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**Cooling
and
cloudy**

Thursday — Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 78°, low 62°.

Friday — Partly cloudy, northerly winds 10-20 mph. High 67°, low 48°.

Kickoff Little Rock — 61°, northwest winds 10 mph. 30% relative humidity.

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Atomic underground test will proceed in Aleutians

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Nixon administration announced Wednesday plans to proceed with a huge underground atomic blast in the Aleutian Islands, drawing expressions of dismay from the Canadian ambassador here.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, told newsmen the blast, testing a five-megaton antimissile warhead, is scheduled for Nov. 4, but James R. Schlesinger, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, told newsmen a test date has not yet been established.

Meanwhile, seven environment groups headed by the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, are seeking to halt the test through court action, contending it might cause earthquakes, tidal waves, radiation leakage or other environmental damage.

Alaska Gov. William Egan said President Nixon and the AEC "in making this decision have taken—and must assume—full responsibility for the safety of the people who would suffer the consequences if an accident occurs."

Congress had passed legislation last Sept. 22 barring the test before mid-1972 unless the President authorized it.

Schlesinger told a news conference Wednesday, "The Atomic Energy Commission is now planning to proceed with the Cannikin test. We have now received the requisite authority to go ahead including detonation."

"We have presidential authorization," he said in answer to a question.

Canada and Japan have both opposed the test, in which a hydrogen warhead with a force equivalent to 5 million tons of TNT would be exploded some 6,000 feet underground in remote Amchitka Island in the northern Pacific Ocean. It would be the biggest U.S. underground test although the Russians have had some in this range.

Environment groups opposing the test have argued that it might leak radiation into the Pacific Ocean.

Schlesinger told newsmen the

administration has considered the environmental issues and believes the risk to be extremely small.

"Overriding requirements of national security have, of necessity, taken precedence," he said, explaining that the test is needed to make sure the warhead for the Spartan antiballistic missile works properly before the missile is deployed.

Congress has authorized its deployment by 1976. The Soviet Union recently conducted underground atomic tests of around the same size.

Schlesinger said the warhead has been placed inside its deep test hole and that work to seal the shaft "will begin today."

Closing the shaft, he said, would "make it impractical to recover the device," but he said if necessary the warhead could be destroyed underground by "tens of pounds of TNT" without touching off any nuclear explosion.

In that case, he said, the debris of the warhead including its

radioactive components would be permanently buried, but there would be no large-scale generation of additional radioactivity.

Both Gravel and Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, criticized the administration's decision.

Muskie said the test might

leak radiation "the consequences of which are unpredictable."

Schlesinger, however, said "the risks are exceedingly small."

The Amchitka Island site was selected in 1966, he said, "because of its remoteness and the virtual zero likelihood of any damage."

Puryear Hall, White Band lead in Aggie Blood Drive

Residence hall and Corps of Cadet unit winners in the Aggie Blood Drive were Puryear Hall and the White Band.

Announcement of the winners, based on highest percentage participation, was by John Sharp, Student Senate president, and Dale Foster, Alpha Phi Omega president.

The Senate and APO jointly sponsored the two-day drive through the Wadley Institutes of Molecular Medicine, in which 801 units were donated by A&M stu-

dents, faculty-staff and Aggie exes.

Puryear and the White Band received signs for display on their halls. Certificates also were presented by Edwin H. Cooper, assistant to President Jack Williams, to Puryear president Mike Abrameit of Goliad and Clinton L. Hubbard III, White Band commander of Houston.

APO projects vice president David Russell said the White Band had 100 per cent participation in the drive, which surpassed the previous record by 25 per cent.

"The record drive is something for which A&M students can be proud," commented Sharp.

Sharp pointed out that total participation of 1,000, including rejects not allowed to donate because of medical reasons, is less than seven per cent of the A&M student body.

The 801 units—one pint over 100 gallons—was contributed by 500 cadets, almost 200 coeds, 40 civilian students and a number of faculty-staff members and exes, Russell indicated.



HOLLY CANNON, model for Host and Fashion, shows off one of the outfits provided by Britt's for the Fall Panoply style show Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

Hannigan says

Dean of Men to be introduced

"A re-arrangement of the duty assignment within the Office of the Dean of Students is taking place," according to Dean James M. Hannigan.

The departure of Dr. Don Stafford, who was the associate dean of students, has left a vacancy in the Student Personnel Serv-

ices. Hannigan is using this opportunity to reorganize the Dean of Students Office with the introduction of a dean of men.

Stafford, also director of the Department of Student Affairs last year, has become a part of the Counseling and Testing Service at Cameron College in Okla-

homa.

The new dean of men will be on an equal basis with the dean of women and the associate dean of students. Under his supervision will be the director of Civilian Students and Residence Hall Programs, the civilian cadet corps counselors and the commandant of cadets.

Under the associate dean of students will be the director of the Memorial Student Center, Student Finance and Programs director, the secretary of the YMCA, the coordinator of religious life, the foreign student advisor, the housing manager and University Police.

Dean Hannigan is looking for someone to act either as the associate dean of students or as the new dean of men. Howard

Perry, who is presently acting as the associate dean of students, will fill the remaining position.

Dean Hannigan has appointed a screening committee to make recommendations for Stafford's replacement. The committee of 10 includes five students, Gordon Pilmer, Civilian Student Council president; Pamela Faulkner, University Women; John Dacus, Memorial Student Center Council president; Tom Stanley, Corps commandant; and John Sharp, Student Senate president. The committee will examine the resumes of possible candidates.

Thirty-five applications have already been submitted for the open position, according to Dean Hannigan.

"We hope to have one chosen by Thanksgiving," he said.

Nixon traveling to China during 1972

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon will make his historic trip to Communist China in 1972.

U.S. officials would not discuss directly the precise timing of Nixon's journey but one, who declined to be quoted by name, said Wednesday an announcement would be made before Dec. 1 on the dates for it.

The only official discussing travel negotiations with mainland China on the record was Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Nixon's assistant for national security affairs, who returned Monday from six days of talks in Peking.

While in Peking, Kissinger conferred several times with Premier Chou En-lai but said he did not see Communist party Chairman Mao Tse-tung. However, he added that Nixon is expected to see Mao.

Under questioning, Kissinger

said he could shed no light on recent widespread speculation of a power struggle or internal dissension within the leadership of Mainland China.

He did say he detected no differences in the personalities with whom he met or the method of consultation between his latest Peking visit and his initial secret trip there last July.

While in Communist China, Kissinger said, the greatest amount of time was occupied with discussion of technical arrangements for a Nixon trip. In addition, he reported he and Chou agreed there had been no developments since July that materially affected the more substantive aspects of the planned presidential journey.

The White House said earlier Wednesday that it will be talking publicly "very shortly" about the planned dates for Nixon's trip.

South Vietnam government to free greatest number of V.C. in history

SAIGON (AP) — The South Vietnamese government announced Thursday it will free 618 Viet Cong prisoners of war Sunday in the biggest single release of the Indochina war.

The Defense Ministry said the release is an amnesty on the occasion of the inauguration of President Nguyen Van Thieu for a second term.

All of the prisoners are South Vietnamese Communists, or Viet Cong, a spokesman said. He said there are no prisoners from

North Vietnam involved.

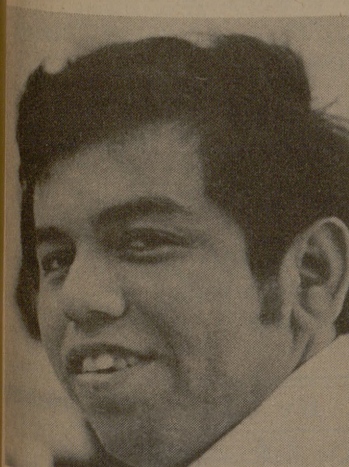
It also was reported that Thieu is expected to make a new peace proposal on South Vietnam's national day Monday. Sources said they understand that the proposal will contain new elements.

The spokesman for the Defense Ministry, Lt. Col. Du Thanh Nhut, said the release of the Viet Cong is the biggest of the war.

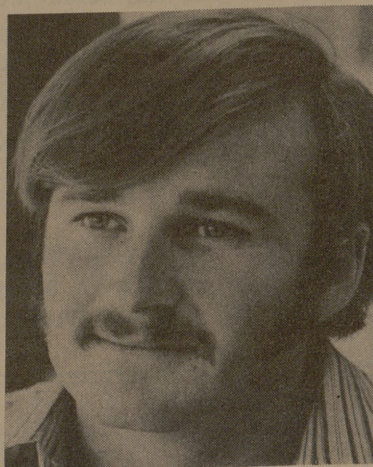
He said 442 of the prisoners are in "good health" while 176 are disabled.

The inquiring Battman

What should be done about the school tickets policy?



Jesse R. Torres senior



Dwight Brown freshman



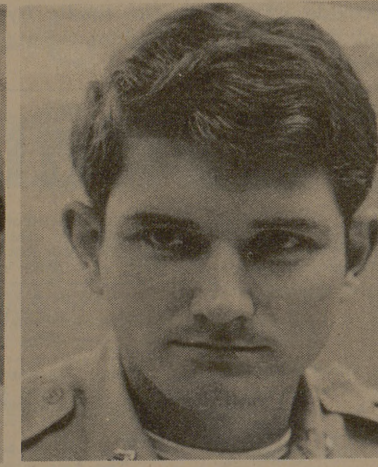
Steve Timmons sophomore



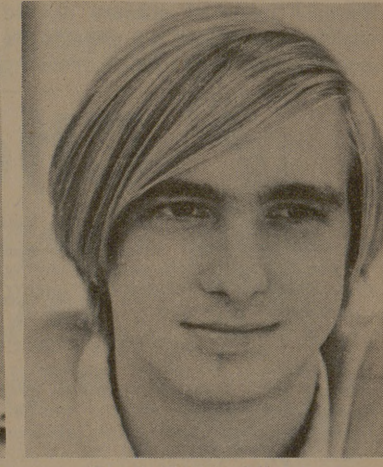
Grant Riley junior



Jim Maas junior



Jeff Seemans junior



Fred H. Huddleston senior

If t.u. who is supposedly beneath A&M in everything but football teams, can afford to make their student activity fee optional, then A&M can easily use as much wisdom in doing the same.

There are a lot of things that freshmen enjoy as much as everyone else. One is being able to see a football game. Selling tickets should therefore be on a first come, first serve basis. If upperclassmen like the better seats, they can get there first.

I think if the students are forced to buy the tickets they should be able to do what they want with them. If they want to give them away, they should be allowed to do so. Checking I.D.'s is not going to improve attendance to the games.

The football tickets are only a small part of a large problem—the failure of the university to deal with the needs and problems of the student, instead of treating him as a resource to be taken advantage of.

I think we should sell the football team.

Apparently the problem involves a SWC regulation. If that's the source of the problem, then why not approach the proper officials to seek the desired change.

What gripes many students is the handling of the seating of students — by the class-rank theory. This should be abolished.