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Thurmond to Speak At Forum Thursday

U. S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina will speak here Thursday under the sponsorship of the Memorial Student Center Political Forum Committee.

The Republican senator, known for history-making predictions and independence, is scheduled for a noon appearance in the MSC Ballroom.

Thurmond's topic will be concerned with current issues and events. Admission to A&M students, faculty-staff and the public is free, Charles Hoffman, forum chairman, said.

Sen. Thurmond will be accompanied by his wife, a former Miss South Carolina and Miss America contestant.

They will be honored with a special reception prior to the Political Forum address and at a

luncheon afterwards. Attendance at the reception and luncheon will be by special invitation, Hoffman said.

Renowned for his adherence to Constitutional principles, economy in government and strong support of military preparedness, the Aiken, S. C., resident was the target of a barrage of marshmallows at a recent address at the University of Massachusetts.

Thurmond was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1954 in a write-in campaign, the first person elected to a major U. S. office by this method. He has been re-elected twice as a Democrat and once as a Republican.

He delivered the longest speech (24 hours, 18 minutes) made in the Senate in 1957. It defended jury trials.

Thurmond coined in 1961 the phrase "no-win" foreign policy and warned that such a policy is based on the fallacious notion that Communists leaders are softening.

The member of Senate Armed Services, Judiciary and Defense Appropriations Committee warned in January, 1962, that Soviet missiles were in Cuba, nearly a year before the administration took action.

Thurmond warned the Senate in 1963 that Russia was developing an anti-ballistic missile defense system four years before the U.S. ABM was authorized. In 1965, he predicted that the Civil Rights movement would be distorted by militant extremists, causing widespread riots and insurrection.



SEN. THURMOND



WEDNESDAY PANELISTS—Four Texas Woman's University students will be here Wednesday for the first of three Man Your Manners panels. Appearing will be (left to right) Cindy Crozier, Cokey Price, Cathy Muirhead and Annella Wright, 1968-69 Aggie Sweetheart.

TWU Students to Present Manners Panel Wednesday

Four Texas Woman's University students, including the 1968-69 Aggie Sweetheart, open the first of three Man Your Manners panels Wednesday.

Annella Wright, former sweetheart, of Mexico; Cathy Muirhead of Denton; Cindy Crozier of Dallas, vice president of the TWU Campus Government Association; and Cokey Price of Amarillo and Freshman Class president will talk on communications during the YMCA-sponsored event.

Ronald E. Owens, YMCA special programs chairman, suggests

that students arrive early for the 7:30 p.m. program in room 113 of the Biology Building. He said that there were overflow crowds at last year's presentations.

"The idea behind Man Your Manners program is to give Aggies an unusual opportunity to view problems in man-woman relations through the eyes of the opposite sex," Owens said.

"Wednesday's program will deal with communication. It includes problems encountered in letter writing, introductions,

phone calls, flowers, and blind dates," Owens explained.

Three panels will be presented on consecutive Wednesdays. They will trace the typical man-meets-woman situation through communication, dating, romance and marriage.

Man Your Manners is an annual program started 10 years ago when a group of TWU students was invited to A&M to discuss dating problems.

Three Aggies will visit TWU for similar programs during April.

University Supreme Court On Student Senate Agenda

The Student Senate will hear a proposal to establish a university supreme court at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the library conference room.

The measure, to be introduced by Jim Stephenson (sr-LA), calls for the court to have jurisdiction over all student disciplinary cases and those involving student affairs.

Appeals may come to the court, according to Stephenson's proposal, from the Civilian Honor Council, Dormitory Judiciary Committee, Cadet Court, Election Commission, Traffic Court, and

Office of the Dean of Students.

The senior senator also proposed that the president of the university appoint two members from the faculty and administration one of whom would serve as court president, and the president of the student body, appoint two members.

The senate had considered Stephenson's proposal in last Thursday's meeting, but sent it back to the constitutional revision committee for rewriting.

Senate Vice President Kent Caperton told The Battalion Mon-

day that other revisions of the senate constitution also may be considered Wednesday.

Caperton said that Lane Stephenson, associate director of university information and adviser to The Battalion, has been invited to appear before the senate to answer questions concerning news and opinion policies of the student newspaper.

Also on the agenda, the vice president said, will be a proposal to allow a representative of University Women to be an ex-officio member of the senate.

Players to Perform Next Week

By Bob Robinson

Battalion Staff Writer

The largest ant hill in captivity, and the only one anywhere that involves, is almost completed.

Ants, ranging from five feet to six and a half feet tall, are almost ready to go.

The Aggie Players are entering their last week of rehearsal for "Under the Sycamore Tree."

A colony consisting of nine "human" ants has all lines memorized and is polishing stage movements and delivery.

Five offstage voices, making a

cast of 14, have begun rehearsal.

The rope used to revolve thousands of pounds of stage has been checked for signs of wear.

Dress rehearsal for Samuel Spewack's hilarious satire is less than a week off.

"Under the Sycamore Tree" is a spoof about a queen ant, played by Sue Hachbold, who falls prey to the ideas and notions of a scientist, played by Dennis Turner, who always wants to know why.

At his suggestion, she abolishes ant language — the use of the numbers one through ten — and decrees that all members of the colony will use English.

Every step the queen takes toward the humanizing of the colony is opposed by her statistician, played by David Campbell, and by her general, played by Mitchell Hall.

Both are firm believers of the age-old ant proverb of "the only why that should be asked is — why ask questions?"

The statistician the queen ignores, but the general she kicks upstairs to a specially created advisory post and puts her scientist in charge of the colony's army.

The general becomes even more upset because the scientist is a civilian and, even worse, only a worker ant.

In the meantime, the scientist continues asking questions and either finding or inventing the

answers.

He invented birth control when one of the queen's three hundred eggs accidentally falls to the ground and smashes.

He invents ambassadors and talks rival ant colonies into exchanging ants so they can spy on each other.

As a matter of course, the inventions of photography, radio, DDT, and gas masks come easily to him.

The only things he has a hard time understanding are the human concepts of love and war.

Under the old system, ants ate their victims when they won a war. Humans immediately aid and feed their victims so they can become strong enough to make war again.

In an attempt to understand "love," the scientist takes a boy and girl ant and teaches them the human terminology of love, such as "passion," "I love you," "darling," "angel" and others.

He imitates almost perfectly the human society. Then he discovers the one thing missing for a perfect imitation. Common sense. Ants have too much.

He corrects the situation.

He finally discovers the reason why humans are always making war and corrects this situation also.

He decides that humans should benefit from his latest discovery,

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Army, AF Generals to Attend Military Weekend Activities

A four-star Air Force general and a two-star Army general who graduated from A&M in 1941 will be the university's distinguished guests Saturday for the annual Military Day.

They are Gen. James Ferguson, commander of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB, Md., and Maj. Gen. William A. Becker, chief of legislative liaison in the Secretary of the Army's office.

Military weekend activities in which they will participate begin Friday with the Combat Ball and continue Saturday. Highlight of the Saturday schedule is a 2 p.m. Corps of Cadet Review on the Memorial Student Center parade ground.

The corps commander's luncheon in the MSC Assembly Room will precede the review and a coffee will follow.

A reception, president's buffet and the formal Military Ball conclude events.

As AFSC commander, Gen. Ferguson has responsibility for providing weapons systems and meeting technological needs of the total Air Force mission. He also directs the Manned Orbiting Laboratory program.

The 56-year-old officer enlisted

in the Air Corps in 1934 and, among his many assignments, commanded the 405th Fighter-Bomber Group that made World War II pre-invasion attacks on enemy-held Europe. He also flew with the 9th Fighter Command and participated as air controller on the night of the Normandy invasion. The officer served in various campaigns until the German surrender.

Gen. Ferguson served in Turkey, the Far East and Korea. In July, 1955, he began a series of assignments which have kept him in the vicinity of the nation's capital more than 14 years.

The officer, whose decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross, became AFSC commander in September, 1966.

Gen. Becker was cadet colonel of the corps his senior year at A&M.

The Aggie general has been in-

strumental in arrangements for A&M's Freshman Drill Team visiting Washington the last two years during the Cherry Blossom Festival, where the unit has won back-to-back national drill championships.

The first four and a half years of Gen. Becker's 29-year military career was with the 1st Cavalary Division, with which he fought during WW II and in Vietnam. After leading an artillery battalion through the final phase of the Luzon Campaign and early occupation of Japan, he returned to the states and was appointed an assistant professor of military science at A&M.

The two-star officer then served in Venezuela, attended Command and General Staff College, and served in the Pentagon. He attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., graduating with the class of 1957 in which he was the junior officer in length of service.

Following Army Language School and duties as army attache to Yugoslavia, he served in various capacities at Fort Sill and Fort Benning. He deployed to Vietnam from Benning with a unit redesignated the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery (Air-mobile) in August, 1965, and was nominated for promotion to brigadier general four months later.

The general qualified as an Army aviator in 1966. He later

was Army Material Command assistant division commander and deputy commanding general and chief of staff at the Army Combat Developments Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Gen. Becker, 50, wears the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, among others.

MSC Plans Spring Drive For Personnel

The spring personnel Drive for the Memorial Student Center committees will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday on the second floor of the MSC, according to Michael Essmyer, directorate assistant.

Essmyer said that the drive is to recruit people for MSC committees for next fall. He added that they may also serve this spring and summer.

He emphasized that off-campus students, coeds and graduate students may be on the committees.

Committees open are Town Hall, Chess, Great Issues and other MSC and student-oriented organizations on campus.

Freshmen Select Linda Watts Sweetheart at Saturday Dance



LINDA WATTS

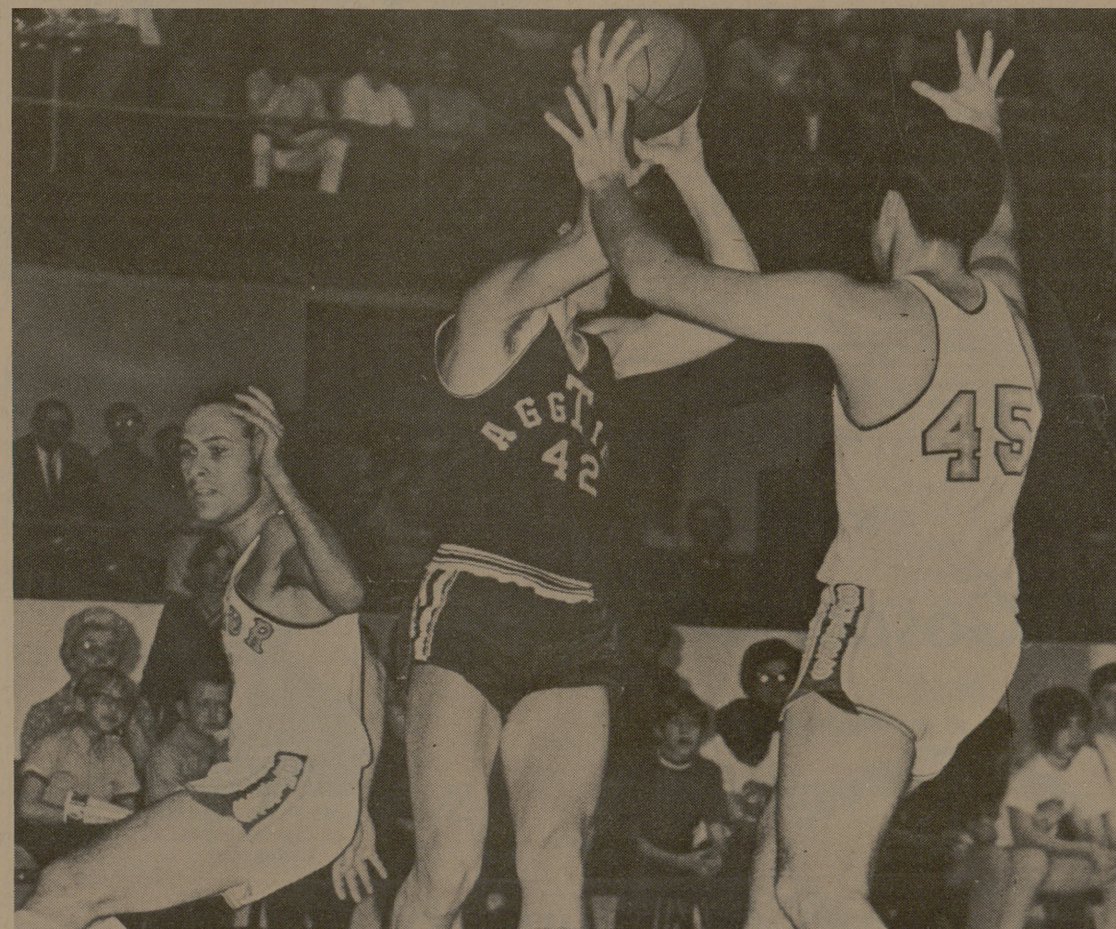
Linda Dale Watts of Houston was crowned Freshman Sweetheart at the class ball Saturday night.

A hazel-eyed blonde beauty who attends Sam Houston State, Miss Watts won over four other finalists.

The Freshman Sweetheart is a first-year psychology major at Sam Houston State and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. John Watts, 9118 Mahoning, Houston. Her escort was Michael E. Temple, freshman pre-veterinary medicine major of Houston.

Finalists also included Kitty Keeling, Sam Rayburn High Senior of Pasadena; LaNell Kihn, senior at Houston's Jesse H. Jones High; Pamela Blackman of Houston, and Annalisa Miller, Robert E. Lee High senior of San Antonio.

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FENCED IN—Baylor's David Sibley and David Croucher put the squeeze on A&M's Chuck Smith late in the Saturday game. The Aggies lost, 70-68, and were eliminated from a chance at the Southwest conference title. The season ends tonight with a game against the champion Rice Owls. See story, page 4. (Photo by Mike Wright)