

Corps Review, Dances Highlight Military Weekend

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The Corps of Cadets' first review, the Combat Ball, the Military Ball and the Southern Methodist University basketball game will highlight the 1969 Military Weekend.

Starting at 9 after the SMU basketball game tonight, the Combat Ball in Sbsia Dining Hall will feature the music of the "Chique" from Houston.

Uniform for cadets is class C. Dates are urged to dress in keeping with the theme which is a "Midnight Patrol Along the MZ" or party dresses.

At the first intermission, the 1969 Combat Cutie will be crowned from eight finalists. Finalists are Judy Ann Allen, a freshman accounting major at Baylor; Barbara Jo Babin, freshman elementary education major at Stephen F. Austin College, Martha Jane Duncan, W. B. Ray High School junior; Kay Hicks, a saleswoman in Beaumont, and Diane Elaine Hoff, a bank teller in San Antonio. Also, Barbara Showers, sophomore physical therapy major at Texas Woman's University; Lenora Laura Stoffer, a freshman dress designing major at the University of Houston and Virginia Charlene Williams, sophomore home economics major at Sam Houston State College.

The Combat Ball was originally sponsored by the combat branches when A&M had military instruction in armor, infantry and artillery.

On Saturday, the first Corps of Cadets review of 1968-69 will begin with the Aggie Band's three ruffles and flourishes for the ranking military official at 2 p.m. Army Lt. Gen. Harry H. Critz, commander of Fourth Army and Air Force Maj. Gen. Leo F. Dunsard, Jr., Air Training Command vice commander at Randolph

AFB, will be on the reviewing stand. Congressional Medal of Honor winners from A&M representing all branches of the U. S. armed forces will be recognized before the review at the drill field in front of the Memorial Student Center.

The six recipients are William G. Harrell, '43 from Mercedes; Lloyd H. Hughes, '43 from Corpus Christi; George D. Keathley, '37 from Olney; Turney W. Leonard, '42 from Dallas, Thomas W. Fowler, '43 from Wichita Falls; and Dr. Eli L. Whiteley, '42 from Georgetown.

Dr. Whiteley is the sole surviving winner from A&M. He is an associate professor of agronomy here. Harrell survived the war, but died in 1963. The other awards were made posthumously.

"The six Medals of Honor will be displayed in the MSC for one week in conjunction with Military Weekend," said Richard T. Bernard, assistant to President Rudder.

Dr. Whiteley and the families of the other recipients will visit dormitories named in their honor and be guests at a luncheon before the review.

The Medals of Honor are usu-

ally encased in the Richard Coke Building.

The Military Ball in Sbsia Dining Hall will start at 9 p.m. featuring the Jimmy Simon Orchestra.

Sbsia will be decorated to resemble a Travis AFB, Calif. runway. Since the Combat Ball was situated in Vietnam, the Military Ball will bring the military personnel back from overseas duty. Uniforms for cadets will be class A and dates are requested to wear formals.

A Corps commander's luncheon and president's buffet will also honor Military Day guests.

The guest list includes: Brig. Gen. S. L. A. Marshall (retired); Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Peterson, president of the Board of Directors; Mr. and Mrs. Ford D. Albritton, president of the Former Students Association; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prewitt, Jr., president of the Federation of A&M Mother's Clubs; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fisher, Aggie Mother of the Year; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Young, sponsor of the Ross Volunteers for Annual Rex Parade; Mr. and Mrs. Hector Guitierrez, parents of the corps commander; directors and deans of the university.



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'Flower Power' Here For Spring

By DAVE BERRY

By commencement, the flowers will be out. Especially the 900 varieties to be planted on the block east of Kyle Field.

"On this block, bounded by Jersey, Throckmorton, and Houston Streets and Joe Routh Boulevard, plans are being made to develop a 'promenade garden,'" explains Robert H. Rucker, A&M's landscape architect.

This 'promenade garden' will

eventually include, in addition to the various flowers, a series of small connected ponds, flowering trees, and meandering walkways.

"Although flower beds will eventually be placed throughout the 'promenade', the first beds will be located only at the south end of the block, well behind the president's house," Rucker continues.

These beds, which are now being prepared, will be experimental. They will serve as trial gardens for the growers who have donated the 900 varieties of annuals.

"Growers from around the free world develop new types of flowers and edible plants and send the seeds to the All-America Selection. It then distributes the seeds to trial gardens in Canada, Mexico, and the United States," Rucker adds.

A&M's will be the second such garden in Texas; Texas Technological College owns the other.

The All-America Selection is an association of growers interested in popularizing new types of plants and discovering where these and known types will best grow.

"These experimental gardens will serve as test grounds not only for the All-America Selection, but also for the Floriculture Department; students under the direction of Prof. A. F. DeWorth will conduct experiments utilizing the beds," Rucker says.

"Records will be kept which show what flowers will grow best here. It is these plants which will be grown throughout the rest of the 'promenade' and campus.

"Don't forget that we are presently trying to beautify the campus; the 'promenade' is a part of this beautification program.

"The area will be quiet enough so that a family or a young man and his girl can pass the time of day there. It will be a good place to picnic or take pictures. Most important, it will be a place which will cause people to want to return to A&M."

Office Created To Coordinate A&M's Growth

Texas A&M will establish a Planning and Analytical Studies office to provide better coordination for the institution's growth, announced President Earl Rudder. Creation of such an office is one of the points stressed in a study which Texas A&M conducted for the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The Coordinating Board study was designed to set guidelines for developing a campus master plan, which Rudder noted will be the major immediate task for the new A&M office.

He said the office will be directed by Dr. Charles Pinnell, formerly associate dean of Academic Affairs, who headed the 18-month study for the Coordinating Board.

In addition to formulating a comprehensive master plan for growth of the university, the new office also will assist in implementing the plan and conducting analytical studies of various operations.

A master plan, Rudder explained, will include priorities for construction of additional facilities, projected use of utilities, traffic planning and evaluation of necessary financing in all areas.

Freedom Of Speech Means Responsibility, Leabo Says

By TONY HUDDLESTON
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"Freedom of speech means accepting the responsibility for what you say," C. J. Leabo, head of the Journalism Department and the Apollo Club Thursday.

"Freedom of speech also means that a person should take the rap when he says something wrong, but he should credit himself when what he said beforehand is proven right," he added.

"A person loses his right to express his opinion when he infringes on the social rights of others," the Missouri native stated.

He cited a recent Supreme Court decision which gave students at Iowa State University the right to wear patches in protest against the Vietnam War. The court ruled that they could wear them only as long as they didn't infringe on the rights of other students or disrupt university rules.

"The right to use four-letter words is an individual's privilege as long as he doesn't use the words in public," Leabo said.

"I believe every person has the right to express his opinion so long as he doesn't try to force it

down society's throat," he added as he paced the floor.

He argued that this country was founded on the principal of expressing opinions regardless of the public sentiment at that time. He cited Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, and Charles Darwin as examples in their time.

"Groups such as the Jews, Roman Catholics and Mormons stressed their right to freedom of speech stronger because society was most critical of them."

He emphasized that the Constitution of the United States was set up for the future, and he believed that its writers planned it so that it would change with the times.

Leabo explained that it was the responsibility of the people to elect good leaders if they wanted a guarantee to good government.

"The people are the government — they elect the officials who represent them in the state, federal and local governments of our country," he said.

"The concept of good government requires respect for the rights of others, whether they be the leaders of government or members of the SDS."

Senate Adopts 10 By-Laws, Studies University Regs



BLUE BOOK REPORT

Student Senator Collier Watson, left, listens to a question on one of his committee's proposed changes in University Regulations as Vice-President David Maddox (center) waits to enter the discussion. At right are Senate President Bill Carter and Recording Secretary Ronnie Adams. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Civilians Schedule Forum, Discuss Reapportionment

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
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The Civilian Student Council last night set March 11 as the date for its first Student Panel Forum and discussed Student Senate reapportionment.

Garry Mauro, junior yell leader and head of the forum committee, told the Council that the first forum would be at 7 p.m. on March 11 in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Mauro explained that a five-man panel composed of David Maddox, Senate vice-president; Ernie Godsey, Hughes Hall, president; Kirby Brown, Fish Class president; Andy Scott, Walton Hall president, and Mauro would answer student questions.

"Topics," he said, "would be Food Services menus, laundry problems, residence hall programming, and administration-student relations.

"EACH PANELIST will give a short two- or three-minute talk," Mauro continued, "and the floor will then be opened to questions from the students."

Senate reapportionment was brought before the Council by Council Vice-President Bill Holt. Holt told the group that, from informal polls among civilian students, he felt most were in favor of some sort of reapportionment.

Many of the residence hall presidents said that their halls favored a proposal that would put Senate membership on a living-area basis, or senators from

each residence hall on campus.

"Most of the freshmen I know," said Dudley Vickers, freshman representative, "feel the senate representatives should come from the residence halls—let the majority rule."

"OUR HALL feels it is necessary to bring student government closer to the students," said Ed Donnell, Legget Hall president. "Hall representation could help do this."

Holt said that he had talked with a number of senators about it, and none were in favor of the living-area idea.

"In order to do it," he explained, "we would probably have to resort to a student referendum. In addition, Senate President Bill Carter's official position is not to reapportion this year at all."

"He has put the matter in committee, which effectively kill reapportionment unless we act," Holt added. "Even if the committee does take some action, I don't feel it will be a true reapportionment."

Holt urged the Council to pass

Students Reminded Of No-Pet Clause

John Bendele, vice-president of the Student Apartment Council, has asked married students living in off-campus university housing to abide by the clause in their contracts banning pets from the premises.

A three-year-old girl was bitten on the face by a dog in the Hensel apartment area this week, Bendele said. The dog was impounded in the veterinary college clinic and is being observed for signs of rabies.

Rudder Honored For Aiding MSC

By TOM CURL
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In a called meeting Thursday night, the Student Senate adopted 10 constitutional by-laws, approved changes in the election rules and discussed revisions of university regulations.

The by-laws resulted from proposals submitted by Senator Tom Fitzhugh after a study of the current constitution that began in December.

"The purpose of the by-laws is to make many current practices official," Fitzhugh said.

THE MOST significant by-law adopted allows senators to include action on the agenda of a meeting if they can muster the support of ten per cent of the Senate. Currently, the agenda is

The Battalion will publish articles next week explaining in greater detail changes in university regulations and election committee procedures.

made up by the Senate Executive Committee, composed of the officers and the chairmen of the elected committees.

"An amendment added to the by-law states that although action can be put on the agenda, it must go through the Executive Committee to allow study of the proposal.

"I want to emphasize that there is no trouble with the Executive Committee this year, but I can foresee possible friction in future years between the officers and a group of senators," Fitzhugh commented.

Another proposal stated that any part of the Senate constitution that conflicted with university regulations would automatically be revised to comply with the administration's policy. There were objections led by Vice President David Maddox.

"WE SHOULD be able to write our own constitution and the university regulations should be used in addition to the Senate constitution," Maddox argued.

"The university regulations must be followed if the administration is to run the university," Fitzhugh countered.

The proposal was later ruled out of order because it would involve a change of the constitution and must be presented as an amendment. Such action requires a three-fourths majority of the Senate and approval of the Academic Council.

Another adopted by-law allows a senator to send an authorized representative to meetings in his place as long as the substitute meets the academic requirements for the office of the senator he is representing. Another adopted proposal allows the substitute to participate in discussion, but he is not allowed to vote or introduce motions for action.

IN OTHER action, Senator Tom Henderson reported on progress of a letter to the Texas Legislature opposing an increase in tuition. The letter is the result

of a resolution adopted last week at the regular Senate meeting. Henderson said that his committee will cooperate with a similar committee at the University of Texas at Austin in urging Texas lawmakers to reconsider the proposal recently issued by the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities. Henderson added that he would contact students at Texas Technological College to ask for their support.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution commending A&M President Earl Rudder for his aid in obtaining funds totaling \$41,500 for the Memorial Student Center committees of Town Hall, Great Issues and Political Forum.

Senator Collier Watson reported on subcommittee efforts to revise the university regulations, or "blue book." The proposed changes were read and discussed. Action was deferred until the regular Senate meeting next Thursday so that changes and compromises can be completed, according to Watson. The Senate-approved changes will then go to the university Regulations Committee for consideration.

DURING discussion of the proposed changes, the subject of students' rights arose and President Bill Carter appointed Senator Paschal Redding to be chairman of a subcommittee to draw up a Students' Bill of Rights. (See SENATE, Page 2)

Tech's Murray Apologizes For Egg Incident

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Texas Tech President Grover Murray apologized Thursday to Texas A&M President Earl Rudder for an egg-and-ice-throwing incident at last Saturday's Tech-A&M basketball game in Lubbock.

In a letter to Gen. Rudder, Murray condemned the "unsportsmanlike and irresponsible actions" by spectators at athletic contests and proposed that Southwest Conference University presidents act to stop them.

The incident at Lubbock followed closely a confrontation between players and fans as a basketball game between A&M and Baylor at College Station.

Dr. Murray said he thought an apology was necessary and that he also wanted to clear up any misconceptions that the egg-throwing in Lubbock might have involved a large segment of the Texas Tech student body.

Murray said the great majority of Tech students are "mature and well-educated" and said they do not "resort to such outrageous behavior to express opinions."

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