and draw new ones from the issuing agency for their new area.

Exchange Due In Two Months

By RONNIE BOOKMAN
Battalion News Editor

Bryan Air Force Base, including about 159 buildings, will be turned over to A&M College in about two months, President Earl Rudder confirmed yesterday.

The base will be used mainly for research purposes, Rudder said. The Air Force deactivated the reservation in 1958. Procedure for the turnover will be as follows:

All base property not required by the college for its programs will be sold at auction Feb. 12. This amounts to about 198 buildings and an 11.2-acre radio range annex located on Mudville Road.

Then the General Services Administration, now controlling the base's disposition, will turn the land and buildings over to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Solons Prep For Opening Of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Congress already on notice that President Kennedy wants to raise the national debt ceiling rings up the curtain Wednesday on what probably will be a rousing election year session.

House Democrats got ready Tuesday at a caucus. Without a murmur of dissent they voted to nominate Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts to be House speaker. They made Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma their unanimous choice to step into McCormack's old post of Democratic floor leader.

Thus in the House, which shapes up as this year's major battleground, the chief responsibility for piloting Kennedy's program over legislative shoals will fall on a new leadership team.

Kennedy, of course, wants a lot more from Congress than a boost that probably will shove the legal limit on the national debt beyond the \$300-billion mark for the first time. The ceiling now stands at \$298 billion.

High on the President's list are proposals on traffic cuts, medical care for the aged under Social Security, aid to education, tax changes-but no general cut — a new farm plan, higher postal rates.

The President skimmed through the list twice Tuesday, first with McCormack, Albert and other Democratic congressional leaders, then with his cabinet.

The chief executive will unfurl it to public view on Thursday in the annual State of the Union message he will deliver in person to a combined Senate-House session, in the House chamber.

It will then be turned over to the school for educational purposes. The department of Health, Education and Welfare had requisitioned the base on behalf of A&M.

"We will not confine research activities on the base to just one type" Rudder said. "It will be available to any department for their own particular research projects."

The president said the college would make use of permanent type dormitories, warehouses and hangars to be included in the turnover.

The auction sale of the base's buildings include dormitories, headquarters buildings, special training weapons buildings, traffic check house, post exchange and warehouse, supply buildings, operation buildings and 22 duplex four-room family housing units.

Handling the sale will be Apple's Auction Services of McKinney.

All of the structures will be sold for cash with the radio range annex land for cash and/or terms. According to auction officials the appraised value of the buildings and property will not be released. The material will be sold on an "as is" offer. It can be seen Jan. 29 through Feb. 2 and Feb. 5 through Feb. 12.

Address Reports Due From Aliens

All foreign nationals residing in the United States must report their addresses during the month of January, according to J. W. Holland, director of the San Antonio District of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Address report cards are available from any Post Office or Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

Reason For It All

By CHARLIE MAULDIN

The cold, wet weather that's been freezing Aggie ears and coating campus sidewalks with ice may be blamed on Christmas.

Christmas fell on Monday this year, and according to a recent edition of the Territorial Enterprise o/o Virginia City, Nev., this might have been an ill omen. In 1865 Christmas also was on a Monday, and the following appeared in that paper:

If Christmas day on Monday be,
A great winter that year you'll see,
And full of winds both loud and shrill;
But in summer, truth to tell,
High winds shall there be, and strong,
Full of tempests lasting long;
While battles they shall multiply,
And great plenty of beasts shall die.
They that be born that day, I ween,
They shall be strong each one and keen.
He shall be found that stealeth aught;
Thou, thou be sick, thou diest not.

The following year was the year of the Austro-Prussian war and a year of disastrous gales and cattle-plague. In 1871 Christmas again fell on Monday. Cattle plague in the north and some great storms marked 1872, but one must go back a few months into 1871 to find the "battles." In that year came the capitulation of Paris and the conflict with the Commune. In 1876 Christmas fell on Monday for the third time in a dozen years.

So if you see an Aggie slip on the icy sidewalk, help him up gently because it's not really his fault. It's just that Christmas was on Monday in 1961.

Producer Reviews Aggie Players Play

"Tiger At The Gates," a play by the French playwright, Jean Giraudoux, will be discussed by C. K. Esten, producer of the Aggie Players, in a meeting Monday night for any persons interested in working with the production next semester to be held in the Music Hall.

Esten plans to explain the play, and how it will be presented in the Players' rendition set for April 16-21. "Tiger At The Gates" will be the thespian group's major production for the spring semester.

"The play is a satire on war, and is the story of how Hector and the Trojans were forced into a war with the Greeks," Esten said.

"It was first done in the 1940's in Paris, and was then translated into English and presented on Broadway in 1955. The two-act play will be presented at A&M on the Guion Hall Stage.



New Kiwanis President Takes Gavel

Bill Krueger accepted the gavel of the Kiwanis presidency from outgoing president Loyd Keel yesterday at their noon meeting in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. Looking on from left to right are

Isaac Peters, second vice president; Hall Beckman, secretary; and Ed Pakenham, treasurer. First Vice President Bob Fletcher was unable to attend the meeting.