

World-Wide A&M Muster Tomorrow

13 SWEETHEART FINALISTS

Crowded Civilian Weekend Nearing; Opening Saturday

Preparations for Civilian Weekend are progressing as time draws near, with the annual Civilian barbeque and dance both scheduled for this coming Saturday. Festivities will get underway starting at 5:30 p. m. in The Grove.

Milner Hall will set up The Grove for the barbeque, College View civilians will serve the barbequed chicken and Hart Hall will handle the clean-up, according to Randy Sanders, Civilian Weekend chairman.

A highlight of the Seventh Annual Civilian Weekend will be an informal dance in Sbis Dining Hall. The Civilian Student Council has volunteered to decorate the Hall for the event, and Mitchell Hall will clean up afterwards.

Half a barbequed chicken will be served each person attending the barbeque beginning at 5:30 p.m. in The Grove. Tickets for the event will cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. They may be purchased from housing area counselors.

Spring Semester activity cards

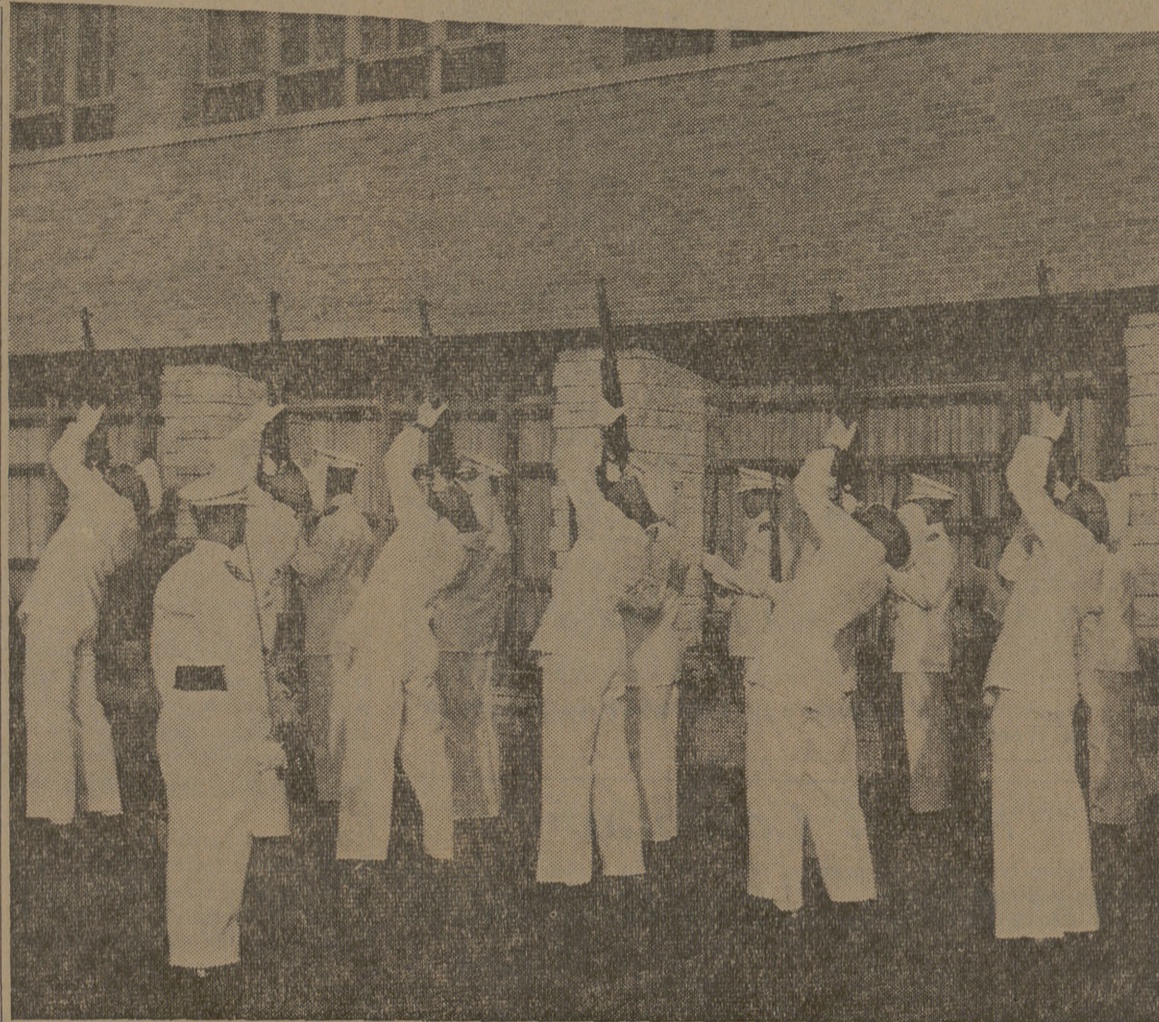
may be presented in exchange for a ticket to the event.

Deadline for acquiring tickets to the barbeque ended today at noon, which gives the CSC ample time to prepare for the occasion.

Starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, the dance will commence in Sbis Hall, lasting until 12 midnight with the Bennie Paruse Orchestra providing the music.

Dance tickets will cost \$1.50, "stag or drag," and the tickets can be purchased from housing area counselors or at the door.

Highlight of the dance will be selection of the Civilian Sweetheart from 13 finalists. All civilian dormitories or housing projects with the exception of one, has a sweetheart entered in the competition.



RV Firing Squad For Muster ... familiar site at annual A&M event

Campus Ceremony Begins At 5 p.m.

By RONNIE BOOKMAN

Tomorrow is Aggie Muster. Former students over the world will gather to pay honor and homage. They will be carrying out a tradition began in 1903 to honor the freedom of Texas and to pay homage to Aggies who have died during the previous year.

Here on campus Muster will be held on the front lawn of the Memorial Student Center at 5 p. m. Officers of the Association of Former Students, student body leaders, the Ross Volunteers and the Singing Cadets are scheduled to participate in the tradition-heavy event.

The president of the Association of Former Students, James W. Aston, will deliver the principal address. He is president of the Republic National Bank of Dallas.

A member of the Class of '33, Aston was both captain of the football team and cadet colonel of the Corps. He was also president of the "T" Club, president of the Senior Court, a member of the YMCA Council and a member of the RV's.

Aston has served in the positions of city manager for both Bryan and Dallas.

Muster originated 58 years ago when the 300-man Corps of Cadets gathered together in observance of the independence of Texas and the great sacrifices made by those gallant sons at Goliad, the Alamo and on the battlegrounds of San Jacinto.

The students generally agreed that "forever afterwards" Apr. 21 would be a day of mustering for Aggies wherever they might be.

They also decided that in addition to honoring the freedom of Texas, the day of mustering would be a time to pay tribute to Aggies who had died. Some living comrade would answer "here" when the roll call for the absent was read.

Here is the program for Muster activities on campus:

Star Spangled Banner—Aggie Band

Introductory remarks—Roland Dommert, President, Student Senate

Invocation—Brantley Laycock, Student Senate Chaplain

The Muster tradition and remarks—Syd Heaton, Cadet Colonel of the Corps

Introduction of Frank B. Harvey, Vice-President, Former Students Association, by Dommert

Remarks by Harvey

The Twelfth Man—A&M Singing Cadets

Introduction of President Earl Rudder—Dommert

Rudder introduces Aston

Principal address—Aston

The Spirit of Aggieland—Band and audience

Roll Call for the Absent—Edward A. Todd, Head Yell Leader

Silver Taps—Band Members

R. V. Volley

Auld Lang Syne—Singing Cadets

Closing Ceremony—Dommert

Aggie, TWU Soph Party Plans Complete

A picnic and dance will provide sophomores from A&M and TWU an opportunity to get acquainted Saturday at TWU.

An informal picnic will open the activities at 6 p.m. in the Houston Hall courtyard. The menu includes baked ham, potato salad, French bread, olives, pickles and homemade desserts.

A semi-formal dance will highlight the party Saturday night from 9-12 in the Student Union Ballroom with music provided by Jerry Cline's Combo. Admission will be \$1.

Although tickets may be purchased before the party from sophomore officers, officers-elect and Student Senators, they also may be purchased in Houston Hall and at the dance Saturday.

"We want to emphasize that the party is not a date affairs," TWU Sophomore President Kathy Coffey said. "If you have a date, fine. If not, that's better, because then you will have the opportunity to meet many people."

Miss Coffey was one of four Tesses who visited the campus last Friday to invite the sophomore class to the party. Other delegates were Jeanette Brown, Marilyn Jordan and Carol Ritter. They were accompanied by Mrs. L. M. Ellison, dormitory director of Houston Hall.

"We enjoyed our weekend as guests of the A&M sophomore class," Miss Coffey stated. "They made us feel like visiting royalty."

Speaking for the girls she represented, Miss Coffey said, "The sophomore class hopes the get-acquainted party will strengthen A&M-TWU relations. We sincerely appreciate the help and cooperation of the A&M sophomore class officers."



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World Wrap-Up

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Vote Nears On Minimum Wage Bill

WASHINGTON—Senate leaders pushed President Kennedy's \$1.25 minimum wage bill to the brink of passage Wednesday and then put off the final shove until Thursday. Supporters of the measure defeated all attempts to cut down its expanded coverage provisions before the bill was advanced to the stage of a final vote.

Rock Island Limited Derails In Illinois

JOLIET, Ill.—Two rear cars of the Rock Island Railroad's Golden State Limited were derailed yesterday at Bird's Bridge southwest of Joliet.

Railroad headquarters in Chicago said no reports of injuries were received although State Police called for ambulances and additional police cars.

Democrats Formally Endorse Blakley

AUSTIN—Party lines in the special U. S. Senate election were sharply drawn and heavily underlined Wednesday by formal Democratic endorsement of interim Sen. William A. Blakley.

Blakley and John G. Tower, the Republican in the race, each now has the firm backing of their respective party organizations although the May 27-run-off election ballot will carry no political labels.

Laos Asks For More Aid

VIENTIANE, Laos—The Laotian government yesterday called for more foreign aid in fighting pro-communist rebels and got an immediate promise that U. S. military advisers will go into combat zones.

Foreign Minister Tiao Sopsaisana disclosed Laos also is thinking of asking for foreign troops. He reported new major rebel offensives are threatening to conquer Laos and sweep into neighboring countries.

Texas House To Debate Sales Tax

AUSTIN—Gov. Price Daniel made another pre-tax debate statement Wednesday repeating his opposition to a general sales tax.

A 2 per cent general sales tax exempting food, medicine, farm feed and machinery, is set for debate in the House Thursday. It was offered by Rep. Charles Wilson, Trinity.

President Kennedy Cancels Cruise Plans

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy yesterday canceled plans to cruise aboard an aircraft carrier off the South Atlantic coast this weekend.

The White House turned aside questions as to whether the fighting in Cuba had anything to do with the decision.

Gary Cooper Announced Critically Ill

HOLLYWOOD—Gary Cooper, 59, is critically ill, a family spokesman said Wednesday.

Sources close to the famed actor said he has cancer and knows it.

Judgeship Bill Passed By House

WASHINGTON—The House yesterday brushed aside Republican complaints it was playing politics and voted, 336-7, to add 70 judges to the Federal Court System.

The bill now goes back to the Senate, which has approved the creation of 73 new judgeship posts.

Israel - Jordan Conference Breaks Up

JERUSALEM—Israeli members of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today angrily stalked out of a meeting called in a dispute over Israel's insistence on parading heavy armament in her Independence Day celebrations.

Ag Players Fill Guion Hall Stage With Clever Comedy

By TOMMY HOLBEIN

Clever wit and gentle comedy filled the stage of Guion Hall last night as the Aggie Players performed "The Rivals" for the third of five showings this week.

Reaching a pinnacle of professionalism in their handling of the play, the Players treated the 18th Century comedy with dynamic theatrical art, catering to the audience of over 100 in a fully enjoyable manner.

A uniqueness in presentation existed as the Players incorporated several special elements designed and executed for consistent treatment of the play, which places emphasis on poking fun at the pretentiousness and mannerisms of 18th Century English society.

"This type of comedy—subtle, clever wit—is difficult to accomplish with full success when the play comes from hundreds of years in the past," said C. K. Esten, producer.

"However, even though the social customs and mores were different then, they were basically the same as ours today; thus, with proper treatment we can make 20th Century theater-goers enjoy humor of 200 years ago," he added.

Basic plot of the play is a comedy of errors caused by an

ambitious, amorous young man who wins the heart of an adventurous lady by posing as someone of more mysterious position than his own real rank.

Emphasis is placed on the mispronunciation, misuse, and distortion of normal conversational words in amusing situations interwoven into the lines of the actors.

"The Rivals" features a cast of 14, which is first introduced by a prologue especially prepared and written by Vic Weining, director of the production. Each character is beckoned on stage by two persons handling the prologue and moderation of the play.

Costumes for the play were designed by Jane Eisner, and are patterned after those which were popular in the 18th Century; the stage attires are in brilliant colors radiated by special lighting from overhead. These, plus heavy make-up on the actors, make their features stand out extremely well while on stage.

Skirts worn by the five female players consist of two hoops and five pieces of glamorized ribbon, or rope. These proved slightly hazardous for several of the actresses when they wound about various members of the set, like chairs, stools and fences. Nevertheless, the costumes are quite original and stunning.

Guion Hall's stage has been transformed into a "theater in the round," with the audience seated around the circular set, where the play takes place. Seating capacity is approximately 100 persons, as was determined last night by the sizable crowd of people.

An original creation is the set, designed by Dave Woodard and Charles Hearn; colors of the structure are white and gold, and it reflects an atmosphere of mock elegance which prevails through the entire play.

There are only two more performances left; each begin at 8 p.m. in Guion Hall, tonight and tomorrow.

STILL INCOMPLETE

Chest Total Rises Slowly To \$340

Slight additions raised the Campus Chest total to \$340 yesterday as several reports remained uncalculated in the school year's second chest drive.

Drive Chairman Clayton La Grone reported last night an additional \$15 was collected in

contributions, with a total of \$49.42 collected. Collections in Corps units range from this high to a low of \$6.16.

LaGrone has said the majority of funds which have been contributed thus far have come from civilian dormitories.

"They have borne their share of the load, and I don't expect much more in contributions from them; what is left will have to come from the West area, day students and the receptacles.

Squadron 11 continues to lead in

Notice to the University of Texas students who put that 150-pound crankcase in the trunk of Wayne Ahr's car Round-Up weekend:

At your request it's on its way back. Collect. Painted maroon and white.

This mess started a few weeks back when an enterprising TU student acquired an antique six-cylinder Chevrolet engine block. For lack of something better to do with it, he put it under his roommate's bed. Soon the crankcase began to appear in other odd and out-of-the-way places.

Wayne Ahr, graduate oceanography student from San Antonio, was the latest (and last) victim. Ahr returned from TU's Round-Up weekend with the crankcase in the trunk of his car.

But he didn't know it. He found out Tuesday via The Battalion and a letter from his Austin friends.

Texas wants their motor back, however. If putting the worthless hunk of iron in their Aggie buddy's car was funny, they reasoned, funnier yet would be painting it orange and white and shipping it collect to some other university.

Ahr thought so too. So it's on its way back to TU; maroon, white and collect.

It's this sort of cultural exchange between schools that keeps Democracy alive.



Ahr and Friend ... returned maroon and white and COD