

Corps To Select Combat Cutie From 6 Finalists Friday



JUDY GARRETT
Escorted by Bill Davis



PAT HALFEN
Escorted by Randy Smith



BECKY DUNN
Escorted by Lep Babin



SHERRY KAY REESE
Escorted by Gary McKinney



SHARON HUFF
Escorted by John Bradley



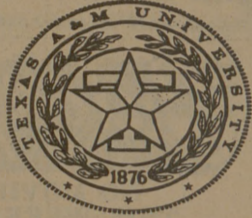
MAUREEN NANKIVELL
Escorted by Bill Taylor

Spring Military Day activities for the Corps of Cadets get underway Friday with the Combat Ball, to be held in Sbisla Hall following the Intercollegiate Talent Show.

The 1965 Combat Cutie will be selected and announced at the dance. The six finalists include Sharon Huff, Pat Halfen, Becky Dunn, Sherry Kay Reese, Judy Garrett and Maureen Nankivell.

The ball has a "South Pacific" theme. Uniform is class C fatigues. Solid color battle scarves are optional and flight suits are not authorized. Army cadets who have been assigned a branch of service to be entered upon commissioning may wear branch insignia on their collar.

Other Military Weekend activities include a 1 p.m. Saturday review and the Military Ball.



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Spring English Literary Fete Set April 1-12

The Department of English will hold its second annual Spring Literary Festival Apr. 1-12, Dr. John Q. Anderson, department head, has announced.

Three professors will present papers, students of the oral interpretation class will read selections from nineteenth century American literature and Dr. William A. Owens will read selections from his works at the event.

Owens, a novelist and professor of English at Columbia University, taught at A&M before going to Columbia in the 1940s. His recent novel, "Look to the River," has been sold to the movies. This and other of his novels have Texas backgrounds, as he is a native of East Texas and active in folklore studies in the Southwest.

"A Texas Christmas" will be the title of his lecture, sponsored by the Department of English and the Graduate College, scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, April 12.

"This literary festival is a further attempt to emphasize the increasing cultural opportunities on the campus for students, faculty members and townspeople," Dr. Anderson said.

"We are particularly pleased in having Dr. Owens come here in view of his current success as a novelist," he continued.

Making arrangements for the festival is a faculty-student committee. Sigma Tau Delta, the English fraternity, and the English Society are assisting.

The festival will open April 1 with a lecture by Prof. Carroll D. Lavery on "Caverns Measureless to Man — A View of Poe and Hawthorne."

On April 5 Richard H. Ballinger will speak on "The Place of William Dean Howells in American Literature." The readings in American literature by the oral interpretation class also will be given the same day. Allen Schrader, an assistant professor, will furnish incidental music drawn from "Dialogue with the Nineteenth Century," a suite for piano and orchestra which he composed.

"Washington Square and One West Main Street—Edith Wharton and Ellen Glasgow" will be the title of a lecture April 8 by Associate Professor Harrison E. Hierth.

Eccles Called Accounting's Top Student

Joe Eccles, a senior from Baytown, has been honored as the outstanding accounting student at A&M University. Eccles combines scholarship — he has straight "A's" in accounting and a solid "B" average in all courses—and student leadership.

The Haskins-Sells Foundation Award of \$500 was presented to Eccles Tuesday night during a meeting of the Accounting Society. Eccles is president of the approximately 80-member student group.

Eccles' name also is to be placed on a plaque in the School of Business Administration library.

The senior was chosen for the honor on the basis of his excellent record. The accounting faculty of the business school selected Eccles.

Jury Finds Billie Sol Innocent

DALLAS (AP)—Prison-bound Billie Sol Estes, on trial for a third and probably last time, heard a jury pronounce him innocent Wednesday of lying to the government about his debts.

It was the first acquittal in three cases for the former promoter, reputed to be worth \$150 million before his complex of farm-based business collapsed a little less than three years ago.

Estes, a onetime confidant of industrialists and politicians, remained in custody nevertheless to start serving a 15-year sentence for mail fraud, which the Supreme Court has refused for the last time to review. That occurred in Washington as jurors were being picked for the three-day trial here.

The Dallas jury of five women and seven men took Estes' word over that of others that he did not give the Commodity Credit Corp. falsified financial statements. The government claimed he did this to qualify for grain storage contracts worth more than \$5 million a year.

U. S. Dist. Judge Sarah T. Hughes warned spectators against any demonstration and there was complete silence as she read the verdict.

A moment after Judge Hughes stepped off the bench, however, there was a mild "yippee" from Pam Estes, 17, eldest of the defendants' five children.

Estes, usually poker faced, smiled slightly. His wife Patsy shed happy tears. After a few minutes she was able to say: "I'm so glad he finally won a case!"

Marshals refused to let Estes talk to newsmen but he stuck out a hand to shake that of one reporter.

'Cafe Rue Pinalle'

Entertainment billed as "Cafe Rue Pinalle" has been scheduled in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom immediately following the Intercollegiate Talent Show Friday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Music will be provided by the "Avantis," a singing group from Houston; the "Just III" from the University of Arkansas, and the "Randy Bell Trio" from Louisiana State University.

Tickets for the dance, sponsored by the MSC Directorate and Council, are available at the Student Programs office in the MSC and at the door at 75 cents per person.



The Just III
Appearing at the Intercollegiate Talent Show Friday night will be The Just III, a singing group from Louisiana State University. From the top, the group includes Bill Spann, Jerie Ford and Bob Adams. ITS begins at 6:30 p. m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets sell for \$1.25.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

International

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—A bomb exploded Wednesday night in front of a bar frequented by U. S. servicemen, wounding a dozen persons.

There apparently were no serious American casualties but some Americans were cut. The bomb ripped masonry from the front of the bar and adjacent buildings, and cratered the sidewalk.

MOSCOW—The Soviet Red Cross has cabled an appeal to President Johnson to "display humaneness and wise statesmanship" and stop the war in Viet Nam, the Soviet news agency Tass said Wednesday. The agency quoted the cable as saying the U. S. air strikes in Viet Nam are "a crying violation of international law, of the Geneva agreements and conventions and also of the decisions of the International Red Cross conferences."

TOKYO—Communist North Viet Nam said through its official paper Wednesday it is ready to dole out severe punishment for any new U. S. jet attacks on its territory. It did not say what the punishment would be.

"The Vietnamese people are resolved to shatter their adventurous war expansion plan and punish them for their crimes," the official daily Nhan Dan said in an editorial.

PISA, Italy—High winds uprooted trees around the Leaning Tower of Pisa on Wednesday and moved the famous bell tower another fraction off center.

The movement was minute—a few hundredths of a millimeter—but it was enough to cause a fresh upsurge of concern among specialists who fear that one day the tower will come crashing down.

A&M Drill Contest Scheduled March 27

6 Southwestern Units To Compete

Approximately 300 cadets representing drill teams from throughout the Southwest are expected to compete in the first annual A&M Invitational Drill Meet, scheduled for Saturday, March 27, on the main parade grounds.

Units from Texas A&I, the University of Houston, Arlington State, Sam Houston State and West Texas State have already accepted invitations, and several additional confirmations are momentarily expected, according to Malon Southerland, president of

Drill Team Members, sponsors of the competition.

The inaugural competition was slated for last spring, but a conflict with the Louisiana State University meet forced cancellation of the project.

Competition will open following welcoming ceremonies at 8 a.m. Saturday. Inspection and basic drill phases will then be presented with fancy drill competition scheduled that afternoon.

Awards ceremonies will be held at approximately 4 p.m. A master trophy will be presented

to the best over-all entry, and smaller trophies for top three places in basic and fancy drill and first place in inspection will also be awarded.

A four-man Marine team from the Houston recruiting office will serve as judges.

Southerland said that invitations had been sent to approximately 30 teams and that 10-15 teams were expected to accept before the entry deadline.

"If not this year then by next year we expect to have the largest drill competition of its kind in the Southwest. In the near future we'd like to have this turn into an official Fourth Army or Texas championship, expanding each year. We also aim to hold university and high school competition at the same time in the future," he added.

The Fish Drill Team will make their fourth appearance of the year at the competition. They finished second in the University of Houston competition and also took second in the Washington Day Celebration meet in Laredo last week. The team will also enter the LSU drill meet March 20.

Drill team advisers include Southerland, Dan Petty, Ken Koch, Richard Grossenbacher, Richard Rohe, Ken Korb and Mike Richards. Team sponsors are Maj. Thomas Hines, Capt. Calvin Reese and Capt. David Lorms. Sponsors of the Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members include Lt. Col. Phillip Hopkins, Maj. Bolte and Capt. Reese.

Air Force Strikes Secret Viet Bases

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—A U. S. Air Force jet mission struck secret targets Wednesday in a followup to the widely publicized U. S.-South Vietnamese attack Tuesday on military installations in Communist North Viet Nam.

The Ho Chi Minh trail through eastern Laos — a Viet Cong supply line raided sporadically throughout the winter — was believed to have been hit by more than 30 F100 and F105 fighter-bombers.

The supersonic squadrons took off unheralded with heavy loads of explosives from Da Nang base, 380 miles northeast of Saigon, and sped back later with bomb bays empty to a landing lacking in fanfare.

U. S. authorities declined to disclose the objectives, but said no new strike had been made

against North Viet Nam. It was not even made plain whether all the raiders returned.

Compared with other operations in the Vietnamese war, the lid of news of the Laotian phase always has been relatively tight.

U. S. Navy and Air Force pilots have alternated in the effort, approved by Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma's Laotian government, to stem the flow of recruits and supplies from North Viet Nam via Laotian territory held by the pro-Communist Pathet Lao.

While diplomats studied world reaction to the thrust against North Viet Nam by more than 160 U. S. and South Vietnamese planes, intelligence experts studied reconnaissance photographs of the Quang Khe and Xom Bang target areas.

Radio Hanoi broadcast a declaration that the raids caused "no appreciable losses," but the pictures showed heavy damage.

Six barracks and a dock were reported destroyed at the Quang Khe naval base, 60 miles north of the 17th Parallel, and other barracks outside the town were burned. Still under assessment was the toll at Xom Bang, a munitions center 15 miles north of the border.

But there was agreement on both sides of the line on one thing: Six of the raiders were shot down. The pilots of one Vietnamese and four U. S. planes were rescued. The pilot of a fifth American plane was missing.

Tax Aid Slated For Foreign Aps

Internal Revenue Service representatives will visit the campus Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. to assist all foreign nationals who need help in preparing their income tax. Foreign Student Advisor Robert L. Melcher estimated about 100 foreign nationals, including faculty and staff members, must file income tax returns.

"Foreign nationals are advised to consult with these tax representatives if they have any questions pertaining to the preparation of tax returns for the calendar year 1964," Melcher said.

Persons consulting the tax specialists should bring their W-2 forms, passport and copy of their income tax return.

National

WASHINGTON—The Senate Investigations subcommittee reported Wednesday a ruthless, nationwide mob known variously as the Mafia and Cosa Nostra is profiting to the tune of "many billions" of dollars a year from gambling, narcotics, prostitution and other rackets.

In a formal report to be submitted to the Senate today, the subcommittee urged Congress to consider the enactment of new laws for an all out war against the outfit.

WASHINGTON—Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army chief of staff, told senators Wednesday 75,000 Communist Viet Cong had been killed in the Viet Nam fighting, and their side is being hurt.

He said U. S. aerial operations "contributed materially to this success."

Johnson's prepared text, which had passed through censorship before the Senate Armed Services Committee and Defense Appropriations subcommittee released it, did not mention losses by the South Vietnamese and U. S. forces.

Texas

AUSTIN—The state adjutant general sent word from Washington Wednesday that the Pentagon wants to replace Texas' three National Guard and Army Reserve divisions with three separate brigades.

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop informed his office here that the troop unit proposal for merging of the Army Reserve and National Guard in Texas call for a reduction of some 155 units and more than 4,645 men.

Sonora

SONORA—The sheriff of this West Texas town found the bodies of six persons from Oregon Wednesday in the wreckage of their twin-engine plane which had been missing since Sunday night.

Academicians Lag In History Study, Kranzberg Claims

The academic world has lagged in its study of the history and effects of technology, professor Melvin Kranzberg told a University Lecture audience Tuesday night.

"Technology and its twin, science, are the distinguishing hallmarks of our civilization . . . contemporary western culture is based more upon science and technology than upon theology and philosophy," the Case Institute of Technology professor said.

The history professor, whose special interest has turned to technology in recent years, spoke on "The Role of Technology in Civilization."

An audience of 100 persons in the chemistry lecture room asked questions for an hour following Kranzberg's talk.

The historian spoke earlier in the day to Dr. Carroll D. Lavery's English 334 class on "Science in Literature," and also to the engineering faculty.

He was the fourth of six distinguished persons scheduled to present University Lectures this academic year.

Kranzberg acknowledged that technology has its "darker side" as well as its accomplishments, but he also noted that a study of technology showing human reason and ingenuity in action can offer positive guides to solving varied problems.