

Warm,
cloudy,
humid

Thursday mostly cloudy. Friday
afternoon rainshowers. Southerly
winds 10-15 mph. High 88 de-
grees, low 72 degrees.

Outlook for the weekend partly
cloudy, thundershowers Saturday,
cooler Sunday.

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Central mall completion due by fall term

Texas A&M's picturesque central campus mall is nearing completion, officials announced today. Providing an academic environment in the university library area, the mall will include large walkways, lights, benches, planters and a variety of plant life, including most of the trees formerly in the area.

Construction is 90 per cent complete and landscaping has reached the halfway mark, construction manager Harold Carter said.

A water sprinkler system is being installed by the university's Physical Plant Department. The job will be finished by the first week in July, noted Robert H. Tucker, department landscape architect.

Planting of shrubs, flowers and trees will accelerate as areas become available, in order to take advantage of the planting season, Carter added.

"We foresee no major problems having all work completed before the fall semester begins," he said.

Wet weather caused delays back in March and April, but a current-day dry spell has enabled workers in most cases to make up lost time.

The mall will encompass the area between the Academic, Plant Sciences and Agriculture Buildings and Francis Hall.



Construction underway—The construction being done on Ross Street is for a chill water supply and return line for a new dormitory. Other construction is for the extension of the sewer system. (Photo by Pat Little)

A&M officials visit Ft. Sill to hear report

Texas A & M administrators headed by President A. R. Luedekke visit Fort Sill, Okla., this week for a report on the training of 337 Army ROTC cadets from A&M.

With President Luedekke will be Academic Vice President Dr. Trace R. Byers and Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

The institutional representatives visit will include a briefing training cadets are receiving, visits to training sites and a reception. Officials of other colleges and universities offering ROTC programs also will attend. Cadets are in training through July 14 at Camp Eagle, Ft. Sill.

Colonel McCoy will check in at Ft. Sill Wednesday and probably remain through Saturday. President Luedekke and Dr. Byers are flying in Thursday afternoon and will leave the visit Friday.

Texas A&M also has three cadets in Army summer training at Indiantown Gap, Pa., with 340 ROTC cadets, a 10 per cent increase over 1969. In addition, the university has 160 Air Force ROTC cadets in one of two training camps at Eglin AFB.

Total social collapse due unless gap closed

By Frank Griffis
Battalion Editor

Dr. R. Philip Hammond of the Oak Ridge National Laboratories told a group of graduate students and professors to expect a total collapse of society unless the "energy gap" is closed during a graduate lecture Tuesday in the auditorium of the Architecture Building.

Dr. Hammond is visiting the campus this week in conjunction with the "Nuplex" study, which involves use of nuclear power to provide abundant low-cost electricity and desalted water.

He said the poverty gap is really the energy gap. "The earth as we know it seems comfortable, plush place to live but without energy, it would be a harsh, cold place," Dr. Hammond said.

He described the hunger problem as a "quiet catastrophe" which is "creeping behind us." He added that the beer cans, traffic, and smog are trivial in comparison with the battle of hunger.

"Man consumes more food every year, but the ability to produce food lessens," Dr. Hammond said. He added that hunger is a short-term problem which must be solved and deplored before the hungry areas of the world lose all rational government.

"We have only 10 years to solve the problem and deplore it," he said. He added that man must look into the future and to continue to use energy to make more energy such as evaporating sea water to make fresh water, using lower grade iron ores, and recycling metals.

"Man has been around on the earth a long time, but only farming one per cent of the time he has been on earth. Man must learn to use energy property—he must learn to make his environment controllable he said.

Dr. Hammond said man is running out of acreage, yet every second, two babies are born. "Everyone says it's simple—limit births, but in the meantime we need to find a way to feed these people and do so in a way that

prevents the breakdown of the entire society."

He pointed to a chart on a screen which showed the division of the earth by use. "Major crops use seven per cent of the land, but 36.8 per cent of the land is warm, arid and fertile—but lacks water. We hope to provide much more of the crop acreage providing we can get the water," Dr. Hammond said.

He pointed out a slide which displayed an energy plant used to irrigate the desert.

Dr. Hammond scoffed at suggestions that energy should be conserved by having people give up items such as electric tooth brushes and can openers. He pointed out that "we don't hear many suggestions that we should give up TV and aluminum production."

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Scientists end deep experiment

Two Texas A&M oceanographers came up Sunday for a breath of nature's air.

They had been 50 feet underwater near the Virgin Island of St. John for the last 21 days.

Dr. Thomas J. Bright and doctoral candidate William W. Schroeder of San Diego were participating in the Tektite II underwater science program. It involves more than a dozen government agencies, educational institutions and private industry.

Lead participant is the U. S. Department of the Interior.

Once Bright, Schroeder and two other scientists left the Tektite II habitat, another team of researchers entered the cylindrical underwater living quarters and laboratories for further research.

Battalion places second in TPA

The Battalion, Texas A&M University newspaper, placed second in the Texas Press Association's news writing category for dailies in cities of 15,000 to 150,000 population.

Announcement of the award was made Friday at the annual TPA meeting in Houston. Jim Lindsey, Texas A&M information and publications director, accepted the association's Certificate of Achievement for The Battalion staff.

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Residents sue CS councilmen in Austin court

Twenty-five residents of College Station filed suit Friday in an Austin district court against six city council members asking that State Comptroller R. S. Calvert be enjoined from paying their salaries as employees of Texas A&M as long as they are also serving as elected members of the council.

The defendants are Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Clifford H. Ransdell, and councilmen Cecil B. Ryan, J. H. Dozier, Dan R. Davis, and Joseph J. McGraw, in addition to Calvert.

The plaintiffs in the suit are A. P. Boyett Sr., A. P. Boyett Jr., Natalie E. Boyett, Lynda Wilson, W. D. Fitch, W. D. Howard, Lula Howard, Pat Callahan, Ed Garner, Allie Garner, John W. Buttery, Harriet J. Buttery.

Also, George H. Boyett, Johnnie I. Junek, Dorothy C. Junek, Neil P. Ward, Joe A. Ferreri, L. M. Gunter, Virginia Gunter, Mrs. C. H. Godfrey, Larry Godfrey, E. W. Sayers, Dr. Joe R. Parker, Mrs. Joe R. Parker and B. R. Craig Jr.

A. P. Boyett Jr. said that he believed that allowing state employees to hold another position of "honor, trust, and integrity" was in conflict with the state constitution.

Boyett said the citizen's group filed the suit at this time because "the council has gotten to the point where it is dominated so thoroughly by the university that the local resident and local businessman now feels that he has only one representative of the council."

He said he was referring to Bill Cooley, the only councilman not named in the suit.

He added that too often decisions made by the council were not in the best interest of the taxpayer but in the interest of the university.

"I'm not charging that the council is influenced that much by A&M, but I think there's no question that it could be influenced by the university."

The question is not whether the defendants should serve on the council or not, he continued, but if they do serve, shall they be paid by the state?

Boyett said he interpreted the constitution as meaning that if state employees are serving in another governmental capacity, they may not draw any compensation from the state.

"All we're asking for is a judicial determination one way or another," Boyett was quoted as saying in the Eagle.

The Austin law firm of Patman and Patman filed the suit.

C. H. Ransdell had no comment this morning concerning the law suits and the other councilmen could not be reached for comment.

Tom Gisenschlag, assistant city attorney, told the Battalion this morning that he had been contacted, but he doesn't know if he will represent the councilmen. "I really don't know if I will

represent the council members on this since the suit isn't against the city, but the individual councilmen," Gisenschlag said.

He said his first move will be to delve into the law and determine the merits of the case.

"It might turn on the fact that these council members aren't paid for this—they hold two state jobs, but are only paid for one of them. Until I can dig into this, I don't think anyone can make an intelligent statement on it," Gisenschlag said.

William E. (Bill) Eckles, who has worn three hats at the university during the past 10 years, says these are the times of many threats to business, coming from both internal and external sources.

"Many company presidents ask me 'what prerogatives do I have left to run my business?' I cannot answer this question. But I do try to show them how to understand and live with the changes," Eckles explained.

He admits most businessmen, including himself, are optimistic about the future.

But optimism is what has kept Bill Eckles ticking for almost 65 years. And although he is retiring for what he calls "the third time," it is not necessarily his last retirement.

Eckles has had a remarkable life, serving as a public school educator, military leader and university teacher.

He is director of A&M's Executive Development Program, serves as Assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration and is an associate professor of management.

A&M President Earl Rudder, who died in March, hand-picked Eckles for the Executive Development Program. Eckles has used his many years of experience to

make it one of the nation's best.

Approximately 12 companies actively backed the EDP when Eckles came to Texas A&M in 1960. Today it has support from over 200 major businesses in the Southwest and nation.

Eckles has expanded the program, brought in creative speakers, added two management seminars and in 1965 started a President's Forum program for high company executives.

The acceptance has been overwhelming. A 1965 Harvard study showed more senior executives attend the A&M programs than any others offered in the United States.

Eckles officially retires in August. Although he will miss the EDP activities, he admits he will miss classroom teaching and his association with A&M students the most.

"I will miss teaching very much. In fact, more than anything else," he declared. "Teaching is most rewarding. It is a wonderful opportunity and a terrific responsibility. It's more than a job, it's an influence on a lot of young minds."

Eckles believes the young graduates are better prepared and dedicated to American business. However, he stresses any person in business today must continually upgrade his education and experience to meet the many new challenges "due to the acceleration in the rate of change."

New crisis dealt with every year



First dirt turned—From left to right, Father Donald Chatham, C. H. Ransdell, Karl Krause, and Father Edward Jordan participate in ground breaking ceremonies for a 200 unit housing project for low and moderate income families which is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas. (Photo by Pat Little)

Exchange Store to do \$1.25 million business

Pat Little
The Exchange Store, which was started as a one-room store \$1,000 of borrowed money, is expected to do \$1.25 million worth of business this year, and most of the profits will go to student activities and organizations.

The store's book department was recently expanded, since, according to Store Manager Chuck Cargill, "the previous space wasn't sufficient enough for us to carry the required books, much less the supplemental reading material."

The remodeling expanded the space from 2,400 to 2,700 square feet, and required the rearranging of the clothing, drugs, and gift departments.

Additional cash registers have been installed to make shorter lines during the rush periods at the beginning of the semesters. Cargill said there is also more

emphasis on self-service in the store.

He said there will be signs placed to direct the student to the books he wants and, if he needs help, there will be an information booth where the student can ask for assistance. Cargill noted the store is cutting down on the number of employ-



Chuck Cargill

ees due to the self-service policy.

The store's book ordering procedures have been altered to a computerized method to speed up handling, and will cut the ordering time from approximately two weeks to one day.

Cargill said the computerized ordering process will benefit the student by making a list of books which will be distributed throughout the store. The list contains the course number, the book title, and the professor's name when several professors are using different books for the same course.

Cargill said the only thing the student will need to know is the course and his professor's name, which can be obtained before the class meets.

A black lighting method of pricing books has been installed to prevent switching price tags.

A florescent powder which glows only under a special light will be used to mark the price on the books and each check out counter will be equipped with the lights.

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