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Cloudy,
windy,
warmer

Thursday — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds northerly 15-25 mph. Low 42 degrees. High 61 degrees.

Friday — Clear. Winds easterly 10-20 mph. Low 36 degrees, high 64 degrees.

Kyle Field — Partly cloudy. Winds southeasterly 10-15 mph. 68 degrees.

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Next century may bring end to dark ages: Clarke

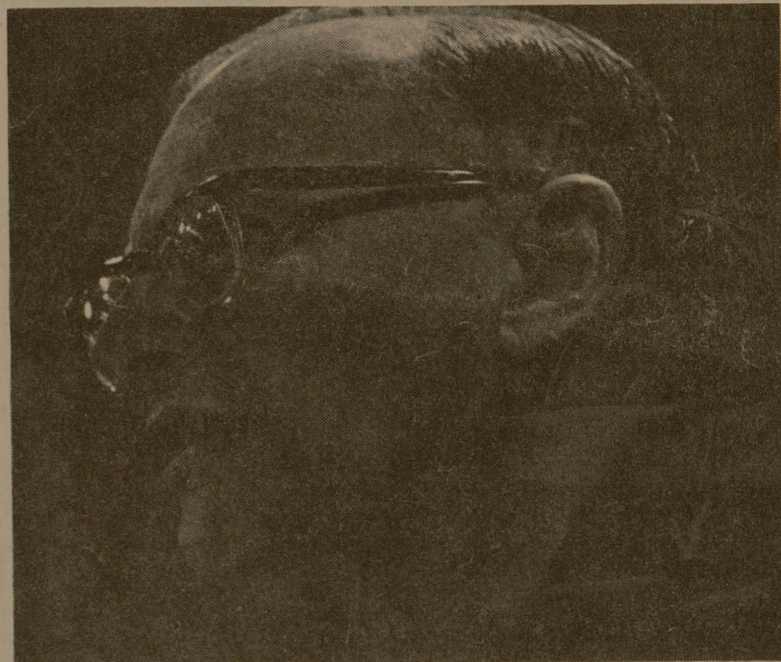
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Celebrated space and science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke held a standing-room-only-crowd Tuesday night that "the year 2001 may be the final end of the Dark Ages."

cast in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center to accommodate the overflow from the ballroom. He said he selected his topic "for obvious reasons," but also because 2001 is the first year of a new century and a new millennium. Clarke predicted however that celebrations will probably begin a year early "when all those zeros come up." He said the logical solution would be to declare the entire year 2000 a holiday.

"If the human race makes it that long, I think a holiday would be fully justified," he said. "The future isn't what it used to be," Clarke laughed. "Concepts of the future are continually changing. This is the only age giving any thought to the future which is rather ironic since we may not have one. Past ages were not interested in the future because they felt that life would not change." Clarke said he would not at-

tempt to predict or prophesy the future but would describe possible futures that could exist. In the past, he said, chaos has resulted when inventions appeared and society was not ready. "By sketching the future, we can prepare a receptive state of mind," he said. Clarke did make two predictions, however. He said that man would make contact with intelligent extra-terrestrials and that the future will see the rise of

ultra-intelligent machines. Clarke also said that agriculture as it is known today will be phased out in the next century. "Cattle produces food at an efficiency rate of only 10 per cent," he said, "so new methods of meat production must be found. We must farm the sea as we have farmed the land. "Whale ranching is a distinct possibility," Clarke said. "Of course by the time we have the technology, we may have no whales. One problem will be that whales are giant dolphins. Can you imagine the public outcry if we set up a 'Flipper Farm'? I still have reservations about the intelligence of dolphins, though—they're friendly with man."



Arthur C. Clarke



Standing-room-only crowd fills the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night to hear Arthur C. Clarke, science fiction author, speak on life in the year 2001. (Photos by Hayden Whitsett)

Rice's head coach resigns this year

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Head Coach Bo Hagan of Rice University will resign at the end of the current season, he announced Tuesday. Hagan made the announcement public after the campus radio station, KTRU, had broken the story. "I wish to announce that I tendered my resignation as director of athletics and head football coach of Rice University . . . to become effective at the conclusion of the football season," Hagan said. Rice has a 2-5 record this season.

"We set certain goals for our football program and they have not been reached," Hagan said. "I have a strong desire for Rice to be successful in football and to have an outstanding all-around athletic program. "I hope the future will bring about these aims and pledge my support to help my successor in any way I can in the future," he said.

"My future plans are indefinite for this time, but my family con-

siders Houston as home and we would enjoy remaining here."

Norman Hackerman, the president of Rice, said Hagan's decision to resign "is his own."

The choice of the new coach will be made by Hackerman with approval by the board of governors of Rice.

In a hurriedly produced statement, the three Rice football captains this year, Bucky Allshouse, Roger Roitsch and Brownie Whelless, said:

"All of us deeply regret the decision coach Hagan has made to step down as our head coach of football. He is a fine gentleman who has worked extremely hard, along with his staff, to help us become better athletes and good citizens.

"Certainly no one can fault coach Hagan and his assistants for a great effort to build a strong program for the university and to try and have a winning team."

Hagan said any decision about his staff of assistant coaches would rest with his successor.

Hagan had told his team earlier Tuesday at a practice session that he would not be back next year. He told them then, he said, because he was afraid the story about his leaving was about to leak out to the public and he wanted them to know first.

Debate team to compete

Texas A&M's debate team will compete this weekend at Connecticut State Teacher's College in New Haven.

Sheila Wilson, psychology freshman, Barbara Sears, zoology freshman, Robert Peavey, political science senior and Scott Scherer, economics sophomore will represent Texas A&M. The group is advised by English instructor Robert Leitz. A&M has neither a speech department nor a full-time speech coach.

The team of Miss Wilson and Miss Sears won three rounds and lost five last Saturday at the TCU Invitational.

Nations remember de Gaulle, France's ruler in war, peace

PARIS (AP) — Leaders from East and West moved Tuesday to pay their final tribute to Charles de Gaulle as the symbol of France—its past grandeur, its genius, its eternal contradictions. The nation's strong guide in war and peace, just 13 days short of his 80th birthday, died Monday night of a circulatory disorder. He had walked with the mighty, but his final companions were his wife, a physician and a Roman Catholic priest. Nearby were a television set tuned to the world news, and a deck of cards used for solitaire.

Turning aside the tradition of Napoleon and 1,000 years of French kings, DeGaulle will be buried Thursday in the cramped churchyard in Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, the village where he died. That is in accordance with his handwritten order that the ceremony take place "without the slightest public ceremony . . .

without bands, fanfare or bugles." But about 80 world leaders, including President Nixon and Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, will attend a memorial service in Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral the same day.

The nation, which had rebuffed him in a constitutional referendum that led to his resignation as president 18 months ago, learned of De Gaulle's death about 12 hours after it occurred. The delay was at the request of his family.

Frenchmen in large part remember De Gaulle as the guardian of their honor through the ignominy of Nazi defeat, and later in 10 years as president as the restorer of national prestige. They took the news without mass scenes of grief.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
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Here Thursday

PF presents Thurmond

U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina will give his views on "Current Events" here Thursday in a Political Forum presentation.

The noon series talk will be made in G. Rollie White Coliseum, Political Forum chairman Charles Hoffman announced.

The public is invited to the admission-free presentation. Hoffman said that the open-door policy is made possible through Political Forum's patronage-subscription system.

Known for his history-making predictions, his independence and strong support of military pre-

paredness Thurmond, three-term solon elected in a 1954 write-in campaign, coined in 1961 the phrase "no-win" foreign policy.

Thurmond said such a policy is based on the fallacious notion that Communist leaders are softening.

In January, 1962, he warned that Soviet missiles were in Cuba, nearly a year before the administration took action. The following year he cautioned the Senate that Russia was developing an antiballistic missile defense system, four years before the administration authorized our own ABM.

Five years ago, Thurmond predicted the civil rights movement would be distorted by militant extremists which would cause widespread riots and insurrection.

A key member of the Armed Services, Judiciary and Defense Appropriations Committees, the senator is known to have considerable persuasive authority in the Nixon administration.

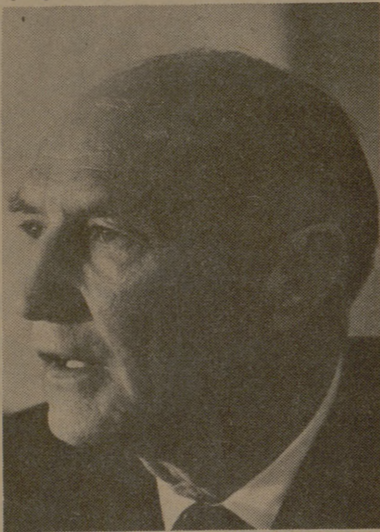
Thurmond, the first person ever elected to major U. S. office by the write-in, has been a farmer, lawyer, school teacher, athletic coach, school superintendent, state senator, judge, governor, U. S. senator and Presidential candidate in his lifetime.

As a Democratic governor he ran for President in 1948 as a Dixiecrat. Since his 1954 Senate election, he has been re-elected twice as a Democrat and once as a Republican.

Scheduled last year as a Political Forum speaker, Thurmond cancelled the appearance following a discouraging reception on

another campus. He was booed and heckled during a speech in California.

Thurmond delivered the longest speech ever made in the U. S. Senate. The 24-hour, 18-minute speech in 1957 was in defense of jury trials.



Sen. Strom Thurmond

Parking changes told by Powell

University Police Chief Ed Powell Tuesday announced several parking changes affecting students and faculty-staff members.

Powell said A&M students are no longer permitted to park on Houston Street, south of Joe Scott Boulevard.

"There is plenty of room in lot 48 behind G. Rollie White Coliseum," he continued. Reserved staff lot 52, a part of the new golf course parking lot, will be open next week with 36 parking places, he said. Staff members with lot 17 overlays must arrange for the lot 52 overlay this week.

Lot 17 is located behind the Animal Industries Building and Data Processing Center. It has been overloaded since construction began on the 15-story Oceanography Building.

Powell said lot 17 stickers will not be allowed in lot 34 after lot 32 is open. Lot 34 is located behind Herman Heep Hall, Plant Sciences and Dairy Products.

Lot 18, the Agriculture Building lot, will be open within two weeks, Powell said. Underground pipe construction has blocked the lot for the past three weeks.

The police chief described the Chemistry, Francis Hall and Engineering Building lot as full with many staff members now parking in lot 7, behind the Services and Geology Buildings.

classroom highrise. Academic Building parkers will be moved to lot 7, he added, and the lot will be expanded to handle the added vehicles.

Lot 50, the new 1,000-car lot east of the Engineering Center, will be ready about Dec. 1, Powell said.

The giant lot will include space for both student and faculty-staff cars.

"There will be some staff members walking from lot 50," Powell stressed. He reminded the lot is within 10 minutes walking time to most campus buildings.

The majority of lot 50 will be used by day students.

National coffee house singer to give 6 shows in Basement

Football weekend entertainment will be offered by the Memorial Student Center Basement Committee Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Mary Smith, national coffee house circuit singer who has appeared throughout the nation, will share nightly billing with local groups at the Basement Coffee House.

The Basement will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight all three nights, announced Chairman Gary Reid. Admission will be 75 cents per person or \$1.25 per couple.

Miss Smith will go on at about 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. for two 45

IBM cards are ballots

Election to fill 9 class posts

Thursday's Freshman Class election, one which will select nine office-holders from 63 candidates, will be the first on the Texas A&M campus to use IBM punchcards for ballots, Election Commission member Robert

Riggs said Tuesday. Polling places will be located at the Sbis newsstand and the dorm 2 guard room, Riggs said, and will be open from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. To vote, students must have activity and student identification cards.

The punchcards are being used, Riggs said, to eliminate the unorganized counting done by students and to prevent charges of wrong totals.

Students will be given three color-coded cards, Riggs said, one for president; one for vice president, social secretary and secretary-treasurer; and one for the five Student Senate positions. Completed ballots will be

Correction

The Battalion last Thursday erroneously reported that Jimmy Laferney was running for Freshman Class secretary-treasurer.

Laferney is seeking election Thursday to the office of class vice president.

The Battalion regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.