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## The Weather

Yesterday

Today

High ..... 85  
Low ..... 74  
Humidity ..... 100%  
Rain ..... .38 inches

High ..... 88  
Low ..... 74  
Humidity ..... 95%  
Chance of rain ..... 75%

## Clayton Brilab trial now set Thursday

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — A federal judge Monday delayed the start of House Speaker Bill Clayton's Brilab trial until Thursday so his lawyers can seek Supreme Court help in obtaining testimony of a man the FBI called "the most knowledgeable person" in the bribery case.

Defense lawyers want co-defendant L.G. Moore, a five-state representative of the Union of Operating Engineers, to testify at Clayton's trial. The FBI said Moore was "the most knowledgeable person... in the various criminal conspiracies" that make up the Brilab cases across the Southwest.

Because Moore could not be compelled to testify against himself, U.S. District Judge Robert O'Connor last month granted him a separate trial. O'Connor also said Moore's testimony in Clayton's trial could not be used against him later in his own trial except for perjury.

Federal prosecutors appealed the ruling and Sunday the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans removed the protective order. Moore's lawyer said Monday his client would testify for Clayton without the limited immunity.

"The waters are too deep and there are too many sharks in those waters," defense lawyer Michael Ramsey said.

With Clayton "rarin' to go" for the scheduled start of jury selection Tuesday, O'Connor delayed the trial two days to enable the speaker's attorneys to ask the Supreme Court to overrule the New Orleans court's decision.

If unsuccessful in the attempt to obtain Moore's testimony, Clayton said he still was optimistic about acquittal.

"I think we can prove up everything that needs to be proved up anyway," said Clayton, who has pushed for his case to come to trial quickly since his indictment in June on racketeering, conspiracy, fraud and extortion charges.

Clayton said he had spent the last two weeks dividing time

between his West Texas farm, his Capitol office and in preparing for trial.

Clayton is to be tried with Austin lawyers Randall Wood and Donald Ray, whom the government alleges aided and abetted Clayton in a scheme to have him influence handling of a \$76 million state employees' insurance contract in exchange for a \$5,000 bribe and the promise of \$600,000 more.

Clayton admitted last February that he took \$5,000 from an FBI informant posing as a Prudential Insurance Co. agent during a Nov. 8 meeting in his office. But he said he did not plan to keep the money.

He said he did not refuse it because it was offered in the presence of Moore, the man who introduced the informant to the speaker, and Clayton did not want to embarrass his longtime friend.

During a pretrial hearing O'Connor expressed "grave concerns" about the government's Brilab tactics, suggesting the informant "thrust" the money on Clayton and saying Clayton's rights to be free of government induced wrongdoing apparently were ignored.

Moore, the informant's admitted dupe, contacted labor and political officials in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma seeking their help in winning multi-million dollar insurance contracts. Prosecutors want to prove those contacted accepted kickbacks on the insurance commissions.

Clayton's lawyers hope to contrast his reputation with that of the informant, Joseph Hauser, a convicted Beverly Hills, Calif., swindler paid \$65,000 by the Justice Department for helping make the Brilab cases.

Prosecutors will argue Clayton violated the law when he failed to report the \$5,000 as a political contribution, but defense attorneys claim that failure only supports the wealthy Spring Lake farmer's contention that he never intended to keep the money.



Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

Rain soaked the campus Monday, bringing out umbrellas of every size and color. Weathermen say the rains the area has been experiencing for the last few days are indirectly a result of tropical storm Danielle. The fore-

cast says there should be scattered showers today and Wednesday, but the skies should clear by Thursday or Friday.

## League decides Wednesday if Anderson will join debates

**United Press International**  
Independent candidate John Anderson apparently has met most of the criteria set forth by the League of Women Voters for an invitation to participate in presidential debates, but whether debates will be held at all is still debatable.

The League is expected to announce Wednesday whether Anderson has met its conditions for participating in the nationally televised debates, the first of which is tentatively set for Sept. 21 in Baltimore.

But the chance of actually holding the debates dimmed late Monday when presidential press secretary Jody Powell said opposition to a three-way debate is growing stronger in the White House.

Since Republican candidate Ronald Reagan has insisted at least the first debate must include Anderson, the possibility is growing there may be no debates at all this fall.

"We're perfectly willing to participate in

multi-candidate debates, involving three, four or five candidates," Powell said, but: "There's got to be assurance there will also be a one-on-one debate. There is no assurance at this point."

Anderson, campaigning in upstate New York Monday, said, "If the president wants to stonewall it, I think it could become one of the major issues of the 1980 campaign and I think it is an issue on which we could win."

A Carter aide said he assumes the League will invite Anderson, and Reagan will accept because that would avoid a one-on-one debate with Carter and help boost Anderson, which, the aide said, would tend to help Reagan.

President Carter's only campaign trip this week is today — a quick trip to Perth Amboy, N.J., for the dedication of a new steel plant.

Reagan was in the Midwest courting blue-collar and ethnic votes Monday.

He dined with Gerald Ford in Chicago Monday night. Afterward, Ford said it was "unconscionable" for Carter to exclude Anderson from the debates.

Anderson's campaign, meanwhile, fought attempts in Maryland and North Carolina to keep him off the state ballots. An appeals court heard arguments on the cases, which earlier were decided in Anderson's favor, and will announce its decision later.

Anderson filed his own suit in Georgia, challenging the decision of the secretary of state's office that said he failed to qualify for the ballot of the president's home state because too many petition signatures were invalid.

But he got good news from Florida, where plans to challenge the state's certification in court were dropped abruptly minutes before the court closed for the day.

## Danielle drenches CS

Common sights on the rain-soaked campus Monday were umbrellas, soggy heads and future track stars.

The rains the area has been experiencing for the last few days are indirectly a result of tropical storm Danielle. The rains are occurring from moisture instability created by the storm, a spokesman for the Texas A&M meteorology department said.

There should be some scattered showers today and Wednesday and the skies should clear by Thursday or Friday, he said. The rainfall was measured at 0.38 inches Monday at Easterwood Airport. Sunday's rainfall was 1.7 inches.

Charles Sistrunk, county extension agent, said the rain has not

significantly helped area farmers.

Sistrunk said the rain has delayed the cotton harvest that was in progress up until last weekend and the harvest will not resume until the weather clears. The grain harvest was completed before the rains hit, he said.

The rain could be beneficial for the pastureland, however. If the pastures get enough water it could mean an additional cutting of hay, Sistrunk said.

There had been eight weather-related car accidents reported in the area by 6 p.m. Monday, the College Station police said. No accidents had been reported at Texas A&M.

## Mailbox shortage worst ever

**By SHERRY A. EVANS**  
Battalion Reporter  
More than 500 Texas A&M University students were still having difficulty receiving mail Monday because College Station post offices have no boxes available for rent.

Monday's waiting list for those wishing to rent boxes included 320 at Northgate and over 200 at Aggiefield Station (MSC). Only three or four unrented boxes were available

at the post office in the Redmond Terrace Shopping Center.

Employees of all three post offices agreed that they have in the past always had plenty of boxes to accommodate the students as well as the general public.

Stanley Patrick, a spokesman for the post office at Northgate, attributes much of the problem to the construction of two new modular dormitories, Hobby and Neeley.

This "hit a lot harder than anticipated," he said, "putting tremendous pressure" on the post office.

Because of the terms of the rental agreements, Patrick said he "cannot re-rent (vacated boxes) until Sept. 15," resulting in a "two-week lag (since Sept. 1) with boxes available but unable to rent."

To make matters worse, Patrick said, a number of box rental agreements will reach expiration soon. Patrick urged students to help the situation by notifying the post office if they plan to rent their boxes again.

Patrick said the problem could have been avoided if the new modular dormitories had been equipped with mailbox delivery according to room numbers like the Commons complex.

## A&M jump to 33,313 a mystery to predictor

Mel Lasell is trying to figure out what went wrong.

The computer told him earlier this year that just over 32,000 students should be on this campus. Instead, the computer now says 33,313 students had enrolled by Friday, the last day to register.

Responsibility for accuracy of the enrollment prediction lies with Lasell, associate director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis.

He hopes to receive final but unofficial figures from the registrar's office today so he can find where the computer program was off.

"We project what we'll have in each ma-

yor at each level," he explained. "We'll compare what we projected with what showed up." The differences, he said, should explain the unexpected jump in enrollment.

The prediction comes from three sources.

His office, using the past three years as a base, estimates the number of sophomores, juniors and seniors. The admissions office estimates the number of freshman, and the graduate college estimates its own enrollment.

If enrollment stays at 33,313, the computer underestimated the figure by 3.67 percent. Last year the computer missed by only 0.77 percent.

## Miller begins working for the governor's office

**By LIZ NEWLIN**  
Battalion Staff  
Dr. Jarvis Miller, former president of Texas A&M University, is now "on loan" to Gov. Bill Clements.

The governor's office asked Texas A&M's board of regents if Miller could work on special projects in higher education, said Jon C. Ford, the governor's press secretary.

The board agreed to let Miller work part-time in Austin and continue paying his salary, he said. The governor can and often does request other state agencies to loan employees.

"He (Clements) expected Dr. Miller would have some time on his hands he could devote to this," Ford said in a telephone conversation Monday. "He's got a great deal of respect for Dr. Miller, and they've been very good friends for the last year and a half." The two cemented their friendship last September when the governor invited Miller to go on an agricultural tour of Russia.

The former president started commuting

to his new job across from the Capitol last Tuesday. He's working primarily with the governor's office of budget and planning, which is trying to increase efficiency in the management of higher education and other parts of state government.

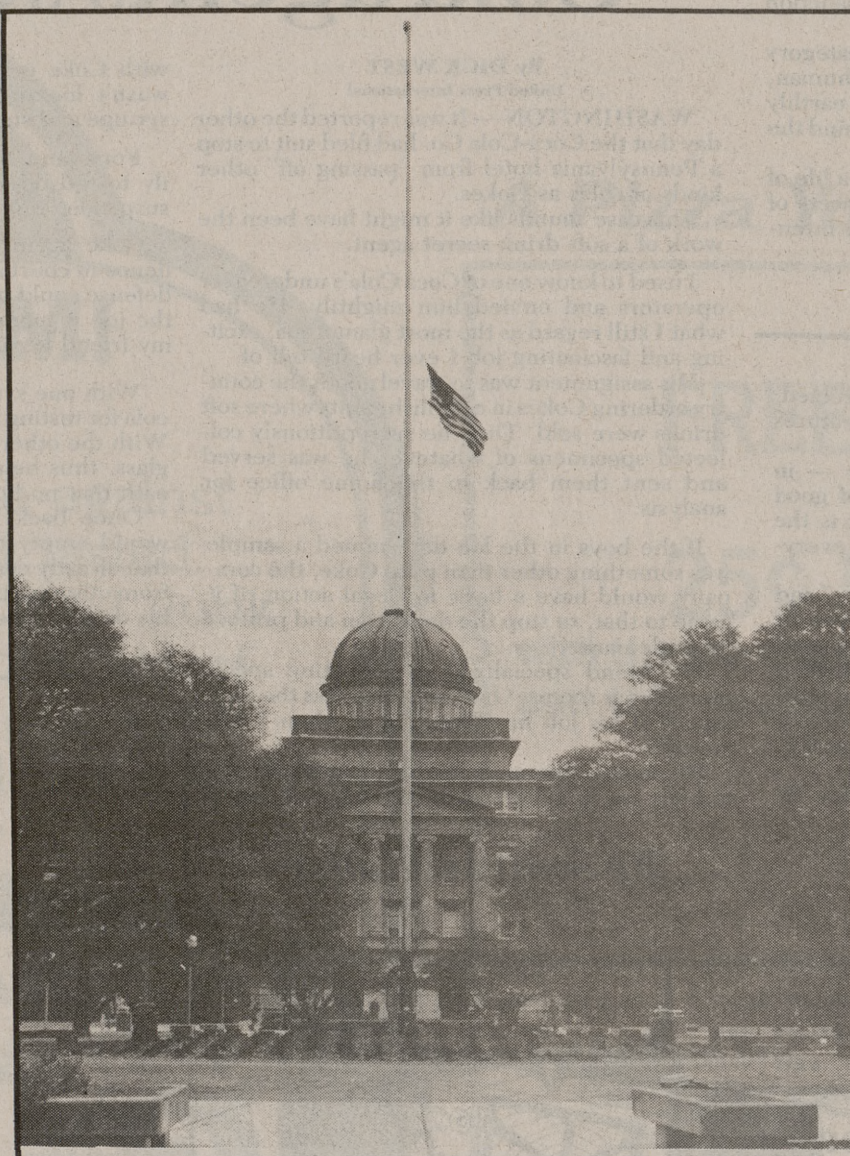
"He's sort of a resource person," Ford said, adding that Miller had been working with the governor and other university presidents on a similar project before being removed as University president. The regents on July 10 reassigned Miller to unspecified duties as special assistant to Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert.

Part of the new arrangement, Ford said, is that Texas A&M will continue to pay Miller's salary for the rest of 1980. According to the 1980-81 budget, Miller's annual compensation is \$68,900 plus the house on campus. Miller has moved out of the house.

Ford said he expects the "loan" will last until the end of the year.

"After January, he (Miller) is going to accept re-assignment at A&M or go somewhere else," Ford said.

Miller was not available for comment.



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The first Silver Taps will be held tonight at 10:30 p.m. in front of the Academic Building. The ceremony, a tradition unique to Texas A&M University, will honor Aggies who died since Muster, last April 21. To remind students of today's event, flags on campus are being flown at half-mast.

## Silver Taps to be held

**By DAWN SCOTTE FERGUSON**  
Battalion Reporter  
Silver Taps, a tradition unique to Texas A&M University, will be held tonight to honor students who have died since Muster in April.

To remind students of today's event, flags on campus are flown at half-mast, and notices giving the time of the ceremony are posted on the doors of the library, the Rudder Tower Complex, and the Memorial Student Center. The names of the deceased are posted on the base of the flag pole in front of the Academic Building.

At 10:30 p.m., the lights visible from the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue are extinguished and students walk toward the area without talking to preserve the solemnity and tranquility of the occasion.

The 21-member Ross Volunteer firing squad approaches the flag pole, marching to a funeral cadence. Three rifle volleys of seven guns each are fired and buglers, unseen in the darkness, play a special arrangement of taps three times.

Before last year, Silver Taps was usually held the Tuesday after the death of the Aggie who was currently enrolled in Texas A&M. However, with the increasing student enrollment and mobility, student deaths have risen.

Because the ceremony was held with increasing frequency, the student senate voted to hold Silver Taps once a month to preserve its special nature.

Tonight's Silver Taps will honor Antonio Cardona of Lamesa, Mark R. Dare of Houston, Gehrig D. Feuge of Rankin, Jeffrey H. Giles of Galveston, Kevin D. Hanlon of Saugus, Mass., Jayson C. Harris of Hamilton, Thomas H. Newman of New Braunfels, Jon Lee Raethka of Cypress, Juan X. Riojas of Eagle Pass, Sharon L. Turner of Austin and James M. Vanderwilt of Pasadena.

Harry Anderson, spokesman for the post office at Redmond Terrace, agreed with Patrick, but said he realized this procedure would be a "hassle" for the University.

Anderson said that while his facility was not usually preferred by the students because of its location on Jersey Street near Texas Avenue, he rented out over 200 boxes to students last week.

Employees of all three post offices say they will not allow two or more people to share a box — unless they have the same last name — because the mail can only be forwarded to the address of the boxholder.

However, mail sent to a person in care of the boxholder will be acceptable on a temporary basis until the present situation can be alleviated, they said.

Patrick suggested general delivery mail service as one alternative for students who are unable to rent a box. However, general delivery service will be available only at the Northgate office with mail pickups during regular business hours only, he said.

Patrick said his office is awaiting approval to put an additional 5,000 boxes in the Northgate post office, which presently contains 10,081 boxes. Approximately 7,000 to 8,000 of those boxes are rented to students and the remaining to businesses and residents of the community, he said.

Patrick said he hopes the new boxes can be installed within six months to one year, barring any complications involving approval of the plan, relocation of personnel or altering of equipment inside the post office.

"We (at the Northgate post office) don't anticipate clearing the entire waiting list," Patrick said.

But a spokesman of the Aggiefield Station, Omer Everett, said: "We will probably fill (all requests for boxes) but it may take awhile."

Everett recommended that people on the waiting list continue checking with the post offices because boxes are becoming available daily.