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Wednesday — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds westerly 8-10 mph. Low 39 degrees. High 68 degrees.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Winds southerly 10-15 mph. Low 44 degrees. High 67 degrees.

Saturday — Cotton Bowl, Dallas. Clear to partly cloudy. Winds northerly 10-20 mph. 42 degrees.

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'Confrontation' part of first day on job

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Editor

His day began with a breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. All day visitors came and went. Monday night, thousands of Texas A&M students marched on his house, crowding onto the lawn in front.

As they stood there shouting, the tall, athletic man stood on the porch and smiled while he watched.

"You're the greatest," he told the crowd of students who had assembled on his lawn for a surprise yell practice. "I hope I can be as good a president as you are students."

Dr. Jack K. Williams, 50, was ending his first day as president of Texas A&M and the Texas University System.

He succeeds Earl Rudder, president of the university for more than 10 years. Rudder died in a Houston hospital March 23.

Williams had been expected to arrive on campus about Wednesday but, he explained, he had been able to tie up loose ends in Knoxville, Tenn., quicker than he had expected. As a result, the former academic vice president for the University of Tennessee System arrived in College Station Sunday.

"I was supposed to assume the job Nov. 1, and I worked yesterday," he said, smiling, during an interview with The Battalion Monday afternoon. "I feel about as honest as a man needs to feel."

One might wonder what his Sunday activities consisted of.

"I unloaded a car with 100 boxes in it," he explained. "I call that work."

Williams is no stranger to Texas. From 1966 to 1968 he served as the first commissioner of Texas' college coordinating board. He and his wife Margaret have two daughters, Kathy, 20, and Mary, 15.

Katherine is a junior journalism major at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Mary will attend high school in College Station.

"Both the girls are walking advertisements for Texas," the new president said, leaning back and smiling. "Real chamber of commerce types. They lived here just long enough to get the bug."

Williams said his wife and Mary will be here in about a

month, after Mrs. Williams disposes of some property and has a little more time to recuperate from a recent kidney operation.

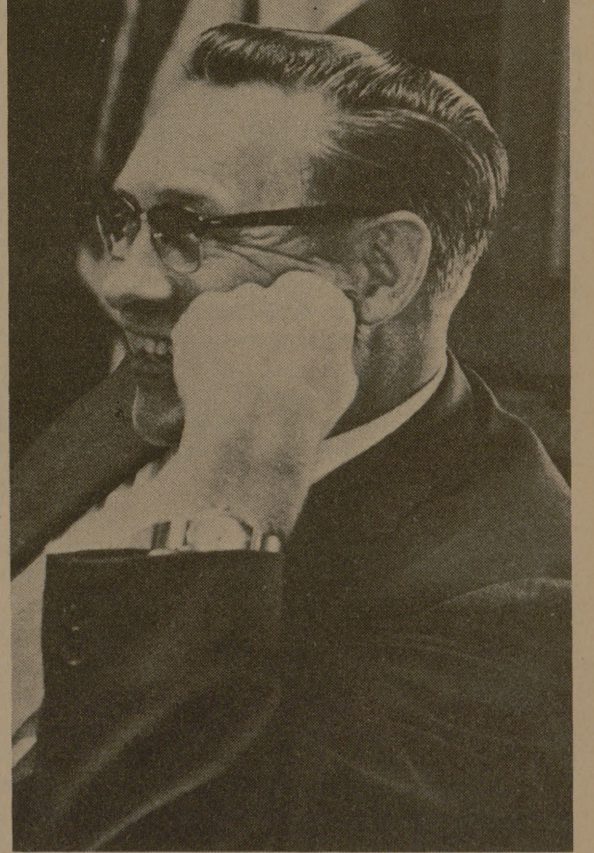
"We haven't given the (president's) house too much thought," Williams commented. "It's in beautiful shape. That's due to tender, loving care on the part of Mrs. (Earl) Rudder. We had dinner with her last night. She's a real Aggie all the way."

Williams said he definitely is interested in talking with students and faculty members, and plans to as soon as football season is over "and things have quieted down."

"I've got a plan," he explained, "to meet people, talk with them, find out what they think. Find (See 'Confrontation', page 3)



President Jack K. Williams reflects before answering a question in his office Monday. He assumed the presidency Sunday.



Williams chats about his first day as president and his plans for November.

Eggers, Bush win student mock vote

Texas A&M students in a mock election Monday favored Republicans Paul Eggers and George Bush for Texas governor and U.S. senator.

Students also favored re-electing Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, a Democrat, and passage of an amendment to the state constitution permitting the sale of liquor by the drink. Those voting also indicated they favored allowing 18-year-olds to vote.

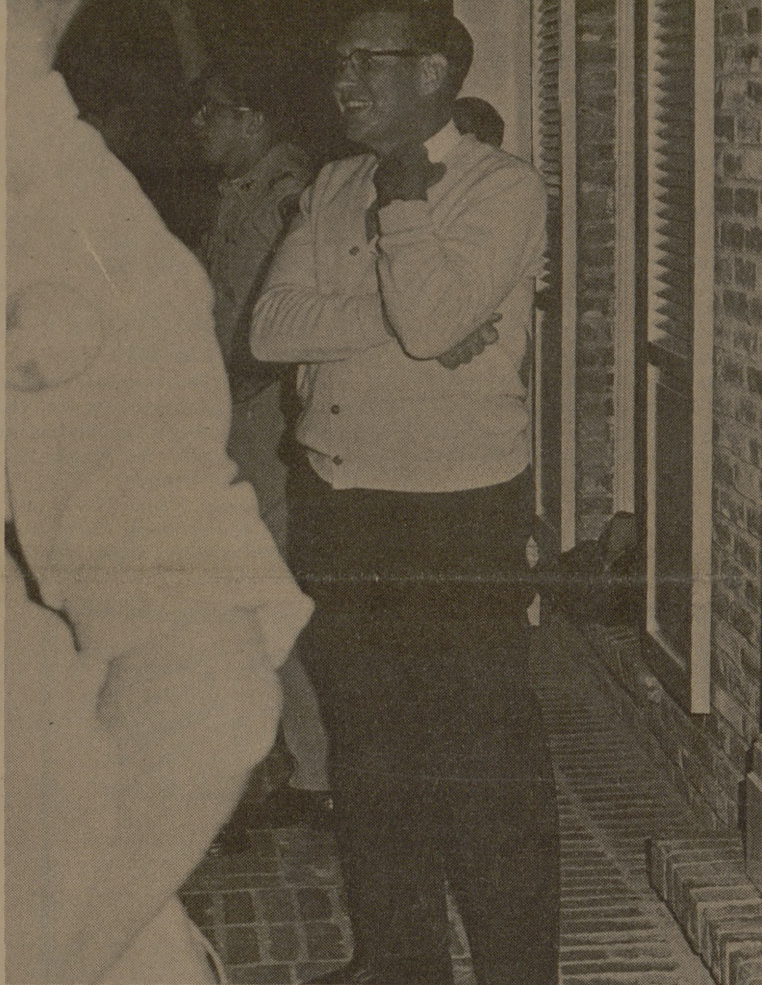
Approximately 1,500 students participated in the election sponsored by the Political Forum Committee of the Memorial Student Center. Booths were set

up at three campus locations and manned from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Both Eggers and Bush were "elected" by nearly three-to-one margins. Eggers received 1,018 votes, Preston Smith 419. Bush, with 1,037 votes, was far ahead of Lloyd Bentsen's 392.

Ben Barnes received 993 votes, while Republican Byron Fullerton had 393 votes in his favor. The liquor-by-the-drink amendment was endorsed 1,038 to 419, and the 18-year-old vote won 977 to 483.

Ralph Yarborough, incumbent U. S. senator defeated in the May Democratic primary by Bentsen, received 14 write-in votes.



Williams watches as thousands of students turn out for yell practice in front of his home Monday night. (Photos by Hayden Whitsett)

Couple seeks leftover candy for children at Austin school

Leftover goodies for Halloween doorbell ringers are being sought in the College Station and Bryan areas as Christmas treats for children at the Austin State School for the Retarded.

Boxes for the trick-or-treat surplus are located at several schools, supermarkets and kindergartens and at two points on the Texas A&M campus.

Aggies wishing to contribute sweets for the Austin youngsters who remain in the dorms over the Christmas holidays are asked to drop them by Room 41 in the

Chemistry Building or 302 Veterinary Medicine Sciences Building.

The collection is being made by Mr. and Mrs. James Robinette, Rt. 4, Bryan. They will deliver the candy to Austin school officials next week.

Other collection points are at Mrs. Beard's and Mrs. Hardaway's Kindergartens, Crockett, Sul Ross, Henderson, College Hills and South Knoll Elementary Schools, Orr's Ridgecrest and Downtown and Kroger's supermarkets and Gibson's Discount Store.

KAMU-TV will air election special tonight

KAMU-TV will carry two locally-oriented election specials tonight, announced Mel Chastain, station manager.

Initial coverage will be provided at 8:30 with a 30-minute program pre-empting "Viewpoint."

A "wrap-up" special begins at 10. Chastain said KAMU-TV will provide "in-depth" analysis of key races, comparing local and statewide results. He noted the station will have direct communications with all local polls.

In Artist Showcase Series Opera star sings today

Joy Davidson, America's leading mezzo soprano whose artistic homes are the operas of New York, San Francisco, Santa Fe and Miami, will appear in a Tuesday recital at Texas A&M University.

Nationally acclaimed by virtue of two seasons' tours with the Metropolitan Opera National Company, Miss Davidson will perform under auspices of the Artist Showcase Series of Town Hall.

Curtain for the Memorial Student Center ballroom recital will be at 8 p.m., Town Hall Chairman Bill Leftwich announced.

Recipient of exultant reviews and public accolade throughout the U. S., in Bulgaria, England, Germany, Canada and Mexico, Miss Davidson is said to have "a natural stage presence and rich warm mezzo (voice) that comes across with fire and majesty."

The 1968 guest star of Europe's most respected company, the Munich State Opera, has been consistently saluted by critics and public in leading operatic roles requiring widely different styles of singing and acting.

They include Lucretia in Britten's "Rape of Lucretia," Bizet's "Carmen," Cherubino in Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" and Suzuki in Puccini's "Madama Butterfly."

From Gluck to Menotti, her impressive repertory includes 11 major roles performed many times. For example, she has done 45 Carmens in the U. S.,

Canada and Mexico.

International fame followed Miss Davidson's winning of the formidable three-week Third International Young Opera Singers Competition at Sofia, Bulgaria, in 1967.

The graduate of Occidental College, Los Angeles, and professional ice skater at age 14 studied with former Met star Elena Nikolaidi at Florida State University.

"Opera is great," she says,

"but I also love to do recitals, especially in smaller cities. You know these audiences care, that it's something of an event in their lives."

Student activity cards and Town Hall season tickets enable admission to Artist Showcase presentations. Single admissions at the Memorial Student Program Office are \$3 for faculty, staff and patrons, \$1 for A&M students and dates and \$1.50 for other students.

Keathley Hall sets up sound for away-game yell practices

By CHARLES MASTERSON
Battalion Staff Writer

Keathley Hall has been supplying the public address system for the football players' speeches during Thursday night yell practices at Henderson Hall, as a hall project, Keathley Hall president John Shepherd said.

"We have been setting up the PA system since the second yell practice and are planning to continue throughout the remainder of the season," the sophomore industrial engineering student said.

Jody Rhoden, sophomore, electrical engineering student, owns the 240 watt amplifier and eight 12-inch speakers that are used in the yell practices.

In all, Keathley Hall has donated and set up the equipment

for all of the away games except the LSU game after which the project was started.

"Some of our residents were complaining they couldn't hear what was being said, so we decided to take some action," Shepherd said.

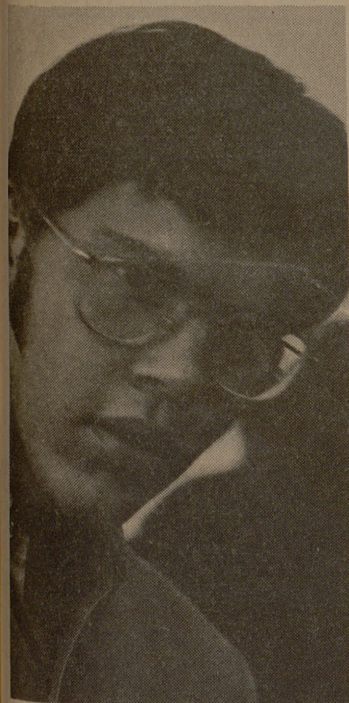
The yell leaders now bring a microphone for the system. Previously they used the Memorial Student Center PA system which "just didn't cut it," he said.

The amplifier and speakers will be up for sale after the season is over. Anyone interested should contact Rhoden, Room 119, Keathley Hall or phone 845-7180.

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

The inquiring Battman

What are your thoughts about the new soapbox forum?



Randy Parker
junior

"I think the soapbox forum is something Texas A&M has needed for a long time. It's just what we need to communicate our ideas to our fellow students."



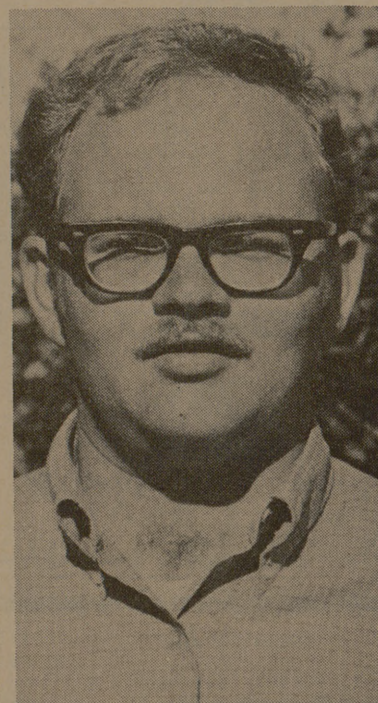
Howard D. Hicks
graduate

"I think the attendance was poor considering this is a college campus and every one needs to hear different angles on important issues. Although there is a lot of griping about lack of free speech at A&M, very few people got up to express their views."



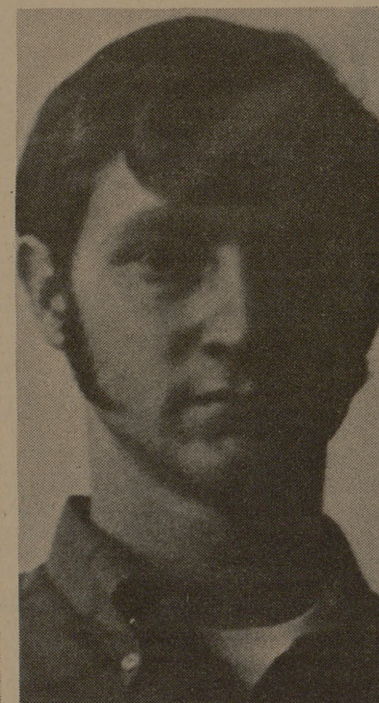
Stephen Swanner
junior

"I think the forum is a good idea. It allows the student to express his opinion on important matters."



William B. Dryden
senior

"What good does a soapbox forum do if the discussion is purely among the students? Discussion (gripe sessions) among students does little good if the opinions of the administration are not represented or at least argued for."



Tom Henderson
senior

"If we really want a rally to discuss the war and try to accomplish something meaningful—fine. But, if it is to be only the farce this has been, those of us in student government are wasting our time working for such projects."



Rod Huddleston
junior

"The size, or lack of size, of crowd here is a good indication the liberal trends found at other universities are not found at A&M. Personally, I'm a conservative — so, I don't miss these trends."



Rhonda Krulger
freshman

"The soapbox forum is a great idea. It's new to A&M, and A&M needs a way of sharing ideas and opinions between students." (Photos by Patrick Fontana)