



FORECAST for THURSDAY:
Sunny and warm during the day,
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Wednesday, April 5, 1989

Spring exam schedule includes 'dead week,' no weekend tests

By Fiona Soltes

STAFF WRITER

With the help of a committee formed by Texas A&M President William Mobley, the registrar's office has devised an exam and commencement schedule for the spring semester that will attempt to please everyone.

The committee, comprised of faculty, students and registrar personnel, decided to have:

- A true "dead week."
- A reading day.
- No tests during the weekend.
- Ample time for students to study and for professors to turn in grades.

• An opportunity for degree candidates to participate in commencement activities, even if they haven't fulfilled all degree requirements.

Don Gardner, associate registrar, said he is confident the schedule will benefit everyone and will not change.

"I think it's one of the best compromises we've ever come up with," he said.

During the fall semester, the schedule was changed several times due to questions concerning senior finals and tests during the weekend.

Gardner said Mobley declared Monday through Wednesday, May 1-3, as "dead week." No regular course examinations may be given during these days, with the exception of laboratories and one-hour courses.

Gardner said the group also gave

degree candidates with incomplete grades or those waiting on transfer courses extra time to clear up these matters following graduation. This plan will allow them to participate in commencement exercises. Students have until 5 p.m. June 9, the first Friday of the summer semester, to clear these blocks. The first degree audit takes place May 11.

"In the past, we've had an iron-clad policy concerning degree requirements," Gardner said. "But I think this is one of the fairest compromises we can make. We want students to realize that all is not lost with an incomplete grade — they still have nearly 30 days to find that faculty member and work things out."

The list indicating which students have been cleared will be posted in front of Heaton Hall beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, May 12. Blocked undergraduates may participate in commencement activities without receiving a diploma and may begin directing questions about blocks to 105 Heaton Hall May 15.

Graduate degree candidates with questions should contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 845-3631. Candidates not cleared after the one-month period must reapply for graduation in the summer and pay the \$15 fee.

Transcripts, \$3 per copy, will be available to students who have cleared all financial obligations to the University, including University Police. Those clearing the first audit may pick up transcripts at Heaton Hall Thursday, May 18, if requested by the day before. Transcripts will

be mailed May 22 to those requesting them.

The exam and graduation schedule will be as follows:

• **Wednesday, May 3:** Last day of spring classes.

• **Thursday, May 4:** Reading day; no classes or exams. Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

• **Friday, May 5:** 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., MWF 4 and after.

• **Friday, May 5:** 10 a.m. to 12 noon, MWF 8.

• **Friday, May 5:** 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., TTh 12:30-1:45.

• **Friday, May 5:** 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., TTh 11-12:15.

• **Monday, May 8:** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., MWF 9.

• **Monday, May 8:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., MWF 12.

• **Monday, May 8:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., TTh 8-9:15.

• **Monday, May 8:** 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., MWF 3.

• **Tuesday, May 9:** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., MWF 10.

• **Tuesday, May 9:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., MWF 2.

• **Tuesday, May 9:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., TTh 3:30 to 4:45.

• **Tuesday, May 9:** 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., MWF 1.

• **Wednesday, May 10:** 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., TTh 9:30-10:45.

• **Wednesday, May 10:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., MWF 11.

• **Wednesday, May 10:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., TTh 2-3:15.

• **Wednesday, May 10:** 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., TTh 5 and after.

• **Friday, May 12:** 2 p.m., com-

mencement for graduates and undergraduates in geosciences and liberal arts.

• **Friday, May 12:** 7:30 p.m., commencement for undergraduates in agriculture, business, science and veterinary medicine.

• **Saturday, May 13:** 9 a.m., commencement for undergraduates in architecture, education and engineering.

• **Saturday, May 13:** 1:30 p.m., Commissioning.

• **Saturday, May 13:** 3:15 p.m., Final Review.

All ceremonies will be in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Candidates in the professional program of the College of Veterinary Medicine can pick up their diplomas at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12, in Rudder Auditorium. The College of Medicine and Texas A&M University at Galveston will not participate in the ceremonies.

Degree-candidate grades submission is as follows:

• **Wednesday, May 10:** 6 p.m., grades are due for Friday and Monday examinations.

• **Thursday, May 11:** 1 p.m., grades are due for Tuesday examinations.

• **Thursday, May 11:** 6 p.m., grades are due for Wednesday examinations.

• **Monday, May 15:** 10 a.m., grades are due for all students not graduating.

Gorbachev proposes 'zone of peace,' admits limitations of Soviet reforms

HAVANA (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told the Cuban legislature Tuesday that Soviet-style reforms were not a universal remedy for all communist countries.

In a 53-minute speech before the Cuban National Assembly, Gorbachev also proposed that a "zone of peace" be established in Latin America and the Caribbean and renounced any Soviet intention of establishing naval, air or missile bases in the region.

Gorbachev also reaffirmed that the Soviet Union will continue supplying weaponry to Nicaragua's leftist government as long as the United States continues to arm other Central American countries. The issue remains a major sore point in relations between Washington and Moscow.

In his speech, the Soviet leader spent considerable time justifying the need for the reforms he has introduced in his own country.

"Today only those can count on success who

are marching in step with the times, who are drawing the necessary conclusions from the changes resulting from the fact that the world has entered the era of high technology, of intellectual labor, of the decisive role of science," he said.

But Gorbachev added that "We do not regard our approaches and solutions as some universal prescription for all."

"On the contrary, problems may be similar, but each party solves them in its own way, guided by its own notions and the specific features of its country," he said.

There had been speculation that Gorbachev, in a gesture of friendship toward Cuba, might announce forgiveness of part or all of Cuba's debt to the Soviet Union.

But he barely mentioned the subject, merely restating his position that the industrialized nations of the world should try to help ease the bur-

den of debtor nations in the developing world.

Earlier, in an interview with the Soviet news agency Tass, Gorbachev signaled that he and Cuban President Fidel Castro are prepared to work for improved East-West relations, indicating some softening in the Cuban leader's rigid anti-Americanism.

Gorbachev told Tass a central topic of his talks with Castro on Monday was the "new thinking" in Soviet foreign policy — an approach that seeks to ease world tensions by reducing military commitments abroad and negotiating settlements of regional disputes that threaten to bring the superpowers into conflict.

It is a tenet of Gorbachev's reform policies at home that the Soviet Union must demonstrate to the West it is eager to serve as a cooperative partner in world economic development and dispel the Kremlin's "enemy image" of the Cold War era.

Students fill eight positions in run-off race

By Kelly S. Brown

STAFF WRITER

Eight Student Government positions were filled in Tuesday's run-off election in which more than 600 students turned out to vote.

Curtis Rick, a junior biology major, is the new president of Off-Campus Aggies after winning 62.5 percent of the vote.

Rick received three more votes than Shawn Knight, a sophomore political science major, in the general election held last Thursday.

The Class of '90 Treasurer position was won by Karen Hodge, a junior management major. Hodge received 74.5 percent of the vote.

Phillip Robertson, a sophomore history/speech communications major, will be the Class of '91 President. Robertson won 58 percent of the vote.

Two offices for the Class of '92 were decided in the election.

The Class of '92s vice president will be Bill Van Eman, a freshman business administration major, who gathered 57.8 percent of the vote.

The Class of '92 treasurer position was won by Rod Garrett, a sophomore business administration major. He collected 61.7 percent of the vote.

Three Student Senate seats also were determined in the run-offs.

Allison Baker, a sophomore business administration major, won the Off-Campus Ward I Senator position. Don Schuck, a freshman physics major, will be the new RHA Senator for Aston, Dunn and Cain Hall. G.G. Grant, a sophomore elementary education major, won the seat for Education.

B-CS, A&M officials lobby in Austin for increased higher-education funding

By Stephen Masters

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AUSTIN — More than 140 Texas A&M and Bryan-College Station officials met with legislators Tuesday to lobby for increased education funding and to praise local representatives for their education efforts.

A&M System Chancellor Perry Adkisson thanked state Sen. Kent Caperton (D-Bryan) and Rep. Richard Smith (R-Bryan) for their efforts to promote education in the state.

"They're the hardest-working two people here," Adkisson said. "Between our senator and our representative, we're (Bryan-College Station) going to come out in good shape."

The trip was sponsored by the Texas A&M/Bryan-College Station Council, an organization designed to promote A&M and the B-CS area.

Louis Newman, chairman of the council, said education needs to be a high priority among legislators.

"Support to education in Texas is right," Newman said. "It makes sense and it works. It pays for itself."

Newman presented Smith and Caperton with plaques honoring their support of public and higher education efforts.

Caperton agreed with the priorities of the council and the visiting contingent.

"Nothing reflects more the extent to which we believe in ourselves and our future than in



Senator Kent Caperton

Photo by Derrick Grubbe

what we do in public education and higher education," Caperton said. "We believe it is the right thing to do because it does speak loudly and clearly about where we want to go in the future and about what we want tomorrow to hold for our children and grandchildren."

"An investment that we make today will reap benefits that are not only tangible through economic restoration and renewed

vitality, but are intangible because they are investments in the human spirit and mind."

Smith compared education costs with detention costs in reference to misplaced priorities.

"It takes about \$30,000 per year to keep someone in the Department of Corrections in Huntsville," Smith said. "It costs about \$3,600 a year to educate a public-school student. You multi-

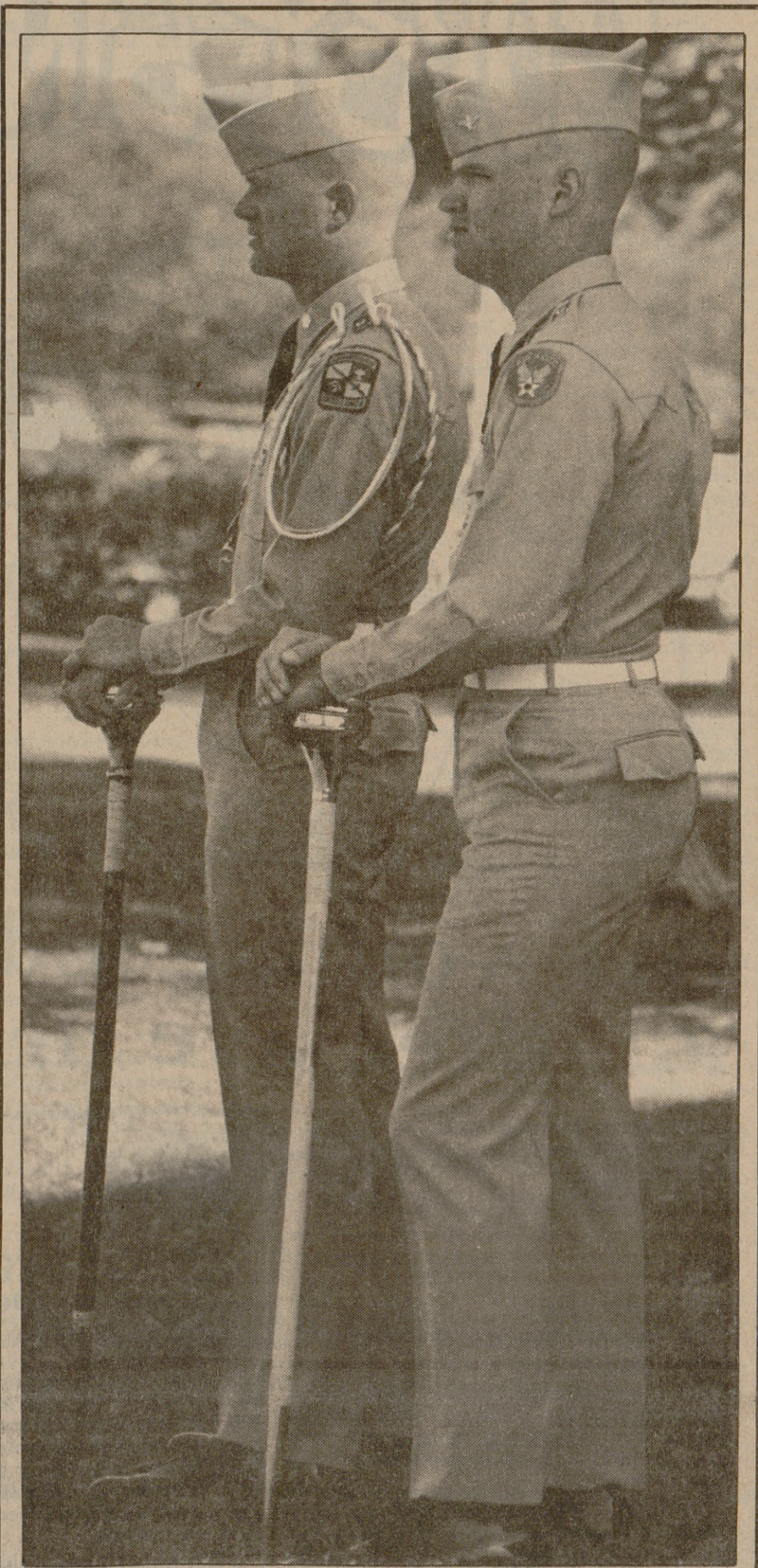


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Anticipation . . .

Junior Aggie Band members Andy Reighert (left) and Steve Hanks wait on the side of the Band Drill Field Tuesday afternoon before taking their turn in front of the band at drum major tryouts. The judges chose juniors Mike Sammis, Troy Yoakum and Steve Hare as the 1989-90 drum majors later that evening.

Crews prepare Exxon Valdez for refloating

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — Exxon crews Tuesday finished pumping the remaining crude oil out of the tanker Exxon Valdez in preparation for refloating and removing the source of the nation's worst-ever oil spill.

The fugitive captain of the Exxon Valdez sent signals he was ready to surrender to face criminal charges of operating the vessel while drunk.

The thick oil has floated over more than 1,640 square miles and soiled 800 miles of beach. Thousands of animals are known dead.

At noon Tuesday, Exxon said it had finished transferring 48 million gallons of crude to three other ships. Twenty-five million gallons of oily waste water remained aboard the Valdez, which spilled more than 10 million gallons of crude into Prince William Sound when it struck a reef March 24.

The company said crews would attempt to pump air into the hold and refloat the vessel off a reef at high tide Wednesday afternoon.

If freed, the still-leaking ship, which has eight holes some 20 feet long in its hull, will be towed to a remote and already fouled cove for repairs.

Exxon then planned to take the ship to a Portland, Ore., dry dock, but port officials there said they weren't sure if they'd allow that, even though the \$12 million repair bill would provide about 200 jobs.

"We're not willing to trade in the environment for jobs," Portland port spokesman Darrel Buttice said Monday.

Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt said Tuesday there are "a lot of questions that need to be answered" before the Valdez is allowed to enter the Columbia River.