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## Weather

TUESDAY — Mostly cloudy today with intermittent showers and isolated thundershowers in the area. Winds are southerly at 10 m.p.h. gusting to 20 m.p.h. Today's high will be around 78° with a low tonight of 64°.

A Man Shall Be Commended  
According To His Wisdom;  
But He That Is Of A Per-  
verse Heart Shall Be  
Despised.

## Tape Gap Said Accidental

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's personal secretary testified Monday she accidentally pushed a recording button while listening to a White House tape. A prosecutor said the erased portion covered all discussion of the Watergate scandal during a presidential conversation.

The disclosures were made in federal court after Nixon's lawyers turned over seven subpoenaed White House tape recordings and asked that all or portions of three of them be withheld from the Watergate grand jury.

Rose Mary Woods, Nixon's secretary of 23 years, was questioned

at a hearing called to determine what had happened to the tape of a conversation between the President and H. R. Haldeman on June 20, 1972. The White House says there is an 18-minute gap in the recording.

Miss Woods told the court she believed she inadvertently pushed the recording button when she turned to answer her telephone while working on the June 20 tape last Oct. 1.

She testified that she immediately told Nixon about pushing the button and he replied, "No problem, that is not a subpoenaed tape."

But Miss Woods stopped short of saying she erased part of the

tape.

"I'll call it a gap; you call it an erasure," she said to Jill Volner of the Watergate prosecutor's staff.

"I don't know there ever was anything on that portion . . . I didn't edit or change what was on the tape . . . I might have. I'm not sure I caused that gap and I'm not sure now," she said.

Miss Woods said she was certain she did not talk on the telephone for 18 minutes, the amount of time of the gap on the June 20 tape.

When she hung up the phone and saw that the record button rather than the stop button had been depressed, she said she

nearly panicked.

Mrs. Volner, referring to Haldeman's notes of the June 20 meeting, said they indicated that the missing portion was a discussion of the Watergate affair.

White House counsel Leonard Garment objected, saying the prosecutor "can't make such a categorical statement."

"I object very strenuously to summaries of testimony of witnesses who are not here at the moment," Garment said, referring to the Haldeman notes.

Miss Woods' attorney said that the whole matter could better be resolved by listening to the tapes now in the possession of the judge.

Sirica indicated he would resolve it that way before Miss Woods finishes her testimony, which could last several days. She was due in court again Tuesday.

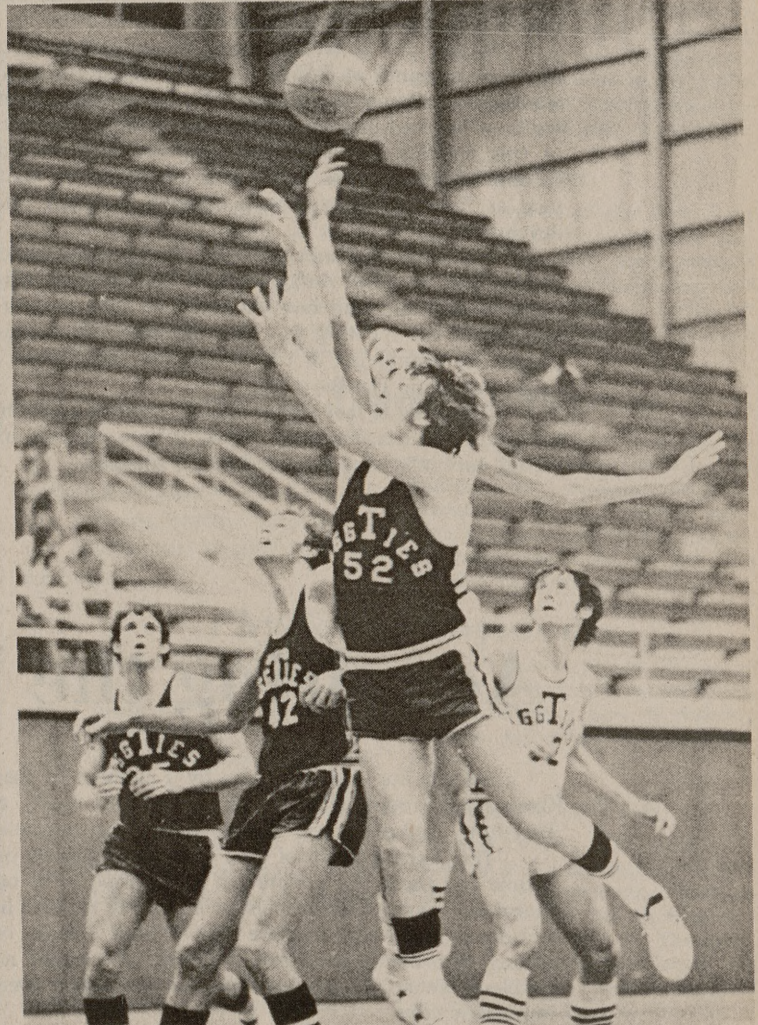
The White House says the 18-minute gap in the tape was discovered Nov. 14.

## Silver Taps Set Tonight

Silver Taps is scheduled tonight at 10:30 for freshmen Raymond Gene Reed and Kenneth Wayne Vincik, both killed during the Thanksgiving holidays in car accidents.

Son of Art Reed of Duncanville, Reed was a wildlife and fisheries science major. He lived in White Hall.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vincik of Edna, Vincik was a member of Squadron 8 and was a liberal arts major. He is survived by his sister Katherine, an A&M junior.



White Over Maroon at Open House  
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## Profs Question Tenure System

By VICKIE ASWILL

"Permanent" professors are a topic of hidden controversy at TAMU.

Qualifications, fairness and the role of publication are questions raised by many faculty members about tenure.

"The tenure system started as a way to prevent a faculty member from being dismissed due to his own personal views," said Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice president for academic affairs. "It was a protection of a person's academic freedom, but today it means a little more."

The present tenure policy was adopted on March 15, 1968, by the TAMU System Board of Directors under guidelines set by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The 1970 Faculty-Staff Handbook defines tenure as "assurance to an experienced faculty member who has passed his probationary period that he may continue in his academic position unless adequate cause for dismissal is demonstrated in a fair hearing, following established procedures of due process."

When the regulations were adopted in 1968, 367 faculty mem-

bers were qualified and granted tenure automatically, without review or investigation by the University.

Persons presently up for tenure are first reviewed by colleges in their department, then by the dean of the college and by Calhoun. From there the decisions go to TAMU President Jack K. Williams for approval and recommendation to the Board.

"Candidates are put on a probationary period, usually seven years, to give the University time to meet the individual and him to meet us," said Calhoun. "This way we can see if he measures up to our academic standards."

Each college and department operates differently in deciding tenure, said Calhoun. There are no set guidelines, but there are basic items the University is interested in.

"We are interested in his competency—whether or not he is up to date and good in his field," continued Calhoun. "Second, we look to see if he is good in the classroom, then if he is competent in research and finally public service."

"It all adds up to a judgment. Is this individual so totally over-

all competent that he will advance the quality of our group?"

Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, head of the Philosophy Department, said that tenure is generally misunderstood and it only means a faculty member cannot be removed without reason.

The University must give just cause for firing a tenured faculty member.

"This places the burden of proof on the University," said Davenport.

Persons without tenure are not required to be given a reason for their not being retained.

Tenured persons cannot be dismissed unless charged with professional incompetence, violation of professional ethics or moral turpitude, noted Davenport.

If tenure were disposed of, he said, teachers would unionize to prevent the employer from firing at will.

"I find it hard to justify a system that guarantees a job to professors," said Dr. Clinton A. Phillips, professor and finance head. "Why are professors so special? Even so, it struck me as odd that TAMU did not have a tenure system before 1968."

"What it amounts to is does TAMU want this fellow around?" said Dr. Vaughn Bryant, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology. "Of course, if you want to get rid of a guy on tenure, there are subtle ways to do it."

The college of Liberal Arts once had a secret committee to

decide who got tenure in the college.

"The fact that the members were secret was too much for the faculty," continued Maxwell about the two-year committee. "I feel collective judgment is better than one individual, but the committee sometimes worked too well."

In a memorandum to his faculty, Maxwell abolished the confidential committee on tenure and promotions this year and said he alone would make the college recommendation.

"A basic error of mine was to indicate that we even had such a committee to the faculty," said Dean of Liberal Arts, Dr. W. David Maxwell.

Maxwell also said that today individuals must be better than some of the tenured members of his college in order to receive tenure.

"I assure each candidate for tenure that his teaching, research and service contributions will all be considered," said Maxwell.

Maxwell, along with Dean of Education Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, said that they used the feedback from the student evaluation questionnaires on tenure decisions.

"In order to protect the tenure system we need to be extremely rigorous and painstakingly accurate in our decisions," said Hubert. "We don't necessarily have to wait the full span of seven years—if we've got a mis-match at the end of two years, then we

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## Brass Rods Make Jeweler's Pride

By ROBIN ELSIK

Being creative can lead to an interesting hobby with a cash income. Johnny Wallace has such a hobby—making jewelry and paraphernalia.

"I've always been doing little things," he said, "and I'm pretty good with my hands."

Wallace, a TAMU senior in engineering technology, said he began wood carving in the third grade. During his high school years he was enrolled in wood shop classes and made furniture for his family's home.

He also did sketches, pen and ink drawings and pastel pictures. Wallace's interest in designing and making art has continued.

"I saw some expensive jewelry in a shop one time and I thought I could do just as good at less than that price," he said.

In this hobby, Wallace said he is mainly trying to do pieces that will bring in enough money to pay for themselves, "just enough to break even."

Wallace said he designs most of his jewelry "not with a coed in mind." His works include necklaces, chokers, pipes, novelty paraphernalia, rings and ear rings.

In collecting the materials for his products, hunting and trading are involved. His supplies include

brass welding rods, leather, bones, deer antlers, sand dollars, African trade beads, fishing swivels, plumbing fittings and any other items he can find from "scrounging around."

"Almost all of my jewelry is a one of a kind item, especially top priced necklaces," he said. Each piece is unique.

Wallace claims his specialty is chokers made from brass welding rods, beads and tackling.

"He's like a modern day blacksmith," said Wallace's wife, Paula. Although she doesn't get much free jewelry from her husband, she encourages him and said she "likes it."

"I think most men are stifled in their creativity," she added.

Wallace is currently planning designs for men, such as bracelets, necklaces and carry bags.

Wallace also does custom-made work. "If someone wants a piece of jewelry, I may be able to come up with something like he wants," he said.

"When I have the time, I'll sit down with my stuff and I'll make something," he said.

Wallace explained he can't design and make a piece every day. "All of a sudden an idea hits you," said Wallace.

Then he may go for two weeks without touching his supplies. When he's "in the mood" he can make four or five pieces in two or three days.

"Then it may be a month before I put another piece in the shop," he said.

Wallace said he would like to own his own engineering company, where "I could devote some time to a consignment shop."

"Eventually, I'd like to open a shop of my own," he added.

In addition to his jewelry and paraphernalia creations, Wallace said he likes to work on cars, plant gardens and cook.

Wallace's work is displayed at The Hanging Tree and Budget Tapes.



Johnny Wallace at His Hobby  
'Just enough to break even'

## Freshman Aide Positions Open

Ten executive aides are needed to fill Student Government spots vacated because of freshmen senator elections and scholastic resignations.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p. m. Thursday in the Student Government Office located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Only freshmen can apply for these positions. Interviews will be scheduled after applications are filed. Applications are available in the SG Office.

## Rice 'Victory Tree' Limb Became Bonfire Breakfast

The Rice University victory tree fell under the weight of Aggie axes Wednesday night in the aftermath of Saturday's controversial halftime performance at the A&M-Rice football game.

According to sources close to the scene, eight male students left the bonfire area at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday in a gold Chevy truck, a green Ford truck and a black Grand-Am headed for Houston.

The students, equipped with axes and saws, had the ancient oak lying on its side in a matter of minutes and were back in College Station by 3 a.m. to throw

a branch of the tree into the fading bonfire.

Rice head football coach Al Conover had used the tree as a setting for team prep talks on Fridays before Rice football games. Conover, in a post-game show, said he was appalled by the act of vandalism. Carl Swierc, Rice's ace kickoff returner, merely said, "We'll just have to find another tree."

The vandalism was no doubt precipitated by the Rice band's parody of Aggie traditions during halftime at the Rice-A&M game Nov. 17.

Rice Thresher assistant editor

Gary Brewton told *The Battalion* he felt students "haven't really been bothered" by the axing of the tree. The *Thresher* is, however, investigating the attack on a Rice band member at the game, he said. The *Thresher* is currently polling students to see if they feel A&M students acted "rudely and irresponsibly" and/or if the band's performance was in poor taste.

"I would like to see the whole thing forgotten," Brewton added. "We have more in common with A&M than with the non-university community."

## Soviet Defector Speaks Of Christian Journey

A Soviet physicist who defected to Canada will speak Wednesday on "My Journey From Communism to Christianity."

Dr. B. P. Dotsenko was formerly head of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory at Kiev State University in the U.S.S.R.

He now teaches physics at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada. His flight began when, as a student, he found a Bible hidden in a barn.

Dr. Dotsenko's presentation will begin at 8 p. m. Wednesday and be in Room 225 of the Memorial Student Center. It is co-sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee and Faculty - Staff Christian Fellowship. Admission is free.

"This man has an unusual Christian testimony," commented Dr. J. T. Lawhon, TAMU oilseed products research engineer and member of the Faculty Staff Christian Fellowship.

A metalworker in Siberia during World War II, Dotsenko was sent to Canada in October, 1966, on an exchange program in which he was to do research work and gain introduction to Western science as a scientist.

It was planned that after his return to Russia, Dotsenko was to be screened to serve the Soviet Intelligence Service as a scientist-spy to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He would have had to gather information of Western nuclear physics progress.

Dotsenko asked the Canadian government for asylum. Despite strong Soviet pressure, it was granted. He has worked at the University of Alberta nuclear re-

search center, taught in a Northwest Territory public school and at the University of Toronto.

He cited several factors behind his defection, "but the last straw for me was the realization that

under the Communist system, even family relations must be considered secondary to man's loyalty to the party and state."

"It happened to my own former family," the scientist said.

## Teague Eulogizes Classmate Rudder

The \$10 million Rudder Conference Tower and Auditorium complex was formally opened Thursday morning.

Cong. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague and San Antonio industrialist H. B. Zachry eulogized Rudder, who was president of the university from 1959 until his death on March 23, 1970. He previously served as Texas land commissioner and gained worldwide recognition as commander of the 2nd Ranger Battalion during World War II.

The 12-story conference tower and the adjoining auditorium complex, with three areas having seating capacities ranging up to 2,500, provide facilities for an expanded continuing education program. TAMU officials say the university now qualifies as a major site for state and national conferences. The auditorium complex also will serve the new Opera and Performing Arts Society jointly created by TAMU and citizens in the Bryan-College Station area.

Teague recalled the effective leadership of General Rudder at TAMU when there was turmoil on university campuses throughout the nation.

Teague said he did recall one

demonstration on the TAMU campus—when several thousand students gathered at the president's home to welcome the man who succeeded General Rudder, Dr. Jack K. Williams.

"I know Dr. Williams deserved such acclamation," Teague continued, "but I believe he will tell you that Earl Rudder was probably as responsible for that demonstration of welcome as anybody."

## Jordanian Presented By Forum

Dr. Hasan Abdullah, a Jordanian official from the Chicago consulate will speak tonight at seven on the Mideast situation.

As part of the Political Forum program on the Middle East, students, faculty and staff will be admitted without charge.

The address will be in the Rudder Center Theater.

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

## SMU Law Reps Visit Thursday

Southern Methodist University Law School representatives will visit Thursday to interview students interested in law careers.

Dr. J. M. Nance, TAMU's pre-law adviser, said the SMU representatives will be available to meet with students from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 502 in the J. Earl Rudder Center Tower.

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