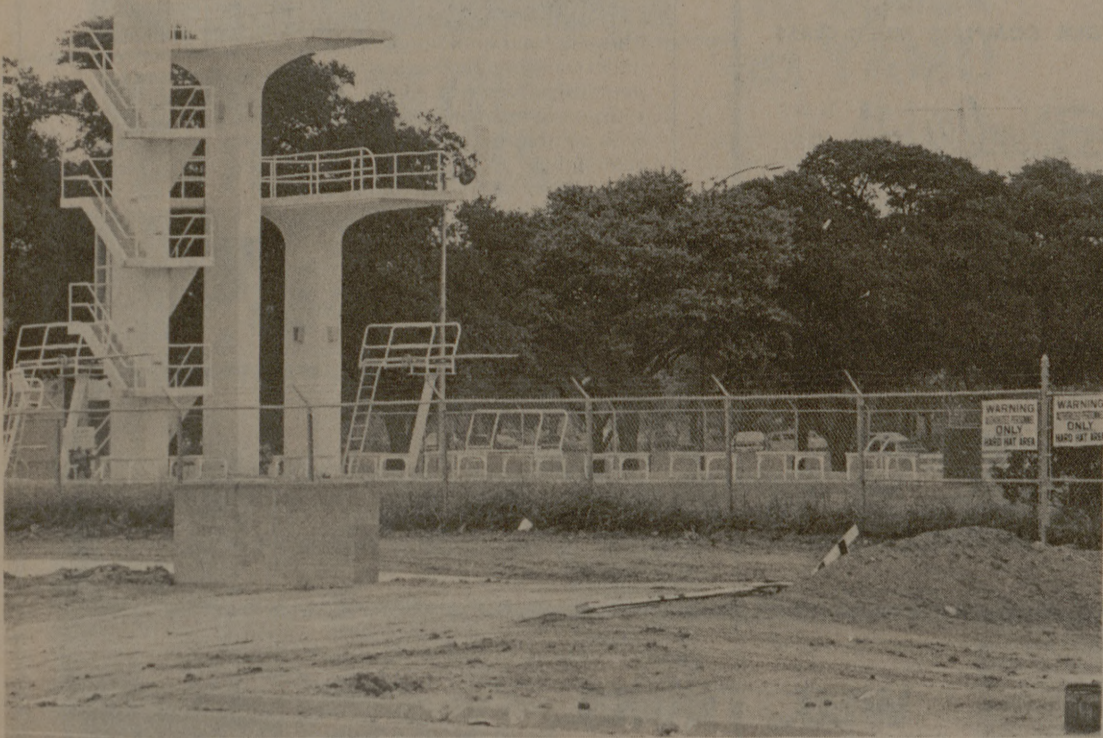


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## Construction closes pool

The diving platforms of Wofford Cain Pool stand idle because of the facilities' recent closing. Daily operations at the pool have been discontinued because of construction of an adjacent parking lot (foreground). Construction personnel say that lime used in preparing the parking lot surface blows into the pool water and contaminates it.

## U.S.-Thailand relations cooled by foreign policy

Thailand is pulling down its profile with the United States because of heavy-handed American foreign policy, says a TAMU professor.

But the only free American ally in Southeast Asia will not completely sever relations, said Dr. W. David Maxwell.

He said historically friendly U.S. Thai relations are being modified because of the Mayaguez incident and use of Thai bases to move U.S. Marines into the area.

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"When we banded the Marines through there without a 'boo, you', the U. S. put Thailand in a strain vis-a-vis relations with other countries," said Dr. Maxwell, a frequent visitor in Thailand.

"Form is more important to them than substance," said Maxwell who specializes in business economics and public policy.

"The reaction in large print was that the U. S. must be out of Thailand in 18 months. Small print says 'unless conditions warrant other-

wise.' But for now, they must get the U. S. out."

Maxwell, dean of TAMU's College of Liberal Arts, has helped evaluate economic assistance to Thailand for the Agency for International Development (AID) and the State Department on invitation of the Thai government.

He was a visiting scholar at Thammasat University in Bangkok in 1965-66. He went back in the summer of 1967 on a university project, and has made three visits since. The last was in December-January, 1975. It was as head of a joint Thai-American evaluative team.

Last summer, he participated in a seminar at Cheng Mai. Composed mostly of leading Thai educators and officials, it provided "the first real statement of what the Thai want to do with their country."

A book on the seminar, "essentially a commentary of leading Thai educators," will be published this fall by D. C. Heath and Co. in its Lexington Books series. Maxwell

and Dr. W. Lee Baldwin, Dartmouth College economics chairman, co-edited the volume titled "The Role of Foreign Investment and Assistance in Thailand's Economic and Social Development."

"All authors of the original papers it includes are Thais or Americans working for Thailand institutions of long standing," Maxwell said. In the preface, the editors note that Thailand "has the potential of crossing the line into the ranks of the more highly developed nations of Asia, such as Japan and Singapore."

Maxwell believes the right kind of U. S. aid would assure it.

"The anomaly of our foreign aid policy," he remarked, "is that it can't allocate where help can make a difference. U. S. aid to Thailand has never been great, because the need isn't felt to be there."

In contrast, Maxwell said, that the entire American foreign aid budget could be applied in Bangladesh "without ever making a (See RELATIONS . . . Page 4)

## Council approves budget

# Property taxes going up

By JERRY NEEDHAM  
City Editor

The College Station city budget for fiscal year 1975-76 was approved by city councilmen Thursday evening along with an ad valorem tax increase.

The new budget of \$4.74 million dollars represents an increase of 16 per cent over last year's budget.

Councilmen increased the city's ad valorem tax from 37.5 cents to 43 cents per \$100 valuation based on 80 per cent of fair market value. The

new tax gives an effective rate of 34.4 cents per \$100 valuation while the old rate was 30 cents per \$100 valuation. Less than eight per cent of the city's revenues come from the ad valorem tax.

The last ad valorem tax increase in College Station was in 1958 when the effective rate was raised from 20 cents to 30 cents per \$100.

Even with the increase College Station still retains the distinction of having one of the lowest tax rates for cities of comparable size in Texas. Bryan's effective tax rate is 44 cents per \$100 valuation.

With a few additions and deletions the water-well contract with the Whalen Corp. was accepted by the Council.

The city's liability was limited to \$25,000 for the project for drilling to a depth of 1800 feet.

In the event sulfurous water is found, Whalen Corp. agreed to buy equipment to aerate the water to remove the hydrogen sulfide gas. In exchange College Station agreed to increase the minimum daily con-

sumption by 30,000 gallons if bad water is found.

If aeration towers are needed they would be placed next to the well at University Drive and Tarrow St. It was brought out during the meeting that the foul-smelling hydrogen sulfide gas is lighter than air and therefore would rise and not become a public nuisance.

Dates for public hearings concerning the telephone rate increase were set for July 17 and Sept. 9. The Sept. date was chosen to insure that TAMU students would have a chance to give their opinions of the rate increase. Bill Erwin, division manager for General Telephone, said the phone company would prefer opinions to be in writing for easier handling.

Acting on the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation, the Council agreed to changes in swimming pool fees. Beginning in July a family pass can be purchased for \$20 a month or an annual family pass can be purchased for \$100.

## Clayton to deliver graduation address

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Bill Clayton, will deliver the main address at Texas A&M University's summer commencement exercises Aug. 15, announced TAMU President Jack K. Williams.

Clayton, a 1950 TAMU graduate, is serving his seventh consecutive term in the House of Representatives. He was elected this year to preside over the chamber.

He is a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, vice chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference, former chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the National Legislative Conference and a member of the governing board of the Council of State Governments.

Clayton is an acknowledged leader in the field of water conservation and has played a key role in every piece of major water legislation during his tenure. He has served on all water and conservation committees and chaired many of them.

He is also a member of the advisory board for Water, Inc., and formerly served as its executive director. He is a former chairman of the

Interstate Conference on Water Problems.

The West Texas Water Institute presented Clayton its first award for meritorious contributions in water development. The Fort Worth Press also cited him for outstanding service in water conservation.

A native of Olney, Clayton was reared in Springlake. After graduating from high school there, he attended Allen Academy before beginning his studies for an agricultural economics degree at TAMU.



Speaker Clayton

## Campus briefs

### Book mart opening

The Student Government Book Mart will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily July 7-11 to purchase and sell books. Thereafter, the Book Mart will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Book Mart buys textbooks at 60 per cent of retail value and sells them for 65 per cent of retail value. All other book stores in the area buy at 50 per cent and sell at 75 per cent.

The Book Mart is operated by students and is located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center in the Student Programs Office.

### Students get holiday

TAMU summer students take a holiday from classes Friday.

The U. S. Independence Day break will allow three full days preparation for first summer term examinations. Finals are scheduled July 8 and 9, two full class days after the three-day holiday weekend.

The tests begin Tuesday evening, July 8, and will be completed July 9, Wednesday, according to Registrar Robert Lacey. Friday also is a faculty-staff holiday at TAMU.

Second session registration will be held July 10, with classes beginning Friday, July 11.

### Rent refrigerators

Students wishing to return or rent Student Government Refrigerators should do so from 3 to 5 p.m. during the week of July 8-11.

Those returning refrigerators are requested to return them clean and defrosted to the basement of the old hospital.

A \$10 deposit and a \$6 rental fee is required to rent a refrigerator for the second summer session. Rentals are also made in the basement of the old hospital.

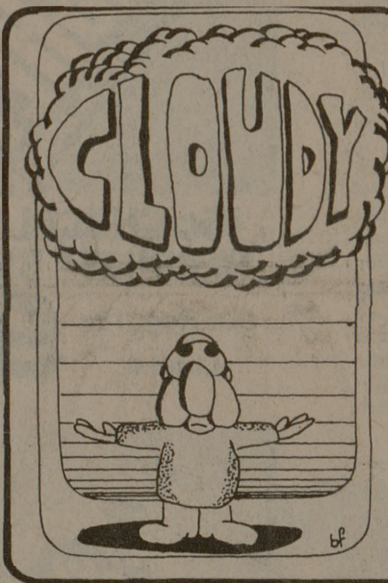
## Today

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### Weather

Mostly cloudy, warm and humid. 30 per cent chance late afternoon and evening showers. Low tonight 72; high Wednesday and Thursday 86.



## Utility rates debated

# C.S. counter draws fire

College Station officials last week sent a letter to Bryan officials containing counterproposals for utility rate increases.

Bryan has proposed a 20 percent

increase in water rates, a 12.34 percent increase in electric rates and a 25 percent increase in sewer rates.

College Station's counterproposal offered a 10 percent in-

crease in water rates, a 9.8 percent increase in electric rates and no increase in sewer rates. The full 25 percent increase in sewer rates has since been agreed to by College Station officials.

After receiving College Station's counterproposal, Bryan sent a letter to College Station officials stating, "We are retaining a law firm specializing in utility rate cases to assist the city attorney in representing Bryan in this matter." A threat of court action may be implied in the letter but is not stated.

Bob Bell, College Station Mayor Pro-Tem, said, "I don't really want to do business with anyone but Bryan, but I want to do it at a price that's fair to both parties involved."

Bell said the disagreement lies not in the fact that a price increase is warranted but in what the cost of delivering the utilities to College Station really is. He said the councilmen and city manager analyzed the figures given them by Bryan and determined that the prices did not seem to be fair.

If College Station and Bryan have continued and extended difficulties in settling rates, one or the other of the cities may decide to back out of renewing the contract when it ends in 1979. College Station could have to buy power from other sources, which could mean a sizable setback in the economy of Brazos County.

ly program, he also talks to science classes on more complex topics and career possibilities in nuclear energy.

Beginning its 10th year in Texas through TAMU, the program also allows the demonstrator-lecturer to speak to civic and service organizations.

Ihms will be starting his fifth year at the helm of "This Atomic World." He has given virtually a program a day when school is in session since September, 1971. He had a two-week "vacation" last fall while another TAMU graduate, Ed Kasper, carried the ball.

General program supervision is under Prof. John Denison in the College of Engineering's Electric Power Institute. Schedules are arranged by Coleman Loyd, physics professor and former National Science Foundation programs coordinator at TAMU.

## 'This Atomic World' touring Texas this fall

A 73-school fall tour schedule for a program on nuclear energy and its uses has been arranged at TAMU.

"This Atomic World" will go to high schools in South and Southeast Texas.

The demonstration-lecture is sponsored by TAMU's College of Engineering in cooperation with Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

Orlan L. Ihms will open "This Atomic World" Sept. 3 at Sabinal High School. Touring through Laredo, Kingsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria — plus points between — he concludes the fall tour Dec. 19 at Tidehaven High School.

Designed to acquaint students with ways nuclear energy makes life better for people, the program covers sources and applications. Special electronic equipment helps Ihms simplify concepts for presentation.

Along with the 40-minute assem-



Soviet agricultural scientists jot down notes and ask questions during their tour of the Agricultural Analytical Services laboratory on the fourth floor of the Reed McDonald Building.

Photo by Tom Kayser

## Soviets tour TAMU facilities

Five Soviet agricultural scientists yesterday toured the TAMU campus as part of an extended exchange program between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The scientists are high-ranking Russian officials and experts in the field of agriculture and livestock nutrition.

The delegation was led through the Agricultural Analytical Services labs on the fourth floor of the Reed McDonald Building by Dr. William Colvin, an associate professor at TAMU.

The visit was a result of an agricultural agreement signed at

a summit meeting in 1973 as part of the Administration's policy of détente with the Soviet Union.

The purpose of the visit is to exchange information on agricultural science and animal production and to gain knowledge of instruments for analysis used in agricultural science.

The scientists' TAMU stop was one of many that will lead them to universities all over the country. After leaving TAMU yesterday the scientists were to visit a dairy farm in Cameron and from there move on to the Midwest.