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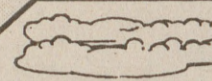
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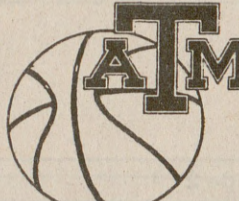


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# The Battalion

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## Heating of Pacific currents causes inclement weather

By Twila A. Waddy  
The Battalion

Texas has received more than its share of rain in the past few months because of a periodic phenomenon that occurs 4,000 miles away.

"El Niño" is the term used by oceanographers and meteorologists to refer to the warming of waters in the Pacific Ocean around the equator. This heating eventually leads to heavy rains in Texas, said Thomas

Crowley, a climatologist with the Applied Research Corporation in College Station.

El Niño - which means "the child" in Spanish - occurs off the coast of Peru. It was given the name El Niño because it happens in December, the season of the Christ child.

Crowley said it is hard to predict when El Niño is going to occur. The warming only occurs every three to seven years, mainly in the winter. Crowley said



STEPHEN TREXLER/The Battalion  
The El Niño effect on weather patterns in North America

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## Electric bills decrease in B-CS

Cities enter contract to lower utility rates by sharing power

By Alysia Woods  
The Battalion

Bryan-College Station residents may be surprised to discover a decrease in their utility bills due to an effort of both cities.

The cities of Bryan, Denton, Greenville and Garland recently signed an agreement to provide cheaper electricity to the cities of College Station, Bowie, Farmersville and Bridgeport.

As a result of the new arrangement providers - such as the City of Bryan - receive cheaper rates because they agree to sell power to recipients - such as the City of College Station.

College Station Utilities Office Manager Bruce Albright said the move was formally made in January.

"On January the first, College Station switched electrical suppliers and, as a result, our rates have re-

ally gone down," Albright said.

The electricity is generated in Bryan, Denton, Greenville and Garland through the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA).

In previous years, College Station had purchased electricity from Gulf State Utilities.

Albright said the savings actually showed up on residents' bills March 1. He said the decrease is approximately 6.48 percent for the average resident living in either an apartment or a house, a savings of between \$4 and \$5 a month.

Bryan Utilities' Customer Service Manager Vicki Reim said Bryan's utility rates decreased by 5 percent.

"As far as selling power to those cities, including College Station, it has been good for them and good for us," Reim said.

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## Pioneer days revisited

Don "Wooden Hawk" Kitlinger from Navasota, shows off his collection of buffalo and deer hides to a Texas History class.

Kitlinger talked about how early Texas pioneers caught animals, tanned their skins, and made clothing from them.

DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

## Nations back weapons cuts

Russia, U.S. favor drastic reductions of nuclear arms, disagree on timing

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The United States and Russia on Wednesday said they want to reduce sharply their stockpiles of the world's most dangerous nuclear weapons, but differed on the pace of those cuts.

A 4 1/2-hour meeting between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev apparently advanced prospects for a successful summit in Washington in mid-June. Left unresolved was Moscow's demand for a compressed schedule that could cut or even ban ocean-spanning multiple-warhead missiles by the end of the century.

They left open the question of whether a new arms reduction pact will be ready for signing when President Bush meets Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin in June.

Baker said there would have to be further meetings with Kozyrev on both the timing and the mix of a new accord.

He said, "there was a genuine desire to move beyond the requirements of the START treaty," the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by Bush and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

last July.

Kozyrev said at a joint news conference at the Russian Embassy: "We worked as friends and allies standing on one side of the barricade of all the problems that beset us on the other."

For years at the flashpoint of conflict, the United States and what used to be the Soviet Union have amassed enough nuclear weapons to destroy each other several times over.

However, as the Cold War ebbed, they began to reduce their stockpiles. The START treaty cut long-range bombers, submarines and missiles on the two sides - about 40 percent for Moscow and the three other nuclear nations on former Soviet territory - and about 30 percent for the United States.

The treaty calls for no more than 6,000 strategic warheads on each side. Bush in January proposed reducing to 4,700. Yeltsin urged a new ceiling of 2,500 apiece.

"We are looking for ways and means of bridging the gap between us, including the enhancing of the means of reducing MIRVed missiles within the time frame of the START treaty," Kozyrev said.

## Black A&M students must unite, panel says

By Sharon Gilmore  
The Battalion

The black students of A&M must unite to accomplish goals and advancement, a group of panelists said Wednesday at National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's program.

Blacks must overcome hardships and join together, said Julius Cox, the A&M chapter president.

"Before we can achieve Martin Luther King's dream we must overcome our differences and unite," Cox said.

However, another panelist said unity is an old line in social reform.

Sometimes there is a frustration to see changes, said panelist Greg Moses, a visiting lecturer in philosophy and humanities.

One panelist said she thought there was too much support within the black community on campus. Too many organizations exist for the number of blacks at the university, said Madeline Petty, Panhellenic Council president.

"Sometimes you feel that you don't have privacy," Petty said.

Other panelists said that the black organizations are not cooperating enough.

"Our organizations don't work together like they should, but I

think we are supportive," Carmen Moss, Memorial Student Center's Black Awareness Committee chairwoman, said. "We aren't unified because we aren't reaching our goals."

Moses said he thought there was a need for political agenda setting within black organizations.

"Their is a tremendous void to be filled," Moses said. "The administration, faculty and campus are ready for change but are not willing to lead it."

Conflicts in scheduling among the black organizations could be part of the problem, panelists said.

"I propose that African-American organizations get together and make a calendar and set goals," Petty said.

Student Body President Stephen Ruth said that students should join other organizations to increase black representation. He also said he frequently goes back to his old high school to speak with students about college.

"I make it a point to come into contact with black American people," he said.

Participants also said all-black schools might mean a better education and a higher self-esteem for blacks.

"Maybe we need a school that will help them take on positive attitudes," Petty said.

## SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

### Slocum remembers '66 spring break with thoughts of deceased teammate

By Bridget Harrow  
The Battalion

Fond memories about spring breaks past merge as the years go by, especially if one has had as many spring breaks as Texas A&M's head football coach R.C. Slocum.

Having been a coach since graduating from college, Slocum said he has always seen spring break as a time to relax and have fun.

However, the spring break of 1966 stands out for Slocum, and it didn't have a happy ending.

"One of my good friends was killed in an automobile accident," Slocum remembers. "The accident was directly related to drinking."

At that time, Slocum was a junior at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La. He and some fellow football teammates decided to spend spring break in Grand Isle, La., a coastal beach area much like South Padre Island.

At the last minute Slocum had to change his plans.

"I elected to go home," Slocum said. "I had the opportunity to get a new car. Up until the last minute I had every intention of

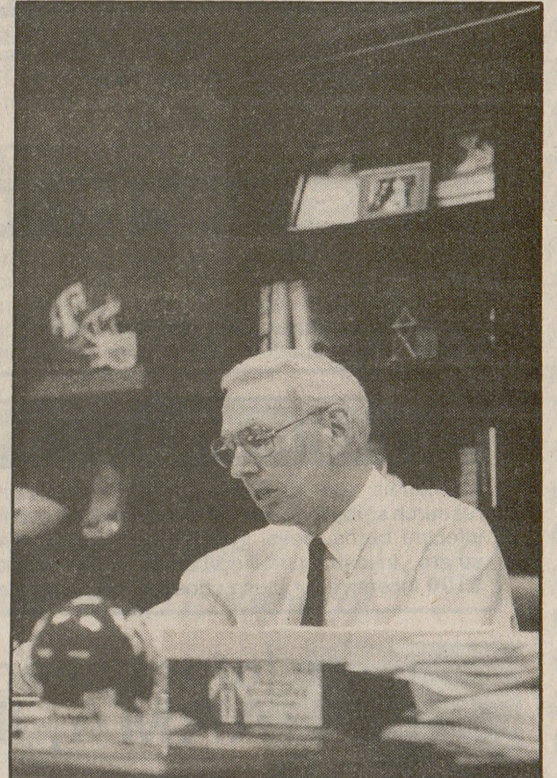
**SPRING BREAK MEMORIES**

- Dr. John Koldus, V.P. for student services - Monday
- Tony Barone, basketball coach - Tuesday
- Dr. William Mobley, A&M president - Wednesday
- R.C. Slocum, head football coach - Thursday

going on that trip, and then my dad said 'Why don't you come home, and we could look around this weekend for a car.'"

Slocum's teammates headed to Grand Isle anyway. That night they decided to go to a nightclub. Part of the group had gone earlier and was supposed to meet the others later on. As the two cars came down the road, in opposite directions, they accidentally collided head-on.

The exact details about the accident are unknown because just two cars were found on the road, Slocum says. It was a desolate part of the beach highway, and it was early morning. The cars were not found until the next day by the two friends who had remained at the beach house.



KARLA A. STOLLEIS/The Battalion  
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M University head football coach

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