



# The Battalion

**Weather**  
**SATURDAY** — Cloudy to partly cloudy, chance of thundershowers late afternoon, winds southerly 15 to 25 m.p.h., High 81, Low 63.  
**SUNDAY** — Partly cloudy, winds southerly 15 to 25 m.p.h., High 79, Low 56.

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## the outside world High School Career Day To Draw 3,500 Visitors

**VIETNAM**  
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**WASHINGTON**  
 The Senate beat down an attempt Thursday to amend the consular treaty with the Soviet Union by a vote of 83 to 26.

**NATIONAL**  
 A DC-9 jetliner and a private plane crashed in Ohio, 50 miles from the scene of a Sunday crash. No survivors were reported among the 25 aboard the jet.

District Attorney Jim Garrison took his Kennedy assassination probe before Orleans Parish grand jury. He called up a lawyer who said that he was asked to defend Lee Harvey Oswald after Kennedy's death.

**INTERNATIONAL**  
 Mao Tse-Tung is said to have launched a drive to gain control of Peking, where fighting has been reported. Congressmen demanding the ouster of President Sukarno lined up Thursday against their military colleagues, who fear dismissal will mean an orgy of bloodshed in Indonesia.

**TEXAS**  
 A former convict clad in a bright red sports coat took \$4,510 from a downtown Houston bank Thursday and was arrested by police 10 minutes after a chase in which a bank president and former state senator took part.

A lawyer for Ernest Medders, owner of financially troubled Colonial Acres Farm in Cooke County, answered in federal court today two involuntary bankruptcy petitions alleging debts of \$83,074.

### Aggie Band Dance Scheduled For Saturday Night In Sbis

The Texas Aggie Band will hold its annual dance in Sbis Hall Saturday night. Highlight of the dance will be the selection of the 1967 Band Sweetheart.

### 3 B-CS Residents Among Students On Houston Trip

Three Bryan-College Station residents are among 30 Texas A&M University student leaders who will participate in a leadership trip to Houston Saturday and Sunday.

They are Joe B. Harris and Kenneth A. Lampkin of Bryan and Michael F. Flahie of College Station.

Sponsored by the A&M Memorial Student Center Student Leadership Training Committee, the trip features tours of Jones Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Astrodome and Preston Bolton's Townhouses.

Dennis Hohman of San Antonio, committee chairman, said the group also will hear the Houston Symphony at Sam Houston Coliseum, and attend a play at the Alley Theatre.

### Fish To Defend Drill Trophy

Top candidates to march off with the championship trophy at the fourth Texas A&M Invitational Drill Meet Saturday are Sam Houston State, Texas A&I, the University of Houston, Texas, St. Mary's or A&M's Fish Drill Team.

Thirteen teams will compete for eight trophies in the competition, with the A&M freshmen defending possession of the overall trophy.

A 33-member girls team, the ROTC Sponsor Corps of the University of Texas at El Paso, will present and exhibition drill at 1:25 p.m., Saturday, on the main



**MARITIME CADETS ON "DEUTSCHLAND"**  
 German Naval cadet explains fire control details the "Deutschland" system on Swedish-made 40mm Anti-air-craft gun to Texas Maritime Academy ca-

### U.S. Losses, VC Defections Emphasize Rising Pressures

By JOHN CANTWELL  
 SAIGON (AP) Record American combat losses and record defections from bloodied Viet Cong ranks emphasized rising pressures in the Vietnam war last week, the U. S. Command disclosed Thursday. GIs sought fresh contact in 15 drives, one in the Meking River delta.

The Americans, with their ranks now swelled to 417,400, suffered 1,617 casualties in action Feb. 26-March 4—232 dead, 1,318 wounded and four missing.

sharp increase in the enemy's use of mortars, particularly in the sector U. S. Marines guard below the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam.

Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, commander of all U. S. Marines in the western Pacific area, told a news conference in Da Nang the war looks good from the allied side, but the possibility of a major Communist attack cannot be ruled out.

"I THINK they need something to boost their morale," he said. Three divisions of Hanoi

regulars are reported massed above the demilitarized zone. U. S. Marines were heavily engaged last weekend with infiltrators who mortared their positions and sought vainly to knock out 175mm guns which shell North Vietnamese targets across the demilitarized zone.

The American death toll last week was not the war's highest. A total of 240 were killed Nov. 14-20, 1965, the week of the Ia Drang Valley battle.

THE RECORD losses stemmed from an unusually high number of wounded, nearly seven men living through their injuries for every man killed. The normal ratio is about five to one. The previous high in American casualties was established two months ago — 1,194 in the week of Jan. 8-14.

Losses among the other allies last week were lighter. South Vietnam's armed forces reported 199 men killed and 18 missing; the others, six dead and 25 wounded. The South Vietnamese do not list their wounded.

Against the allied toll, spokesmen said 1,736 Communists were killed and 1,168 switched sides under the Saigon government's open arms program.

THE RED turncoats, numbering 60 more than in any previous week, brought defections this year to 6,357, compared to 3,845 in the same period of 1966.

The Communist dead were the equivalent of more than a regiment and uncounted thousands of others were obviously wounded. But far more were killed in the previous week, a record 2,449.

parade ground, where all competition will be held.

SAM HOUSTON'S Loman Rifles pose the most distinct threat to the Fish Drill Team's retention of the rotating championship trophy. The SHSC team won the Sixth Regimental Invitational meet at Fort Polk, La.,

last weekend and narrowly missed taking the 48-inch overall trophy in 1966.

The Cougar Rifles of U of H, A&I's King's Rifles, UT Buccaneers, and St. Mary's Marian Guard are consistent top performers.

President Earl Rudder and Aggie Sweetheart Kathi Austin will present winners' trophies between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Saturday.

COMPETITION will be judged by Maj. Arthur J. Cates, commander, and four non-commissioned officers of the Fourth Army N.C.O. Academy at Fort Polk. Points will be awarded for inspection at the Trigon parking lot, basic and precision marching on the Memorial Student Center drill field.

Awards for first, second and third in basic and precision drill and a trophy for the team judged best in inspection will be presented, according to Larry G. Rice, sponsor of the Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members.

THE association, Military Science and Aerospace Studies Department are sponsoring the meet.

ALSO COMPETING will be the Keathley Rifles of Cameron State College, Arkansas Polytechnic Institute, Ware Rifles of McNeese State, New Mexico Military Institute's Centaurian Guard, Company C-7 Pershing Rifles of Oklahoma State, Sam Houston Rifles of West Texas State University and Company H-10 Pershing Rifles of Texas Western.

### Academic Fair Set In G. Rollie White

Prospective students will see a cross-section of Texas A&M during Career Day activities Friday and Saturday.

The inside look at the university and its programs will be afforded by an Academic Fair at G. Rollie White Coliseum and departmental tours.

Forty-six departments in agriculture, business administration, engineering, architecture, geosciences, liberal arts, science, veterinary medicine and the Texas Maritime Academy will participate.

More than 3,500 visitors are expected for the Career Day activities, conducted by the Student Inter-Council. Among visitors will be 700 delegates to a Junior Engineering Technical Society meeting Friday and about 2,000 stock judging team members. The 4-H and FFA members will be participating in practice judging sponsored by Agricultural Extension Service, Dairy Science and Agricultural Education Departments. Jersey and Holstein heifer sales will be held Saturday for the young breeders. Saturday will also see about 300 drill team members on the campus.

The Academic Fair will provide visiting high school and junior college students, as well as A&M students, a pulse of A&M activities. The coliseum will house 66 exhibits and displays, according to Ulrich Crow of the Counseling and Testing Center.

The fair will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Career Day guests will be greeted by John Beckham, chairman of the inter-council and officially welcomed by Texas A&M President Earl Rudder. The students will then be arranged into groups according to academic fields of interest. The departments will have guided tours of their respective academic facilities scheduled at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon.

The students will remain in their assigned groups guided by an A&M Senior and will eat lunch at the University dining halls for a nominal fee of \$1.00.

Groups will meet at the following locations:

Agriculture—Room 146, Physics Building.

Business Administration — Room 202, Francis Hall.

Engineering and Architecture —Deware Field House.

Geosciences—Room 105, Geology Building.

Liberal Arts—Biological Sciences Building Lecture Room.

Sciences—Lecture Room, Chemistry Building.

Texas Maritime Academy — Room 210, YMCA.

Veterinary Medicine—Assembly Room, Memorial Student Center.

Instructional equipment, experiments and other exhibits will be set up by agriculture, business administration, university admissions, liberal arts, science, veterinary medicine, engineering, the YMCA, Heavy Equipment Operators School, James Connally Technical Institute at Waco, (See Career Day, On Page 2)

**Yaks To Audition For USO's Tour Of Europe, Asia**  
 "The Yaks" — a popular music band composed of Texas A&M cadets — is hoping to go international this summer if their music falls on receptive ears.

The popular and busy dance band will audition March 28 at Houston for eight-week USO tours in Europe and Southeast Asia.

Acceptance means the Air Force ROTC cadets will get a preview of their possible military assignments in Vietnam following graduation and commissioning.

"We got the idea from a magazine article," explained lead guitarist Patrick Gamble of Ramstein, Germany. "It said entertainers in Vietnam were having trouble finding bands that played our kind of music."

THE YAKS received initial contacts through Capt. Deward Johnson of the Aerospace Studies Department, who made inquiries on a Washington, D. C., trip. The band's business manager, Sammy Pearson of Calvert, talked to the USO director in Houston and worked out an engagement.

Yaks leader is Mike O'Hara of Lone Oak who is the lead singer, guitar and organ. Bruce Smith of Longview plays the rhythm guitar, Dick Horner of Longview drums and Al Hamilton of Anchorage, Alaska, the bass.

O'Hara, Smith, Gamble and Pearson are math majors.

### Girl Watchers' Corner



**MARY SUE PROPES**  
 Mary Sue is a 19-year-old home economics major from Kilgore. The Texas Woman's University junior enjoys playing the piano and sewing.

University National Bank  
 "On the side of Texas A&M"  
 —Adv.



**ADDED DRILL ATTRACTION**  
 The ROTC Sponsor Corps of the University of Texas at El Paso, a girls drill team, will perform an exhibition drill Saturday during the 1967 Texas A&M Invitational Drill

Meet. The Texas Western cuties will appear on the main drill field at 1:25 p. m. before 13 competing teams enter the precision phase of the day-long meet.