



Fire and Water

The Texas A&M University water tower and the smoke stack standing next to it are two dominant structures on our campus and are shown here on a clear winter's night. The water tower, which supplies all the water for the University is 183 ft. — 3 in. tall with the water level at 170 ft. It holds 2 million gallons of water and has a diameter of 100 ft. at its base. The smoke stack is 204 ft.-6 in. tall and is used to take burnt gas off of two University furnaces.

Battalion photo by Kevin Verner

Yesterday's president...

Ford leaves Washington

United Press International
MONTEREY, Calif. — Gerald R. Ford, America's 38th "yesterday's" president, patted his golden retrievers to calm them and smiled at his new chief of staff, a former field artilleryman with a crew cut image, who was trying to hide tear-redened eyes.

Air Force 26000, the former Air Force One on which Lyndon Johnson took the presidential oath the day John Kennedy died in Dallas, prepared for takeoff at 12:15 p.m. CST, yesterday at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

Betty Ford strapped herself into her chair in the eight-seat executive lounge and looked at her husband.

Ford, once put down by capital wits as a football player without a helmet but later known as the Mr. Nice Guy who — as President Carter acknowledged in his inaugural speech — healed our land after Richard Nixon wounded it, was leaving Washington.

The two dogs, Liberty and Misty, whined. They had never traveled aboard a plane, and the noise of the 707 engines undid them. They jumped, leaped and whirled.

"It's been a great 2½ years," Ford said to his wife.

"And now?" she asked.

"I'm looking forward to the great challenge of the future," he said.

After lunch, Ford asked his staff chief, Robert Barrett, to invite forward four reporters who had covered him for years. They are representatives of the New York Times, CBS, Newsweek and UPI.

Among other things, Ford said:

✓ He would not run for the House or Senate, but would stay in a position to seek the presidential nomination for president in 1980. "I am not ruling out any option," he said.

✓ Carter faces five or six major decisions in coming months he said,

and, "There will be real trouble if the wrong decisions are made."

✓ The GOP can win congressional seats in the 1978 elections if they don't get into one of those dog-fights among themselves, Ford said.

Ford wept at Carter's inaugural. Later he sat in the plane and talked of the thunder of applause he got when introduced at the ceremony.

"I couldn't help feeling that 99 per cent of those people voted for President Carter and yet were very genuine in their applause," he said. Carter's opening words — "I want to thank my predecessor for all he's

done to heal our land" — had unraveled the Ford reserve.

David Kennerly sat reading and re-reading the letter his great friend had given him on his resignation as White House photographer. Ford wrote:

"I want to say . . . it's been fun. In addition to being the world's best photographer, you have an uncanny ability to put people at ease, to bring out their best."

The photographer smiled, put the letter in a pocket, picked up a camera and went to Ford. His old boss laughed at the sight of him.

Traffic lights installed on South College Avenue

More traffic lights are being added and traffic is being rechanneled on South College Avenue from the intersection with Sulphur Springs Road to Brookside Drive.

A two way left turn median is being provided from just north of the Old College Road and Pleasant Street intersection south to College View. In addition to the two way left turn median, four lanes will be available for traffic as in the past.

Motorists should be alert to the

changes in the pavement markings and channelization in this area, and exercise caution when driving through the work area.

Particular attention is directed to the channelization at the intersection of South College Avenue and Old College Road because south-bound traffic on College Avenue will be required to reduce their speed prior to making their turning maneuver onto Old College Road.

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Top cadet accepts award

Texas A&M University was presented the Warrior of the Pacific Trophy, given for the best national performance at Army ROTC advanced camp.

It was won by 80 A&M cadets for their work last summer at Ft. Riley, Kan.

The trophy was presented yesterday for the Secretary of the Army by Brig. Gen. Gerald Childress, commander of the Third Army ROTC Region, Ft. Riley.

It was accepted for the Class of 1977 cadets by John L. "Jack" Ballantyne, senior from El Paso. Ballantyne was among top Army cadets for 1976 summer camps at Ft. Riley, Bragg, Washington and Benning.

The Warrior of the Pacific Trophy was displayed alongside the 1976 Camp Commanders Trophy, requisite to consideration for the former, and the Hughes Trophy annually

given to the top ROTC graduate in the nation.

A&M military officials believe it is probably the first time that the nation's two top Army ROTC awards are held simultaneously by the same institution.

The trophy presented at yesterday's ceremonies has been given since 1925. Senior ROTC colleges and universities with 20 or more cadets at summer field training are eligible to compete for the award approved by the Department of the Army.

It is given for the best overall score computed from individual cadet performance evaluations.

Presentation of the trophy here marks the first time it has been won by an institution in the state of Texas.

"You have set an exceptionally

high standard of achievement,"

Gen. Childress said, citing Aggies' accomplishments at Ft. Riley last summer. He noted that the 80 cadets qualified in physical training at an average test score of 451, which is no small accomplishment.

"Seventy of you won the Recondo badge, a larger percentage than any other school," the general added. "You had the camp's outstanding cadet in Jack Ballantyne," for which he received in Washington an Army ROTC Leadership certificate and a \$1,000 savings bond.

The general also remarked on acceptance of 33 of 34 Army cadets at A&M recommended for Regular Army commissions. "You don't find that happening at any other university," Gen. Childress said.

"The common motto of the other schools is 'beat the Aggies.'"

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