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Cooling and cloudy

Thursday — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds southerly 15-25 mph. High 74°, low 52°.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Winds northerly 15-20 mph. High 71°, low 66°.

Students have roles in inaugural activity

By FRAN ZUPAN
Battalion Managing Editor

Student leaders and organizations are playing active roles in the activities of President Jack K. Williams' inauguration today and Friday.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) members conducted guided bus tours of the campus for delegates this afternoon on the hour between 1 and 5. Tours Friday will leave from in front of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) at 8 and 9 a.m. and 2, 3, and 4 p.m. APO President Bill Cronrath said.

Town Hall members will be ushers at the Lyric Art Quartet concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the Bryan Civic Auditorium. The MSC's Host and Fashion Com-

tee members will be hostesses at a reception following the concert.

Members of the Student Senate, Civilian Student Council and Corps of Cadets will provide information desks in G. Rollie White Coliseum and the Memorial Student Center Friday.

Senate, CSC, and Corps members have also greeted delegates at the airport.

Many students will also participate in the Academic Procession at the inauguration Friday at 10 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A Corps of Cadets color guard will precede Dean of Admissions and Records H. Lloyd Heaton who is grand marshal of the procession.

The Student Senate, led by

Marshal Rodger P. Miller, Senate vice president, will follow in the procession.

Following the Senate will be the Executive Committee of the Academic Council, led by Freshman Class President Marshal Randall L. Maness; recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, led by Sophomore Class President Marshal Nicholas J. Jiga, Jr.; delegates of colleges and universities, led by Junior Class President Marshal Russell B. McGowen III; and Delegates of Learned societies and professional organizations, led by Senior Class President Marshal William E. Shepard.

Next will come representatives of the faculty led by Lawrence

D. McGill, president of the Graduate Student Council, followed by the state flag.

A Ross Volunteer Honor Guard will lead Gov. Preston Smith, next in the procession.

The Board of Directors and platform guests, led by Marshals Anton M. Sorensen, Jr., Professor of Animal Science, and Melvin R. Calliham, Professor and Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery follow Smith.

The mace borne by John Paul Abbott, Distinguished Professor of English, is next in sequence, followed by Williams and his marshals, Donald G. Barker, professor of Educational Psychology and Kenneth C. Brundidge, meteorology professor.

During the program Student Senate President Kent Caperton will give the company greetings from the students.

A&M's chapter of Omega Phi Alpha, OPA, national service sorority, will serve coffee at the robing at 9 a.m., OPA President Pam Faulkner said. Official delegates will robe in DeWare Field House and the stage party in the coliseum's Lettermen's Lounge.

Next year's corps commander Thomas M. Stanley and next year's Deputy Corps Commander James Addison Carey will be special honor guard to the governor for the inaugural luncheon in Duncan Dining Hall at 12:30 p.m.

Sophomore Michael Lindsey will host Sen. John Tower for inaugural activities.

A&M has 'exceeded hopes'

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Editor

He has been president of Texas A&M and the Texas A&M University System almost six months, having taken office Nov. 1, 1970. Today activities have begun which will climax in his inauguration as the 17th A&M president and fourth president of the system.

"I'm looking forward to having it over with," Dr. Jack K. Williams joked during an interview with The Battalion Wednesday. Inaugural activities will keep him busy through Sunday.

"I thought it would be a challenge and a substantial satisfaction being president here," Wil-

liams said, turning serious. "I've found it to be a substantial challenge and a tremendous satisfaction. I've found the people here great to work with."

Williams came to Texas A&M from the University of Tennessee, where he was vice president for academic affairs. He and his wife Margaret have moved to College Station. Daughter Katherine, 20, attends Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and daughters Mary, 16, and Penny, 20, are in Knoxville, Tenn., attending high school and UT.

Williams said much of his time since assuming his duties has been just getting acquainted with people. He has been touring the

state, visiting with former students and A&M Clubs.

Lately, he has been occupied with the legislative budget hearings going on in Austin, and has spent much time before committees or preparing for his appearances before them.

He also has been visiting the other parts of the Texas A&M University System.

The system includes Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State, Texas Maritime Academy, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas Forest

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TUESDAY NIGHT WAS A BIG ONE for the sign builders at A&M. Aggies passing Sbis Wednesday morning were confronted with a new proliferation of signs across from the dining hall. The signs are up for the general elections April 28. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Saturday anniversary A&M created 100 years ago

The Friday inauguration of Dr. Jack K. Williams as A&M's 17th president and Sunday Parents Day activities bracket an important date for the university.

Saturday, 100 years ago, an act creating the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas was passed by the 12th Texas Legislature.

A resolution introduced by State Senator William T. (Bill) Moore of Bryan marks the significant event.

Moore's resolution noted that the April 17, 1871, act "led the way to the creation of the first institution of higher learning in the State of Texas."

"This act represented one of the legislative milestones in this state," the resolution goes on, "laying the groundwork for an institution of higher learning which would serve the needs of a broad segment of the population."

Within two months of passage of the enabling legislation, three commissioners appointed by reconstruction Governor E. J. Davis selected Brazos County land deeded by Bryan citizens for the new college.

Legend says that sometime between June 14 and June 21, 1871, the committeemen drove a stake into the ground near the present Academic Building and announced, "Here we'll build the college."

Construction on Old Main, the first building, began immediately afterwards. Before completion, however, it was scrapped and a new main building was started in 1873.

Appropriation for a dining or "steward's" hall later named in

honor of Thomas S. Gathright, the first president, was made in 1875. A&M enrolled its first students in September, 1876, and began classes Oct. 4, 1876.

The college became Texas A&M University through Aug. 23, 1963, legislation.

The Senate resolution authored by Moore also notes that the original institution has grown "from a campus of two buildings into a statewide system with a main campus which now includes more than 100 buildings" valued at near \$200 million.

From a faculty of five and a 40-student enrollment, A&M also

has grown "to a university with a faculty of 1,000 and a student body of 14,000," the Moore resolution cites.

The senator also included in S.R. 940 A&M's basic philosophy set forth by Gov. Richard Coke in Oct. 4, 1876, official opening address:

"The aim and mission . . . is, while preparing the young men of Texas for the high duties of American citizenship, to train their intelligence in the methods and appliances of science, and their hands for the skills which shall utilize them in everyday pursuits."

Singing Cadets to appear at White House services

The Singing Cadets will be in the White House Sunday morning to sing for President Richard Nixon, according to Director Robert Boone.

The trip had been in doubt but contributions made today by supporters have made it a "sure thing."

The group now has \$5,800 of the \$9,000 needed, Boone said, adding he expected today's mailed contributions to "put us over the hump." He already has booked the plane and made reservations.

Booths had been set up in the Memorial Student Center and the Exchange Store to collect funds today, Boone said. He added that individuals and groups within the university had contributed.

The group received the invitation April 7. The appearance will

be for the President's monthly White House religious service. Boone credited Texas Sen. John Tower's "influence, enthusiasm and encouragement" with making the invitation possible.

Boone said those wishing to make contributions can mail them to Singing Cadets, White House Trip, TAMU, College Station, 77843. He urged donors to designate the purpose of the purpose of the money and to include a return address.

Boone had written the White House some three months ago asking to perform there. He received a letter saying time was short and it was difficult to schedule groups, since so many want to perform.

"We had given up," he said, "but last Wednesday we got the phone call asking if we'd like to be there Sunday."

Nixon easing Red China policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon announced Wednesday a five-point program to ease relations between the United States and Communist China, largely through relaxing trade between the two countries.

Nixon's long-awaited decision, coupled with Premier Chou En-lai's statement to American table tennis players about "a new page" in U.S.-Chinese relations, marked a notable step in the gradual thaw replacing the prolonged freeze between Washington and Peking.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Nixon made his decision two or three weeks ago, following a high-level administration review begun last

December. "So the substance of the action has no connection with the recent action by the Peoples Republic of China in its invitation to the U. S. table tennis team and surrounding circumstances," he said.

But White House officials acknowledged that the timing of Nixon's announcement was, as they put it, appropriate in the aura of good will stemming from Peking's hospitality in the unprecedented current visit to China by a U. S. table tennis group.

The Nixon announcement did not deal with U. S. policy on the strong move expected in the United Nations this fall for admission of Red China to the world body.

Nor did it get into what the United States might do in the future about officially recognizing

the Peking regime, with whom it now has no diplomatic relations. Ziegler said a Washington decision on that is still "way down the line."

The presidential announcement — issued by the White House as a one-page statement — dealt with a range of travel and trade restrictions which have been in effect since the early 1950s.

In line with his state of the world message last February promising to "examine what further steps between the Chinese and American peoples," Nixon said he has decided on these actions:

—The United States is prepared to give fast handling for visas, or entry permits, for visitors or groups of visitors from Red China.

—U. S. ships and planes may now carry Chinese cargoes be-

tween non-Chinese ports, and U. S.-owned foreign-flag ships may call at Chinese ports.

—The U. S. government will prepare a list of nonstrategic goods which may be exported directly to Red China, without a specific license. Following a presidential review and approval of items on this list, direct imports of specified items from mainland China also will be authorized.

Correction

The Battalion Wednesday misspelled the name of one of the recipients of a Memorial Student Centers appreciation award. The name of John M. Bertl of the chess committee was misspelled John N. Buntly.

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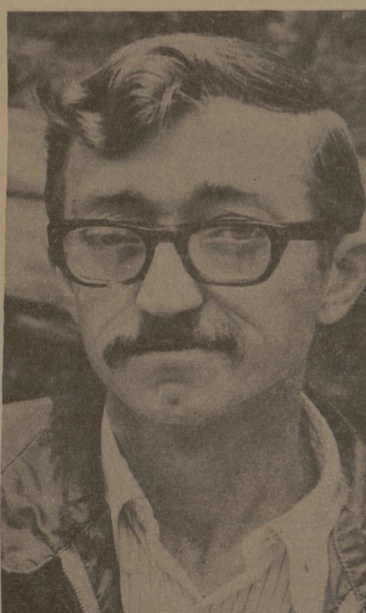
The inquiring Battman

Do you think Easter recess should have two weekends?



Gene Scott
sophomore

"Many people enjoy spending Easter at home. Your proposed arrangement would work something of a hardship on these people, meaning they would have to be back sometime on Easter. Better to work on changing the day of Easter."



Mike Thompson
junior

"It doesn't make much difference. I'm not from Texas, so there isn't much advantage to having a longer vacation."



Ernest L. Van Horn
freshman

"I prefer to have Easter vacation Monday - Friday because you miss the same number of class days but you get a total of 9 days off instead of 6."



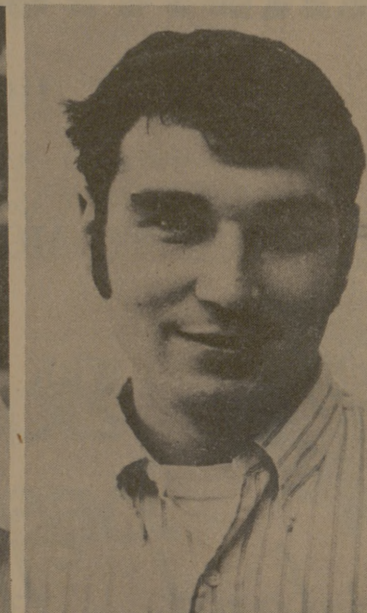
Linsey Ann Oates
freshman

"It would be much easier to take the Easter break beginning on Thursday before Easter and return after the weekend following Easter. Now I'm happy just to get a vacation at all, but it's difficult to begin classes on a Wednesday after forgetting the books for a week."



Chris Bruns
junior

"I like the present system simply because the difference in the two is not much."



Bruce Appelbaum
graduate

"I feel a two-weekend holiday period is desirable for undergraduates. It makes little difference for graduate students."



Fred Miller
junior

"I believe one can accomplish more during a whole week (scholastically speaking) plus have two weekends to look forward to, to either booze it up or take out a girl." (Photos by Alan-Jon Zupan)