

Battalion photo by Kevin Verner

### Rise and fall

Although time does not usually affect competitors who pole vault, it was a factor for some of the vaulters at the College Station Relays track meet which was held this past weekend. The vaulting pit, located at the south end of Kyle Field, has no lights and the sun almost fell below the horizon before all of the contestants had a chance to make their own descent.

## Aggie named to agency

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ment of Economics and Sociology. He was responsible for the implementation of the Texas Community Improvement Program (TCIP), designed to revitalize rural communities of Texas.

The consolidation of school districts was a cause of deterioration among small rural communities," Brown said. "There was an exodus of young rural people to urban areas as a result of small farms being merged into large commercial farms."

Texas utilities companies assisted TCIP with over \$250,000 in cash prizes for the improvement of the general appearance, facilities and services in participating communities.

"In 1968 there were 312 communities with over 50,000 families involved in the program," Brown said. "People went all out to make their communities more attractive."

A total of 750 community water systems were created improving health, fire protection and industrialization of the communities. Tex-

ans began to refer to Brown as "Mr. Community Improvement."

Despite a heavy work load, Brown continued his studies, earning an M.S. degree in sociology and an M.E. degree in psychology.

In 1962 Brown was a member of the committee preparing a study for the Board of Directors of the A&M system. The late Gen. Rudder, then president of the system, praised Brown's contribution in a letter of appreciation that closed with:

"The evident sincerity and seriousness of purpose with which you pursued the study make it a work of lasting value to our institution. Your study will become a point of reference in all future development of policies and programs for Texas A&M College."

In 1973, Gov. Dolph Briscoe selected Brown to his present position as special assistant. Brown is responsible for creation of jobs under the "Texas First" program to reduce unemployment.

He also represents Briscoe in all agricultural matters. In 1974 he became Governor's representative for liaison with county governments."

Official recognition of Brown's accomplishments includes the Distinguished Service Award of the Former Student of Texas A&M College, Man of the Year Award of the Progressive Farmer magazine, Superior Service Award of the Texas A&M College Extension Service and the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

Professor Robert G. Cherry, assistant to the president of A&M said, "I consider it to be an honor to add my opinion of Reagan's achievements. He is the best sociologist I have ever met because he is endowed with a rare ability to convert ideas and theories into practical realities."

Brown holds a conservative outlook on life.

"I am proud of this state, my country and, most of all, of my school," he says. He believes Aggies are the greatest people anywhere in the world and hopes that the students "will always preserve the university's image, rejecting anyone and anything that would tarnish it."

### Python receives cobalt treatments

United Press International

SAN DIEGO — Krishna does not come in for his radiation therapy at University Hospital until after the other patients have left. He might have an unsettling effect on them.

Krishna is a python, 8 feet long and a half foot in diameter. He belongs to the San Diego Zoo.

Zoo attendants brought him to the hospital for a second cobalt treatment for cancer of the mouth.

### West Germany stages operas

MANNHEIM, West Germany (UPI) — The Mannheim National Theater will stage its traditional opera evenings April 17 to May 28 for which it has contracted 30 international opera stars.

Eight operas have been chosen

from the Mannheim music theater's repertoire.

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## U.S. sends more supplies to help Zaire repel invasion

United Press International

KINSHASA, Zaire — A second shipment of emergency U.S. aid was on its way to Zaire today to help government troops fight an invasion of the copper-rich Shaba province. Officials denied reports of fresh clashes in the area.

A jumbo jet loaded with \$1.5 million worth of spare aircraft parts, medical supplies, parachutes and combat uniforms left New York's Kennedy Airport yesterday for the former Belgian Congo. A similar consignment was sent last week.

A government spokesman in Washington said an additional request from Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko was "being studied by the State Department in close consultation with the White House." No weapons have been supplied.

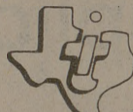
The insurgents crossed over from Marxist-ruled Angola some two weeks ago and captured several towns and villages on Zaire's southwestern border with Angola.

The bulk of the invasion force, es-

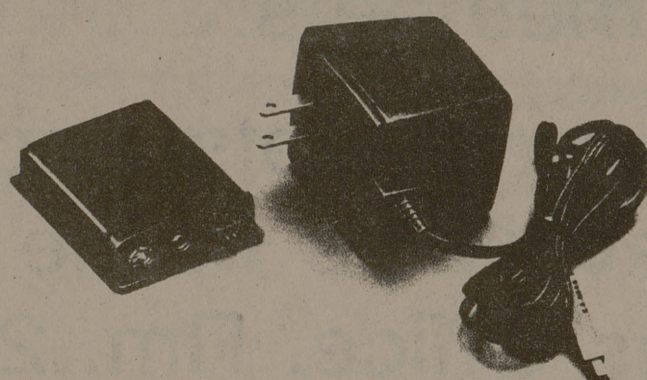
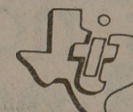
timated at around 1,500, is believed to be remnants of the militia that fought to sever the province, then known as Katanga, away from Zaire following independence in 1960.

Zaire has accused Angola, Cuba and the Soviet Union of backing the assault, but Cuban leader Fidel Castro, who is on an extensive tour of Africa, said in Mozambique the allegations are false.

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