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Saturday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Winds southeasterly 5-10 mph. Low 61, high 77.

Sunday—Cloudy. Winds southerly 10-5 mph, becoming northerly 15-20 mph. Low 63, high 70.

## Pass-fail plan given final OK

A limited pass-fail grading system was approved Thursday by the Academic Council. The system goes into effect next fall.

Under such a system, a student's record for a course only indicates if he passed or failed, rather than showing a letter grade such as "A" or "F."

The system adopted by the university is limited to juniors and seniors with overall grade point ratios of at least 2.4.

A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams said participation in the pass-fail system is strictly voluntary. He said a student must indicate at time of registration if he wants to take the course on the pass-fail basis.

In addition to being offered only to juniors and seniors, the new system can be applied for a maximum of six hours credit and must be utilized in courses outside the student's major field, Williams said.

A student also must have the written approval of his academic adviser or department head to take a

course on a pass-fail basis and such participation can be refused for courses requiring prior in-depth knowledge of the subject.

Additionally, transfer students must have earned at least 30 hours of credit at Texas A&M before being eligible to take courses on a pass-fail basis.

The Academic Council, composed of the university's officers, deans and department heads, approved the system upon recommendation of the group's Executive Committee.

The system earlier was endorsed by the Student Senate.

Student Body President Kent Caperton and Senate Secretary Bill Hartsfield made a presentation at a recent Executive Committee meeting in support of the system.

"I think this action is indicative of the administration's willingness to introduce academic innovation," Caperton said, "and clearly shows that student government can provide valuable input into university processes."



100,000 LIGHTS of all colors illuminate Kansas City's Country Club Plaza shopping district during the Christmas season. This is the 46th Christmas season the lights

have been used to brighten up the Plaza area. (AP Wirephoto)

## Witness refuses to testify at Calley's My Lai trial

FT. BENNING, Ga. (AP)—One of Lt. William Calley Jr.'s former platoon members refused to testify at his My Lai court-martial Thursday and was ordered turned over to the U.S. attorney's office for possible federal prosecution.

Conviction of what amounts to military contempt of court charge carries a maximum of six months imprisonment.

Paul Meadlo, considered a key

prosecution witness at Calley's murder trial, became the second former member of the officer's platoon to take the Fifth amendment and refuse to testify.

However, Meadlo's predecessor, Allen Boyce, 22, relented under a grant of immunity. He subsequently testified that an interrogator told him the Army was out to "get" Calley a week before the defendant was charged with mass

execution of unresisting Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.

"I asked who they were trying to get on this and he told me Lt. Calley," said Boyce of Bradley Beach, N.J. He was referring to an Aug. 28, 1969 interrogation at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., by an Army Criminal Investigation Division representative.

On Sept. 5, 1969, Calley, 27, was charged with the premeditated murder of 102 unarmed Vietnamese during his platoon's search and destroy sweep through My Lai on March 16, 1968. The maximum penalty upon conviction in this case is death.

## Food Services wins praise for bacon precooking process

Institutional food service authorities think Texas A&M may have scored the "greatest breakthrough in preparation of the breakfast menu in 100 years."

The acclaim is for a technique to precook large quantities of bacon. By precooking, the volume of grease is kept to a minimum and time and effort are reduced in preparing the bacon for service.

Food Services Director Fred Dollar conceived the idea and perfected it with the help of a team from Swift & Co.

The concept has been described in several trade publications.

"Precooked bacon is ideal for serving large numbers of per-

sons in a short period of time," Dollar explained.

He said the technique now is being utilized at Sbis Dining Hall. It will be incorporated at Duncan Hall when the facility's ovens are renovated.

One man now can do the work which previously required four, Dollar explained. Rather than having to fry the bacon at the time of service, the prefried bacon now merely is placed in an oven and browned from four to six minutes, depending on the degree of browning desired.

In addition to being faster, the food service director said, elimination of the hot bacon grease makes the operation less dangerous for employees.

## Adoption project helps area needy

Members of the Texas A&M community can adopt a needy family for Christmas through the A&M Student Y Association's Christmas Assistance Program.

Y Cabinet President Ronnie Owens said participation is invited from the student body, faculty and interested Bryan-College Station residents.

Individuals, friends, corps units, dormitory residents, clubs and service organizations are given the name of a needy family and assist with gifts of food, clothing and toys.

"It is not a requirement to buy

or spend money on the family," Owens noted. "The sponsor's own discarded or used clothing and toys can be given or selections are available from the YMCA's collection."

He added that many of the families would have no Christmas without the aid from the A&M sponsors.

Information about adopting a needy family is available in room 102, YMCA Building.

"There are many worthy, needy families in the Bryan-College Station area who would appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness," Owens said.

## New parking lot to open next semester, chief says

Parking lot 50, on the north side of the campus near the new Engineering Center, will be open for use when students return for the spring semester, University Police Chief Ed Powell said Thursday.

The lot will be used for student and staff cars. It will operate on a first come, first served basis, Powell added.

Sidewalks are being constructed which will lead from Ross Street to lot 50 and around the lot to University Street. Sidewalks between lot 50 and nearby buildings will also be built.

## Senator will speak Wednesday on insurance

State Sen. Oscar H. Mauzy of Dallas will address Texas A&M's Political Forum Wednesday on "Texas Auto Insurance."

The noon Memorial Student Center Assembly Room program is free to the public.

Mauzy, 44, was chairman of the Interim Senate Study Committee to Investigate Automobile Liability Insurance Rates.

State Board of Insurance staff members recently recommended an average statewide increase in passenger car insurance rates of 23 per cent. Board members reportedly favor an 18.6 per cent increase while the insurance industry wants a 27.7 per cent increase.

Mauzy is a critic of increasing auto insurance rates.

The University of Texas at

Austin business and law school graduate is a practicing attorney with the Dallas firm of Mullinax, Wells, Mauzy and Collins.

During the 61st Legislature Mauzy was chairman of the Federal Programs and Relations Committee and vice-chairman of the Education Committee.

He was elected to the Senate in 1967.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A young, \$140-a-month church worker returned President Nixon's accolade with a spontaneous oral slap Thursday because, she said later, "I refuse to be used as a symbol" against dissident youth.

When Debra Jean Sweet, 19, stepped forward in the White House Blue Room to accept a medal and a presidential handshake she admonished Nixon:

"I cannot believe in your sincerity until you get us out of Vietnam."

Nixon replied: "We're doing the best we can," and turned away.

Miss Sweet, honored for her leadership of a Wisconsin anti-hunger drive, said her remark had been made "very necessary" by the thrust of Nixon's opening comments at the ceremony.

As the President extolled her and three other young people for bravery or exceptional public service, he had added by way of contrast, "We hear too much these days about the very small minority of young Americans who have lost faith in their country." It was a theme he has often repeated.

"I hadn't planned to make any specific comment," she said. "I was prepared to accept the protocol, but I saw him using me as a symbol, and I refused to become that symbol."

Debra's mother, Mrs. Charles W. Sweet, allowed that "My heart is in my mouth" over the incident but added, "To just say empty words . . . is something Debra just couldn't do."

"I'm proud of her. I believe in what she feels she has to do," Debra's father, a state agriculture official at Madison, Wis., agreed with that sentiment, but noted he would have preferred she make "a more positive statement—like please do what you can to end the war."

Although Debra disclaimed any prior intent for her comment, her father said "I knew the situation

would arise if the opportunity presented itself. Debra is not artificial in any way, shape or manner. She believes 100 per cent."

Debra's award was presented for her leadership, at ages 16 and 17, of a 30-mile march of some 3,000 Wisconsin high school students which raised \$25,000 to buy food and processing equipment for American Indians in northern Wisconsin and irrigation

pumps for Nicaragua.

Against the advice but with the consent of her parents, she dropped out of Valparaiso, Ind., University after a year, helped last summer with an inner city program at Milwaukee, and now works in Cincinnati for the Walther League, a Lutheran youth movement.

She concentrates on encouraging high school students to become involved in social issues.

## Accident near College Station takes A&M sophomore's life

A Texas A&M sophomore died this morning in Methodist Hospital in Houston from severe head injuries after he was critically injured in a one-car accident Thursday night.

William F. Dent, Squadron 3, political science major was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan after the Volkswagen he was driving ran off the right side of the road 1.2 miles west of College Station city limits on Farm Road 60 at 5:15 p.m.

Dent was transferred to Houston around 9 due to seriousness of his head injuries, St. Joseph's emergency nurse Mrs. Steve Rossi said.

Funeral arrangements are pending upon arrival in Houston of Dent's parents from Port Angeles, Wash.

Officer Carl Weathers of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) said Dent, who was driving, was thrown from the car.

Michael Seymour, freshman microbiology major of Stamford, Conn., who was a passenger, "rode it out" until the car stopped in a ditch, Weathers said. Seymour suffered minor leg in-

juries, was treated at St. Joseph's and released.

Weathers said the DPS still is investigating the cause of the accident. He would not estimate the speed of the vehicle, but said it was not moving "too fast."

## Former Dairy Science prof dead at 79

Professor A. L. Darnell 79, a dairy scientist at Texas A&M University for 42 years before he retired in 1957, died Thursday (Dec. 3) in Abilene.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday, with burial in Abilene's Elmwood Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Elliot's Chapel of Memories.

Survivors are his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Frances Van Eeten of Los Altos, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Maragret Hanks of Abilene.

Mr. Darnell was born Dec. 16, 1890, in Mississippi and was graduated from Mississippi State University in 1913. He came to Texas A&M the following year and was named a full professor in 1925.

While at A&M, he coached 64 dairy judging teams. At the time of his retirement, he was recognized as one of the nation's outstanding judges of dairy cattle.

The dairy scientist was an official classifier for the American Jersey Cattle Club. In addition to judging and serving in various official capacities in many major livestock shows, he was superintendent of the dairy cattle section of Fort Worth's Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show from 1925 until 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Darnell moved to Abilene in 1960.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.



CONTRADICTION is evident between ecological advice and the use to which it is put in northwest Miami, Fla. The jumble of wire, boxes and lumber is a block long. (AP Wirephoto)