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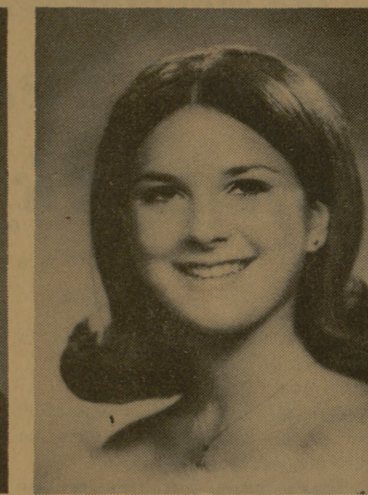
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CHARLOTTE ANN WILLIS



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Fish To Select Sweetheart At Saturday Ball

By JANIE WALLACE
Battalion Staff Writer

The selection of a Fish Sweetheart highlights the activities of the upcoming Fish Weekend which include an informal dance, barbecue and the Fish Ball, according to Kirby Brown, freshman class president.

Chosen from twelve finalists, the sweetheart will be one of these:

Janel Bartlett, a Ridgewood High School senior, has brown eyes and brown hair. She is from Ridgewood, N. J., and her escort is Keith Kincannon.

A GRADUATE of McAllen Business College, Carolyn Corpstein, is from Mission. She has reddish brown hair and brown eyes. Her escort is John Compton.

Brown-eyed Laura Dennis attends Texas University as a freshman interior design major. She is a brunette from San Antonio. Her escort is Justin Jones.

Mary Sue Edwards, a blue-eyed blonde, is a senior at Westchester High School in Houston. Her escort is John Allen.

A freshman majoring in French at Stephens College, Leslea Nan Lorenz, is from Arlington, Va. She has brown eyes and brown hair. Her escort is David Johnson.

A blue-eyed blonde, Becky Jo Neyland, is a Liberty High School senior. She is from Liberty and her escort is Charles McGuire.

A TEXAS Woman's University freshman majoring in nursing, Joann Lynn Papke is from Tulsa, Okla. She has brown eyes and blonde hair. Her escort is Ben Chappell.

Patricia Ann Price, a brown-eyed blonde, is a Galena Park High School sophomore. She is from Houston and her escort is Clyde Randall Hilton.

Blue-eyed Patricia Warren, junior at Alamo Heights High School, has auburn hair. She is from San Antonio and her escort is Stephen Pogue.

A junior at Robert E. Lee High School, Charlotte Ann Willis is from Houston. She is a brown-eyed brunette and her escort is Robinson Neblett.

Melanie Young, a hazel-eyed blonde, attends Bellaire High School in Houston. She is a senior and her escort is Don Mauro.

THE SWEETHEART selection committee consists of Gary Newsum, vice president; Joe Schriever, social secretary; Joe Anderson, secretary - treasurer; Annella Wright, Aggie Sweetheart; Phillip Morley, William Hartsfield and Dwain King, all freshman representatives to the Student Senate; Robert Boone, adviser to the freshman class and director of Singing Cadets and Brown.

Week-end action starts Friday night with a "grad" dance from 9 to 12 in DeWare Field House.

"This dance is very informal, and positively no shoes are allowed on the floor," Brown said.

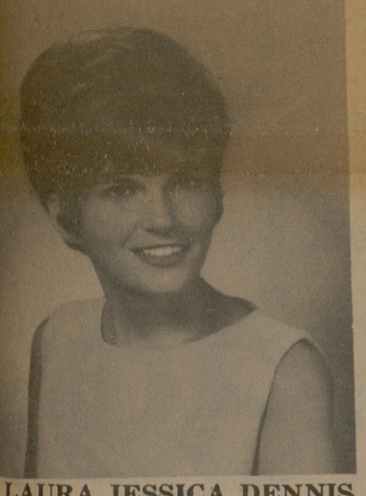
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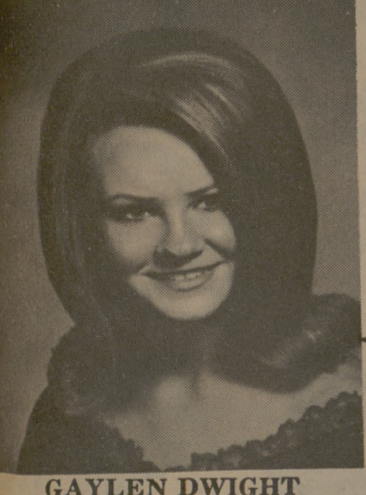
MELANIE YOUNG



JANEL BARTLETT



LAURA JESSICA DENNIS



GAYLEN DWIGHT



PATRICIA WARREN

Deadline Is Today For Combat 'Cutie'

Today is the last day to turn in applications for the 1969 Combat Cutie, according to Arthur Stites, member of the Military Weekend Committee.

"All Army cadets are urged to enter the names of their dates," he said.

Air Force seniors are reminded that tickets at \$1 are available in room 123 of dorm 2, but at the door tickets are \$2.

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Gov. Smith Recommends Record Budget, Tax Hike

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Preston Smith recommended a record breaking 1970-71 budget today that he said could be financed by \$148 million in new taxes including additional levies on cigarettes, liquor and personal services.

Other revenue raising proposals recommended to the legislature in an address to the joint session included a \$10 penalty on each conviction of a moving traffic violation. This would add \$38.5 million to the state's general fund, he said — if the legislature approves.

Smith made no move to increase the present 3 per cent state sales tax or to change the present exemptions for food and medicine.

"OUR long-sought goal, I believe, lies in the short-term future," the governor said. "That goal is to meet rising costs of governmental services from growth in our economy without future increases in tax rates."

Smith's 1970-71 budget, which is \$318 million more than the record \$1.1 billion recommended earlier by the Legislative Budget Board, includes across-the-board salary increases for public school teachers — a \$220 million item itself.

He asked for funds for new medical schools in Houston and Lubbock and a new dental school at San Antonio.

SMITH made no specific recommendations about a new state senior college in North Texas, a controversial issue between University of Texas regents and the College Coordinating Board. He noted that numerous bills already have been introduced concerning location of new colleges.

"If, and when, any of those bills are enacted into law I then will make additional recommendations on the planning and construction of physical facilities," he said.

He also recommended a 3.4 per cent across-the-board pay raise for state employees.

The governor recommended an

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added \$1.8 million to help the Texas Water Development Board meet the time schedule for implementation of the Texas water plan.

BRIEFLY the recommendations to raise \$148 million in new tax money call for:

• Increase the state cigarette tax from 11 to 14 cents a pack for \$45 million and increase the tobacco tax by \$6 million.

• Include personal services "such as laundry, dry cleaning and drying plants, repairs, parking and cable television services" under the general sales tax for a yield of \$48.8 million.

• A selective sales tax on rental or lease equipment at 3 per cent to raise \$9 million.

• Place all alcoholic beverages under the general sales tax, in addition to their present special taxes, for a total yield of \$40 million.

Grad Orientation Turnout Poor; Plummer Notes GSC Progress

Only 50 of the expected 200 graduate students attended the orientation for new graduate students Wednesday afternoon, according to Dr. George W. Kunze, dean of the Graduate College.

The size of the group was "a sharp contrast" to that of last fall, Kunze noted, when attendance exceeded expectations with more than 400 students attending.

Mitty Plummer, Graduate Student Council president, noted some of the Council's achievements for the past semester at the meeting Wednesday. One, he said, was an increase in graduate student representation from one to five on the Student Senate. Another was a reduction, in some cases, of the foreign language requirement for a Ph.D.

Recently elected to the Council were Leon Devlin, representing the incoming students of 1968, and Gary F. Fairchild, representing the College of Business Administration.

Plummer announced that the Council would sponsor a spring dance and hold an election later this semester.

'68 Batt Editor Questions Publications Board Ruling

By TOM CURL
Battalion Staff Writer

Charles H. Rowton, editor of The Battalion last year, appeared before the Student Publications Board Wednesday to question a ruling concerning succession of an editor of a student publication.

The board instructed Chairman Jim Lindsey to study the rule and, if necessary, revise it for approval at the next meeting in March.

The ruling was made last May 27 after the application of John Fuller, present editor, had been

approved by A&M President Earl Rudder. It says that "no top editor shall succeed himself in the same position and having once served as editor, he shall no longer be eligible for any top position on that publication."

The board is made up of Lindsey, director of University Information and Publications; Dr. David R. Bowers, of the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Donald R. Clark, Veterinary Medicine, and F. S. White, Engineering. A representative of the College of Agriculture was not present because the place held by Hal Taylor, former head of Agricultural Information, has not yet been filled.

ROWTON claims he had an agreement with Fuller, who was managing editor last year.

"I reapplied for the editorship (of The Battalion) and Mr. Fuller told me that he thought I was stabbing him in the back. He asked me if I would withdraw my application if he would make me managing editor this year," Rowton told the board.

Rowton said he was not told of the ruling until August when he came back to the campus.

"My gripe is not that Mr. Lindsey or Mr. Fuller didn't tell me about this ruling at the time it was made so much as the fact that there was not a period of adjustment," Rowton continued.

HE SAID the decision was an "ex post facto" ruling and that if he had known the rule would be made, he would not have accepted the editorship as a junior.

"I feel I had a definite contri-

but ion to make to The Battalion this year. Both Mr. Fuller and myself would have been experienced enough to complement each other and improve the situation," Rowton said.

Dr. Bowers reminded Rowton that the board was not a party to the agreement between Fuller and him.

Lindsey said the purpose of the action was to insure a "bigger pool of applicants to the fill the top positions."

THE BOARD said the action was not taken specifically against Rowton, but rather to prevent any one person from holding the same position for several semesters. Another reason was to prevent cliques from developing on The Battalion staff that could control who gets the top positions.

"I don't think it is fair. Fuller has had top positions for parts of three years," Rowton charged. "We're only talking about the editors," countered Lindsey.

"I understood it to mean all the top positions; editor, managing editor, news editor, and sports editor," said Dr. Bowers.

"Right, it's my understanding that the ruling was meant for Sherer (Gary Sherer, sports editor for three semesters)," said Lane Stephenson, assistant director of University Information.

LINDSEY reminded Rowton that the board had met in September (See Board Ruling, Page 3)

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WEATHER

Friday — Intermittent rain. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 57, low 47.

Saturday — Cloudy. Intermittent rain. Wind Southerly 10 to 15 mph. High 62, low 51.

Discuss Student Involvement

Carter, Governor Meet In Austin

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Staff Writer

Student Senate President Bill Carter met with Texas Governor Preston Smith yesterday in Austin and talked about getting college students more involved in government and university administration.

Carter also arranged a meeting next month with members of the State Legislature.

"One of the things we talked about," Carter commented, "was a proposal of Gov. Smith's that would make students ex officio members of Boards of Directors at different universities. I agree with his idea.

"WE ALSO discussed the involvement of young people today," Carter continued. "Gov.

Smith said that people under 21 were very limited in what they could do. He said the voting age should be lowered to at least 20, possibly 19."

The meeting with legislators, Carter said, will be a luncheon in Austin March 4. Members of the Legislature who are Aggie-Exes, and others who are interested, will attend. Carter said that he hoped to have David Wilks, Civilian Student Council president, and Hector Gutierrez, Corps commander, with him at the meeting.

"THE PURPOSE of the meeting," Carter explained, "is twofold. We hope to relate to our former students in Austin the situation on campus and the problems we face.

"This, we hope, will set a foundation for a close relationship between the student government here and the people in the State Legislature."

While in Austin, Carter also took time to visit with Rostam Kavoussi, student body president at the University of Texas.

"We discussed the problems that we each have to face," Carter said. "For instance, Rostam has to work with the SDS chapter on his campus, and try to prevent confrontations between them and the administration."

"IN CONTRAST," Carter continued, "I have been able to work at getting the Senate organized. I feel now that our organization is coming up to par, and we will be able to deal more with issues

this semester. I am sure that we will."

Carter said that Kavoussi had said that the local SDS was listening to him, and had finally become convinced that direct confrontation with the school administration would not result in any gain for the SDS.

"This would give Rostam a chance to get his government organized more," Carter commented. "He's been wanting to all year, but the SDS has kept him busy."

"I really feel that the trip will have some positive results," he concluded. "I'm definitely looking forward to the meeting in March with the legislators. I hope that from it we can establish a good relationship with the State government."



HOOTENANNY TONIGHT

Student musicians like Bob Stump, a freshman industrial technology major from Bryan, will have a chance to try their talents in a hootenanny from 8 to 12 tonight in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. The MSC Coffee House is sponsoring the event, according to Linda Nobles, chairman.