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Ags To Begin SWC Crown Defense

Town Hall Stars Highlight Slate Of Weekend Activities

Midnight Yell Practice, Dance, Band Debut Also Featured

By DALE FOSTER
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A full weekend of activities, to be kicked off by Town Hall at 8 p.m. tonight, is in store today and Saturday for A&M students, staff and campus visitors.

The first Town Hall presentation of the 1968-69 season, featuring Anita Bryant and Rich Little, will be followed by midnight yell practice prior to A&M's first home appearance.

On Saturday dedication of Texas A&M's expanded Kyle Field will precede the 7:30 p.m. gridiron clash between the Aggies and the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Before and after the game, Alpha Phi Omega will launch the first part of the Campus Chest Drive, collecting donations from former students and other spectators.

TALENTED songstress Anita Bryant takes the stage tonight at G. Rollie White Coliseum, along with actor and television comedian Rich Little, replacement for Leon Bibb.

The much-heralded Miss Bryant has received three gold disks for million-record sellers "Till There Was You," "Paper Roses," and "In My Little Corner of the World."

Guest appearing frequently on TV, she has toured the world with evangelist Billy Graham, received two standing ovations at White House performances, and been named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Little has been guest star on several TV shows this year and has performed at several Big 10 schools, including Purdue and Wisconsin, to large, enthusiastic audiences.

THE FORMER star of NBC-TV's "Love on a Rooftop," which ran during the 1966 TV season, has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show six times and guest performed on the Joey Bishop, Johnny Carson, and Dean Martin shows.

He will be on the marquee opposite multi-talented Anita Bryant as a stand-in for Leon Bibb, Negro singing star who had to cancel due to an accident on the set of a new Sidney Poitier movie

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in which Bibb has a leading role. Midnight yell practice in Kyle Field will climax Friday night following an APO sponsored street dance in The Grove which will feature the band, "The Chrome Elephant."

HEAD YELL LEADER Bill Youngkin, impressed at a Monday meeting by the spirit shown by President Earl Rudder, Coach Gene Stallings, and other university administrators, noted, "If the rest of the student body will show the same type of spirit and back the team the way these men are, there's no way that Tech can walk out of here Saturday but second in the conference."

Leading off Saturday events will be a stand-by inspection of the Corps of Cadets from 7:00-10:30 a.m. by eight Inspector General teams.

Dorms, grounds, and all cadets except those in the band, which was inspected Thursday, will be subject to inspection. The event is designed to evaluate all cadets as well as to increase the proficiency of freshmen and sophomore cadets in addressing an officer.

Later in the day the Corps will start evening activities with a 6:20 p.m. march-in and review at Kyle Field.

PRECEDING Saturday's game will be the 7:15 p.m. ceremony dedicating the expanded, renovated 54,000 seat Kyle Field. The program will include remarks by A&M Board of Directors Chairman L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth and Building Committee Chairman H. C. Heldenfels of Corpus Christi, also a board member and past chairman.

The first Campus Chest Drive at Aggieland in four years, of which the game collection is a part, has a fund goal of \$7,500. The money will be used for students through activities of the Student Senate Welfare Committee.

The Aggie Band will make its first public appearance at half-time activities of the A&M-Tech game, at which time 114 freshmen will become veterans of the 264 member musical organization.

Under Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, now in his 23rd season as band director, the group is hailed as the largest marching military band in the nation and has entertained millions through the years.



ON TARGET

Quarterback Edd Hargett limbers up his pitching arm while his teammates check out their blocking assignments in practice Thursday. The Southwest Conference's second leading offensive player seeks to bounce back from the least productive game of his career to lead the Aggies past undefeated Texas Tech Saturday. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Smith Discusses Education On Campaign Prop-Stop Here

By DAVE MAYES
Battalion Managing Editor

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, dispelled rumors to the contrary and said here Thursday that as governor he would not recommend any changes in the amount of funds allocated to state universities.

"I'd leave that up to the legislative processes," he said. "Generally speaking, I think the legislature, through its deliberations, comes to a reasonable and fair method of allocating funds to all the colleges."

"I know that sometimes some of the colleges feel they didn't get quite as much as they should have and that so many of them justify what they got on what the other colleges received. Essentially, however, they all come out about the same."

SMITH, noticeably weary from a day of whirlwind prop-stops in Central Texas, landed at Easter-

wood Airport late Thursday for an early morning reception today in the Ramada Inn.

He did not miss the chance, however, to criticize GOP gubernatorial candidate Paul Eggers and his stand on Texas Education, a position Eggers had said was his major concern when he visited College Station two weeks ago.

Referring to figures Eggers used to illustrate that Texas was ranked low in comparison to other states in preventing illiteracy and dropouts, Smith told The Battalion: "You can get any figures together you want to, saying Texas is 30th, 40th or 50th in this, that and the other. It all depends on how you determine them."

"I HAVE NO IDEA where he got those figures — you could just pull them out of a hat," he continued. "I don't know that there is anything authentic about them. I know that he (Eggers)

hasn't had the experience to know too much about education."

Citing the education field as the one in which he has worked the most in his 18 years in the Texas House, Senate and as lieutenant governor, Smith said that he would push for a better program for higher education by working through the top education leaders in the state.

"The governor doesn't have the knowledge to solve all the education problems, but he must have the capacity to pull together people who do have the knowledge and work out programs of improvement," he declared.

On the subject of limiting enrollment at state universities, Smith said that such decisions should be left up to each school's board of regents or directors.

After the reception this morning, Smith continued his 45-city campaign wind-up tour of the state.

Civilians Name Parliamentarian, Six Honor Council Members

The Civilian Student Council Thursday named a parliamentarian and six members of a Civilian Honor Council and began civilian organization for work on the Bonfire.

The Council also passed a resolution urging haste in the construction of lights for perimeter parking areas.

Joe Tijerina, an entomology major from Brownsville, was elected to the parliamentarian post, thus completing officer elections for the group.

Named to the Honor Council, to rule on violations of the Aggie Honor Code, were James Turley, John Davis, Bobby Ulich, Randall McKee, James Kyzar and Robert Edgecomb. CSC President David Dilks announced the appointments.

Garry Mauro, junior yell leader and head of the Civilian Bonfire Committee, reported that his group is gathering chain saws, trucks, jeeps and axes for work on the Bonfire before the Texas football game Nov. 28. He said one area chief for every three residence halls will be named to

supervise work in the cutting area, which civilians will have to themselves for the first time this year.

"We're going to have at least 1,000 more civilians out working on Bonfire than we did last year," Mauro asserted.

In other business, Larry Schilhab said his committee to plan the civilian-sponsored all-University dance Nov. 16 is now considering bands to play for the dance. The affair will be held in Duncan Dining Hall following the Rice football game here.

WEATHER

Saturday—Cloudy Morning. Partly Cloudy Morning and Evening. Winds Southerly at 10 mph. High 83. Low 68.
Kyle Field—Kickoff 76 Degrees.
Sunday—Cloudy to Partly Cloudy. Winds Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 86. Low 71.

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Raiders Gallop In For Home Opener

By JOHN PLATZER
Battalion Sports Editor

The undefeated Texas Tech Red Raiders gallop into Kyle Field Saturday night at 7:30 in search of the Aggies' most valuable possession, the Southwest Conference football championship.

Coach Gene Stallings' defending champions found the key to the pot of gold last season in Lubbock when they defeated Texas Tech 28-24 on the last play of the game. The Aggies then swept through their next six games, including a 20-16 win over Alabama in the Cotton Bowl.

Tech, picked to finish second to the Aggies for the second straight year by the SWC sports-writers, currently shares the conference lead with Arkansas at 1-0. For the season they are 2-0-1 while the Aggies have posted a 1-2 record.

AFTER OPENING the season with an unimpressive 10-10 tie against Cincinnati, the Red Raiders surged to the front in the conference race with a 31-22 victory over Texas. Coach J. T. King's team rested up for Saturday's game last week with a 43-13 romp past Colorado State.

The Aggies dropped their opener to Louisiana State 13-12 and came back with a 35-3 victory over Tulane before losing to Florida State 20-14 last week.

The game will match the SWC's number two and number three total offense leaders in the Aggies' Edd Hargett and the Red Raiders' Joe Matulich. Hargett, who will be attempting to bounce back from the least productive game of his career, has gained 454 yards in 92 plays while Matulich has been responsible for 433 yards in 100 plays.

BACKING UP Hargett in the Aggie backfield will be wingback Bob Long, tailback Larry Stegent and fullbacks Wendell Housley and Dave Elmendorf. Housley, who missed the first three games with a bad knee, is expected to see his first game action since last season's Cotton Bowl.

Elmendorf, a sophomore from Houston, filled in for Housley against Florida State and scored both Aggie touchdowns. For the season Elmendorf has gained 159 yards on 24 carries for a 6.6 average while Stegent, the SWC's sophomore-of-the-year in 1967, has rushed for 281 yards on 46 carries and 6.1 average.

The emergence of Elmendorf and the return of Housley com-

binated with the steadiness of Stegent gives A&M their best ground attack since the days of John David Crow and Jack Pardee.

THIS RENEWED RUNNING threat and a defense which has allowed the fewest points of any team in the SWC are the Aggies' top strengths, according to Tech coach King.

"A&M is a much better football team than it was a year ago. For one thing, they have more breakaway potential. But mainly, they have a much better defense," King said.

Ten of A&M's starters on defense from last season are back with sophomore end Mike DeNiro filling the vacated spot. Jim Piper will be at the end slot opposite DeNiro while Rolf Krueger and Harvey Aschenbeck will man the tackle positions and Lynn Odum will be at middle guard.

All-America Bill Hobbs and Buster Adami will head the line-backing corps while Ivan Jones will be at safety and Curley Hallman, Ross Brubacher and Tommy Maxwell will be in the defensive secondary.

TOP OFFENSIVE THREATS for the Red Raiders are half-backs Jimmy Bennett and Roger Freeman and fullbacks Tony Butler and Jackie Stewart. Freeman has been the team's top ground gainer with 182 yards on 42 carries for a 4.3 yard average.

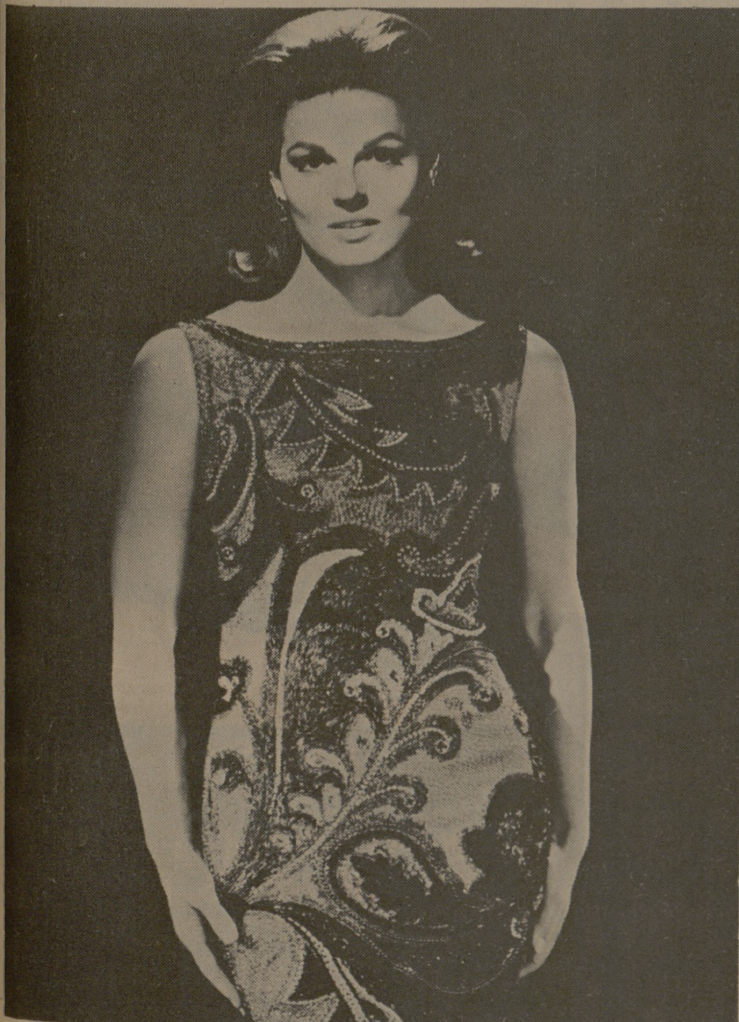
Larry Alford, a defensive safety, leads the SWC in punt returns with 224 yards in 10 returns and one touchdown.

The top two punters in the conference will also be matched Saturday as the Aggies' Steve O'Neal kicks against Tech's Kenny Vinyard. O'Neal, the SWC's top punter last season, is averaging 43.2 yards on 17 kicks while Vinyard has a 43.4 average on 19 attempts.

AN INEXPERIENCED offensive line of two sophomores, two juniors and a senior is expected to start for the Aggies. Jack Kovar will be at center while Carl Gough will be at one guard and either Allan Hanson or Gary Gruben is expected to be at other. Jim Parker and Tom Buckman will be at tackles. Jimmy Adams and Barney Harris will start at the split end posts.

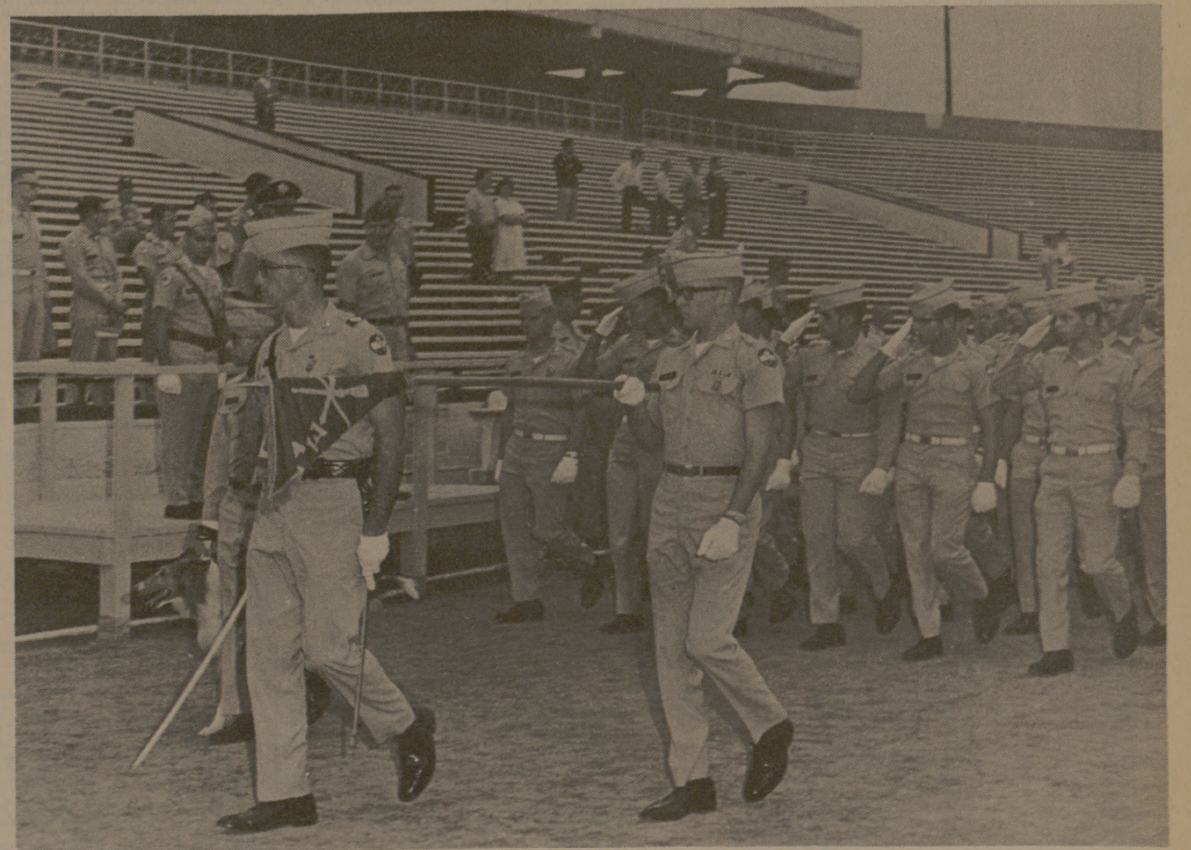
The offensive line of the Red Raiders, on the other hand, is (See RAIDERS, Page 4)

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HERE TO HEAR TONIGHT

Lovely songstress Anita Bryant will open Town Hall's regular season at 8 p. m. tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Appearing with her will be comedian Rich Little, former start of NBC-TV's "Love on a Rooftop."



PRE-GAME PRACTICE

George Rau leads Company E-2 and Reveille, the Aggie mascot, past the reviewing stand in Thursday's practice Corps march-in for the Texas Tech game. Bert Kinkead carries the company guidon at "present arms". (Photo by Mike Wright)