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Partly cloudy, cool

Saturday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Light and variable winds. High 71°, low 38°.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy, rain late afternoon. Southerly winds 8-10 mph. High 67°, low 44°.

Cambodian situation nears critical point

SAIGON (AP) — With the military situation becoming critical in Cambodia, U.S. warplanes have stepped up their support of Cambodian troops, official American sources reported Thursday.

Reports circulated in Saigon say that the South Vietnamese government was considering a Cambodian request for infantry and heavy weapons for the defense of Phnom Penh. Hand-to-hand fighting was reported near the western outskirts of the Cambodian capital.

that heavy weapons are needed. This would account for the request for South Vietnamese heavy guns.

A dispatch from Phnom Penh said Cambodian and enemy troops fought with knives and rifle butts in flooded rice fields 12 miles from the downtown section of the capital.

A high command spokesman in Phnom Penh said 11 Cambodian soldiers were killed, 88 wounded, and 80 enemy bodies were found on the battlefields

Wednesday. He had no estimate of Thursday's casualties.

Little new action was reported from Cambodia's northeastern front, where the enemy has cut the main highway supplying 20,000 Cambodian troops.

In another development in Cambodia, sources said police had prevented a second attempt to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Emory C. Swank. They reported a man was arrested while stringing a detonator-type wire near where a bomb-laden bicycle narrowly

missed Swank's car in September.

Fighting in Vietnam was light and scattered.

The U.S. Command announced that last week five Americans were reported killed in action—the sixth consecutive week of fewer than eight combat deaths.

The weekly casualty summaries listed relatively low numbers of U.S. wounded. Twenty-one Americans were reported wounded, compared to 13 the previous week—the only two weeks this year when fewer than 25 U.S. troops were wounded. Ten Americans were killed by nonhostile action such as accidents and disease. South Vietnamese battle fatalities were put at 219, compared to 198 the week before. The Saigon command listed enemy dead for last week as 1,063.

Arson and vandalism hit O. U., reasons are racial

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A wave of arson and vandalism swept across the racially tense campus of Oklahoma University early Thursday, leaving 27 persons hurt, \$200,000 in damages and law enforcement officers streaming toward the campus.

University President Dr. Paul F. Sharp said "all law enforcement personnel" has been called in to pursue "criminal acts of arson and vandalism."

"We have been attacked by people under cover of darkness intent on injuring, damaging and destroying. We will not condone incidents that endanger the lives of our students or staff or faculty," Dr. Sharp said.

A total of four fires were set during the night, including one at Walker Tower, a dormitory housing an estimated 700 persons. All the injured, most of them out-of-state bankers attending a short course on campus, were from that fire.

There were no critical injuries reported but at least one of those remaining in the hospital was scheduled to undergo surgery to repair a severe arm cut. He suffered the injuries when he broke a window in Walker Tower to get air.

Police discovered two sets of incendiary devices that had not been set off.

Dr. Sharp warned, however,

against assuming the destruction was attributable to recent racial tension on the campus.

"There is inevitably in the minds of some people an equation of these criminal acts with the discussions we have been having with the black students concerning their needs on the campus. I should like to emphasize that there is presently no evidence to support this equation, and we should not in the absence of evidence jump to that conclusion," he said.

Black students last week submitted a list of "racial atrocities" they said were being committed on campus. The protest, presented to the Board of Regents, said, "This racist institution, which is flourishing here at the University of Oklahoma, has espoused the abolishment and total extermination of all people, places, things and ideas which are black."

Marathon run set up Monday to show spirit

A&M students will run a marathon Monday from Austin to College Station to highlight "the burning desire of Aggies to beat TU."

The relay marathon is a project of Walton Hall, a civilian residence hall at A&M.

Walton Warriors will begin the 100-mile run at 5:30 a.m. Monday from the eastern city limit of Austin. Walton President Richard Peavey of Richardson said 25 students will take legs of the run, to follow US 290 south to the State Hwy. 21 intersection, then to College Station.

They will carry a torch to be used in lighting the bonfire for the traditional Wednesday yell practice preceding the A&M-Texas football clash.

Walton counselor Rusty Blevins said the project planners figure the run will be completed by 6 p.m. Monday. Other residence hall members will man vehicles to warn motorists.

Tradition and transition

Bonfire boasts colorful history

Sixty-two years ago two A&M students gathered some trash into a pile, struck a match and started a tradition.

What started as a joke in 1909 has become the world's largest bonfire—an emotional engineering feat involving thousands and fueling emotions for the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the Aggies and Texas Longhorns.

Aggies explain the bonfire in simple language: It represents their love for the school and the burning desire to beat Texas.

The 90-foot log structure began taking shape this week. Head Yell Leader Jimmy Ferguson of Garland estimates over 3,500 students will work on the project Saturday through Monday, with the burning set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

University administrators also are caught up in the tradition, with undergraduate classes dismissed Monday to insure the bonfire is ready.

What takes place has been described as a cross between a county fair, army field maneuvers and a major disaster area. And Wednesday it becomes a massive, flaming testimonial to frayed nerves, aching muscles, lost sleep, 24-hour operations, cuts and splinters, fantastic coordination and sheer raw guts.

Ferguson admits this year's bonfire has the added emotion of the Aggies 4-2 Southwest Conference record and their outside chance for a trip to the Cotton Bowl if they defeat the Longhorns.

The 90-foot centerpole, donated by International Paper Co. in Navasota, was spliced and set by Company C-1 behind Duncan Dining Hall late Tuesday. International Paper also donated two light poles.



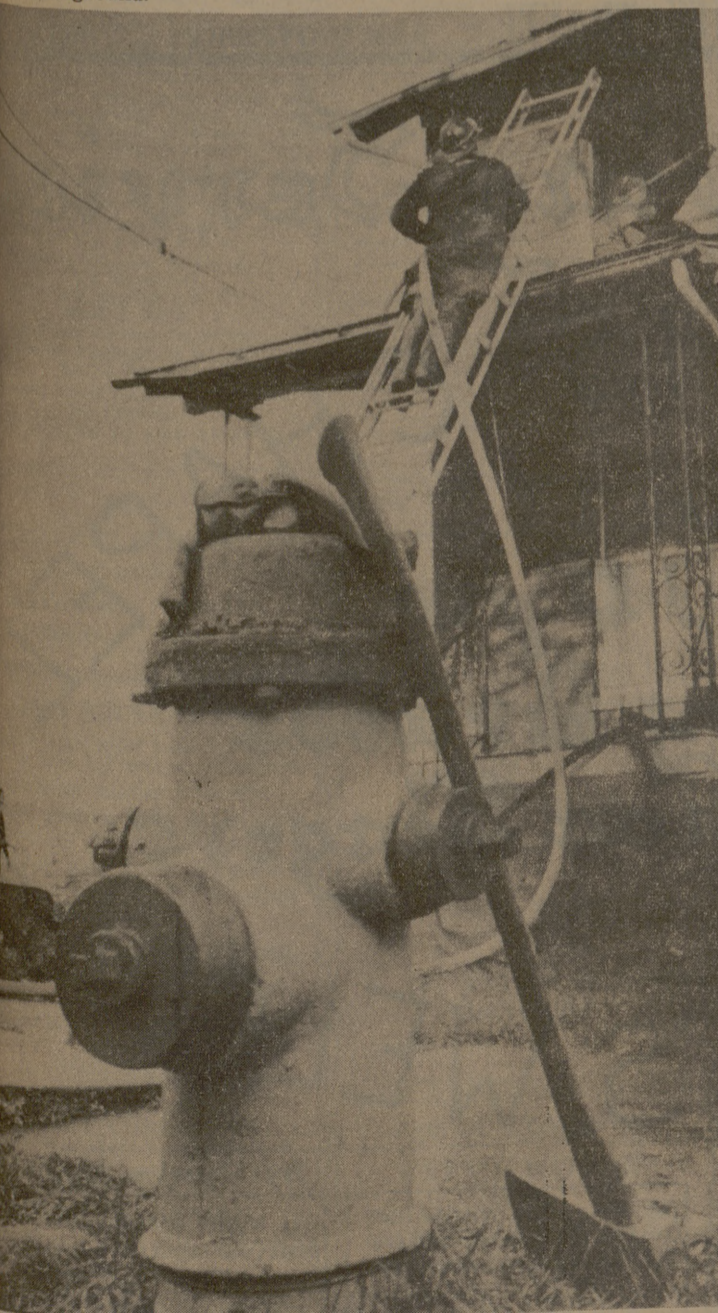
THE DRIVER OF THIS AUTO used his imagination in combating the critical parking situation in Pittsburg, Pa. He apparently drove up on a closed sidewalk where parkway lanes merge in the downtown area. All four wheels perfectly straddled the walkway and the car then rested its weight on the frame. (AP Wirephoto)

Communist China sets off primitive nuclear explosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States announced Thursday that Communist China had set off a nuclear explosion in the atmosphere at 1 a.m. EST—the first nuclear test by that country since Oct. 14, 1970.

The Atomic Energy Commission said the test—conducted in the vicinity of Lop Nur, in western China, had an explosive yield equivalent to about 20,000 tons of TNT, the same size as the primitive atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima by the United States.

The latest test brought to 12 the number of Chinese tests announced by the United States, including 11 in the atmosphere and one underground.



THIS FIREMAN, IN HIS HASTE, appears to have forgotten that it is necessary to plug the hose into the hydrant before the water will come out. Actually, the house fire in Williamsport, Pa. is too close to the hydrant for safety and pumper trucks were used instead. (AP Wirephoto)

Association will perform in Coliseum after bonfire

The Association, pop music group that unseated the Beatles and put its music in gold six times, will keep bonfire excitement going Wednesday at A&M with a TAMU Special Attraction performance.

Part of the Thanksgiving football classic at A&M, the Association will perform at G. Rollie White Coliseum following the annual bonfire yell practice.

Showtime is 8:45 p.m. announced Town Hall chairman Kirk Hawkins.

He reminded that all admissions to the Association will be separate from Town Hall season ticket and

student activity cards. Tickets are on sale at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

Referring to themselves as "The Seven Man Band," the group consists of Jules Alexander, Terry Kirkman, Brian Cole, Ted Bluechel, Jim Yester, Larry Ramos and Richard Thompson.

From "Along Comes Mary" in 1966 to their latest single, "It's Going to Be Real," and tenth album, "Stop Your Motor," the Association has been a seller in concerts, recording and television.

"Cherish," "Windy," "Never My Love" and "Requiem for the Masses" from the Association al-

bum "Insight Out" were chart toppers and million-record sellers.

The Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences tagged the group for three more Grammy nominations in 1967 and the Bill Gavin Radio-Record Congress voted the Association No. 1 among the nation's pop groups, unseating the Beatles for the first time in four years.

They shattered attendance records, were the first rock group to star at the prestigious Coconut Grove, turned in Smothers Brothers, Ed Sullivan and John Carson TV appearances and made a successful European tour in 1968.

Campus blacks - administration's view

By LINDA ZEHL
Staff Writer

How the administration sees the black and how the black sees the administration are often two very different things.

In the past week there has been presented the views, thoughts and, hopefully, the blackness of blacks. We now turn to the administration and how it views blacks.

"We have run into a few blacks for example, who say that fitting into what was formerly an all-white college, has a tendency to make blacks white—or act like whites. Blacks want to be black, act black and have respect for black culture and the black's way of life," said Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

"The administration has been

quite sympathetic toward this point of view," he said. "We definitely respect the blacks and encourage them to be themselves. At the same time, we try to keep the whites from giving the impression that they think that blacks ought to act more white."

"In the corps, this situation is handled by their policy, which is more or less color blind. By paying no attention to the person's color, they treat everyone basically the same," he added.

According to Hannigan, the administration has tried to mix blacks with whites in housing. "With housing we have urged blacks to scatter out and not to cluster in one dorm. At the same time, we have tried to get them into various activities such as those at the MSC and intramural sports. On the whole, we have had luck with this endeavor."

Besides trying to combine blacks and whites activities, the

administration says it has encouraged blacks to have projects as a group. "The administration is thoroughly in favor of the Black Awareness Committee for giving blacks a vehicle to get their ideas across and for carrying out group projects. We hope that BAC will become more and more active in helping the blacks to adjust to campus life. We hope that their position as one of the main groups in the MSC will aid both whites and blacks to further this adjustment," said Hannigan.

"A&M departments are trying to get black professors, Hannigan said, but that it isn't easy to get them.

"A&M would still like to hire the most expert individual in the field when they have a vacancy. Invariably, they do this by interviewing candidates of all races. Frankly, the supply of top notch qualified blacks with Ph.D.'s is horribly limited. All of the

schools are trying to add a few to their staffs, but there aren't that many around the United States.

"Personally, I see the situation as one that will iron itself out as times goes on, because Prairie View is grinding out an ever-increasing number of qualified individuals to the point where we won't be accused of robbing the cream of their crop by hiring a few profs from them. Incidentally, we do have a program of exchange profs with Prairie View that allows them to teach interchangeably from Prairie View to A&M."

As for blacks questioning the funding of Prairie View, Hannigan said that the school is adequately funded by the Board of Directors.

"If they need more, our Board of Directors is in a position to funnel more towards them. Both colleges receive most of their

funds on a formula from state sources. Our income depends on enrollment in each individual course.

Black studies came up as well during the interview with Hannigan. "By and large," he said, "the various departments and their heads associated with black studies have been a bit reluctant in adding courses that they felt wasn't going to be a quality program into the curriculum. In other words, just to have a black studies, in order to say we have the course, seemed a poor reason. If they acquire black studies, they want it to be really worthwhile. In essence, that program should influence individuals to come to A&M, make the school proud, and make the black studies a worthwhile endeavor. Up until now, the departments have tried to incorporate adequate coverage for blacks in the present history material."

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—Adv.