

**FORECAST**



Sunny and cool with lows in the 30 and highs in the 60s.

**OPINION**

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"Already we've jailed more of our population than any other western nation ... and we're still building prisons on every corner."

— Joe Huddleston on the "conservative revolution."

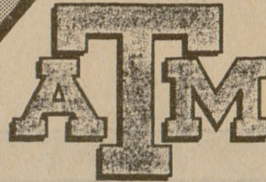
**LIFESTYLES**



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Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra pays tribute to the bicentennial of Mozart's death.

**SPORTS**



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Dena Russo leads Lady Aggie charge in 61-49 victory over SHSU.

# The Battalion

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## Deputy chancellor relinquishes position, returns to teaching

By Chris Vaughn  
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Four years after assuming one of the Texas A&M System's most visible jobs, Dr. Charles Arntzen is stepping down Jan. 1 as deputy chancellor and dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Arntzen, who also headed up the Texas Agricultural Experiment and Extension agencies, will return to teaching and research in the Department of Bio-

chemistry and Biophysics, and the Institute for Biosciences and Technology.

Talk of Arntzen's resignation as deputy chancellor and dean has surrounded him this year, although he said during a July interview with The Battalion that he had no plans to resign.

Arntzen faced criticism from Texas farmers, ranchers and legislators for placing too much emphasis on biotechnology at the expense of animal and plant production, a charge he strongly refuted.

He maintained he was modernizing A&M's agriculture program to compete in the global market, and that animal and

plant production had not suffered under his term.

Arntzen, who is in Egypt this week, said in July that he hoped his actions as dean spoke for themselves and that he would not be forced to resign.

Dr. Herbert Richardson, chancellor of the A&M System, did not return phone calls Monday to The Battalion.

But in a University release, Richardson said Arntzen has provided excellent leadership.

"He was instrumental in getting IBT established and funded, and in providing

a new and important biotechnology focus to complement traditional agriculture research programs," he said. "I am pleased he will remain on our faculty."

Until a permanent successor is found, Dr. Charles Lee will assume the position. Lee presently is executive associate dean and associate deputy chancellor for agriculture.

In two other administrative changes, Dr. Eddie Davis has been promoted to executive deputy chancellor, and Dr. Ed Hiler will return to a restructured position as deputy chancellor for academic programs and research.

Davis previously served as deputy chancellor for finance and administration, but that position will be eliminated. He now will be responsible for all operational aspects of the System.

Hiler will continue to manage A&M's federal relations activities and oversee the strategic planning process.

"I'm delighted that both Davis and Hiler have agreed to continue as part of the TAMUS management team," Richardson said in the release. "Each has made important contributions to the System's progress, most particularly during the recent legislative session."

## Blaze engulfs office in Zachry



JAY JANNER/The Battalion

Philip Eubank, professor of chemical engineering, looks through his burnt books and journals Monday. Eubank's office in the

Zachry Building caught on fire earlier that morning. University police estimate damages to be between \$3,000 to \$5,000.

### UPD begins arson investigation; finds flammable material at site

By Tammy Bryson  
The Battalion

A fire that ravaged an office in the Zachry Building on Monday morning has University Police officials pointing to arson as the cause of the blaze.

The College Station Fire Department responded to a telephone call received at 5:40 a.m. from a person reporting a fire in Zachry. Firefighters arrived at the scene where flames were seen coming from a third floor window, said College Station Fire Department officials. They entered the building to find Room 336C, the office of Dr. Philip Eubank, a professor of chemical engineering, ablaze.

"It appears a flammable material was splashed over the office and ignited," said Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department. "Apparently someone entered through another office that was unlocked and crawled through the ceiling to get into this office."

Firefighters had the blaze under control at 6:38 a.m.

The damage was confined to the one office, except for smoke in the corridors and throughout the building, Wiatt said.

University police estimate

damage to the office at approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000. Wiatt added, however, that the estimate does not include Dr. Eubank's personal property, such as books or computers.

Minor smoke damage throughout the Department of Chemical Engineering on the third floor of Zachry, prevailed throughout the day, Wiatt said. The smoke could be an inconvenience to students and professors in the building for some time.

Wiatt said the suspicious nature of the origin of the fire led the College Station Fire Marshall to conduct an arson investigation.

The College Station Fire Department's inspection division working with the University Police department collected evidence from the scene and took photographs to aid in the investigation process.

Wiatt said evidence obtained from the fire scene has been sent to a Department of Public Safety laboratory in Austin to be analyzed. University Police officials are investigating arson as the cause, but no suspects have been identified as of 6 p.m. Monday.

Any person with information regarding the fire should contact the University Police Department.

## Ukraine elects president

KIEV, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Ukrainians voted 9-to-1 for independence and elected former Communist Leonid Kravchuk as their president in a severe rebuff to Mikhail S. Gorbachev's efforts to preserve the Soviet Union.

"The Soviet Union has disintegrated," Kravchuk said Monday during a meeting with people from the United States and a dozen other countries who observed Sunday's election. "An independent Ukraine is born."

He said the Ukraine would establish collective control of Soviet nuclear weapons with Russia, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan — the other republics where Soviet nuclear warheads are based.

Ukrainian leaders also said they would move quickly to draw up a new constitution balancing the executive and legislative branches, form an army from Soviet troops in the Ukraine, control exports to other republics, and issue a new currency.

## Ceremony salutes 2 students

The solemn sound of buglers playing "Taps" and the sharp ring of gunfire will be heard on campus tonight as two Texas A&M students who died during November are honored in a Silver Taps ceremony at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building.

The deceased students to be honored are:

- Laura Renee Holder, 22, a senior bio-medical sciences major from Grand Prairie, who died

Nov. 30.

Dating back almost a century, the stately tradition of Silver Taps is practiced the first Tuesday of each month from September through April, when necessary.

Names of deceased students are posted at the base of the flag pole in front of the Academic Building, and the flag is flown at half-staff the day of the ceremony.

Lights will be extinguished around the Academic Building at 10:20 and the campus hushed as Aggies pay final tribute to fellow Aggies.

The Ross Volunteer Firing Squad begins the ceremony, marching in slow cadence toward the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

### "It's been fun."



### McWilliams Steps Down

David McWilliams resigns as the Texas Longhorn head football coach after his third losing season in four years. Complete story on Page 3.

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| 1970-85 Univ. of Texas Assistant | 7-4          |
| 1986 Texas Tech                  | 7-5          |
| 1987 Texas                       | 4-7          |
| 1988 Texas                       | 5-6          |
| 1989 Texas                       | 10-2         |
| 1990 Texas                       | 5-6          |
| 1991 Texas                       | 38-30        |
| <b>Totals</b>                    | <b>38-30</b> |

## Captors release Cicippio

### Kidnappers to free another American hostage soon

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) — American Joseph Cicippio arrived in Germany saying he felt "terrific" after being freed Monday from his long ordeal as a hostage in Lebanon. Shiite Muslim kidnappers said another American captive would be freed by Thursday.

The Revolutionary Justice Organization released Cicippio, 61, of Norristown, Pa., from more than five years' captivity. He was taken to Damascus, Syria, and then flown to Germany and brought to the U.S. military hospital in Wiesbaden.

After a preliminary examination, officials said Cicippio "has no apparent urgent medical problems, other than some needed dental work."

A U.S. military news release said, "Mr. Cicippio says that he feels well and is in good spirits."

Early Tuesday, the Organization of Islamic Jihad

for the Liberation of Palestine, a Shiite, pro-Iranian group, announced in Beirut that they would free American educator Alann Steen within 48 hours. Steen was abducted in January 1987, or 41/2 months after Cicippio.

A sign above the hospital entrance read: "Welcome home, Mr. Cicippio." Blue and white balloons decorated the front railing, and the steps were flanked by two American flags.

Asked how he felt, the 61-year-old Cicippio responded, "Terrific tonight, great."

"Thank you all for coming out so late at night," he added, speaking to about 100 people who greeted him shortly after 11:15 p.m. The temperature hovered around freezing.

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## Officials discuss state insurance law

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas officials started hearings Monday on a proposed 16.5 percent "benchmark" increase in homeowner's premiums, while the state's consumer advocate recommended a 5 percent cut.

The State Board of Insurance is expected to take testimony for at least two days and issue a benchmark rate before the end of the year. Those rates would take

effect in March.

Under the state's new insurance law, the board also will set a limit for insurance companies on how much they can deviate above or below the benchmark. The amount of flexibility allowed insurers will be as hotly contested as the benchmark rate itself.

In a surprise move, Allstate Insurance Cos., which holds about

10 percent of the Texas market, dropped out as a party in the rate hearing.

That left only State Farm Insurance Cos., which holds about 30 percent of the market, to carry the industry's recommendation. The Insurance Board's decision will affect all regulated homeowners' policies.

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• Sherry Ann Clark, 44, a graduate student in elementary educa-