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The Weather

	Today	Tomorrow
High	68	70
Low	40	42
Chance of rain	0%	0%

Soviets send aid to Poland to quell strikes

United Press International
Soviet transport planes landed in Poland today and Polish army tanks pushed into the Solidarity stronghold of Gdansk to root out defiant union strikers, reports from Warsaw said.

The report came a day after a Soviet official said the Kremlin was ready to send troops to Poland to help restore order, but it was unclear whether the Soviet aircraft carried soldiers.

Poland's new military rulers moved massive troop contingents during the night in possible preparation for harsher action against defiant Solidarity activists still on strike in the fourth day of emergency rule.

The military-controlled mass media described the country as calm but admitted "it was depressing to learn that there already has been a necessity of repressive regulations of martial law."

There was no further explanation, but the military decrees prescribe a maximum sentence of death for Poles breaking the military regime's ban on strikes.

Travelers coming to Warsaw Tuesday said tanks, howitzers and armored personnel carriers were deployed thick-

ly around the countryside and that encampments of tents could be seen. There was very little private traffic in the countryside or the city since gasoline sales have been banned.

Reports reaching Warsaw from the northern port of Gdansk said the sit-in that began Sunday at the Lenin shipyards had been ended, but this could not be confirmed. Other travelers said many places in Gdansk were on strike and there were tanks in the street.

Reports from workers in Warsaw said Polish soldiers firing tear gas in the air had broken three of the biggest strikes by diehard Solidarity workers — two in Warsaw and one at Gdansk.

There were conflicting reports on the number of arrests, since the military government imposed martial law Sunday and began rounding up leaders of the 9.5-million-member labor group.

British Broadcasting Corp., reporting a mood of intense anxiety in Warsaw, said 5,000 union leaders had been arrested. A pamphlet passed out by a regrouped Solidarity in Gdansk said 49,000 people had been arrested across the nation, but other sources said only 6,000 had been taken into custody.

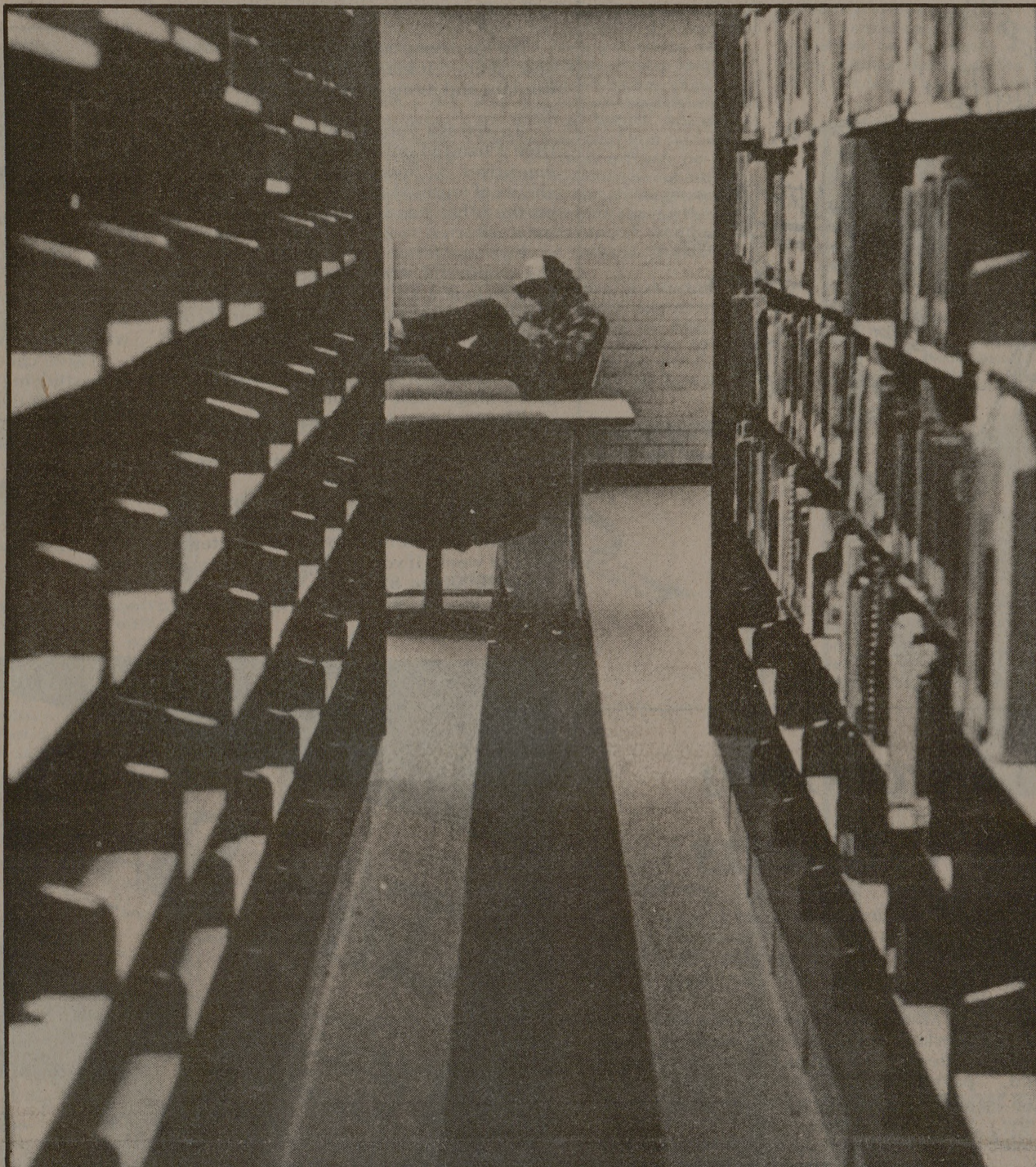


Photo by Beth Gibson

The long road to studying

Scott Pritchard, a freshman petroleum engineering major, studies for his first set of final exams in the Sterling C. Evans library on

campus. The library will be open 24 hours a day during finals week, and seems to be the new night spot for Aggies.

Congress headed for adjournment

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The 97th Congress headed for the final adjournment of its first session today, with Social Security legislation, a new farm program, a foreign aid bill, and a black lung benefits measure comprising the last major items on the agenda.

Although the remaining legislation was of major importance, the ending seemed dull in comparison to the battles of the federal budget and tax legislation — all won by Reagan.

As the House and Senate prepared for what was to be their final day — barring some unforeseen complications — here were the major issues:

—Social Security: The House was expected to approve a Senate-passed Social Security bill continuing the \$122-a-month minimum benefit for those who now have it, but denying it for those who reach retirement age after Jan. 1.

—Black lung benefits: The Senate was to vote on a House-approved bill intended to salvage a fund that pays benefits to coal miners disabled by black lung disease. It would double to \$1 per

ton the special tax on coal sold by producers assessed to finance the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

—Farm: The only legislation in major trouble is an \$11 billion compromise farm package passed by the Senate last week. The House was to consider the bill as one of its last items, but even its backers were unenthusiastic after negotiations to make it acceptable to the White House.

The four-year bill maintains sugar price supports and the controversial peanut program that limits the number of farmers allowed to grow the crop. It also sets price floors for major grains.

—Foreign aid: The two-year \$11.4 billion foreign aid program, which gave President Reagan most of what he wanted for his foreign policy toward the developing nations, was scheduled for House action after it passed the Senate 55-42. The largest recipients are Israel and Egypt and the measure would lift prohibitions on military aid to Chile, Argentina and Pakistan.

Syria calls special UN session

United Press International
Israel sent tanks and planes to the occupied Golan Heights to guard against Syrian attack but Damascus fought Israel's annexation of the region at an urgent U.N. Security Council session called today.

In Washington, Reagan administration officials said the United States

would join in a Security Council condemnation of Monday's unilateral Israeli action if it was not "too shrill" or did not call for sanctions against the Jewish state.

The Syrian parliament, called into emergency session to discuss the Israel annexation legislation, denounced Monday by Damascus as a declaration of

war that had broken the 1973 cease-fire between the two countries.

Syrian Defense Minister Mustapha Tlas threatened to use "the edge of the sword" against Israel for applying its "law, jurisdiction and administration" to the 450-square-mile strategic plateau taken from Syria in the 1967 war.

"We will confront this offensive and the United States will not frighten us," Tlas was quoted by the Syrian news agency Sana as telling Syrian officers Tuesday in Damascus.

But Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Israel Radio, "There is no connection between the establishment of Israeli law on the Golan Heights and the Camp David peace process."

Israeli officials contended the legislation, rammed in just six hours through the parliament by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, was not outright annexation because it stopped short of applying Israeli sovereignty to the Golan.

On the Golan Heights, Israeli armored personnel carriers and tanks on flatbed trucks rolled northward. Israeli settlers in the 31 Jewish settlements on the Golan cleaned out their bomb shelters to prepare for possible Syrian attack.

Israel Radio reported an increase in Syrian troop movements but officials and military sources said there was no evidence Damascus was planning a strike.

Study says setting influences test scores

Environment helps memory recall

By STEPHEN M. WARD
Battalion Reporter
While students endure final examinations this week, they may not realize their performance can depend on where they take their tests.

At least two or three different studies have shown that if a student takes an exam in a different room from his regular classroom, he'll do worse than if he had taken the exam in regular room, said Steve Smith, an experimental psychologist at Texas A&M University.

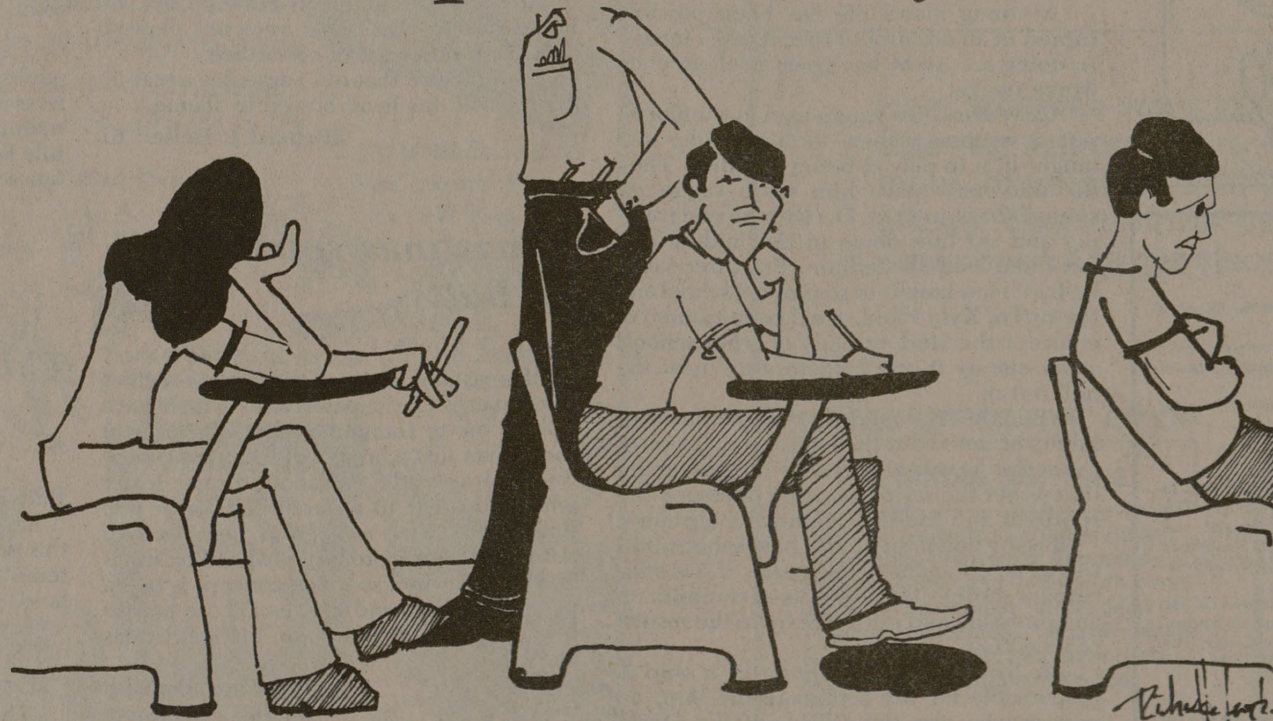
Smith has been conducting experiments dealing with effects of the environment on recall and recognition to find ways of overcoming the problems of being tested in a new environment.

The psychologist said students will have to overcome this problem when they apply knowledge obtained in college to the business world.

Results of experiments have shown the environment serves as a memory reminder, Smith said. For example, all students tested in the room where they learned the material did better than students who were tested in a different room.

A separate group of students, tested in a different room other than where they were taught, were asked to imagine or visualize the room in which they originally heard the material. Those students performed just as well as those students who took the test in the regular room, he said.

"Thus," Smith said, "if we are able to remember the environment, we'll be able to better remember what we've learned."



In another study, Smith has found that students who study in more than one room do much better than students who study in a single room when being tested in a room they've never been in before.

"Which means, it's not just that more environments will help your memory,

but, that if you're going to be tested in a new room, it could be to your advantage to have learned that material in a number of different places," Smith said.

In multi-room learning it is possible that memory may not be dependent on one environment in order to recall in-

formation, he said.

His specific research interests concern how general situations affect memory. Smith hopes to define how human memory performs in everyday situations and what can be done to overcome certain problems.

Campus quiz file seeks donations of old tests

Students will have access to a campus-wide quiz file in January if they will donate their old tests to Student Government now.

Kathy Bartholomew, student vice president of academic affairs, said a central quiz file will consolidate the many files already established on campus, giving everyone the same access to old tests and quizzes.

The file will be card-catalogued and bound and will be available to students in the reserve section of Sterling C. Evans Library during regular library hours. Students will be able to check out tests and quizzes for two hours at a time.

However, student government needs tests and quizzes from the last two years to make this central file possible. The file will be ready for use in January if quizzes are brought by Thursday to the Student Government office in the Student Programs Office, 216 Memorial Student Center, or to the library reserve room.

The appropriate course name and number should be marked on each test.

Bartholomew encourages all residence halls and other student groups with their own quiz files to donate or photocopy their tests for the new central file.

Publication ends for fall semester

With today's issue The Battalion will cease publication for the fall semester.

The student newspaper will be published again Jan. 13, during the week of registration for spring semester classes. Classes will begin Jan. 18.

The Battalion will resume its Monday through Friday publication schedule beginning Jan. 18.