

CHERYL MAURINE SPRUCE
... SWTSC Sophomore

KRISTA BJELLAND
... from Texas Tech

JANET PITTS
... Hillcrest High Senior

CAROLE LOVE MATHERS
... from Fort Worth

CAROL ANN RABON
... Texas Tech Freshman

Sophs Choose 5 In Finals For Sweetheart

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Five finalists for Sophomore Sweetheart were selected by the Sophomore Council Wednesday, according to Gary Martin, class president.

The winner will be crowned at the Sophomore Ball Feb. 15. Earlier in the evening Julius Wechter and the Baja Marimba Band will be a Town Hall Special Attraction.

GREEN-EYED Krista Bjelland, sophomore at Texas Tech, is an Interior Decoration major from Houston. She has auburn hair and her escort is Kent Smith.

Carole Love Mathers, a blue-eyed blonde, is a Western Hills High School senior. She is from Fort Worth and her escort is Edwin Robinson.

A Hillcrest High School senior, Janet Elaine Pitts, has blue eyes and auburn hair. Her escort is Bill Bledsoe and she is from Dallas.

Carol Ann Rabon, a secondary education major from Texas Tech, is from Houston. She has blonde hair and hazel eyes. Her escort is Albert Reese.

A **BLUE-EYED** sophomore, Cheryl Spruce, is an elementary education major at Southwest Texas State. She is from San Antonio and her escort is Charles Korbell.

The sweetheart will be chosen from the finalists by a selection committee at an informal reception Saturday at the Memorial Student Center.

The selection committee consists of Mike McKean, vice president; Bill Shepard, secretary-treasurer; John Speer, social secretary; Alton Linne, sophomore adviser; Robert Boone, director of the Singing Cadets; H. W. Gaines, MSC adviser and Martin.

"ON FRIDAY before the ball, there will be a casual decorating party on the east side of Duncan Dining Hall," Martin said. "This is a casual get-together to decorate Duncan and have fun."

The Baja Marimba Band will play in G. Rollie White Coliseum before the ball at 6:30 p.m. Julius Wechter, leader and "the great white father" was a member of Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass before forming the band.

Tickets for the performance are \$1.50 and \$3.00 for students; \$2.50 and \$3.50 for staff, patrons and \$2.00 and \$3.50 for other students.

Starting at 9 and lasting until 1, the Sophomore Ball features Neal Ford and the Fanatics from Houston. Dress will be class B with ascots for cadets and coat and tie for civilians. Girls will wear semi-formals or party dresses.

Tickets can be purchased from Sophomore Council members and at the Student Program Office for \$3.50. At the door, tickets are \$4.00.

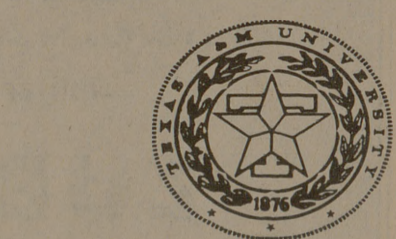
Students may park their cars on the drill field behind Duncan, Martin said.

Walton To Sponsor University Dance

Walton Residence Hall will sponsor an All-University Dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Bryan.

Walton president Andy Scott said that admission will be \$2 "stag or drag" and set-ups will be furnished free. The Gypsy Moth band will play to a Valentine theme.

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Pueblo Junior Officers Testify In Support of Ship's Captain

'Baja Marimba' Musicians Set Town Hall Appearance

Drumpy mustaches, long hair, floppy sombreros and music in the Speedy Gonzales image line up Feb. 15 when the Baja Marimba band comes to G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Julius Wechter's four-year-old "dirty brother" edition of the Tijuana Brass will start playing at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall special attraction, announced Louis Adams, chairman. The performance precedes the Sophomore Ball.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Program Office of the Memorial Student Center. Reserved seats are \$3 per A&M student, date or wife, and \$3.50 for faculty, staff, patrons and other students.

RUMOR HAS it the Herb Alpert TJB musicians stick to mustaches and play as the Baja Marimba Band, then yank off disguises, get neatly dressed and are back to being the Tijuana Brass.

Wechter, who played the marimba for Alpert's first hit, "The Lonely Bull," hates to deny it for the fun of the idea and says "it doesn't hurt if people think that."

"We think of ourselves as one big family. Herbie and the Tijuana Brass are very suave, sophisticated and we're like the 'dirty brothers,'" he comments.

The former percussion player with Martin Denny's "Quiet Village" group in Honolulu answered Alpert's marimba request for "The Lonely Bull," the hit that lifted off the Tijuana Brass.

WECHTER, WHO met Alpert while they were in Los Angeles high schools, continued playing and writing for him until a tune, "Comin' in the Back Door," was sent in.

Alpert felt it needed a different sound, gave it to Julius and said "work it up."

Studio musicians recorded the song and thus began Baja Marimba.

"We use an instrument called the bass marimba," Wechter explains.

Weirus To Speak At Senior Council Meeting Tonight

Buck Weirus, executive secretary of the Former Students Association, will address the Thursday meeting of the Senior Council, according to Early Davis, class president.

Davis noted that before Weirus' address, members of the council will have their pictures taken for the AggieLand at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. Attire will be midnights and boots or suit and tie.

The council will then adjourn to room 2C and 2D. Other business will include the collection of money from sales of Christmas cards and trays.

plains. "Baja in English means lower."

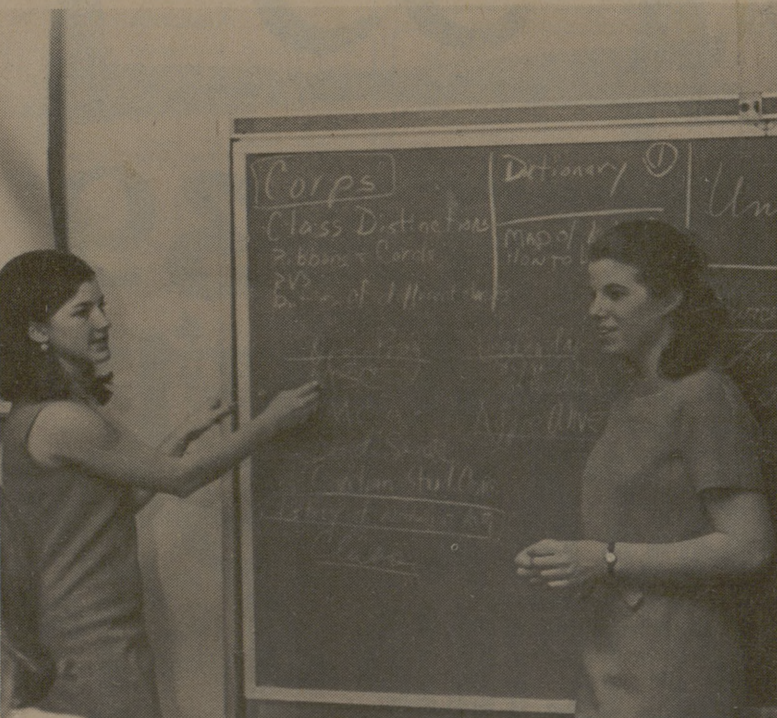
The entire Alpert phenomenon grew out of one song and the scene repeated itself with Baja Marimba.

"YOU START with a good tune and grow with it. It's no deeper than that," Wechter comments.

Old Mexican costumes and ideas were pulled out of the air by Alpert, A&M Enterprises vice president Gil Friesen, comedian Bill Dana and Wechter to work out Baja's stage conception, which has been called "palatable corn."

"We walk on and create an instant image of psychedelic happiness," Wechter adds. "Not totally exciting at first. The audience sits back and relaxes and in this atmosphere, we lay this good music on them which they immediately accept."

The band has Bernie Fleischer, Curry Tjader, Frank Devito, Charlie Chiarenza, Frank Decaro, Mel Pollan, Dave Wells and Lee Katzman playing the flute, piccolo, clarinet, sax, drums, guitars, bass, trumpet and trombone.



COEDS CONVERSE
Janet Whitehead writes on the blackboard as Ann Carter leads the discussion in a meeting of the University Women Handbook committee Wednesday. The girls discussed drawing up a handbook for female students and made plans for a style show, bake sale and car wash. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Coeds Plan Campusology Book

The University Women Handbook Committee Wednesday discussed a proposed "campusology" handbook for new female students.

Topics tentatively to be included are traditions, a dictionary, a calendar, how to learn yells, Corps class privileges, and the accepted behavior for women at A&M, according to Panet Whitehead, committee head.

Also planning the handbook are male students and the 16 coed members of the committee. The deadline is set for the end of the spring semester.

Other events for coeds are a style show, bake sales, and a spring car wash.

The style show will include men from different parts of the campus paired with female students in a Co-ed Style Show that will

preview spring and summer fashions.

Between sections of the show, coeds will do skits and spoofs for entertainment.

In the planning stages, the Memorial Student Center is starting a program series on fashion.

Ultimately, the series will be a committee with national affiliations with "Mademoiselle" for women and "Playboy" for men.

The first meeting this semester will be Sunday in rooms 2-A and 2-B of the MSC.

WEATHER

Friday — Partly cloudy. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 74, low 48.

Saturday — Cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 74, low 58.

CORONADO, Calif. (AP)—Junior officers from the USS Pueblo facing five admirals on a court of inquiry have declared support for their skipper. One said, "I'd follow him anywhere."

The statement came with determination from 21-year-old, freckle-faced Lt. j.g. Timothy Harris, one of three officers who testified Wednesday. He called Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher "an outstanding leader."

"I personally think Cmdr. Bucher is one of the finest officers I know—an outstanding skipper before and during the capture and certainly during retention," said Lt. Frederick Schumacher Jr.

"I don't think any of us could have made it through that eleven months in North Korean prison if it hadn't been for Cmdr. Bucher."

CWO Gene Howard Lacy said he agreed with Bucher's decision not to man the Pueblo's machine guns because "it would have been slaughter for anyone put out there."

"I am now going to ask you for your personal opinion," said Bucher's attorney, E. Miles Harvey. "Based on your experience and what you saw immediately prior to the time of capture, in your opinion did the commanding officer of the ship any longer have the power to resist the boarding and ultimate seizure?"

"No," said Lacy, 38, whose gray-streaked hair reflected his prison ordeal and an 11-year Navy career including duty in the Arctic. It contrasted sharply with Harris' boyish face and 25-year-old Schumacher's tow-headed mop.

Harris and Schumacher also supported the surrender decision.

Several members of the crew were summoned to testify today, including Quartermaster 1.C. Charles B. Law of Chehalis, Wash., who took some of the severest beatings during captivity.

Counsel for the court, Capt. William Newsome, said Capt. John Williams, an explosives expert from the office of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon, will testify Friday on methods of destroying classified material in the event of capture.

Schumacher and Harris told how they exposed themselves to cannon and submachine gun fire from North Korean patrol boats and a submarine chaser to de-

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Junior Sweetheart Nominations Open

Nominations for Junior class sweetheart are open until Feb. 27.

Class President Jim Dunham announced yesterday that applications could be picked up in the Student Program office in the Memorial Student Center.

All applications, Dunham noted, should be accompanied by a photo. The photo, he added, will be returned at the close of the contest.

Applications must be turned in at the Student Programs office by 5 p.m. Feb. 27.



AT THE BOAT SHOW
David Garrison, extreme right of the A&M Sailing Club explains the difference between fore and aft at the club's boat show Wednesday. Landlubbers listening in are, from left, Frank McDuff, Len Kowalski, and Robin Rice. (Photo by W. R. Wright)

Band To Get Fund For Football Trips

Policy supporting the Aggie Band on an extensive football game trip every four years has been adopted by the Texas Aggie Band Association executive committee.

Implementation will begin next fall with the band's appearance at the Oct. 4 Texas A&M-U.S. Point, N. Y. Military Academy game in West Point, N. Y.

Association executive committee members voted unanimously recently to support the university in raising funds for the band's 2,800-mile round trip travel quarters and dining arrangements.

Army Lt. Col. E. V. Adams directs the band, which usually has membership of about 270. The Aggie Band has made three national television appearances in the last two seasons. A special trip in 1955 sent the band to Los Angeles for the A&M-UCLA game.

Association President Tom Murrah of San Antonio said the project is in accord with objectives of the association of former bandmen, formed in 1966.

"It's an exciting project in terms of serving the best interests of Texas A&M, the football team, Cadet Corps and individual band members, whose dedication and hard work make the Aggie Band one of the best known marching bands in the world," Murrah added.

The 1969 West Point trip will put the band before the public a month earlier than previously possible. The A&M football team will play its first five games on the road, at Baton Rouge; Lincoln, Neb.; West Point, Lubbock and Fort Worth.

Other executive committee members are W. T. Reidel, A&M Consolidated schools superintendent; veterinary professor Dr. Martin McBride and Joe Buser, former assistant to A&M Presi-

dent Earl Rudder; Adams and William R. Howell of Brenham, band commander.

Wounded Druggist Remains Critical

Joe Shaffer, manager of the Redmond Terrace Pharmacy, remained in critical condition today in the intensive care unit of Methodist Hospital in Houston, after he was shot in a holdup Tuesday.

Four persons were arrested in connection with the robbery by units of the Brazos County Sheriffs department and College Station Police department on Farm Road 2154, five miles south of College Station, according to Melvin Luedke, College Station Chief of Police.

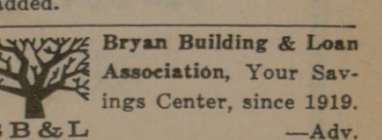
Luedke said Melvin Smith Jr. and Carl D. McDonald were charged with armed robbery and attempted murder. Billy Brown and Clarence E. Jones were charged with being accessories to armed robbery, he added.

Shaffer was shot once in the chest by a 22-caliber pistol after he refused to turn drugs over to gunmen. The bullet lodged in shaffer's left lung, causing him to be transferred Tuesday night from Bryan General Hospital to Methodist Hospital.

The gunmen fled the scene of the robbery in a 1966 blue Mustang, taking \$300 in cash, Luedke said.

All four of the men arrested listed Houston addresses, according to Luedke. None of the four arrested were A&M students, he added.

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