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Cloudy
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THURSDAY—Partly cloudy to cloudy. Wind southerly 5 to 10. m.p.h. High 92, low 75.

FRIDAY — Partly cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers. Wind southerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 94, low 72.

Vet grads facing challenging future

A&M's 1972 veterinary medicine graduates are starting their professional careers "at a time when the challenges and the economic outlook have never been better," the executive vice president of the American Veterinary Medical Association said Friday night.

Dr. Donald A. Price of Chicago told 126 students receiving Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees that even though most will start in private practice positions, many will change to important non-practitioner careers in a few short years.

Other related veterinary fields offer attractive opportunities, he reported in the commencement address, and the opportunities outnumber the graduates.

Dr. Price noted a recent National Academy of Sciences report

showed a probable shortage of 4,000 veterinarians by 1980 unless "extraordinary action is taken."

AVMA 1972 statistics revealed 68.3 per cent of the veterinarians are in private practices and trends indicate in a few more years more than half will be non-practitioners working in research, teaching, public health, zoos, industry and other related fields.

Addressing his remarks to parents and relatives of the graduates, Dr. Price contended professionalism makes veterinarians different from many other college graduates.

"Public confidence in the profession is due in large part to the veterinarian's acceptance and adherence to the principles," Dr. Price said in reference to the veterinary medical ethics code.

The AVMA chief, who was extension veterinarian at Sonora for the TAMU Agricultural Extension Service from 1960-65, told the graduates continuing education is their responsibility, including reading the professional journals and contacts with other veterinarians.

"Graduation can be said to be a ceremony that marks the end of college study and a beginning of education," he emphasized.

Dr. Price was introduced by TAMU President Jack K. Williams. Dean Alvin A. Price, no relation to the speaker, greeted each degree recipient after the diploma was presented by Dr. Williams.

Clyde H. Wells of Granbury, president of the TAMU System Board of Directors, said the stature of the veterinary college "is

a source of immense pride to all of us on the board, as I'm sure it is to all Texans who are aware of its growth and current scope."

He noted recent agreements with Baylor College of Medicine and the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute are good examples of a progressive veterinary program cooperating with human medicine for mutual benefits.

"You can be justly proud of your achievement," Wells told the new veterinarians, "because you have proven yourself in a most challenging course of study at a facility which ranks at the top in this field."

The TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine is the largest in the nation, graduating this year one-tenth of the new veterinarians in the United States.

Williams tells club

Students speak before legislature

A&M President Jack K. Williams said A&M did something at recent appropriations hearings of the Texas Legislature that few universities would attempt.

"Members of the student government spoke before the committee in behalf of Texas A&M University," he explained Wednesday night.

They represented TAMU well before the legislature and one made a strong presentation "which I nor anyone else could have done any better," the president informed Brazos County A&M Club members at their inaugural 1972-73 meeting.

"This was the second appearance of TAMU students before the appropriation committee," Dr. Williams noted.

Student Senate vice president Randy Ross of San Antonio, Wade F. Seidel, deputy corps commander of Brenham, and Barbara Sears of Columbia, Mo., Senate external affairs committee chairman, made presentations.

President Williams used the incident to emphasize the university's need to remain student-oriented and have "love for, patience with and dedication to the undergraduate student body."

"One thing we have at Texas A&M University that no one else has is the affection alumni have for their school. It fits in with student love for A&M," he noted.

TAMU's graduate to undergraduate ratio, the highest in the state, leads to better teaching and opportunities for the under-

graduate, Williams said. Research necessary to graduate programs attracts top professors, whose contributions enrich the undergraduate degree offerings.

Research and extension are exciting, President Williams went on, but "the most exciting, the most promising at Texas A&M is the undergraduate and his development. We will remain dedicated to them."

One saying guides this emphasis, he reported: "If you don't like young people, you don't belong at Texas A&M."

Dr. Williams said work on TAMU's centennial celebration is underway. The planning group for the 1976 event has been organized into a "full-fledged committee working full-time to plan an outstanding celebration in 1976. It involves students, faculty-staff and alumni, and we would like to have your ideas."

One project is the effort to have a commemorative stamp issued for A&M's 100th year. The Association of Former Students and its executive director, Buck Weirus, are cooperating.

Dr. Williams' talk was highlighted by excerpts from a list of justifications for the stamp compiled by Weirus.

Among them were TAMU's rank as the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state, sea grant designation, the largest uniformed Corps of Cadets in the nation outside of service academies, and the only institution providing commissions

in all five branches (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard, the latter through the Texas Maritime Academy).

The list included the point that A&M has the only ROTC programs growing numerically, production of more than 100 flag

rank officers, the top high school scholar in the nation in Steve Eberhard of New Braunfels, designated a Richard M. Nixon Presidential Scholar by the President, and the largest agricultural and engineering colleges in this part of the country.

After two-month cruise

'Texas Clipper' arrives home Sunday

GALVESTON — A&M's maritime training ship "Texas Clipper" arrived at its home port here Sunday afternoon to complete a two-month, 13,400-mile Mediterranean cruise.

Texas Maritime Academy cadets brought the 15,000-ton vessel into the Mitchell Campus docks at 4:30 p.m., the final leg of a seven-hour trip from Freeport where 187 guests and newsmen boarded the ship.

The Clipper had sailed from Galveston June 7 with 60 TMA cadets, 60 high school graduates taking freshman courses for the academy's nine-year history. "summer school at sea," a crew-staff of 41 and a part German Shepherd-greyhound female dog.

The dog, also called "Clipper," represented one-half of the female population on board. The other was Miss Diane Denman, TMA academic counselor who joined the staff in May.

Miss Denman, the first woman to sail on the TMA ship, said

her presence on board was nowhere close to the classical movie-book approach of the only woman with a ship full of men.

She admitted there was reluctance to her presence, stemming from the old sea superstition that a woman brings bad luck.

In fact, the cruise was "perfect," cadets said.

The ship crossed the Atlantic both times on almost a glass-top sea, the port stops all coincided with national holidays and the cadets-freshman students reported it was the best cruise in the academy's nine-year history.

Ports of call included Valencia, Spain; Split, Yugoslavia; Palma, Balearic Islands; Las Palmas, Canary Islands; New Orleans and Freeport.

The Clipper's Yugoslavia visit represented the first American maritime academy training ship to visit an Iron Curtain country since before World War II. Cadets reported their visit to



Aggie basketball great Mike Heitmann receives his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from A&M President Jack K. Williams during commencement exercises in G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday night. The Academic All-American will be practicing vet medicine in Colorado. (Photo by John Curylo)

Split was on July 4, U. S. Independence Day, and Yugoslavia's Patriots Day. Cadets said they were impressed with the friendly and personal treatment the Yugoslavs gave them.

Clear skies and a very calm

Gulf of Mexico provided smooth sailing. A large school of porpoise played around the ship just off the mouth of the Freeport jetties, creating a festive atmosphere on the vessel.

The ship was greeted in Galveston by a number of pleasure craft and several hundred relatives and friends at the Mitchell docks.

Hannigan may return to home next Friday

A&M Dean of students James P. Hannigan may be released from Brooke Army Medical Center Friday to return home for continued convalescence.

Hannigan was hospitalized in Florida in late June after a serious heart attack. The dean was moved to San Antonio last month.

Dean and Mrs. Hannigan had been on a Caribbean cruise. His release from Brooke will be followed by a month of convalescence at home, according to Associate Dean of Students Howard Perry. Afterward, he may gradually increase outside activities. His current progress is termed satisfactory.

"Dean Hannigan is in very high spirits right now," commented Malon Southerland. "He has been active in his room, reading and so forth."

"The main thing he must do is build back his strength," the assistant to the dean added.

Mrs. Hannigan reports the dean is mentally ready to return to work. The South Broward, Fla., Community Hospital at which he was located is a new facility planned around all modern equipment.

Though still not improved enough at the time for transfer to San Antonio, Dean Hannigan requested to review the hospital plans and equipment lists for planning TAMU's new Student Health Center now under construction.

Heaton appreciation dinner will be Aug. 31 at Ramada

Dean H. Loyd Heaton of A&M will be honored at an appreciation dinner Aug. 31 at the Ramada Inn, announced Dr. Haskell M. Monroe, TAMU assistant vice president for academic affairs, who is heading the committee organizing the dinner.

The dinner date coincides with the day Dean Heaton closes out a 38-year career at A&M.

"The informal dinner will simply provide everyone in the Bryan-College Station community an opportunity to join in expressing appreciation to this man who has provided long and dedicated service to the university," Dr. Monroe noted.

"We will soon be sending out invitations and will attempt to include all of Dean Heaton's many friends," he added, "but if we overlook anyone, we hope they will still join us for this occasion."

Tickets, priced at \$6 per person, will be available at the Association of Former Students office and at local banks, beginning Aug. 7.

Heaton became the university's first dean of admissions and University National Bank

"On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

records when the position was created in 1969. He was appointed registrar in 1941, with his title changed to director of admissions and registrar in 1966.

As registrar and dean of admissions, he has signed more than 50,000 diplomas — nearly 90 percent of the total conferred during TAMU's 96-year history.

After receiving his undergraduate degree at Stephen F. Austin in 1929, Heaton earned his master's at TAMU in 1936, two years after he was named assistant registrar.

Historic stars given Butler

Dr. O. D. Butler, head of the Animal Science Department at A&M, now wears a pair of historic stars.

He commands the 420th Engineer Brigade headquartered in Bryan and was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in Sunday ceremonies.

Stars pinned on General Butler's collar were worn by the late General Earl Rudder. The insignia were given Butler by Mrs. Rudder.



WATERING THE DRILL FIELD is a continuing task during the summer months. To supplement rainfall, the sprinkler system is utilized almost daily, perplexing students who try to take a short cut on a sunny day and find themselves in a very muddy area. (Photo by John Curylo)

Student government is looking for day care center manager

The A&M Student Government is looking for a person to serve as coordinator of the proposed day care center, according to Randy Ross, vice president.

The non-profit, student-oriented project is almost a reality, but qualified leadership is the only obstacle, Ross said.

"The support and need have been determined," he explained. "The faculty and the community are behind it, and we have the place and the people to work. We just lack the qualified individual

who is experienced and willing to put a lot of time into the job."

Ross added that the coordinator would be working without a salary in helping set up and operate the center, which would care for the children of A&M students during the day.

"This person could be the wife of a faculty member or an administrator," he continued. "All we ask for is the ability to work with children."

Any individual interested in this position should call the Student Government Office, 845-3061.