



Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds, southerly, 10-15 m.p.h. High 71, low 46.
Saturday and Sunday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, a few afternoon rain showers, winds south 10-20 m.p.h. High 74, low 53.

Special Forces Survive Attack

By EDWIN Q. WHITE
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — American infantrymen supported by fighter-bombers and point-blank artillery fire beat off wave assaults by hundreds of troops Thursday on a Special Forces camp near the Cambodian border, where U. S. commanders believe the Communists may be trying to lure allied units into another major battle.

The action occurred as the U.S. Command announced the number of Americans killed in the war passed 15,000 last week. It said 212 were killed in the week, compared with 225 the week before, bringing the total American battle deaths to 15,058.

A MIXED Viet Cong and North Vietnamese force fell back from the U. S. camp at Bu Dop under a storm of napalm and shrapnel bombs after reaching a seven-foot concrete cross in a Roman Catholic cemetery 50 yards from American lines.

Bu Dop, 80 miles north of Saigon, is four miles north of the Bo Duc government district headquarters partly overrun by Communist attackers Wednesday. It is also near Loc Ninh, scene of a week of heavy fighting early in November.

AT LOC NINH, the enemy was believed aiming to divert large American and South Vietnamese forces away from important rural pacification duties. Four U. S. battalions were moved in as reinforcements and the 272nd Viet Cong Regiment paid a stiff price — more than 900 killed.

Elements of the same regiment were reported to have lost at least 98 men in the latest fighting around Bu Dop and Bo Duc.

A single battalion of the U. S. 1st Infantry Division was flown in Wednesday to strengthen the Bu Dop camp. American officers said they were hoping to egg on the enemy to a massed attack in which superior allied firepower could take a heavy toll.

ASSOCIATED PRESS correspondent John T. Wheeler reported from Bu Dop that enemy mortars, antitank rockets and machine guns opened up late Wednesday night. The firing from rubber trees 100 yards away buried three Americans under five feet of earth and exploded gasoline stores.

As 400 or more of the enemy tried to charge well-dug-in American positions, U. S. planes lit up the area with flares. Helicopters began firing machine guns and rockets and Air Force jets dropped bombs and napalm. U. S. artillery shells exploded so close that shrapnel fell on American lines.

U.S. SPOKESMEN reported 31 enemy bodies were found after the battle ended at dawn and Wheeler said blood trails indicated that large numbers of enemy casualties had been dragged away. Seven Americans were killed and 13 wounded.

"We did them a lot of damage. If they want to come back, we'll do it again," said Lt. Col. James S. Cochran III of Tallahassee, Fla., the battalion commander.

Other South Vietnamese forces killed 130 North Vietnamese in a six-hour engagement Wednesday near Dak To, where the bloodiest battle of the war ended last week. Light casualties were reported among the 800 government paratroopers.

THE WEEKLY casualty figures from U. S. headquarters included the Dak To fighting. Besides the 212 Americans killed in combat, South Vietnamese dead were 261, down slightly from a week earlier. Enemy killed totaled 1,826, up sharply from 1,561 in the previous week.

There were 1,242 Americans wounded and 66 missing or captured, compared with 1,256 wounded and 22 missing a week earlier.

The total of Americans wounded rose to 94,469. The U. S. Command said 44,420 of them did not require hospitalization. There were 39 noncombat casualties in the week, bringing the total in that category to 2,986.

IN OTHER action, the Viet Cong continued mortar harassments of government installations. About 100 shells were fired at a battalion base 20 miles northwest of Saigon, then 30 more at a nearby government sector headquarters, and later a smaller barrage on government troops a few miles to the south.

Poor weather limited strikes by U. S. planes over North Vietnam to 90. The targets included two fuel storage areas near Hai-phong.

The U. S. Command said 758 American planes had been lost over the North through Tuesday, including one loss not announced before.

Cyclotron Sets 'Open House'

Those who have never seen a cyclotron will have an opportunity Monday afternoon and night when Texas A&M opens the massive doors to its new \$6 million machine.

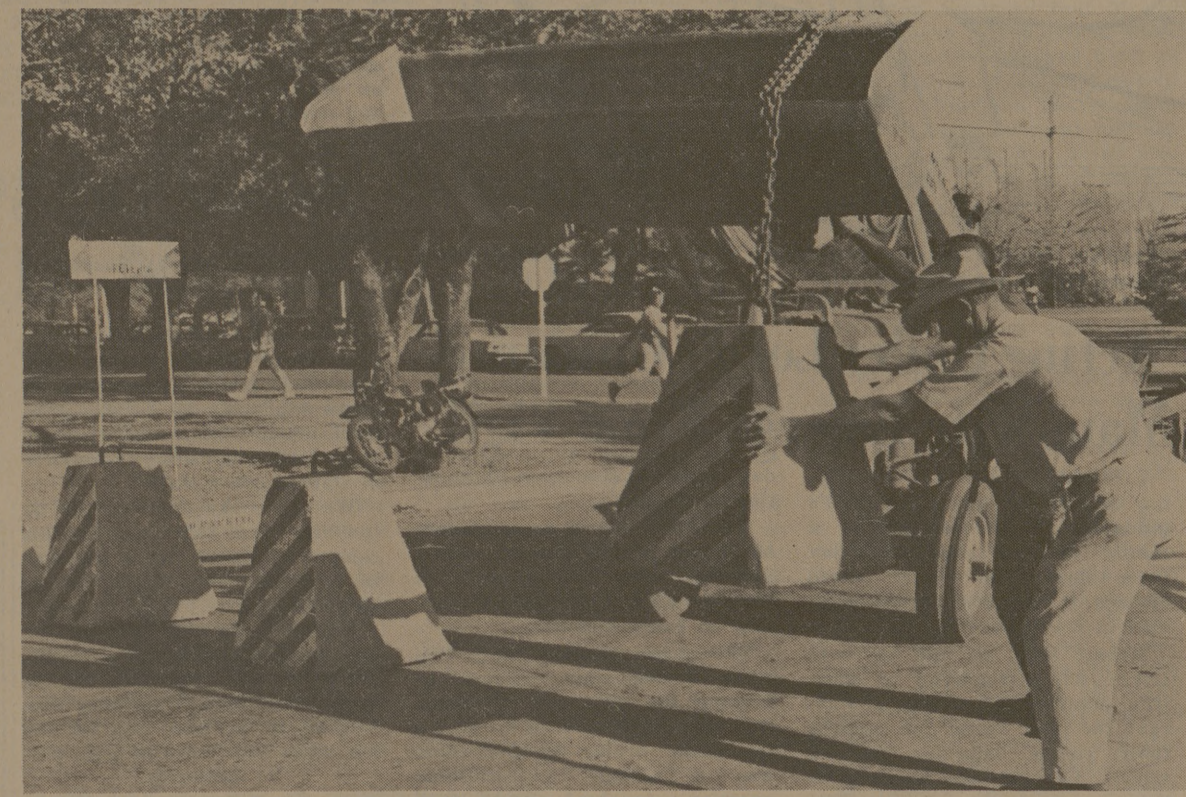
The public is invited to an open house at the Cyclotron Institute from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Visitors will be able to see not only the cyclotron with its huge 300-ton magnet, but will be shown the complex control room and console, various research laboratories and other support equipment.

Cyclotron Institute members will explain workings of the machine and other devices which give A&M one of the best nuclear research tools in the nation.

School groups and science classes are particularly welcomed at the open house, cyclotron officials said.

Freshman Filing Closes; Elections Set Wednesday



TRAFFIC BARRICADES
Concrete barriers installed Thursday to restrict traffic on the east side of the Memorial Student Center following a minor accident involving a car and motorcycle. The barriers will allow southbound traffic only on Houston Street between Lamar and Joe Routh Blvd.

Barriers Put On Houston St.

Traffic barricades were installed on the east side of the Memorial Student Center Thursday following a morning accident involving a car and motorcycle.

Col. Walter H. Parsons, physical plants director, said the concrete barriers will allow southbound traffic only on Houston Street between Lamar and Joe Routh Blvd.

Lamar will be restricted to westbound traffic only and motorists will be prohibited from turning right onto Houston.

Traffic regulations will be identical to those in force in the MSC area until about a year ago, Parsons noted. The barricades were removed during a construction project.

Two architecture students, Elbert R. Martin III and Donald Roundtree, escaped serious injury Thursday morning when their motorcycle collided with a car driven by Betty Kay Restivo, freshman psychology major from Bryan.

Martin, a sophomore from Baytown, was taken to the University Hospital for observation.

Roundtree, a freshman from Pittsburg, was treated for abrasions and released.

Miss Restivo was not injured.

Heated Debate Hits Senate On Cotton Bowl Seating

By BOB PALMER
Debate raged in the Student Senate Thursday night over student seating for the Cotton Bowl Classic on New Year's Day.

The Senate finally decided, after much heated discussion, to sell the remaining 2,700 tickets to both freshmen and sophomores but would not sell any more date tickets.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan and Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff explained the ticket allotment to A&M from the Cotton Bowl officials.

According to Groff, A&M is allowing more tickets to students than Alabama is receiving for all persons. He also pointed out that the University of Texas allowed only 6,000 tickets for students the last time its team appeared in the bowl.

Pat Rehmet, Deputy Corps commander, told the Senate that Cotton Bowl officials would not allow "blocking-in" at the game and that identification cards would be checked closely at the gate.

As a result of the ticket discussion, a committee was established to study the possibility of reserved seating for students in Kyle Field.

DEAN HANNIGAN also reported that telephones will be installed in rooms of all dorms, except Milner, Mitchell, Leggett and Dorm 13, by the beginning of the next fall semester.

The Senate decided on wall phones, except for the new dorms, which have connections for desk models.

Rudder's Brother Dies At Brooke

Marshall Rudder, 54-year-old brother of Texas A&M President Earl Rudder, died Thursday morning in the Brooke Army Medical Center at San Antonio.

A San Antonio resident, Rudder was a retired Army captain.

Services will be held at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the Homer-McClougherty Funeral Home, 1322 North St. Mary's Street, in San Antonio. Burial will follow in the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, several children and two other brothers, John Rudder of Brady and J. D., of Riverside, Calif.

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54 Hopefuls Try For Class Offices

Freshman Class officers and Student Senate representatives will be elected Wednesday in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Among offices to be filled in the 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. voting are president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and Social Secretary. Four Student Senators and five election commissioners also will be elected, with each voter allowed to vote for four candidates in the Senate race and five in the Election Commission race.

In order to vote, a freshman must have his student identification card and student activity card, Election Commission Chairman Antony Benedetto said. Only persons whose ID number begins with 67 will be allowed to vote with 67 will be allowed to vote, he added.

THE RUNOFF election will be December 13.
Eight students are in the race

for president, including Charles Wayne Adams, Stephen Joseph Chiocca, Walter Dan Fischer, Charles R. Hoffman, Dean C. Mill, Nelson Barbee Nuckles, William Shepard and Terry Lee Wilson.

Among the six students running for vice-president are John William Bebout, Dennis Lloyd Blaschke, John Roger Collins, E. Windle Harper, Robert Edward Smith and Ronald William Van Orne, Jr.

Candidates for secretary-treasurer are Thomas Champe Fitzhugh III, Edward Joseph Hickey, Robert Andrew Nelson and David A. Woods III. John Edward Edmiston, Michael Edward Godwin, Paul Anthony Schopel, Jay V. Smith and Danna Glenn Strebeck are running for social secretary.

BATTLING FOR the four Student Senate positions are a field of 22 candidates, including Otis Carroll, John Martin Conrad, Walter J. DeLury, Jr., William Raymond Dierksen, Jesse Charles Dipietra, Laurence Lee Duncan, Stephen Carl Hang and James Michael Hackedorn.

Also in the Student Senate race are Fred Malcolm Hofstetter, William D. Nordhaus, Donald Mark Olson, Lonnie Dale Roberts, Joseph L. Russo, Richard James Rynearson and Jon Christopher Simms. Other Senate candidates are Robert Derrell Trimble, Gordon Scott Vincent, Edward Lawrence Vogelwohl, Billy Wehring, David Thomas Wesolka, James Edward Wiley, Jr., and Michael Allen Zwartjes.

In the race for the five election commission spots are Daniel Balzcer, William Louis Bechtol, Earl Bruce Damron, Warren Thomas Faulkner, Edward Andrew Gould, Charles Dean Nelson, Robert A. Osterholtz, Van Hunter Taylor and Steve C. Voss.

Students Thank Team With Sign

Texas A&M students, faculty and fans are signing their names on the dotted line to show their appreciation to the Aggie football team which captured the Southwest Conference championship.

Bill Faulkner of Bryan, project chairman for the sponsoring Alpha Phi Omega Chapter at A&M, said members of the service organization felt students ought to pat the Aggies on the back for a job well done.

They built an eight-foot high sign in the shape of a football and emblazoned a Maroon Number 1 on it, then attached paper for signatures.

Signers were plentiful. In two days, more than 4,000 signatures were affixed. Faulkner said the sign should have more than 5,000 signatures before it is removed from the Memorial Student Center in about a week.

"Anybody is welcome to sign," he said. "Bear Bryan, Darrell Royal... anybody!"

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Aggie Ring Chosen As Target For First Cyclotron Action



CYCLOTRON TARGET
This ring top is the first object ever used as a target in Texas A&M University's \$6 million cyclotron. The intense beam of alpha particles melted away one side of the emblem.

Since this is the year of the Aggies, it was only fitting that the first target to be bombarded in the new \$6 million cyclotron was the top of a 1967 class ring.

The scientists put it in the big 300-ton machine, punched buttons and a 65 million electron volt beam of alpha particles zapped the 14-carat gold emblem before you could say "atom smasher."

The idea was to make the ring top slightly radioactive as a keepsake.

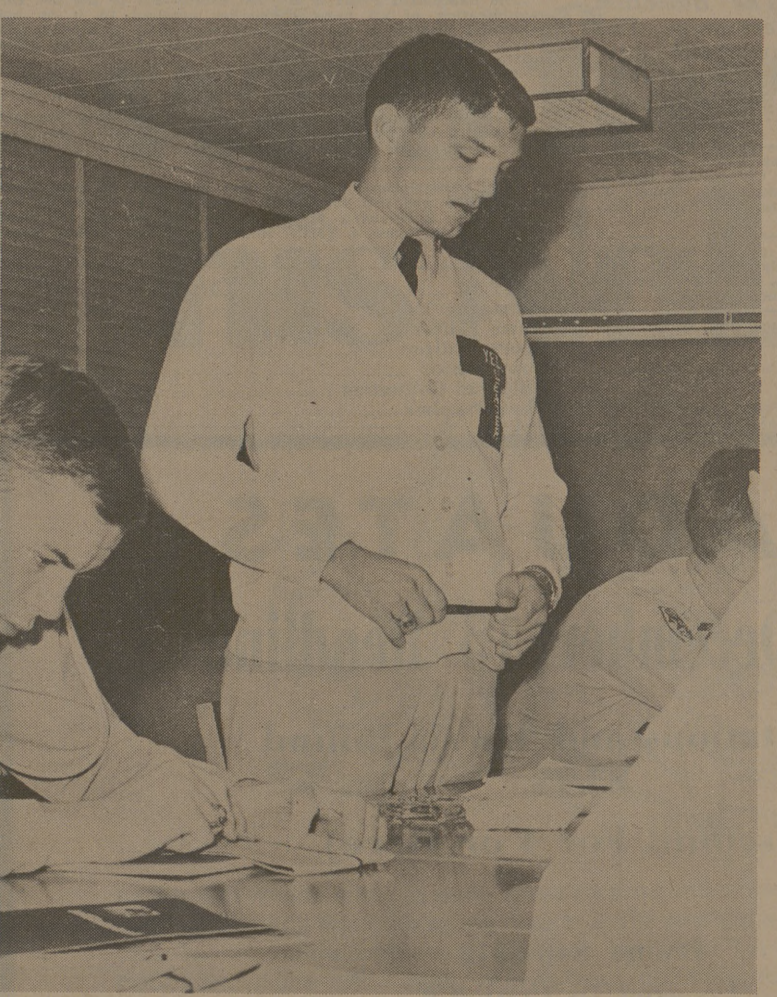
The trouble was: "We nearly melted it," laughed Whitney A. McFarlin, associate director of the Cyclotron Institute.

Like a blowtorch on a pat of butter, the intense beam of nuclear energy liquified one side of the ring top.

When the scientists pulled it out of the machine, the ring top registered 200 milliroentgens per hour of radiation.

That's why they're keeping the keepsake in a thick lead container.

Well, as they say, that's half life.



ADAMS OUTLINES PLAN
Head Yell Leader Neal Adams explains his Band Fund proposal to members of the Student Senate. At left is Senator Jim Lehmann.

BSU To Sponsor 'Confrontations'

Christian Action Week, sponsored by the A&M Baptist Student Union, concludes with "confrontation" programs at 7:15 tonight and Saturday in Texas A&M's All Faiths Chapel.

Dr. John P. Newport, professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, will be the speaker for tonight's "Philosophy Confronts Christianity" presentation. He will discuss the "new philosophies of life, sex, vocation, values and morality."

The Saturday night program is entitled "Man Confronts Christianity," with Dr. Newport leading a probe into "what makes man tick."

The series of "confrontation" programs began Monday and have covered history, science and sociology.

Snowfall Prevents Yarborough Visit

Nine inches of snow in Washington, D.C., Thursday prevented any planes from leaving the city and forced Ralph Yarborough, United States Senator from Texas, to cancel his trip to A&M to speak at the Great Issues Political Forum last night.

According to Claude Davis, a political forum committee member, Yarborough tried four airports in the Washington area trying to find a flight out.

"He spent \$40 in taxi fares trying to find an airport with planes still flying," Davis said. We are trying now to reschedule him for the week of Dec. 10 through the 14th if possible."

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