

## Skeen Sells Freshmen on Idea of Aggie Spirit



An estimated crowd of over 8,000 heard yell leader Skeen Staley tell A. & M.'s record breaking crop of freshmen about the traditions and customs of the college on the Y. M. C. A. steps at the College Night activities last Thursday evening. He was assisted in putting over his ideas by J. O. Alexander, the other senior yell leader, and Jack Nagel and Chuck Chalmers, the two junior yell leaders for the year. President T. O. Walton, Lieut. Joe Davis, Professor D. W. Williams, Richard Jenkins, E. L. Angell, and Dean Gibb Gilchrist were the others who spoke from the Y steps. At the completion of the talks and following the presentation of the batons to the drum majors of the band, Coach Homer Norton introduced the members of the football team to the crops.—Staff Photo by Jack Jones.

## Applicants For Contracts Finish Physical Exams by Tomorrow

### Approximately 500 New Contracts Awarded to Juniors; 175 Electives

Those students who have qualified scholastically for first year advanced contracts began taking their physical examinations yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at the college hospital. Examinations are under the supervision of four regular army officers and four enlisted men from the army medical corps. Physical exams will continue to be given until Wednesday

afternoon. Sgt. N. I. Beck, Sgt. Major of the Military Department, stated yesterday afternoon. It is estimated that approximately 550 or 600 first-year advanced men will have undergone the procedure by that time, he said.

At the present time, the exact number of contracts to be given first year advanced students is not definitely known but it is supposed by the Military department that there will be a minimum of 500.

The probable number of new contracts to be given the Infantry will be 118; the Cavalry, 44; Field Artillery, 125; Coast Artillery, 91; Engineers, 55; Signal Corps, 37; and Chemical Warfare, 30.

Those students having successfully completed summer camp and desire to continue their work in military science are, Inf., 146; Cav., 61; Field Artillery, 139; Coast Artillery, 86; Engineers, 66; Signal Corps, 26; and Chemical Warfare, 33. The Signal Corps is the only organization eligible for more contracts this year than were given to first year advanced students of that branch last year.

The approximate number of students to be enrolled in junior military science this year is 678. 176 students will be allowed to take the advanced course as an elective.

## Senior Meet In Guion Set On Thursday

### Class Officers And Corps Trips Objects of Action

The first meeting of the Senior Class of '42 will be held in Guion Hall immediately after yell practice Thursday night for the purpose of electing class officers for the coming year, Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis announced yesterday.

One of the most important items under discussion will be corps trips during the coming football season, Gillis stated, as well as class sections in the stadium. The Senior section in Guion hall which will be used for the showing of movies for the Y. M. C. A. following the completion of work being done to make the building soundproof, will be another important item under discussion. Arrangements for the exact location of the senior section have yet been completed.

Gillis, vice-president of the Junior class last year will preside at the meeting and during the election. The votes will be counted by yell leaders and will be tabulated and announced from the platform.

Only one official corps trip is scheduled this year according to the college regulations. A second trip is usually granted to the corps by a petition of the senior class to the executive committee. The official corps trip for the '41 season will be for the T. C. U. game in Fort Worth, October 18. In the past the Houston corps trip for the Rice game has always been the second trip of the season. November 18 is the date of the game this year.

## Club Lists Must Be In By October First—Joe Skiles

### No Participation In Campus Activities If Requirements Unfilled

The constitution of all campus clubs and a list from each club of its officers must be on file in the student activities office by October 1 if the clubs are to participate in any of the year's activities under the direction of the Student Activities Committee Joe Skiles, director of the student activities, has announced.

Under a new system of organization of student activities this year benefit shows are to be eliminated and a method employed whereby twenty per cent of the proceeds of Assembly hall—later to be Guion Hall Y. M. C. A. pictures will go to student organizations. The method of allocation of funds has not yet been arranged.

The official list of clubs and their officers will appear in the Battalion soon after October 1 if they are turned in to the Student Activities office before this time. It is important that any club wishing to participate in receiving of funds to be allocated by the activities committee as soon as possible.

All club secretaries in order to be able to check out and deposit funds for the club and to act officially for their respective organizations must report to the Student Activities office and sign a card for their office.

Club reporters who wish to send articles to the Agriculturist for Agricultural and Arts and Science clubs should contact Roland Bing editor of the Agriculturist and reporters for Engineering clubs should contact Billy Davis, editor of the Engineer. Reports for the Battalion should be turned in on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays after the meetings.

## Waco Mothers Pledge \$100 For Student Lounge Fund

One hundred dollars was pledged to the A. & M. Student Lounge Fund to aid in furnishing a proposed lounge for the old dormitory area, similar to Kiest Lounge in the new area, by the Waco A. & M. Mothers' Club at a meeting held in the Municipal Building of Cameron Park in Waco last Friday afternoon.

Tom Gillis, Cadet Colonel, Fred Smitham, "Y" cabinet president; Terry Thrift, "Y" cabinet vice-president, and Preston Bolton, former president of the "Y" cabinet attended the meeting.

This brings the total pledged funds for the lounge to \$915. The other money has been pledged by various other mothers' clubs over the state.

Mrs. W. C. Bledsoe, president of the Waco Mothers' Club, presided at the meeting. Bolton spoke of the need for the student lounge in the old area, and Gillis expressed the appreciation of the cadet corps to the mothers' club for the pledge. The pledged money is to be used solely for furnishing the lounge and not for maintenance after it is completed.

## Upperclassmen Greeted by Prexy Saturday Morning

### Walton Predicts Great Year for A & M; Seniors Have Responsibilities

President T. O. Walton gave the welcoming address to the old students at a meeting of juniors and seniors at 11 in Guion Hall Saturday morning.

Dr. Walton announced his pleasure at seeing all of the Aggies once more and stressed the fact that by the cooperation of student body and staff that this would be the greatest year in A. & M. history. He reminded the upperclassmen of their responsibilities and the leadership they would be expected to show during the coming year.

Richard Jenkins, leader of the Singing Cadets led the classes in a number of songs and presented several selections of his own.

Dr. Walton presented some of the faculty members and college officials to the students: E. L. Angell, who took Colonel Ike Ashburn's place; Dean F. C. Bolton, vice-president of the College; Dean T. D. Brooks, of the Graduate School; acting Dean D. W. Williams for the Agricultural School; Dean Gibb Gilchrist, Engineering school.

Cadet Captain Bradford Hardie led in the invocation and Reverend R. L. Brown, College Station Baptist Church gave the benediction.

## Wilmeth Announces First Issue Of Batt Magazine Tomorrow

The first issue of the Battalion magazine will be issued to students Wednesday an announcement from Gene Wilmeth in charge of circulation stated today. The hour for distribution will be announced in the mess halls Wednesday, Wilmeth said.

Pete Tumlinson, editor of the magazine, said that all the stories and cartoons presented in this issue of the magazine will concern Aggies and Aggieland. It will be the objective of the magazine staff to keep the magazine centered as much as possible on the Aggies and Aggieland.

Anyone interested in joining the magazine staff or in contributing articles should contact Tumlinson at the Battalion office. Students who have a desire to join the art staff are always in demand Tumlinson stated.

## Defense Pipe Line Begins Texas-N. Y.

Somewhere between Texas and New York men are undertaking preliminary work on what will be one of the world's great pipe lines. It is designed to aid the national defense program, and to relieve the oil shortage on the Atlantic seaboard caused by the diversion of tankships to war service.

## Enrollment Passes Previous Records; Still Increasing

The enrollment for the year 1941-42, as known up to noon Saturday showed that this is the largest registration, both of old students and freshmen, in the history of the college. At that time it showed a 37.4 percent increase over the same time five years ago with students still registering.

Final enrollment figures will not be known until October 10, when final count of the students signed up for the different courses will be made. Up until Saturday there were 123 more students registered than at the same time last year with 6510 now and 6387 at the same date last year and 4075 in 1936, five years ago.

## Lindholm Added To Economics Dept.

Richard W. Lindholm of Dallas was recently added to the staff of the Economics department filling the vacancy left when R. L. Elkins was called to the army. He was an instructor in the University of Texas last year where he taught economics.

Lindholm received his B. A. degree from Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota in 1935 and his M. A. degree from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis in 1938. He has been studying at the University of Texas at Austin where he is a candidate for a Ph. D. degree.

As an instructor in the University of Texas and at the College of St. Thomas at St. Paul, Minnesota, Lindholm has gained considerable experience as shown by a transcript of his record that was presented to Dr. F. B. Clark, head of the department of Economics.

## SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINES

- Sept. 16 through 22—Field Artillery.
- Sept. 23 through 29—Infantry.
- Sept. 30 through Oct. 5—Composite Regiment.
- Oct. 6 through Oct. 8—Cavalry.
- Oct. 9 through Oct. 13—Engineers.
- Oct. 14 through Oct. 17—Coast Artillery.

## English and Biology Departments Add Members To Faculty

The college faculty has been increased by two new members in the English Department and one in the Biology Department.

The Department of Biology has secured the services of J. J. Sperry of Lincoln, Nebraska. Sperry is to be an instructor in the fields of Botany and Plant Ecology. He comes from the University of Nebraska and has been on summer employment with Dr. F. E. Clements of Pikes Peak Ecological Station.

James T. Howard and Dr. A. M. Saunders were recently added to the staff of the English department and Dr. A. H. Sakowitz is returning after three years absence to the English staff.

Dr. Sakowitz, in his absence, has been working on his Ph. D. from Harvard University. Howard received his M. A. from the University of Texas. He also did graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Saunders received his Ph. D. from John Hopkins University. He did graduate work at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and received his M. A. from University of Illinois. He taught at Alabama Polytechnic, Mississippi and at the University of Illinois besides John Hopkins where he worked on his Ph. D. degree.

## Drum and Bugle Corps Furnishes Cadence For Meals

Starting yesterday morning, the Drum and Bugle corps made its first appearance to play for the corps while it marched to meals.

Two units were organized last spring, one for each mess hall; and they will alternate weekly at each mess hall so that the same unit will not be required to play at the same place all the time.

Arrangements for the drum and bugle corps to play were made last year by Lieut. Col. J. A. Watson, former commandant, and funds were provided to pay the musicians. The drum and bugle corps was organized to improve the appearance of the cadet corps marching to meals, to furnish a uniform cadence, and to increase the morale of the cadets.

## Ground Broken For New Baptist Church

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new building of the First Baptist Church of College Station was held at 12:30 Monday. A large group of students, local people and out-of-town guests gathered in front of the old building for this service.

Reverend R. L. Brown, pastor of the church, read Scripture passage, which was followed by the dedicatory prayer by Dr. W. D. Hudgin, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

A. D. Foreman, Houston, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, spoke briefly to the assembled crowd. He said that the erection of this building was of the greatest importance and of unusual significance because of the fact that it is the culmination of twenty years of effort. He said that this is the first time that Texas Baptists have built a building in its entirety. The new church building is made possible by nearly three-quarters of a million Baptists of the state.

Foreman paid tribute to Reverend and Mrs. R. L. Brown who have given their lives in faithful devotion and service in beginning and carrying on the Baptist work for A. & M. and the surrounding community.

Pictures were taken of Mr. Foreman and the Reverend Brown as they turned over the first shovels of dirt.

## Rumor of Huge Moccasin Brings Many Visitors Here

Persistent rumors of a snake reputedly weighing 125 pounds have brought numerous inquiries and visitors to the A. & M. Museum which supposedly had the reptile on display. Attempts by the Museum staff to determine the source of the rumors have been unsuccessful.

About two weeks ago, the first inquiry about the snake was received from a visitor who said a story was carried in a Houston paper about a huge snake which had been found near Navasota. A Mexican who allegedly found the snake was reported dead from a bite. According to the story, the snake was killed with dynamite, and was a water moccasin weighing 125 pounds. A check of files of the Houston paper failed to locate the story.

A few days later other visitors said the water moccasin had been seized out of the Navasota River by two negroes, who were bitten

and died. One visitor said he read a story which stated that the specimen was being prepared for display by the A. & M. Museum or was being studied by professors from the college.

Another version stated that the snake had bitten a small boy who had survived. No apparent source for the story can be offered by the majority of the visitors to the Museum. Most of them have heard the story repeated by someone.

The rumors have been consistent in reporting that the snake was a water moccasin and weighed 125 pounds and that the snake was killed by dynamite and sent to A. & M.

"The cottonmouth or water moccasin is not a large snake and none has been received by the Museum at A. & M. So far as can be determined, the story has no basis of fact," Dr. O. M. Ball, curator of the Museum, said.

## Registrants Entitled To Appeal Local Draft Board Classifications

Every registrant is entitled to appeal from any classification by his local board and no one has the right to deny him that privilege, General J. Watt Page, State Selective Service Director, declared.

In all cases local boards and government appeal agents must make every effort to insure protection of the registrant's right of appeal regardless of whether or not they think the appeal is justified, he said.

Any registrant who is dissatisfied with a determination of his local board may appeal the decision to the board of appeals and no one has legal power to interfere with his efforts to get a review of his case, the Director said. Citing Selective Service Regulations relating to appeals, General Page pointed out that a registrant, any person who claims to be a dependent of a registrant, or any person who has filed written evidence of the occupational necessity of the registrant, may appeal from any local board classification, or from any local board finding as to physical and mental qualification after physical examination made while appeal is pending.

Government Agents. The Regulations also provide, he said, that appeals may be taken by a government appeal agent for his local board area, a State Director of Selective Service for any local board area in his State, and

## Aggie to Rule Over Robertson Fair

A king to rule over the Robertson County Fair next October 2 at Franklin will be chosen from the A. & M. cadet corps, J. S. Mogford announced yesterday.

Mogford and Mrs. Mogford, Howard Briens, Tildon Eashby, and Bugs Tate went to Franklin Friday night to select the queen who, with the seven ladies of her court and their escorts, will rule with the Aggie who is to be chosen king.

## TOWN HALL TICKETS

Student Season Tickets for Town Hall may be obtained from any company commander for the regular student price of \$2.00 between Tuesday, September 16, and Monday, September 22.

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