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Today Is Last Day to Take Oath for Enlisted Reserve

Marshall Emphasizes That Cadets Must Appear for Proceedings at Time Assigned

Emphasis was placed yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel Marshall on reporting at the exact hour set today for taking enlistment oath for the Enlisted Reserve Corps by those cadets that have already completed the enlisting process.

Official War Department sanction was granted yesterday to extend the time one day for completing ERC enlistments for A. & M. cadets, because of the unusually large number to be enlisted here, added Colonel Marshall.

"The fact remains that today is absolutely the last time any cadet can be sworn into the ERC. If for any reason whatsoever, any applicant who was scheduled to appear today be sworn in, fails to report at the time set, he will not be able to complete his ERC enlistment and will not be eligible for advanced military training or a contract." This was the statement released by Colonel Marshall with regard to the final day of ERC recruiting.

Cadets are requested not to report to the Ross Hall recruiting office today for any reason other than scheduled appearances to take the oath, since the recruiting staff will be working overtime endeavoring to prepare the papers of all the cadets to be sworn in today. Those already enlisted in the ERC who didn't receive an identification card at the time of their enlistment are reminded that after today they may get those cards from the recruiting office. Due to the volume of business being finished today, those cards will not be issued until tomorrow.

Marvin McMillan Announces For Longhorn Editor

1944 Longhorn To Portray Last A. & M. Class to Have Traditional Freshman Year

Marvin McMillan, candidate for the editorship of the 1944 Longhorn, seeks his office in the student election to be held today. He gave the following statement to the Battalion last yesterday:

"Your Longhorn, and I say 'your' Longhorn because that is just what it is, should be a book written of the Aggies, by the Aggies, and for the Aggies. It should hold between its covers that now-world-famous something all real Aggies call the 'Spirit of Aggieland,' and when thumbing through its pages, I think your Longhorn should remind you of your days at Aggieland, not someone else's. On every photo-filled page should be pictures that remind you of something you did while here, something you want to remember in the years to come.

"Our class has had the rough end of many a deal around here since we first walked upon this campus; and, we have had our share of the laughs. We are the last class to serve a full, old-fashioned fish year, and we are proud of that year. I think your Longhorn should embrace everything we have had and loved at Aggieland, to keep them alive in our memories wherever we may be.

"I have worked on the Longhorn staff for the past two years, in almost every job necessary to its publication, so I feel that I am well-qualified to fill this position."

Ex-Aggie Is Promoted To First Lt at BAFS

Second Lieut. Tracy E. Smith has been notified by the War Department of his promotion to First Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Blackland Army Flying School at Waco Texas.

Lieut. Smith, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy I. Smith, 1509 W. 5th Ave., Corsicana Texas, received his B. S. degree from Texas A. and M. College in 1941 and before his entry into the Army was an oil field chemist.

Naval Recruiting Party To Arrive Wed

The Naval Recruiting party will be on the campus tomorrow to enlist boys under 18 in the Navy V-1 plan. Those who have their papers ready should be at Assembly Hall at 11 o'clock, and those who have not yet had their examinations will be given authorized absences to complete them, announced Dean Bolton.

Corps General Elections to Be Held Today

Now That Longhorn Is Finished, You Can Know Some of Secrets

By John Holman
Now that the last bit of copy for the 1943 Longhorn is on its way to the publisher, we think we are safe in letting a few of the Longhorn staff's cats out of the bag and let you in on a little Longhorn lowdown.

Seriously, however, now that all the work is done, you might be interested in knowing just what it takes to get out a yearbook you will be proud of.

The thing that is most necessary is a little four-letter word spelled "w-o-r-k", but also in the sidelines is that little factor known as "brains" or ideas.

Photography Schedule Made
Just about the time your eyes start failing you, you must make up the picture schedules with Joe Sosolik of the AggieLand schedule.

Movie Making Days End As Film Unit Departs; Premiere About April 1

The movie-making days of the A. & M. cadet corps are now officially ended as the first unit of the Universal production unit has started back to Hollywood—with regret on the part of those who didn't end up being Gables, Flynn, or Barrymores, and relief on the part of those who spent day after day at hard work on the movie set. Anyhow, to the relief of the pros, the number one excuse for not having one's lessons has now been exhausted.

The first unit of the company left yesterday noon, leaving the second unit to remain probably for the duration of the week to finish a few extra shots on the campus. Anne Gwynne, Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery, Richard Quine, and all the principal actors have also made their departure.

About six weeks work remain in Hollywood for finishing touches and about six weeks more for cutting, editing, etc.; and our movie—according to Milton Kranser, director of photography for Universal—will be ready for its premiere about April 1.

Tickets for Trains May Be Purchased Through Tomorrow

San Antonio Special Is Not Definite; Should Be Announced Today at Mess

Tickets for the Dallas and Houston special trains can be bought at the Southern Pacific Depot until Wednesday, according to E. L. Angell, executive assistant to the president. Tickets must be bought by that time in order that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company may know how many cars to send to College Station to make up the special trains.

School will be dismissed at 1 o'clock Saturday and the special trains will leave one hour later at 2 o'clock. Anyone who buys a ticket by tomorrow night, will be certain of a ride on the special, but the ticket must be purchased by that time.

As yet, there is nothing definite on a special for San Antonio. The problem of getting one is now under question, and the results of being able to obtain a special train for San Antonio will be announced today in both mess halls.

Singing Cadets Win Acclaim In Houston City Auditorium

By Bill Murphy
After completely taking Houston's largest high schools by storm, the Singing Cadets of Aggieland invaded the sacred walls of the City Auditorium last night to appear with the Houston Symphony Orchestra in one of the season's most successful and unique performances. The appearance of the Cadets with the Symphony brought down the curtains of their '42 tour which has carried them throughout greater Houston.

The Singing C's left college about 8 o'clock Friday morning and after making a short appearance at the Fairbank Cypress High School the boys then left for Houston, arriving in time to appear before the Houston Bar Association Luncheon and later were featured on the weekly program of the Salesmanship Club.

Boys Get Taste of Real Thing
Not knowing that they were to sleep in Uncle Sam's own tents, the Aggies were completely surprised when their special busses rolled up to the MP's camp located across from Jeff Davis Hospital and were told to unload their cots, comforts, pillows, and the other vital sleeping equipment. Immediately following the "pitching of camp" the cadets were whisked off to Milby High School where, after a 45-minute program, they were taken by Army busses to Camp Wallace.

When the busses finally stopped inside the gates of the camp there was a mad dash for the camp canteen as it was learned that cigarettes could be bought for 12

cents and a carton could be secured for a buck and 20 cents; however, "Prof" Jenkins finally restored order and the Singing C's were taken into officers' mess as the guests of the camp. It was immediately after supper that the boys met one of the finest "bull shooters" in Uncle Sammy's Army.

The boys were standing around awaiting the busses to come and carry them up to the Officers' Club when a major walked up and introduced himself to the whole mob as "Thompson is my name," and after meeting the boys, began spreading that famous Aggie Bull that made him head yell leader at A&M in '21 and '22. His name? Major "Red" Thompson—Class of '22," who also formed the first troop of Cavalry, Troop A, in 1920. The tales he told were of the type that makes an Ex a vital part of our school spirit, and I assure you that Major "Red" and his Aggie Bull will not soon be forgotten by the Singing Cadets.

Soldiers Appreciate Music
Beginning at 8 o'clock the boys put on a full length show for the officers, as well as the enlisted men in the camp's service club. Included on the program were spirituals, a medley of Christmas carols, and a few novelties which featured Bob Shuffler and "Frog" Greenberg. Leaving the camp, the busses again headed back to Houston and marked the end of the first day of the '42 tour.

Saturday was spent rehearsing for appearances at the First Methodist Church on Sunday night and with the Houston Symphony the

following night; however, Saturday night Travis Smith of Houston, an Ex of '98 was host at a dinner for the Cadets at the YMCA and immediately following the glee club appeared at the U. S. O., where, after singing a full length program they were guests at the weekly U. S. O. dance.

Cadets Feted by Mother's Club
After rehearsing all Sunday morning, the musical Aggies were again feted at a dinner, which was followed by a dance, by the Mothers' Club of Houston. Supper was furnished at the Methodist Church, where at 8 o'clock the Cadets sang to a packed house. Included in the program was a medley of Christmas Carols, "This Is My Country," "Adoramus Te Christe," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Taps."

Monday Closes Tour
More rehearsing for four hours, and the Aggies were guests at a luncheon in the Rice Hotel given by the Ex-Students of Houston. Later on in the afternoon, a lengthy program was presented by the Cadets to the students of Jeff Davis High School, and at 8:30 the Singing Cadets produced their crowning achievement by appearing with the Houston Symphony at the city auditorium.

Immediately after this, busses were waiting to carry the cadets back to A&M.

Throughout the entire tour the group appeared to be having the time of their lives, and no time was there any dissension among the boys. In fact, "Prof" Jenkins says it was the finest tour so far. For further proof consult Houston.

Voting to Be Conducted In Academic Building Rotunda

Juniors Only to Vote for Longhorn Editor, Secretary, Town Hall; Polls Open 9-6:30

Candidates for Longhorn editor, Town Hall Manager, Social Secretary, Head Yell Leader, Junior Yell Leaders, and Junior Representative for the Student Activities Committee were introduced to the cadet corps at yell practice last night.

All these candidates for the different offices made their campaign speeches in order to get a large following of voters behind them.

Candidates for the respective offices are as follows:

- Candidates**
- Longhorn Editor:**
Marvin McMillan
Harry W. Saunders
- Social Secretary:**
Bob Parker
Rodney Brauchle
Roy H. Darr
- Town Hall Manager:**
John L. Lindsey
W. P. Kinsey
Edward Hiltbold
- Junior Representative for the Student Activities Committee:**
Joe Dan Longley
R. B. (Bob) Garrett
- Head Yell Leader:**
Bernard (Shorty) Booth
William A. (Billy Mac) McKenzie
- Junior Yell Leader:**
Don Kuykendall
Gordon Brin
Louis Buck
Johnny Zummo

Following yell practice last night, the Junior class held a meeting in the Assembly Hall to introduce the Longhorn editor, Social Secretary of the Senior Class, and the Town Hall Manager, which will all be voted on by the members of the Junior class only.

Today between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. the general election will be held in the rotunda of the Academic Building with ballot boxes. One ballot box will be for the general elections in which all the corps votes, and the other one will be used for the Juniors to cast their ballots. The September maintenance slip must be presented and stamped at the time of voting in order to get the ballot.

Voting for Battalion editor will be unnecessary since John Holman automatically won that position when his two opponents withdrew in his favor.

Thursday's Battalion will carry complete results of today's primary election, including any ties that might have to be run off. These run-offs will be announced in that issue of the Battalion.

All necessary run-offs will be held Thursday, and all the final results will be made public later.

Sergeant J H Minnis Promoted to First Lt

Technical Sergeant Jess H. Minnis received notice from the Eighth Service Command at Dallas of his promotion to First Lieutenant, effective tomorrow.

Lieutenant Minnis, stationed at A. & M. for the past nine years as instructor in the Infantry branch, reports to Commanding Officer, Eighth Service Command for further orders Wednesday.

Ordnance Applications Taken Until Saturday

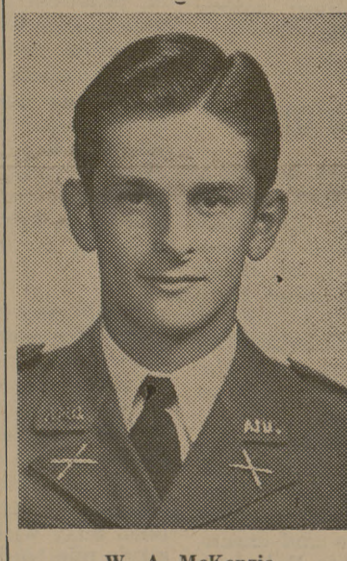
Applications for contracts in the Ordnance Department will be accepted through December 19, according to Major Donald D. Alexander, senior instructor of ordnance. The date previously announced was in error.

Juniors taking any engineering course except Agricultural or Industrial Engineering are eligible for ordnance commissions.

Deadline Announced For Old Style Rings

The last order of the traditional old style senior ring will be sent in January 1, 1943, after which date only orders for the new type will be taken, said H. L. Heaton, acting registrar. All orders positively must be in before that date, and it will be impossible to obtain the old type ring after the last order.

Since only about 15 trees are available, it is asked that organizations return the trees right after their use so other organizations can get them on other nights.



J. B. Booth

W. A. McKenzie

Richard Downing Dies As Result Of Automobile Wreck

Richard Downing, I Battery Coast senior, died Friday night in a Brenham hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred near Giddings as he was returning to school November 30 from the Thanksgiving holidays. Downing failed to regain consciousness, and his death was attributed to internal injuries.

A first lieutenant in Battery I, Downing was a chemical engineering student from Dallas, where he graduated from Woodrow Wilson high school. Last year he was a junior representative on the Student Welfare Committee, and participated in other student activities, being a member of the A. I. Ch. E. and a head-waiter in the mess hall.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the East Dallas Christian Church.

Christmas Trees Are Available at YMCA

Christmas trees are at the YMCA to be signed out to any of the various military organizations for their Christmas parties, stated M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA.

These trees, ranging approximately six feet high, were secured through F. W. Hensel, head of the Landscape Art department, and will be lent to any of the organizations upon application to Cashion or J. G. Gay at the YMCA office, second floor.

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