

AF SWEETHEART FINALISTS



LOU WATSON

By JIM NEIGHBORS
Battalion News Editor

Climaxing many days and nights of labor, the AFROTC on Friday night proudly presents the Air Force Ball, first and perhaps the finest of the formal dances given on the campus during the year.

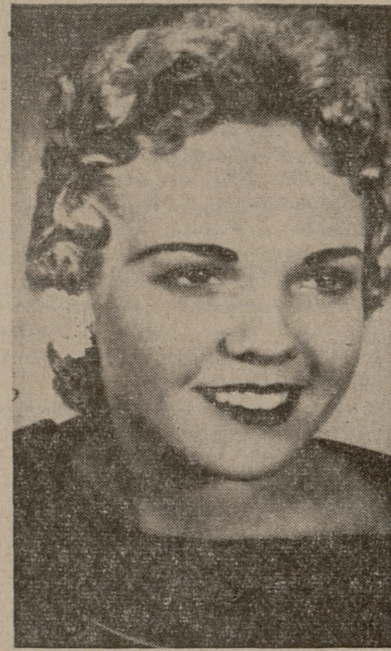
Outstanding attractions of the Ball certainly include the seven finalists for the Air Force Sweetheart crown. Winner of the title will be announced during the in-



PATRICIA ANNE MORRISON

termission of the dance, which lasts from 9 until 12.

Prior to the dance, at 7 p. m. Friday, the Air Force Band of the West will give a free concert in Guion Hall until 8. Everyone is invited to attend the concert by one of the finest bands in the United States. Being the official band of Lackland AFB, San Antonio, has made the band known all over the world since Lackland is called the "gateway to the Air Force".



DOLORES HUNT

Playing for the Ball are the Notable Airmen, a 13 piece dance band made up of the best musicians in the Air Force Band of the West.

Theme of the dance is "Stairway to the Stars" and in keeping with this theme, the decorations include the front doorway to Sbsisa Dining Hall, where the dance will be held, being transformed into the entrance to a rocket ship. Upon entering the rocket ship we



CAROLYN GANT

find ourselves in a pitch black room and are led up a silver staircase to a porthole overlooking the dance floor. Imaginative probably describes the decorations better than any other word.

Date Wait
Strictly as an aid to the boys who have classes Friday afternoon, a "date wait" will be held in the Memorial Room of the Memorial Student Center.



ROZANNE HODGES

The date wait is on open house for any of the girls who arrive on the campus between 1 p. m. and 5 p. m.

They will be hosted by local women with refreshments. Any students who have free time during the afternoon are cordially invited to go up to the Assembly Room. College Station and Bryan girls will be there to entertain un-



BEVERLY ANN WARD

attached students. Another unusual feature of the dance is the cut rate price on corsages being offered by local florist, J. Coulter Smith. In cooperation with the Air Force Ball Committee, Smith is making such bargains as a corsage of carnations for 20 cents and orchids for \$1.75.

Flowers may still be ordered at the reduced rate, but the offer ends tomorrow. Smith is giving a



DOROTHY JEAN SHORT

20 per cent discount and the committee is paying \$1 on each corsage out of its funds.

At about 11:45 Friday night, the Aggie Band will meet at the front of Sbsisa Hall and march over to the Grove for Midnight Yell Practice, followed by the couples at the dance.

Many faculty and Air Force personnel are offering rooms in their homes for AF Ball dates who have (see Sweetheart Page 2)

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Aggies Will Form 'T' At Rice Football Game

Red Flag Down; Hungarian AF Set For Battle

BUDAPEST, Hungary.—(AP) Hungary's harassed government turned against its Soviet military supporters and in effect hauled down the Red flag yesterday.

Its air force threatened to attack Russian troops and tanks involved in the battle of Budapest unless they leave the capital within 12 hours. The ultimatum, issued at 3 p. m. Budapest time, accused the Russians of "constantly violating the cease-fire."

Premier Imre Nagy, bidding to end a week of bloody civil war, announced the Communist one party system will be abolished and called on the rebels to join in preparing for free elections taking in long-suppressed Hungarian political parties active before the Reds seized control in 1948.

"The powerful uprising of the Democratic forces has brought us to a parting of the ways," the once-purged Communist leader said in a broadcast over Radio Budapest.

"The national government in complete agreement with the chairmanship of the Hungarian Communist party, has taken an important decision for the life of the nation. In the interests of furthering democracy in the country, the one-party system will be abolished."

The government not only recognizes the provincial autonomous governments set up by the rebels, Nagy said, but "begs for their support."

He announced the formation of a "little Cabinet" including men from five parties to run the country while the election is being prepared. He proposed the formation of a coalition government similar to that established just after the end of World War II in 1945. The parties are the Communist, Smallholders, Peasant, Social Democrats and a fifth not identified.

Old Tradition To Return First Time In Four Years

By DAVE McREYNOLDS
Battalion Managing Editor

An old tradition will make its return to the campus of A&M the afternoon of Nov. 17 when the Fighting Texas Aggies meet the Owls from Rice.

That afternoon the Corps of Cadets will form the famous "Aggie T."

This will be the first time since 1952 the "T" has been formed at the half of a football game.

Schedules for practicing the forming of the "T" have not been announced as yet by Head Yell Leader Bill Dorsey, but he says that "only two practices will be necessary before the game."

Civilian students have been invited to join the 3,600 members of the Corps at the formation if they so desire. Dorsey says the only requirement of the civilian students is that they wear the military uniform of their class.

The famous "T" was originally formed at every game prior to the band marching at half-time festivities, then this practice fell to once a year, and finally the "T" has not been formed at all during the past four years.

The Texas Aggie Band will not participate in the formation of the "T". But, as in the past the Band will play "Pop Goes the Weasel" while members of the student body form the "T."

Plans call for each man to carry a white handkerchief and a maroon scarf so that while they are giving the Locomotive Yell the "T" will change color from white to maroon. A total of three yells will be given while the "T" is formed with the Yell Leaders leading the yells from atop the Kyle Field Press Box.

Yells that are traditionally given during the formation of the huge symbol are the Sky Rocket, Locomotive and Ricketty Rock. After the last yell segments of the "T" explode in all directions and find their way back into the stands of Kyle Field.

Note of Thanks
Editor's Note: The following letter comes from Jales Bingham, Gary E. Clements and their families. The two students were injured in a two-car collision. To the Corps:
We would like to express our gratitude to everyone for being so kind and generous. We sincerely appreciated all of the company and help that was rendered to us while in the hospital.
We especially would like to express our thanks to Bill Heard, Joe Buser and E. V. Adams.
James H. Bingham
Gary E. Clements
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bingham
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clements

Battalion Rated 'First Class' By Press Group

The Battalion has recently been given a first class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press in its critical rating service.

Tallying 1,565 points, The Battalion was in the second group of five groups in which 23 papers were graded.

Highest rating given is All-American. A college daily must earn at least 1,700 points to qualify for it.

The critical service takes in all phases of publication including reporting, style, make-up, features, editorials and picture display.

Excellent ratings were received on news stories, treatment of copy, editorials, sports coverage, front page makeup and inside news pages.

The judge grading The Battalion made special comment on the news sources and coverage which he said were excellent.

"Your staff paints an excellent and descriptive picture of life at A&M," he said.

Businesslike Beggar

EI PASO, Tex.—(AP)—Police in Juarez, Mexico, just across the border recently arrested a beggar who said he made \$15 to \$30 a day begging from tourists and Juarez residents. The 66-year-old beggar, picked up in a routine roundup, carried three money bags. One contained dollars, another pesos. The third was empty and was used to hold the day's "earnings," police said.

Weather Today



Clear skies are forecast for the College Station area. Yesterday's high was 75 degrees and last night's low, 47 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 65 degrees.

Bitter British, French Start Suez War Action

Egypt Defies Both Nations To Land On Her Territory

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The British-French ultimatum on Egypt and Israel expired at 11:30 p. m. EST Tuesday. There were reports—without official confirmation yet—that the British and French are on the move to seize key points in the Suez Canal zone.

British and French armies, navies and air force were operating under a blackout on operations as in wartime.

But hours before the deadline was passed British newspapers and other sources reported a British-French armada was plowing through the Mediterranean on their momentous mission and parachute troops were ready to spring down on the canal zone.

The parachutists were from Cyprus, the British eastern Mediterranean, the Ismailia midway point and Suez at the south end on the Red Sea.

London morning newspapers carried the story in big headlines such as:

"We're going in," "Our troops in today," "All set to go in," and "British armada off Suez."

War experts on the papers speculated that thousands of paratroops, commandos, navy and airforce men are taking part in the operation.

One objective was generally believed to be the former British Canal zone bases of Tel el Kebir, Abu Sultan and Fayid.

The British have military equipment there valued at some 840 million dollars stored under civilian caretakers.

CAIRO.—(AP)—An authoritative source said last night President Nasser had warned Britain and France that Egypt "will defend her dignity."

That appeared to spell Egyptian military resistance to British and French landing forces.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—(AP) The Western Big Three split sharply last night over the Middle East crisis when Britain and France vetoed a U. S. cease-fire plan and announced they would land troops in the Suez Canal zone.

The Soviet Union voted with the United States and five other council members when the ballot was taken at the end of a tense Security Council session.

It was the first time in U. N. history that the United States and its British and French allies disrupted their unity on such a major problem.

Cadets To Get Duty Orders More Timely

Army ROTC seniors may in the future receive their orders for active duty "well before Spring job interviews" according to Maj. Gen. Herbert M. Jones in a letter to President David H. Morgan.

In his letter, Gen. Jones, acting adjutant general, recognized the fact that Army seniors at present have difficulty in planning future civilian employment and professions because they do not receive their active duty orders until almost graduation time.

To help alleviate this problem, Gen. Jones said first, "the determination of the numbers to be commissioned in each branch of service will be based on preliminary ROTC enrollment figures which are received during the first week in October, rather than on the firm enrollment data usually received in November.

Second, "except for certain individuals with critical education backgrounds, the assignments of General Military Science students for the two-year tour of active duty and the 6 month tour of duty for training will be made at the headquarters of the Army commanders rather than the Department of Army.

"Barring unforeseen factors over which the Army has little or no control, these changes should result in an earlier and more equitable determination of the period of active service and reporting date for the ROTC student who is about to be graduated and commissioned," Gen. Jones said.

Gen. Jones concluded by saying that the Army was deeply concerned in the ROTC graduate and assured their utmost effort to arrange the ROTC graduate's active service with a minimum of disruption of his civilian career and employment.

Band To Go Video At Arkansas Game

The A&M-Arkansas game and half time activities of the Texas Aggie Band will be regionally televised Saturday.

The band entrance will be made from the hollow center formation. Delayed counter marches from the left by the front and back halves of the band, followed by northeastern turns will face the halves toward the east side of the stadium.

After counter marches, minstrel turns by both halves will place the band back in regular formation.

Then the band will split and at the south end of the field form marching letters spelling Arkansas. The "Marching T" will be made, countermarched, turned and clear the field on the student side of the stadium.

Gary December is drum major of the Consolidated Band. Mike Cornwall and Jay Cloud lead the White and Maroon Bands.

Tarble To Speak At AMS Meeting

Richard D. Tarble of the U. S. Weather Bureau will speak to the local branch of the American Meteorological Society Friday at 7:45 p. m. in room 307, Goodwin Hall.

Topic of the talk will be "Precipitation Forecasting for Shasta Dam Operations" and it will be illustrated with color slides.

Also a report will be made of the society's national meeting on Climatology at Asheville, N. C.