

13 Men Nominated for 3 Senior Positions

R. V.'s Make Final Plans

Members of Court Are Announced

Full Program for Two Day Festivities In Company's Plan

Final arrangements have been made by Ross Volunteers for spring holiday ceremonies this weekend. The festivities will begin Thursday evening at 8 with the Queen's Coronation and will end at 2 Saturday morning with the close of the Captain's Ball. The activities will include the Queen's Coronation at 8 Thursday and the Queen's Ball immediately following the coronation. An exhibition drill will be held Friday afternoon, followed by a memorial ceremony at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. A Tea Dance honoring the princess is scheduled for 3 Friday afternoon, a dinner dance for the Ross Volunteer Company from 7 until 9 Friday evening and the Captain's Ball from 10 until 2 following the Dinner Dance.

The R. V. Court has been announced as follows: King, E. Simmons, Jr.; Queen, Dorothy Palm; Prince, Raymond Pipkin; Princess, Billie Smith; Queen's Attendants, Shirley Long and Jo Ann Nowotny; King's Page, Philip H. Enslow, Jr.; Guard of Honor, Jim Collins, Tom Harris, Leonard Whrie, Bill Oswald, Dan Sharp, Vernon Smith, Bill Guy, John Dodson, Hubert Braunig, Joe Doran; Dukes and their respective duchesses, J. Wayne Stark, Joy Ray; Francis Potts, Marion Burchette; Burl Hulsey, May Dell Meyer; George Staples, Olivette Osterwalder; Buddy Gaddis, Jean Webb; Kenneth Knapp, Pat Kirwin; Foster Wise, Betty Curtis; Bob Oliver, Neva Bradford; Arch Greig, Kay Beatty; Wilson Potter, Mary Fraser.

The Ross Volunteers, an honorary military organization, was organized here in 1887.

COTTON BALL PLANS CALL FOR 75 DUCHESES

Present plans for the annual Cotton Pageant to be held April 21 call for 75 dukes and duchesses. Ermon A. Miller, social secretary of the Cotton Pageant and Ball, reports that there are several vacancies yet to fill before obtaining the full quota.

Any cadet desiring to submit a girl as duchess in the queen's court may do so by filling her name at the Agronomy office in the agriculture building. Miller said he also has a few duchesses without escorts, and that students may sign up as escorts by submitting their names to the Agronomy office.

Cadets participating in the pageant will be required to wear white suits, white shirt, and black tie. White uniforms without collar ornaments will be permissible. Duchesses may wear dresses of their own choice, no specifications having been made on the dress that they may wear.

Tickets of admission to the pageant and the ball will be separate this year. General admission to the pageant will be 50¢, reserve seats 75¢; the dance will be \$1.50. Reservations in the dormitory will be available.

UP UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK THIS morning the check for the for the payment of advance course students in Military Science had not been returned from the corps area office so that payment could be made

They're in Navasota Festival



Six of the duchesses who will take part in the elaborate coronation to mark the opening of the Navasota Bluebonnet Festival April 14 are pictured above, reading from left to right: Miss Lucille Ash, daughter of J. V. Ash, president of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce; Miss Dorothy McPhail, of Gilmer who last year served as queen of the Gilmer Yamboree; Miss Henri Mae Hrusak of Hallettsville; Miss Jerry Wilke of Austin; Miss Frances Boney of Iola; and Miss Marjorie Copenhaver of Wharton.

EDITORIAL

Underhanded Politics

Rumors reached The Battalion office last night that the fact that type-columns won't stretch is to be used against candidate for an important student position.

The students who intend to use the foolish, untrue story that The Battalion purposely overlooked printing an advance story concerning the annual ball of one of the organizations on the campus belong to a clique which is well-defined and quite evident in its political aspect.

Let us now state that the editor-in-chief of each publication is responsible for articles which appear—or do not appear—in his publication, and no one else on the staff share that responsibility.

On the morning in question, The Battalion was "running tight" and all the news of the day could not be included in the paper. In making up, we found it was necessary to leave out one story—either the organization ball or a story on the Stephens College girls' arrival that afternoon, both of them good stories. Obviously, the fact that the Stephens girls were coming down that afternoon while the Friday paper was available for ball stories made the Stephens story more important "spot news". Consequently, the other story had to be left out.

We regretted it when it happened—ANY RUMOR THAT ANYBODY TOOK DELIGHT IN LEAVING IT OUT IS MORE THAN MISREPRESENTATION; IT IS A BASE LIE.

The group which intends to use this false talking point knows that we did our best to make up our forced neglect of the story by playing it up big in the next issue and in the second issue after the one in question by using a big pictorial layout on the affair—something we don't do all the time because of a limited engraving budget.

Ignore this rumor when it comes up—and it undoubtedly will.

Thursday Last Day To File For Office

With the last date for filing for office set for Thursday, candidates for office in the student body election April 17 this week have bent their energies toward lining up their supporters.

No new candidates for any of the three offices open to the student body as a whole had announced through this morning.

BOARD MEETS APRIL 12

Final approval on all candidates will be asked April 12, when the Student Publications Board inspects academic records and service on publications as requirements for Battalion editorship and classification as a requirement to Board membership.

Two candidates for Chief Yell Leader are already determined, Bert Burns and Bodie Pierce, both of whom have served as Junior Yell Leaders.

Because of the Board meeting on April 12, places on the ballot will not be determined until April 13, when drawing will be held in The Battalion office. All candidates who are not present for the drawing or who do not send representatives will be represented by members of The Battalion staff.

ELECTION METHOD CHANGED

The election this year will be held under arrangements differing from those of previous years in that voters will not be allowed to cast ballots unless they present their ballots receipts showing payment of fees for the second semester at the polls.

The receipt will be stamped "voted" in order to prevent any possible "double-voting." Absentee ballots will not be allowed by election judges.

The election will be held under the direction of R. L. Doss, Battalion editor-in-chief, with the advice and regulation of a Student (Continued on page 6)

Cost Accountants Scheduled to Meet Here Next Week

Colonel Ike Ashburn Will Extend Welcome; 40 Guests Expected to Attend

The next meeting of the Houston Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants is to be held at A. & M. Tuesday evening, April 11. This meeting is to be a round-table discussion of the Association with the student body in Accounting at A. & M. on the subject "Budget Control for A. & M. Oil Co."

Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive Assistant to the President of A. & M., will extend the official welcome of the college to the 40 guests expected to attend. Around 200 students are expected to attend the discussion.

The meeting will begin Tuesday evening at 6:30 with a dinner scheduled to be held in the college mess hall. The dinner will be followed at 7:30 with a technical discussion of the subject wherein the accountants from the A. & M. Oil Co. (fictitious name) outline the underlying factors in budget preparation for the refining section of their company, with special emphasis on the practical aspects and problems involved.

The arrangements for the meeting of the Houston chapter at A. & M. are under the direction of Tom Leland, Head of the Department of Accounting and Statistics. Leland is a member of the directors of the Houston chapter.

Social Secretary, Series Head, Longhorn Editor To Be Chosen April 13

Quiet Meeting of Juniors Sees All Candidates for Senior Class Posts Nominated; Election Method Changed

The junior election this year is to be held by a method marking a radical departure from the procedure of former years, Woody Varner, class president, stated when he broached the plan devised for this year's election in a meeting of the class last night in which 14 candidates announced for three positions. This year's election will be on the ballot system instead of the open-floor method as has been used in the past.

SMITH IS NAMED JUNIOR EDITOR OF THE LONGHORN

George Smith, junior in the Band, has been named Junior Editor of The Longhorn for this year by Warren D. Barton, Longhorn editor-in-chief. James Fouts, of the Coast Artillery and Sidney Gottlieb of the Engineers are the junior assistants. All three men are eligible to run for editor-in-chief of the 1940 Annual.

Said Barton, "I think that the junior class should choose an efficient man, and Smith has done good work this year."

Munnerlyn's Team of Insurance Company Win Annual Contest

A team headed by Ford Munnerlyn, '26, district manager for Seaboard Life Insurance Company of Houston, won first place in the annual March of Progress campaign held each year in March by the company. Mr. Munnerlyn's team finished 124 points above the second team.

In March the College Station agency for Seaboard sold \$233,000 in life insurance, with Sidney L. Loveless, editor of the 1938 Longhorn, heading the agency with \$78,117.

Two other Aggie axes are in the College Station agency, A. H. McCutcheon, '38, and H. E. Burgess, '29.

After nomination last night, candidates drew for places on the ballot for the voting in the primary election which will be held in the rotunda of the Academic building from 8 until 5 on Thursday, April 13. Registration slips for the second semester will have to be shown at the time of voting with only juniors taking part. That night votes will be counted before candidate representatives and the two high men in each race will be entered in the run-off election which will be held in the Assembly Hall.

Candidates announcing for positions were: For senior editor of the Longhorn, J. E. (Jimmy) Fouts, S. H. (Sid) Gottlieb, and George W. Smith; for Student Entertainment Series, Henry Hertner, Henry Herder, W. H. Guy, and Sully Sullivan, and for Social Secretary of the senior class, Carl Hill, M. E. (Red) Austin, Johnny Beville, Guy Garrett, Carl Martin, W. H. (Bill) Dwyer, and C. H. (Charlie) Hamner.

The senior class of 1940, this year's junior class, went on record almost unanimously last night to give next year's entertainment series their undivided support in an effort to make the series a success as it has not been in the past, at least from a financial point of view. However, when a motion was introduced on the floor to recommend that it be placed on the athletic coupon book, if possible, the move was overwhelmingly defeated with only some 30 juniors being in favor of the move. The entertainment series move was finally ended with the appointment of a committee of Harry Trimble, Mack Duncan, and Johnny Zercher by President Varner to work with the faculty committee to form plans for the financing of next year's entertainment. In this way it is hoped to find a means of furnishing a more substantial support to the program than in the past. The faculty committee on the entertainment series is composed of Dr. T. F. Mayo, Librarian, and D. W. Williams, Head of the Animal Husbandry department.

JUNIOR BALLOT

Official ballot for the junior election to be held Thursday, April 13. (Listed according to drawing results).

FOR SENIOR EDITOR OF THE LONGHORN

J. E. (Jimmy) Fouts
S. H. (Sid) Gottlieb
George W. Smith

FOR STUDENT MANAGER OF THE STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Henry Hertner
Henry Herder
W. H. Guy
Sully Sullivan

FOR SOCIAL SECRETARY OF THE SENIOR CLASS

Carl Hill
M. E. (Red) Austin
Johnny Beville
Guy Garrett
Carl Martin
W. H. (Bill) Dwyer
C. H. (Charlie) Hamner

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE Houston Branch of the International Harvester Company including the manager, assistant manager, credit manager, and others will meet with the Agricultural Engineering Society at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday in the Agricultural Engineering building to explain problems involved in farm equipment manufacturing and merchandising.

Ross Volunteers Place Wreath on Statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross Friday—Man for Whom Company Was Named

The first organized student activity at A. & M. appeared in 1887 as a crack military company called the Scott Volunteers. In 1891 the name was changed to Ross Volunteers in honor of former governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who became president of A. & M. at that time.

The uniform of the company at this time was of white duck with gold ornaments and a tin helmet. In 1907 the uniform was changed to gray and blue with a big stetson hat, but since this dress did not meet with favor, the white uniform was again adopted with the substitution of white caps in the place of the tin helmets.

As a part of the annual activities the Ross Volunteer Company places a wreath on Ross' statue in front of the Academic Building. In choosing the name of Ross Volunteers, the company could not have picked a more appropriate name from a military standpoint.

Ross was born in Iowa, but moved to Texas at an early age. From the beginning he was marked for a military career. So able a military leader was he that at 18 he had acquired the rank of captain in the Texas Rangers. While serving in this capacity, he defeated a tribe of Comanche Indians and affected the rescue of Cynthia Ann Parker, a girl kidnapped from her home in childhood.

When the Civil War started, Ross enlisted as a private in 1861. Four years later in 1865 he was discharged as a Brigadier General. After the war, he returned to Texas to raise cotton on a plantation in the Brazos valley. Through a campaign carried on mainly by friends Ross was elected governor of the state.

In 1890, immediately after his term office as Governor of Texas, Ross was elected president of A. & M. college. So popular was he over the state that many parents in effect sent their boys to Ross rather than to A. & M. During his administration the enrollment of the college increased enormously. In this capacity he served until his death in 1898.



ROSS' STATUE