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*Breezy with some light rain*

THURSDAY—Cloudy with afternoon rain showers. Wind Southerly 12 to 18 m.p.h. High 78, low 69.  
FRIDAY — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds from the South 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 81, low 66.  
BAYLOR SATURDAY NIGHT — Partly cloudy Southerly winds 10 to 15 m.p.h. 76".  
845-2226

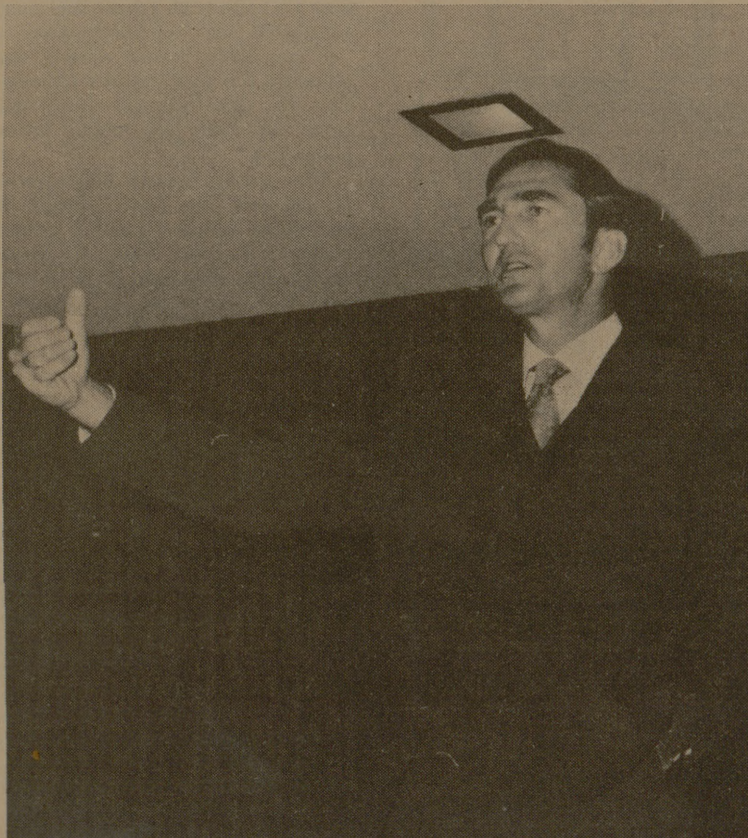
## Mideast large U.S. worry, official says

BY MIKE STEPHENS  
Battalion Staff Writer  
The Middle East situation is the most serious problem the United States has today, a U.S. foreign service intelligence officer said here Wednesday night.  
Edward L. Peck, who represents the U.S. State Department, spoke during a Great Issues Committee presentation. He has been with the State Department for 13 years, and has served in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.  
Peck said the role played by the State Department in foreign service is that of observing and reporting on happenings within

a foreign country. Since World War II, he said, the United States has played a larger role in world affairs, perhaps going farther than it wanted to go.  
But when the United States began playing that role, it needed a foreign policy, Peck said. The State Department has a comparatively small budget, he said, and its function includes reporting to the president and advising him on foreign policy. The department does not, he said, actually make decisions.  
U.S. policy is basically composed of ideals, not objectives, the official said.  
Peck said the Middle East crisis is highly dangerous, and the smallest mistake might cause a major war.  
"What makes it worse is that the whole situation is unmanageable," he said.  
When the Soviet Union entered the Mideast arena, Peck said, the situation became worse than it already was.  
"The Soviet Union is taking a role similar to the one the United States always has taken," he said. "This is what is scaring us—we don't know what to expect next."  
"The United States is trying to not take sides in the conflict," Peck said, "and is supplying money and equipment to those on both sides."  
"We are trying," he explained, "to balance the power as much as possible and we hope for a peaceful solution in the end."

The foreign service veteran noted the U.S.-initiated Mideast cease-fire expires Nov. 7, and nothing definite has been decided on so far. With the death of Egyptian President Abdul Gamel Nassar, he said, the chances of a quick peace settlement in the Middle East have almost been done away with.  
"There is no one in the Arab countries with the capabilities and powers that Nassar had," Peck said.  
Another complicating point of the conflict, he said, is that none of the sides actually is trying to win, but rather all are trying to not lose.

"All anyone can do is sit back and hope a settlement is made before a tiny mistake causes a major war," he said.  
Peck said the situation is every bit as critical as people believe it to be, if not more so. There is reason, he said, for a healthy fear of possible consequences arising from the situation.  
Great Issues' next presentation will be Oct. 27, when Maj. Frank Thompson of the Pentagon, a former prisoner of war in North Vietnam, will speak. His talk will be on POWs and the treatment they receive from the North Vietnamese.



U. S. State Department official Edward L. Peck speaks on America's role in the Middle East at Wednesday night's Great Issues presentation. (Photo by Mike Stephens)

## Yell practice discipline topic at CSC tonight

The Civilian Student Council will discuss student discipline problems and the possibility of establishing hall judicial councils tonight at 7 in Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center, according to Mark Olson, president.  
Olson said several students have gotten in trouble during recent midnight yell practices.  
"This has made it necessary to postpone the discussion on traffic and university police," he said. "We think hall judicial councils can give out more constructive punishments than the department of student affairs. This will also take a load off the council and the department."  
Ten new standing committees also will give their first reports, he said. More than 100 students will be involved in council decisions this year, compared to only 30 last year.  
The Environmental Study Committee will also present preliminary data on the condition of six dorms, he said.

## New singers set show for Thanksgiving

By CHARLES MASTERSON  
Battalion Staff Writer  
The Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate will show off its newest program when the New Tradition Singers, a mixed A&M student singing group, will perform for a Student Y Association Thanksgiving program Nov. 23 in the All Faiths Chapel.  
"We're really quite a unique group and are having lots of fun," Leilani Sanders a sophomore zoology major and secretary for the group, said.  
"Bob Jarvis organized us after he failed to make the Singing Cadets," she continued. "He knew there were a lot of students, especially girls, who were interested in singing."  
Robert L. Boone, choir director for the Singing Cadets, acts as advisor and director for the ten-month-old, 50-member group.  
Miss Sanders said the Thanksgiving program will be the first public appearance for the group since their formation in January of last year. Miss Sanders disclaims that the Singers are modeled after any other singing group.  
"We are open to any type of songs. Our Thanksgiving program will have songs such as 'This Is A Great Country' and 'Say It With Music,'" Miss Sanders said. "In all we will sing about 16 or 17 songs."  
The group is open for membership until Friday. The Singers practice each Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Singing Cadet Room No. 119 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.  
Anyone interested in joining the New Tradition Singers can call Miss Sanders at 846-4626 or Robert L. Boone at 845-1515 before Oct. 23.

Season tickets, IDs honored for Paul Mauriat performance  
The Paul Mauriat Orchestra performance Oct. 30 will be open to both Town Hall and Rotary Season patrons on season tickets, reminded Bill Leftwich, Wednesday.  
Town Hall and Rotary season ticket holders and students with activity cards need only to present them for admittance to G. Rollie White Coliseum for the phenomenally successful performer, the Town Hall chairman said.  
An additional gesture is being made to Rotary Series patrons for the Town Hall crossover program, he added.  
"Those holders of Rotary Series passes who would like to exchange the general admission ticket for an available reserved seat ticket may do so at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center," Leftwich said.  
He said Town Hall season tickets will receive priority on the best reserve seats. The Rotary general admission exchange will have to take what is left of the reserve seating.  
The 8 p.m. Paul Mauriat performance leads off the Texas A&M-Arkansas football weekend.

## Parking areas to be closed

Part of parking lot 13, beside the Chemistry Building was closed Monday to provide for construction of a new wing on the building, University Police Chief Ed Powell said today. One hundred cars were taken out of the staff lot; 99 spaces will remain.  
Powell also said that construction would close one-third of staff lot 11 behind the Mechanical Engineering Building in December for utility construction. The remainder of this lot would be closed in February or March, he said.  
To compensate for the staff parking losses, 42 spaces from day student lot behind the Geology Building will be changed to be in staff lot 7 next to 8.  
When lot 11 is closed permanently, 170 spaces will be transferred to lot 8, Powell said. A new lot, lot 50 on the north side of the campus, should be open by this time.  
Construction on the Memorial Student Center will close Houston Road, between Joe Routt and Lamar, Monday. Lot 30, student

## At Law Hall Dorm 'adopts' 16 women

Law Hall has "adopted" 16 women students as honorary members of the hall. They will participate in many of Law's activities and functions, according to Rodney Nairn, chairman of Law's Publicity Committee.  
The "Ramp Ten Girls," so called because Law Hall has only nine ramps for men's residence, were chosen by a committee consisting of Terry Van Dyck, hall president, Ralph Alonzo, Programs Committee chairman, and Mrs. Patricia Self, counselor for women.  
The girls are Mary Beth Beard, sophomore modern language major of Bryan; Marcia Bee, freshman pre-vet major, Houston; Colleen Bourland, freshman pre-vet major, Dallas; Susan Casey, freshman pre-vet major, Albany; Cindy Crane, sophomore pre-vet major, El Paso; and Toursten Duren, freshman pre-vet major, San Antonio.  
Chris Feely, freshman zoology major, Dallas; Nancy Hadaway, freshman modern language major, Waco; Engil Harrak, freshman architecture major; Carole Key, junior animal science major, Bloomington; Shirley Kotara, freshman mathematics major, Houston; and Nan Malavansos, freshman pre-vet major, Houston are also included.

## Al Capp tells students finding fascism his job

WACO—Al Capp, who introduced himself to Baylor students as an "authority on nothing with opinions on everything," refused to classify himself as a "conservative" in spite of his caustic attacks on the political left.  
Capp, creator of the cartoon strip "Li Abner," said he was not a liberal when he campaigned for John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.  
"I am what the source of ultimate truth—my tax report—says I am. I'm a professional humorist," he said. Capp said in that role his two purposes were to "make as much money as I possibly can and to find fakery and fascism where it hides and fire at it."  
"I found it on the lunatic fringe of the far right and I let 'em have it," he said. "I watched the fakery and fascism shift from the right to the left. It just changed its initials from KKK to SDS."  
"I never changed my position. I just changed my aim," he said.  
Capp's remarks during a Baylor chapel program received rounds of applause from much of the audience and a standing ovation at the close. He did not present a prepared address but answered questions that had been previously submitted by students.  
Capp offered his definition of fascism by citing an event at the University of California at San Diego recently when 20 students, whom he said were trained by a professor to keep him from speak-

## APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL

FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION  
ON THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1970  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I am a resident of Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, and I am lawfully entitled to vote at the General Election to be held in said precinct on the 3rd day of November, 1970, and that I am prevented from appearing at the polling place in said precinct on the day of said election because applicant is absent from the county of his residence at the time of making this application and expects to be absent on the date of the above mentioned election and during the clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the period for absentee voting for said above mentioned election. The ballot for said election is to be mailed to me at \_\_\_\_\_, which is an address outside the county of my residence.  
I hereby make application for a ballot to be furnished me for said above mentioned election and my permanent address is \_\_\_\_\_ and my registration receipt or certificate of exemption is to be returned to me at said address.  
DATED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
Registration Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of voter \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of witness who assisted voter in event of physical disability)

## TO VOTE ABSENTEE in the Nov. 3 election, students must request an absentee ballot by Oct. 30.

Fill out the above form, send it along with your voter registration certificate to the county clerk in your home county. The ballot must be notarized and returned to the county clerk in your home county by 1 p. m. Nov. 3. The Battalion urges you to exercise your rights and vote.

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