

Colorful Weekend Program Here Honors Aggie Parents

Eligibles Announced By Math Dept

30 Freshmen, 20 Sophomores Selected for Finals

Freshmen and sophomores eligible to take the final examination of the mathematics contests were announced recently by the Mathematics department. The final examination will be held May 19 at 7:30 p. m.

The math contest, an annual event, consists of two examinations in both the freshman and sophomore divisions. Preliminary tests are open to all students taking first and second year mathematics. The freshman exams cover college algebra, trigonometry and analytical geometry. The sophomore questions are on calculus. The contestants eligible to take the final examinations are chosen from those making the highest grades on the preliminary examinations. 30 freshmen and 20 sophomores are thus selected.

Prizes for the winners are gold watches for first and second place winners and ten dollars for third place winners in both divisions. These winners will be announced at a banquet attended by all those eligible to take the final tests.

Sophomores eligible to take the final examination are: W. M. Adkisson, J. A. Baird, D. S. Lansdon, R. L. Jolley, D. R. Sutherland, Guy Johnson, A. H. Lynch, S. R. Baen, Wm. Bever, A. J. Specia, J. H. Stone, O. A. Nance, L. H. Todd, C. G. Welling, J. T. Cox, J. C. Demney, S. J. Marwill, W. E. Huffhines, J. G. Goppert and W. J. Galloway.

Eligible freshmen are: L. L. Burns, L. E. Hiltbold, Jack Keith, E. H. Canfield, C. D. Hubert, J. M. Lozano, E. J. Pratt, W. M. Moseley, R. E. Alston, G. D. Boesche, W. F. Tate, R. B. Williams, Curtis Zahn, C. Brennecke, A. H. Fowler and J. H. Goatley.

D. M. Griffiths, R. R. Hawthorn, F. D. Hess, H. S. Jacobson, R. O. Thompson, A. S. McSwain, A. S. Morrison, B. F. Parker, C. W. Reagan, J. G. Richardson, D. L. Stillinger, L. W. Roddy, C. A. Riggs and R. J. Ridgway.

Corsages for the Ring Dance



Sidelight of last night's Senior Ring dance was the pre-dance rush given the student floral concession. The last-minute demand for corsages is evidenced in this picture which shows cadet employees making the corsages from flowers shipped here from Chicago, Denver, New Orleans and Houston.

Above, left to right, are J. J. Johnson, F. L. Barnes, Murray Evans, Louis R. Craig, Robert J. Moors, A. D. Lasell, W. F. Dickerson, Ken Bresnen and Clarence Sparkman. Lasell and Barnes are co-holders of the concession.

750 Seniors Top Off Four Years Of Social Events at Senior Ring Dance

Couples Perform Traditional Ceremony As Al Donahue's Band Plays Sweet Music

Approximately seven hundred and fifty military-uniformed A. & M. seniors observed the crowning social event of their college years with the sixth annual Senior Ring Banquet and Dance Friday night in Sbis Hall.

Tom Richey, president of the class, welcomed the seniors and their dates, and Mayo Thompson, a member of the class, acted as toastmaster for the occasion. The class historian, Aubrey Hamilton, traced the history and accomplishments of the very active men of '41.

Beginning at 7 p. m. and lasting until 9, the banquet and ring ceremony is an occasion never to be forgotten. Following the banquet, the Ring Dance began at 10 with Al Donahue and his orchestra presenting their "low down top hat rhythm" until 2 a. m.

After the speech-making part of the banquet program, while Donahue's sweet music was filling the room, each cadet and his escort ascended the steps behind the huge "ring" and paused in its center. The young lady then removed the senior's class ring from his finger and replaced it in the opposite position, with the '41 tower

ROTC Grads To Be Called For Active Duty

An announcement was made by the War Department Tuesday that more than 8,000 young officers would be called to active duty as second lieutenants this summer on their graduation from college and on completion of training in the reserve officers training corps.

The announcement was made in connection with the fixing of dates for R. O. T. C. summer training camp courses at 31 Army posts, beginning in June.

The R. O. T. C. summons was said to be an unprecedented step.

Engineers' Day Features Many Exhibits; Review to Highlight Sunday Festivities

Mothers, Dads Will Take Over Campus Sunday

After weeks of preparation and work, all is in order to greet the 12,000 visitors who will be on the campus this weekend for the annual festivities and program of the Mother's and Dad's Day at A. & M.

This morning at 10, the State Association of A. & M. Mother's Clubs will hold its annual meeting in the parlor of Sbis Hall. A tea honoring all visiting parents will be held in the lobby of the local Y. M. C. A. from 2 until 5 this afternoon. It will be sponsored by the Brazos County A. & M. Mother's Club.

This evening at eight o'clock, Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton will be at home to visiting parents when they honor them with an informal reception.

The program for Sunday will begin with the traditional pinning of red and white flowers upon cadets in rank formation in front of their respective dormitories. Each organization commander will designate a girl to pin the flowers on the men in his outfit. This ceremony will begin at 8 a. m. and last for approximately one hour.

At 9 the cadets of each regiment will march from their respective dormitory areas to the old parade grounds where they will stand in ranks for nearly thirty minutes. During this time, honors and presentations will be made to the highest military and scholastic students in school.

At 9:45 the cadet corps will pass in review. A special program honoring all parents will be presented at Kyle Field at 11:15. Following this affair, a picnic lunch will be held on the gridiron.

Parents will inspect the various dormitories from 1:30 until 3:30. The Texas A. & M. band will present a concert in Guion Hall during the next hour. This terminates the activities for Sunday.

Chairman of the Mother's Day committee is Preston M. Bolton, a senior student at A. & M. and son of Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college. Other members of the committee are: Thomas B. Richey, president of the senior class; Theodore E. Duce, a senior cadet; and L. L. Appelt, another senior cadet.

Weekend Maestro



Al Donahue is handling the musical end of this week's festivities. He and his orchestra played Friday night for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet, and will hold forth tonight at the corps dance.

Engineers Will Demonstrate Progress to Visitors

Today belongs to the student engineers of the college as they show the results of their progress and knowledge to the 12,000 visitors expected here to witness the festivities of the Twelfth Annual Engineers' day. Visitors and parents from all parts of the state will swarm over the campus noting exhibits, examining strange scientific instruments, and finding the latest developments in the various fields of engineering.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Student Engineering council, of which Ben Elliott of Dallas is president, and the school of engineering under Dean Gibb Gilchrist, the events of the day will attract commercial men and business representatives from throughout the nation as well as Aggie parents to examine scientific equipment. Joe F. Brown, Dallas, is the chairman of the day.

National Defense Theme

The theme of the twelfth annual engineers day will be national defense, a subject with which the college is intimately connected by reason of its military training, engineering graduates in defense industries, and the supplementary engineering courses for defense industries which is being taught at the college now.

Although the engineers' exhibits will be the main features of the day, the additional event of an Engineers Musical Revue to be held at 7:00 in Guion Hall will add a light note of comedy to the scientific atmosphere. The show is sponsored by the Student Engineering council. Each of the seven engineering departments of the college will present a skit concerning its work.

For the first time this year, the newly formed department of aeronautical engineering will participate in the activities. Howard W. Barlow, head of the department, will have exhibits showing airplane construction, control, and steps in designing. A motion picture, "The History of Aviation", will be shown to visitors.

The mechanical engineering department will have a vast display of equipment in the mechanical engineering shops which will feature metal casting, welding, air conditioning, and fluid experiments. The mechanical and steam laboratories will display machines for testing engines and show cut-away engines to explain their operation.

In cooperation with the Signal Corps regiment of the college R. O. T. C., the electric engineering department will demonstrate electrical equipment and show some of the strange activities and power of electricity.

Highway construction, structure models, strength testing apparatus and a surveying display will be shown by the civil engineering department.

Architects

In the field of architectural engineering, the department will show modern home designs, illustrated by models of latest type homes. A layout on the rehousing project in the city of Bryan will be displayed in miniature.

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McIntyre Promoted To Lieutenant Colonel

Lieut. Col. O. E. McIntyre, senior instructor of the Field Artillery regiment here, received his silver leaf, signifying his rank of a Lieut. Colonel in the United States Army, after he made a trip to San Antonio to take his physical examination May 5.

Col. McIntyre's promotion was effective last April 18, but he did not report to San Antonio until the first of this week to take the physical examination that all officers must pass to be eligible for promotion.

"The Old Order Changeth"

Hamilton Tells of Trials and Tribulations of Class of '41

By Aubrey Hamilton

It began four years ago on a hot, September day when twenty-two hundred men became Texas Aggies, the largest freshman class in the institution's history.

And today, as an international crisis rocks the world, we are preparing to complete our college careers as Texas Aggies.

Four years ago we entered A. & M. as near-dazed, befuddled freshmen. In four more weeks we will leave the school as potential defenders of our nation—537 of us as reserve second lieutenants.

So let's go behind the scenes for a little while and see just what has made this thing tick—the class of '41. What is its history?

As 'fish' we entered upon the normal routine which first-year cadets had been following for 64 years before us, and with us came a new commandant, now General George F. Moore, and Engineering Dean Gibb Gilchrist.

Our first glimpse of Aggie life came with College Night, and shortly thereafter the words "detail," "ram," "cuffs," and "Mister" were standard parts of our vocabulary.

Our first class election introduced us to the usual medium of A. & M. cadet politics—hat cords—

and saw Jimmy Giles elected president.

That year we learned the meaning of "Lizzie" and, too, we learned what "Taps" meant at football games. Texas U. bowed out on Kyle Field that year and, as far as we were concerned, that made the gridiron season a successful one.

The then-traditional April first celebration was given an all-American send-off by our class that year as we became the last fish class to celebrate the event.

Then came "Fish Day" and Final Review wasn't far off, and that was a red-letter day for us because then we were sophomores.

Jack Bailey headed our sophomore class as a comparatively uneventful year reeled off.

Then came our great junior year with Ele Baggett as proxy—and with it cuffs, a two million dollar building program and the college's first national championship football team.

The New Orleans corps trip and the Sugar Bowl game—which saw Tulane go down 14 to 13—was an event engraved deep in the minds of the corps and our class.

The dramatic move to secure day-and-date motion pictures for the corps and College Station was next. Led by last year's Cadet

Colonel Woody Varner, the resulting "non-patronization agreement" attracted nation-wide publicity and was the first step of the corps' move in that direction.

And then, near the end of our junior year, we laid the first foundation as seniors—the election of class officers.

Tom Richey became our president, Howard Shelton vice president and Jeff Montgomery secretary-treasurer.

Along with these men Jack Nelson was chosen social secretary of the class; Bob Nisbet, editor of The Battalion; George Fuermann, Battalion associate editor; Paul Haines, Town Hall manager; Morton Robinson, Longhorn editor; Tom Power, agriculturist editor; Ben Elliott, president of the Student Engineering Council; and Buster Keeton and Fouts Bland, head yell leaders. These men were to lead our class throughout its senior year.

September, 1940, ushered in a new commandant, Lieut. Col. James A. Watson. The enrollment hit an all-time high of 6500; Bill Becker became corps commander, and the largest senior class in history pointed toward June degrees.

The Burke-Wadsworth Bill came in November but draft-eligible Ag-

ard the end of his finger.

This act signifies that the senior has transformed from student to graduate, and he is supposed to wear his ring as it is placed forever after. The couple then kissed and descended the steps to the front, returning to their seats.

gies were exempt until at least July 1 as 537 advanced ROTC seniors heard rumors of possible immediate active duty upon graduation.

The football season saw the Aggies bid strong for bowl honors and, after tying with SMU for the conference championship, the team defeated Fordham in the Cotton Bowl 13 to 12.

With the end of that game also ended the collegiate gridiron careers of the greatest aggregation of A. & M. senior football players in history. Jim Thomason, John Kimbrough, Tommie Vaughn, Bill Conatser, Marion Pugh, Marland Jeffrey, Charley Henke, Ernie Pannell, Marshall Robnett, Chip Routt, Odell Herman and others bowed out that day.

A strike of the cadet corps was near at hand over the Christmas holiday argument. The then-current influenza epidemic was the corps' reason for requesting an early dismissal and, after considerable debate back and forth between the student body and the faculty, the Xmas leave was extended five days.

Another headline event took place during the Christmas holiday period as a persistent senior committee won from the board of