

# The Battalion

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Thursday & Friday — Partly cloudy to clear. Wind Southeastly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 97, low 72.

Weekend — Continued partly cloudy with afternoon cloudy chances of thundershowers Saturday. High mid 90's low mid 70's.

Warm,  
cloudy,  
humid

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Kyle Field's new look complete—Workmen put the finishing touches to the Astroturf on Kyle Field this week. Although the photograph deceives the naked eye, the field is

green. Construction on the artificial turf began in the spring and the Aggies will play their first home game on it on Sept. 12 against Wichita State.

## 125 Doctor of Vet Medicine degrees awarded at ceremony

Veterinary medicine graduates were told Friday night it is "unfortunate the more radical activists often choose the wrong targets and the wrong tactics." Dr. Willis William Armistead, dean of Michigan State's College of Veterinary Medicine, said "attacking the university over the war in Vietnam makes about as much sense as marching on Washington to protest the food in the campus dining hall." Dean Armistead, a 1938 graduate of A&M and former dean of A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, was commencement speaker. The university awarded 125 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees, including one post-humous degree, during ceremonies in the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

"The university, it seems to me, is an entirely appropriate place to examine society, to debate its frailties and to propose remedies—just as it is an appropriate place to study veterinary medicine."

"But the two subjects are basically very different," Dean Armistead stressed.

"The university can actively promote disease eradication with-

out compromising academic freedom or risking loss of public support.

"Government policy, on the other hand, is a debatable issue and the University, if it is to remain free, must not take sides," he declared.

Dr. Armistead cautioned the graduates that issues like Vietnam and the ghettos of Detroit should not take precedence over the pursuit for an education.

"Human nature and the bureaucratic hierarchy tend to favor the status quo. Most large organizations change only under pressure," the dean said.

"So we need protests. We need to have the young question the old, the outs challenge the ins and the minority press the majority."

Armistead warned, "age, of course, is no guarantee of wisdom. Even idiots grow old."

He suggested many campus environments have become hostile and polluted.

"Presidents and deans have become, along with the whooping crane, endangered species," Armistead claimed.

Some self-styled intellectuals, he suggested, have attempted to

draw a correlation between campus unrest and academic excellence.

"Such rationalizations suggest that campus violence is somehow desirable—that a relatively quiet

university is a dull one," he continued.

Dr. Armistead pointed to Texas A&M as a university with a reputation for academic excellence ahead of political activism.

## Husband and wife receive degrees

Melton and Darlene Sowell are Texas A&M University's first husband-wife team to receive Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees together. But they don't recommend what they've been through to other couples.

"Tensions build up and it is psychologically hard," Melton explained. "Everyone thinks we should do better, but actually have more pressures than most married students."

Veterinary medicine studies are gruelling. Usually a student takes 20 hours of course work a trimester—about 40 hours of classes and labs a week.

It's almost impossible to work part-time and the study require-

ments are tremendous. Academic excellence is a must.

Melton is from Midland and Darlene is an Alvin native. Both are 23. They met in 1966 while in the pre-veterinary medicine program and both were accepted into the professional college in 1967.

They were married on April 13, 1968, following the end of the second trimester in the first of three years in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Friday night they receive the DVM degree, life-long dreams of both. The couple moves to Weatherford Saturday, where Melton takes over a practice. He will open the clinic Monday morning.

"We have never known anything but school and students," Darlene confides. "We are looking forward to the new life with enthusiasm."

"But in a way, it's very frightening to know you are through with classes and are about to open a practice," she admits.

"In my case, I have been associated with men for three years. I know all the boys better than I know their wives. I expect a complete social change," she adds.

Melton is interested in a mixed practice, both large and small animals. Darlene's main interest is small animals, household pets.

She plans to help Melton with his Weatherford practice and also do relief work in a Fort Worth small animal clinic.

They estimate the total cost for both educations at over \$20,000. Both have worked part-time jobs and they have borrowed over \$8,000.

"Our parents made tremendous sacrifices," Darlene said. "They have given us over \$8,000. We could not have made it without our parents."



Inside nuclear reactor—Dr. John Randall and Dan Feltz of the Nuclear Science Center are shown inside the 40-foot nuclear reactor "swimming pool" drilling holes in the grid plate over the reactor core. The pool was drained to about five feet of water. A pre-drilled special overlay steel drilling plate was used to guide the electric magnetic-based drill in drilling the 12 one and three-quarter inch holes. Dr Randall is director of the center and Feltz is assistant director. (See story, page 4)

## Officials expect coeds for first time for camp

University officials expect more than 400 freshmen including 75 coeds for the YMCA-sponsored Freshman Camp Aug. 21-25 at Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine.

YMCA Coordinator Logan E. Weston noted this is the first time in the camp's 17-year history girls have attended the camp, held the week before the fall semester begins.

Assisting with the five-day program will be 23 professors and ministers from the Bryan-College Station area. Seventy-seven male and 17 female upperclassmen will serve as counselors.

The addition of female campers has created some interesting problems.

"There are some frustrations involved," Weston admits. He had placed two girls in all-boy cabins because their first names were the same as those normally associated with males.

Weston said the purpose of the camp is to give the new freshmen the opportunity to become acquainted with professors, ministers, upperclassmen and fellow freshmen.

"They all will advise the new freshmen in making the transi-

tion from home and high school into college and the dormitory atmosphere," he explained.

Invitations have been sent to 1,460 freshmen. Selection was based on an overall high school record of 85 or better, participation in sports or school politics and completion of the on-campus summer orientation program.

Weston personally checked each record to determine the top students.

There will be four camps for boys and one for the girls.

Weston estimated each counselor will have a maximum of six new students to guide through the camp program.

Coeds will be split evenly for attendance at the mixed lectures and panel discussions.

Ronnie Owens of Wichita Falls, Student Y Association president, will direct the camp. John Vogel-sang of Houston is overall camp

supervisor.

Supervisors of the five different camps are Caren Sue Conlee of Bryan, Camp Thompson; Warren Gillespie of Friendswood, Camp Wesley; Robert Connell of Corpus Christi, Camp Windham; Steve Grainger of Marshall, Camp Ranger, and Alvin Stewart of Houston, Camp Asbury.

Weston said old camp files have been researched and the more important materials have been provided to instructors.

The 1970-71 Freshman Handbook, a Y Association project, will be off the press by camp time and will also be used in the camp program.

Weston added that the handbook is completely researched and all information documented and checked several times. He believes it is the best reference book ever produced by the university for new freshmen.

## Red Cross makes plea

The American Red Cross has sent out an appeal for funds designated to help with the Celia Disaster relief.

The National quota is six million dollars. Texas has a quota of one million dollars. Brazos County's quota is set at \$3,044.

All contributions to this worthy cause should be sent to American Red Cross, 207 West 29th Street, Bryan, Texas. Make checks payable to Red Cross Celia Disaster Fund.

The need is urgent. Who knows? We may need help some day.

## Interior Secretary addresses confab

Assistant Secretary of Interior Leslie L. Glasgow told right of way experts attending a conference here Wednesday "you have a big job to see to it that the public interests are indeed served."

Dr. Glasgow, who heads the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the National Park Service, said the Interior Department and other agencies are taking measures to safeguard the public land.

Noting the electric utilities, Dr. Glasgow pointed out the 3,600 U. S. companies operate more than 300,000 miles of overhead electric transmission lines which pre-empt nearly four million acres of land right of way.

"With the demands for electric power escalating, it is estimated that approximately 100,000 miles of new transmission lines must be constructed on 1½

million acres of right of way each decade for the balance of this century," Glasgow declared. "The industry certainly knows it faces an environmentally aroused general public."

He contended "the trend in the industry obviously is toward making peace with the environment."

Glasgow was keynote speaker for a panel discussion on environmental considerations. The conference is presented by Region 2 of the American Right of Way Association and is sponsored by A&M's Texas Transportation Institute.

The program continues through Friday noon.

"In the right of way battles in the future, the applicants won't necessarily be cast as the deserving folk in Exodus," Dr. Glasgow added. "There is a growing tendency to cast them instead as Pharaoh."



Husband - wife vet team—Melton and Darlene Sowell examine a seven-month-old Saint Bernard following orthopedic surgery at the small Animal Clinic. The couple received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees last week. The puppy weight over 100 pounds and had surgery to correct an elbow bone problem.

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