

**New Longhorn—**

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The "Vanity Fair" and "Senior Favorites" section add the right touch of femininity to the book, keeping it from being entirely a "men's book".

The "Greenhorn" section has been eliminated this year to make room for the activities at Aggieland.

Longhorn Editor George Smith today made the following statement:

"There has been some misunderstanding concerning the fact that the seniors this year are not receiving annuals with padded covers—except for a few which were presented to the senior editors and managers of publications. (These few were padded as a surprise gift by the Gulf Printing Company, printers of the book).

"It has just been three years that the Student Publications Office has tried to favor the senior class by presenting senior books with padded covers. It has been found impossible to determine exactly those who were graduating seniors at the time this list had to be made up. For that reason the practice has been discontinued.

"This year's cover design lends itself to a flat cover. Flat covers have been found to be more durable and more strongly bound."

In order to get the Longhorn it will be necessary to present a receipt showing the payment of student activities fee or payment for a Longhorn.

This receipt must be presented at room 22 Administration Building where a card will be issued. This card should be taken to room 31 where a copy of the annual may be obtained. If a student has lost his receipt, a copy may be obtained Monday at the Student Publications Office.

**On Record—**

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came up. "There's a record of the War Hymn, all right," he reminisces with a pained grin. "It's by a covey of champion huskers called the Colonial Club Orchestra and four vitamin-deficient tenors take the 'Hullabaloo' yell as well as the vocal. . . Yeah—there IS a record!"

But it was impossible to do much about it. Nobody was offering the band railroad fares and excused absences while they traipsed off to a recording studio, and WTAW was fresh out of \$5000 recording machines. Then came the brainstorm that solved the problem.

It'll be done today at 11:45 a. m., central standard time. And, if you've got a radio, you can be "backstage" on the whole thing by tuning to station WTAW.

The deal: The Former Students Association is financing the undertaking; the concert unit of the Aggie Band, the Singing Cadets, and Jack Littlejohn and his Aggieland Orchestra will make the music go—not round and round, but straight as an ion to a pair of recording turntables on the other end of a 180-mile wire to Dallas. The whole proceedings, since they happen to coincide with WTAW's broadcasting schedule, will perform be substituted for the regular 11:45 program.

Thereby hangs this tale. It's a funny way to make a record—in fact, probably the first time anybody ever went at it in just this fashion. Usually the music and the recording machinery are under the same roof. But not so here! The music-making will be picked up in WTAW's studio, fed over the high-fidelity broadcast line of the Texas Quality Network (idle, once it has done its stint for the Texas Farm and Home Program) to Dallas, where the "master" will be cut with high-quality equipment not available in College Station.

Then—after the first hundred "subscription" copies destined for the archives and for officials and prominent exes—you can buy 'em, and for less than a dollar.

On one side of the record you'll get the band and the glee club working together on "The Aggie War Hymn" and "The Spirit of Aggieland". The still-on-the-upgrade "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie" backs the disc. The Aggieland Orchestra does that part of it with the lyrics sung by composer and maestro Jack who has been polishing up his familiar arrangement for the benefit of "juke box" customers.

**A. & M.'s Noted Co-op House System Affords Many Boys College Careers**

The largest cooperative student housing program in the United States and the largest cooperative consumers project in Texas—that is the project-house system at A. & M.

The history of this housing plan is relatively short. The Texas A. & M. cooperative housing program for college students was first conceived, organized and sponsored in 1932 by the Department of Rural Sociology, chiefly through the efforts of Dan Russell, head of the department. From a humble beginning with ten members this organization has almost trebled its enrollment in number for each year till 1939. In the 1938-39 session there were some 1600 student and some 60 housing units. This year because of the addition of twelve new dormitories fewer project houses were pressed into use.

This cooperative movement, conceived during the days of the depression, served as a means of bringing a higher education within reach of the ambitious, yet economically handicapped youth of the rural areas. Today this student organization serves its original purpose, but has been modified to meet the educational needs of handicapped youth in both urban and rural areas.

An attempt has been made to tie all the A. & M. projects into the local community by some type of local sponsorship. Student groups may be sponsored by county agents, vocational agriculture teachers, parent-teacher associations, Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, denominational groups, chambers of commerce, women's clubs, the American Legion, county school superintendents, Former Students Clubs, or numerous other civic organizations. These groups are organized on a basis of common interest of locality or social ties.

Sponsors lend moral support and leadership in contacting and organizing those financially handicapped high-school graduates of a locality who desire to further their education. One sponsoring group, Washington County, financed the building of a home to house their student groups; the students in turn repay the loan with interest through the payment of house rents over a period of years. Sponsors are responsible for leadership, planning, and fostering of groups before the students are sent to college.

The average size of a cooperative group is 22 members. Groups vary from six to 80 members. Each house has a matron or "home-mother." She creates a "home-like"

stability and is responsible for serving well-prepared and balanced meals. Hers is a myriad role of mediator, a giver of advice, a foster-mother, and a purchaser of kitchen supplies. The success of a cooperative group very frequently hinges on her leadership, foresight, management, understanding of youth and knowledge of an economical yet well-prepared serving of foods.

The members of each house elect a student manager and a treasurer. The student manager is responsible for discipline, house orderliness, inspection of students' rooms, collections of rents and money for payment of household bills. The treasurer keeps books and pays all utility, rent, and grocery bills. This student treasurer determines the amount to be paid by each student as his pro-rata share of the total expenses for a given period. The expense account of each cooperative group is filed at the Department of Rural Sociology each month. The household account is open for inspection by students of a group at any time.

Each student is responsible for a clean and orderly room. Students in cooperative houses observe all college rules in addition to special house rules which have been formulated by Daniel Russell.

**Municipal and Sanitary Engineering Dept. Meets Needs of Growing Cities**

The Department of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering was established in 1925, particularly to meet the needs of Texas cities. Texas cities have been growing very fast and at the same time they have been exceptionally progressive in the furnishing of city services. They have had to meet the problems of water supply, sewerage, general sanitation, mosquito control, etc. Proper solution of these problems has necessitated the employment of engineers, sanitarians, and inspectors, many of whom have been trained by the Municipal and Sanitary Engineering Department of A. & M., which is headed by Professor E. W. Steel.

Texas cities have also been leaders in adoption of the highly efficient city manager plan of city government. Since a large proportion of outstandingly successful professional city managers are men with engineering training, it has been a logical development to combine instruction in municipal administration and city management with the engineering training which peculiarly fits graduates to occupy positions as city managers and executives in city utilities, finance, engineering and health departments.

Short courses have been given for the benefit of men in practical work who wish some instruction in theory and recent advances in their fields. Three short courses for peace officers have been given. The annual water works short course, first established in 1917 by the State Health Department, has now been permanently established at the college by reason of the facilities furnished and cooperation rendered by this department.

Mosquito control on the college campus and other sanitary inspection work are other duties of the department. These duties are performed by L. E. Winder.

**Wide Sports Variety Is Offered Students**

If a student is interested in any kind of sport that has been introduced to the South, other than those peculiar to the sea shores or some other special places, he is likely to find it in the broad physical education and athletics program at A. & M. College.

**Take Your Choice**

Even with the four major and nine minor sports failing to interest him, he still has a chance in the intramural program, for W. L. Penberthy and his co-workers include a variety of activities calculated to reach nearly any boy.

The tumbling team, an organization without coach and without special backing, has won rather wide recognition. Then there are swimming, cross-country, rifle shooting, water polo, basketball, speedball, tennis, handball, volleyball, horse-shoe pitching, wrestling, boxing, track, playground ball—almost anything except football, which is replaced by touch football.

**Housing Meet—**

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public housing will be shown both Friday and Saturday.

The conference is open to the public. The final program is as follows:

**Friday, May 17**

The theme for the morning will be, "Why Can't I Have a House?" with Professor C. J. Finney, Department of Architecture, A. & M. College, presiding.

8:00 Registration in lobby of Y.M.C.A.

9:30 Address of Welcome: Col. Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to the president, A. & M. College, in the chapel of the Y.M.C.A.

10:00 (a) "The Problem of the Rural Dweller," Mrs. T. J. Carroll, farm wife, Brazos Co., Texas. (b) "The Problem of the Urban Dweller," Mrs. Barry Colson, office worker, Bryan, Texas. (c) "What kind of a Low Cost House?" Mary A. Mason, professor of home economics, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas.

The theme for the afternoon will be "Practical Problems of the Low-Cost House," with S. B. Zisman, assistant professor of architecture, Dept. of Architecture, A. & M. College presiding, in the Physics lecture room.

2:00 Address—"Architectural Evolution of Habitation, Its Functions and Structure," by Richard J. Neutra, A.I.A. Architect, of Los Angeles, California. Discussion: (a) "The Architect," O'Neil Ford, architect, Dallas, Texas; (b) "The General Contractor," Russell W. Nix, president, T. B. Hubbard Construction Co., Houston, Texas; (c) "The Realtor," E. L. Crain, developer of Garden Oaks, Houston, Texas; (d) "The Financial Agency," J. C. Conway, vice-president, Federal Home Loan Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas; (e) "The Materials Company," P. M. Woolworth, housing consultant, Portland Cement Association, Chicago, Illinois; (f) "The Lumber Yard," Neal Pickett, secretary, Texas Lumbermen's Association, Houston, Texas; (g) "The Laborer," Cleave Culpepper, president, Dallas Central Labor Council, Dallas, Texas.

Friday evening a dinner will be held in Sbis Hall with the Architectural Club as host. Presiding will be E. C. French, head of the Architectural Club, Dept. of Architecture and the principal address will be made by Maury Maverick, mayor of San Antonio.

**Saturday, May 18**

The theme for the morning will be: "What can the Building Industry do for the Low-Cost House?" with T. B. Thompson, assistant professor of architecture, A. & M. College, presiding in the Physics lecture room.

9:30 Address—"Home Ownership and the Building Industry," Ray Crow, engineer, Sales Production Division, Tennessee C. I. & R. Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Discussion: (a) "Prefabrication and Standardization," Joseph

**Improvement—**

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for, and this summer will have installed, student and public lounges in the Academic Building, and probably in other class buildings where the need is greatest, thus answering a long-felt want of the student body.

**General Repairs Will Be Made to Older Halls**

The Board of Directors, furthermore, has authorized a survey and estimate for general repairs to the older dormitories, including recalcimining of walls, repainting of woodwork, repairs to furniture, and general overhauling.

It is probable, Dr. Walton stated, that students will not be housed in Ross and Foster, the two oldest of these halls, next session.

**Military Department Stables Are To Be Moved**

The Board has also authorized a complete study and development of preliminary plans for stables for the Military Department, which contemplates moving its stables from their present location near the depot to the Military Department's pasture northeast of the college wells, on the north side of the road connecting the North Gate with highway 6.

President F. M. Law of the Board of Directors has stated that the Board is giving very serious consideration to the need for additional classroom, office, and labor-

**'Harvest Day'—**

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atory buildings as well as recreational facilities. "Plans are already under way," he declared, "for the construction, at as early as possible, of a new and larger hotel to serve the college, and a combination auditorium and gymnasium with union building facilities, capable of serving the entire corps."

Members of the College Board of Directors are F. M. Law of Houston; H. C. Schuhmacher of Houston; G. R. White of Brady; R. W. Briggs of Pharr; A. H. Demke of Stephenville; H. L. Kokernot of Alpine; Walter G. Lacy of Waco; Joseph Utay of Dallas; and E. J. Kiest of Dallas.

**A. & M. WITHOUT PEER IN FIELD OF MINOR SPORTS**

While Texas A. & M. gets plenty of competition in the major sports from other Southwest Conference schools, it is doubtful if any other school in this section of the country except possibly the University of Texas, can seriously rival the Aggies in the field of minor sports.

The school recognizes nine of them: Cross-country, rifle, pistol, swimming, water polo, tennis, golf, polo, and fencing. The Aggies' polo team is the only recognized polo team in the Southwest.

**Win National Titles**

Something of the quality of the performances in these not-so-publicized fields of athletic endeavor at Aggieland can be realized from the fact that the water polo team, after placing second in the national junior A.A.U. tournament in 1938, won the title in 1939, and that the pistol team also won top honors, taking the national collegiate championship two successive years.

Weston, Southwestern representative, Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Los Angeles, California; (b) "Maintenance Factors of the Low Cost House," Charles W. Oliver, regional conditioning supervisor, Home Owners Loan Corporation, Dallas, Texas; (c) "The Elements of Design," Howard Meyer, architect, Dallas.

The theme for the afternoon will be "What can Society do for the Low-Cost House?" with Elmer Scott, Director of the Civic Federation of Dallas, Texas, presiding in the Physics lecture room.

2:00 Address—"Community Planning and Housing," Richard J. Neutra, A.I.A. Discussion: (a) "Planning for Needs," Ray Morrison, Holland's Magazine, Fort Worth, Texas; (b) "Planning Profitable Neighborhoods," G. C. Harmon, land planning consultant, Federal Housing Administration, St. Louis, Missouri; (c) "Financing the Low Cost House," Rufus Hardy, field representative, Federal Housing Administration, Houston, Texas; (d) "Educational Responsibilities," George E. Wilcox, professor of education, A. & M. College.

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