

The Battalion

Cloudy and rainy

Friday — Partly cloudy, southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 91°, low 68°.
Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers, easterly winds 10-15 mph. High 88°, low 71°.

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Wind and rain whip Louisiana as Edith lands

CAMERON, La. (AP)—Hurricane Edith's advance winds whipped virtually deserted coastal areas today as the storm aimed as like the fury at the lowlands of Louisiana's western coast.

Nearly all residents of the area had fled. But a small crew of Civil Defense workers stayed on to ride out the storm in a board-

ed up City Hall.

The main force of Edith was aimed at Cameron, some 25 miles east of the Texas line, and it was carrying sustained winds of 100 miles an hour with highest gusts near the center.

At 8 a.m. the National Hurricane Center located the storm's eye at 23.5 west latitude and 93.5 north longitude—about 25 miles southwest of Cameron moving northeast at 15 to 18 miles per hour.

It was coming ashore at high tide, with water levels approaching 10 to 12 feet higher than normal. A few tornadoes were expected along the coast.

Heavy rain was falling in Cameron, where winds early in the day were hitting 80 miles an hour.

Roland Troclair, Civil Defense Director for Cameron who was among the officials remaining, said, "Rain is blowing heavy into us, but it is nothing alarming yet."

Contacted by shortwave radio, reported, "We've got some water in the street, maybe ankle deep. Most of that is from the rain, however, not tides."

He reported power was out in the area and telephone communications no longer working.

Cameron Parish county, which has about 5,000 residents, was virtually deserted. So was much of the coastal area to the east and west.

In 1957 Hurricane Audrey killed 390 people at Cameron with a surge of water from the Gulf of Mexico 12 feet high. In this area, barely above sea level, the drowning tides raged inland for miles.

During the night a steady stream of cars loaded with people and trucks loaded with cattle moved along the lone highway which heads north out of Cameron Parish.

The exodus also included thousands from the coastal area between Cameron and Morgan City. Public shelters were set up in the cities near the coast.

GSC seeks to halt relations problem

will have to help and take advantage of it, he added.

"We function in making decisions of students known to the administration," he said, "but it's up to all of you to let us know what needs to be done."

Dean Kunze then introduced the Graduate college staff. Dean Kunze discussed requirements for graduation, mainly for the benefit of the new students.

He also stressed the importance of using the Graduate Student Council.

"This year's council is the best working council we've had since I've been here. But they can't do anything to help unless you go to them," Kunze said.

Also discussed at the meeting was a questionnaire which is being given to all graduate students. The items are of a general and controversial nature and the purpose of the questionnaire is to assist the council in representing the students on these subjects.

In a newsletter distributed to all graduate students, a few of the issues were cleared up which were the result of last year's questionnaire. One item was the distribution of the Battalion. Many students had complained of the availability of the campus newspaper. It was pointed out that there were five locations on campus for picking a copy up and that it was delivered to every house in College Station.

The council also announced that a short Graduate Student Handbook for incoming graduate students would be available soon.

Debate over effects of oilspills

HOUSTON (AP)—The debate over the effects of oilspills on marine life and ecology still continues.

Studies of the past two years have not resolved differences but apparently are opening the way for more amicable discussions among government officials, industry executives, scientists, and conservationists.

The controversial oilspill of July 1969 in California's Santa Barbara Channel was followed by two major spills and fires—Chevron and Shell—off the Louisiana Coast.

First details of a year-long scientific study of effects resulting from the Chevron spill were submitted at the recent Interior Department hearing on a proposed December sale of additional federal leases in the eastern Louisiana offshore area.

The Chevron fire and spill dumped an estimated 30,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico between Feb. 10 and March 31, 1970.

Dr. John G. Mackin, professor emeritus in biology at Texas A&M, has made studies of in-

shore and offshore Gulf of Mexico ecology and marine communities since 1947. At the Interior Department hearing, Mackin was a witness for the offshore operators committee which represents 50 companies that account for 95 per cent of the oil and gas produced from Louisiana and Texas offshore areas.

After the spill, Mackin took 230 bottom samples ranging from near shore to deep water south of the Chevron platform that is about eight miles northeast of the Mississippi Delta main pass area.

A year later, he took 51 additional samples. The 281 bottom samples, he said, were arranged in such a manner as to test all areas which coincided with slicks caused by the spill.

Mackin said the fauna of the sound and shelf areas after the year-later samples "can only be described as fantastic."

"The extraordinary numbers of crustaceans, polychaete worms, mollusca, and other taxonomic categories encountered indicate this fauna is as rich as any ever studied in the Gulf of Mexico's north shores," he said.

He acknowledged, however, a possibility the fire and spill produced a temporary depression of bottom fauna within a three-quarter mile radius of the platform but emphasized the word temporary.

"In that area, complete recovery has been attained and a real limit of temporary effect has been established," he said.

Mackin said if any one procedure is capable of determining the effect of oilspills it is the testing for normality of the bottom community.

"This is because the bottom community is incapable of escape from alleged toxic pollutants and bottom communities are in a state of constant change—species appear, reach a peak and decline, to be replaced by other species," he said.

3-story fall badly injures worker here

Sam Fachorn of Rt. 1 Box 242, Bryan, was seriously injured Wednesday morning in a fall from the third floor of the eight-story classroom-office building under construction at A&M.

Fachorn, a laborer employed by Vance and Thurmond General Contractors of Bryan, was wrecking wood forms when he apparently slipped and fell from the southeast corner of the project.

His injuries included a fractured left forearm, fractured left leg, fractured pelvis and a compression-type fracture to the second lumbar vertebra, according to a Bryan Clinic spokesman.

Fachorn's condition was termed "serious but encouraging" by the spokesman late Wednesday.

The accident occurred at 8:30 a.m. The classroom-office building is under construction in the former Academic Building parking lot.

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THE COLOURS PERFORMED Wednesday night to a capacity crowd in the Memorial Student Ballroom. The folk-rock singers with Town Hall performed earlier Wednesday in the Grove and for the Corps of Cadets. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

Problems of housing Senate will discuss rent raise

The housing question, specifically the rent raise versus the nation-wide wage and price freeze, is on the agenda for tonight's meeting of the Student Senate, scheduled for 7:30 in the conference room of the Library.

Also to be discussed is the report of the Sweetheart Revision Committee and a resolution regarding the changes accepted by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

In other Senate action, it was announced that the Alumni Advisory Board will meet again this year. Scheduled to get together Sept. 25 is the selected group of Former Students and student body leaders.

Students on the Board are Senate President John Sharp, Civilian Student Council President Gordon Pilmer, Memorial Student Center President John Dacus, Graduate Student Council President Ron Thomas, and Senior Class President Jerry McGowen.

Also on the board are Corps Commander Tom Stanley, Nancy Evans, University Women Chairman, Black Awareness Committee Chairman Sidney Chaucere, and all the members of the Student Senate Executive Committee.

Executive Aides for the coming year have been chosen. This program enables freshmen to work with the Senate, doing administrative and clerical duties.

The new Aides are John Nash and Chip Spence of Houston, Randy Gillespie of Fort Worth, Jim Lane of Wichita Falls, Terry Brown of Friendswood, Beverly Barnes of Corpus Christi, Steve Eberhard of New Braunfels, Richard King of Conroe, Barbara Cowan of Livingston, Tenn., Rogier Munk of Garland, Kay Seidel of Brenham, and Rusty Jones of Spring.

An early project of the Senate to be discussed has been the "Free University." This would be a type of experimental college, involving courses being taught by interested professors on any subject. No credit or grades would be given.

In addition, the courses would be taught at night to avoid interference with regular classes.

Layne Kruse, Student Senate Life Chairman, reported at last week's meeting that the MSC would cooperate with the program.

Senate Vice President Mike Essmyer has been making ar-

rangements for the use of refrigerators in dormitory rooms. He was contacted during the summer by several rental companies looking for a sponsoring organization.

Fulbrights open for applications

The deadline for various Fulbright Awards applications is Oct. 20, advises Dr. J. M. Nance, TAMU History Department head and campus Fulbright advisor.

A&M students may apply for Fulbright Scholarships and other U. S. government grants under the Fulbright-Hays Act for academic study or research abroad and for professional traveling in the creative and performing arts.

Approximately 600 awards are available to American graduate students.

Students at TAMU must apply through the local Campus Fulbright Committee chaired by Dr. Nance. Applicants who are not enrolled in the university apply directly to the National Committee but may obtain forms and assistance from the local committee, he noted.

The applicant must be a U. S. citizen, preferably between the ages of 20 and 35, Dr. Nance said. He must also have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant.

Dr. Nance reports the trend in awarding grants is on advanced graduate study, although applications from graduating seniors are welcomed. Selections are

made on the basis of academic and professional record, the feasibility of the applicant's proposed study plan and personal qualifications.

Full grants are available to 29 countries and travel grants are available to 12 countries. Dr. Nance reported grants offered by governments, universities and private donors of 14 countries are also administered through the Institute of International Education.

Many of the countries require a working knowledge of the country's language but for others only English is necessary.

Two types of grants are offered—U. S. Government Full Grants and U. S. Government Travel Grants.

A full award provides a grantee with tuition, maintenance for one academic year in one country, round-trip transportation, health and accident insurance and an incidental allowance.

Travel grants are available to Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Fulbright program information is available from Dr. Nance in Nagle Hall Room 208.

Course in technical theater scheduled for the weekend

A technical theater short course for secondary school drama directors, students and community theater personnel will be conducted Sept. 18-19 at A&M.

Stressing basics of theater technology, the course will cover scenery construction, stage lighting, scene design, scene painting and the "unit set" concept of play production.

Instructors will be professional in theater technology from banking is a pleasure at First Bank & Trust.

UT-Austin and El Paso, East Texas State, the Texas Inter-scholastic League and a professional theater consultant.

The short course, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with all sessions in A&M's Memorial Student Center, will be conducted jointly by the Texas Section, U. S. Institute for Theater Technology, and A&M's Theater Arts Section.

Robert Wenck, Texas USITT performing arts training and education committee chairman, is short course chairman. He said

A&M theater arts students and members of the UT-Austin USITT student chapter will assist the professional faculty.

The faculty includes Don Middleton, El Paso; Andrew Gibbs, East Texas; Lynn Murray, TIL; John Rothgeb, Austin; G. E. Diske, professional theater consultant of Dallas, and Glenn Martin, Texas Scenic Co., San Antonio.

Wenck said from 30 to 50 drama directors are expected for the two-day pilot course. It will conclude with a Sunday luncheon.