

Partly cloudy, warm

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 81°, low 64°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Afternoon rain showers. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 79°, low 68°.

Voter registration problem is resolved

The voter registration hassle has occurred recently between A&M students and Raymond B. Buchanan, tax assessor-collector and head of Brazos County voter registration, has reached another compromise.

Friday, A&M student Senate representatives presented about 400 voter registration forms from campus registration to Buchanan at his Bryan office.

Buchanan accepted them all, saying that he would register all those qualified to vote. The forms were those that had been collected by the Student Senate registration drive to be used in the 1972 elections.

Buchanan said that if he registered them all he could legally register all the registrants and that registrants that had registered before they had lived in Brazos County for six months.

The registrations since most students had assumed they were registering for the 1972 elections.

The prosecutions, which Buchanan said he would not carry through, would be felonies. All students who have not lived in Brazos County six months and who are not registrars who signed up would have been liable for prosecution.

The students aren't liable, however, because Monday James McLeroy, senate issues chairman and head of the voter registration drive, returned to Buchanan's office and talked him out of the forms.

McLeroy said that he will sort through all the registration forms and take out those that have mistakes or have not lived in the county for six months.

"We're out of the fire now," he said.

He estimated that about 350 to 400 will still be good for the 1971 elections. All these will have to reregister for the 1972 elections.

The current compromise is the fourth different stand Buchanan has taken on students voting in the Dec. 14 City Council elections. Buchanan first said he would not register any students at all because of "lack of personnel and supplies."

Last Wednesday he moved from this position to one of registering students in his office in Bryan. Wednesday afternoon he changed this position to providing special booths on campus to register A&M students for the 1971 elections only. Friday he decided to accept all the registrations, about 900 to 1,000, presented to him by McLeroy with the demand that he "comply with the law."

He has now taken the stand that he will accept all the qualified registrations.

Zwolinski scheduled to speak at University Lecture Series

A&M's 1971-72 University Lecture Series opens tonight with a presentation by Dr. Bruno Zwolinski, director of the university's Thermodynamics Research Center.

Dr. Zwolinski, officially designated A&M's 1971-72 Faculty Lecturer, will discuss "A New Breed of Scientists—Data Epistemologist" at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

The lecture series is designed to provide the opportunity for faculty-staff and students, as well as the general public, to hear renowned authorities discuss subjects of broad social, political and intellectual interest, noted Dr. W. A. Landmann, University Lectures Committee chairman. He emphasized there is no charge for any of the four lectures in the series.

Dr. Zwolinski, who also is professor of chemistry, founded the Thermodynamics Research Center in 1961, the same year he joined the A&M faculty. The center is now generally recognized as the leading facility of its type in the nation.

A native of Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Zwolinski earned his B.A. degree at Canisius College, M.S. at Purdue and M.A. and Ph.D. at Princeton.

He is a member of numerous honorary and professional organizations and earlier this year was selected by the State Department to serve as a visiting lecturer at the Institute of Physical Chemistry in Warsaw, Poland.

The usual equipment is still needed and the usual setbacks have slowed progress, but the Bonfire will be built this weekend and lighted next Wednesday night at 7:30, head yell leader Jim Ferguson said Monday.

He reported that the center pole was to be placed in the ground this afternoon and that full-scale work will commence Saturday morning.

"We had trouble getting the crane that was promised us, and the communications van we were supposed to use was sent to Fort Stockton, but we're still moving ahead," Ferguson said. "We finally got a crane to set the center pole, and the light poles will be put up too. Boswell Construction Co. has given us a van, and the Army Reserve is letting us use some shelter tents for equipment."

The cutting area this year is located 15 miles from the campus on Sandy Point Road, the proposed site of the new-Bryan Lake. A secondary cutting area is south of Easterwood Airport.

"The reason for having two different places is that the Bryan Lake area is partially restricted because of the proposed park," Ferguson explained. "Also, Easterwood will provide us with some good core logs, which are what we build the Bonfire with."

In the past, there has been the problem of having trees left in



Raymond B. Buchanan, Brazos County tax assessor-collector, speaks with A&M students James McLeroy and Mike Bunch Friday afternoon in his office. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Write-in candidate to run in special council election

An A&M student announced Friday he will run as a write-in candidate in a special Dec. 14 election to fill a vacancy on the College Station city council.

Bruce Clay, 21-year-old senior in the Corps, will be the fourth candidate in the council race.

Clay was unable to file as a regular candidate because of existing provisions in the city charter which state that councilmen must own property within the city.

He admitted legal questions would arise concerning his seating as a member of the council if he should win the election.

Clay, who is studying finance, is a member of the Student Senate and lives on campus.

Clay said he believes his election would give the city government more balance and afford the students more direct representation.

"With the new voter registration laws, the students can now vote, and we represent a large portion of the College Station population," said Clay, who describes himself as a "conservative."

"If I were in office, I feel it would offer better representation of College Station residents," he added.

The city council vacancy was created when J. H. Dozier, a Texas A&M professor, resigned Oct. 29 following recent court decisions that state employees could not be paid if they also held elective positions in state or local government. Dozier was the last of several A&M faculty-staff members to resign from the city council and school board.

Clay will be competing for votes against Mrs. John L. Sandstedt, who has been active in civic affairs and whose husband is an attorney and part-time professor at the university; Homer Adams, a businessman and former council member, and Robert Knapp, a retired naval officer who at one time taught mathematics at A&M.

The Student Senate has been actively supporting voter registration on campus.

W. T. Doherty dies at age 73

HOUSTON — Wilfred Thomas Doherty, prominent Houston businessman and former president of the Texas A&M University Board of Directors, died here Tuesday morning at age 73.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the George Lewis and Sons Funeral Home, corner of Sage and Westheimer. Burial will follow in Forrest Park Lawndale Cemetery on Wayside. The Rev. Fred Burford, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church, Alvin, officiating at the services.

Mr. Doherty, a 1922 chemical engineering graduate of Texas A&M, suffered a heart attack two weeks ago in Houston. He had been hospitalized in the Diagnostic Center Hospital.

Mr. Doherty was president of the Robert A. Welch Foundation, and he is directly credited for the foundation's \$1 million support to the Texas A&M Cyclotron and the Welch Foundation Chair of Chemistry.

Equipment needed

Bonfire progress is hindered

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The cutting area without being brought in for the Bonfire. Ferguson said that most of the logs have already been chopped down in the primary cutting area, and any left over will be stacked and burned by the developers of the Bryan Lake.

Work will begin Saturday morning at 6 a.m. and will continue until early Wednesday afternoon, when members of the Firemen Training School take over. They will pump 300 gallons of JP-4 airplane fuel onto the stack. At 7:30, the fire will be lit and yell practice will be held.

"Visitors to either the cutting area or the stacking area must have university identification cards or access passes issued by the Bonfire Committee," Ferguson said. "These passes are hard to get, but we have issued them to every member of the football team, so that they can come out and see what's going on."

Ten trucks, five of which are semi's, have been promised for use in work on the Bonfire. Ferguson pointed out that promises cannot be relied on, and equipment is not considered secured by the Bonfire Committee until it is in use.

In order to encourage safety, first aid and safety have been separated for the first time. The safety committee will try to prevent accidents due to misuse of equipment, carelessness or horseplay.

"In order to take the financial

burden off the Food Services people, it will be necessary for students on the five-day board plan to purchase meal tickets to eat in the dining halls or in the cutting area this weekend," Ferguson explained. "These tickets may be purchased at either Sbisra or Duncan Dining Hall until 5 p.m. Thursday."

He added that three meals would be served Saturday and two Sunday. For all five meals, the tickets will total \$4.45. For the two sack lunches in the cutting area, the cost will be \$1.78. One of these meals may be bought for 89 cents.

Individual tickets may be purchased at the doors for each dining hall meal, but seven-day board students will be required to show their identification cards to prove they are on the full plan.

Working with Ferguson are the other senior yell leaders, Rick Perry and Tommy Orr. Perry is in charge of the stacking area, while the cutting area is the responsibility of Orr. Barry Reiter is the civilian chief, and Gene Evans is the safety chairman.

"We still need trucks, tractors and chain saws," Ferguson said. "Anyone who can get these for us should contact me or whoever has jurisdiction over where they will be used."

Bonfire worker insured against serious accidents

The Student Senate voted Monday to take out an insurance policy with Mutual of Omaha covering students who work on the Bonfire.

This policy, which will cost \$1,580.50, will cover students on their way to and from the Bonfire as well as those actually working. The insurance is \$500 non-deductible for all injuries.

"We feel there is a need for this," John Sharp, Senate president, said.

Sharp added that this insurance on the Bonfire workers is not intended as a "put-down" to those who prefer other activities, such

as community projects, to show their spirit.

The cost of the policy will be 43 cents per person. It has been designed for approximately 3,500 people.

Students who work on the Bonfire will be asked to give 50 cents to cover the cost of the policy. This 50 cents is not mandatory, however. The Senate will make up the remainder.

"I think this insurance is the appropriate thing at the time," James P. Hannigan, Dean of Students, said. "I personally think it's a darn good thing."

The search for a black identity at a white university

Editor's note: This is the first of a four-part series dealing with blacks on campus. In the next three days we will present the views of a black coed, a black in the Corps, and the administration.

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There are about 100 blacks attending this university. They contrast starkly with the 10,000 whites, not only in the color of their skins, but in the fact that they are on the short end of a one to 140 ratio.

Though we live in a state that is 13 per cent black, the university roles hold less than one percent.

Though we are a university for the State of Texas, there are times as many foreign students attending than black.

To borrow from novelist Allen Tate's book about apartheid in South Africa, we live in "a very strange society."

What it is like to be black in this society, A&M is beyond our imagination. We are white. But it is possible to turn to blacks for

their thoughts. To quote from Allen E. Giles, a recent graduate of A&M and a black:

"The college and university campuses of America are a long way from where most of us come. Our homeland (known to white folks as the ghetto) is hardly conducive to the growing of ivy. 'Mother wits' was our thing, not encyclopedias. We have been the companions of every evil, cycle, syndrome, or mania that would strike fear in the hearts of our white compatriots. Those of us who survive have seen everything but the end. Thus many of us stayed by trekking from our homeland to your midst; to your college and university campuses. We could not have imagined what awaited us.

As students on the white college and university campuses of America we have learned something which we choose never to forget.

"We are not white. We do not wish to be white. What is good for white people is oftentimes worse than bad for us."

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

Or from Barbara Buchanan, a black freshman coed:

"When most blacks first come to A&M, they have to become adjusted and psyche their minds to become accustomed to the atmosphere... Around this campus, there are many hard, cold blacks. They know they are black, therefore, they have to try extra hard to break the color barrier. All they want to do is strive and strive, so they can be something."

Or from Willie Nixon, a sophomore in the Corps:

"A&M is based on many traditions that evolve around whites. The Corps is the most staunch tradition upholder. To me, it doesn't bend in any way toward helping the freshman black student coming in. The organization doesn't take into consideration the black's adjustment to an almost all-white atmosphere."

Whatever it is for each black as he enters A&M, it can't be easy. The blacks here know this and, through personal help and the Black Awareness Committee, seek to help each other and the incoming freshmen.

"There has always been black unity, even when there was no official organization such as the

Black Awareness Committee. Blacks are bound to be together, especially when there are so few of us on campus," Marvin Bridges said of the organization of which he is chairman and vice-president.

In answer to the short-comings in relation to blacks at A&M, the Black Awareness Committee began last fall. "Our most important aim is to help the entering black student to become a functional part of the university. Making white students and the administration aware should also be added to the purpose of this program—this committee isn't here solely to make us aware of blackness, but to aid the entire university's awareness," Bridges said.

In achieving these goals, BAC, on a budget of \$1,538, will have several black politics programs, such as State Senator Barbara Jordan on Dec. 3, and a "Black Week" this spring.

The BAC is also involved in actively recruiting blacks to come to A&M. They present film strips and send letters to schools throughout the state encouraging blacks to attend A&M.

But the BAC is only a partial answer to many of the blacks' grievances, Bridges said. "Many

problems exist. First of all, there are very few, if any, black professors whom we can identify with. Next the athletic program was "lilly-white" until recently, and the social life is lacking—most bands are white and most blacks don't relate to the music they create."

"More important," he emphasized, "our committee is trying to put pressure on the administration to accumulate more black literature in the library, and to begin a black studies program of minority cultures and history."

"One of the administration's main excuses (in not having a black studies) is the fact that there aren't enough blacks on campus," Bridges said, "but, this small number of blacks at A&M certainly isn't our (BAC) fault!"

Only blacks are allowed on the BAC, except for honorary members, but visitors can attend by getting in touch with one of the committee members ahead of time.

Sometimes the blacks at A&M are questioned about why they don't attend Prairie View A&M, the almost totally black college in the A&M System.

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