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## WORLD FAMOUS GROUP Graceful Ballet Seen At T. Hall

By TOMMY HOLBEIN

Presenting an artistic and entertaining program, the American Ballet Theatre was featured at Town Hall last night, bringing the greatest of American ballet groups to Texas A&M.

The program, divided into four parts, opened with the group's newest ballet, "Points On Jazz", with music by the foremost jazz musician, Dave Brubeck; the ballet recently had its world premiere in Hartford, Conn.

This scene featured 21 of the younger members of the group in a story of "boy and girl" in which the hero found much adventure before discovering the girl of his dreams was "right next door."

Second part of the show was "The Combat", a dramatic and exciting ballet with a theme revolving around the Crusades. The opening scene involved the first encounter of a Christian warrior and a pagan girl; their final meeting ended in mortal combat, in which only too late the Christian discovered he had killed his lover.

Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" was the source of the third ballet, entitled "Pas De Deux", featuring the famed Toni Lander and Royes Fernandez. The pair gracefully performed to the music of "Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy" and other selections from Tchaikovsky's great works.

Most delightful of the ballets was the last entitled "Graduation Ball". The setting was the ballroom of a young girl's school in Vienna, the night before graduation as the girls awaited the arrival of the graduating class of a nearby military academy.

Blending beautiful precision and artistic grace with humorous antics, the scene progressed as a last minute flurry of advice and preparation commenced. Then the cadets arrived, and an evening of fun began.

Pair after pair of ballet artists performed individual numbers with rounds of applause following, and

the scene ended with a grand finale number featuring all on stage.

Besides ballet, a secondary interest prevailed throughout the program as many Aggies stood by their transistor radios getting periodical results on the A&M-Arkansas basketball game in Fayetteville. During intermissions, the low murmur of the crowd was frequently broken by short "wildcats" as the Aggies scored more points.

The enthusiasm grew higher during the last intermission, during which the Aggies won the ball game, 70-68; groups of Aggies could be seen huddled around radios throughout the coliseum breaking into celebrated yells as it was announced that the Aggies had won.

Before leaving A&M, several members of the troupe had various comments to make concerning the work of the company:

"Most of the men in our troupe are older than the girls, since girls are usually more ready to join a ballet company at a younger age," said Nan Cogswell, one of the dancers.

"There are really no limits on ages, although very seldom is a girl under 16 hired. Most of the girls in the troupe are ages 17, 18 and 19 right now, although we do have several more experienced dancers in their 20s," she added.

The troupe usually keeps 12 ballets prepared when they go on tour, and present those requested in the cities where they perform. At present, they are on a 10-week tour of the United States.

Upon leaving Aggie land, Janet Morse, ballerina from Los Angeles, said, "This campus is certainly a friendly place: I LOVE that 'Howdy'!"



**Ballerinas Backstage**  
Dancers prepare to change costumes back stage

## Ag Convocation To Hear Ohio State Professor Speak

Mervin G. Smith, Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Ohio State University, will present his views on what is in the future of agriculture at the annual Agricultural Convocation to be held at 8 p.m. Monday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Smith has a varied background in agriculture and is reported to be an outstanding speaker. He grew up on a farm in Indiana and received his degrees from Purdue University. He taught vocational agriculture and supervised 4-H Club work for a while in Indiana.

### Gained Recognition

He has had many activities which have gained him recognition in the field of agriculture. He has directed research for a large nursery company in Iowa and has served as Agricultural Extension Economist for Ohio State University, specializing in agricultural outlook and agricultural policy.

He has served as United States Agricultural Representative to Mexico in which capacity he advised the College of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture in Mexico.

### Special Study

On the international scene of agriculture, Smith has made a special study and presented recommendations for the development of agricultural credit in Central and South America. He served as Director of the First International Seminar on Agricultural Marketing for the Western Hemisphere held in 1959.

He was also a United States delegate to the International Conference of Agriculture Economists in 1955.

At home, Smith has served as Chairman of the National Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee and is widely consulted in the area of agricultural policy and development.

The Agricultural Convocation is sponsored annually by the Student Agricultural Council in cooperation

with the School of Agriculture in order that the students and faculty members in agriculture may come together to hear an outstanding individual speak on an important phase in agriculture.

### \$1,200 MORE EXEMPT

## Student Tax Relief Measure Proposed

By The Associated Press

One candidate for the U. S. Senate proposed tax relief Thursday for college students while a second proposed tax credits for growing Texas industries.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Frank Lane advised any others who want to join the current 52 candidates — last count available — to have their \$50 filing fees in his office by noon Saturday. Mail postmarked before noon, Mar. 4, but received at the office later will not be acceptable.

The latest member of the campaign club are Carl Schrade, 59, advertising specialist of Runge; Harold Franklin, 43, Jacksonville farmer; and Jim W. Amos, 58, real estate-farmer, Dallas.

In Washington, the interim senator who also is a candidate for the full term, Sen. William A. Blakley, introduced a congressional bill to provide tax relief for college and high school students and their parents. It proposes an additional \$1,200 a year exemption on income taxes for each full time college student and \$400 a year for a full time high school student.

Atty. Gen. Will Wilson told a breakfast meeting in Victoria that he believes immediate tax credits should be extended to industrial establishments which construct new or expanded plant facilities and tax credits to those businesses which purchase new machinery.

Wilson said such action would help relieve the growing unemployment problem and spark growth in local economies to assure long term job opportunities.

At Houston, Wilson claimed that another candidate, U. S. Rep. Jim Wright, has lost out as a major contender in the race. He called

## Sophomore Ball Slated Saturday

### Five Girls Vie For Sweetheart

By RONNIE BOOKMAN

The sweetheart of the Class of '63 will be chosen tomorrow night from a field of five finalists. The scene will be the annual Sophomore Ball in Sbis Dining Hall.

In the running for the title are:

Mrs. Pamela Burke of College Station, escorted by John Burke.

Miss Patsy Patterson of Texas Christian University submitted by Ronald Hunter.

Miss Sandra Rein of Austin, escorted by Tom Kennerly.

Miss Jessica Ann Ledbetter of Texas Technological, submitted by John H. Meyer.

Miss Sharon Moore of San Antonio, entered by Bill Brashears.

### Dance Music

Music for the dance will be provided by Ed Sullivan and his orchestra. The 11-piece group is from Houston.

The event, which will last from 9 p.m. until midnight, will have a spring garden setting.

Tickets are scheduled to go off sale at 5 p.m. today at the cashier's window in the Memorial Student Center. Tickets are \$4 per couple.

A reception line to introduce class officers and their dates is to be held. In the line will be Tommy Thomas, president; Ed Sartain, social secretary; Scott Brown, vice president, and John Burton, secretary-treasurer.

Scott Brown and Don Brister are in charge of decorations for the dance.

Other committees are the sweetheart committee composed of Ed Sartain and Bill Brashears; the invitations committee, comprised of Tommy Thomas and Roger John, and the tickets committee, John Burton and Shelby Traylor.

The uniform for cadets will be Class A Winter, formal.

The actual naming of the girl chosen as the Class of '63 sweetheart for 1961 will take place midway through the dance.

"We think that this Sophomore Ball will be the best ever," said Sartain. "We have a fine band and good decorations. The boys on the various committees really outdid themselves for this dance."

## Researcher From England Joins Staff

Dr. Derek Gibbons of England has joined the A&M College staff as associate head of the Activation Analysis Laboratory and associate professor in the Department of Chemistry.

Gibbons, who will be at the college for a year, will concentrate his research on fast neutron activation analysis. He is assisting Dr. R. E. Wainerdi, Head of A&M's Activation Project, Assistant to the Dean of Engineering and an associate professor of petroleum engineering.

Gibbons received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry in 1951 at the University of Birmingham. His doctorate in analytical chemistry came in 1954 at the same school. He is an Associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry and a member of the Society for Analytical Chemistry.

Before coming to A&M Gibbons worked at the Wantage Research Laboratories of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. He directed activation analysis at Wantage.

Gibbons, his wife, Dorothy, and his 16-month-old son, David Brian, are living in the Hensel Apartments in College Station.



**Pamela Burke**  
... by John Burke



**Patsy Patterson**  
... by Ronald Hunter



**Sandra Rein**  
... by Tom Kennerly



**Jessica Ledbetter**  
... by John Meyer



**Sharon Moore**  
... by Bill Brashears

## World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

### European, Moslem Mobs Clash In Algeria

ORAN, Algeria—More than 2,000 irate Europeans marched into the center of Oran Thursday night, manhandling Moslems and burning their vehicles to avenge the deaths Tuesday of two-middlegaged French women at the hands of a mob.

Emergency reinforcements of soldier and mobile guards set up barricades to separate mobs of Europeans on one side and a quickly growing mob of Moslems on the other.

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### Catholic Prelates Demand School Aid

WASHINGTON—Leading Roman Catholic prelates yesterday opposed President Kennedy's school aid program unless it is widened to include loans for parochial schools.

Differing with Kennedy, they said such aid would be constitutional.

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### Soviet's Lose Contact With Rocket

MOSCOW—The Soviet Union said Thursday it has lost radio contact with its Venus rocket.

Tass news agency reported Soviet scientists were unable to establish radio contacts with the automatic interplanetary station last Monday—15 days after the rocket was launched from an orbiting space vehicle.

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### Alcoholic Indicted In Sex Slaying

NEW YORK—Fred J. Thompson, an alcoholic vagabond, was indicted yesterday on a first-degree murder charge in the slaying of 4-year-old Edith Googie Kiecorius.

The charge carries a mandatory death penalty upon conviction.