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SINGING CADET OFFICERS

Newly elected Singing Cadets Officers include (from left) librarian Rod Ellis, publicity manager Fred May, business manager Jerry Holbert, vice president Jeff Cooper, and president Lee Millikin.

## Cadet Corps Polishes Up For Parents' Inspection

### Chairmanships Up On Three 'C' Committees

Chairmanships for the Memorial Student Center Council Bridge, Talent and Travel Committees are still open, according to President Scott Roberts.

"These chairmen will plan and direct student programs for the particular areas of bridge, talent and travel," he said.

The Bridge Committee provides opportunity for people interested in bridge to play or learn to play.

The Talent Committee plans the annual Aggie Talent Show and provides for the enlistment and presentation of performing student artists enrolled at Texas A&M.

The Travel Committee provides organized student and faculty vacation tours and low cost transportation abroad during the summer.

A minimum overall grade point ratio of 1.4 is required of all applicants. Applications should be turned in before May 19, at 5 p.m.

### Ring Activities Set For A&M Seniors

Texas A&M's Senior Ring Banquet and Dance is set Saturday, May 20, announced Terrell Mullins, class president.

The banquet will be at 6 p.m. in Duncan Dining Hall. The Claude Gordon Band will play for the 8:30 p.m. Ring Dance at Sbis Hall.

Mullins urged all members of the graduating class to participate in both activities. Tickets are available through May 18 at the Memorial Student Center Program Office.

## the outside world

By the Associated Press

### VIETNAM

The switch in American pacification efforts to more military control left little doubt among officers Thursday that U. S. troop strength in Vietnam will have to be vastly expanded if the war is to be prosecuted successfully.

Secretary-General U Thant declared Thursday that a direct confrontation between the United States and Red China is inevitable if the present trend in the Vietnam is to continue.

### WASHINGTON

The Kennedy Round trade negotiators at Geneva appear heading toward an agreement that would leave American grain growers just where they were when negotiations began several years ago.

The United States announced Thursday that for the second day in a row a Soviet destroyer sideswiped the U. S. destroyer Walker in the Sea of Japan.

Cost is a major factor holding up a decision on whether to recommission a World War II battleship for the Vietnam war, Pentagon sources said Thursday.

### INTERNATIONAL

Violent fighting swept at least four cities of Red China's rice-basket province, Honan, Japanese reports from Peking said Thursday.

The European Common Market Council completed Thursday its stand for the final phase of the Kennedy Round of talks on lowering customs duties and eliminating other barriers to world trade.

### TEXAS

Cassius Clay was ordered Thursday to stand trial June 5 on a charge of refusing to be drafted into the armed services.

A power blackout hit almost without warning in 18 Southeast Texas counties Thursday.

## U. S. Vessel Rammed Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States announced Thursday that for the second day in a row a Soviet destroyer sideswiped the U. S. destroyer Walker in the Sea of Japan. Washington delivered tough-worded protests calling on the Kremlin to promptly "halt such harassments."

The surprise news of the second naval collision apparently shifted the matter from the status of accident to serious incident marking further worsening

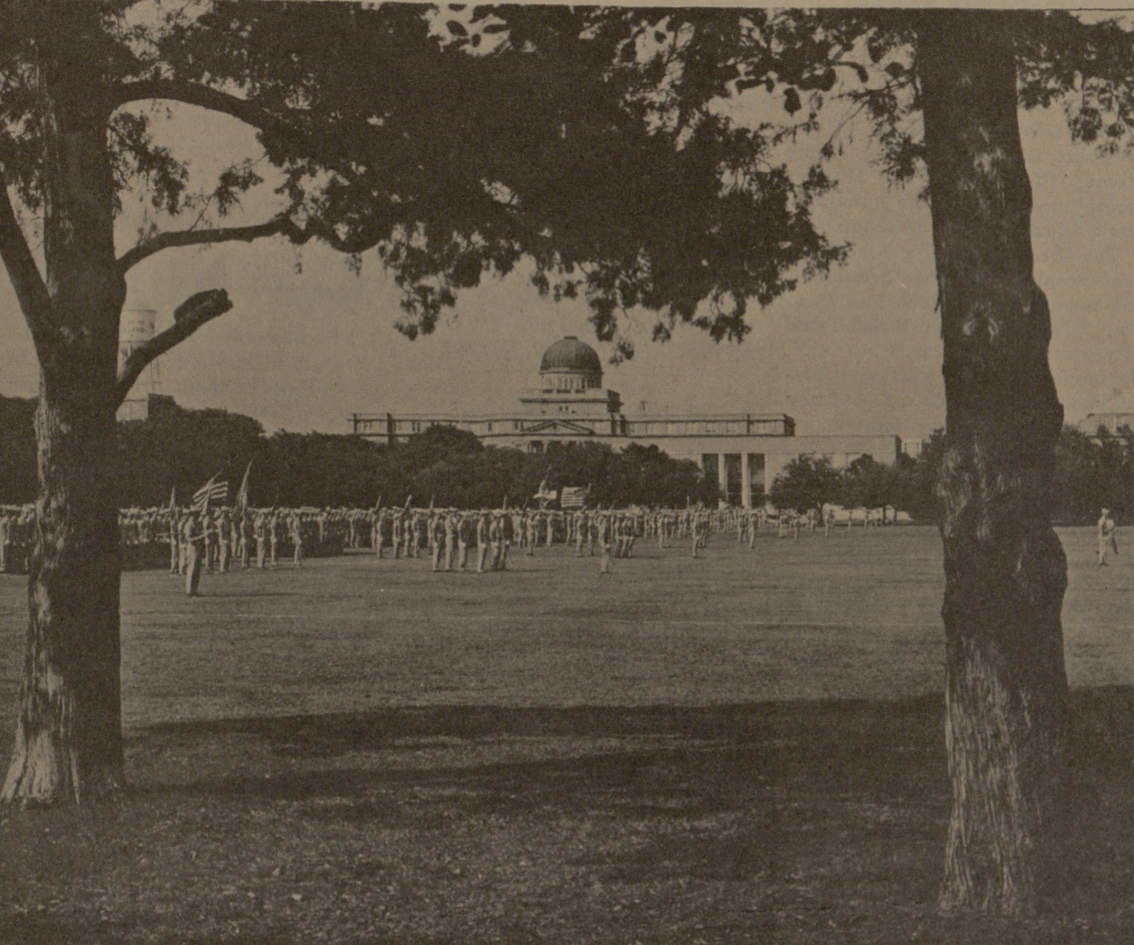
of U.S.-Soviet relations already strained over the Vietnam war.

ALTHOUGH NO formal response to the U.S. protests has yet come from Moscow, it was understood that the Soviets here rejected out of hand the U.S. accusation of deliberate harassment.

As of late Thursday, neither incident had been reported in Moscow newspapers.

American diplomats wondered whether Moscow deliberately has stepped up its naval interference in retaliation for the expanded U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

SOME U.S. admirals likened the maneuverings of the rival de-



PRACTICE FOR PARENTS' DAY

The Corps of Cadets line up for practice Thursday afternoon in preparation for Review at 2 p. m. Sunday for Parents' Day. (Photo by Russell Autrey)

## Aggies Elect Senators Tuesday

Balloting is Tuesday for the Student Senate representative elections in the basement of the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Candidates in the College of Agriculture are: Seniors: David

John Boethel, Jack Ronald Coleman, Edgar Lee Ohlendorf, and Carroll Henry Rabel; Juniors: Glenn Keim, Stephen Boyd Maddox and James E. Mudd; Sophomores: Robert J. Burford, Richard J. Hodge, Terry Jungman and Frank Mantalano III.

Contesting the three seats in the College of Engineering are: Seniors: Alan W. Backof, David L. Burrus, Jack W. Downing and Leon Edward Travis; Juniors: Carlos Almaguer, Garland H. Clark, Carl J. Hansen, Stephen A. Holditch, and Donald A. Swof-

ford; Sophomores: Larry A. Bowles, Phillip R. Frye, John R. Gingrich and Stephen H. Simpson.

In the College of Geosciences, candidates are: Senior: John Charles Thomas; Juniors: James Michael Looney, David W. Ruckman; no one filed for sophomore representative.

To do battle in the College of Liberal Arts are: Senior: Howard M. Hensel, Stephen C. Hightower and James Howard Lehmann; Juniors: Willard R. Bryant, David Thomas Maddox, Larry E. Henry, David Melvin How-

ard, Carroll Wayne Schubert, James Howard Thurmon, Monroe Goddy Wells and James Hall Willbanks; Sophomores: Gary Mauro, Kenneth H. Fenoglio, Gerald Geistweidt, Mac Spears, and Ronald S. Torn.

Vying for the opportunity to represent the College of Science are: Seniors: Wayne J. Baird; Juniors: James Mobley, Robert L. Pennington, Ralph Rayburn and Darrell Schwaab; Sophomores: Neal M. Ely, Harry Lesser Jr., and Ronald Edward Masterson.

In the College of Veterinary Medicine are: Senior: Joseph M. Wright; Juniors: Kenneth Cantrell and Blaine Purcell.

Running for Election Committee representatives are: Seniors: Anthony Richard Benedetto, Jerry A. Ferguson and Michael D. Noonan; Juniors: Gary Lynn Davis, Barbara Sue Staten and Robin Alan Young; Sophomores: Richard Dee Garret and Michael Douglas Mueller.

## Pacification Switch Expands U. S. Troop Strength In War

By JOHN T. WHEELER SAIGON (AP)—The switch in American pacification efforts to more military control left little doubt among officers here Thursday that U. S. troop strength in Vietnam will have to be vastly expanded if the war is to be prosecuted successfully.

SOME SAIGON estimates of requirements ranged up to 700,000 GIs even before U. S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker announced the transfer from civilian hands of the American phase of the allied program to win the hearts and minds of Vietnamese villagers.

Actual operation of the revolutionary development teams primarily assigned to bring this about is in the hands of the Saigon government, with American assistance in aid materials.

UP TO NOW protection of these teams has been primarily the responsibility of Saigon's own armed forces, although more than 15,000 U. S. troops have been involved to some degree in American pacification work headed up by the U. S. mission's Office of Civil Operations.

Some American military units have had their own pacification programs.

Now more apparently will be assigned in the over-all project. "This will happen in varying degrees from time to time," Gen. William C. Westmoreland said when asked if the number would increase.

WITHOUT THE added responsibility, the U. S. commander in Vietnam has been having to rob Peter to pay Paul in juggling his troops to meet increased Communist threats, largely in the northern st Corps area.

He has 442,000 men at present. Washington has approved a boost to the half-million mark by the end of this year.

BATTLES LAST week emphasized the rising tempo of the war.

### Weather

SATURDAY — Cloudy to partly cloudy, few rain showers late afternoon, winds southerly 15 to 25 m.p.h. High 92. Low 74.

SUNDAY — Cloudy to partly cloudy, few heavy thundershowers late afternoon, winds southerly 15 to 30 m.p.h. High 93. Low 74.

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## Mrs. J. R. Rehmet Honored Mother

Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets is polishing everything in sight as it prepares for Parents' Day, Sunday.

INDIVIDUAL and unit award presentations will highlight the day. The naming of units winning the Gen. George F. Moore Trophy for the best overall unit and Corps of Cadets Academic Achievement Award are major designations among 26 honors.

Awards will be made in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 9:30 a.m. and a Corps review on the Memorial Student Center drill field at 2 p.m.

Cadet flower pinning ceremonies in dormitory areas initiate the tight schedule. After the mother of the squadron or company commander or first sergeant has pinned each member of the unit, the best drilled sophomore and freshman for each unit will be named. Also at 9:30 a.m., unit commanders awards will be presented.

PRESIDENT Earl Rudder will greet visitors in a 9 a.m. Student Senate program in the Coliseum. Student Body President Wayne (Barney) Fudge of Burkburnett will preside for the half-hour program.

A&M's "Mother of the Year," Mrs. Joseph R. Rehmet of Alice, will be presented. Corps Chaplain Jerry Don Stevens of Happy will pay tribute to mothers, Student Life Committee Chairman Terry Aglietti of Idaho Falls, Idaho, will present Mrs. Rehmet with a bouquet of roses and James T. Oliver of Grapeland, Civilian Student Council president will recognize fathers.

THE AGGIE BAND will play for the program, with individual and unit awards to follow. Outstanding cadets and units will be recognized with awards from the Reserve Officers Association, Caldwell, and Federated A&M Mothers' Clubs plus other trophies.

Following church services and lunch in Duncan Dining Hall, the Ross Volunteers, A&M's elite honor drill unit, will make its only precision marching appearance of the year on campus.

The 1:30 p.m. drill of the unit commanded by Thomas C. Stone of Donna immediately precedes the Corps of Cadets review.

At 3 p.m., the Fish Drill Team, recent winner of the second high-

est drill award in the nation, will perform. All three events will be on the main parade ground. The FDT, commanded by Justo Gonzales of San Antonio, was second in the national drill championships in Washington, D. C., and has garnered 21 trophies this year.

AN RV PROGRAM in the MSC Ballroom will run concurrent with cadet dormitory open house, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The weekend program heralds conclusion of the 1966-67 school year. Commencement, commissioning and final review May 27 follow the last regular day of classes.

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## Ross Volunteers In Special Drill For Parents' Day

The 85-cadet Ross Volunteer Company will present a special drill Sunday along with other activities concurrent with Parents' Day at Texas A&M.

RV Commander Thomas C. Stone of Donna said the elite honor drill unit will present its special drill at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Drill Field. The presentation will immediately precede a Cadet Corps review.

Stone, a senior architectural construction major, said senior platoon leaders John Tyson of Timpson, John Willingham of Austin, William Haseloff of Vernon and juniors will be involved in the drill. The organization is comprised of juniors and seniors.

The drill is the RV's only company appearance on campus during the school year. Firing squads are utilized for Silver Taps and the annual Aggie Muster April 21. The entire unit marched at the Cotton Bowl Parade, Governor's Inauguration and Mardi Gras.

Outstanding juniors for each platoon and the company will be announced at an RV program in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Stone went on.

Seniors will be presented keys and a photographic program covering the unit's appearances in Dallas, Austin and New Orleans will be shown.



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

A candidate in the College of Liberal Arts finishes placing his poster on the grounds across from the MSC while trying to influence a voter. Elections are Tuesday for Senate Representatives from the six colleges.

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—Adv.