



# The Battalion

**Weather**  
 Saturday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds, Southerly, 10-20 m.p.h. High 68, low 44.  
 Sunday — Cloudy, scattered light rain showers, winds, Southerly 10-20 m.p.h. High 72, low 54.

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## Soph Sweetheart Deadline Today

Seven finalist will be chosen in the search for the 1968 Sophomore Sweetheart early next week, with deadline for entering names of candidates set today at 5 p.m., according to Sophomore Class President Ronnie Adams.

Applications may be obtained at the Student Programs Office in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center, Adams said. A wallet-sized or larger picture is required for each applicant.

The sweetheart will be named at the Sophomore Ball in Sbisla Dining Hall Feb. 17. The dance will be from 8 until 12 p.m. Neal Ford and the Fanatics will be the main attraction, with other bands playing during intermission.

Theme of the occasion will be "The Groovy Sophomore Ball," and it will be styled as "Psychedelic Wipeout."

"The Architectural Society is in charge of the psychedelic light show during the dance," Adams said.

Tickets are on sale from Sophomore Council representatives and at the Student Programs Office. The price is \$3.50 a couple, and tickets will be available at the door before the Ball.

"Revenue from ticket sales goes into the Sophomore Class Fund, used to finance other class activities," Adams noted, "and as the class graduates, a gift is given the school in the class's name."

Corps uniform will be Class B winter with ascots, and civilians will wear coats and ties.

"Dates may choose to dress semi-formal or formal," Adams said.

## Top Official Of Dominican Tours Campus

A high official in the Dominican Republic government — Lic. Francisco Dorta Duque — visited A&M this week.

Dorta Duque, who is director of the Office of Planification for the Dominican Secretary of Agriculture, consulted with A&M officials on the university's agricultural development programs in that Caribbean island nation.

Texas A&M has 30 staff members working in all phases of agricultural development in the Dominican Republic. The overall project is sponsored by the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID).

Dorta Duque has consulted with A&M President Earl Rudder, leaders in the College of Agriculture and the Office of International Programs, and has visited among the 67 Dominican Republic students attending the university.

Rudder honored Dorta Duque with a reception and dinner Wednesday evening at Briarcrest Country Club.

Bill Breech of the Office of International Programs said the official holds a master of science degree from Purdue University.

## Seniors To Take GRE In March; Registration Set

Texas A&M's graduating seniors will roll up their sleeves for institutional graduate record examinations (GRE) March 29-30.

The GRE is a prerequisite for graduation and vital to the student who plans advance degree work.

S. Auston Kerley, counseling and testing director, said only seniors who register at the center before March 1 may take the exam March 29 and 30.

"Each student will receive a card in the mail indicating when and where to report," Kerley added. "This card should reach the student about five days before testing."

He said seniors who cannot take the March exams should register for the GRE national testing program to be given at A&M April 27.

# Council Asks For Vote On Clothing Regulations

## Senate May Okay March 28 Ballot

By JOHN W. FULLER  
 Battalion Managing Editor

The Civilian Student Council Thursday moved a step closer to a student referendum on clothing regulations by unanimously voting to ask for a place on the first spring election ballot.

The request will be submitted at next week's meeting of the Student Senate, which will determine whether the Election Commission can submit the regulations question to the student body March 28.

The council approved a three-question poll, drawn up by President Griff Venator and Vice-President George Walne, to assess student opinion on clothing regulations as set forth in the University Regulations. Last month the council withdrew its support of the restrictions, which had been drawn up several years ago by the council.

THE QUESTIONS to be submitted for Senate approval read as follows:

—"Are you in favor of having no written clothing regulations?"

—"Do you feel the present clothing regulations should be rewritten?"

—"Do you favor the present clothing regulations?"

Venator said he hopes to be able to include the three choices "in one form or another" on the ballot.

"It's all up to the Senate," he added. "We hope every student will be allowed to vote on the measure, with provisions for determining the percentages of civilians and Cadet Corps members voting."

THE COUNCIL voted not to restrict voting to civilians, after several members argued that cadets should have a say in dress habits because they affect the overall reputation of the student body.

Dormitory 18 President Mike Jordan, who introduced the measure, also won council approval to ask for an option in procedures for turning in clothes to the University Laundry.

The plan calls for a choice, to be made by students at registration, between the present system and one in which only white articles would be laundered.

"UNDER THE present system, we're only allowed to turn in four shirts and two pairs of pants a week without paying extra charges," Wayne noted. "This is ridiculous. Any clean human being uses more than this per week."

Jordan argued that the laundry could cut costs by processing only sheets, socks, underwear and other such items for the students who took this option.

"If these savings are passed on to the students, they could better afford to have shirts and pants cleaned elsewhere," Walne noted. He said a special committee will submit the request to University Laundry officials.

IN OTHER action, the council reminded dormitory presidents to turn in pictures of dorm sweethearts to council officers by March 14. The sweethearts will be nominees for Civilian Sweetheart, to be selected during Civilian Weekend April 26-28.

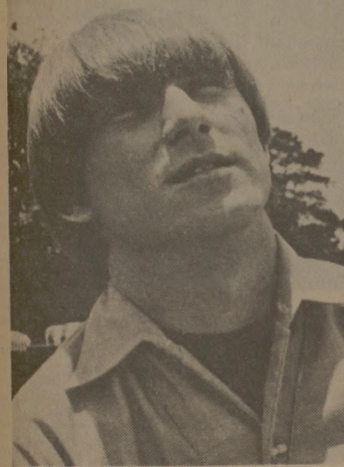
Highlight of the weekend will be a masquerade ball in Sbisla Hall. Venator said a Town Hall attraction is also being booked for the weekend.

Ed Cooper, director of civilian student activities, told the council he has secured the services of a graduate student, whom he did not name, as a full-time assistant in the intramural athletics office. Cooper said the student, who will begin work next fall, is being hired to strengthen the intramural program among civilians.

VENATOR reported that a council "newsletter", explaining its goals and noting the activities it plans for the coming semester, will be available to civilian day students "as soon as possible" in the Memorial Student Center and the Academic Building.

"We attempted unsuccessfully to pass out these newsletters to day students as they registered last week," he explained. "We have already circulated them through civilian dormitories."

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NEAL FORD

## Bronze Star Awarded To New MS Prof

Army Maj. William D. Thomason, a recent addition to the military science staff at Texas A&M, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The officer was cited for meritorious service as senior advisor to a Vietnamese army battalion. The medal was presented by Col. Jim H. McCoy, A&M commandant.

Major Thomason was assigned as assistant professor of military science at the university following his Vietnam tour. He served with the Army Military Advisory Command and as III Corps assistant operations officer at Bien Hoa. He was also with the 12th Cavalry in Korea and 34th Infantry in Germany.

A 1959 Henderson State College graduate, the major instructs in the Military Science Department basic section. He was commissioned at the Arkansas College, is member of Theta Alpha Phi and Phi Lambda Chi and also wears the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Thomason, 31, resides at 3308 Tanglewood with his wife Bernadette and two children, Karl 3 and Charlotte 2.



### A&M OFFICER DECORATED

The Bronze Star for service in Vietnam was awarded to Army Maj. William D. Thomason (left) at Texas A&M. Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, made the presentation.



### PORPOISE EXPERT

Mrs. Karen Pryor, curator and trainer at Sea Life Park in Hawaii, answers questions following her talk here, in connection with Hydro-Space Fiesta '68. Behind her, at left, is one of the Fiesta's exhibits. (Photo by Russell Autry)

## Porpoise Study May Aid In Solving Man's Problems

By MIKE PLAKE  
 Battalion Features Editor

"Porpoises may hold the answer to many of man's problems in the future exploration of the undersea frontier," Mrs. Karen Pryor told the first audience of the Texas A&M 1968 Hydro-Space Fiesta Thursday night.

Mrs. Pryor said the science of bionics, a technique of borrowing ideas from evolution in animals to solve technological problems besetting man, was often used with porpoises.

"These animals are studied in a number of ways," she noted. "They have a complex sonar system which enables them to trace objects quickly and easily underwater."

Curator of a \$2 million research-exhibit facility in Hawaii, Mrs. Pryor added that researchers are now investigating the porpoise's ability to dive to depths of more than a hundred feet without damage to their lungs or other internal organs.

As a sidenote, she revealed that a study made several years ago showed the porpoise's ability to surf across the bow of a boat moving as fast as thirty knots.

"We tried again and again to time the porpoise in experiments at the institute, but we could never get times of more than 20 knots, she said.

"But then we found that in the open sea, as the boat's bow broke

water, the porpoises hitched a ride on the waves. They could go as fast as your boat would travel."

She ranked porpoises equal in intelligence capabilities to the timber wolf, elephant, and chimpanzee.

"Of course, that's only an opinion," she added. She also said that porpoises are temperamental at times.

"They will do several things to attract your attention, or to get a reward. Slapping the water is a favorite gesture. If they are really perturbed, they've been known to jump high out of the water, and land near the edge of a tank in a great splash. They get everyone around the tank soaking wet."

Another part of the Sea Life exhibition features false killer whales, cousin to the true killer whale, performing tricks invented by Mrs. Pryor. One whale performs in a gigantic salt water pool in and around a scaled-down whaling ship of the late nineteenth century. She said one whale has jumped over 24 feet from the surface of the water in some performances.

A mother of three children, Mrs. Pryor graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in English. She did graduate work at the University of Hawaii in Marine Biology. After Sea Life Park was opened, she became curator and trainer for many varieties of porpoises there.

## Testimony By Oswald's Widow 'Helpful,' Garrison Aide Says

By JOHN S. LANG  
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lee Harvey Oswald's widow testified before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for three hours Thursday.

Asked if she contributed anything of value to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, she hesitantly replied: "I don't think so."

Asst. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock said the parish county grand jury would have no further need of Marina Oswald, now Mrs. Kenneth J. Porter.

Alcock said only that her testimony was helpful.

OSWALD was named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy. In his controversial probe, Garrison says several men were involved, with the conspiracy originating in New Orleans.

Garrison contends that Oswald was "a patsy" for an assassination team of CIA-trained guerrilla fighters. Mrs. Porter has said she does not think she can help Garrison in his probe.

MRS. PORTER, a native of Russia who married Oswald when he was in her country after his discharge from the U. S. Marines was ordered by a state judge in Dallas, Tex., to come here for questioning. She and her second husband live in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.

Also testifying Thursday was Kerry Thornley of Tampa, Fla., a Marine Corps buddy of Oswald. Garrison contends Thornley also saw Oswald when they both lived

in New Orleans. This, says Garrison, was at a time when Oswald plotted here to assassinate President Kennedy, who was in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

NEXT DOOR to the grand jury room a state judge gave permission to another subpoenaed witness, Thomas Beckham of Omaha, Neb., to return to Nebraska for "pressing business."

Beckham said he had sold \$4,000 worth of tickets to three country music shops in Alliance, Neb., this coming week-end and needed to be there. He was told he would be held in contempt of court if he did not return here Feb. 15 for a grand jury appearance.

Meanwhile, lawyer Dean Andrews who was convicted of perjury before the grand jury in connection with the probe, legally declared himself a pauper and was awarded a free transcript of his trial.

ANDREWS, who has been free on \$2,500 bond, requested the transcript for his appeal. Transcripts of trials as lengthy as Andrews' has often cost several thousands of dollars.

The jive-talking attorney said he had become impoverished because of the probe. He was sentenced to concurrent three-month jail terms after being convicted last August of lying to the grand

## Former Athlete Speaks To Scouts

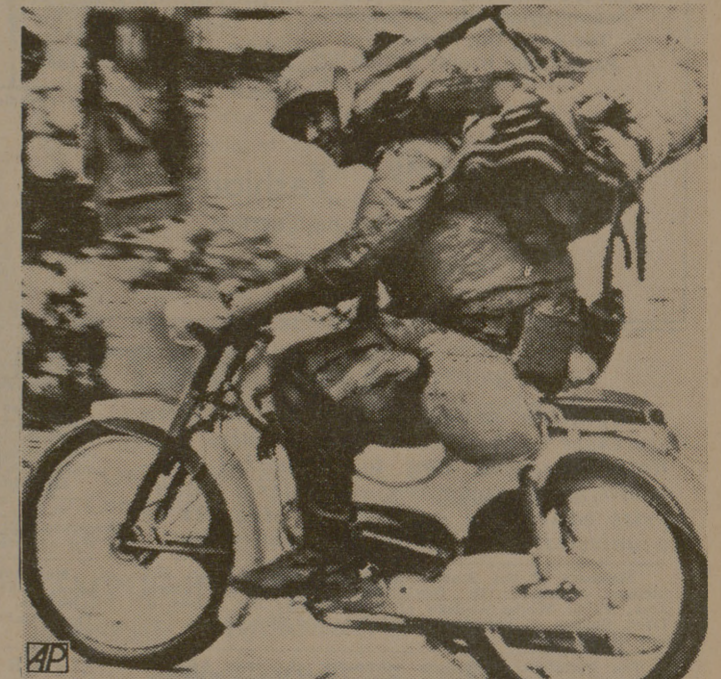
A former Fellowship of Christian Athletes president, Ken Lamkin of Texas A&M, will speak at the 11th boy scout convocation Sunday at the All Faiths Chapel.

The interdenominational convocation for scouts and their parents will begin at 3 p.m., announced Ralph McCormick, Arrowmoor District commissioner.

Lamkin, captain of the 1966 Aggie football team, will give the devotional message. The health and physical education graduate student from Brownwood has been active in FCA programs. He was a three-year letterman at tackle and guard.

Bob Pettit, junior government major of Waco, will assist Lamkin.

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### FORWARD THE LIGHT BRIGADE

A U. S. Marine, loaded with combat gear, rides a requisitioned civilian motorbike up to battlefront in Hue, South Vietnam. Leathernecks battled Viet Cong for control of that city. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

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