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## Military Reigns Supreme During Weekend

### Basic Military Science Offered This Summer

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For the first time since the accelerated program during World War II, Basic Military and Air Science will be offered during summer school, Dr. C. Clement French, dean of the college, announced this morning.

This course, said Dr. French, will also be available to present freshman who entered A&M in February, and to transfers from Junior colleges whose military science work is not as advanced as their other academic work.

"By taking advantage of this opportunity, Dean French says,

freshmen may advance by one semester their date of graduation and possible reserve commissioning."

It would be possible for a freshman who enters A&M this June to accumulate a possible credit of 16 semester hours. However, he said, most of the entering students will probably take only a maximum number of 14 hours.

#### Summer Long

All the summer courses will be offered on the same basis as in the past, with the term broken down into two semesters of six weeks in length. Freshman Orientation and Basic Military Science (121) will be offered on the basis of a twelve-week-long semester.

"Freshmen," he commented, "will be given as much military science instruction in the summer course, as they would normally receive in one semester of the regular school year."

The Military Department is now working out the administrative details of the summer ROTC program, both in what courses are to be given and how the bases will be commanded.

#### Either 121 or 122

Either MS and AS 121 or 122 will be given and possibly both. Actual determination of how the courses will be divided will be announced as soon as it is possible.

### Magician Slated For Wednesday Night in Guion

Jack Gwynne, master magician of stage and screen, will perform on the stage of Guion Hall Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m.

On the program will be girls suspended on points of swords, a spirit scene, the mystery of the Burmese chest, and many other stunts of magic performed by Gwynne and his troupe of assistants and beautiful girls.

In 1945, while traveling with the USO in India, Gwynne tried in vain to find some Indian magician who could perform the famous rope climbing trick of India.

During his search, he discovered one of the most baffling stunts on his program. This was the placing of the body of a girl on the points of swords and then suspending her body in mid-air.

Gwynne bought the secret of this trick from one of the oldest magicians in India whom he met on his tour.

Other than this feat, Gwynne learned various tricks and effects of magic on his tour which carried him through not only India but also Tibet and China.

Immediately following Gwynne's magic show a debate between the Aggie Debate team and the West Point debate team, now touring the nation, will be held on the stage.

Advance tickets are on sale at the Student Activities office. All seats are \$5.00, and there will be no extra charge for the debate.

### UN Offensive Grinds Ahead On Third Day

Tokyo, March 9 — (AP) — United Nations troops hurled back vicious Communist counterattacks and ground steadily ahead today along a 70-mile front in the third day of their big new Korean offensive.

Red casualties killed or wounded 17,000 Reds in the first two days of the great northward drive in central Korea—one of the biggest Allied assaults of the war.

The total does not include the toll taken Thursday night when Red counterattacks were crushed.

Allied losses have not been announced. They were said to be relatively light.

The Reds smashed at five Allied divisions in their nighttime effort to check the grinding U.N. advance.

The Chinese and Korean Communists struck with grenades, rifles, mortars. They employed virtually every trick of Asian warfare.

The Red attacks started in the East against the South Korean sector, hitting the Republic 5th and 7th divisions. Then they rumbled westward against the American Seventh, Second and 24th divisions, in that order.

Some of the attacks lasted throughout the night. Others were short punches of only about an hour. The Reds broke off most of the longer attacks at dawn.

The South Korean 7th was still locked in battle at daybreak Friday.

U. N. forces resumed their advance at daybreak behind thundering artillery barrages and heavy air strikes. Warplanes of the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, and of South Africa and Australia joined in the assault.

### Livestock Judges Leave for Contest

The Junior Livestock Judging team left this morning for Oklahoma City to compete in the annual Intercollegiate Judging Contest scheduled there Monday.

Members making the trip are J. K. Miller, Louis Amsler, Morse Nanny, John Fuller, Harold Bragg, and Lee Roy Leschper. W. W. Albert is coach of the team.

### Fiddle Band to Play For Library Benefit

W. A. McBride and his Stampeders' fiddle band will play for the entertainment night sponsored by the Campus Study club Saturday evening at 8 p. m. at A&M Consolidated High School.

Featured during the evening will be games, a book review, and square dancing. All funds raised will be donated to the purchase of new books for A&M Consolidated High School and Elementary School libraries and the library at Lincoln School.

The square dancing will be held on the slab if weather permits. Mr. Manning Smith and other local callers have donated their services for the evening.

Specialty Dance

The "Tennessee Waltz," one of the newest specialty dances, will be performed by Nita and Manning Smith as a highlight of the square dance jamboree. The "Tennessee Waltz" is being introduced locally by the Smiths, who learned it at a dance clinic conducted recently in Fort Worth by Ralph Maxheimer of Hollywood, Calif.

Frank Coulter will review the recent book, "Morning Journey," by



Ann Marie Malcolm

... is the West Texas representative on this year's Vanity Fair. From Abilene, the 5' 6" hazel-eyed brunette may best be remembered as Junior Sweetheart for the Class of '51. A Senior Art Major at SMU, the 20-year-old lass was entered by J. D. Hinton.



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to get an accurate estimate of the June enrollment as compared with the expected September enrollment figures.

An special effort will be made to offer MS 121 to those freshmen who entered this February so they will be able to complete their first year basic MS by September.

No announcement has been made about the operation of the Corps of Cadets for this summer. It is possible, some authorities think, for there to be a freshman regiment formed. Their reason for considering this is that in this way the college continues its tradition as a military college.

If such a regiment were formed the freshmen would get extra military training and live under discipline in the dormitories.

#### A&M's History

"A&M has a long history of training men for service to their country, both in military and civilian fields," French said. "We recognize our special obligation in the time of emergency."

"As one of the eight colleges in the country classed by the Department of Defense as a Military College, A&M has a special duty to facilitate the production of qualified reserve officers through its ROTC program," he continued.

Any deferment in a student's obligation which may result for those enrolled in such an ROTC program is entirely under the regulation of the Selective Service and in accord with the overall defense plans of the armed services, French added.

### Engineers and Journalists Hold Dances in MSC Tonight

Two dances tonight, one sponsored by the Engineering Council, and the other by Student Publications, will open the biggest social weekend so far in the Spring semester.

Music for the first annual dance to be given by the engineers will be provided by the Aggeland Orchestra. The affair begins at 9 p. m. in the MSC Ball Room and promises to be entirely different from any event of its kind ever held at Aggeland.

There will be no formal wear, no sweetheart selected, and no corsages given, Jes McIver,

president of the Engineering Council said.

"This was planned as a dance which would be different from the rest," McIver commented.

Another thing which makes the Engineer Ball different, he said, is the fact that this will be the first dance given by a school in the college for its students and faculty members.

"This might be the first step toward bettering student-faculty relations," the council president added. "We would like to see other councils join us in furthering that type of relationship."

All faculty members in the various departments have been extended a "special" invitation to buy tickets. These ducats may be purchased in the department offices, or at the door, McIver said. They are priced at \$2, stag or drag.

The Engineers have compiled a formidable guest list, which in-

cludes such notables as Chancellor and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist, President and Mrs. M. T. Harrington, the deans of all the schools in the college, Col. and Mrs. H. L. Boatner, and Col. and Mrs. E. W. Napier. All the departmental heads in the School of Engineering have also been invited, as have the presidents of the other student councils.

Refreshments consisting of punch and cookies will be served.

McIver urged all engineering students who are planning to attend the basketball game tonight to come to the dance after the game is over.

Outstanding features of the Press Club Ball tonight will be the presentation of a check for \$250 to the editors of The Battalion by E. A. Hook, Southwest representative of the Lumberman's Mutual Insurance Company. The award is for the paper's second place in the 1950 College Newspaper Safe Driving Contest.

Music for the dance, which starts at 8:30 p. m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC, will be provided by the Freshman version of the Aggeland Orchestra, Roland Bing, manager of Student Publications said.

Decorations and refreshments will be in green, carrying out a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Each intermission will have a special attraction. Bing added. At one, a hillbilly group will play some selections, while at the other break, the beauties in this year's Vanity Fair section of the Aggeland, will be introduced and an ugly man from the various Student Publication staffs will be chosen.

### Highway Problems Discussed at Meet

Street and highway problems confronting engineers, contractors, and officials were discussed at the 25th Annual Highway Engineering Short Course held in the MSC Wednesday and Thursday.

The meeting, directed by the School of Engineering to offer engineers a chance to meet and exchange ideas, was attended by 245 men from various parts of the state.

Effects of the national emergency on Texas highways, and the movement of military cargo, better uses of present highways, and maintenance operation phases, were discussed in the two-day session.

John A. Waller, chief engineer of construction and maintenance at A&M, and Fred Benson, civil engineering prof. co-operated with the State Highway Department in planning the conference.

### Generals, Attaches, Girls Due for Military Ball

Aggeland puts on its best Military air over the week-end — a week-end that will find military dignitaries aplenty on hand for the first Corps Review of the current semester and the Annual Military Ball.

The MSC should look like the Pentagon Building Saturday morning, for that's where things get underway militarily. Brass hats, however, will not rule supreme this time. The music of Denny Beckner and his Orchestra plus a promised abundance of girls stand as ready competitors for even the generals on the guest list.

That guest list contains, among others, a party from Washington, D.C. and leading military figures in the area. Specifically, no less than three military attaches, four major generals, a brigadier general, several colonels and a national congressman will be included.

In the first category will be air and military attaches from three foreign countries—Italian Col. Umberto de Martino, Norwegian Lt. Col. Sverre Refsum and Danish Lt. Col. Jens Johansen. Maj. Theodore Bergeron, divisional attache from the Foreign Liaison Division, will accompany the group.

Military brass from our own services will be Maj. Gen. Albert S. Johnson, 49th Armored Division commander; Maj. Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth, 36th Division commander; Maj. Gen. Williston B. Palmer, 2nd Armored Division commander; and Maj. Gen. C. E. Thomas, Jr., 14th Air Force commander.

#### Texas Offices

From Texas will be Brig. Gen. Harry Crutcher, Jr., Texas Air National Guard commander; Col. William L. Lee, Ellington Air Force Base commander; Col. Harry M. Pendleton, Texas National Guard senior instructor; and Col. Joe E. Davis, former assistant commander here and now chief of ROTC Affairs, Texas Military District.

Col. Lee will bring two French Air Cadets from Ellington Field. Nine foreign air cadets will also come from Connally Air Force Base. Three of them will be French, three Belgium and three Norwegian.

Among official college guests will be President of the A&M Board of Directors and Mrs. G. R. White, Vice-President of the Board and Mrs. Tyree L. Bell, Chancellor

and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist, and President and Mrs. M. T. Harrington.

#### Congressman

Also from the Capitol City will be Congressman Olin E. Teague, '32, from College Station.

Members of the Board of Directors and their wives present as honored guest will be Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Krueger, Judge James W. Witherspoon, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Winfield and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen.

ROTC Commanders from Texas Junior colleges and high schools will be on hand to add more military strength to the affair.

But it will be the Military Ball itself that will highlight the week-end. It will begin in Sbis Hall at 9 p.m. with Danny Beckner and his Merry Madcaps on the bandstand.

Beckner has been on both the stage and radio. He played with Kay Kaiser and recently entertained at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

One of the greatest changes to come about will be in the appearance of Sbis.

#### Sbis "Dun-Up"

Flags of all the United Nations will be displayed in the old dining hall-ball room. French, Belgian, Danish, Norwegian, and Italian flags will be hung overhead in honor of the foreign guest.

Flanking the bandstand will be a 105 Howitzer and a 50 calibre water cooled machine gun.

A large picture behind the band will be framed with a parachute. Caricatures of cadet life, drawn by architecture students will decorate the entrance to Sbis.

At the top of the steps leading into the ball will be two sentry boxes with cadets on guard.

All of the honored guest are expected to arrive Friday. Saturday morning all of the guest will have breakfast in the MSC Coffee Shop.

#### Even Classes

After breakfast an aid will join each of the visiting attaches and generals and escort them on a tour of the campus. The attaches will attend a 10 a.m. French Class and lead a discussion in French.

At noon all of the guest will assemble again for a luncheon given by Col. H. L. Boatner, PMS&T and Commandant. Following this the military guest will inspect the Ross Volunteers in front of the main entrance of the MSC.

After the corps parade at 3:30 p.m. President Harrington will hold an informal reception on the second floor of the MSC.

The guest will have their evening meal in Duncan Hall with the cadets.

#### TU Graduate

### 14th AF Commander Here for Ball Weekend

A General, a graduate from the University of Texas, will be among the honored guests at the third Annual Military Ball this weekend.

He is Major Gen. Charles E. Thomas, commanding general of the 14th Air Force.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., he entered the University of Texas School of Military Aeronautics in 1917. This was during the time when TU was offering training for flying cadets.

When he graduated from TU he was transferred to Scott Field, Ill., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Reserve.

Just prior to the Armistice in Europe, September, 1918, General Thomas entered Flying Instructor's School at Brooks Field in Texas. He completed the course in October the same year and his first assignment as an instructor was at Love Field in Dallas.

It wasn't long after this training that he received word he was transferred from the reserve to the regular Army. At the same time he was given a silver bar.

During the 1918-1940 period rank was slower in coming than it is now. Yet he was a second lieutenant for only two years. After that rank came slower for the Georgian. He was promoted to captain in 1934.

During the "twenties" he served as a flying instructor, supply officer, depot adjutant, supply officer, and as chief inspector for the Engineering Department at the Rockwell Air Depot in California.

In 1935, General Thomas, then Captain Thomas, attended the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field in his home state of Georgia.

The next year he entered the Army's highest School the Army War College in Washington, D. C. A year later he was graduated and

become an instructor at the Air Corps Tactical School.

Again he drew a tour of duty as a student, this time at the Chemical Warfare School, shortly after graduation he was named commander of the Southeast Air Depot at Wellington, Ga.

Two years later, in 1943, he was named to command Warner Robins Air Depot. In 1944 he became deputy chief of staff of the 21st Bomber Command in the South Pacific and was later appointed deputy commander for operations of the AAF in the Pacific Ocean.

General Thomas received his promotion to General from that of a Lt. Colonel (permanent). This was in 1943. In January 1950 he was named a major general and named commander of the 14th Air Force.



Maj. Gen. Charles E. Thomas