

# The Battalion

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WEDNESDAY — Partly cloudy to cloudy today & tonight. Lightly scattered showers & thunderstorms tonight. High 71, low 51.

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## U.S. Presses Demand For Prisoner Release

SAIGON (AP) — The United States pressed its demand Wednesday for the immediate release of more American prisoners of war and told North Vietnam to dismantle missile sites below the demilitarized zone or face action Washington "deems appropriate."

Maj. Gen. Gilbert H. Woodward, the senior U.S. delegate to the four-party Joint Military Commission, called on the Communist side in a stormy commission meeting for "clarification of an urgent basis" of the POW dispute, in which Hanoi has stalled release of a group of prisoners expected to be freed early this week.

He said failure of North Vietnam and the Viet Cong to release POWs at the time indicated by the Jan. 27 Paris peace agree-

ment "is a clear violation of the agreement and all that the agreement is about."

Woodward also said the installation of missiles in northern South Vietnam by Hanoi was a "clear and direct violation of the agreement."

"We consider the construction of the missile base at Khe Sanh since Jan. 28 not only a violation of the agreement but a provocation to the U.S. government," he said.

He warned the Communists that if they refuse to withdraw the missiles and dismantle the base, "my government reserves the right with its allies to take such actions as it deems appropriate."

It was the first time Woodward assailed the Communist side for installation of the Soviet-

built surface-to-air missiles, which had been reported by U.S. sources and the Saigon government.

The POW issue flared up Tuesday in Saigon and also in Paris, where Secretary of State William P. Rogers suspended his participation in the current 12-nation Vietnam peace conference pending action on the matter.

As Wednesday's meeting of the four-party Joint Military Commission got under way, Western diplomats reported that Col. Hoang Hoa, a top deputy in the North Vietnamese delegation, was en route back from Hanoi to Saigon with "new instructions" and possibly a list of American POWs to be released in the next group.

The chief spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation said Hoa "certainly will have new instructions for us and perhaps he will have the list."

At the same time the chiefs of the American, North Vietnamese, South Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations were meeting, another full-scale conference of the subcommittee on captured persons was under way in a separate room at the Joint Military Commission compound on Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Since the cease-fire agreement, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong have released 163 American prisoners, and the United States had anticipated that about 140 more would be freed early this week. By Communist count, 422 remain to be freed.

The North Vietnamese said the second regular turnover of POWs will be postponed until resolution of Hanoi's complaints of cease-fire violations.

## Prairie View Head Backed By A&M Board

The board of directors of the Texas A&M University System voiced formal support Tuesday for embattled Prairie View A&M President A. I. Thomas.

The action came in response to recent criticism of Dr. Thomas and a legislative proposal to investigate the predominantly black school.

Thomas recently "emphatically and categorically" denied accusations that he accepted kickbacks from faculty members, one of several charges stemming from a recent Texas House hearing.

"This board is backing Dr. Thomas unanimously in the type of program he is carrying on," Clyde H. Wells, board president, said Tuesday. "We wish to commend him for the fine job he is doing."

Thomas has been president of the school since 1966.

Wells, of Granbury and Dallas, was re-elected head of the governing body for the statewide Educational, Research and Extension System which includes Texas A&M University, Prairie View and Tarleton State College.

S. B. Whittenburg of Amarillo was elected vice president.



FALLING INTO HOLES will be hard to do in the area in front of the Academic Bldg, since construction workers have completed the new lighting system for the grounds

and buildings. Gary Baldasari snapped this illuminating photo late at night from the roof of Bizzell Hall.

## Crisis Center Opens In Bryan

By JAMES BREEDLOVE

Every now and then people feel the pressures of everyday life becoming too much for them. Crisis Intervention is a service that can help.

Crisis Intervention is a service of the Brazos Valley Mental Health Center and offers advice and consultation for almost any type of personal problem or emergency. Located at 405 W. 28th St. in Bryan, or by phone at 822-1111, it is not now fully organized. It maintains a 24-hour telephone service as well as other basic services.

The purpose of Crisis Intervention is to provide five services to a seven-county area. These are: inpatient services such as therapy sessions; outpatient services such as visiting the homes of persons who are referred to the center for help.

Other services include consultation and education of various civic groups and schools, partial hospitalization, emergency telephone service and research into the problems of mental health.

Crisis Intervention was begun with a federal grant which pays 90 per cent of the staff members' salaries. The staff includes only trained persons in the fields of mental health. Employed are several mental health workers, social workers and psychiatrists.

The service also receives funds from contracts for outpatient work in prisons and state schools. In addition to these sources of income, the service does charge a fee which is based on the patient's ability to pay. It was added however, by Ruby Davis, a mental health worker at the center, "No one is refused services because they don't have the money."

The life of a mental health worker with Crisis Intervention is not an easy one. "Your day

could start at 1 o'clock and end at 10," Davis said in speaking of her working hours. She added however that some days are shorter than others, depending upon the need for her services. About her work Davis said, "I go into the community to find out the

need of the people who are referred to us for help."

Talking about the kinds of problems people bring to the center, Davis said, "They're the everyday kind of problem just like you or I might have. There is no one particular problem that

people have." She added that the people who seek help come from all walks of life.

Crisis Intervention is a service which can help. If it is found that the center cannot give the proper help, patients are referred to someone who can.

## Book Exchange Proves Valuable Student Aid

The student book exchange program, sponsored by the Student Government, is estimated to have handled over 1,000 books during its two-week operation, says Fred Campbell, program coordinator.

The service was a pilot program allowing students to buy and sell books among themselves. "We would have done better but the telephones on which the students contacted us were not

operating correctly. Even under these conditions members of Omega Phi Alpha and Cwens did an outstanding job as phone operators."

"Since a book store pays only 50 per cent of the retail price of a book and sells it again for 75 per cent, cutting out the middle man is better for both buyer and seller," explained Campbell.

"The seller gets a better price

for his book and the buyer pays less than he would at a book store. I think \$1,000 is a conservative estimate of the amount we saved students."

Campbell stressed efforts to modify and expand the program were underway and he hoped the program would continue to operate at the beginning of each new semester.

## Abortion Reformer To Speak

Rationale of the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on unconstitutionality of the Texas abortion law



Sarah Weddington

will be presented Thursday at A&M by Rep. Sarah Weddington.

The Texas legislator argued the case before the Supreme Court.

A public-free event, the Political Forum talk will be at 12 noon in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, Chairman Mike Lindsey announced.

Mrs. Weddington is the first woman elected from Travis County to the Texas House of Representatives. She served on Appropriations, Insurance and Criminal Jurisprudence committees.

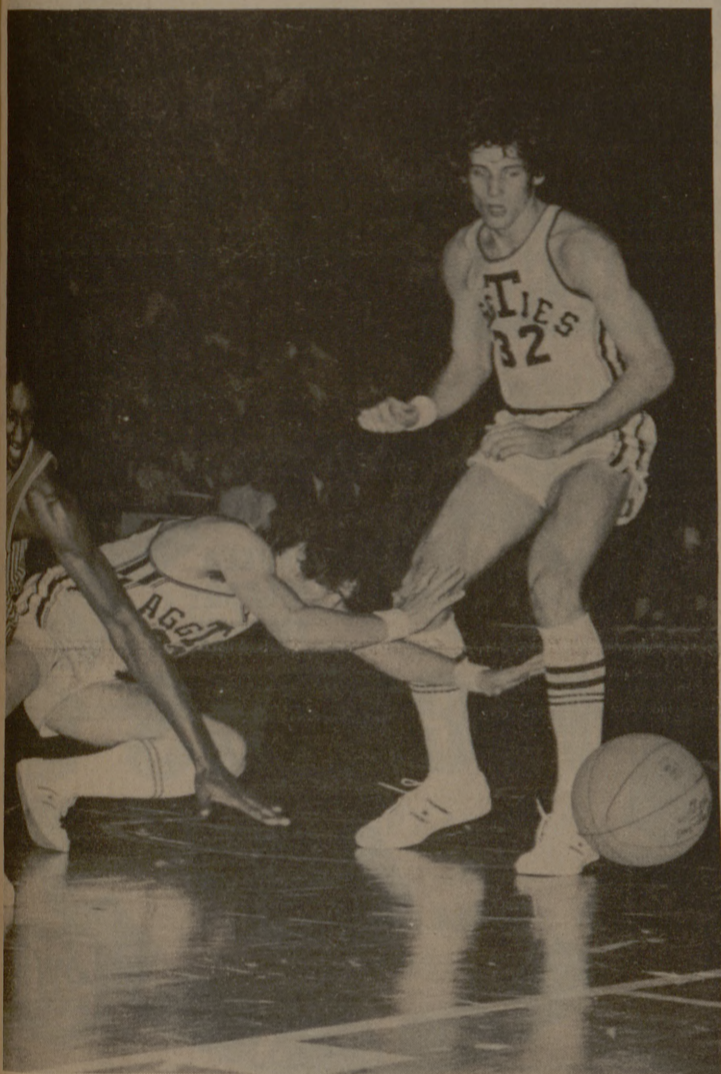
Active in formation of the Texas Women's Political Caucus, she also is associated with the Women's Equity Action League, the National Organization of Women, American Association of University Women, Zero Population Growth and serves on the editorial advisory board of the

Family Planning/Population Reporter.

Coming from an academic background, her father has a Ph.D. and her mother a master's, she graduated magna cum laude from McMurry College at age 19. After a brief fling at teaching, she entered the University of Texas Law School and received her J.D. degree in 1967.

She became interested in the women's rights movement during her senior year in law school and, with classmate Linda Coffey, began studying the unconstitutionality of Texas' abortion law.

She and Coffey first argued their case before a three-judge federal panel in May, 1970. Weddington argued the case before the Supreme Court in Dec., 1971 and in Oct., 1972 and on Jan. 22 both the Texas law and a more liberal Georgia statute were declared unconstitutional.



ALL EYES ARE RIGHT as a loose basketball squirts out of a pile-up during the A&M-SMU basketball game here Tuesday night. The Aggies put it all together behind solid performances by seniors Gobin, Brown and Overhouse to trounce the Mustangs, 78-75. See story, page 7. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

## Reed Named As New Dean For College Of Architecture

Prof. Raymond D. Reed of Iowa State University has been named dean of A&M's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

TAMU President Jack K. Williams said the appointment is effective June 1.

"We are delighted to have Prof. Reed join our faculty," Dr. Williams noted. "His broad experience in teaching and administration will be invaluable in our efforts to move continually ahead in architecture and environmental design."

Reed will succeed Edward J. Romieniec who has requested to return to full-time teaching.

A member of the Iowa State faculty since 1964, Reed served as head of the Department of Architecture until 1970 when he assumed new responsibilities as coordinator of graduate research and design. He was previously chairman of architecture and interior design at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

The 42-year-old California native earned his undergraduate degree in architecture at Tulane University and master's at Harvard.

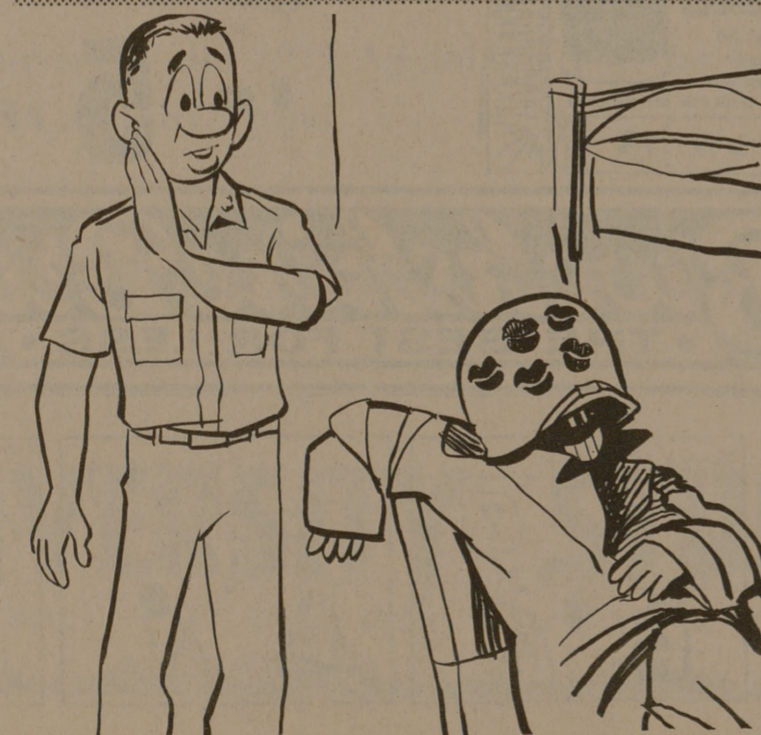
Earlier in his career, Reed was a partner in a Lafayette, La. architectural firm and had limited practice while in Iowa. He also has been an architectural and urban design consultant for

Sioux City and Charles City and is a former national chairman of the American Institute of Architect's Committee on Architectural Education and Research.

He was chairman from 1966 until 1969 of the Iowa Arts Council, a statewide organization designed to encourage active programs in the arts for small communities.

Prof. Reed is married and has four children.

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## What Is Slouch Really Like?

By KEVIN COFFEY  
Staff Writer

What is 'Cadet Slouch' really like?

"He's an average type guy," says his creator, Dr. James Earle. Earle, head of A&M's department of Engineering Design Graphics, has been drawing his "friend" Slouch for nearly 20 years. It amounts to almost 2,900 cartoons.

"Slouch really has become my friend since I put so much of myself into him," said Earle. "He is really a straightman most of the time, expressive and innocent."

Earle, A&M class of '54, began drawing the famous cartoon character in October of 1953. "I try to be incognito about it," Earle

said, "I've had people in class for a whole year and they never knew I drew Slouch."

Earle said he has never had a complaint about his character because Slouch doesn't crusade. "I try to present timely happenings in a humorous way. Slouch never takes a real stand on anything," Earle said.

There have been very few changes in the comic over the years with the only major one coming eight years ago. Earle added Squirt, the helmeted midge as a regular member of the cast.

With coeds now playing a prominent role at A&M the stage is now set for another addition to the comic. "I am trying to come up with a girl I feel com-

fortable with and one that will have enough individual characteristics to be different from just any other girl," said Earle. "I need to come up with one that the coed can identify with as an alter-ego, like Slouch is to the males."

Earle receives no payment for his efforts which he considers "more of a job than a hobby but I wouldn't draw it if I didn't enjoy doing it," Earle said.

"Finding good, timely ideas is the hardest part about drawing the cartoon," Earle said. "I have to keep my eyes and ears open and keep Slouch in the back of my mind all day in order to come up with a good cartoon," he added.

"I try to place Slouch in situ-

ations aimed at the whole student body not just the corps. There are a lot of humorous things that happen on this campus that are unique," the balding Earle said.

The duties of heading the Engineering Design Graphics department, teaching and being a family man with two daughters keep Earle busy. "There are so many things to do," said Earle. "I would enjoy drawing Slouch more if I had more time."

All engineering students pass through Earle's department, about 900 each semester, which forces him to draw Slouch as the 5 p.m. traffic disperses from campus. "That is about the only time I have left to draw him," Earle said.