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Cloudy and mild

Friday — Partly cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 mph. High 73°, low 56°.

Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. High 78°, low 58°.

Karen Elizabeth Holt, chosen Miss Texas A&M Wednesday will represent A&M in the Miss Texas Universe Pageant April 10, in San Antonio. The 5'8" brunette, measuring 36-24-36, is an 18-year-old freshman history major from Athens. Runnerup in the pageant was Holly Lyn Cannon, a junior elementary education major from College Station and first runnerup was Charae Roques, a junior biomedicine major from Houston.

More bombing mars tense Londonderry

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — While a 60-second time bomb ticked, a father rushed into a garage here Wednesday and rescued his 13-month-old child strapped to a seat in a car.

Seconds after he came out with the baby in his arms, the bomb went off, wrecking the garage and two dozen cars.

The drama came as guerrillas launched a full-scale bomb assault on Londonderry.

Police said both father and child left immediately after the garage blast.

A police spokesman said the unidentified man had just driven into the garage when two youths armed with submachine guns burst in and dumped a package beside his car.

They shouted: "It's a time bomb! You have 60 seconds to get out."

Garage workers fled, but the man ignored the ticking bomb and for vital seconds grappled with safety straps holding the baby to the seat.

Belfast was like a city under siege. Security forces, alarmed by weekend explosions which claimed nearly 200 casualties including two dead, enforced a big clampdown.

In the Northern Ireland's Parliament, Prime Minister Brian Faulkner interrupted a debate to break the news of the killing of an Agriculture Ministry official on the border with the Irish Republic.

Faulkner said three men, two of them carrying guns, crossed over from the republic and shot the man dead near a customs post at Middletown in County Armagh.

Faulkner told Parliament the incident showed "A regrettable lack of control" by authorities in the republic.

The Northern Irish government has repeatedly accused the republic of allowing outlaws of the Irish Republican Army to operate against the North from bases south of the border.

The agriculture official was identified as Joseph Jardine, 44, a Protestant who also was a militiaman. Police said his assassins fired 42 shots at him from close range.

He was the 264th person killed in Northern Ireland's 31 months of violence.

Four bomb explosions rocked Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city and a hotbed of Irish nationalism.

The blasts caused heavy damage but no casualties.

Angly claims state treasurer is guilty of mismanagement

GARLAND (AP) — State Rep. Maurice Angly Jr. of Austin said here Wednesday that State Treasurer Jesse James mismanaged his office during the Texas stock scandals.

Angly is himself a candidate for the treasurer's post.

"The testimony last Friday by Frank Sharp's former private secretary . . . in Speaker Gus Mutscher's bribery conspiracy trial that State Treasurer James and Frank Sharp conferred as 'friends' through frequent telephone calls during the stock fraud scandal merely highlights how corruptly our state treasurer has mismanaged his office," Angly told a Republican woman's tea.

Sharp, a Houston promoter, is the central figure in the stock scandals. He owned the now-defunct Sharpstown State Bank which loaned money to top Texas politicians who used the loans to buy stock in Sharp-controlled enterprises and reap big profits.

"By transferring additional millions in state deposits to the now defunct Sharpstown State Bank of Houston, James provided the compensating balances for the large loans made by Sharp's bank to those involved in the stock fraud scandal," Angly said.

"James," he said, "deposited $6 million in a 5 per cent savings account at the Sharpstown bank but the balance, $4,034,875, was left parked for over two years, sitting around in an inactive checking account, earning no interest whatsoever."

"As state treasurer, I intend to put an end to this practice of politically parked interest free state deposits," he said.

Black recruitment is slow in first of active attempts

"Blacks are turned off by A&M," according to Wayne Devaughn, recruitment chairman for the Black Awareness Committee.

"Blacks come to the A&M campus, see all the whites and ask—'like where am I?' " he said.

Devaughn feels the Former Students Association recruitment program, though not discriminatory, is not oriented enough to the black. He said that representatives in predominantly black districts are sometimes not active enough and often students remain ignorant of A&M. He pointed out the association's slide presentation does not show enough blacks.

Devaughn's committee has made its own slide presentation for use in its recruitment program. The committee concentrates its efforts on four schools in Houston and Beaumont. Members talk with individual students about A&M's programs and participate in Career Day activities.

"Black recruitment has not been successful," Devaughn said, "but, then, this is the first time it has been actively attempted."

Buck Weirus, executive director of the Former Students Association, said his organization has no policy of discrimination.

"We have volunteers in over 500 high schools and junior colleges in the state, including every metropolitan high school, he cited.

By senate

All-round handbook planned

By JOHN CURYLO

Plans for a student handbook, sponsored by the Student Senate for distribution to new students at A&M, are nearly complete, with a final decision on staff structure to be made tonight.

Barb Sears, recording secretary of the senate, heads the project, and she said the cooperation received from various organizations involved has been excellent.

"We've talked to many people in the administration and individuals who are in charge of student organizations," she said, "and we've had favorable response. Many clubs have expressed a desire to contribute in spirit, with some financial help and material for the book coming from some of them, too."

The handbook, which would take the place of several similar but less extensive student guides, is expected to be ready for distribution at summer conferences. Sears emphasized, however, that the book is intended for all students, not just freshmen.

"Hopefully, this will help married students, graduate students, transfers, everybody," she explained. "It will be an all-round handbook. It must be different from the present handbooks.

"We've written other schools for information," Sears added. "Our intention is to put out a handbook this year."

She pointed out that the fee allocations proposal for the student handbook made two weeks ago by the senate applied to the publication of a book a year from now. As a result, there is no place in the budget for the handbook to be published within the next few months.

"We talked with Tom Cherry (vice president for business affairs), and we think the money for the handbook will come from reserve funds," Sears said. "Also, Col. (Logan) Weston of the YMCA offered his experience and cooperation on this project.

"The city council is in favor of this, too," she added. "They gave us a publication they put out with information students can use. We want to put a lot about the community in the handbook."

The meeting tonight will determine the composition of the staff for the handbook. The decision to be made involves the hiring of staff members as opposed to using all volunteers.

"The question concerns our having to put money into paying a staff," Sears explained. "We might have a staff with one or two people in editor-type positions. Or, we might have ten or twelve people to work off and on—that would be great.

"One factor in favor of this is that the people on the handbook committee are there with the idea to contribute for no salary," she said. "If it were entirely on a non-salary basis, I really can't see us turning anybody away who really wants to work."

With plans that are yet to be finalized, it is anticipated that about 5,000 copies will be printed the first year. Sears added that this number might be higher in coming years. With a salaried staff, the book would cost approximately $7,600.

Specifications for the handbook call for a brochure of about 80 pages, five by seven inches or eight by ten inches. Included would be various sections, with photographs.

"This handbook will not be a place for rules and regulations," Sears explained, "but for information about the university. It will answer questions, give information about organizations and help solve problems—anything involving student life."

Davis-Gary Hall planning special activities weekend

Davis-Gary Hall residents uncork a special weekend of activities tonight, including dances, athletic events and socials.

Designated Davis-Gary Weekend, the Hall Council-sponsored program will culminate Saturday in a rock dance at the Shiloh Hall. The hall sweetheart will be presented.

Davis-Gary President James Gleason said hall association members will be admitted free to all activities. Others may participate at stipulated prices.

A Thursday night movie in the D-G lounge starts the weekend off. On Friday, an 8 p.m. country and western dance at the Shiloh Hall will feature the Nashville Revells. Saturday events include a 10-mile bicycle race, fish fry ($1 for non-hall participants) and horseshoe tournament at Shiloh, bridge tournament, interfloor football tournament and the Saturday evening dance at Shiloh with music by "Sweet Smoke."

State needs more youth in government — Barnes

More youth in government should be a state goal said Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes in a campaign press conference Wednesday.

Barnes, visiting Bryan as part of his campaign for governor, said he believes students should have a greater voice in government actions.

"The main objective," he said, should be to bridge the gap between the state's representatives and the needs of the youth of today.

"I am not for the legalization of marijuana but would support legislation making first offenders guilty of misdemeanors. After that, repeat offenses should be left to the courts," Barnes went on.

The lieutenant governor said he supports legislation letting 18-year-olds buy liquor but he cannot support having liquor on school campuses.

Barnes expressed total dissatisfaction with Gov. Preston Smith's way of running the government for the status quo.

"Gov. Smith has been in different offices for the last 22 years," he said. "His current philosophy of waiting for court orders before taking action on critical matters is a serious problem.

"We can't solve today's problems with yesterday's politician in office. We need to change the constitution to give the governor more power and the legislature ability to cope with today's problems."

Barnes cited the welfare program as one of the major problem areas in Texas government.

He said parents should be required to take children to some form of day care center while the mother and/or father take training for a job-training that could take place at the day care center if need be. This would give the children a fair chance to compete with other children in later years, he added.

"In New York," Barnes said, "all people on welfare are able to pick up a welfare check only if there are no jobs available for them. If there are jobs, they don't get a welfare check. This should be Texas' system of running the welfare payroll."

The recent Edgewood decision by the Supreme Court was hailed by Barnes as a step in the right direction for better education.

"Although this decision involves finding a new system of financing our public schools, it does not hurt the prospects of quality education," he said. "The new tax form will provide money on a per-student basis and will not lower the quality of schools that have a lower enrollment."

Barnes also said that state employes should be able to hold elective offices such as city council posts. Barnes, taking note of the recent controversy involving A&M faculty members holding elective offices, said the state is losing a wealth of talent with state employes being cut out of government.

Abstracts aren't interesting to student, educator claims

Students lose interest in learning when their subjects are taught in abstract terms which the student does not relate to, commented Robert Swartz in a Contemporary Arts presentation Wednesday.

Swartz, a professor at Brown University, conducted a group discussion to bring out the problems and inadequacies that face the present educational system.

One of the major problems is getting the curriculum more relevant to the interests of the students. We want to create a desire in the student to want to learn more, he said.

"Kids want to do things, and are really interested in pursuing these things, but can not. They are held back by a curriculum that does not interest them," Swartz said. Sewing and carpentry that are applications of academic courses like reading and math do interest them.

"And many times, the teachers are kind of handcuffed. They are given a program and have to stick to it. They may have their own ideas to try, but can not," he said.

Another bottleneck to improving education is in the general decision-making process. "Most of what goes on is decided by a small group of people. Some do not have any kids or even any contact with them. Yet they have power of the people who deal with them every day and have a better understanding of them," stressed Swartz.

One attempt to further education is the development of alternative schools. Swartz has been in direct contact with two of these, the Providence Free School and an alternative high school in Rhode Island. The schools have been in existence for about a year and a half and are prospering. There are no required courses.

"We started the free school to make available to the students many of the resources and other things that were not available to them in public schools," noted Swartz.

"This school has shown that kids are really interested in learning about a lot of things, and if given the chance, will," he said.

"We have had many people who came to the school not at all interested in algebra classes, but got interested in something like carpentry and learned a fantastic amount about angles and ratios. Then many become interested in math and go from there," Swartz said.

The main point to this type of school is to create an environment where subjects are integrated with a point of interest of the child. This way the two work together to educate the child, commented Swartz.

Refrigerators still available

Refrigerators will be leased for the remainder of the semester, according to Student Senate Vice President Mike Essmyer.

Units can be obtained for $20, $10 of which is a deposit. For added incentive leasers receive a free poster.

The refrigerators are available from the leasing office in the basement of the hospital next to the laundry sub-station. For more information call 845-6342 or 845-1108.

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Farenthold to be here on Monday

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Francis "Sissy" Farenthold will meet with interested students on Monday, March 13.

The open house at 7:00 p.m. in the Unitarian Fellowship will give students an opportunity to exchange views with Farenthold.

A luncheon will be given earlier at the Ramada Inn Ballroom. Students interested in attending should contact Sheila Wilson at 846-4517.

APO members set to work Saturday on A&M's hospital

Alpha Phi Omega members will combine work and fun Saturday at the A&M hospital.

Xi Delta chapter of the national service fraternity will paint another part of the facility to be replaced with the new health center for which the Board of Directors recently awarded the contract.

Eight rooms and a ward on the second floor of the old building will be scraped Friday and painted Saturday, according to APO president Dale Foster. Projects chairman Tom Weaver expects 25 to 30 members to pitch in on the project.

Members of Omega Phi Alpha, national service sorority, will be on hand with refreshments and to boost morale, according to Mike Ballew.

APO prepared and painted another part of the university hospital last year. University funds are not available for the work since the building will be phased out. APO, which also contributes to the university and community in other projects, is providing labor and paint.