



# The Battalion

Thursday — Cloudy, occasional light rain, winds Northeast 10-15 m.p.h. High 47, low 42.

Friday — Cloudy to cloudy, winds South 10-20 m.p.h. High 66, low 48.

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## Soldiers Swarm Peace Marchers

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A swarm of some 300 uniformed soldiers from Ft. Hood surrounded three peace demonstrators and shredded their placards Tuesday as President Johnson prepared to make a speech only 300 yards away.

"We're just lucky they the demonstrators didn't get hurt,"

## Dormitories To Be Closed For Holidays

All dormitories except Dorm 22 and ramps E, F, G, H, I, J and K of Walton Hall will be locked for the Christmas holidays at 6 p.m. next Wednesday, according to Allan M. Madeley, housing manager.

Students who will need dormitory accommodations at any time during the holidays, should contact students in the specified ramps of Walton concerning the use of their rooms, he said. Dorm 22 will be available only to the students currently living there.

"After obtaining a signed note of permission from all occupants of the room he expects to occupy in Walton, the student should take the note to the Housing Office by 5 p.m. Wednesday," Madeley noted. "Only students making the proper arrangements will be allowed to stay in a dorm during the holidays. Students who live in Dorm 22 or the specified ramps of Walton should sign for their rooms at the Housing Office also."

Anyone found living in the opened dorms or in one of the locked dorms without permission will be subject to disciplinary action. If a student must get into one of the locked dorms during the holidays, he should check at the Housing Office for clearance, he added.

"Students are urged to close the windows and lock the doors to their rooms for security purposes. The dorms will be unlocked at 1 p.m. January 2," Madeley said.

Any student who will have difficulty clearing his room by the time indicated for it to be locked, should contact his dorm counselor for arrangements.

University Dining Halls will close after supper Wednesday and will remain closed until breakfast January 4.

"Plans for eating off campus should be made by students remaining on campus during the holidays," Madeley continued. At least some of the eating establishments adjacent to the campus on the north and east will be open during the holidays, including Christmas Day."

Roundtrip bus service involving the campus or east gate and Bryan will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, he said.

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said Belton County Sheriff Lester Gunn.

The incident developed as Johnson was on hand ready to deliver an address on the campus of Central Texas College. The campus is across a highway from Ft. Hood.

A CROWD estimated by Gunn to be above 25,000 had gathered for Johnson's speech. Many were Ft. Hood personnel, many of whom have seen action in Vietnam.

Gunn said his deputies had escorted two groups of three peace demonstrators each from the campus before the President arrived.

Officers made their way through the throng lunched around the three Austin men who displayed peace slogans on the signs and arrested them after the signs had been torn up by the soldiers.

"YOU COULDN'T tell what had been the signs because they were in a thousand pieces when we got there," a deputy said.

No soldiers were arrested. One of the men demonstrating against the war in Vietnam was said to have been knocked down and kicked by a soldier.

Charged with disturbing the peace were John E. Morby, 28, who said he was a history instructor at the University of Texas; James M. Damon, 30, who said he was a part-time language instructor; and Segmunt W. Smigaj Jr., a graduate student at the university. Austin, where the university is located, is 70 miles south of Killeen.

Justice of the Peace A. M. Turiland set bond for the three at \$500 apiece, and all were in custody in lieu of bond Tuesday night.

## YMCA To Help Needy Families

Groups wishing to help make this Christmas a more merry one for needy families in the College Station area may obtain a list of such families at the front desk of the YMCA, General Secretary J. Gordon Gay announced.

The lists have been made available annually through the efforts of Gay and Bennie A. Zinn, director of student affairs. About 40 families from the list were helped last year by different dorm and outfit groups, clubs and other organizations, Gay said.

All the names on the list are carefully screened and the families are in real need," he added.

Any organization wanting to participate in the program may receive help from Mrs. Alma Lewis at the YMCA desk, he noted. Information on the list includes the number in each family and the ages and sexes of the children.

After picking a name, the groups are asked to visit the family before selecting the food or other gifts. This will give the organization a better idea of what the families' most serious needs are.

# Student Turnout Improves As Blood Drive Continues

## 124 Units Given By Ags Tuesday

By BOB PALMER

The Aggie Blood Drive for the American soldiers in Vietnam will move into its third day Thursday.

After taking Wednesday off for freshman runoff elections, Blood Services of Houston will again be taking blood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

The drive is sponsored by the Student Senate to raise "fresh" whole blood for the fighting men in Vietnam. Roger Baur, a former operating room technician in Vietnam, and currently an A&M student, brought to the Senate's attention the need for the blood.

Baur said that medics in Vietnam often ran short on blood or that some of the blood they were forced to use was too old to be effective.

Arrangements for collecting blood on Friday and Saturday remain uncertain.

"THE COLLECTION team will be in the area on Friday, and if there is enough demand we may be able to bus people to them," Drive Chairman John Daly said.

On the past two days 184 units of blood have been taken. Only 60 were taken on Monday.

"On Monday we had a snafu in communications," Daly said, "and the rumor got out that the drive had been cancelled. When things finally started rolling it was almost 11 a.m."

Although the drive started slowly on Monday, it went full blast Tuesday, he noted.

"We had a line waiting to give blood all day," Daly remarked. "We took in 124 units."

"I HAVE nothing but praise for everyone connected with the drive," he added. "The people

that worked for Blood Services stayed on their feet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., taking only a 15 minute lunch break.

"We organized this drive in only 13 days instead of the usual month or more," he continued. "It is surprising that it has come off so smoothly. We did have some trouble Monday but the important thing is that it went well today," Daly explained.

Daly described the turnout of Aggies as "outstanding," and looks for an even larger participation on Thursday.

"Chances look really good for a second drive in February," Daly said. "If the Aggies keep coming there will be no problem in having the second drive."

"I also hope that this will not be the last year for the drive," he noted. "If we can get this started on an annual basis, it will be a real credit to A&M."



BLOOD DRIVE CONTINUES John C. Abshier adds his contribution to the Aggie Blood Drive as (from left) Roger Baur, Ken McCue, Gerald L. Wellman and Blood Services of Houston Nurse Ann Brennan look on. The drive to collect blood for soldiers in Vietnam continues through Thursday.

## Railroad President Stresses Public Safety Responsibility

The president of the Association of American railroads Tuesday urged greater public responsibility in the safe operation of motor vehicles at railroad crossings to reduce needless accidents.

Thomas M. Goodfellow, speaking to 175 men attending a three-day grade crossing symposium at Texas A&M, said the estimated 1,800 who have lost—or will lose—their lives in crossing accidents this year could be reduced to near zero if a magic formula could be developed.

The formula, he contended, would make motorists want to stop, listen and live.

GOODFELLOW suggested more advance warnings for drivers approaching grade crossings, indicating several signs might be

erected, with the first as far as 1,000 feet from the crossing.

The speaker cited a "crying need" for more effective educational and enforcement campaigns aimed at making drivers obey grade crossing warning signals and devices the same way they honor highway warning and stop signs.

Goodfellow said additional federal funds should be made available and used for new construction, reconstruction or improvement of grade crossings, separations and protection. These funds, he noted, should be applicable to all public highways, roads and streets.

THE FEDERAL program is especially important at the local level, Goodfellow observed, since a high percentage of grade crossings are concentrated in heavily populated communities where governments are hard-pressed to find needed money for schools and other essential community services.

Sponsors of the symposium are the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M and the U. S. Department of Transportation.

Wednesday's program includes a talk by Oscar M. Laurel, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Everett Hutchinson, under secretary of the U. S. Department

of Transportation, will address the symposium Friday.

Participants include a cross-section of safety experts from state and local governmental agencies, the Federal Railroad and Highway Administration, safety associations, railroad and trucking companies, labor organizations, and public and private research organizations.

## Christmas Program Planned By YMCA At System Building

A special program, "Campus-Community Christmas," will be held Tuesday night on the front steps of the Texas A&M University System Building.

The 8 p.m. presentation featuring the Singing Cadets is sponsored by the YMCA, announced Corps Chaplain Clarence Daugherty of San Antonio, who will direct the activities.

Daugherty said the program will be moved to All Faiths Chapel in case of bad weather.

A narration following a Christmas theme is scheduled by Ken Nicolas, assistant to the commandant of cadets at A&M.

Another major event of the evening will be the lighting of a Christmas tree. Daugherty announced the tree will remain lighted throughout the Christmas holidays as a symbol of the best

wishes of A&M's student body to the Bryan-College Station community.

Daugherty emphasized that the community will participate through group singing of traditional Christmas carols.

The Singing Cadets will offer "Fanfare for Christmas," "Little Drummer Boy," and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Solos slated include "Lullaby of the Christ Child" by Ernie Knowles of Bryan, "Mary Had a Baby," by Bill Tharp of Bryan and "O, Holy Night!" by Robert L. Boone, director of the glee club.

Mrs. June Biering is pianist-accompanist for the Singing Cadets.

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## Yule Present Show Set By Architects

Need gift ideas for Christmas? An exhibit in Texas A&M's School of Architecture may be helpful.

The exhibit, with materials donated by department stores over the state, includes gift ideas, wrapping paper, decorations and Christmas cards.

Also of interest are festive shopping bags from noted department stores.

The exhibit is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday.

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### Collegian Comment

## What Do Students Think Of The Aggie Blood Drive?



Roger B. Boatwright, Company E-1: "Giving blood for use in Vietnam gives one at home the opportunity to do something for the men over there. It is good to know that such a small gift as one's blood can do so much."



James M. Bradshaw, sophomore, Maroon Band: "I believe that it is the best way we can show our appreciation of what they are doing in Vietnam."



Howard S. Griffin, Company G-2: "I feel that it is one of the small ways that we at home can help, and I want to help all I can."



Carl Feducia, commander, Second Brigade: "It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate about Vietnam, but instead of signs, we're using something a little more worthwhile."



Zane C. Steininger, Victoria: "I feel, since they're giving their blood for me, the least I can do is give them a pint back."



Richard Hansen, Squadron 3: "By donating blood for the men in Vietnam, we are expressing, in a small way, that they have our complete support."



Earl C. Rodenberg, First Wing Staff: "After all of the demonstrations on other campuses throughout the U.S., I feel that giving blood for the men in Vietnam is a great way for Aggies to support U. S. policy."