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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High	67	High	68
Low	55	Low	53
Chance of rain	30%	Chance of rain	10%



Staff photo by Colin Valentine

All that brass

Cathy Boyd, a senior aerospace engineering major from Corpus Christi, and Joe Dellinger, a senior geophysics major from Duncanville,

play their French horns during the Texas A&M University Symphonic Band concert Friday night in Rudder Auditorium.

Blizzard shocks New England

United Press International
BOSTON — A surprise blizzard that paralyzed New England with 2 feet of wind-driven snow whipped up deep drifts on icy roadways today and left thousands of residents without power. At least three deaths were blamed on the storm.

"Really the hazard now is the high winds," said forecaster Gene Auciello. "Where the roads are not totally clear — and that's about everywhere — there will be treacherous driving conditions just about all through the area."

School children celebrated a day off today as administrators shut down hundreds of schools because of the early winter storm that hit six states and the region's two major cities, Boston and Providence, R.I.

Boston officials declared an emergency as state and local authorities asked the metropolitan area's 2 million people to use public transportation to get to work today.

The storm, the worst since 1978, caught New Englanders and meteorologists off guard. Forecasters had predicted 2 to 4 inches Saturday night. Instead, Newport, R.I., was swamped with 24 inches, Boston received 15 in-

ches and some Boston suburbs got 18 inches.

A National Weather Service spokesman said the snow tapered off in most places Sunday night as the storm headed northeast off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Strong winds gusting up to 50 mph in some places whipped the snow into deep drifts and covered roads almost as fast as they were plowed. Thousands of air travelers — including the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team — were unable to get in or out of Boston Sunday when officials closed Logan International Airport all day. The Maple Leafs' game against the Boston Bruins was canceled.

Snowplows moved slower than usual in many Massachusetts communities hard hit by the Proposition 2½ tax-cutting law. Boston Public Works Commissioner Joseph Casazza said his department's 60 percent personnel and budget cuts had slowed down clearing of the streets.

Highway crews cleared and sanded major arteries but smaller roads were covered. Fender-benders and minor injuries were numerous.

At the height of the storm, more than

60,000 people lost electricity as falling trees toppled power lines. The largest outage occurred on Aquidneck Island, R.I., where 45,000 people were without power.

On Nantucket Island about 20 miles off Cape Cod, thousands of tourists were stranded for the weekend because the ferry could not operate in rough seas with 12-foot high waves. About 12 whales were also washed ashore on Nantucket.

The storm concentrated its strength on eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, but parts of eastern Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine were also blanketed.

Council to examine oral exam requirements

Modifying the requirements for graduate students to take final oral examinations is scheduled for discussion Tuesday at a 1:30 p.m. meeting of the Academic Council.

The Texas A&M Graduate Catalog now states that a student must have a minimum grade point ratio of 3.0 at the time he schedules the final oral examination for either the master's or doctoral degree.

The proposed change states that, in addition to having a 3.0 GPR, a student must have no unabsolved grades of D, F or U (unsatisfactory) for any course listed for degree credit on his degree program.

In other business, council members will discuss modifying the admission requirements for the doctoral program in the College of Business Administration.

The College currently requires the Graduate Management Admissions Test for admission to any graduate programs. The proposed requirements will allow students to submit either GMAT or Graduate Record Examination scores.

The Council also will discuss proposed curriculum changes in landscape architecture.

The meeting will be held in 226 MSC.

History professors to recall Pearl Harbor events tonight

Three Texas A&M University history professors will participate in a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Eight battle ships in the harbor were destroyed on Dec. 7, 1941 and close to 200 planes were demolished. More than 2,400 Americans were killed.

The program will feature two military historians — Dr. Roger Beaumont, professor of history and Dr. James Bradford, assistant professor of history — and Dr. Martin Melosi, associate pro-

fessor of history and the author of "The Shadow of Pearl Harbor."

Beaumont will discuss the prognostication of the attack, Bradford will cover the actual attack by the Japanese, and Melosi will discuss the bombing's aftermath.

The program is sponsored by the Game Replication of Military, Economic, and Tactical Situations, a subcommittee of the MSC Recreation Committee. The 100 GROMETS members play war games which include political simulations, role playing, miniatures, and a variety of board games.

Admission is free.

Solidarity leak reveals discussion of takeover

United Press International
WARSAW, Poland — Authorities said today the Solidarity union held a top secret meeting last week in which members discussed a forceful takeover of power from the communist regime.

The official press today published details of the meeting which quotes militant leader Jan Rulewski as advising the union to form a temporary government to stabilize the situation in the country until elections are held.

Solidarity spokesman Marek Brunne, in a telephone interview, confirmed the press account of the meeting held Thursday in Radom. He suggested a tape of the session was sold or given to the authorities by a leadership member.

"The texts are authentic," he said. "They chose the tastiest quotes ... such a leakage discredits the people who were in the conference hall."

"It may be that someone sold the tape for money. We doubt the meeting was bugged."

In parliamentary elections set for 1984, Rulewski proposed giving the Communist Party 30 percent of seats,

the Peasant Party 25 percent, Solidarity 25 percent and the rest to the outlawed Confederation of Independent Poland and to lay Catholics.

The accounts quote Zbigniew Bujak, powerful leader of the million-member Warsaw region, as saying the union should set up its own worker police to counteract riot squads.

"The first assault the worker guards will make will be against radio and television," he was quoted as saying.

Bujak also was quoted as saying, "a general strike should be prepared for and (the union) should wait for a good reason to start it."

The newspaper accounts also detail bitter, militant debate in which Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who tries to be a moderate, bowed before radicals and militants demanding direct action and confrontation with the government.

At one point, Warsaw region deputy chairman Seweryn Jaworski threatened Walesa if he remained too moderate.

"If you make a step back, I will cut your head off," Jaworski said. "And if I don't do it, someone else will."

Walesa, apparently because of the pressure by hawks, followed the belligerent mood.

"We should not speak loudly about confrontation," he said. "We have to say: we love us, we love socialism and the party and of course we love the Soviet Union. And we should perform our job by fait accompli and wait."

"There will be a confrontation, but it cannot take us by surprise. It is unavoidable."

The Radom meeting issued a draft resolution threatening a general strike if the government was granted emergency law and order powers and virtually rejecting Solidarity participation in a so-called "front of national agreement" expanded coalition.

The statement, bitterly attacked in a government communique Sunday was far more moderate than the secret debate at the meeting.

The leaked account of the meeting could be a valuable tool in the authorities' current campaign to discredit union leaders by implicating they were betraying the rank and file in a quest for political supremacy.

War of words builds

Khadafy calls Reagan liar

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A war of words and nerves mounts between the United States and Libya with Col. Moammar Khadafy calling President Reagan "a liar" and both sides swapping charges of death plots.

Libyan leader Khadafy denied Sunday he has dispatched an assassination team to kill high-ranking U.S. officials, but the State Department said it has concrete evidence of such a plan.

Khadafy also charged he has been the target of U.S. murder efforts — an accusation the State Department had no immediate comment on but which Sen. Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., — acting chairman of the Senate Security Committee — promptly denied.

In a televised interview from Tripoli, Khadafy accused the United States of fabricating stories about plans to kill American leaders in order to trigger a war with Libya.

The interview was broadcast on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." Several hours later, the State Department issued the following statement:

"We have strong evidence that Khadafy has been plotting the murder of American officials both here and overseas. We certainly hope that Khadafy's denial means that he will abandon the use of terrorism and assassination as a part of his foreign policy. When he has stopped, we will know it."

Newsweek magazine said the assassination squad reports are based on the testimony of a former Lebanese terrorist now in CIA custody.

In today's edition of The Washington Post, unnamed sources were quoted as saying U.S. intelligence has received

a very detailed, although in some respects puzzling, report about a 10-man squad allegedly formed to kill Reagan or top Cabinet officers.

Although the report is being taken seriously, the Post said, it has also triggered some skepticism.

For instance, the Post said, some analysts doubt Khadafy — although viewed as dangerous — would put his name to an assassination plot that could trigger a U.S. military attack on Libya.

Reports of a Libyan hit squad have resulted in bolstered security for Reagan and top administration figures.

Some new precautions in terms of Reagan's movements are apparent. He is being seen in public less often and Sunday night, when attending a Kennedy Center awards presentation, all guests were required to pass through metal detectors.

During his interview, Khadafy said: "We are sure we didn't send any people to kill Reagan or any other people in the world and we want to see these big lies (exposed)."

Khadafy also said: "He has allowed former CIA agents and American mercenaries to live in his country because they came uninvited asking freedom, asking for a peaceful life. They feel they are free here."

"The infamous terrorist Carlos is not living in Libya. 'We don't know this person and he is not here, absolutely.'"

—At least 30 Libyan students in the United States have been recruited by the CIA to spy on their homeland.

—Exxon Corp. withdrew from Libya upon the demand of the Reagan administration, which is trying to force other American oil companies to leave Libya.

Saving those hunting memories

Taxidermy shows off trophies

By SANDRA K. GARY
Battalion Reporter
Showing off a buck with an outstanding rack of antlers would be a hunter's dream.

For the hunters who are lucky or skilled enough to shoot a trophy-sized deer, a taxidermist can help them show off their kill.

Palermo's Taxidermy Shop on Old College Street in Bryan and Lakeside Marine & Taxidermy Shop in Somerville are two shops in this area that mount almost any kind of animal.

Mike Palermo, co-owner of Palermo's Taxidermy Shop, said they will do all the preparations, including skinning and stuffing the animal.

"The hunters can still keep the deer meat," Palermo said. "But birds and fish are usually so small and difficult to skin, we rarely save the meat from them."

Jennifer Levee, a taxidermist at Lakeside Marine & Taxidermy shop, said if the customer wants to skin the animal they can, but he will probably get more meat if the taxidermist skins it. The inexperienced hunter may cut out big chunks of meat if they're not sure about what they're doing, she said.

"If the hunters know how to skin the animals, they can do it themselves. But, if not, we'll do it for them at no extra cost."

Both taxidermists agreed that when gutting a deer, hunters should not cut the animal's throat if they want to have the animal mounted.

For a full shoulder mount, the hunter should leave enough cape (skin around the head, chest and shoulder of the deer) by cutting the hide behind the front legs. The cape should be kept cold until delivered to a taxidermist.

"For deer, it's a good idea to keep them in cold storage," Palermo said. "Or if the hunters aren't near cold storage, they can pack the hides in fine salts until they can bring them in."

Levee said: "If it's cold enough outside, the hunters can just keep the deer wrapped up so flies and insects don't get

on it and leave it outside. But if the animal gets hot, the hair will fall out of the hide and the meat will spoil."

Fish and birds should be wrapped in wet bath towels to make sure that the fins and feathers are in a natural position and are not ruffled or bent the wrong way. Then they should be frozen until they can be brought in, Levee said.

All of the animals mounted at Palermo Taxidermy Shop are stuffed with plastic foam, Palermo explained, as he pointed to some yellow foam objects in the shape of deer heads.

Levee said their shop also uses a standard form, or they make a form out of papier mache.

After the animal is skinned, the hide is put over the body form and left to dry for a week to two weeks.

Once the drying is complete, the animals are mounted and touch ups are given to the mouths and noses of the animals since they lose color when dried.

"Fish need a lot of painting because as they dry out, they lose most of their color," Palermo said.

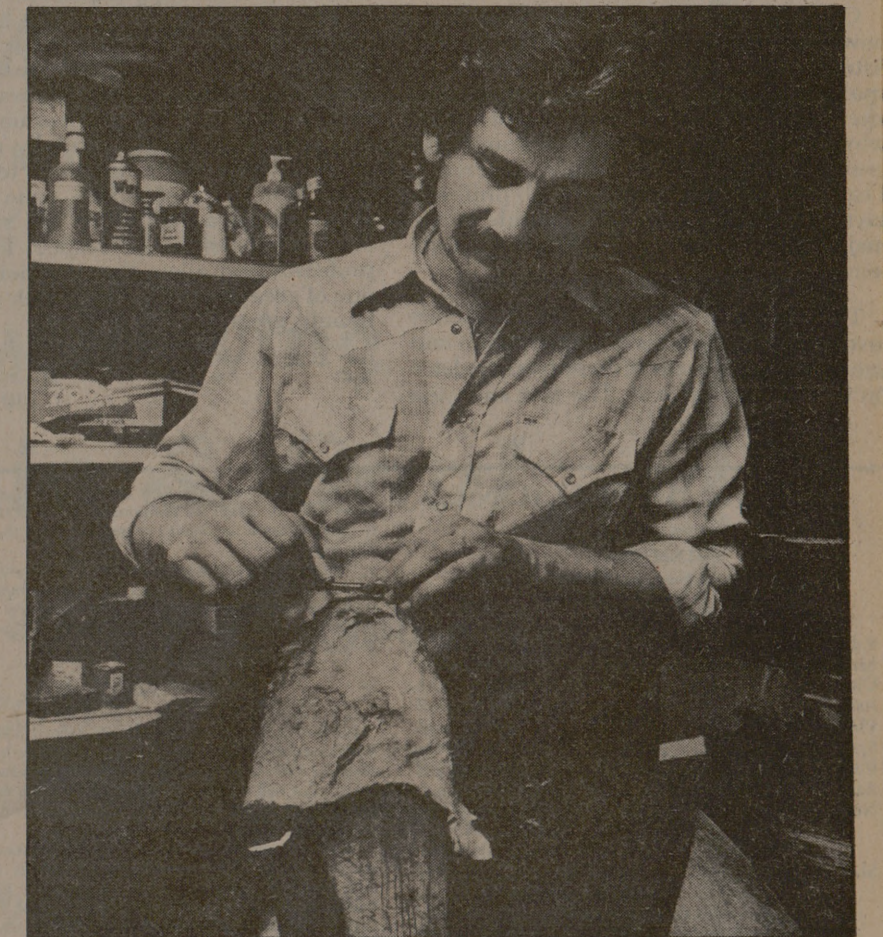
Palermo said it takes about a day to prepare a hide for mounting. But, this doesn't include time for drying, painting and finishing.

Actually, the time it takes to finish a mount depends on when the animal is brought in, Palermo explained.

"If a deer is brought in the last day of deer season, it's probably got 100 to 150 deer before it, so it would probably take seven to eight months to finish the mount," he said.

Levee said it takes about six hours to skin, mount, and ready a deer for drying. This includes putting in the eyes and positioning the ears. The eyes are manufactured glass eyes which have already been colored and shaped.

"In all, it takes roughly six weeks to finish a deer mount," she said. "And no longer than three months — even in peak season." This includes skinning, mounting, drying, painting and finishing the animal.



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Mike Palermo cleans the hide of a mountain goat in preparation for stuffing and mounting.

A shoulder mount of a white tail deer costs between \$150 and \$185.

A hunter can also decide to have only the horns mounted. This is done by covering the part of the skull connecting the two horns with the original hair of the deer or buckskin leather.

Both taxidermists also do full body mounts of bob cats, foxes, snakes, squirrels, quail, pheasants and other small animals. The prices on these mounts vary in both shops because of the size and work that may be required for each animal.