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Windy Wednesday

A cold front which brought gusty winds of up to thirty miles per hour caused discomfort for some of the new plants across cam-

pus, as well as the students. The front also brought the first below forty temperatures of the season.

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

WOMEN INTERESTED in representing A&M in Cotton Bowl activities in 1976 should go by the Office of Student Affairs in the YMCA building or room 216 of the MSC. Application for interviews must be submitted by Nov. 19 in the Student Affairs Office.

THE TAMU COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB will have a meeting for people wishing to join Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Room 302 in Rudder Tower.

THE IDA M. GREEN FELLOWSHIP, for women in mathematics, biological sciences, or physical sciences, is a \$3,500 stipend offered to a woman who has fulfilled all requirements for the doctorate except the dissertation by Jan. 2, 1976. Application forms can be obtained from: AAUW Fellowships Office, 2401 Virginia Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20037. The deadline for receipt of completed application is Jan. 2, 1976.

THE A&M HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will have a Pecan Sale Nov. 17-20 from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the Horticulture Field Lab. The cost is \$9 for a 10 pound bag.

"PETRIFIED FOREST" will be presented by the Aggie Players Nov. 13-22 in the Forum Theater at 8 p. m. Tickets may be obtained at the MSC Box Office. Student admission is \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2; non-student admission is \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50.

THE SECOND WOMEN'S SOUTHWEST Water Polo Tournament will be held Friday at 4 p. m. and Saturday at 8 a. m. at Wofford Cain Pool.

THE STUDENT BOOK COLLECTOR'S CONTEST AWARDS Ceremony will be held Friday at 2 p. m. in room 226 in the University Library. Frank Wardlow will speak on "Authors with Texas Roots".

THE CHESS TOURNEY registration will be Friday at 7-7:45 p. m. The ACU-1 Qualifications and Fall Championship will be held Nov. 21-22. Entry fee is \$2.50. For further information call 846-8497 or 845-6875.

City

THE MOON IS BLUE will be presented in dinner theater by the A&M Consolidated Thespian Troupe 919 and the Aggie Inn, Friday and Saturday. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. and show curtain is at 8 p. m. Tickets are on sale at the Aggie Inn.

Texas

MEMBERS OF THE U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION are considering final aspects of a proposed nuclear power plant near Bay City. There was no opposition to the plant at the final public hearing yesterday on radiological health and safety issues.

National

NEW YORK CITY MAYOR ABRAHAM BEAME received the Optimist Club of New York City's annual award yesterday. The award was dated October 17, the day the city was saved from default by the skin of its teeth. The original City Hall ceremony was postponed that day because of the crisis.

PRESIDENT FORD PLANS to ask Congress to modify federal regulation of the trucking industry sharply in an attempt to increase competition and lower consumer costs. The proposed legislation being sent to Congress today would remove much of the federal red tape that now keeps trucking firms from raising or lowering their prices quickly to meet changing marketing conditions. It would also limit the authority of rate bureaus, the trucking organizations that set common fares for their members.

World

LEBANESE ARMY COMMANDOS battled Arab gunmen at Beirut's international airport today, causing panic among hundreds of passengers fleeing renewed Christian-Muslim warfare in Lebanon. Elsewhere in the capital, armed bands of Christian and Moslem militiamen erected roadblocks, kidnaped unwary motorists and traded gunfire in five Beirut districts. Yesterday, President Suleiman Franjeh, a Christian, said he agreed with the Sunni Moslem mufti of Lebanon, Sheik Hassan Khaled, that constitutional amendments should be introduced to reapportion political power now concentrated in the hands of the 40 per cent Christian minority.

THE FIFTH BOMB EXPLOSION in London's fashionable West End in three weeks killed one person and injured 15 others, including an American couple, Scotland Yard said. The Irish Republican Army was blamed. The American casualties were James Howard and his wife, Louise, from Georgia. Howard was hospitalized with a foot injury, while Mrs. Howard was treated for shock and released.

Ticket Referendum

Past system preferred

By CECILIA COWANT
Battalion Staff Writer

The ticket referendum passed Wednesday with 1065 votes in favor of last year's first-come first-serve system. The present system received 741 votes, said Susan Price, election commission chairman.

A committee will be formed including members of student government, the Athletic Department and the administration. They will consider the best compromise between the present system and the old system. The seniority system and ticket allocations will also be considered in the proposal.

"This doesn't mean we will definitely go back to last year's system as it was," Jeff Dunn, student body president, said.

"But first-come first-served has to remain in the proposed system."

The student senate will consider the new proposal sometime early next semester.

The athletic department then makes the final decision.

The major student objections to last year's system were the long lines and the unfair ticket allocations.

The attached survey showed 1762 students wished to keep the seniority system. Forty-four votes were against it. The students voting on the ticket allocations recommended ticket sales in groups of six or 10.

Optional funding of the present system includes the coupon books for the home games. Dunn said that student services

fees would be increased with the mandatory funding of last year's system (buying tickets at the window the week of the game).

The referendum was held as a result of a petition signed by 10 per cent of the student body. The referendum election had to be held within 15 school days of petition submission.

The senate had previously scheduled a survey to be held in December.

The Ticket Evaluation Committee will review the new proposal at its next meeting.

Student hit by automobile

Accident — Hodges

A Texas A&M University student was struck by a 1974 Pontiac LeMans at the intersection of University Drive and Old College Main yesterday about 4 p. m., according to College Station Police.

The automobile was traveling west on University and the victim, Jerry Cordell, 20, room 408 in dorm 10, was apparently walking across the street toward the campus when he was struck, Police Investigator Milton O'Glivie said Wednesday night.

Cordell was taken to St. Joseph Hospital and treated for a broken leg. He was transferred to the Texas A&M Health Center about 8 p. m. Wednesday.

No charges were filed last night against the driver of the car. Police, who are still investigating the accident, said the driver voluntarily turned himself in after the accident.

Supreme Court justice retires

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Ford's choice of a successor to retired Justice William O. Douglas could tip the ideological balance on the Supreme Court as it faces such crucial issues as the death penalty.

Douglas, 77-years old and partially paralyzed since last Dec. 31 by a stroke, retired Wednesday, telling President Ford what had become increasingly obvious to observers of the nation's highest court.

"I have been unable to shoulder my full share of the burden," he wrote after a decision which court officials said was reached alone in the privacy of his chambers. He said he was retiring effective immediately, bringing an end to history's longest Supreme Court career.

Ford, who as a congressman attempted five years ago to impeach Douglas, saluted him for service "unequaled in all the history of the court."

Douglas had been a Supreme Court justice since April 17, 1939, when he was sworn in following his appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and nearly unanimous confirmation by the Senate.

His court service eclipsed by two years and two weeks the previous record set by

Justice Stephen Field, a Californian appointed by President Abraham Lincoln.

His retirement could pave the way for appointment of the first woman justice, and feminist groups with avowed support of First Lady Betty Ford are expected to mount a strong drive for such an appointment.

The constitutionality of the death penalty is the central issue in one of eight cases the court was unable to decide last term, apparently due at least in part to Douglas' illness.

Douglas voted with the majority in 1972 when the court struck down the then-existing capital punishment laws because they gave too much discretion to judges and juries. The question now is whether the 34 state laws passed since then suffer from the same defect.

Other issues the court faces include so-called "reverse discrimination" against whites in the awarding of seniority to blacks once passed over for hiring, whether private schools may discriminate racially and whether recent campaign reforms passed by Congress are constitutional.

Ford has not publicly expressed his views on what qualifications he would look for in a justice.

Morris says CIA paralyzed

By LISA JUNOD
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Sen. Frank Church's investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has "totally paralyzed one of the most useful arms of the executive overseas," said Donald Morris.

Morris, a former CIA case officer, currently employed as a news analyst by The Houston Post, spoke last night to a Political Forum audience on the CIA and KGB (Soviet) intelligence gathering operations.

"It will take the agency five years to get back to where it was a year and a half ago, thanks to Sen. (Frank) Church (D-Idaho)," Morris said.

All nations have the right to protect themselves from foreign subversion, to engage in espionage and to carry out covert actions against their enemies, said Morris.

In the United States the FBI guards against foreign subversion while the CIA carries out other functions. In the Soviet Union the KGB, divided into five "chief directorates," is responsible for all these jobs, Morris said.

"The United States has never engaged in any covert action except in answer to an existing and massive Soviet program," Morris said. "Less than five per cent of the

CIA's activities involve covert actions against foreign governments."

Were it not for such intervention Morris said at least 12 other countries would currently be under Marxist rule.

Covert action has never included a CIA assassination plot.

"The United States government doesn't really go around trying to knock people off," Morris said. "There are no big civil servants sitting around Washington trying to figure out how to get Castro to smoke poison cigars."

This image has resulted in recruiting difficulties for the agency, which hires most of its personnel "off the street," Morris said. Most of those hired tend to have political views "slightly left of center," Morris added.

Morris said that George Bush, a well-known Texas Republican, would make a good head of the CIA because he would know nothing of the agency's operations and could not answer any questions asked by congressional committees.

"They can talk until they're blue in the face and Bush isn't going to know much about it," Morris added.

The KGB is the Soviet counterpart of the FBI and the CIA, handling domestic sec-

urity, foreign espionage and covert activities, said Morris.

The KGB is divided into five chief directorates, with each directorate covering a different area, such as espionage, internal security and guarding borders.

Morris said, "Wherever there is a Soviet presence overseas," Morris said, "the KGB is there. Wherever the Soviets have an embassy — upper Slobbia — they will have 100 people and 50 of them will be KGB."

Though they will take advantage of such situations as Chile and Portugal, Morris said the Soviets are truly interested in detente with the United States.

Morris said that the desire for detente was based on the Soviets' discovery that "the Chinese can make babies faster than the Russians can make bullets."

The Russians expect the United States to collapse from within. Every newspaper they see causes them to believe that the final collapse is one day nearer, Morris said.

Morris added, however, that he is a believer in detente — a guarded detente.

"We can't lower all the fences now," Morris said.

Med school may open in '76

By JIM JAMES
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After years of planning, Texas A&M may have a functioning medical school in September 1976.

This is conditional on receiving provisional accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which has the responsibility of certifying prospective medical schools. Dr. James Knight, dean of the college of medicine, said that the Texas A&M program would enable students to cut the time required to obtain a Doctor of Medicine degree from eight to six years by eliminating duplication in the curriculum of undergraduate study and medical school.

Knight explained that the school will enroll the students after two years of undergraduate work. After the second year of the four-year medical school, the student would receive his or her Bachelor of Science degree from A&M and would then receive two years of clinical curriculum at the affiliated hospitals of Baylor School of Medicine. Those hospitals are the Texas Medical Center, Scott and White Hospital and the Temple Veteran's Administration Hospital. After this clinical curriculum, the student would receive a joint Texas A&M-Baylor Doctor of Medicine degree.

Knight said that if the medical school is provisionally accredited by July, it would

enable the school to accept applications from students currently enrolled at A&M who are completing their junior year. He estimated 32 students would initially be enrolled and eventually the school would graduate 100 new doctors per year.

"The accreditation team," Knight said, "evaluates you on your facilities, the faculty you've chosen and the curriculum you've devised. They also look at the university as a whole and its graduate programs. We hope to get a letter of reasonable assurance in January and sometime between March and July get provisional accreditation. Then just before the first class graduates, in 1980, we would be eligible for complete accreditation. I'm optimistic that we'll receive provisional accreditation in time to enable us to begin classes in September."

Knight said that currently his office is in process of obtaining faculty members for the medical school. He noted that 15 persons had already been hired and he estimated another 15 would be added before classes began. Many of these teachers will also teach courses in other fields, such as the medical ethics professor will work in conjunction with the philosophy department and a medical historian will teach part-time in the history department.

Knight continually stressed interdisciplinary cooperation.

"We can work with the College of En-

gineering, College of Science or College of Agriculture in fields such as nutrition; work with liberal arts in areas such as ethics. So the university offers us many opportunities for joint endeavors."

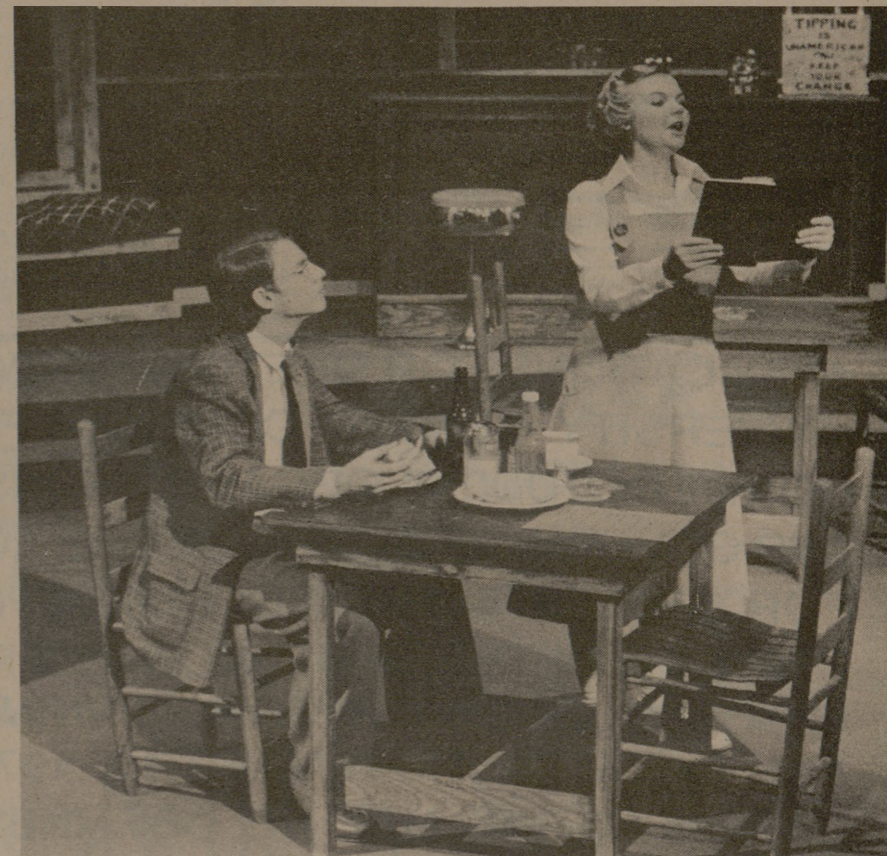
One of the primary goals, according to Knight, is the exposure the student will receive to different hospital settings in his clinical training. The students may see service at primary care community hospitals and at urban hospitals such as Baylor in Houston. Knight said that the students would be urged, though certainly not compelled, to become primary-care or general practitioners rather than specialists since the objectives of the program is to relieve small communities' shortage of doctors.

The impetus toward establishing the program began after a federal law was passed in 1973 providing Administration funds to the Veterans to support the development of new medical schools in conjunction with state universities. A&M requested that it be designated that state universities in Texas and the Texas Coordinating Board concurred over the bitter objection of Texas Woman's University. In December 1973, A&M was awarded a \$9.6 million, seven-year grant effective on receipt of a letter of reasonable acceptance. A supplemental grant request is being prepared for the VA in hopes of substantially increasing that sum.

Knight said he hoped that within three or four years a medical sciences building could be built across from the College of Veterinary Medicine enabling the two related fields to work more closely. He also hopes for a combined medical library that both colleges could utilize. Alvin Lueddecke, vice-president in charge of grounds and construction, said that the building was still in the speculative stage and that when and if such a building might be constructed was impossible to guess.

A&M will not be the only school in the nation allowing students to start medical school before obtaining a degree. Representatives from Brown University in Providence, R.I., and Boston University in Boston, Mass., said they had instigated similar programs and had found no significant loss of competence by beginning students earlier than usual in medical school. Both said the accelerated students were extremely dedicated and there was no difference in their level of maturity.

"We are really excited about this medical school," said Knight. "Many of the truly great medical schools are located right on the main campus such as Duke and Stanford. We feel that A&M has a unique and humanistic environment, and we hope to link this humanistic atmosphere to the excellent technology here and produce a doctor who in all of his professional life will put his patients first."



Petrified Forest

Staff photo by Winnie

Cathi Cowgill reads French poetry to Steve King in the Aggie Players production of *The Petrified Forest*. The play opens tonight in the Rudder Forum.