



WEATHER

FORECAST for FRIDAY:
Continued sunny and warm with
radiational cooling resulting in low
temperatures at night.

HIGH:78

LOW:48

Parents' Weekend will debut new yell practice

By Juliette Rizzo

STAFF WRITER

Parents are coming for the annual Aggie Parents' Weekend and that means rooms are being cleaned and last minute plans are being made to make Mom and Dad feel at home away from home.

The annual three-day Aggie tradition has been in existence since the early 1900s when the first Aggie Mother's Club was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Peoples of Dallas.

The mothers gathered out of concern for their sons' well-being in the Corps of Cadets. In 1919, these caring mothers were honored officially at what was then called the traditional Mother's Day Weekend,

held on the May weekend when the holiday was observed. However, as the times changed, so did the tradition. Today, the April tradition honors both parents with a weekend full of activities.

This year, the first Old Army Yell Practice will be Friday at midnight at Rudder Fountain. Former yell leaders and other former students will lead both parents and students in the traditional Aggie yells.

Clay Whitaker, Parent's Weekend public relations sub-chairman, said the yell practice is for those parents who miss the opportunity to attend yell practice before game days in the fall.

"We hope that the yell practice will become a tradition itself so that parents will be able to feel the Aggie spirit themselves," Whitaker said.

The new Aggie Parents of the Year will be named at the Parents Day Awards Ceremony Sunday at 9 a.m. in Rudder Auditorium. The Buck Weirus Spirit Award, honoring students who have contributed significantly to A&M through extracurricular activities, also will be awarded at that time. The outstanding Corps outfit of the year will be announced Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

The Parents' Weekend Schedule is:

- Friday, April 7:**
- 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. — Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs boutique, Rudder Exhibit Hall.
 - 7 p.m.- 12 a.m. — Resident Hall Association Casino Night, Memorial Student Center.

- 7:30 p.m. — MSC Variety Show, Rudder Auditorium.

- 8 p.m. — Century Singers spring concert, Rudder Theater.

- Midnight — Old Army Yell Practice, Rudder Fountain.

Saturday, April 8:

- 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. — Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs boutique, Rudder Exhibit Hall.

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — campus tours, MSC Flag Room.

- 10 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. — tradition slide show every half hour, Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Burn Bevo Barbecue cook-off between competing A&M mothers' clubs and statewide A&M clubs, The Grove.

- 8 p.m. — Singing Cadets spring concert, Rudder Auditorium.

Sunday, April 9:

- 9 a.m. — Parents' Day Awards Ceremony, Rudder Auditorium.

- Parents' Day reception, Rudder Exhibit Hall.

- 11 a.m. — Parents' Day chapel service (nondenominational), All Faiths Chapel.

- 1 p.m. — Ross Volunteers performance, Kyle Field.

- 2:30 p.m. — Corps of Cadets review and awards ceremony with Reveille IV's funeral immediately following, Kyle Field.

- 3:15 p.m. — Fish Drill Team performance, Kyle Field.

- 4:30 — Parsons Mounted Cavalry performance and review, Polo Field.

Hall doors will stay locked all day in fall

By Sherri Roberts

STAFF WRITER

The exterior doors of residence halls at Texas A&M will be locked 24 hours a day beginning in Fall 1989 to increase the security of residents, the Department of Student Affairs announced in a memo to hall residents.

The policy will apply to all civilian halls except the four unairconditioned men's dorms: Law, Puryear, Walton and Hart. Because opening doors in those halls provides ventilation, residents of the halls will be allowed to vote and establish the hours doors will be locked, Tom Murray, assistant director of Student Affairs, said. These halls probably will provide other measures to compensate for this loss of security.

"We want to give residents the opportunity to decide who comes into their hall and not have that decided by external factors," he said.

Murray said a student life committee including representatives from Student Affairs and the Residence Hall Association considered implementing the 24-hour locking policy in Fall 1988, but decided instead to lock the doors from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Previous to that, doors were locked from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. The doors probably will not be locked 24 hours a day when residents are checking in and out of halls between semesters, Murray said.

Murray said the increase of theft, soliciting, and assaults in residence halls this year, including the abduction and assault of a female at 1 p.m., led the committee to re-evaluate and change the locking policy.

Bob Wiatt, director of campus se-

curity and the University Police Department, said he strongly supported the policy, noting that it probably would decrease the loss of personal property on campus and the number of calls UPD receives.

"A&M is part of the real world," he said. "You wouldn't leave your home in Houston or somewhere else without locking the doors."

Although UPD and other University officials are applauding the new policy, many students are not so enthusiastic. The inconvenience of having to carry an extra key and having to meet friends at the hall's door to let them in were a few of the complaints students cited about the policy.

"It's a pain already," Amy Sabrusa, a sophomore sociology major living in Hobby Hall, said. "Anybody can get in if they just wait for someone to open the door."

Rob Card, a sophomore chemical engineering major living in Crocker Hall, said, "During the day I don't feel it's that necessary. The policy they have now is fine."

Murray said Student Affairs will install convenience phones outside of every hall by Fall 1989 to compensate for the inconvenience of having doors locked 24 hours a day.

The new policy, in addition to the installation of light and emergency phones in remote locations on campus, is the result of the University's efforts to increase campus security.

Murray said Student Affairs is working with UPD on the possibility of providing an escort service on Northside. In addition, a foot patrol composed of students who report suspicious activities outside of the halls to UPD, may be formed, he said.



Looking through rose-colored glasses

Kirk Houser demonstrates one of his kaleidoscopes Wednesday at the A&M Crafts Fair by Rudder Fountain. Houser makes his

living selling the kaleidoscopes and glass ornaments that he makes himself, a craft he learned from his father.

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Jewish student in Nazi outfit causes uproar

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Trinity University has charged a campus fraternity with violating an anti-hazing policy for an incident in which a Jewish student wore a Nazi soldier uniform on campus last week.

But the president of the Trinitarians fraternity, Pete Sturdivant, said the incident "is being blown completely out of proportion" and that punishment is not warranted.

"There is a lot of misunderstanding and rumors," Sturdivant said.

On Tuesday, Coleen Grissom, Trinity's dean of students, charged the fraternity with violating a section of the anti-hazing code protecting the "mental health and dignity of the student," said to Trinity spokesman Sharon Jones.

The charge stems from an incident on March 30 in which a Jewish student, Andy Ellenthal, dressed as a Nazi soldier as part of a fraternity tradition requiring pledges to wear costumes. Although he did not wear the costume to class, Ellenthal was seen wearing the uniform in at least one hall.

Jones said Trinitarian representatives will be invited to a meeting with Grissom within a week to defend the practice of wearing costumes.

If found guilty of the infraction, penalties could range from revocation of the fraternity's charter to mandatory community service in a homeless shelter or another social agency to probation limiting the fraternity's social activities for a specified time.

Texas Parks and Wildlife fires division director

Charges including illegal trapping of antelopes in New Mexico result in dismissal

AUSTIN (AP) — Charles Allen, Texas Parks and Wildlife division director, was fired Wednesday after a two-month investigation into alleged violations of New Mexico game laws, misuse of state funds and improper game stockings, officials said.

"As of this date, Mr. Charles Allen's employment with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has been terminated," TP&WD Executive Director Charles D. Travis said in a prepared statement.

Allen, who was not immediately available

for comment Wednesday night, was replaced by department veteran Bobby Alexander.

The statement did not give a reason for Allen's dismissal, but mentioned an investigation into a Jan. 30 incident when a helicopter - Allen was operating crossed in Otero County, N.M., where three antelope were captured and taken back for release on a Texas ranch.

An Otero County prosecutor filed three felony and six misdemeanor charges against Allen March 28 in connection with the trapping incident.

Allen, who last week said he was innocent of the charges, is scheduled to appear for arraignment Monday in Alamogordo, N.M.

"Because of the publicity of the antelope trapping incident, the department's investigation is not complete on all particulars," the statement said. "After viewing the information available, it is my opinion that Mr. Allen did not knowingly violate any criminal statutes."

Parks & Wildlife Commission Chairman Chuck Nash of San Marcos said Tuesday Al-

len was presented a list of grievances by the department March 28 and was given until Tuesday to either respond or resign.

The grievances ranged from Allen's stocking of antelope in January on the Lado Ranch in Culberson County, four months after he spent a two-week vacation in Greece with the Greek owners of the ranch, and his attempting to coerce a staff member to change his story concerning the trapping of antelope in New Mexico, Nash said.

Exxon refloats tanker; fugitive captain surrenders

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP) — Exxon today refloated its still-leaking oil tanker, whose fugitive captain surrendered a few hours earlier to face charges of operating the vessel while drunk.

A judge in Hauppauge, N.Y., set bail at \$500,000 for the captain, 20 times as much as prosecutors had recommended, saying "we have a manmade destruction that has not been equaled, probably, since Hiroshima."

With claims against Exxon for damages escalating into the millions, U.S. Navy oil skimmers were pressed into service, and Exxon accepted an offer of help from the Soviet Union.

Salvage crews pumped compressed air into the \$125 million ship to float it off Bligh Reef, 25 miles from the port of Valdez. From there, it began a 30-mile journey under the control of six tugs to a remote cove off Naked Island for temporary repairs, picking its way through scattered icebergs.

The ship was refloated before tide reached its peak Wednesday. "It was not just a stroke of good luck," said Gary Gorski, Exxon's salvage coordinator. "It took a lot of hard work."

Exxon Shipping Co. President Frank Iarossi said the company has talked with dry docks in South Korea, Japan and Singapore about accepting the vessel after the temporary repairs are made.

First choice is a Portland, Ore., dry dock, Iarossi said, but Oregon officials have raised concerns about accepting the ship. Iarossi said the ship won't trail any pollution while it is towed.

Cleanup crews continued to skim mayonnaise-thick oil from Prince William Sound, but progress was slow and the oil had spread over an area larger than Delaware. The animal death toll rose and salmon hatcheries remained endangered.

Oil has floated over 2,600 square miles, soiled 800 miles of beach and killed thousands of animals, including at least 30 sea otters, officials said.

"Dozens of otters are dying before rescuers can get to them," said fish and game spokesman Jon Lyman.

Favorable weather, however, has kept it offshore from a national park and additional coastline outside Prince William Sound.

Flow through the Alaskan pipe-

line returned to its normal daily flow of 2.1 million barrels Wednesday, the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. said. Oil flow from the North Slope had been cut by 60 percent because the spill restricted tanker traffic in Valdez harbor, but traffic has increased.

In Washington, Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Mel Levine accused the federal government of covering up the possibility of a major spill and the ineffectiveness of cleanup technology. The California Democrats also asked President Bush to cancel oil leasing off the California coast pending a review of the program.

Hazelwood is charged with operating a ship while under the influence of alcohol, reckless endangerment and negligent discharge of oil. The charges carry a combined maximum penalty of over 2 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

FBI officials in Washington say they also are investigating whether Hazelwood could be charged with felony violations of the Clean Water Act, which prohibits negligent discharge of pollutants into navigable waters.

Hazelwood was fired by Exxon a week ago after the National Transportation Safety Board said tests taken about nine hours after the disaster showed he was drunk.

Hazelwood had been arrested twice for drunken driving and had his license suspended three times.

His mother has told the Associated Press that her son had undergone rehabilitation and that Exxon was aware of his drinking problem.

Exxon said it has changed its policy because of the spill and now requires crews to be aboard ship, where drinking is prohibited, four hours before sailing.

Faculty reps announced for College of Medicine

Election returns for two Faculty Senate seats from the College of Medicine were announced Wednesday, two days after the Faculty Senate Election Committee announced winners in the general election.

The results from the Scott & White Hospital in Temple, which is one of the two clinical training locations employing College of Medicine faculty, were reported Wednesday.

Ninety-four ballots were cast by

faculty members in the College of Medicine.

Filling Place 2 will be Allison Ficht, who will represent the medical biochemistry and genetics department. Ficht received 90 votes. Place 4 will be filled by William Lowell Rayburn, who will represent the obstetrics and gynecology department. Rayburn received 63 votes.

The results of the election are unofficial until certified by the Faculty Senate in its May meeting.