



"College Night" Was Largest, Most Successful in College's History

Due to the record number of students housed on the campus, the "largest crowd in the history of the college" was present last Thursday night at "College Night," traditional first yell practice of the Aggie corps held on the Y. M. C. A. steps as in all past years. The program was in the manner of former years, and enthusiasm reached a record pitch.

Head yell-leader F. A. "Bodie" Pierce, senior assistant yell-leader Bert Burns, and junior yell-leaders E. R. "Buster" Keeton and C. J. "Foots" Bland were in charge.

President T. O. Walton, Colonel Ike Ashburn, Dean E. J. Kyle (chairman of the Athletic Council), Coach Homer Norton and some of his assistants, key members of the Aggie football squad, and others delivered rousing talks greeted by wild applause from the closely packed Aggie corps in front of the "Y".

Yell-leaders gave the new "fish" their first lesson in Aggie yelling, and the measure of perfection reached indicated that the Maroon and White routing section will really be "something."

Head Coach Norton continued his football simplification idea when he spoke and told the "twelfth man" that the only thing he was promising them was a team that reported to him in the best physical condition that he has ever seen in all his years of coaching.

In other years he has promised championships, All-Conference and All-America players and has made good on those promises with the exception of the championships. Last night when introducing the team he made no mention of the boys' past record or what honors he hopes they might win this year.

"All I can tell you," he said, "is that we have the best material we have ever had at Texas A. & M. since I have been here; but that does not mean that we are sure to win the championship." He did promise, however, that his boys would be fighting their hardest for A. & M. at all times.

College Night last Thursday was generally conceded to have been the largest and most successful and the school spirit manifested greater, than any other College Night in history.

Aggieland, Better Than Ever, To Play for Dance

With Tommy Littlejohn leading his Aggieland Orchestra—fourteen pieces this year—on to new and greater heights, the first corps dance and first football dance of the season will take place on the A. & M. campus next Saturday night, in Sbis Hall, at 9 o'clock. Tickets are only \$1.

Occasion of the dance Saturday night is the big game with Centenary College Saturday evening. Following this sports function, the dance will offer all Aggies as well as all visitors to the campus a chance for social diversion.

Featuring arrangements by Bud Nelson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, recognized as one of the best arrangers in the Southwest—the style of Glenn Miller, the most up-and-coming popular band of today—an organization perfected by years of experience—more variety, more novelties—and an enlarged and expensive amplifying system—the Aggieland seems to be headed for what its members enthusiastically declare will be its most successful season to date.

Arrangements the Aggieland uses this year are by Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Bud Nelson, Benny Goodman, Art Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Chick Webb, and others of equally high class. The Glenn Miller style will be featured; but a versatile style is practiced, and more novelties and greater variety are offered Aggie dance fans than ever before.

Make-up of the band this year is as follows:

Tommy Littlejohn, of Tulia—In the band his fifth year, he is leading it his second. He vocalizes, and adds the fifth saxophone to the group; and all five sax men double on the clarinet.

Jack Littlejohn, Tommy's brother, also of Tulia—He composes, arranges, sings, and plays the tenor sax. He has just written a new song ("I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie") which all who have heard it say it should become a great hit with the Aggies. He has composed a number of songs, including a new theme song for the orchestra by the name of "The Moon Is High and So Am I."

Gene Bond, of Dallas—A band sophomore, he plays the second tenor sax. He has played with several big orchestras, and played all summer out at the Plantation night club in Dallas. He is especially good at "jam" choruses.

Lowell Riggs, of Amarillo—He's also in the Aggie band, and in his second year with the orchestra, in which he plays first sax and clarinet. He has played with several big-name bands such as Buddy Rogers and Lloyd Schneider, and

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SINGING

All interested in singing, including freshmen, meet at 5:00 p. m. Wednesday in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel.

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All Enrollment Records Smashed

Hospital Now Has Two Full Time Doctors

Woodard Is Second; Repairs Made, Other Changes Announced

Important changes in the organization of the College Hospital have been made for the coming year. Two full-time salaried physicians are now employed, with Dr. J. E. Marsh as chief college physician and Dr. P. A. Woodward as assistant physician. One of the doctors will accompany the football team on all trips away from the campus.

Other changes in personnel include Miss L. M. Stevens as technician, who replaces Miss Herring; Mrs. L. C. Rogler who replaces Kay DeRoos as general duty nurse; Miss Catherine Cahill who replaces Mrs. Willmore; the addition of Mrs. Ruby Lee Anderson as nurse, and Mrs. Annie Strodie, who last year had charge of the "Orphanage", project house for freshman athletes, as housekeeper.

Changes in the hospital were made in accordance with recommendations made by a committee composed of Dr. C. C. Cade of San Antonio, Dr. Rex E. Van Duzen of Dallas, and Robert Jolley, superintendent of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Houston.

Echoing the sentiments of the group Dr. Van Duzen said, "I feel you have a very complete well-managed health service, which is rendering a very good service to your students. I believe that Dr. Marsh should be congratulated on his low mortality rate, and especially on the fact that he has never lost an operative case." In this connection it should be brought to mind that in the 15 years since Dr. Marsh has been in charge, over 19,000 patients have been hospitalized one day or longer, with only 11 fatalities over that period.

Mrs. Irene "Mom" Claghorne will continue as assistant superintendent.

Athletic Ticket Books Now Available To Students for \$6.50

DEAN KYLE, CHAIRMAN OF the Athletic Council, announced Monday that athletic ticket books would be available for the many students who did not pay the student activity fee. The books will sell for \$6.50. They will entitle their owners to see the following football games: Centenary, Baylor, S. M. U., Texas Freshmen, and Texas freshmen, and Texas University. Besides having admittance to all home football games, the book owner will have the privilege of buying a student ticket to one of the out of town football games and will be able to see all home basketball and baseball games and all home track events.

AGGIE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK SUNDAY

J. L. Chandiramani, Aggie from Bagdad, India, suffered serious injury in an automobile collision on highway six between Bryan and College recently.

Chandiramani, who was riding with several other Aggies, suffered a fractured vertebra and is being treated at the College hospital.

COLLEGE GETS NEW TAXI COMPANY; SOON WILL HAVE TWO NEW SHOWS

Theater Will Be Erected at North Gate and East Gate

A new moving picture theater in Bryan is approaching completion, and plans for two new theaters at College Station are well under way, it has been announced. Of primary interest to Aggies is the news that a theater is soon to begin construction at the North Gate, and the long-promised Aggie Theater is to begin building at the East Gate.

Alton P. Boyett, College Station business man, is undertaking the construction of the new North Gate show. Details as yet have not been announced. The show, however, is to be west of the business firms at the Gate, on the site formerly occupied by the old Boyette residence which has lately been moved

back. The value of the building is reported as \$60,000 to \$65,000; and a seating capacity of 750 is planned. First-run pictures are to be shown, it is said.

Mrs. Morris Schulman, manager of the Bryan Amusement Company, has announced that building of the Aggie Theater will be started at the East Gate about November 1. Though details are not yet known, the building will cost between \$60,000 and \$65,000 and will seat approximately 750 people. Mrs. Schulman has promised first-run pictures at the Aggie Theater.

The New Queen Theater, costing \$40,000 and seating 500 people, is now being constructed in Bryan on the site of the old Queen Theater. Construction should be completed, Mrs. Schulman, manager of the Queen, Dixie and Palace Theaters in Bryan, has stated, by the last part of October or the first part of November.

New Taxicab Service Begun By Ex-Student

Last Friday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. a new taxicab service between Bryan and College Station was begun by the Aggie Cab Company headed by Cecil P. James, whose three 1940 Dodge taxicabs were licensed by the Bryan City Commission. The new five-passenger limit restriction does not affect the gray and maroon cabs as they have been ruled seven-passenger cars.

Twenty-four hour service; a station at the new dorms; passenger train service; and speedy, efficient call service are the main factors which signal success for the new company. Seven student drivers are earning their board and expenses (Continued on page 6)

6,000 Mark Nearing by Registration

All Enrollment Records Smashed As Figures Mount

5,930 students were registered by noon Monday according to reports from the Registrar's office. This shows that only seventy more are needed to bring the total to 6,000, and with assignment cards coming in fast it is believed that this mark will be easily reached.

Last day for registration and also for schedule changes is Oct. 5th. After that date the Registrar's office will be able to give complete data on all students as to how many are in each of the four classes and how many are enrolled in each school. This information will not be available before that time, however, due to the many changes being made by students and the new registrations coming in.

Dean Bolton reports that approximately 4,700 students are living in the dormitories. The rest of them are spread between the project houses and approved homes. Complete statistics on this will be in Thursday's paper.

At this time last year there were only 5,436 students registered. Of these, 1,973 were freshmen. The freshman class this year has not quite reached that mark yet which indicates that it is returning upperclassmen who are swelling enrollment to a new high.

Students are now being allowed to live off the campus in approved quarters because all dormitories are filled. No students, unless they were residents of Brazos County, were permitted to register as day students until the dormitories were filled. When an order to that effect was issued last summer it was thought that many students would not be able to attend A. & M. because they would not have enough money to live in the dorms, and a decrease in enrollment was expected. However, it seems that this idea was wrong as shown by the record enrollment so far this year.

President T. O. Walton issued the order which allowed students to live off the campus. It is not known yet whether project houses will be permitted in Bryan or other places outside the campus as was done last year, but it is known that no student will be able to live off the campus in any residence not checked and approved by the college authorities.

Gibb Gilchrist Offers Prize To Active Engineers

Gibb Gilchrist, Dean of Engineering, said Monday in an announcement to The Battalion, that he will offer a prize of \$25 or its equivalent to the student engineering chapter that is most active during the current school year. Dean Gilchrist's announcement follows:

"In no way can a student of engineering make a better start than by affiliating himself with the student chapter of engineering which he is taking. Many opportunities will be provided during the year to hear distinguished engineers who will appear from time to time before the groups.

"Next May 1 the Dean of Engineering expects to give a prize of twenty-five dollars (\$25) or (Continued on page 6)

205 Senior Rings Have Been Ordered Through Monday

Two hundred and five seniors had ordered their class rings by Monday, according to information received yesterday from the Registrar's office.

The rings this year are being ordered from Jostens of Owatonna, Minnesota, the largest class ring concern in the United States. The Southern Engraving Company of Houston is a Texas branch of Jostens.

The rings are made with three different finishes, and in weights from 12 to 18 pennyweight. The three finishes are antique green, dark and light Russian. Orders are taken every day from eight a. m. to five p. m. and are sent on the fifteenth and last of every month. The rings are delivered two weeks after the orders are sent in.

A change has been made in the method of ordering rings. Students may now go directly to the registrar's office, instead of having to go to the Fiscal Department first as in former years.

FORMER CADET COLONEL WEDS EL PASO GIRL

Miss Bonnie Beth Reading of El Paso and David Thrift of College Station were married Saturday in the St. Thomas Episcopal church here, with the Rev. Roscoe Hauser officiating.

Miss Reading, a graduate of the University of Texas and a member of the American Association of University Women, was attended by Miss Martha Ann Simmons of Dallas.

Airport May Be Established Here Soon

The Board of Directors has recently approved a plan to establish an airport on a location to be supplied by A. & M., to be used jointly by the College and Bryan, according to a recent statement issued by Colonel Ike Ashburn. The City of Bryan will cooperate financially in the establishment of the airport, which is to be named Coulter Field.

It is the plan of the College to establish a course in aeronautical engineering, and it is expected that training in practical aviation will

be provided. Colonel Ashburn also stated that the Board of Directors has voted to dedicate land for airport purposes. Officers in the United States Army Air Corps are interested in the establishment of an adequate field in this locality, as it would be on a direct line between Barksdale and Randolph Fields.

In the event that the field is established, there is a strong probability that the equipment on the field at Navasota will be used, subject only to the cost of moving. The

equipment is worth approximately \$40,000.

Dean Gibb Gilchrist, who has worked with Colonel Ashburn in making plans for the field, stated that the location in question included about 500 acres, that the soil was suitable and a type that could be stabilized cheaply if this were desirable. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the Old Fish Pond, about one and one-eighth miles from the old Administration (Continued on page 6)