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The Weather

Yesterday	Today
High 72	High 36
Low 23	Low 20
Rain 0.25	Chance of rain... none



Carts at large

Staff photo by Chuck Chapman

Grounds maintenance worker Alvin Statz apprehends some grocery baskets trying to "escape" over the Northgate wall. A prankster placed the carts atop the wall; Statz returned them to their owners.

Sixteen dead in year's worst storm

United Press International
The season's worst storm so far dumped up to a foot of snow from Colorado to Michigan in near-blizzard conditions and spawned tornadoes and torrential rains in the South and rumbled toward the drought-stricken Northeast today.

Much of Texas was shivering Tuesday from the invading cold and accompanying winds. Temperatures fell to 8 degrees in the Panhandle. Scattered areas of snow and freezing drizzle also were reported in the Panhandle and High Plains, necessitating travelers advisories. The low temperature of 8 degrees was reported in Dalhart.

The front was even more chilling because of north winds ranging from 15 mph to 30 mph.

Four tornadoes were reported in the state, but they caused no injuries.

At least 16 deaths nationwide were blamed on the storm, described as the most dangerous of the winter by the National Weather Service. The system kept its strength as it moved across the Appalachians and into New York today.

Vicious winds up to 65 mph raced across southern West Virginia late Tuesday, leaving a trail of darkened homes, uprooted trees, smashed storefronts and toppled road signs.

In Kurten, just north of Bryan, Harold Lloyd, 73 was injured when his mobile home was overturned by a twister about 2:30 a.m.

High winds and large hail pounded north Brazos County, knocking down power lines and smashing windows at a score of businesses and homes.

A teen-ager was killed on her 19th birthday and three family members were injured by a tornado that touched down outside Huntsville, one of four tornadoes spawned by a swiftly moving Arctic front.

Among the injured was an 18-month-

old girl who was flown by helicopter to a Houston hospital about seven hours after the 3:30 a.m. storm Tuesday, Walker County Deputy Billy Linville said. Also injured were an 18-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman, Linville said.

Altricia Frear, who would have been 19, was killed in the wreckage of her mobile home, which the tornado picked up and set down about 100 yards away, the Walker County civil defense coordinator said.

Fire Department officials were called to the scene, off FM Road 2550 about 10 miles west of Huntsville, to free the dead woman.

The tornado also destroyed a wood frame house near the trailer, injuring

the 72-year-old occupant, the deputy said.

In Diboll, a tornado pulled down powerlines and trees and damaged roofs. Several children were trapped in a mobile home after it was overturned but a police officer living across the street rescued them before the trailer caught fire.

Shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday a funnel cloud whipped across west Georgetown, damaging businesses in the Lakeair Shopping Center, police said.

South of the front, however, skies were generally partly cloudy and temperatures in the 50s and 60s with the high reported at Corpus Christi and Alice: 71 degrees.

Today in SCONA...

The 1981 MSC Student Conference on National Affairs begins today at Texas A&M University. Internationally known leaders from academia, business and politics at the three-day affair are addressing the topic: "International Society in Transition."

Today's speaker: — Robert Krueger, former ambassador at large and U.S. coordinator for Mexican Affairs, speaking on "The Changing World Order," at 2:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

The public is invited to attend.

Course loads, money discussed

By KATHY O'CONNELL
Battalion Staff

Dr. Charles Samson, Texas A&M University acting president, discussed the fairness of allocating state money to each academic department with a group of faculty members in a meeting at Sterling C. Evans Library Tuesday.

Samson spoke to approximately 25 faculty members of the Texas Association of College Teachers, who are also concerned with the conflict that sometimes arises between a professor's teaching and research.

Samson told the teachers that their mission at the University includes good teaching, research, public service and creative activities.

The system of distributing money among the colleges stirred controversy among the faculty members and was the main issue discussed at the meeting. In the current situation at Texas A&M,

some colleges receive more money than others.

Ultimately, the president of Texas A&M decides the distribution of funds for departments, Dr. Ron Holmes, president of the Texas A&M chapter of TACT, said. The president is advised by various people; however, the final decision is his, Holmes said.

For example, Holmes said, the Colleges of Engineering and Education get more money, because those programs use more.

Samson said if the money were to be distributed equitably, it would be necessary to look at the marketplace in that area. For instance, he said, "The marketplace is different in different areas. In the engineering department they are faced with expanding enrollment and a highly competitive market."

"Where inequities have arisen, he said, "we must try to solve them as fast

as we can."

Samson said a Legislature-proposed suggestion for equitable distribution was across the board pay for non-tenured faculty, while tenured faculty would receive pay increases based on merits.

The suggestion was met with disapproval by one faculty member who questioned that considerable money is spent on research, while other areas, particularly teachers' salaries, are neglected.

"If you are doing good research, you get rewarded," he said, "if you are considered a good teacher, you are punished. We find this very frustrating."

Another member said he is concerned about the necessity to establish a "yardstick" that would measure a teacher's competence. He added that

he didn't see such a yardstick at Texas A&M.

In response, Samson said, "It's relatively easy to count elements of research — easy to quantify; however, it's difficult to quantify good teaching."

To solve some of the problems, Samson suggests there be clear-cut objectives and goals. "The situation we have at Texas A&M is a system of inputs and outputs, where we are trying to do different things."

He said he would like to see each faculty member "carry two loads out of six areas."

The areas include instructing, research, public service (continuing education), creative activities (English and literature departments), administration and counseling and advising. "There has to be a blend of the different components," he said.

First service fee requests heard

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB
Battalion Reporter

Three of the nine student service fee users presented their 1981-82 requests to the Student Government Finance Committee Tuesday night.

The Students' Legal Adviser, Department of Student Activities and Student Government outlined their proposals in the first of four student service fee hearings.

The hearings will be held by the committee over a two-week period. Committee members are reviewing each student service user's budget and considering each area's needs before recommending student service fee allocation for 1981-82.

The fees to be dispensed are those collected during the 1980-81 school year.

Jim Locke, students' legal adviser, presented his budget, requesting \$78,848, an increase of 15.3 percent over last year's allocation.

The largest single area showing an increase in Locke's proposed budget is that of salaries. This area shows an across-the-board increase of 9.2 percent, a great deal of which is due to the recent 5.1 percent increase mandated to all government employees in Texas.

Locke was allocated \$55,008 for salaries this year; the requested amount for 1981-82 is \$60,069.

The largest percentage increase in Locke's proposed 1981-82 budget is one of 33 percent for telephone expenses. Locke said one of the reasons for this is the cost of the new telephone system which will be installed before the fall semester.

Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, presented the proposed 1981-82 request of her department: \$166,750, \$9,500 of which is for the student handbook InROL.

This is an increase of 20 percent over last year's total allocation of \$133,359. Adair attributed most of this increase to inflation and to increases in salaries, both mandatory and merit. Adair's proposed budget delegates \$115,250 to salaries, 20 percent more than the \$96,268 for salaries in this year's budget. Some of the money would go toward hiring a new clerk to keep departmental records.

The hiring of the new clerk to handle "nit-picky bookkeeping details" is the only "new" expense in the proposed budget. She said it will be more efficient to consolidate most of the departmental record-keeping duties into one job.

She said her requested increase from \$9,000 to \$9,500 for InROL is a "realistic" one, due to inflation.

Brad Smith, student body president, submitted the budget proposal of the Student Government to the committee, requesting \$39,092. This is an increase of 5.3 percent over last year's allocation of \$37,120.

The largest area of expense in the proposed 1981-82 budget is the administrative area. A large amount of this is in the salary of the secretary who handles administrative duties. Smith projected the salary to increase 15 percent overall, from \$9,500 to \$10,925.

Other expenses of the administrative

branch of SG include \$4,000 for a professor information booklet; \$2,200 for telephone charges; and \$2,200 for printing expenses.

Another area covered in the proposed budget is the executive branch, which coordinates such activities as Muster and Parents' Day. Total estimated expenses for the 1982 Muster are \$3,140, an increase of 19 percent over this year's projected expenses of \$2,640.

Projected costs for Parents' Day also show an increase in the 1981-82 budget.

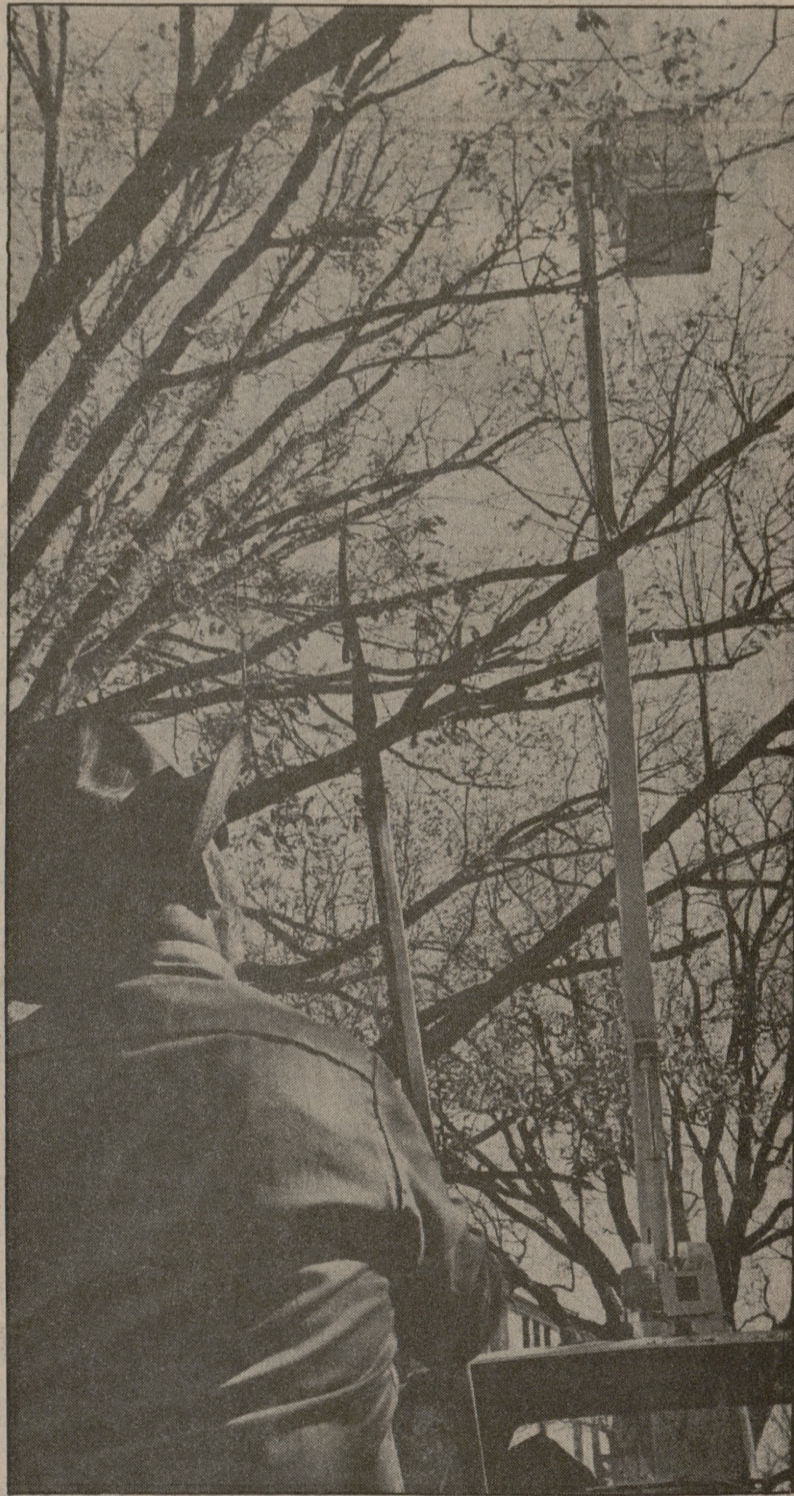
Expenses for advertising in The Battalion, as well as for printing newsletters, flyers, surveys and brochures also fall under executive branch expenditures. Projected expenses for these and other communications-related activities are \$4,000 for 1981-82, an increase of 32 percent over this year's expenditures.

Of the three budgets presented Tuesday, the Student Government budget request showed the least increase over last year's allotments. No final allocation recommendations will be made until the other three hearings are held Thursday night and Feb. 17 and 19.

The actual recommendations will be made by the committee during a closed hearing Feb. 21.

Upon student senate approval, the committee will forward its recommendation to Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, for approval.

If Koldus approves the recommendation, it will go through Acting President Charles Samson to the Board of Regents.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Cherry picking

Morris Allison of one of Texas A&M's grounds maintenance crews looks on as Joe Gaudet cleans dead leaves and mistletoe from trees in front of the Biological Science Building. Crews were out in full force Tuesday, taking advantage of the springlike weather — before a cold front roared through Tuesday afternoon.

Case of the Incredible Shrinking Newspaper

Beginning with today's edition, The Battalion will be printed on paper that is two inches narrower than that previously used.

Donald C. Johnson, director of student publications, said the reason for the switch from 30- to 28-inch paper was brought about by a shortage of news-

print. Johnson said using the narrower paper which The Battalion will use from now on will save about \$8,000 (a 7 percent saving) in newspaper costs in the coming year.

This means the columns in the newspaper will be an eighth of an inch narrower than before.