

The Battalion

Friday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, Wwinds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. High 68, low 49.
Saturday — Cloudy, intermittent rain showers, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. High 67, low 52.

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Graduate College Percentage Tops

Texas A&M now has the largest percentage of graduate students in the state, notes Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall.

One out of every five A&M students is studying for an advanced degree, the dean said, with the number of graduate students larger than any other campus group except freshmen.

Dean Hall also said Texas A&M's graduate enrollment of 2,349 this fall is second only to the University of Texas in total numbers.

"This steady growth of the graduate college has outdistanced even the projections made four years ago," he pointed out.

University officials are now predicting 6,000 graduate students by 1976, the school's centennial.

Prior to 1957, A&M's graduate enrollment remained steady at approximately six per cent of total enrollment. Since 1958, however, the graduate college has expanded at a more rapid pace than any other division of the university.

Should anyone think A&M is becoming strictly a graduate institution, Dean Hall pointed out the university's total enrollment this fall reached a record 12,029, including the largest freshman class in history.

The dean said A&M this year has awarded 719 advanced degrees, with 150 of them Ph.D.'s.

"This rate of graduate degree awards places Texas A&M among the nation's leaders as a science and technology source," Dean Hall said.

More than 90 per cent of the Ph.D. candidates at A&M are studying in some area of engineering or science.

Ph.D. candidates, he added, is

another area in which A&M leads the state on the basis of percentage of enrollment.

The university currently offers Ph.D. degrees in 54 different fields and master's in 90. The fields range from nuclear and aerospace engineering to oceanography, meteorology and wild-life science, with some of the newer fields being English, economics and education.

Although engineering and science account for the vast majority of A&M's graduate students, education has the largest enrollment with 252 students, including 110 Ph.D. candidates. Other fields with more than 100 students include chemistry, civil engineering and computer science.

The university is counting on a \$50 million research budget by 1976 to support that forecast of 6,000 graduate students.

Ranger's Picture Goes To Vietnam

Ranger III's Sherman tank-like build, ruggedness and tenacity will soon inspire a U. S. fighting man in Vietnam.

A picture of Ranger, pet bulldog of Texas A&M President Earl Rudder's son, Bob, has been requested by 1st Lt. Louis (Butch) Sabayrac Jr. of Houston. The A&M graduate of 1966 is stationed at Long Binh, Vietnam.

Actually, Lieutenant Sabayrac has more than a passing interest in the beefy bulldog.

He was secretary-treasurer of the '66 class that presented Ranger to the Rudders. Louis and his wife kept the pup until time for the presentation.

Cutting Gets Underway For '67 Aggie Bonfire

Hauling, Stacking Starts Saturday

Texas A&M doesn't offer a degree in lumbering, but lab-work for such a course begins Saturday when logging replaces logarithms for 11 days.

Cutting for the 1967 bonfire commences on the Henry Seale ranch north of Bryan after a 5:30 a.m. breakfast.

Cutting and stacking this year will be bracketed around the Nov. 18 Corps Trip to Houston, according to Neal Adams of Tyler, head yell leader and bonfire chief.

Logs will be cut, trimmed and trucked out of the cutting area this weekend. Company D-1, commanded by David J. Boethel of Weimar, will set the bonfire center-pole on the Duncan drill field just east of President Earl Rudder's home next Wednesday.

STACKING WILL start and cutting continue at noon Thursday, Nov. 16, and be completed by 4 p.m. Nov. 22, the night yell leaders will light the bonfire Adams added.

A&M and Texas meet on Kyle Field at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23.

The Aggie bonfire symbolizes "every Aggie's burning desire to beat Texas on Thanksgiving Day and the flaming loyalty he has for A&M."

It has been an annual event since 1908, except in 1963, due to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Barrels of sweat go into the cone-shaped stack of 30-to 50-foot logs.

Each bonfire is considered that of the freshman class that builds it. The class of '71 will furnish most of the manpower, though seniors and juniors oversee cutting, trucking and stacking.

THE FISH hook arms under short saplings on which the 400 to 900 pound logs are to be trucked.

Power cranes are used almost exclusively for stacking now, where manual labor was once the only force. A log laid with its big end to the stack was raised high enough for forked saplings to support it and then "walked" upward to lean against the stack.

Double-stacking achieves 60-to-80 foot heights but requires careful placement of logs end-to-end on top of the first stack. Considerable research and experimentation has gone into making the center strong and compact as possible.

Numerous safety precautions are followed, including only juniors and seniors handling axes. Gloves and goggles are required and transportation regulations are rigidly enforced.

THE 1967 bonfire has been

thoroughly organized by the yell leaders. Adams appointed senior yell leaders Wayne Porter of Dalhart and Mike Baggett of Waco stacking and cutting area chiefs, respectively. They will be assisted by junior yell leaders Bob Segner of San Antonio and Barney Dawson of Wichita Falls. Executive officer is Mike Beggs of Athens.

The cutting area has been segmented by battalion and group with seniors in charge of each area. Stacking chiefs are Ron McElroy of Dallas, John Fry of Austin, Billy Bellomy of Channelview and Charles McCall of Lufkin.

Adams also delegated responsibility for equipment, cranes, communications, transportation, security and traffic control, safety and first aid, civilians, concessions, mess hall, chain saws, loading and logistics.

JOBS BY Corps units have been designated and guard details for the stacking area have been scheduled for Nov. 15-22, with companies and squadrons drawing four-hour guard shifts between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"There will be security and safety ring around the stack at all times," Adams noted. "No one is to enter this ring unless he is working directly with stacking crews."

Log trucks and work crews will use a special route to and from the cutting area east of Highway 6, north of Bryan, to avoid the main traffic artery through Bryan and College Station. The route employs farm-to-market roads west of the cities.

"Everyone is going to have to think safety all the time," Adams added. "We can't afford to have any accidents or injuries."

Alpha Phi Omega, national service Fraternity, will sponsor concession stands in the Bonfire cutting area November 11 & 12. APO has used this project to help pay Bonfire expenses for the last two years.

Last year, more than \$500 was returned to the Bonfire Committee, APO President Ronny Smith said.

"This project will also give those who are physically unable to carry logs an opportunity to help with the bonfire," he added. "Those interested should contact any APO member, or come by the stands in the cutting area."

Soft drinks, milk, candy, donuts, and tobacco will be sold, Smith noted.

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SIMON AND GARFUNKLE

Simon And Garfunkle, 'Hollies' To Perform For Bonfire Night

Simon and Garfunkle, a music duo popular with the younger set, will perform for a Town Hall "Extra" Nov. 22 at Texas A&M University.

The show is set for 9:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, announced Robert Gonzales, chairman of the Memorial Student Center's Town Hall Committee.

"We moved the time up in order that everyone can join in Aggie Bonfire activities," noted Gonzales. "The bonfire is to be put to the torch at 8 o'clock."

Sharing billing with Simon and Garfunkle will be a singing group, "The Hollies," whose hits include "Bus Stop," "Look Through Any Window," "Stop, Stop, Stop" and "Carrie Ann."

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkle, both in their early twenties, are best known for "The Sounds of Silence," a song which catapulted them to fame. The record quickly

soared past the million mark in sales.

Other singles which have captured best-selling status for the pair include "Homeward Bound," "I Am a Rock," "The Dangling Conversation" and "A Hazy Shade of Winter."

Among their top ranked albums are "Wednesday Morning, 3 a.m." and "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme."

The singers grew up in New York and teamed up at 13. They went separate ways to college, Simon to Queens College and Garfunkle to Columbia.

Later, they gained popularity in Europe before "The Sounds of Silence" brought them to the forefront in the United States.

Season tickets and activity cards will not be honored at the performance. Tickets for A&M students and dates are \$2, reserved seats are \$3.50, public school students \$2.50 and general admission is \$3. Tickets are now on sale at the MSC Student Program Office from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

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AGGIE PLAYERS PRODUCTION

Members of the Aggie Players perform in a scene from the first act of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire." The play, which opened Wednesday at Guion Hall, continues its run tonight at 8 p. m.

Cadet Corps Unit Adopts 11-Year-Old Vietnamese

A Vietnamese boy has 64 foster parents in Squadron 5 of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets.

The AFROTC unit adopted Do Thanh Quang through the Christian Children's Fund, an international organization which promotes help for needy children.

The squadron, commanded by Cadet Maj. Fred M. McConnell of Centreville, Va., will provide for Do's school expenses, food, medical care, clothing and other necessities through a monthly stipend.

In addition, the unit plans to send the 11-year-old Vietnamese youth a baseball glove for Christmas, a monthly letter, photo of the squadron and other items.

DO IS in a CCF project home in Saigon, one of five children in a family that lost its mother two years ago. His father is a preacher, but a meager income is not sufficient to provide adequately for the family's necessities.

"He wanted Thanh Quang to attend school but he could not

afford expenses," the CCF, of Richmond, Va., reported to Squadron 5.

In order to continue in his fifth grade work, rather than carrying water to earn a few pennies a day, Do became a ward of the CCF in the Saigon area.

Squadron 5 wholeheartedly pitched into the task, rounding up funds for Do's care for the next year. The unit contributes \$12 a month to his support and has enough beyond the year to send him the baseball glove, since his favorite sport is baseball.

THE "ADOPTION" idea originated with a Squadron 5 sophomore, William K. Ohlmeyer from Westover AFB, Mass., last summer.

"It was mainly a result of the summer demonstrations over the war in Vietnam," explained Ohlmeyer, aerospace engineering major. "There are some of us who approve of the government's actions. Our outfit decided the best way to show support was to help a South Vietnamese child caught in the struggle. In helping him, we hope to prove that we are concerned with the civilians who suffer along with him."

McConnell said the entire squadron backed the adoption.

"The freshmen especially liked the idea," the CO remarked. "They intend to carry through as Do's 'dads' until he finishes school and is of working age."

4th Infantry Division Counts 100 N. Vietnamese Casualties

By EDWIN Q. WHITE

SAIGON (AP)—U. S. 4th Infantry Division troops fought a bloody five-hour battle Wednesday in the jungled central highlands of South Vietnam and found 100 North Vietnamese bodies in a sweep of the battlefield Thursday, American officers reported.

In the air war, U. S. Air Force jets made a concentrated assault all along the main northwest railroad line linking Hanoi with Red China.

Heavy fighting in the Dak To area of the central highlands in the last few days may be a prelude to Communist dry season offensives.

BEFORE the two companies of infantrymen could complete their sweep of the battle field near Dak To, 270 miles north of Saigon, they came under still another small arms and mortar attack, the second in less than 24 hours.

The 4th Division troops suffered six killed and 15 wounded, officers said, when they came under a five-hour heavy ground, mortar and rocket assault as they were moving into night defensive positions late Wednesday.

Simultaneously, a battalion artillery support base nearby came under mortar attack.

UNDER A massive counter-bombardment by artillery, jet fighter-bombers and twin-engine C47s armed with rapid-firing Gatling guns, the Communists broke contact Wednesday night but sporadic fire continued through the night. Many of the enemy casualties apparently were from the artillery and air strikes.

Early Thursday morning, after B52 bombers unloaded a string of 150,000 pounds of bombs to

the west of the battlefield in efforts to block a withdrawal by the North Vietnamese troops, the American Infantrymen began pushing out from their night defensive positions to sweep the battlefield.

DAK TO is along the triborder region of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia where the North Vietnamese reportedly have up to six regiments poised for a possible offensive across the center of South Vietnam. U. S. Infantrymen have been conducting numerous search operations in efforts to check a Communist thrust.

Since last Friday, units of the 4th Division and 173rd Airborne Brigade have run into fierce fighting with North Vietnamese elements in the Dak To area, the heaviest in more than three months in the central highlands.

U. S. officers said 204 North Vietnamese troops have been killed since last Friday compared to 44 American dead and 130 wounded. The Americans also reportedly captured more than 200 weapons.

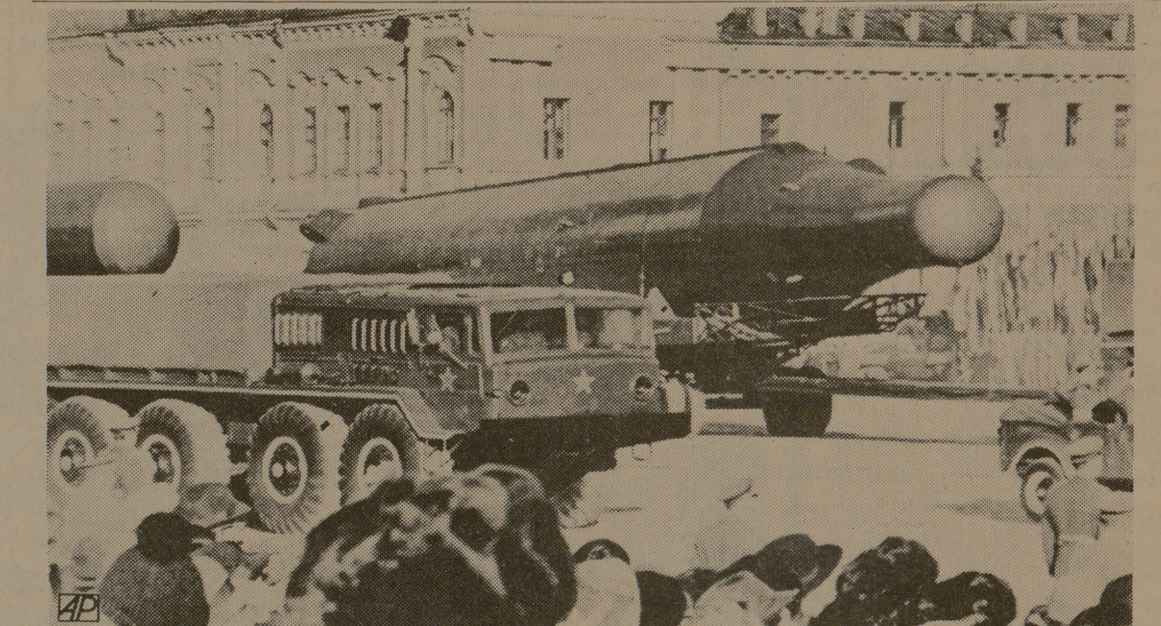
A&M-Rice Tickets Sale Ends Tuesday

Student and date tickets for the Rice game will go off sale Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Student tickets are on sale for \$1 and date tickets sell for \$5.

Tickets for the Thanksgiving game with t.u. go on sale Wednesday. Date tickets will again cost \$5.

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SOVIETS SAY THIS IS THEIR NEW ROCKET

This 100-foot long rocket brings up the rear of the hour-long military parade in Moscow's Red Square during celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. The Soviets said it is their new intercontinental rocket with orbital capabilities. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Moscow)