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## Sophomores' Sweetheart To Be Named Saturday

By JOHN FULLER  
Battalion Managing Editor  
One of five finalists for 1967 Sweetheart of the Sophomore Class will be honored during intermission of the Sophomore Ball here Saturday night.

The finalists, whose names were announced Monday, were chosen by class officers from applications submitted by second-year students. They will all be presented at the annual dance, which will begin at 8 p.m. in Shisa Dining Hall.

Finalists are Mary Frances Ruble of Bertram, Gay Scherz of San Angelo, Linda Carmen Rob-

bins of Fort Worth, Susan Nathan of Austin, and Diane Nunnelly of San Antonio.

MISS RUBLE, a 17-year-old Bertram High School senior, will be escorted by Walter Dabney. She is 5'6" tall, with blonde hair and blue eyes, and plans to major in education at Texas Tech. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ruble of Bertram.

Michael Sheets will escort Miss Nunnelly, a senior at MacArthur High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Foltz of San Antonio. She is 18, has brown hair and brown eyes, and is 5'1" tall.

Paul A. Burns submitted the name of Miss Nathan, a 20-year-old mathematics major at the University of Texas. She is 5'3" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sanford A. Nathan of San Antonio.

MISS ROBBINS will be escorted by Michael T. Curd. An 18-year-old sophomore elementary education major at Texas Christian University, she stands 5'2" tall and has green eyes and blonde hair. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robbins of Fort Worth.

Miss Scherz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Scherz of San Angelo, is an 18-year-old senior at San Angelo Central High School. She is 5'4" tall and has brown hair and brown eyes. Clarke Erskine will be her escort at the Ball.

NEAL FORD and the Fanatics, a Houston-based group that has gained fame through records and a brief tour of area cities with the Lovin' Spoonful last fall, will play for the dance. Theme will be "Winter Wonderland."

Dress is semi-formal, with Class B winter uniforms and ascots for Corps members. Tickets remain on sale, at \$3.50 a couple and \$1.75 stag, from sophomore class officers and in the Student Programs Office through today.

Sweetheart finalists will be guests at a luncheon Saturday in the Memorial Student Center, where they will meet sophomore class officers and advisors.



MARY FRANCES RUBLE

## TWU Girls Plan Unique 'Sorority'

Four Aggie Sweethearts who during the fall semester lived in the same dormitory at the Texas Woman's University hope to be the founders of a new and unique society.

The four are Nanette Gabriel, 1964 Sweetheart, art major from El Paso; Johanna Leister, 1965, Orange; Cheryl Holland, 1966, speech and drama major from music major from Bryan; and Kathi Austin, 1967, nursing major from Dallas.

Taking advantage of the unusual circumstance which found them on campus at the same time, the four girls decided to put into effect an idea that Lynn Paris, 1963 Sweetheart, mentioned to her successor, Miss Gabriel.

"We decided that, with four of us here at the same time," Miss Holland said, "there could be no more perfect time for starting the organization. We haven't decided whether to call it a sorority

or not," she continued, "but we already have our pins!"

Mrs. Ruth Cray, assistant dean of women, will sponsor the new organization. Dean Francis Emerson, registrar, is helping the girls contact former Sweethearts. An Aggie Sweetheart has been selected by special committee at Texas A&M since 1941.

Miss Austin, the current Sweetheart, is taking nursing courses at the Dallas Clinical Center this semester, and Miss Gabriel has graduated, but both are still active in planning the organization.

"Our main purpose is to find out what everyone is doing," Miss Holland explained. She and Miss Leister are composing a letter to acquaint the sweethearts with the idea and to ask their ideas and opinions. An accompanying questionnaire will ask the year each was Sweetheart, her functions during the time, and the most exciting things she remembers about her reign.

When fully organized, the new sorority will have officers to send out a regular newsletter to members and to plan an annual reunion on campus. At the reunion the new Aggie Sweetheart will be presented in an official gown purchased by members' dues for the year.

"If there's anything she'll need, it's a formal!" exclaimed Miss Holland. "I bought four during the year I was Sweetheart, borrowed at least five others, and wore most of them more than twice."

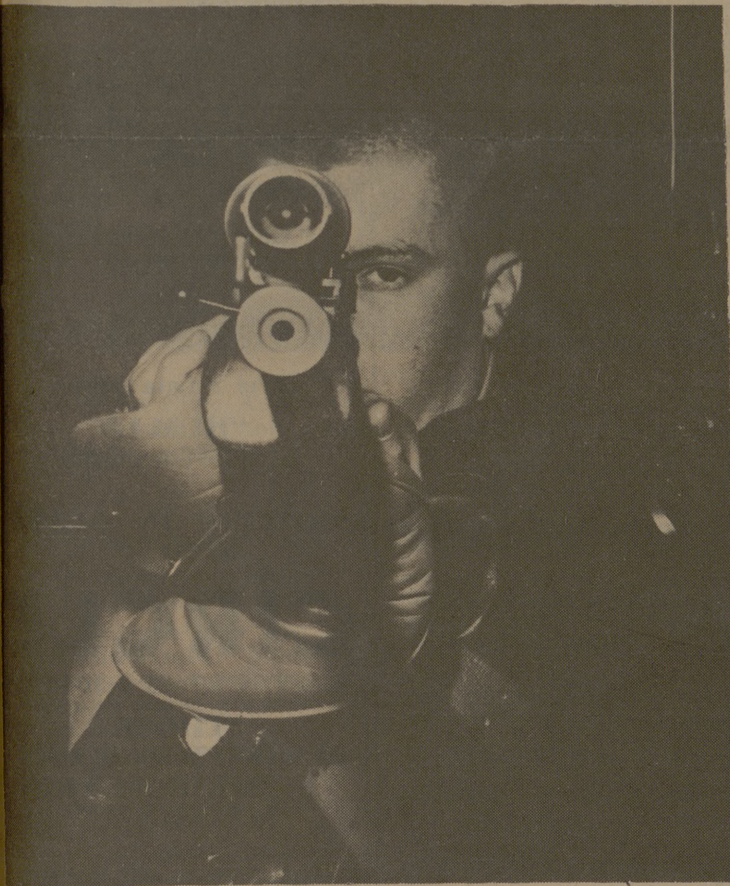
The former Sweethearts will advise each new one from their own experiences. "There are so many little things that you need to know," Miss Holland commented. "I'd never have made it without Nanette and Johanna."

"After all," she concluded, "a girl might be elected Aggie Sweetheart at some time when there are no former Sweethearts on campus."

### Weather

SATURDAY — Partly cloudy, winds northerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 61. Low 33.

SUNDAY — Cloudy, winds southerly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 68. Low 38.



### ALL-AMERICAN AIM

Christopher M. West of San Antonio and A&M rifle team members take aim on a Southwest Rifle Association championship this weekend. The Aggie smallbore shooters engage the University of Houston, with the title at stake. West, a sophomore, is a National Rifle Association All-American shooter and the team's leading scorer.

## Head Of Journalism Dept. Resigns Effective Aug. 31

By LEE MORENO  
Battalion News Editor

Dr. Delbert McGuire, head of the Journalism Department, at Texas A&M for 6½ years, has resigned, effective, Aug. 31, announced Liberal Arts Dean Frank W. R. Hubert.

McGuire, 49, said his resignation stems from a policy disagreement affecting his department.

He emphasized, however, the disagreement is not related specifically to the operation of The Battalion and has no relationship to the dismissal of three student editors from the paper last fall.

The Houston Chronicle carried the story of Dr. McGuire's resignation Thursday. The article alleged that Dr. McGuire resigned because the Battalion was not placed under the control of the Journalism Department, and because he was on the outs with the administration.

McGuire said that he regretted that the Chronicle had misquoted him and garbled the facts so irresponsibly.

"That story makes me look like an out and out liar and at controversy with the administration," McGuire said.

"I am not at controversy with President Rudder, Dean Hall or Dean Hubert," he continued.

He stated that the Battalion was not in the Journalism Department and that it was the President's prerogative to place it where he thought best. He went on to say that he was on good terms with the administration, and that he had discussed his resignation with them and that they accepted his reasons.

He made it clear that he was resigning because he disagreed with a decision regarding his department. He said that he was doing what anyone else would do under such circumstances.

"I did not want the Journalism Department to be hurt," McGuire stated, referring to the Chronicle article.

He said that he would like to see a smooth transition between the changing of department heads — a transition which would in no way hinder or interrupt the program in his department.

Dr. McGuire said he is very proud of the Journalism Department at A&M and stated he would like to hold his head high when he leaves next August.

"The Department of Journalism here has made real progress in recent years," McGuire said, "and I feel that it has a definite role in Texas' program for higher education. It is my hope that the department will be allowed to continue to serve this important role."

"The department was re-accredited" (See Journalism, Page 3)

## Manry's Address On 'Tinkerbelle' To Start At 8 p.m.

Robert Manry, the newspaper copy editor who piloted his small sailboat across the Atlantic, will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Manry's presentation, "Tinkerbelle's Run to Glory," will be the second of the Great Issues "World Around Us" series.

Manry set out on his journey across the Atlantic on June 1, 1965, from Falmouth, Mass. He arrived at Falmouth, England, 78 days later.

Manry is a 47-year-old copy editor on the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He is married and has two children. His diverse education included studies at the University of Dijon in France, Lignan in China, and Antioch College, Ohio.

The only previous boating he had done was on Lake Erie, but he had read stories of other small-craft crossings.



### AGGIE SWEETHEARTS

Four consecutive Aggie Sweethearts are from left, Kathi Austin, 1967; Johanna Leister, 1965; Nanette Gabriel, 1964; and Cheryl Holland, 1966.

## Senate Discusses Proposals On Books, Activity Weekend

The Student Senate Thursday night discussed the "Books to Vietnam" project and a proposal for an all-university weekend of activities during the spring.

Donald G. Rapp, a senior architecture major from Galveston, is in charge of the book project.

He said the members of his company, E-1, have already sent a 9-pound load to Bill Johnson, a corporal in Vietnam who had sent a request to Rapp.

Rapp said he had talked to a representative from the Exchange Store and arranged to send the books which failed to sell after a period of time.

In asking the senate for financial backing for the costs of shipping the books, Rapp said there were three ways the books could be sent.

If sent by the regular book rate, the project would be economical, but the books would take four to six weeks to reach Vietnam.

The serviceman's airmail was faster, but fastest of all would be regular airmail which would cost 80¢ a pound. This is the way Rapp would like to send the books.

The other major topic discussed was the proposal that an all-university weekend of activities be planned for the long period between Easter and Mother's Day.

It was pointed out that Civilian Weekend falls right in the middle of this six-week period, and it was suggested that the proposed activities be integrated with civilian activities.

Student Senate President Barney Fudge appointed a committee to look into the proposal and give their suggestions at the next meeting.

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