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LINDA RUSSELL
 ... ETSU Junior



ELIZABETH RNEAU
 ... from Longview



PAM FRENCH
 ... from Weatherford



ANNE MORROW
 ... Fort Worth Secretary



JUDITH ARNOLD
 ... Texas Sophomore



The Battalion

Weather
 Friday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, winds, Easterly 10-15 m.p.h. High 63, low 39.
 Saturday — Mostly cloudy, winds Southeastery 10-20 m.p.h. High 68, low 47.

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No Change Seen In D&C Fees

Drill and Ceremony cadets' fees will not be increased for the next two semesters as rumored, Wes Donaldson, director of purchasing and stores, said Wednesday.

Donaldson also explained why the D&C fees were now placed at the present \$75, rather than the \$50 of the past two years or the \$27.90 before that.

"We get the D&C fee from the average annual payment that the Army and Air Force pays for the use of uniforms by basic and contract cadets," Donaldson said.

"The Army pays \$50 for each cadet in basic sections and \$100 annually for each advanced cadet. This gives a four-year total of \$300."

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The fee was raised to \$75 after the Army auditor who annually checks the books, complained that the Army was paying an average of \$75 a year for clothing while the D&C's were paying only \$50.

"The \$50 per year was not sufficient to cover our actual costs for the uniform items and alterations that the Drill and Ceremony cadet gets," Donaldson noted.

"At current prices our annual cost for D&C cadet is \$75.64. This figure includes the cost of uniforms and alterations only and does not include any of the overhead cost of operating the military property warehouse.

Donaldson pointed out that the university actually came out \$50 short on cadets who stay in the Corps for two years and then change to D&C status.

Col. Jim McCoy, Corps commandant, noted that the Air Force has stopped requiring in-

coming freshmen to take the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test. "This would make for fewer D&C cadets, because people could continue to have the Air Force pay for their uniforms until their junior year," McCoy said.

This test in the past has forced many Cadets either out of the Corps or into another service.

According to Donaldson's figures, an annual sum of \$5,000 would have to be secured if D&C fees were reduced to \$50 a year, the figure D&C cadets agree upon as the most reasonable.

Services Held For Employee Of A&M Press

Funeral services for Thelston O. Williams, 58, longtime Texas A&M Press employee, were to be held at 3 p.m. today in Bryan. He died Tuesday in a Bryan hospital.

Dr. W. M. Shamburger, pastor of Tyler's First Baptist Church, will officiate at rites in the Hillier Funeral Chapel. Burial is planned in the College Station City Cemetery.

Born July 27, 1909 in Wellborn, Williams resided on South College Road in College Station. He first joined the A&M Press in 1926 and worked as a pressman when he retired.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Dan E. Williams of Lexington; a sister, Mrs. Wilson Viator of Jeanerette, La.; a brother, Curtis H. Williams of Wellborn and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Joe Hudson, Garland Sluder, Raymond Duckett, John Looney, Dwayne Hunter and Hershel Eskue, all A&M Press employees.

Band Announces Finalists In Sweetheart Contest

Dance To Feature Naming Of Winner

By MIKE WRIGHT
 Battalion Staff Writer

The Texas Aggie Band will choose its 1968 Sweetheart Saturday night during the Band Dance in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom after the A&M-Texas basketball game, according to Sweetheart Director Larry Eccard.

The dance will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Five finalists have been selected and will be voted on by band members and their dates at the affair.

The ballroom will be decorated to resemble a Spanish courtyard.

Bruce Hicks and other architectural students are in charge of the mural scenes and the wrought-iron fixtures.

THE LINE-UP of petite contestants includes Linda Russell of Irving, Judith Arnold of San Antonio, Elizabeth Ann Rneau of Longview, Pam French of Weatherford and Anne Morrow of Fort Worth.

Miss Russell is a junior at East Texas State, majoring in elementary education. She stands 5 feet, 4 inches and weighs 105 pounds, with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She is escorted by sophomore Bruce Barrett.

Miss Arnold, a sophomore at the University of Texas, stands 5 feet, 7 inches and weighs 120 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes and will be escorted by sophomore Richard Garrett.

MISS RNEAU is a senior at Longview High School. She stands 4 feet, 11 inches and weighs 95 pounds, and plans to enter the University of Texas next fall and major in business. She is escorted by junior Mike Perritt.

Miss French is another high school senior who made the finals. She is a senior at Weatherford High School in Weatherford, is 5 feet, 2 inches tall and weighs 100 pounds. She plans to enter Stephens College in Missouri to study fashion next fall. Miss French will be escorted by freshman Ernest Johnson.

Miss Morrow is a secretary at a Fort Worth bank. She stands 5 feet, 4 inches and weighs 104 pounds. She will be escorted by junior Mike Curd.

All finalists will receive a heart necklace bearing an embossed seal of the university. In addition, the sweetheart will receive a dozen long-stem red roses.

Barnes Calls For Change In Liquor Laws

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Ben Barnes said Wednesday he will appoint a liquor law investigating committee and give it powers to subpoena reluctant witnesses.

He said he is leaning toward a five-man subcommittee, all lawyers, of the House State Affairs Committee.

"I feel revision of the Liquor Control Act is needed to completely clean up the mess that exists in Texas today," he said after conferring for 45 minutes with Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin, who is conducting his own investigation.

Later in his news conference, Barnes said he was sorry he used the word "mess" after a reporter pressed him several times to say what he meant by the term.

Barnes said he expects to announce his committee selections by Monday. A possible choice for chairman is Rep. R. H. Cory, Victoria, chairman of the State Affairs Committee. "I don't know whether the committee should get into lack of enforcement or poor administration," Barnes said. "The act itself leads to situations that could be interpreted as bad administration."

He said he wants the committee to become familiar enough with the state liquor law to be qualified and prepared to recommend changes to this year's special legislative session.

Barnes said he has told Gov. John Connally he will set up the committee, and "the governor seemed pleased." Only Connally has the power to decide whether the special budgetary session may consider changing the liquor law. Barnes said if the committee makes recommendations, he will ask the governor to open the session to the subject.



PEACE CORPS RECRUITER
 A&M student John Wayman gets information on student deferments and job skills in connection with membership in the Peace Corps from Barbara Hunter, one of two workers in the program who are sponsoring an information booth this week in the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Mike Wright.)

Lasers Highlight Fifth Day Of Hydro-Space Fiesta '68

Lasers, those exciting new devices whose pencil beams of light are opening up new worlds in communication, were demonstrated today at the Hydro-Space Fiesta '68.

Richard Dear, engineering associate with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Houston, made two presentations at the Memorial Student Center—one at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m.

Laser, an acronym for "light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation," now describes a family of devices whose basic operating material ranges from crystals to gasses.

Electrons of the atoms in those materials can be "pumped" to higher energy states, a "coherent" form of light is emitted with its wave motions in step.

The laser forms the basis for a new kind of photography called holography in which one negative can produce a three-dimensional image.

Tours of the exhibits by school groups continued Wednesday. The previously-announced talk of glass submarine expert H. A. Perry was cancelled because of illness.

At 8 p.m. Thursday in the MSC Ballroom, Mrs. Karen Pryor, curator of Sea Life Park in Hawaii, will speak on "Training Porpoises for Fun and Science."

Mrs. Pryor, daughter of the famous novelist, Philip Wylie, and her husband, Taylor A. Pryor, have established a \$2 million marine exhibition and research center in Hawaii where porpoises are trained with extremely advanced techniques.

Friday evening Walter S. Sullivan, science editor of The New York Times will lecture on movements of the ocean floor.

Sullivan, one of the top science writers in the world, has participated in Antarctic and Arctic expeditions, has covered the Korean War and a large number of scientific events and enterprises.

He is the author of "We Are Not Alone," a book exploring the possibility of life in other parts of the universe.

The Hydro-Space Fiesta, a presentation of the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate, ends Saturday.

Lang Vei Special Forces Camp Overrun By Soviet-Built Tanks

By EDWIN Q. WHITE
 Associated Press Writer

SAIGON (AP)—The Lang Vei Special Forces camp has fallen to North Vietnamese troops supported by Soviet-built tanks, South Vietnamese headquarters reported Thursday. But it said 76 defenders, including 12 Americans, escaped.

A government spokesman said the camp, astride the invasion route from Laos in South Vietnam's northwest corner, was overrun about 6:40 p.m., Saigon time. The camp had been under siege for 18 hours by infantry, rockets, flame throwers and, for the first reported time, Russian-made tanks.

THE SPOKESMAN said 316 defenders, most of them civilian irregulars, were killed, wounded or missing. He said the survivors escaped to the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh, about three miles to the east. They were said to include 60 civilians, four South Vietnamese Special Force troops and 12 U.S. Green Berets.

As the focus of the latest Communist offensive shifted to the

northern frontier, the U.S. Command said 24,662 of the enemy had been killed in the last nine days of fighting throughout the country.

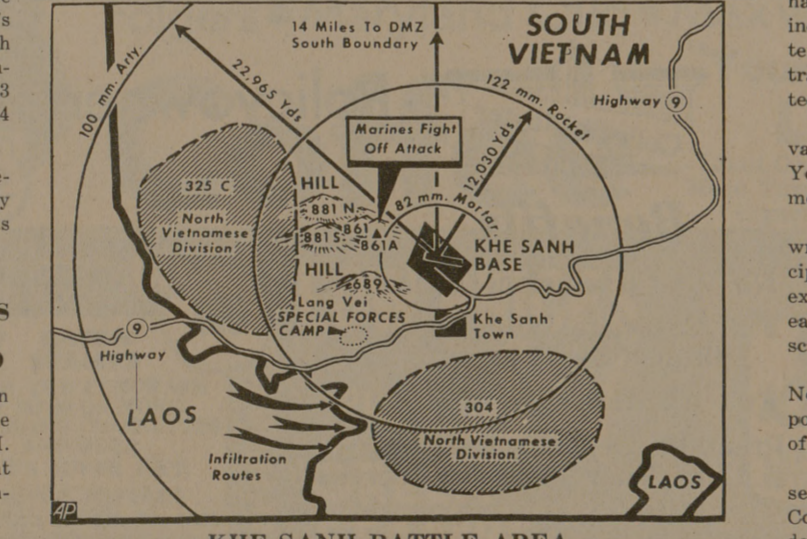
ON THE allied side, 2,043 troops—including 703 Americans—were reported killed since the Communists opened the war's biggest offensive against South Vietnam's cities. The wounded included 3,729 Americans, 4,493 South Vietnamese troops and 154 other allies.

Some of the defenders were reported lifted out of the camp by U.S. helicopters when it was decided to abandon it.

Opportunity Loans Ready For Pickup

Texas Opportunity Plan loan checks have arrived for the Spring semester, Robert M. Logan, director of A&M's student financial aid office, has announced.

He urged recipients to pick up the checks immediately on the third floor of the YMCA building. Aggies have more than 300 checks totaling \$100,000 from the state loan plan, Logan said.



KHE SANH BATTLE AREA
 Map shows key U. S. Marine and North Vietnamese positions at the Khe Sanh area near the Laos border in South Vietnam. Hill 861A was defended by Marine company in a 3½-hour assault by Communist troops. Arrows give range of artillery and rockets. (AP Wirephoto Map)

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

Aggie Graduate Gets Air Medal

Army Capt. Joe M. Burt of Bryan, 1961 Texas A&M graduate, has received the second, third and fourth award of the Air Medal in Vietnam.

The awards were for combat aerial support of ground operations in Vietnam. Captain Burt is a platoon leader in the 498th Medical Company at Lane Army Heliport.

He was commissioned at A&M and studied physical education. Burt's wife and parents reside in Bryan.

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