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Wednesday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds South 10-20 m.p.h. Becoming cloudy during the afternoon with winds becoming northerly 10-15 m.p.h. High 74, low 51.
Thursday — Cloudy, occasional light rain, wind Northeast 10-15 m.p.h. High 47, low 42.

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Drs. Trager, Pye Agree On War

A professor of international affairs and a political science professor seemed to agree that bombing of North Vietnam is not the only answer to winning the war, in speeches at the 13th Student Conference on National Affairs at A&M last week.

They were Dr. Frank N. Trager, professor of international affairs in the Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University, and Dr. Lucian Pye of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Trager said despite the views of some, the United States has a commitment in Southeast Asia and that American dissent on the war adds to Hanoi's willingness to resist.

"Those who say we have no commitment belie the history of Southeast Asia," he said.

On the bombing issue, Dr. Trager said that power is too often interpreted to mean "bombing" the North.

"Power also means old fashioned foot soldiers and Marines fighting the enemy on land, and seapower isolating the enemy from sources of resupply by water," Dr. Trager said.

Dr. Pye's alternative to the escalating of the bombing of the North, was for the U. S. to do a better job of policing the South Vietnamese borders.

"We need to eliminate raiders along the South Vietnamese borders and demilitarized zone," he said. "If raids and infiltration by the enemy decline, I think our pace of activity also could begin to decline."

After a settlement is eventually reached in Vietnam, Pye foresees a program of economic and social development and commitment for containment of Communist expansion by the United States.

Dr. Trager and Dr. Pye were roundup speakers for SCONA, which attracted 145 delegates from 53 universities and colleges in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The four days of discussions were related to the theme, "The Price of Peace in Southeast Asia."

Fish To Elect Officers In Run-Off Wednesday

Shepard, Hoffman Vie For Top Spot

Freshmen will elect class officers Wednesday in run-off balloting in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Officers to be elected include president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and social secretary.

Presidential candidates will be William Shepard and Charles R. Hoffman, who led the balloting in last week's primary. Vice-president will be chosen between John W. Bebout and Dennis L. Blaschke.

In the secretary-treasurer's race, Thomas C. Fitzhugh will run against Edward J. Hickey. Social secretary candidates include Michael E. Godwin, Paul A. Scopel and Dana G. Strebeck.

Four Student Senate representatives and five Election Commission members were elected in the primary.

SENATORS ARE John M. Conrad, Fred Hoffstetter, William D. Nordhaus and Jon C. Simms. Election commissioners are Bruce Damron, Edward A. Gould, Charles D. Nelson, Van H. Taylor and Warren T. Faulkner.

Some 54 freshmen applied for the primary elections.

"Last week's voting turnout was pretty disappointing," Election Commission Chairman Tony Benedetto said. "We're hoping for a much better number of voters in Wednesday's runoff election."

Benedetto noted that 661 freshmen, or approximately 30 per cent of the class, voted in that election.

"Freshmen should realize that these people they're voting on now will probably be in leadership positions for the rest of the time they're here," Benedetto said. "They should take a special interest in voting for the candidates of their choice."

THE BALLOTING will be conducted by election commissioners from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. In order to vote, a freshman must have his student identification card and student activity card, Benedetto added.

Only persons whose ID number begins with 67 will be allowed to vote, he said.

In last year's freshman class primary elections, more than 950 votes were cast for eight positions. This represented more than 50 per cent of the class enrollment, Benedetto noted.



BLOOD DONORS

Robert G. McAndrew, left, and Dennis Gant, right, give blood for the Student Senate's Vietnam Blood Drive as medical technician Len Walker of Blood Services of Houston watches. Chairman John Daly said he hopes the drive, which continues Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a. m. to 5p. m. in the Memorial Student Center basement, will produce 700 units for U. S. fighting men in Vietnam.

Issues Speaker Describes 'Knee Deep' Navy's War

Lt. Comdr. David G. Wright, USN, gave a film slide presentation on the "knee-deep Navy's" operations in the Mekong Delta, South Vietnam.

A turn-away Great Issues audience in the Memorial Student Center heard Wright, an A&M graduate student in chemical oceanography, describe the work of the men in the river patrol boats and those in the other services that cooperate with them.

The color slides showed clearly the deep green of the VietCong-infested rain forests, the rusty brown of the rice paddies, the light blue of the main channel and the dirty brown of the canals.

"The Mekong Delta is the primary military objective of the war," Wright said. "It has 90 per cent of the country's rice and 50 per cent of the people."

"In the wet season the delta has 5,000 miles of waterways, and during the dry season 2,500," Wright reported.

This figure is compared to the only 200 miles of roads in the

area, most of them controlled by the VietCong.

"These rivers are the highways for the people and the enemy too," Wright remarked.

"Most of the VC funds come from the delta where they are either impressed or stolen."

"When we first arrived on the river, the enemy's tax collectors could operate freely on it," Wright said. "He would collect a percentage from the farmers on their way to market."

"These tax collectors are insidious individuals. By the time the farmer reaches market, he does not have much left after both the government and VC tax collectors have finished with him."

The Viet Cong taxers are off the river, Wright claimed, and if the farmer can reach the main river he will be safe.

Wright discussed the method by which VC control much of the delta area.

"The way the Viet Cong controls — by fear — is the hardest thing for Americans to understand," he said. "It is like the syndicate in the city ghettos. They move in and remove the head man and put in one of their own."

"Often this new head man will be one of the villagers and will be accompanied by a propaganda officer and a couple squads of local toughs," he added.

"We cannot win the war until every one of these local guys is identified and rooted out," Wright stressed.

One of the ways that the VC maintain control is through terrorism. One case Wright sighted was when two 17-year-old girls set off a mine in a street packed with people, killing 17 and injuring 49.

Wright went into detail, describing patrol work on the rivers.

During the first six months that Navy personnel patrolled the twisting rivers, they merely let the enemy know they were around and had orders not to shoot to kill.

After that initial period, any time a boat tried to run on them, the boat was destroyed.

"Every day, 2,000 craft use the rivers, and the Navy has to inspect and control them with 300 men and 80 boats," Wright said.

"The fiberglass patrol boats,

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with speeds up to 25 knots, have only their crew's courage for armor," he said. "The four-man crews, commanded by a petty officer, are armed with three 50-calibers, two grenade launchers, five M-16 rifles and two M-60 machine guns."

"A Vietnamese National Maritime Policeman accompanies each two-boat patrol, and we turn everyone we capture over to him," he noted. "If they start firing at us, we assume they are Viet Cong and act accordingly."

Wright described actions in which the VC had constructed bunkers on the river banks and would fire on the boats from the protected positions. In cases like these, helicopter gunships would be called in for close support.

Lt. Eugene L. Butler, USN, who worked with Wright on the river, aided in answering questions after the talk. He is a 1963 graduate of A&M.

J. S. Bach Group To Perform Here

The J. S. Bach Society of Houston will perform Thursday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom under auspices of the MSC Town Hall Artists' Showcase.

Headed by Albert Hirsh, musical director and pianist, the J. S. Bach Society presentation is set for 8 p.m.

Musicians in the Society include Fredell Lack, violin; Shirley Trepel, cello; Albert Muenzer, violin; Marcella Boffa, violin; Wayne Crouse, viola; Stephen Gorisch, cello; Keith Robinson, double-bass; David Colvig, flute; and Raymond Weaver, oboe.

Soloists are John Duany, tenor; Stephen Harbachick, baritone; and Jean Preston, soprano. All have professional opera experience and are members of the University of Houston music faculty.

Town Hall Chairman Robert Gonzales said student activity card and Town Hall season ticket holders will be admitted free.

Gonzales said season tickets for the remaining three programs are on sale for \$4.50. Children 12 years old and under will be admitted free. Single performance tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

Remaining programs include the University of Texas Harp Ensemble Feb. 28 in the Bryan Civic Auditorium and Daniel and Carol Domb performing a duo program of cello and violin March 28 in the MSC ballroom.



PETROLEUM ASPHALT SCHOLARSHIPS

W. Vernon Wright (second from right) of Dallas presents a \$4,000 check to Texas A&M Engineering Dean Fred Benson for establishment of undergraduate petroleum asphalt scholarships. Looking on are Dr. Charles Samson (left), head of A&M's Civil Engineering Department, and Charles R. Foster, director of the A&M-based National Asphalt Pavement Association. Wright is president of Wright Asphalt Products Co.

Wright Asphalt Firm Donates \$4,000 For Scholarship Funds

W. Vernon Wright of Dallas, president of Wright Asphalt Products Co., presented Texas A&M \$4,000 Monday for establishment of undergraduate scholarships in the field of petroleum asphalt.

Wright also pledged \$2,000 contributions during 1968 and 1969 and expressed hopes of continuing his financial assistance programs in succeeding years.

The ward was made in the office of A&M Engineering Dean Fred Benson. Joining Dean Benson in accepting the funds were Dr. Charles Samson, head of A&M's Civil Engineering Department, and Charles R. Foster, director of the A&M-based National Asphalt Pavement Association.

Scholarships averaging \$500 per year will be awarded to at least six students who plan careers in areas related to petroleum asphalt.

University officials said civil engineering students will be the principal source for "W. Vernon Wright Scholarships in Petroleum Asphalt," but chemistry, chemical engineering and petroleum engineering students also will be eligible.

Each recipient will be designated an undergraduate research

participant and be assigned as an assistant to a professor engaged in petroleum asphalt research. The student also will be required to complete at least one research project each year.

A committee appointed by Dr. Samson will award the scholarship.

A&M Gets Grant For Oceanography

Texas A&M's Oceanography Department has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by Chevron Research Co. for basic research in physical oceanography.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, department head, was notified of the award Monday by R. F. Faull, vice president of the San Francisco-based research branch of Standard Oil of California.

Geyer said the funds probably will be applied to equipment for use aboard the Alaminos, the university's oceanographic research vessel.

Chevron Research presented Texas A&M a similar grant last year, Geyer added.

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DR. JACK WILLIAMS

Commencement Speaker Named

Dr. Jack K. Williams, commissioner of the Texas College and University Coordinating Board, will be commencement speaker for the Texas A&M's mid-term graduation exercises, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m. January 20 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Dr. Williams, who assumed the coordinating board's top administrative post in August, 1966, was associated with Clemson University nearly 20 years before coming to Texas. After serving 10 years as a history professor, he was named graduate dean in 1957, dean of the university in 1960 and vice president three years later.

A native of Galax, Va., he holds three degrees in American history and political science from Emory University. He also studied on the graduate level at the University of Virginia and University of Kentucky.

Dr. Williams is a former president of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents of Southern Universities and served two terms as a member of the executive council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges.

Top Transportation Officials Arrive For Safety Conference

Transportation officials from throughout the nation converge on Texas A&M this week for a three-day conference on railroad-highway grade crossing safety.

The Grade Crossing Safety Symposium, sponsored by the Texas Transportation Institute and the United States Department of Transportation, is expected to draw 175 participants from 30 states.

A Scheffer Lang, federal railroad administrator, will open the symposium at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday with a review of the agenda. He also will introduce panelists for "Significance of the Railroad Grade Crossing Problem."

Peter B. Spivak of the Michigan Public Service Commission will chair the panel. Members include M. A. Ross, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; Marvin Blakeney Jr., vice president of East Texas Motor Freight Lines Inc., and Leonard I. Lindas of the Nevada Department of Highways.

Charles J. Keese, director of the Texas Transportation Institute, will discuss "Vehicle-Train Conflicts at Grade Crossings" in a 10:15 a.m. presentation.

Tuesday's luncheon speaker will be Thomas Goodfellow, president of the Association of American Railroads.

Workshops will highlight Wednesday's activities. A featured talk also is slated by Oscar M. Laurel, member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Thursday's principal speaker will be Under Secretary of Transportation Everett Hutchinson. He will cover recently announced federal grade crossing safety programs.

Workshops are planned regarding ratings, accident records—including reporting and analysis, communication and control systems and public responsibility.

Party Will Honor Foreign Students

A Christmas party honoring international students and their families is scheduled Friday night in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Dr. Jack Gray, director of the hosting International Programs Office, said more than 400 persons are expected to attend the 7 to 9 p.m. party.

Faculty-staff and students who have worked closely with international students have been invited as special guests. No formal program is planned, Gray noted.

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