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Thursday and Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, scattered afternoon rain showers. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High temperatures 94-96 degrees. Low 72-74 degrees.

Saturday and Sunday — Generally partly cloudy, southerly winds 10-15 mph. High temperatures 96-98 degrees, low 74-76 degrees.

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Congressman Graham Purcell (left) of Wichita Falls presents the doctor of veterinary medicine degree to his son Blaine at Friday commencement exercises for vet students.

'Go the extra mile' for country, congressman challenges vets

Congressman Graham Purcell of Wichita Falls challenged graduating veterinary medicine students Friday night "to go the extra mile" for America.

"This nation has always needed men and women with the daring and the vision to stand up and be counted," the 1946 Texas A&M graduate said. "But so, too, will we need in the days ahead those who are builders—those who can create new and better institutions to replace outmoded ones."

Purcell, a leading spokesman on farm and farm product matters, was commencement speaker for 126 graduates of the College of Veterinary Medicine in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Commenting on the past decade, Purcell suggested Americans have become discouraged simply

because the bad times are the most discussed.

"A mark of the 1960's," he continued, "was the rise in Congress of what might be called 'Titlemanship'—the grand art of packaging noble new laws with noble new labels that promise all."

"But where are the noble results?" he asked. "As anyone can plainly see by looking around, the city streets are not yet safe, model cities are yet to be found on this continent, open housing is unheard of in some parts of the country, and the 'war on poverty' looks like it will drone on far past our last day in Indochina."

The 52-year-old Texas Democrat suggested too many young Americans are motivated beyond need, and educated short of challenge.

He told the graduates Texas A&M is "commissioning you as professionals. You are charged with giving your dedication and expertise to the field of veterinary medicine. You are charged with being the action team of this generation."

Purcell claimed the nation is at a new crossroads where doctors of veterinary medicine will no longer be concerned solely with their clientele.

"You are charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that 300 million Americans eat better in the year 2000 than they are in 1971," he said.

A man with a lifetime in politics, Purcell stressed the new veterinarians have political responsibilities and must participate in political decisions.

"Children of the decade of hope, professionals of the decade of challenge," he called the graduates. "You must be willing to go the extra mile, not only for yourselves, but for your fellow countrymen."

"Not everyone is willing to go the extra mile," the congressman emphasized. "Many Americans are unable to go the second mile."

"You are professionals with many obligations laid before you and only one under your belt—your education," Purcell added.

Among the graduating students was Blaine Purcell, one of the congressman's nine children. Other speakers were A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams, Board Chairman Clyde Wells and Vet College Dean A. A. Price.

Texas Ranger new A&M police chief

Texas Ranger O. L. Luther of Bryan will become director of the University Police Department Sept. 1, A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams announced Thursday.

Luther, 54, succeeds Chief Ed E. Powell, who is retiring Aug. 31 at age 65. Powell, who joined the university staff in 1957, has been chief of the security office since January, 1964.

"We are extremely pleased Ranger Luther has accepted the appointment as head of our university police," said Dean of Students James P. Hannigan. The police department is organized under the Dean of Students' Office.

"We have worked with Ranger Luther frequently in both on and off campus problems and always found him cooperative and helpful," Hannigan continued.

"Ranger Luther is a proven leader and his leadership will aid the University Police Department.

Chief Powell has an outstanding record with the university and he will be missed," the dean added.

Luther is considered one of the most dedicated law enforcement officers in Texas. He was honored in July by Bryan-College Station Jaycees as the Outstanding Local Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Born Sept. 4, 1916 in Frost, Tex., Luther graduated from Emhouse High School in 1934.

He joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1942 and has been with the department since, except for service in the Navy during World War II. He saw combat action in the South Pacific from 1945 to 1946.

Luther returned to the DPS following the war and was named supervisor of highway patrol in Bryan in 1957. His entire public career has been centered in the Brazos County area.

In 1961 Luther was named a Texas Ranger and he currently is one of 80 in the state. He is assigned to Co. F out of Waco.

Throughout his career he has attended law enforcement courses and is a graduate of special FBI schools. He holds the Certificate in Advanced Law Enforcement Education awarded by the state.

Luther also has served as an instructor in the Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin and was responsible for DPS educational activities in the five-county Brazos Valley area.

Among his duties are assisting police and sheriff's offices in Brazos, Burleson, Madison, Leon and Robertson Counties. He also is given special assignments throughout the state, among them the successful investigation of the 1968 Sam DeGelia murder in McAllen.

Hannigan said Luther has

assisted Texas A&M through a security plan for the Cyclotron Institute, traffic and parking planning and aided the Dean of Students' Office and University Police Department.

They fight pollution

Seven A&M employees part of 40-year-old car pool

Texas A&M employees meeting twice a day every weekday are doing something about air pollution.

At the same time, the seven-member group helps ease parking problems at the university.

There isn't an ecologist, biologist, social scientist nor engineer in the group.

They are in a group transportation pool that was once called "The Stale Air Taxi Co." A GMC carryall of early 1955 vintage regularly carries them to and from work.

The green vehicle now driven by Allen Martin is a common sight in morning and afternoon rush-hour traffic. It was once said your clock could be set by the carryall.

The transportation pool dates to the early 1930s, shortly after Frank Nedbalek started working at Texas A&M. Now a Texas Forest Service accountant with 41 years A&M system service, he still participates in the group.

Other members are Martin, Sea Grant Program administrative assistant; Arnold Helman, A&M press linotype operator; Barbara Ruchti and Elsie Halyard, Agricultural Extension Service personnel; Durant Dansby, stores storekeeper, and Nellie Mahafey, creamery storekeeper.

They each put in \$6 a month, get picked up right at their doorsteps and are delivered to the building in which they work.

Martin cranks up at about 7:30 a.m. every day for the seven-mile

Japanese girls to demonstrate social customs

Traditional Japanese social observances will be performed Thursday at Texas A&M by 10 Japanese coeds visiting the U. S. this summer.

The young ladies will conduct a traditional tea ceremony known as "chanoyu," flower arranging ("ikebana") and do some classical dances.

The special program will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Jim Summers, Travel Committee chairman. Admission is free.

Area families, the committee and A&M coeds are hosting the Oriental visitors, in the U. S. for ten weeks through the Experiment in International Living.

Matcha, a powdered green tea, will be served A&M students hosting the visitors by Nobuko Komiya, leader of the visiting group, and Shigeko Kirita. Flower arranging will be exhibited by Kenko Nakayama and Teruko Osaka.

Also participating will be Kyoko Yamota, Mitsuko Fukutake, Kayoko Kudota, Kakuko Kuraishi, Toshiko Sekiya and Toshi Watanabe.

"Anyone who has participated in or observed chanoyu will want to renew acquaintance with this beautiful, simple ceremony," commented J. Wayne Stark, MSC director.

Developed under the influence of Zen Buddhism, chanoyu is an embodiment of the Japanese people's intuitive striving for recognition of true beauty in plainness and simplicity.

The ritualistic ceremony as performed in a Japanese garden tea house observes strict etiquette, said Miss Komiya.

"Meditation and purifying one's soul by becoming one with nature is the aim," she added, "though the ceremony is not a religious function."

She said Japanese girls as a matter of custom learn either chanoyu or ikebana apart from

regular schooling. Classical dancing is rarer.

Miss Komiya and her friends are staying two weeks with eight families in Bryan and College Station. During the visit they are attending swim parties, weiner roasts, A&M classes, shopping, bowling and will see Snook as a typical small Texas farm community.

They will spend the weekend in Houston, attend a Kiwanis Club meeting and see the Brazos County Girls Club.

The Japanese Experimenters arrived Tuesday after a two-week stay in Los Angeles. They will stay in New York and Washington and visit East and Midwest U. S. cities on the return to Los Angeles for their flight home Sept. 1.

"We don't feel like we are in a foreign country," Miss Komiya commented. "Everyone has been very friendly and it is much like home."

Two more student appeals review boards established

Formation of two new student appeals review boards has been announced by Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

Hannigan explained the boards have been established to review appeals which are outside the jurisdiction of existing appeals committees which provide channels of appeal in cases involving academic decisions or suspensions, disciplinary expulsion or suspension and traffic or parking violations.

The new review boards, the dean said, have been created at student and staff request to handle appeals of other types of decisions including drops from the university rolls for fiscal reasons. Membership of each

board includes three students and three members of the faculty-staff.

Two boards have been appointed in order to prevent a backlog of cases awaiting review and appeals will be assigned to the two boards in alternation to equalize the workload.

Named to Review Board "A" are Sanders Letbetter, assistant director of the Memorial Student Center; Billy G. Lay, director of admissions; Eugene Oates, residence hall program advisor, and James Allen Mobley, Fernando Giannetti and James Ham, students.

Appointed to Review Board "B" are Harold Gaines, Memorial Student Center advisor; Robert H.

Baine, assistant registrar; Logan Weston, YMCA coordinator, and Richard Peavey, Wade F. Seidel and Jimmy Lynn Cook, students.

"The boards will provide an opportunity for staff and student participation in a variety of cases," Hannigan said. He said, however, that proceedings of the new boards will not be as formal or elaborate as those of the other university appeals committees.

When making recommendations to the dean of students, the boards may uphold a previous decision or suggest that a decision be reduced in severity or revoked. The boards may not recommend that a penalty be increased.

Ags surprise team of year

Playboy Magazine calls it "The Surprise Team of the Year." And they are not talking about Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice. They're talking about the 1971 Texas A&M football team.

It's no Playboy Joke. Anson Mount, sports analyst for the popular men's magazine, predicts an 8-3 record for the Aggies this fall. The magazine's Pigskin Preview, in the September

issue just out, ranks the Aggies 18th in the nation.

Mount is no novice when it comes to football forecasting. Twice in the last five years he has been honored for the accuracy of his predictions.

Here's what the Pigskin Preview had to say about the Aggies:

"For Texas A&M, last year's misfortune may be this season's strength. After winning their

first two games, the sophomore Aggies lost nine in a row. Three back-to-back road games against LSU, Ohio State and Michigan left the team physically and mentally exhausted, since the first units had to play for their lives from start to finish.

"All that hard-earned experience will pay off in '71, because only two of last season's 22 starters have departed. All the physical assets are on hand for a banner year, if the Aggies can win early and gain confidence. Another upset of LSU or a surprise win over Nebraska could propel them to the conference championship. We have a strong hunch they will come close to doing just that and we therefore tab them our Surprise Team of the Year."

The Aggie gridders report Aug. 17 for fall practice in preparation for the season opener Sept. 11 against Wichita State in Kyle Field.

owners in Houston Monday.

Dr. E. W. Ellett, chief of the Small Animal Section, said Mr. and Mrs. Richards L. Phillips of 308 Gilchrist St. sighted the dog in Thomas Park about 8 p.m. They managed to get Angel into a small building, where Ellett picked her up.

Lost dog located

"Angel," the female Basenji dog that ran away from the Small Animal Clinic July 29, was captured by a College Station couple Sunday night and back with her

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.



Arnold Heldman (left) and Allen Martin load up for their daily trip home, with other riders in seats they regularly take from force of habit.