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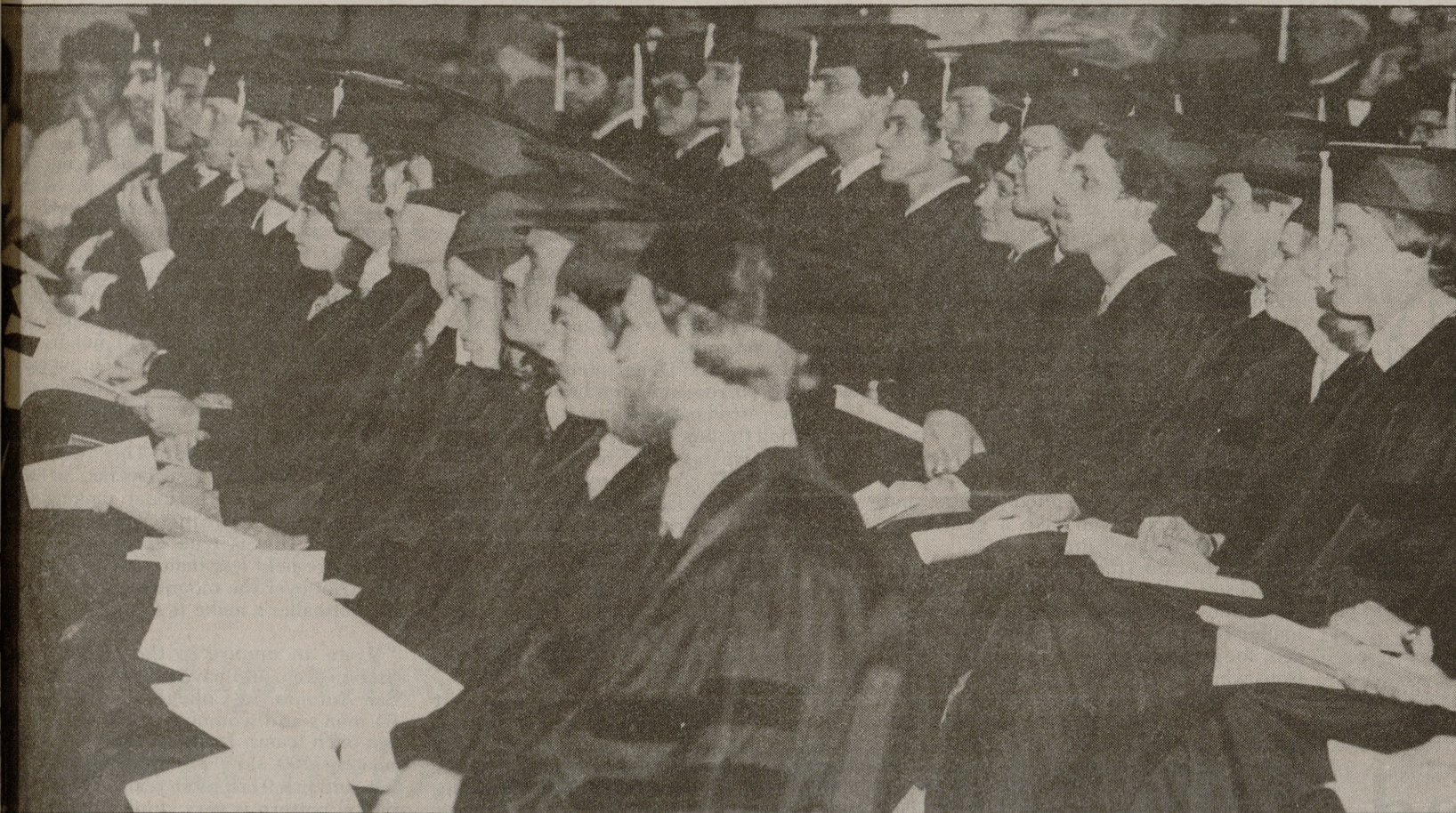
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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High	95	High	83
Low	77	Low	75
Chance of rain	10%	Chance of rain	50%

Texas A&M graduates first M.D.s



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Graduate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Texas A&M University wait anxiously to receive their diplomas, the first awarded by the Texas A&M Medical School. The first graduating class of thirty-two students who began their work in 1977, received their diplomas

in the graduation ceremony at Rudder Theater Saturday afternoon. The students will now go on to complete their residency requirements before being fully accredited physicians.

1981 class distinguished as an Aggie tradition

By BERNIE FETTE

Seven women and 25 men became Texas A&M University's first crop of medical doctors Saturday as they were graduated in Rudder Theater.

In the College of Medicine's first commencement ceremony since its initial establishment by the state legislature in 1971, Board of Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright told an audience of almost 600 that the event was not only a milestone for the University, but also it would ultimately prove to be a milestone for the entire medical profession.

"This is truly a momentous occasion," Bright told the graduates. "We regard you with the same pride, hope, aspirations and dreams that any father has for his first born."

"You are our pioneers, our trailblazers," he said.

James S. Moore, president of the Association of Former Students, echoed Bright's praise for the new physicians by telling them all future classes will be judged by theirs.

Speaking for the association, Moore said, "We are equally as proud of you. Today you have become a tradition."

Dr. Steven C. Beering, dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, told the audience in his commencement address that medicine is "a calling, not a vocation or a profession."

Beering was chairman of the site survey team that visited the Texas A&M College of Medicine in 1976. That visit later resulted in the college's provision-

al accreditation. "Medicine is like life, it has no fixed beginning and no finite end," said Beering, who is also the director of the Indiana University Medical Center.

In his response for the charter class, Dr. Scott Thomas Orth said 1981 has been an important year because it allowed for the assessment of three goals for the College of Medicine: first, to gain full accreditation, which was achieved this year; second, to establish a modern medical program; and third, to help fulfill the need for primary care physicians.

Joy Hawkins Tessem received the first Helen Saylor Anderson Award presented to the most outstanding senior in four years of medical school. The award was established in 1980 by Frank C. Anderson Jr., M.D. in honor of his mother.

Eight students of the 32-member charter class were graduated with a grade point ratio of 3.5 or higher.

The College of Medicine at Texas A&M received Veterans Administration approval in June 1974 and in September 1977, the first year actual medical study began. The school recently received its five-year accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

The next step for the new doctors is the completion of their residency programs. Many of them will do so at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple where the charter class members spent their third and fourth years of study.

Former student named by Reagan to Air Force post

A former student of Texas A&M University was nominated Friday by President Reagan to be the new undersecretary of the Air Force.

Edward C. Aldridge Jr., 42, who had been vice president of the Strategic System Group and was responsible for management and direction of the strategic analysis and policy planning function for the corporation, will be recommended to the Senate for confirmation. Aldridge is a member of the Class of '60.

A native of Houston, Aldridge received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Texas A&M where he was named a distinguished student. He earned a master's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1962.

Aldridge also served from 1973-74 as a senior management associate with the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, and from 1974-77 he was director of planning and evaluation for the secretary of defense.

Enrollment sets another record

By BERNIE FETTE

Associate Registrar Donald Carter announced Monday that the official fourth class day total enrollment has set a first summer session enrollment record as expected. The final count is 12,261, a 4 percent increase over last summer's total of 11,782.

Last year's count also set a first summer session enrollment record.

"I can't remember any time in the last four or five years when enrollment has declined," Carter said last week, expecting another record. "Last year we had over 11,700, and I think we'll have at least that many again this year."

Some students have not yet paid their fees, he said, and those students are subject to being stricken from the roll.

Of the total, 10,190 are off-campus students and 2,071 are living in residence halls.

The count for on-campus students, according to Coordinator of Housing

Services Dena Todd, is 1,220 men (about the same as last year) and 841 women (slightly more than last year).

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said so far housing is much more crowded for women this year than last year, but not as crowded for men as was expected. Sasse said he had no explanation for the women's unusually high demand for housing coupled with the men's lower demand this summer.

The overflow from the residence halls is being housed in two Corps dormitories, Lacy Hall and Leonard Hall.

Other halls being used to house students for the summer are Briggs, Whiteley, White, and Harrington in the Corps area.

In the Commons area, summer school students are living in Aston and Mosher halls. Some rooms in those two halls are housing students and professionals attending short courses during the summer, but Sasse said the number of people enrolled in those courses will vary from week to week.

Agricultural conference will begin this week

An administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) will address the Association of U.S. University Directors of International Agricultural Programs Wednesday on the Texas A&M University campus.

The speech by Peter McPherson, scheduled for 7 p.m. in 210 MSC, will highlight the association's three-day conference which begins today.

Conference topics focusing on the theme, "International Agriculture Within U.S. Universities" include: "internationalizing" agricultural curriculum, perspectives of international agri-

culture by those within U.S. universities and philosophies and status of collaborative research support programs.

At the time of his appointment by President Reagan, McPherson was acting White House counsel. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru, and in 1977-1980 he was a member of the board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

In cooperation with AID, the board encourages U.S. universities to participate in stimulating food production and sound nutrition in developing countries.

Israel sneak-attacks Iraqi reactor to protect its existence from bombs

JERUSALEM — Israel said Monday its fighter-bombers destroyed the Iraqi atomic reactor near Baghdad in a surprise raid ordered because the facility was intended "to create atomic bombs" for use against Israel.

The government said it wiped out the French-built Osiris nuclear reactor Sunday because it had been informed the installation would be operational shortly and would produce Hiroshima-type bombs that would endanger the "existence" of Israel.

"Our pilots fulfilled their mission completely," the lengthy and unusually detailed surprise announcement said. "The reactor was completely destroyed."

It said Israeli pilots returned safely to their base. The announcement brought stunned reaction in world capitals.

In a statement issued through the official Iraqi News Agency, the Baghdad government said nine Israeli planes were involved in the attack Sunday. But it gave no details about the amount of damage done to the installation 19 miles southeast of Baghdad and only about a half-hour from Israel by supersonic jet.

The Baghdad statement charged that Israel had acted in league with Iran repeatedly since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war last September. "Planes of the Zionist enemy have raided Iraq since the first days

of the war," a spokesman for Iraq said, claiming that Israeli planes participated in an earlier attack on the nuclear installation late last September.

The Iraqi news agency said Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council will issue an "important" statement late today "about the Zionist operation against Iraqi nuclear installations."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the United States was informed of the attack after it took place Sunday, but that it was given no prior information about the raid.

"This is clearly a very serious development and a source of utmost concern," the U.S. statement said, adding the United States has offered aid to Iraq to deal with any possible spread of radiation.

The statement said, however, "our initial estimate of potential radiation effects is that they would probably be minimal and limited to the immediate vicinity of the installation."

Fischer said information received by the United States indicates American-built planes were used by the Israelis in the raid.

In Cairo, Egypt quickly condemned the Israeli air attack on the reactor as an "irresponsible and unjustifiable crime." Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the attack marked "a sharp escalation of the explosive situation" in the Middle East.

There was no immediate reaction from either Italy or France — the two countries that helped Iraq build the reactor. The Israeli announcement, without mentioning Italy or France, appealed to "two European governments to stop this terrible, inhumane deed."

"We will under no condition permit an enemy to develop against our people a weapon for mass destruction. We will defend the citizens of Israel and, in enough time, with all the means at our disposal," the statement said.

The Israeli announcement said "highly reliable sources" informed Israel of two possible dates for completion and activation of the reactor — either the beginning of July or the beginning of September.

"In a short time, the Iraqi reactor would have been ready and operating," the announcement said. "Under such conditions, no government in Israel could have taken the decision to bomb the reactor (once it was already activated)."

"Its splitting (after it was operational) would have caused a huge wave of deadly radioactivity over the city of Baghdad and many of Baghdad's innocent citizens would have been injured," Israel said.

Israel said its planes struck Sunday because it was assumed "the 100 to 150 foreign experts who work at the reactor site would not be present on the Christian sabbath. This assumption was proven correct," the announcement said. "No foreign expert was hurt."

Agriculture college establishes its own development force

By DENISE RICHTER

A 65-member development council has been formed by the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture to help shape and define the direction and relevance of future agricultural programs at Texas A&M.

The council held its organizational meeting May 28.

Dr. Vernon Schneider, a Texas A&M agricultural economics professor involved in the formation of the council, said it was developed in part because of the desire of many individuals and agricultural businesses to become more actively involved in academic, research and public service.

Dr. H.O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture, said the council was set up "to help develop the college using non-traditional resources such as gifts, plus the fact that they (council members) can help us set priorities."

"After the Development Foundation for the whole University was set up, we realized that colleges with

their own individual development groups can accomplish more. Through our council, we're getting closer to the people concerned."

Kunkel noted that an increasing number of graduates of the agriculture college can be found in key executive roles in all facets of agriculture, food and renewable natural resources.

Schneider said the council "will provide greater assurance that our graduates and academic programs are meeting market needs and are supportive of the agricultural community."

While many of the council members are former students of Texas A&M, all of the members are external personnel, Kunkel said. "They're an extremely busy group of people with a lot of expertise," Kunkel said. "We're particularly happy with their response."

Bryan residents serving on the council include: Delvin R. Barrett, president of Feather Crest Farms Inc. and Dr. Lewis M. Roberts, formerly of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Polish union receives threats from Soviets

WARSAW, Poland — Despite reports of mounting Soviet pressure on Poland to end liberalization, a union delegation refused to compromise as talks opened Monday with Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski to head off a strike Thursday.

As Poland's political calm suddenly deteriorated with the threat of strikes and the report of an ultimatum from Moscow, the Communist Party's Central Committee called an emergency meeting for today.

The meeting was timed two days before the deadline for strikes in four northwestern provinces over what Solidarity claims is government inaction in punishing those responsible for beating union members March 19 in the north-central city of Bydgoszcz.

Krzysztof Gotowski, leader of the Solidarity union delegation meeting Rakowski, demanded a trial for "those who are responsible for the Bydgoszcz provocation."

Gotowski said the union was aware of the tough speech Rakowski made Sunday, warning the union it was demanding too much and making clear the government would not put Bydgoszcz officials on trial.

Rakowski told the Bydgoszcz area's Communist Party Central Committee that Poland's rulers, Moscow and other

Warsaw Pact nations were rapidly running out of patience over the renewed strife in Poland and Poland's fate is at stake.

"The limits of common sense agreements (by Polish authorities) are exhausted. The limit of patience of our allies is also being used up," he said.

"Those who want to weaken our power, let them remember that they are taking the responsibility for whatever happens to our state."

Rakowski's reference to tension reaching out beyond Poland's borders appeared to reinforce an anonymous telex received in Western news agencies, saying that the Soviet Union Sunday night sent an ultimatum to the ruling Polish Politburo to ensure the main lines of communications to the armies of neighboring states were open.

There was no further information on the exact meaning of the telex.

But a persistent, but unconfirmed, rumor in Warsaw said Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev had sent a letter to the Polish authorities expressing lack of confidence and offering "fraternal aid" in helping restore order in the country.

A Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968 ended Czechoslovakia's liberal approach to Communism, and the first Bydgoszcz crisis was played out as Warsaw Pact held war games inside Poland and on its borders.