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## The Weather

Yesterday		Today	
High	65	High	75
Low	53	Low	40
Rain	0.00 inches	Chance of rain	80%

## Minority policy adopted

By LIZ NEWLIN

Battalion Staff

A policy to promote minority enrollment at Texas A&M University was adopted Friday by regents for the Texas A&M University System.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare — the Department of Education — has long been reemphasizing desegregation in public universities in Texas and other Southern states. No report has been issued for Texas, but state officials have said in the past they do not expect the report to be favorable.

Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, chancellor of the System, said Sunday evening the policy was adopted to manage enrollment on the minority recruiting program.

"We're aware of the national scene and that HEW or the Department of Education is looking at a number of other states," he said. "But we took this action voluntarily to implement a plan to manage our own minority recruiting program."

Does that mean that if the System doesn't move to increase minority enrollment, then the federal government might?

"That's quite true," the chancellor said. He was enter-

taining guests of the System and could not talk further.

Sources in Washington have gone so far as to say the department is drafting a report that will order Gov. Bill Clements to "desegregate" the state's public colleges and universities, under threat of losing all federal aid.

One goal of the System-wide policy is to cut by 50 percent the difference between the proportions of white and minority (black and Hispanic) students who enter Texas A&M, Tarleton State and Texas A&M at Galveston. The policy aims to reach that goal within five years.

Under another objective, Prairie View A&M would attract more white students.

Regents charged Hubert with preparing a detailed plan to implement the policy.

In a prepared press release, Board Chairman Clyde H. Wells said the plan does not lower or change the academic standards of the System.

"All students of the Texas A&M University System must be able to meet the existing standards for admission to, retention in, and graduation from the academic programs offered," he said at the meeting, which was held at the ranch he manages near Granbury. "This policy does

not establish quotas. It calls for a good faith effort to expand equal educational opportunities."

Wells said the effort at Prairie View would be a general improvement, including the physical plant, the quality and range of programs offered, the qualifications of the faculty, student services and financial assistance.

Now Prairie View is in a major building program, totaling more than \$50 million for projects in progress or completed within the past 10 years.

Texas A&M, for its part, began a minority recruiting program last year. A preliminary plan also presented to the regents includes stepped-up minority recruitment and leasing WATS lines for no-cost calls to answer questions about admissions and related topics.

Regents also authorized the establishment of an energy affairs center at Prairie View and discussed long-range plans for the System's academic institutions, including a detailed review of the five-year master plan for Tarleton State.

The Prairie View energy center is planned as a regional facility for teaching, research and public service with emphasis on the impact of energy on minorities.

## Congress readies for bloody fight

WASHINGTON — The lame duck 96th Congress is still fighting over civil rights bills, but eager House members of the 97th Congress already gathered today for caucuses.

The run for House Republican leader is typically a bloody fight. The Democrats offered less glamorous contests.

On Tuesday the Democrats will snag the

limelight with a fight over proposed new House rules that would make it more difficult — if not impossible — for conservative Republicans to ram their ideas through Congress on such issues as busing and abortion.

House Republicans, who will be stronger in numbers but still a 243-192 minority in the new Congress, were to choose between Reps. Bob Michel of Illinois and Guy Van Jagt of Michigan to replace the retiring

John Rhodes of Arizona as House minority leader.

In the Democratic caucus Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill of Massachusetts and Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas are certain to retain their posts. Leading candidate for the No. 3 leadership position — majority whip, which is the same as assistant majority leader — is Rep. Tom Foley of Washington.

The Democrats will save their fighting for Tuesday when they consider several housekeeping rules that would make it more difficult to force issues out of committee and onto the floor, and to pass riders that are attached to House-passed bills by

the Senate. The Senate will be controlled by Republicans 53-47 next year.

One of the proposed rule changes would require a two-thirds majority to force a bill out of committee and onto the floor by means of a discharge petition.

Republicans already are assuming they will use such a petition to force action on constitutional amendments to ban abortions and school busing for racial integration purposes because the Judiciary Committee, which handles all constitutional amendments, is headed by Rep. Peter Rodino, Dem.-N.J., a foe of such amendments.

## Fish Camp chairman applications open

By BARBARA LYNCH

Battalion Reporter

The Student Y Fish Camp is set to expand again for the Class of '85, says Fish Camp coordinator Venita McCellon.

The camp, consisting of four sessions during four days each, is held every August at the Lakeview Methodist Assembly in Palestine. It provides freshmen entering Texas A&M University a chance to get acquainted with Aggie traditions and with other before fall classes begin.

The camp features presentations on such things as setting personal goals and developing good study habits. It's a combined effort between students, faculty and administrators to get the freshmen initiated into college life, McCellon said.

McCellon, a junior from Diana, said the number of freshmen who want to participate in the fish camp is growing. Last fall 100 freshmen traveled to the camp, this year the camp's coordinators and directors are expecting to take four groups. "We just hate to turn people away," McCellon said. "But there are always more people who want to go than we can accommodate." Even with the addition of a fourth

group, McCellon says there will still be some freshmen who won't get to go.

About 2,240 freshmen, 560 more than last year, are expected to attend the 1981 camp, and additional counselors will be needed. There will be 560 counselors next year, picked from among upperclassmen who apply for the positions. The counselors work one-on-one with the freshmen, and McCellon said there will be about four freshmen to every upperclassman. Counselor applications open Jan. 25.

The 1977 Fish Camp was the first to expand to two camp groups, and last year's camp pioneered the three-group trip.

There will be four individual camps within each camp group, each camp is headed by a chairman and subchairman, and it contains about 150 freshmen and 35 counselors.

Applications for the 32 chairman- and subchairmanships opened Dec. 1, and will close Friday at noon. A list of those to be interviewed for chairmen and subchairmen will be posted on Tuesday, Dec. 16. McCellon said anyone who has been to Fish Camp as a counselor at least one year is eligible.

## Report could have additional benefits

# Re-accreditation includes self-study

By ROBERT R. GREEN

Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University is about to take a long, hard look at itself as it prepares to face re-accreditation.

Although Texas A&M expects to be re-accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1983, the required self-study before the accreditation team's visit is "a tremendous opportunity for us to have an in-depth look at ourselves," said Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Accreditation means that "other institutions view your institution as one worthy of membership" in their ranks, McCandless said.

For the student, he said, attending an accredited university like Texas A&M

means that "you don't have to validate your course work if you transfer to another school."

Re-accreditation takes place every ten years, with an SACS team visiting the campus and investigating the programs, courses and services it provides, as well as other aspects like organization and research.

Texas A&M is required to perform a self-study before the accreditation team's visit, McCandless said. The self-study committee, which will be made up mostly of faculty and staff members, will look at the same areas as the accreditation team, he said.

McCandless said that while A&M is expected to be re-accredited, the self-study is still important as a way of examining the University's priorities and needs.



Staff photo by Becky Swanson

## Cowboys and clowns

"Cowboy the Clown" knew he was in Aggieland Saturday when he and others from Shriner's "Clown Jewels" group of Houston entertained the crowd at the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. His large yellow-red hat was decorated with a sign: "This hat only looks orange."

# Quiz files offer glimpse of what future might hold

### Corps, library are just two places where old exams are kept on file for reference

By SHERRY A. EVANS

Battalion Reporter

When that next all-important test comes up, instead of depending solely on notetaking, textbooks and tutors, quiz files just might be the answer.

Quiz files are located in Dorm 2, the reserve section of the Sterling C. Evans Library, the basement of Heldenfels, A-1 lounge and the Commons area.

The Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets has a quiz file located in the guardroom in Dorm 2 which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tom Langford, Corps scholastic officer, said each outfit in the Corps works 72 hours a semester at the quiz file. A senior, junior, sophomore and freshman are on duty at all times, he said.

This quiz file contains tests primarily for courses below the 300 level and are donated by students.

Each outfit is specialized, Langford said, and has its own quiz file. However, Langford said, someone looking for a particular test could hopefully find what he wants in the main quiz file in Dorm 2.

Langford said the Corps quiz file is available to any student. Students must leave their I.D. cards when they take a test out and keep the test as long as they like.

"Not any quiz file is totally complete," Langford said, but "we try to maintain a constant flow of tests into the file."

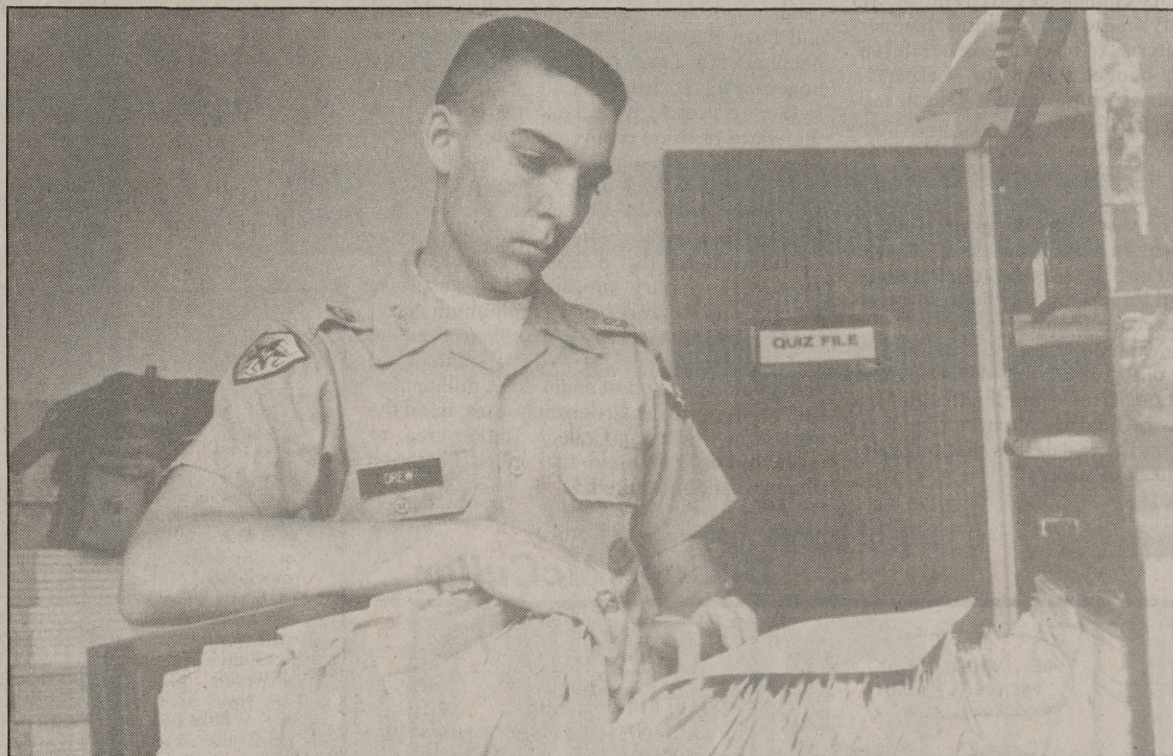
Unlike the Corps quiz file, which contains tests turned in by students, the quiz file in the reserve section of the Sterling C. Evans Library accepts only texts that are turned in by Texas A&M teachers and professors.

"If (professors) want to have their quizzes available, we'll put them on file for whatever sections they want," said Paul White, night supervisor. "We don't decide what goes on file."

The file contains quizzes for about 50 courses with about 30 teachers contributing. Some, but not all, of the quizzes have the answers and there are several solutions for regular class homework. Some teachers have made their class notes available through the quiz file.

Dr. David H. Stewart, head of the English department, said he does not feel students receive any kind of special advantage in using the quiz file tests to determine how a teacher will test. Stewart said he feels it is a teacher's responsibility to let a student know what he will be tested on.

Dr. Huey L. Perry, assistant professor in the political science department, said he feels quiz files are "quite useful." Perry said



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Roger Drew, a freshman aerospace engineering major, checks through the Corps quiz file in Dorm 2 for an

old chemistry test. The Corps maintains an active file of old tests for many classes offered on campus.

there are often sections of the course material that a teacher does not lecture over, so students should be able to get "some idea as to what aspect (of the material) the professor is likely to emphasize."

The library reserve file is operated by student employees as well as full-time library personnel and the file is open during the library's regular hours.

A student must turn in his I.D. card when taking out a quiz. The time limit is two hours and the quizzes may be taken anywhere in the library.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC), located in the basement of Heldenfels, operates much like the library reserve quiz file in that it does not keep on file quizzes turned in by students.

the need was," he added. The post of vice president for student services was also created as a result of suggestions in the last self-study, McCandless said.

The self-study committee is expected to be named during the spring semester, McCandless said. The study itself will begin in Fall 1981 and is to be completed by the end of Spring 1982. The re-accreditation team is expected to make its visit during 1983.

"We should really be ready to go in pretty high gear by the beginning of the fall semester," he said. The self-study will probably follow "a very similar format" to the one, with each college evaluating itself and an overview of the entire University being prepared as well, he said.

"Our new library came about much more rapidly" because of the process, he said. The self-study helped show "how pressing