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Weather

Partly cloudy, mild and humid today with a 20% chance of afternoon or late afternoon showers or thundershowers. High today low 90's with the low in the mid 70's. Winds will be Easterly at 8-12 m.p.h. diminishing to less than 5 m.p.h. tonight.



Look out below

Dawn Pardue (left), 5, looks skeptical as she watches Cindy Morris, 4, balanced in a very precarious position. Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pardue. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morris.

Mrs. John Pardue. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morris.

Battalion photo by Pamela Kamas

U.S. warns Soviets over troops in Cuba

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance warned the Soviet Union Wednesday the stationing of up to 3,000 combat troops on Cuba is a serious matter and indicated the Kremlin may be asked to remove them.

"We regard this (the presence of a Soviet combat brigade) as a very serious matter, affecting our relations with the Soviet Union," Vance told a press conference.

"The presence of this unit runs counter to long-held American policies," he said in a statement.

Asked whether in his talks with Soviet officials he had or will ask the Kremlin to remove those troops, Vance's response indicated the administration may ask the Soviets to do just that.

"I will not be satisfied with the maintenance of the status quo," he said, and reiterated U.S. "serious concern" over the combat nature of the Soviet troops now in Cuba.

The State Department said this week U.S. intelligence had detected the presence of the combat troops in Cuba — only 90 miles from Florida — and said the troops did not represent a threat to the United States.

But the department expressed strong concern over their presence.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, meanwhile, said Wednesday that the presence of the Soviet troops should be considered a drawback to possible passage of the U.S.-Soviet strategic arms treaty.

"Yes, it (the troop presence) has an effect. You can't consider SALT in isolation," Baker said.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia disagreed, saying the troop presence "should not have an impact on the merits of the treaty."

The administration has protested to the Soviet Union and has apparently decided the next move is up to the Russians.

The Presidential Review Committee — limited to Cabinet-level advisers — met for 90 minutes Tuesday at the White House amid unusual secrecy, with the White House refusing even to identify the participants or to confirm the session.

Sources said the committee consisted of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and CIA Director Stansfield Turner.

Planning lack cause of space data loss?

United Press International
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The U.S. Space Agency was hazy Wednesday in its public statements about exactly how NASA failed to get cooperation from the Soviets that would have prevented a startling loss of crucial data from Pioneer 11.

The space agency has announced that 10 minutes of data were swamped Monday by radio traffic from a Soviet satellite with 100 to 1,000 times the power of Pioneer's incredibly weak signals from 1 billion miles in space.

At the request of the U.S. State Department, the Soviets turned off three satellites during important periods Saturday when Pioneer made its closest ap-

proach to Saturn, the planet farthest from Earth yet reached by a probe.

But on Monday when the spacecraft inspected Saturn's moon, Titan, the Soviets did not interrupt operation of a new Cosmos satellite, launched last week, because nobody asked them to do so.

Charles Hall, manager of the \$100 million Pioneer project, said he was certain the Soviets would have cooperated, had they known their new satellite would interfere with reception at the Madrid receiving station at the critical period.

According to a NASA spokesman, either the proper person in the space agency was not informed about the new satellite, or that person failed to realize it would cause trouble, or somebody failed to transmit the message to Moscow.

NASA was able to send the spacecraft swinging around Jupiter on a precise course over 2 billion miles and 77 months to Saturn, but Hall said the agency still could not eliminate human error.

"It's a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth, or of somebody not paying enough attention to detail," chief

project scientist John Wolfe said. Loss of the data was the first major disappointment in Pioneer's performance since its launch in 1973. The data was essential to Pioneer's report about Titan, the last place in the solar system scientists think the possibility of life exists.

The key question is whether the satellite surface is warm enough, and what NASA lost were the infrared measurements that would have provided temperatures.

However, NASA will have another chance to get them. The Voyager 1 spacecraft, the second probe of Saturn and its moons, will arrive there in November 1980.

Wolfe said interference with signals in deep space is increasingly becoming a serious problem. Hundreds of satellites currently are broadcasting as they circle Earth in the feeble radio paths of a dozen distant spacecraft now operating.

He said the World Administrative Radio Conference, which meets every 20 years, will be meeting again this fall in Geneva, and may consider the problem.

'Mooning' fine a bummer

Misdemeanors can cost \$200

By Doug Graham
Battalion Staff
A full moon can cost a student up to \$200 in Bryan, a quick review of Bryan ordinances reveals.

Though "mooning" (proffering posterior) may be fun, it and other acts of public exuberance can end up costing a student a bit.

Mooning, for instance, comes in one of two misdemeanor categories in the Disorderly Conduct category, and requires posting of a bond.

Doubtless the British would consider the up-to-\$200 fine a bum deal.

Other fun and games also fall under the heading of Disorderly Conduct, and require posting of the same bond and may end up costing the same.

Hostile activities — such as brawling and shooting the finger — come under Fighting and Offensive Gesture or Display, respectively. In these instances, both participants are hit with \$60 bonds.

Another hostile action that involves disturbing the peace has something to do

with an obnoxious odor. Whether that means going without a shower for two weeks, or setting off a stink-bomb, is not clear.

Using foul language in the presence of or toward a police officer can result in the same \$200 fine. The Bryan police officer explaining the ordinances, who desired to remain anonymous, said he personally does not care what a subject calls him, but will arrest anyone if the language disturbs others.

For example, over-spirited students

might commit assault by threatening a UT student with sawing his horns off.

Following through on the threat would lead to the second charge of physical assault, or battery. To be charged with battery, a person need only shove or spit on the victim.

A charge that often accompanies the previous two is public intoxication. A person doesn't have to be legally drunk to draw this charge. If, in the officer's opinion, the person is sufficiently intoxicated and considered to be a danger to himself or others, he can be arrested.

"This doesn't include only getting drunk and into a fight, but getting drunk and lying in a gutter where you might get rolled," the officer explained.

Public intoxication is a little more economical than other charges; the bond is only \$50.

Stereo aficionados fear that old party-killer, the disorderly noise ordinance. The penalties for breaking this ordinance are the same as for disorderly conduct, and may cost the violator an unpleasant \$200 fine.

If the wild bunch decides to carry the festivities to a Bryan public park, then it can be nabbed for having alcoholic beverages in a city park.

Even the discreet art of gambling can bring the bloodhounds.

It seems all the normal varieties of Texas A&M University fun are stifled by law.

Even the recidivistic reactionaries who indulge in the high school art of toilet-papering yards are not immune from Bryan codes. A possible \$200 in fines can wipe out a budget.

The bond required of someone charged with shoplifting items worth less than \$5 is \$200.

That means that while it isn't kosher to squeeze the toilet tissue, it's worse to walk out of the store without paying for it, or decorate someone's yard with it.

The fines resulting from such tomfoolery aren't exactly Charmin'.



Students to save on game, official says

By DIANE BLAKE
Battalion Reporter
Because the cost of tickets for Texas A&M University's "home-away-from-home" football game was not included in the student coupon book, students wanting tickets for Saturday's game must buy them as they would for an out-of-town game.

Tickets for the Texas A&M-Brigham Young University game, to be played Saturday at Rice Stadium in Houston, can be purchased for \$4.25 at the ticket office at the Rollie White Coliseum. This game's

ticket cost was not included in the coupon book because "we did not want to force the students to buy tickets and have to drive 90 miles to see the game," said Wally Groff, associate athletic director.

Groff said it was felt fewer students than usual would attend the game, so "we're saving about 10,000 students \$4.25 each." Although about 73 percent of the student body usually buys coupon books, only about 10,000 students, or about 33 percent, are expected to attend Saturday's game.

The \$17-coupon books cover the cost of

the other four home games at \$4.25 each. Groff said the books would have cost \$21.25 if Saturday's game had been included.

Season ticket books also do not include tickets for the Texas A&M-BYU game. Tickets for the game will be on sale through Friday.

Football ticket prices rose this year because the Southwest Conference's new minimum road game ticket fee was increased from \$8 to \$8.50, the associate athletic director said. Prices for Texas A&M home games were raised to match road

game ticket fees. Students pay half price.

In the past five years Texas A&M football ticket prices have steadily increased as the use of Student Service fees for athletics was phased out. The change was requested by Student Government because using the fees was "forcing every student to support athletics," Groff said.

About 15 percent of the total revenues come from student ticket sales, and 46.5 percent from other ticket sales, Groff said. The rest comes from gifts, scholarships and bowl receipts.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Nursing home fire

Bryan firemen trade their hoses for brooms and vacuums to clear water from the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home, 2001 29th St. in Bryan. An automatic sprinkler system doused one wing of the nursing home when a large laundry dryer caught fire. A home administrator said the sprinkler system extinguished the fire before the firemen arrived.