

Aggies Ready To Invade Austin For Turkey Day Classic

Bonfire And Dance Will Climax Season's Festivities

Yell Practice Will Be Held On Y Steps Before Fire

Tonight the cadet corps will witness the climax of the season's football festivities. Six thousand students will gather before the "Y" steps for a short yell practice led by Buster Keeton and Fouts Bland while junior yell leaders Bill Beck and Skeen Staley light the largest bonfire that has yet been erected. After the blaze has been started the corps will move in mass to the drill field where Coach Norton and his staff will present the senior football players. Then it will be that other southwest conference teams will start sighing with relief for they will know that soon such names as Kimbrough, Robnett, Pugh, and Vaughn will be stricken from the roster as their opponents.

This assembly will symbolize the last pre-football game yell practice for many students whose names have figured in prominent places in the reputation that the school has gained in the past two years. After this the head yell leaders will relinquish their positions to their junior assistants who will head the corps next season. The greater part of the lettermen will be making preparations for the last grid-iron battle of a glory and victory filled two-year campaign.

Despite the fact that the freshmen have been apprehended by several days of constant rain the bonfire has grown into the largest ever to have been made.

Following this illuminated yell practice will be the annual Bonfire dance which precedes the Thanksgiving game between A. & M. and its leading adversary Texas University. Reconditioned Sbis Hall will furnish the setting and Ed Minnock's Aggieband Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. This dance, which will be held from 10 'til 1, is the last dance before the Christmas holidays and the one dance of the first semester which freshmen may attend without dates. Script will be the usual price of \$1.10.

Wednesday will see the greater part of the corps leaving for Austin by the usual variety of methods. Special trains will be run Wednesday evening and Thursday morning in order to insure that all cadets will be there in time for the first parade of the year.

First Stakes Have Been Driven To Start Dorm Construction

The first stakes used to lay out the six new dormitories to be constructed west of the hospital have been driven into the ground and actual construction and excavation work awaits only the removal of a strip of railroad track and several houses. The six new dormitories, to be of similar construction to those in the new area, are scheduled to be completed by next fall at the cost of approximately nine hundred thousand dollars.

Because of recent heavy rains over nearly all the state, the removal of the railroad siding running through the area in which the buildings are to be erected will be delayed until a railroad crew all of whom are now busy repairing damage done by the heavy rains, can come to remove it. The college is attending to the removal of the four or five houses that are in the way, and after these details are attended to, the actual construction work will be begun.

After the completion of the new dormitories, the capacity of all the dormitories on the campus will be six thousand one hundred students, and even then it will probably be necessary for a few students to stay in private homes if the enrollment keeps on increasing at its present rate.

The construction is under the direction of Alfred C. Finn, Houston architect, and the W. S. Belows Company of Houston.

Did Someone Say Jinx?

(An Editorial Expression)

FROM OVER AUSTIN WAY we hear something about there being a jinx of some sort hovering over Memorial Stadium. That's just great. Aggies have a jinx on jinxes. In the past two years the Aggie football team has broken more jinxes than exist in the books. Jinxes are our meat.

The "tea sippers" claim that no matter the difference in the teams Texas U. will win because of a jinx. Any other year or any other team might be scared stiff, but not this bunch of fighting Aggies. All year they have met teams that were inspired and playing above their heads. They have met every team in the conference during home coming. What difference has it made? None that we can see. And it will not make any difference Thursday.

Perfecting a professional style of taking the breaks as they come and just playing steady level-headed football, the Aggie machine has been through the "valley" so to speak and has come out on the top of the heap. No mere jinx is going to stop them.

Psychology beat the Aggie team of '38. They beat themselves by trying too hard. Over anxious, tense and nervous, that team went to pieces. But this year's team has seen the worst that football can offer. Texas University has no football team. Their only chance to win is to try the psychology angle. Well, it won't work this year. They're up against a ball club that is different from any yet to face them on Memorial Stadium.

The Aggie team is not a collection of individuals. It is a well-oiled machine in which each part has its function and performs it well and regularly. That is the secret of its success. Eleven men make up the team—eleven men determined to end this season like it was started.

If the team from T. U. can be inspired over winning on Memorial Stadium and a jinx, think how inspired the Aggie team can get over repeating in the Southwest Conference as champions, beating Texas on their home field, scoring the first touchdown on Memorial Stadium, completing their second season undefeated and untied.

Sports writers and commentators have said before that A. & M. was due to lose some game or another. A fortune teller even made adverse predictions on the outcome of the S. M. U. game, but nothing of the sort has fazed the Aggies.

A. & M. has everything to gain Thursday—we refuse to consider losing, and we never heard of a jinx.

Ross Volunteers Welcome New Members With Banquet In Mess Hall

A banquet sponsored by the old members of the Ross Volunteers, a military and social organization of A. & M., comprised of only juniors and seniors taking advanced military science, was held last Sunday night in the banquet room of Sbis Hall for the purpose of welcoming the new members into the organization.

An election was held for first sergeant and two line sergeants. Lewis Kercheville of the field artillery was elected first sergeant. David Fitch of C field artillery and Max Gordon of A infantry were elected line sergeants.

Col. Watson attended the banquet and made a speech commending the organization for its ideals, standards, and principles. He called attention to the similarity of the Ross Volunteers to an organization of which he was a member during his college career. He expressed a desire for the two groups in the future to work and cooperate with each other so as to create a mutual interest between them.

The senior officers of the seven military units of A. & M. also made talks on varied subjects, all concerning matters of importance to the Ross Volunteers.

During Sunday the old members officially initiated the new members into the R. V.'s in the traditional manner and in any new manner that they could devise.

The Ross Volunteers, originally called the Scott Volunteers, were organized in 1887, and adopted as the name of their organization the name of the existing president. In 1891, however, the present name was adopted in favor of Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross who became President of A. & M. at that time. It is an honorary organization comprised of Juniors and Seniors only.

Ex-Students Booth To Be At Memorial Field

A committee of Ex-Aggies living in Austin, headed by J. Wayne Stark, '38, are making plans to erect a booth within the stadium grounds at Austin Thursday for the purpose of making a suitable meeting place for friends. "The Battalion" will be available there and the booth will open at one o'clock.

Traffic Study Committee Holds Second Meeting

The second meeting of the student-faculty Traffic Study Committee was held Sunday night in the Civil Engineering building. At the first meeting, which was held November 18, the committee discussed the problem of local traffic control, agreed on the locations of the most congested areas and decided to make individual studies of the various problems and report on the findings at the second meeting.

Although no commitment was made by any committee member following the second meeting, chairman J. T. L. McNew declared that a preliminary report would be turned over to President T. O. Walton within a few days.

The committee, which was appointed November 14 by Dr. Walton to consider the pedestrian and automotive traffic control on the campus, is composed of five students and five faculty representatives.

A&M Architect Gets Real Taste Of Rainy Weather

By Lee Rogers

"Waterbound" would fittingly describe the position that Phillip Norton, assistant architect at A. & M., found himself confronted with Sunday morning. With draft-dodging in the United States and bomb-dodging in Europe, Norton was forced to start a new type of evading—flood-dodging.

All was going well as he proceeded toward Bay City until he came to the lowlands of Grimes County where swirling flood waters from recent rains were blanketing the highways. The first hint of trouble came when the waters drowned his motor, but a kindly trucker condescended to push him on his way. This met with his approval and again he was faring well, but this time a swollen creek loomed ahead to present another problem. Norton was unable to signal the truck driver of the oncoming water so together they plunged ahead. The swift current immediately pushed the car off the road and eventually sent the truck rolling off behind it. This left Norton in an uncomfortable position as the waters showed no signs of receding, so, with the choice of spots for refuge limited to trees which were growing along the road he ascended the nearest one. And like the Ancient Mariner, with "Water, water everywhere—" he was forced to perch bird-like on this hastily chosen roost for some three hours until a rescue party from Navasota came and removed him with the aid of some rope and a truck.

According to club regulations, an organization, to have an official status, must have a constitution approved by the Student Activities Committee and must file with the committee each year a list of its officers. The following list of clubs has complied with these requirements and therefore constitute a partial official list of the clubs at A. & M. for the year 1940-41. The rest of the list will be found in the next issue of this paper.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY . . . President, George Taylor; V-President, E. L. Wehner; Sec-Treas., R. L. Rominger.

AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES. . . Chairman, W. W. Sullivan; V-Chairman, B. S. Hutchins; Secretary, D. M. Early; Sr. Rep., W. Collins; Jr. Rep., A. Evans; Soph. Rep., D. Van Orden.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY. . . President, J. T. Anderson; V-President, J. H. Robinson; Secretary, H. C. Warner; Parliamentarian, J. D. Pinson; Reporter, Jay Dudley, Sgt. at Arms, W. R. Clark.

A. I. Ch. E. . . . President, A. V. Hamilton; V-President, F. A. Smitham; Sec-Treas., E. E. Byrd; Reporter, R. L. Powell.

A. I. E. E. . . . President, T. E. Duce; V-President, Jimmie Cupples; Reporter, Earle A. Shields, Jr.

A. I. M. E. . . . President, Jeff Montgomery; V-President, R. P. Dunkerly; Secretary, Gerald King; Treas., John A. Waddell.

AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS. . . President, C. F. DeVilbiss; 1st Vice President, L. L. Appelt; 2nd V-President, to be elected; Treasurer, P. C. Wright, Jr.; Secretary, Jas. F. Stephenson.

A. S. A. E. . . . President, R. M. Magee; V-President, W. L. Mayfield; Sec-Treas., J. C. Bloodworth; Scribe, J. C. Cook.

Town Hall's Next



Popular Radio And Concert Star Presented By Town Hall, December 4

Gracious Jean Dickenson, popular young radio and concert star, will be presented here on Wednesday, December 4, as the third program of Town Hall for the year, Paul Haines, Town Hall student manager, has announced.

Jean Dickenson has been on the move since earliest childhood. Born in Montreal, she spent her babyhood in India, trotted along with her mining engineer father to South America, attended grammar school in New York, high school in San Francisco and college in Denver.

Probably the highlight of her career was the invitation to become the guest star on the American Album of Familiar Music. It was on a return trip to New York that she was met at the train by a representative of the NBC Artists Service with the news that she had been signed as the feature star on this Sunday night program. Her voice—on a recording—was one of the 150 voices listened to by the sponsors. They signed her up without even seeing her.

It is indeed seldom that one with so unusual a voice has the beauty and personality to accompany it as has Miss Dickenson. Her program has been selected especially for her appearance at A. & M. and includes a variety of popular songs as well as old favorites.

Each year there comes to the campus of A. & M. one person whom the Aggies adopt as their own. This year, a prediction made by Paul Haines, Town Hall Manager, is that the person whom the Aggies will adopt as the sweetheart of A. & M. will be the gamour Jean Dickenson.

Wednesday Noon Deadline For Sale Turkey Day Tickets

Student tickets for the Texas A. & M.-Texas U. football game will remain on sale at the old Y until noon Wednesday, it was announced by E. J. Hooker of the athletic department today. Approximately 4400 tickets to the game were sent here for the members of the corps. Only about 2200 of the tickets had been sold when the Y. M. C. A. desk closed Monday.

Hooker also announced that there are any tickets left, they will be on sale for \$2.50 till late that evening in the Y. M. C. A.

Student Spirit Mounts As Last Game Approaches

Two Trains Will Leave For Austin; Wednesday, Thursday

By Tom Gillis

Aggie's hearts are beginning to beat a little faster and the Aggie spirit is mounting ever higher as the eventful Thanksgiving Day approaches. The official corps trip parade and the Texas A. & M.-Texas U. football game is on every Aggie tongue. For two weeks now the freshmen have been wearing the rouge and lipstick of a tea-sipper co-ed to further taunt the fighting spirit of the Twelfth Man. Their greetings have contained remarks such as "beat the hell out of Texas" and "that steer sure is going to need a veterinary Thursday." Entering the mess hall, their yells have been just a little louder as the day of the game for which we have waited all year approaches. The freshman banners have taken a new fierceness and forcefulness in picking the Aggies to win this game with our traditional rivals. To top off all this stored up spirit, the bonfire will be held tonight and the spirit of the Twelfth Man will soar to the highest point of the year.

Undaunted by rains which have flooded parts of Texas, the corps will move to Austin for their first parade of the year. To be held Thursday morning, the parade will be the first full dress occasion for the corps. The colorful ceremony, twice prevented on other corps trips by rain and other circumstances, will show the full might of the Aggie corps.

Special trains for the corps trip will leave College Station at 5:00 p. m. Wednesday, arriving in Austin at 7:45, and another will leave college at 6:30 Thursday morning to be in Austin at 9:15. Students who do not ride the train should be at their respective assembly area near the railroad station in Austin by 9 a. m. so that the parade may be promptly formed and baggage taken care of.

Led by Cadet Colonel Bill Becker, the corps will march down Congress Avenue from the station to the capitol grounds, where organizations will be dismissed. The order of march for the parade will be corps staff, field artillery band, infantry regiment, field artillery regiment, composite regiment, infantry band, cavalry regiment, engineer regiment and coast artillery regiment.

Number 1 uniform with white shirt will be the official uniform for the parade and football game. At the football game students may enter either gate No. 7 or 2. No one other than students will be admitted to the game on a student ticket. Aggies who wish to bring friends and dates into the Aggie section may do so by purchasing a student ticket for them, and upon payment of \$1.40 additional at the stadium in Austin, exchange the ticket for a suitable non-student ticket.

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Rehearsals Of Symphony Orchestra To Begin Next Week

The organization of a community symphony orchestra to be directed by Lt. Col. R. J. Dunn, director of the A. & M. band, is now well underway and rehearsals will be ready to start immediately after Thanksgiving. The orchestra will be open to A. & M. students, residents of Bryan College Station, A. & M. college faculty, and the area surrounding College Station.

As the wind instruments of the orchestra will be taken from the A. & M. band, any person who is well advanced on a string instrument such as viola, cello, violin, or bass viol, is urged to sign his name and the instrument he plays at the desk of the Y. M. C. A. before leaving for the Thanksgiving holidays. All students who are interested should bring their instruments back with them on their return after the holidays.

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Cadets Gun for Texas U.'s Scalp In Nation's Number 1 Game Thursday

Thousands of spectators will be in Austin Thursday to witness the annual grid-iron battle between the football teams of Texas A. & M. and the University of Texas.

This year's game promises to give the fans more than their money's worth as the Longhorns will play super-inspired ball in an effort to stop the Southwest Conference championship drive of the well-coordinated Aggie team.

Even though a win by the Orange and Whites would give them no chance in the championship play, they always consider a season well played and successful if they can win over the cadets. Likewise, the Aggies prefer a Texas University scalp to any other on their schedule.

Looking back twenty years, the

two teams were tied for the conference lead and the Turkey day game was played over "forty-acres" way. At the closing gun the score board read University of Texas—7, Visitors—3.

At present, both Matty Bell's Mustangs and Jess Neeley's Owls (Continued on Page 5)

Next Order For Senior Rings Will Be Sent Friday

Next order for senior rings will be sent at noon, Friday, E. J. Howell, Registrar, announced yesterday. This will be the last order that will be back in time for the Christmas holidays. Howell urged all seniors to place their order before leaving for the Thanksgiving holidays.