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Cloudy,
rainy,
warm

Thursday — Cloudy to partly cloudy afternoon, rain showers. Winds southerly 10-20 mph. High 76°, low 66°.

Friday — Cloudy and rain. Winds southerly 15-20 mph becoming northerly 15-20 mph. High 76°, low 64°.

PF speaker knocks insurance industry

By CHARLES MASTERSON
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"What we have is an insurance industry that has gotten too arrogant," State Senator Oscar Mauzy from Dallas said Wednesday at noon in a Political Forum presentation.

As chairman of the Interim Committee on Auto Insurance, Mauzy spoke out against auto insurance companies fleecing the Texas motoring public, especially the unmarried males under 25, with exorbitant rates set from disguised profit figures and clever lobbying.

"The field of auto insurance is the industry least understood by the common person and this is deliberate," Mauzy said.

"The people of Texas aren't going to stand for this kind of treatment from an industry that acts like a monopoly yet has no monopolistic restraints levied against it," he said. "If we don't act, the federal government will take over the auto insurance industry."

The senator estimated that approximately 30 per cent of all drivers and cars on the Texas highways were uninsured due to the high premiums forced upon

the public by the insurance companies.

"Even after showing a profit from 1967-69 of over \$2 billion, these companies are asking for a raise from 5 per cent to 12 per cent on the rate of return on premiums.

"To me, this is just ludicrous," the Dallas lawyer said.

Mauzy said the State Board of Insurance has finally agreed to consider investment income on the rate figuring formula for auto insurance policies. Mauzy also attacked insurance companies for financing their lobbies, which he said is working against the people's best interests, with legal fees paid by premiums from the policy holders.

"Our insurance rates should be put on the open market for competition between companies. The 10 to 20 per cent minimum liability coverage would be handled by the state," Mauzy said.

This would eliminate the least efficient companies who have helped push the rates up to where they are now, he added.

"We should also switch to the comparative negligence law in Texas," Mauzy suggested.

Under this law, the two parties

subtract their percentages of guilt in an accident, determined by a jury, and the lesser of the two receives the difference in compensation, he said.

The Texas University graduate said the "no fault" insurance concept does not really reduce insurance rates and may even increase them in some states. Under this concept, each party recovers damages from his own insurance company.

The insurance company will up

your rates even though you were not at fault but cannot prove the guilt of the other party, he said. The accident still shows up on your record, and you are stuck, he added.

"This concept rewards the guilty and penalizes the innocent," Mauzy contended.

"I'm for making the bad drivers pay more and the good drivers pay less," Mauzy said. "That is the way insurance is supposed to work."

Some mail stopped because of strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, acting because of the threatened rail strike, ordered an embargo Wednesday on second, third and fourth class mail traveling more than 300 miles.

This would cover such mail as publications, catalogs and parcel post, which would include thousands of Christmas packages.

Regional postal officials were notified the embargo would go into effect at 4 p.m. local time.

Blount said the action was being taken in advance of the threatened strike at 12:01 a.m. today to permit post offices to clear their decks in preparation for the mail congestion a rail stoppage would bring.

"We must not run the risk of tying up our post offices at a time when the massive Christmas mail load is bearing upon the system," he said.

Regional directors were given authority to lift the embargo in instances where they have alternative transportation to move mail.

First class mail and airmail, including air parcel post, will continue to be accepted without regard to distances, with normal size and weight limitations.

Under the embargo post-offices

will accept packages limited to 36 inches in length, 60 inches in length and girth combined and 40 pounds in weight, for movement up to 300 miles away.

Service fees' method topic at Senate meet

The Student Senate tonight will consider revising its method of recommending allocation of student service fees, President Kent Caperton said Wednesday.

The Senate will meet at 7:30 in the conference room on the second floor of the library.

A proposal based on the Senate having all pertinent information at its disposal will be presented by Bill Hartsfield, Senate secretary and chairman of a committee formed to study the matter.

Caperton termed the plan to be presented a "responsible, realistic" one.

The Senate also will hear a preliminary report from its sweetheart committee which will contain suggestions to cut the selection costs drastically, Caperton said.

Senators also will hear a preliminary report on operation feedback, Caperton said.

Weekend topic at tonight's CSC gathering

The appointment of a chairman for Civilian Students Weekend Apr. 23-25 is on the agenda for the Civilian Student Council (CSC) meeting tonight at seven in room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center.

Second Vice President Jean Mah said Leon Droz, president of Walton Hall, would probably assume the position if there is no opposition to his appointment.

In other business, Mark Olson will report on civilian work on Bonfire. There also will be a report on CSC's role in freshman orientation.

Miss Mah said the CSC will not sponsor a faculty Christmas dinner because it could not be scheduled before finals and because of the poor turnout at the Thanksgiving dinner.

The CSC, however, will help any halls which wish to give such dinners, she said.

Final laundry pickup Dec. 21

Last laundry pickup day for the semester will be Dec. 21, Laundry Manager George Hartsock announced Wednesday.

Hartsock said students may turn laundry in Dec. 21—regardless of their regular laundry turn-in day—without penalty. All laundry turned in, he said, will be returned to the substations by 3 p.m. Dec. 22.



STATE SENATOR Oscar Mauzy addresses a Political Forum audience at noon Wednesday. He criticized state auto insurance policies, saying the insurance industry acts like a monopoly without any restraints. (Photo by Bruce Black)

System Building tree lighting, ceremonies scheduled Friday

Texas A&M's Christmas tree lighting service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday on the east steps of the System Administration Building.

The student "Y" association sponsors the annual program. Featured are university and high school groups and the season's greetings from A&M President Jack K. Williams immediately prior to the lighting of the pole lights on the east lawn.

A&M students who will give readings include Student Senate President Kent Caperton, Deputy Corps Commander Thomas C. Main, Jr., and YMCA Religious Programs chairman John Hulse.

Three Christmas selections will be sung by the A&M Consolidated School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Luther.

Dr. Jerry F. Dawson, associate professor of history, will read the Christmas message. Group singing and three selections by the A&M Singing Cadets will follow. Singing Cadets Director Bob Boone will lead the group singing.

YMCA Cabinet member Sam McGinty will read "The Christmas Tree."

YMCA secretary Logan E. Weston said the public is invited to the service.



A&M PRESIDENT Dr. Jack K. Williams inspects Texas Maritime Academy Cadets in Galveston Wednesday. Williams was in the port city touring the academy and other university installations.

Experience large part of writing, author says

By FRAN HAUGEN
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Creative writing is just assimilating a multitude of your experience, intermingled with research, A&M speech department head J. Frank Pierce told a small

Contemporary Arts Committee audience last night at the committee's first meeting of the year.

Following a reading of his mystery story "The Masks of Man," which will be published

in "Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine" Pierce explained how he had written the story and talked about creative writing in general. He said a creative writing course will be offered by the English department next semester.

"Creative writing is a mental jigsaw puzzle," he said. "It is asking oneself questions and trying to give answers."

You can imagine you are in a certain situation or are a certain type of person, and then try to formulate a story around these concepts, he explained.

Short stories are also based on ideas, he added.

"Most of my stories are manufactured from some idea that strikes my fancy," he said.

"The Masks of Man," which stresses the need for mystery in life was inspired from a line in "Phenomenon of Man" by philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

"Give a man a mask he can hide behind, and he'll tell you all about himself," it goes.

To this Pierce added the dangling phrase, "Give him many masks and . . ." he had the idea for his story which involves paintings of masks showing seven stages of a man's life.

Pierce who has been published by "The Writer," "Writer's Digest," "Playboy" and "Ellery Queen" (five times) stressed the value of false scents in sniffing out the story, warning prospective writers not to throw away valuable research and thinking but to weave bits of researched knowledge into the story.

Handicraft courses available spring semester in evenings

Evening courses for persons interested in pottery, sculpting, wood-carving, art-metal working and leather handicrafts will be offered by the Industrial Education Department during the spring semester.

Dr. James L. Boone said the two courses are designed by Instructor Joan Moore specifically for adults interested in acquiring skills in the various art media.

Plastics and ceramics (Industrial Education 332) will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Miss Moore said. Handicraft design (I.Ed. 336) will meet 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday.

Boone, who heads the Industrial Education Department of the College of Education, said individuals interested in the courses on a non-college credit basis must register as special students. Inquiries should be made at the Registrar's Office.

Registration for the courses will be Jan. 11-15. Classes begin the week of Jan. 18.

Plastics and ceramics will involve work in slab pottery, plastic cutting and shaping, sculpting, firing and glazing and, if individuals desire, in wax, stone and woodcarving.

"We have potter's wheels and our own kilns," Miss Moore said.

Leather work, art metal in alu-

Form needed to clear room

Students residing on campus who will not be returning for the spring semester should complete end-of-semester clearance forms, Housing manager Allan Madeley said Wednesday.

Madeley said the forms can be obtained through a student's civilian military adviser or residence hall counselor. He noted graduating seniors should complete one of the forms.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Finals schedule

Date	Hour	Series
Dec. 16, Wednesday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF8
Dec. 16, Wednesday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh8F1
Dec. 16, Wednesday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting MWTh2
Dec. 17, Thursday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF9
Dec. 17, Thursday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting M3TTh10
Dec. 17, Thursday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TF2 or TWF3 or TThF3
Dec. 18, Friday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF10
Dec. 18, Friday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh12
Dec. 21, Monday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting M4TTh11
Dec. 21, Monday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting MWTh1
Dec. 21, Monday	2-4 p.m.	Classes meeting TTh9F2
Dec. 22, Tuesday	8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF11
Dec. 22, Tuesday	11-1 p.m.	Classes meeting TF1

Note: Finals in courses with one theory hour per week will be given at either the last meeting of theory or practice before the close of the semester. If a student is scheduled for three finals in one day, he may request his academic dean to reschedule one of the finals.