

Russ Morgan Is Bright Spot In Social Season



Playing at A. & M. twice in as many years, Russ Morgan furnished the music this year for the Field Artillery Ball. He played the year before for the Senior Ring dance. Morgan features sweet music and the voice of Maxine Conrad.

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Female-less... But A & M Has Topnotch Social Season

Eight Big-Name Orchestras Play Here
For Various Organization Dances and Balls

By Tom Gillis

Not so is the opinion which one might form that there is no social season at A. & M. Just because it is an all boys school is insufficient evidence in the light of the facts that this year eight big name bands have already played for campus dances and another has yet to be selected.

Russ Morgan and his Morganairs, Bernie Cummins, Al Donahue and Eddie Fitzpatrick are some of those that have played here this year. With Rhythms by Royd Raeburn, Bill Carlsen, Phil Levant, and Duke Ellington various regiments have had their balls and numerous corps dances.

And Ed Minnock and the Aggieland Orchestra, Ed Gerlack from Hunsville, and Johnny Sullivan from Houston play frequently for dances and social events during the football season.

Al Donahue and his nationally famed orchestra will play for the Senior Ring Dance this year, and only such a top notch orchestra would do for this occasion. This ceremony has so much tradition and meaning behind it that it is more than just an ordinary dance. During the evening each senior and his date steps into a huge replica of the Aggie senior ring. The girl then removes the Aggie's ring and turns it around so that he wears it with the numeral down, signifying graduation, and they embrace and step from the ring to dance. Al will also play for the corps dance following.

An orchestra for the Junior Prom and Final Ball has not yet been selected but it will be some big name band. The Final Ball is always the night before Final Review, where every cadet bids his friends farewell until next year and seniors bid the corps goodbye.

But these dances are only more poured on top of the already successful social season. Things started last October and November with a corps dance after every home football game. This year each was fortunately a victory dance. And early in the second semester began the series of regimental balls and corps dances. Each of the six military regiments on the campus has its ball on some Friday night, attended only by members of that regiment, followed on Saturday by an official corps dance which any cadet or friend may attend.

The Field Artillery regiment this year had Russ Morgan and his Morganairs for their prom. Last year Russ played for the Senior Ring dance and was voted the second best orchestra to play here that year by a campus poll. With his Music in the Morgan Manner, Russ made his theme song "Does Your Heart Beat For Me" the most popular tune of the week.

Bernie Cummins and his new vocalist Jeri Sullivan furnished the music for the Coast Artillery ball and corps dance. His arrangements of "Dark Eyes" and "Perfidia" showed why he was selected as the best band last year and made a good bid for the same honor this time.

Then followed Rhythms by Raeburn as Boyd Raeburn played for the Composite regiment. Raeburn

made his first trip into Texas to play for this occasion for most of his fame has been built up in the Wisconsin and Minnesota area. Bill Carlsen, who has played engagements at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, furnished the

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Pre-Med School Is Outstanding Division of Arts and Sciences; 100 Students Study to Enter Medical Schools

By Bill Clarkson

A. & M. is generally thought of as being an institution exclusively for agricultural and engineering students or students taking courses in conjunction with these two fields. However, the school of arts and sciences, now in its tenth year of existence, has many divisions under it that do not pertain to agriculture or engineering. One of the outstanding divisions of the arts and sciences school is the preparatory medicine division.

Approximately 100 students were enrolled as pre-meds at the beginning of school last September, 62 of which were members of the freshman class. The courses offered in this division will enable any of these students to enter a Class A medical school upon completion of the requirements.

Closely connected with the pre-med program is the A. & M. Pre-Medical Society, composed of more than 40 students. Its primary purpose is to aid the students in be-

coming acquainted with their professors and fellow students. Also it helps them become acquainted with the point of view of medical men. Each year the society as a group makes an inspection trip to one of the Texas medical schools, viewing class rooms and laboratories and witnessing several operations in the hospitals adjoining the schools. The Society makes a trip to Austin every spring to attend the State Pre-Medical Banquet at which representatives from almost every Texas college are present.

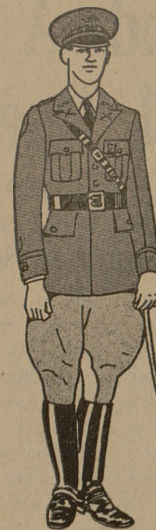
The Pre-Medical Society invites the deans of the two Texas medical schools to A. & M. each year as guest speakers at the annual banquet. While they are here, they usually have personal interviews with the students, giving the future doctors advice as to what courses are necessary for medical school preparation and also giving them an insight into the life of a medical student.

Other activities of the club this year included two medical films and several speakers picked from the College faculty.

A new organization, the United Science Clubs, affiliated with the Collegiate Division of the Texas Academy of Science, was formed this year, the Pre-Medical Society being a member. Its purpose is to bind together several of the science clubs into one coordinated whole, foster the scientific attitude and promote interest in science, promote friendly inter-club rivalry and to furnish a basis for the selection of speakers and delegates to represent A. & M. at the meetings of the Texas Academy of Science.

The two Texas medical schools require at least three years of college work and less than ten per cent of the students admitted to medical schools in the United States have as little as two years of pre-medical training.

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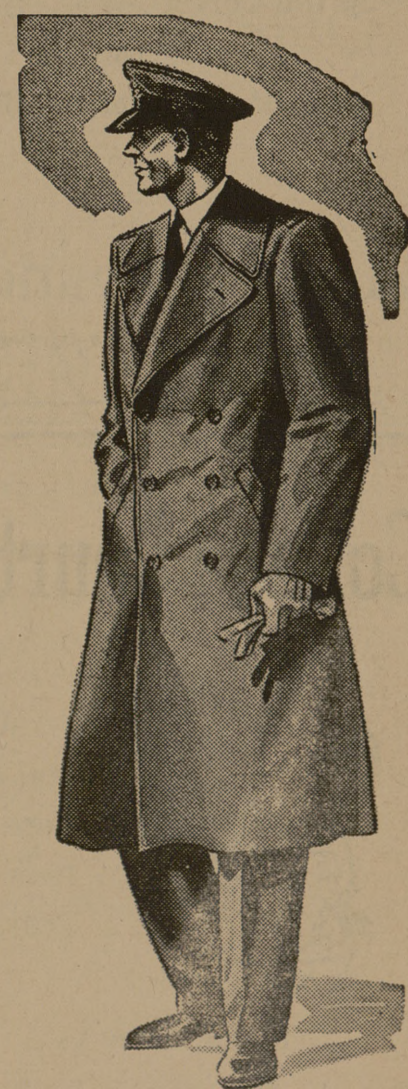
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