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Wednesday — Cloudy, scattered light rain & thundershowers afternoon. Wind south 15 m.p.h. high 84, low 72.

Thursday — Cloudy, afternoon thundershowers. Wind South 15 to 20 m.p.h. high 87, low 68.

Warm,
humid,
rain

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DOG PILE—At least that's what it looks like but actually it's a goal line stand by the dark-clad maroon team against the white in Saturday's annual Maroon-White spring intrasquad game on Kyle Field. Maroon won, 20-7. See story, page 6. (Photo by Mike Wright)

For Cambodian operations

Senate panel passes bill halting funds

By James Phillips
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, reacting swiftly to last week's widespread antiwar sentiment, has approved legislation to block funds for all American military action in Cambodia.

The bill also would prohibit the Pentagon from authorizing military construction for Cambodia or conducting any air combat activity in support of Cambodian ground troops.

"The way out of Vietnam does not lead through Cambodia," said Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine. "The time has come to substitute new policies for old policies in Southeast Asia."

The amendment, sponsored by Sens. Frank Church, D-Idaho, and John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky., also bars the use in Cambodia of South Vietnamese troops that are supported by U. S. funds.

The committee approved the measure 9 to 4 Monday as Sen. George S. McGovern, D-S.D., said he had received pledges of support from 31 senators for an amendment to cut off all funds for U.S. operations in Southeast Asia except for what is needed to bring home the troops.

And President Nixon repeated his pledge to 43 of the nation's governors that U.S. troops would be withdrawn from Cambodia by June 30.

As Nixon met with the state executives in the White House, hundreds of college students descended on Capitol Hill to lobby congressmen.

The Foreign Relations Committee also approved an amendment to repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution used by former President Lyndon B. Johnson as the legal basis for sending a massive troop increase to Vietnam.

Chairman William J. Fulbright, D-Ark., said the vote on the latter was unanimous.

In addition, the committee passed a resolution placing a \$35 million ceiling on the amount of equipment the Defense Department can give annually to a foreign government.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the White House would not have any com-

ment on Church's amendment barring U.S. military activity in Cambodia.

In the only significant Cambodian action reported this morning the U.S. Command said American helicopter gunships killed 37 North Vietnamese soldiers nine miles inside Cambodia after the enemy opened fire on them.

South Vietnamese headquarters reported that its forces killed 91 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops Monday at two widely scattered points inside Cambodia.

A spokesman said the government troops also seized 10 tons of ammunition and 35 weapons. Three South Vietnamese soldiers were reported killed and 54 wounded.

Radio Phnom Penh reported that the 30-vessel South Vietnamese flotilla that arrived in

the Cambodian capital Monday carried 48 tons of food and two tons of medical supplies for the 200,000 Vietnamese residents living there. The broadcast said about 5,000 refugees would return to Vietnam aboard the ships.

In South Vietnam, six members of a U.S. reconnaissance patrol were killed in a clash near the A Shau valley in the northern region. Enemy losses were unknown.

U.S. headquarters reported more than a score of rocket and mortar attacks overnight, including a three-round rocket barrage on Saigon that knocked out some military phone lines, heavily damaged four houses and wounded four Vietnamese civilians.

It was the first rocket attack on Saigon in nearly a month.

1940 A&M graduate

Nebraska U chancellor is commencement speaker

Durward B. Varner, chancellor of the University of Nebraska and a 1940 graduate of Texas A&M, will be the spring commencement speaker for his alma mater.

A record 1,526 students have applied for graduation, with cer-

December, succeeding Clifford M. Hardin who was named secretary of agriculture by President Nixon.

Prior to moving to Nebraska, Varner was chancellor and one of the founders of Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He had previously served 10 years at Michigan State University, including four years as vice president in charge of off-campus education programs.

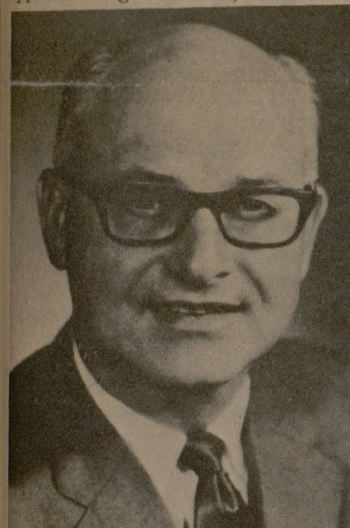
The Cottonwood, Tex., native was an honor graduate at A&M and cadet colonel of the corps his senior year.

Following graduation, he worked one year as assistant to the president of the Federal Land

Bank of Houston before entering the Army for four years of service, which included combat operations in Europe. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel.

Varner returned to A&M as assistant dean of students in 1946 but began work the following year for a master's degree at the University of Chicago.

Varner was awarded an honorary doctor of letters of humanity degree from the University of Oakland last month and is scheduled to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree May 17 at Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb.



VARNER

emonies to be conducted at 9 a.m. May 23 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Varner will share graduation day speaking honors with Gen. William C. Mestmoreland, Army chief of staff who will address students receiving military commissions.

Varner, 53, was named University of Nebraska chancellor last

Mrs. J. Neal new Mother of the Year

Mrs. J. Kelly Neal, a San Antonio minister's wife, was honored Sunday as "Aggie Mother of the Year."

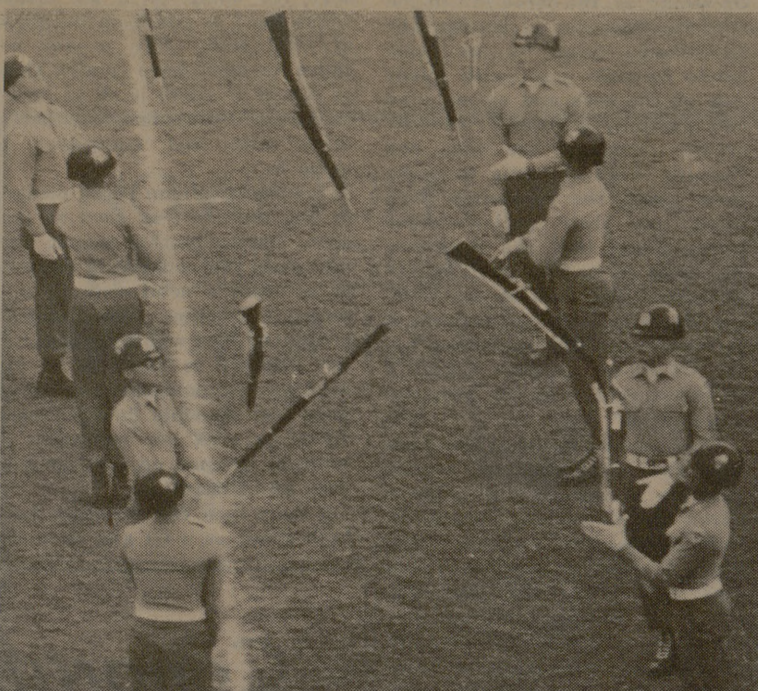
The mother of James K. Neal Jr., senior physical education major, was introduced at a Sunday morning Student Senate parents day program and given a prominent position to view the Sunday afternoon Corps of Cadets review.

Mrs. Neal succeeds Mrs. Peter N. Reed of San Antonio as the Aggies' mother of the year.

Collie R. (Doc) Watson of Coleman announced Mrs. Neal's selection and cited her contributions to Texas A&M and its students. The Student Senate, chaired by Gerry Geistweidt of Mason, presented her a bouquet of roses.

The mother of three was in the reviewing line with Acting A&M President A. R. Luedecke, Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, and Col. Keith C. Hanna, professor of aerospace studies, for the review.

(See Aggies select, page 3)



NATIONAL CHAMPS—The Fish Drill Team, national champions for the third year straight, goes through its routines during halftime at Saturday's Maroon-White game. See related story, page 6. (Photo by Mike Wright)

1970-71 editors named for publications

David Middlebrooke of Houston will be the 1970-71 editor of The Battalion, announced Student Publications Director Jim Lindsey, chairman of the Student Publications Board.

Other student editors at A&M next year include Jerry Boles of

Port Neches, Aggieland; Janie Wallace of Duncanville, The Review; Charles W. Hale of Tyler, Agriculturist; Harry L. Hall of Dallas, Engineer, and Blaine S. Purcell of Wichita Falls, The Southwestern Veterinarian, Frank E. Griffis of Big Spring will be summer editor of The Battalion.

The editors were introduced at Student Publications Banquet Monday night.

Middlebrooke, junior journalism student, has worked on The Battalion two years and is currently managing editor. Earlier this year he won a \$500 scholarship from The Newspaper Fund and was selected to intern as a copy editor this summer on The Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City.

Boles, junior management major, has been a member of the Aggieland staff three years and currently serves as editor of the military section.

Miss Wallace, junior majoring in journalism, has written for both The Review and The Battalion.

An agricultural economics major, Hale is a senior who is presently managing editor for the Agriculturist.

Purcell, son of Congressman Graham B. Purcell Jr., is a second-year veterinary medicine student serving now as an editorial assistant for The Southwestern Veterinarian.

Hall, junior chemical engineering major, is an assistant editor for The Engineer this year.

Griffis, a junior majoring in journalism, previously served as a writer for The Battalion, The Review and the Agriculturist. He currently reports for The Daily Eagle, Bryan daily newspaper.

Silver Taps tonight for vet student

Silver Taps will be held tonight for Denny Lee Davis, third-year veterinary medicine student.

He died Sunday in a Houston hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services were to be conducted at 2:30 p.m. today at Messiah Lutheran Church in Houston under the direction of Heights Funeral Home.

Davis, 25, resided with his wife at University Acres, Route 4, Bryan.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Davis of Route 3, Hempstead.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

6 Vanity Fair finalists selected at publications banquet

Six Vanity Fair finalists were selected Monday night during the annual Student Publications Banquet held by the A&M Press Club.

The six were chosen from 13 entries.

The senior class at A&M chooses no sweetheart as such. Instead, The Aggieland sponsors a contest, open only to members of the class, to select the six most beautiful sweethearts or wives of the seniors.

The women are presented to those attending the Student Publications banquet, and the

audience votes for the six they feel are the most beautiful. Those selected will be presented at the Senior Ring Dance Saturday.

The finalists are:

—Miss Susan Dale Boggs, 20, of Dallas. A junior at the University of Texas at Austin, she was escorted by 1969-70 head yell leader Sam Torn.

—Miss Peggy McNeel, 20, of Galveston. A bank employee, she was escorted by Bernard J. Rapp.

—Miss Tess Mendez, 23, of College Station.

Gerry Geistweidt, student body president, escorted the secretary.

—Miss Norma Gale Rogers, 21, of Freeport. Mark X. Vandaveer escorted the Texas Women's University senior.

—Miss Daisy Mary Sloan, 22, of Dallas. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, she was escorted by John D. White.

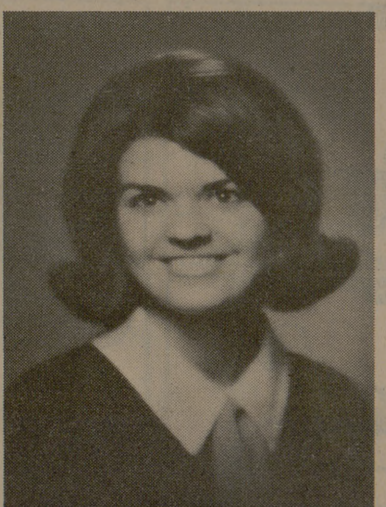
—Mrs. Ramah Kathryn Taylor, 21, of College Station. A technician in Oceanography, she was escorted by her husband, Allen Taylor.



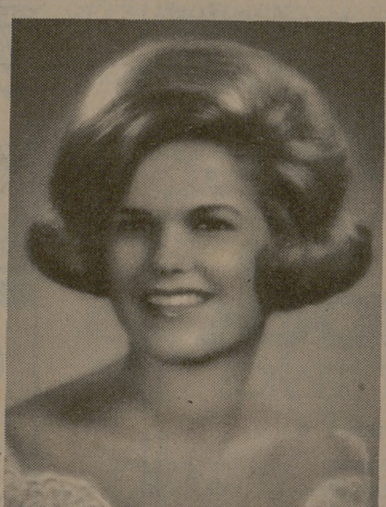
TESS MENDEZ



NORMA ROGERS



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RAMAH TAYLOR



PEGGY McNEEL