



The Battalion

Thursday—Cloudy, light rain, winds Northeast 5-10 m.p.h. High 47 low 39.
Friday—Cloudy, moderate rain showers, winds Southeast 10-15 m.p.h. becoming Northerly late afternoon. 10-20 m.p.h. High 49, low 38.

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State Department Praises SCONA

Texas A&M's 13th annual Student Conference on National Affairs has been praised by a State Department official as the best organized and most productive student meeting he ever attended, Cong. Olin E. Teague informed university representatives.

Congressman Teague cited a letter he received from Assistant Secretary of State William P. Bundy regarding SCONA's program on "The Price of Peace in Southeast Asia" last month. Bundy passed along observations made by one of his staff members who served as co-chairman for a SCONA roundtable.

The assistant secretary did not identify the staff member, but SCONA officials attribute the remarks to Frank P. Lockhart Jr. of the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Bundy said his staff member reported he worked with the student leaders on a 16-hour-a-day basis and "was deeply impressed with their high caliber, earnestness and dedication."

"He reported to me that the conference was the best organized and most productive student conference he had ever attended . . . and believed that a better understanding of our policies in Southeast Asia was attained," Bundy noted.

Congressman Teague, a former A&M student who resides in College Station, was instrumental in organizing SCONA and assists each year in securing outstanding speakers.

The four-day conference was attended by 145 students from 53 colleges and universities in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Top Engineers Will Evaluate EG Projects

Engineers from industry, city and federal agencies will evaluate engineering graphics students' semester design projects next week at Texas A&M.

About 900 freshmen enrolled in Engineering Graphics 105 have been working on a swimming pool feasibility study, instructional system incorporating electronic aids in a "teacher's desk" console, athletic stadium adequacy or parking area traffic flow for pedestrians, vehicles and products.

Winning designs will be presented Jan. 15-19, announced Dr. James H. Earle, associate professor in charge of the Engineering Graphics Department.

Professional engineers who served as consultants at the beginning of the semester will discuss the student ideas, work and presentations.

"The 40 engineers will be here in groups of six to eight," Earle said. They represent construction, oil, power, chemical, radio, tool manufacturing and foundry firms and NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center.

"The visiting engineers program benefits the student several ways," Earle commented. "He learns to develop an original design, problem solving principles of engineering and the importance of the engineer's communication process, through oral, graphical and written solution presentation."

The professor noted problems are structured to emphasize social needs of engineering.

"Students are involved with creativity and innovations rather than problems with only one solution," he said.

Filing Starts For Posts On Council, Directorate



Great Issues Public Relations chairman Janet Whitehead checks an application for a Council and Directorate executive position submitted by Jim St. John, left. Scott Roberts, president of the Council and Directorate, looks on.

MSC Interviews Set Next Month

The Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate will accept applications for executive and chairmanship positions

Record Number Of Grads Set For Jan. 20

A record 817 students have applied for mid-term graduation at A&M, announced Registrar H. L. Heaton.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, in G. Rollie White Coliseum, followed by military commissioning ceremonies at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Jack K. Williams of Austin, commissioner of the Texas College and University Coordinating Board, will be the commencement speaker. Major speaker for the commissioning will be Gen. James K. Woolnough, commanding officer of the U. S. Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

Heaton said the class includes 482 students who have filed for baccalaureate degrees, 239 for master's degrees and 96 for Ph.D.'s.

The commandant's office reported 88 cadets are to receive commissions as second lieutenants, including 61 Army, 21 Air Force and six Marine Corps.

College Station Residents Consider Charter Changes

By JOHN W. FULLER
Battalion Managing Editor

College Station residents will vote Saturday on city charter changes which one official says are necessary if local government is to work "effectively and efficiently within the charter's framework."

Dr. O. M. Holt, mayor pro tempore, said the six-point amendment question reflects a "very commendable" set of suggestions by a committee that recently completed a six-month study of the charter. Holt was contacted since Mayor D. A. Anderson was out of town.

"We need to provide for the things a city this size has to do," Dr. Holt added. "We've grown out of hamlet status, and the 1952 charter just isn't adequate."

MAJOR recommendations made by the ten-man committee of College Station businessmen, educators and administrators deal with the election of councilmen, budgeting for unforeseen expenditures and setting of terms for appointed city officials. The group also noted need for redefining the city limits, setting property-ownership qualifications for the mayor and councilmen, clarifying procedures for granting franchises and extending the Board of Equalization's working period.

The city council approved the recommendations late in November and set the referendum date. It made one major addition to the suggestions: an alternative in the change of councilmen's election procedures.

THE CITIZENS Committee recommended election of councilmen at large by all citizens without regard to Ward boundaries. Mayor Anderson noted in an explanatory letter which he recently sent to each registered College Station voter. "The Council, after deliberation, desired to give three alternatives to the citizens for their judgment, including the recommendation of the Citizens Committee."

Under the 1952 charter, residents of each of the three Wards elect a councilman from their Ward. The council's alternative suggestion for a change is to provide for election of each councilman by the entire electorate, but with the geographically-defined Wards retained. The Citizens Committee suggested election by "Place," in which candidates for the council would run for Place 1, Place 2 or Place 3.

"UNDER THE present system,

one Ward consists mostly of the A&M campus," Dr. Holt explained. "The students who are qualified voters couldn't care less about city bond issues and so forth. That leaves this area pretty depleted of voters."

"At the same time," he went on, "the ward south of the university is growing tremendously. The Committee sought to get a more equal distribution. They felt voting by 'Place' would do away with the power structure."

Dr. Holt said voters will choose among these two changes and retaining the present system. A majority vote for one of the changes will be required to amend the charter, he explained.

ON ANOTHER proposal, voters will decide whether to provide a "contingency appropriations fund" of three per cent of the total budget or to leave the funds at three per cent of the city's general fund.

"Three per cent of the general fund is nothing, really," Dr. Holt explained. "If we need another city employe—a fireman, a policeman—and the budget doesn't provide for hiring him, his salary has to come out of a contingency fund. The committee suggested this change as a way to give us a larger amount of money to work with."

DR. HOLT said the remainder of the proposed amendments reflect a general "updating" of the city's charter and a clarification of some earlier ordinances. Setting of two-year terms for appointees will, he noted, "bring them in line with the mayor's two-year term," and setting property-ownership requirements "will help assure the continued election of officials who take an interest in bond issues and other tax measures."

"I hope to see a large turn-out

for the election," he added. "I hope the people are aware of the need to adapt the charter to our new needs."

The Citizens Committee, authorized by the City Council May 23, 1966, is composed of Chairman John S. Denison, Phillip B. Goode, Dr. Bardin H. Nelson, Edwin S. Holdredge, Phillip H. Steen Jr., John W. Hill, Code D. Wells, Dr. Carl W. Landiss, Ewing E. Brown and Wilbert Beck.

OFFICIALS for the Saturday election are:

Ward 1 — L. G. Jones, judge, and Mrs. J. C. Redman and Mrs. J. N. Holmgreen, clerks.

Ward 2 — Cecil B. Ryan, judge and Mrs. P. W. Burns and Mrs. E. D. Parnell, clerks.

Ward 3 — C. W. Knight, judge, and Mrs. W. D. Lloyd and W. H. Freiburger, clerks.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at A&M Consolidated School (Ward 1), College Hills Elementary (Ward 2) and City Hall (Ward 3).

Aggie Debaters Will Compete In 13 Meets Next Semester

Completion of final exams Jan. 27 signals the start of a busy schedule for the Texas A&M debate team.

The Aggie forensics club will compete in the Mardi Gras Debate Tournament at Tulane Jan. 27-28, announced Michael Hairgrove, debate coach and English instructor.

In the following 18 weeks, the team will debate in a dozen tournaments. Aggie debaters participated in only a few tournaments during the first semester.

Two Architecture Students To Win Trip To Grand Canyon

A mid-semester expense paid trip to Grand Canyon National Park awaits two winners in second-year design competition in Texas A&M's School of Architecture.

More than 100 students in classes taught by professors Norman Ufer and Roy Pledger are vying for top ranking in park shelter designs.

"The idea for the project developed last summer while my wife and I were visiting the

Grand Canyon," Ufer explained. "Hiking the trail to Indian Gardens near the South Rim, we expected to find shelters. Instead, we spent the night under a picnic table."

"A park ranger told us the next day we were lucky that we were not invaded by rattlesnakes or hit by flashfloods," he recalled. "As a result, the students have some unique shelter designs in the making."

ONE OF Arizona's most prominent citizens, former Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater helped arrange complimentary hotel reservations at the Bright Angel Lodge Jan. 29-30 for the winners.

"The Grand Canyon is as much of me as my life itself and I have been visiting it for over fifty years, photographing it and writing about it," Goldwater wrote. "Thank you for having become involved in the arrangements for the Indian Gardens."

Ufer said names of four students will be drawn from 24 semi-finalists. These students, he added, will accompany the winners on a cost-sharing basis.

Design students warmed up for the competition by making a field trip to Bastrop State Park where they did sketches of cone-bearing trees and structures of natural materials.

PRIMARY consideration of design students for shelters included comfort of overnight campers and compatibility of construction materials with the "character" of the site.

Models and sketches of shelters designed by the winners will be displayed at a tourist center near the South Rim. Ufer expressed hope that the students' work will be displayed through the next tourist season.

"Between semesters will be a wonderful time for students to visit the South Rim," Ufer commented. "There will be snow on the South Rim, but temperatures in the canyon should be much warmer."



LT. COL. SIEGERT

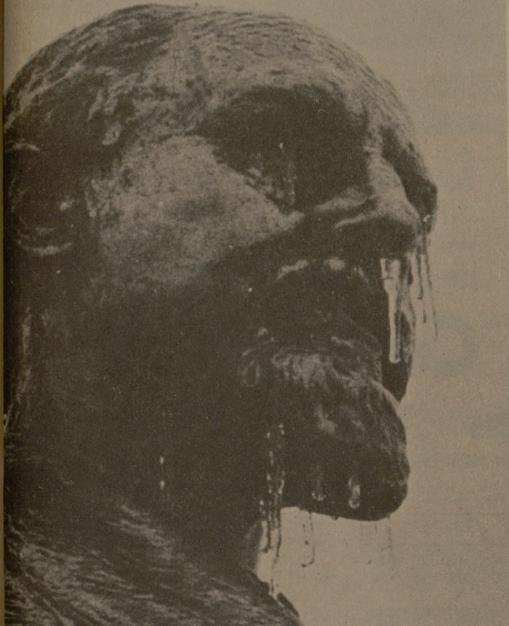
Grad Will Lead Battalion In VN

A 1948 Texas A&M graduate, Lt. Col. Robert W. Siegert Jr. of Bryan, has been assigned command of the 1st Aviation Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, in Vietnam.

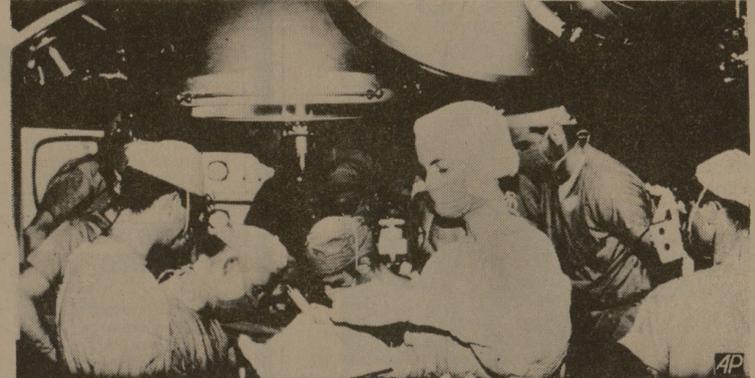
The Army unit is located near Phu Loi.

Colonel Siegert received a B.S. degree in civil engineering and was commissioned at A&M. He also attended Sam Houston State. The lieutenant colonel's wife resides in College Station.

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TEARS OF JOY
A Southwest Conference and Cotton Bowl football championship might be enough to cause the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross A&M to shed tears of Joy. Most likely, however, the tears were caused by icy weather that gripped Texas Monday.



HEART TRANSPLANT
Dr. Norman B. Shumway, second from left, nears completion of history's fourth heart transplant at Stanford University Medical Center. Picture was taken by Dr. William Angell, a member the surgical team. Others were not identified. (AP Wirephoto)

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