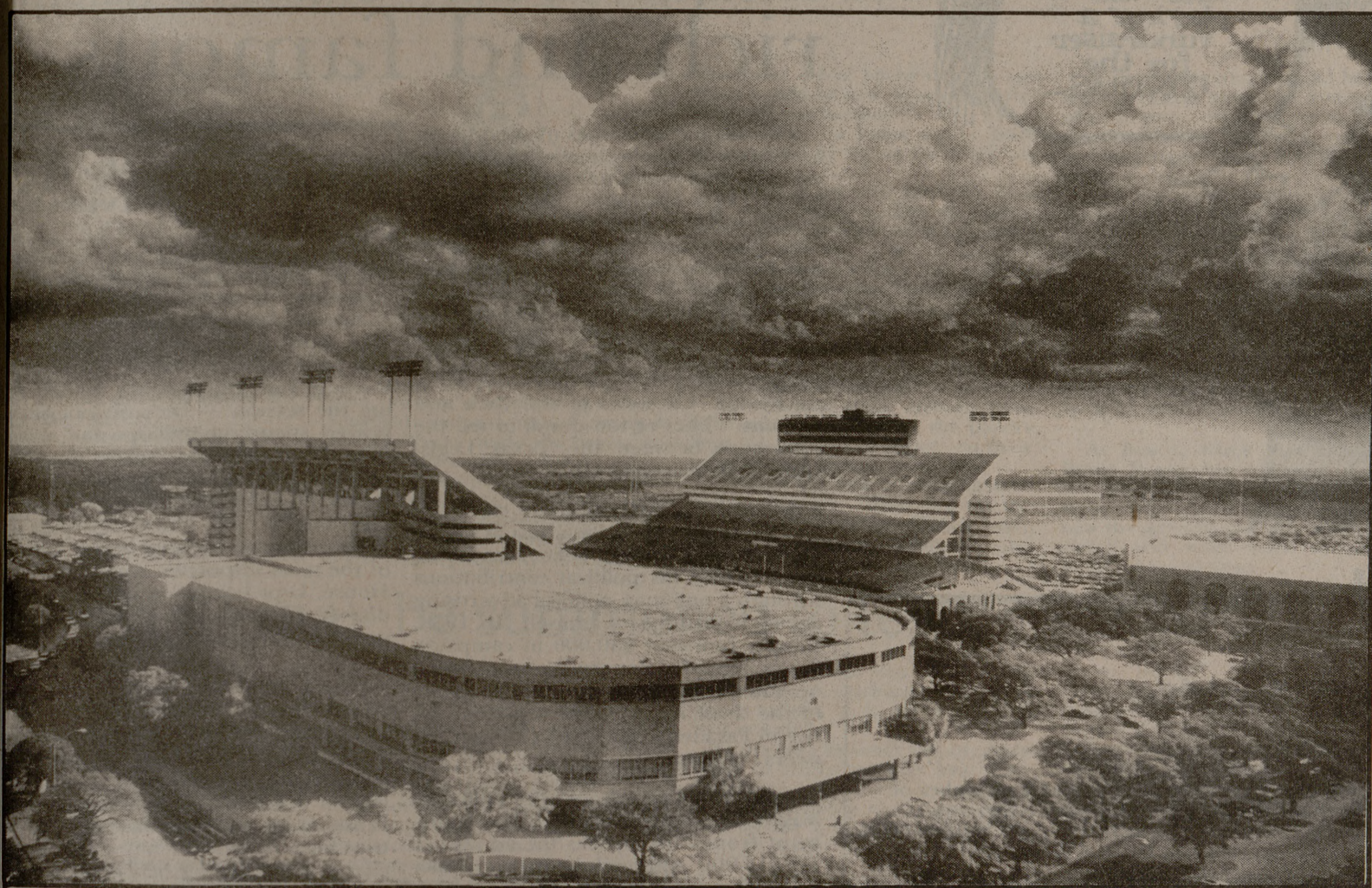




WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Partly sunny and hot.
HIGH: 90s LOW: 70s



Sky high

Clouds, the sun and infrared film combine to create this interesting photo of G. Rollie White Coliseum and Kyle Field, where the

Aggies will host the Louisiana State Tigers Saturday night at 5:30. **L.S.U. game preview/Page 13**

Photo by Frederick D. Joe

Pickens decides against entering race for governor

DALLAS (AP) — Oilman and corporate raider T. Boone Pickens said Wednesday he will not run for governor in 1990, but left open his options for 1994.

The 61-year-old Pickens said the crush of his business would not allow him to commit 100 percent to the needs of the state.

"It's not the time," he told about 500 people at a Dallas Rotary luncheon.

The announcement ended weeks of speculation that continued right up until Pickens' announcement. Pickens said he had prepared two versions of a speech for the Rotary luncheon, one announcing his candidacy and the one he delivered, just in case.

He and his wife, Beatrice, reached their decision late Tuesday night at their hotel room in Dallas, Pickens said, and were still discussing it Wednesday morning.

"We wanted to run," Pickens told reporters later. Beatrice Pickens said she was "disappointed for Boone, because it's something that he really did want to do. But our time just wasn't this time. Perhaps the next time."

Pickens did not rule out a run in 1994. "That's an option," he said.

His three potential challengers in the Republican gubernatorial primary breathed a collective sigh of relief in almost identical statements issued after Pickens' speech.

"I'd be less than candid if I failed to state that my candidacy is strengthened by his withdrawal," oilman Jack Rains of Houston said. "He would have been formidable opposition. We share many friends and a common base of support in the business community."

"Boone and I have been business associates and friends for many years," oilman Clayton Williams of Midland said. "I am glad, however, that he is not in the race. He would have been a very formidable challenger."

"Boone Pickens and I have been friends for many years," Kent Hance, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission said. "I certainly respect his decision not to run. He would have been a formidable opponent."

Pickens would not endorse any of the Republican candidates Wednesday. "I really hadn't focused on that at all," he said. "We just reached this decision."

The decision, Pickens said, was based on his involvement in his Mesa Limited Partnership, Koito Manufacturing and his United Shareholders Association.

Mesa, an oil and gas firm, announced a \$13.4 million loss in the second quarter of 1989 and will likely post a loss in the third quarter, Pickens said, refusing to speculate on how large the loss might be.

He blamed the losses on drops in gas prices, from \$2.60 in 1985 to \$1.35 now. Pickens, once feared as a corporate raider who made a \$518 million pretax profit in a 1983 attempted takeover of Gulf Oil Corp., said it was the first loss for the company in 16 years.

Pickens also said he plans to continue his efforts to open up opportunities for U.S. investment in Japan, and may "significantly" increase his stake in Koito Manufacturing, a Japanese auto parts supplier.

Pickens' Boone Co. holds a 20.2 percent interest in Koito Manufacturing, making him the largest shareholder.

Off Campus Aggies get words of wisdom at rally

By Selina Gonzalez

Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M does not have an environment like "Alice in Wonderland" and there are people out there who want to rip students off, Bob Wiatt, director of University Police, said Wednesday.

Wiatt, at an Off Campus Aggies rally to increase security awareness, said that although A&M is not as prone to violence as other campuses, instances of violence do occur.

"We are not in a cocoon over the entire campus," he said.

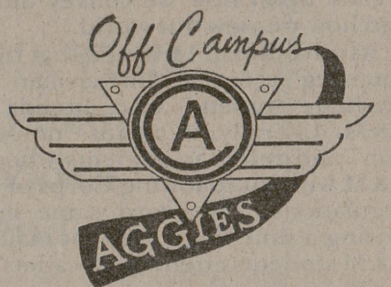
A&M is plagued by "opportunistic crooks," Wiatt said, who wait to take advantage of naive people.

Wiatt urged people to use common sense by locking car and apartment doors, requesting an escort at night and taking valuables home over Christmas holidays.

UPD recently installed 17 blue emergency phones around campus, Wiatt said. Students can summon police officers by pushing a button.

Students should call the police if they see anything suspicious, Wiatt said.

"That is why we're here," he said. After the safety and security awareness presentation, Dr. Mary M. Olona from the Student Counseling Service offered tips to students on how to adjust to off campus living.



Olona said off campus students encounter many problems, such as transportation, bills, unfamiliar surroundings and poor academic adjustment. The most common problems, however, are isolation and depression.

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Red Cross to begin A&M blood drive; important to replenish depleted supply

By Sherri Roberts

Of The Battalion Staff

Representatives of Central Texas Red Cross Blood Center met with Texas A&M officials Wednesday at a luncheon in the Faculty Club in an effort to gain University support of the center's upcoming campus blood drive and to replenish its low blood supply. The blood drive will take place on Sept. 13-15.

A&M Athletic Director R.C. Slocum; Jane Mobley, wife of A&M President William H. Mobley; and Dr. Kenneth R. Dirks, a pathology professor in the A&M College of Medicine, were among the officials present at the luncheon.

Lynda Faulkenberry, the center's director of donor resources, said the center, which is the sole supplier of blood to the Brazos County and 28 other counties, collected an inadequate supply of blood in the community to meet the Brazos

County's need. In 1988 the center distributed about 6,000 blood units to Brazos County hospitals but collected about 5,000 units. The center needs 150-175 units each day.

A&M plays a crucial role in supplying blood to the center, she said. In the 1988 Red Cross blood drives at the University, 1,454 units of blood were collected.

Faulkenberry attributed the center's blood shortage to a lack of awareness in the community of its services.

Brazos County residents, which includes A&M students, and their families can receive blood from the center whether or not they have donated blood to it.

"We want this accepted as a community responsibility, not an individual burden," Faulkenberry said.

The center, rather than increasing expenditures for advertising, relies on the media to publicize its blood drives. As a result, it charges no replacement fee for blood, and charges a processing fee of \$32 for blood units it distributes, as opposed to the \$64 charged by Wadley Blood Bank.

To increase publicity for the Red Cross blood drive, the center has sponsored a competition between A&M and Baylor University for the past three years. In this year's competition, which has the theme "Win, lose or draw, donate blood, everybody wins," a trophy will be awarded to the school which meets the center's goal to collect at least 1,200 blood units.

Posters featuring Slocum and Baylor Football Coach Grant Teaff also will publicize the competition.

Waco man kills in-laws, leads police in car chase

WACO (AP) — A Waco-area man accused of fatally shooting three in-laws, including a Waco police officer, was arraigned Wednesday as investigators continued trying to determine what prompted the shootings.

Billy Wayne Coble, 40, was arraigned on a murder charge in the slaying of Waco Police Sgt. John Bobby Vicha, the brother of his estranged wife Karen. Coble was being held at the McLennan County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail, Justice of the Peace David Pareya said.

He is expected to be charged in

the shooting deaths of his wife's parents once the district attorney's office completes its investigation, authorities said.

Officials say that after Coble shot the three Tuesday evening, he bound and gagged his three daughters and a nephew and then abducted his wife.

The children were later found by Chad Stanley, 16, a friend of one of the daughters.

"We got them out of the house because they said he was coming back, and he said he was going to kill himself," Stanley said.

The whole incident ended late Tuesday after Coble, in what officials called a suicide attempt, crashed the car he and his wife were in near Meridian, about 45 miles northwest of Waco.

"The chase didn't last very long," Bosque County chief deputy Dewell Harper said. "The guy sped up to 80, then intentionally ran into a truck that had pulled over to the side of the road."

"That's what he was trying to do — suicide and another murder," Harper said.

The Cobles were not living to-

gether, Lt. Coy Jones said.

Coble was released from Goodall-Wichter Hospital on Wednesday morning and was transferred to jail.

Karen Coble remained in the hospital Wednesday afternoon after undergoing treatment for cuts and abrasions, according to a hospital spokesman.

The driver of truck the Cobles' car hit also remained in stable condition in the hospital after undergoing treatment for cuts.

Investigators say they're still trying to determine what prompted the shootings.

Local bargain hunters look no further than Bryan-College Station city missions

By Julie Myers

Of The Battalion Staff

Although many people drive 50-100 miles to find bargains on antiques, buffet tables, pianos, and television sets in Bryan-College Station, Little Miss Texas and other area residents only have to go as far as the nearest Twin City Mission Second Chance thrift store to find one-of-a-kind gifts, household items, clothing, and costumes.

"It is a common misconception that resale stores are junk shops," Twin City Mission Executive Director J.C. Thomas said. "There are many reasons people give things away besides them being junk. Some of these clothes have only been worn once."

In an effort to draw attention to the thrift stores, Twin City Mission will hold a drawing at its College Station location Friday, Sept. 8, for a new residence hall refrigerator. No purchase is necessary and the partic-

ipants don't have to be present to win.

Not all merchandise has to be like new to attract interest. Since the non-profit Twin City Mission operates four thrift stores in the area, it is a favorite haunt for those needing

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Halloween costumes, gag gifts, and the bizarre.

Twin City Stores Manager Alice McGough said she rarely throws anything away.

"We make it a point to save strange clothing for Halloween and costumes," she said. "You never know what you'll find."

Since the store's opening more than twenty years ago, the clientele has increased markedly, resulting in many changes. Merchandise moves

so fast in the fall the stores look completely different every two to three days. A&M students have made a critical difference in the success of the mission stores. "For the last year, the local economy has been down, but our business has picked up. Stu-

dent purchases have put us over that hump," Thomas said.

Although student purchases are important, Thomas places a higher premium on the potential impact students could make by volunteering.

"What we really need is the business management techniques, and marketing strategies A&M students could provide," Thomas said.

Popular items at the stores include lawnmowers, television sets, refrig-

erators, dressers, chests of drawers, mattresses and any items typically needed by college students. Consequently, donations of any kind are always welcome.

"If we turn up our nose at a donation because we feel it isn't sellable, next time there is something of value to donate, they might not come to us," McGough said. "Giving makes these people happy. We wouldn't want to deny them that."

Because the Mission accepts many items, regardless of condition, some repair is necessary. Mattresses, for example, must be treated by law before being resold. Few people will buy soiled mattresses or broken washing machines. The nature of the resale business itself does not lend itself to adhering to normal retail policies, and for this reason all items are sold "as is" and all sales are final.

Although the thrift shops are the most visible programs offered by Twin City Missions, Inc., they are only a small part of the ministry.

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Photo by Kathy Haveman

Jane Kirk of College Station holds up a silk kimono in front of a mirror at the Second Chance Store in College Station.