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Seniors Officially Take Over At Tonight's Meeting

Prexy Squelches Rumors; New Dorms To Open In Feb.

Power for Buildings Furnished at The Expense of Street Lighting if Necessary

Every possible effort is being made to put the four new dormitories now being constructed on the northwest corner of the campus into actual use by the beginning of the second semester even if it is necessary to minimize street lighting and other non-essential electrical output to be able to light them, President T. O. Walton said in an interview Wednesday.

The president's statement was made to counteract the rumors circulating the campus that the dormitories would not be opened because the power plant would not be able to furnish the necessary amount of electricity for lighting the new buildings.

The college power plant is operating at its capacity to furnish the power that is now being used. An additional amount of electricity cannot be produced without a new power turbine.

The only solution offered by the power plant officials is to conserve electricity that is being used for the old dormitories and other buildings where the power is not entirely essential.

An order was placed for another turbine last year but because of national defense priority listings it will not be shipped from the factory until the latter part of the school year.

Contracts were let for the new buildings last spring after an appropriation by the Senate Committee for a building program at A. & M. Construction work was begun by a company in Houston who originally planned to have the dormitories ready for occu-

pancy by the latter part of this semester. At that time it was not anticipated by college officials that it would be impossible to obtain the proper power facilities to furnish electricity for the buildings.

The plan to furnish the dormitories with power will not alter the lighting facilities of buildings that are essential for the normal function of college activities.

'The Twelfth Man' New Song of Corps Presented Tuesday

Singing Cadets Start Year By Offering New Piece at Yell Practice

The new Aggie song, "The Twelfth Man", written by Mrs. Ford Munnerlyn will be presented for the first time Tuesday night at yell practice. Pete Adams, president of the Singing Cadets, says that the presentation of this new song at their first performance is going to be the start of what he hopes to be the most successful season in the history of the group.

Contrary to the popular opinion, anybody is eligible for membership in the Singing cadets, Adams also said. Any person with a love of good music is sincerely invited to join the club. It is not necessary to know how to sing or read music to participate in the activities of the minor club.

The major club which will contain between 90 and 110 members will make several trips this winter. Plans are not definite but it is expected that they will make one tour in December, another in February, and another sometime after the first of April to T. S. C. W.

Organization Of Student Welfare Group Under Way

The Student Welfare committee is now being organized and elections are being held to elect one senior from each military battalion on the campus and one senior from the band. Also three representatives from the junior class, two representatives from the Sophomore class, and one representative from the freshmen class will be elected in the near future. Other members of the committee are the cadet colonel, senior class president, editor of The Battalion, and several members of the faculty.

The Student Welfare committee was organized a number of years ago as a faculty-student group before which both faculty and students might bring their problems, so that each might better understand the other side, and so that work might be started toward remedying these problems and instituting new projects for the betterment of A. & M. With the years it has grown both in size and accomplishments. This year there are seventeen members of the college faculty and twenty-four members of the student body.

As yet the only known members of the committee are Tom Gillis, cadet colonel, and Don Gabriel, Battalion editor. Gillis is the student chairman while Dean Bolton is the faculty chairman. The other faculty members are: F. W. Hensel, M. L. Cashion, E. E. McQuillen, C. W. Crawford, Daniel Russell, D. W. Williams, C. C. Doak, W. L. Penberthy, C. B. Campbell, C. N. Sheppardson, A. J. Bennett, J. T. L. McNew, J. H. Milliff, E. L. Angell, J. C. Hotard and V. M. Fiars.

WANTED!

A piano player to work with the SINGING CADETS. Must be able to read sight fairly well. Do you qualify? See Richard W. Jenkins in the Student Activities office.

To the Twelfth Man - An Appeal

An Editorial Expression

By Mike Haikin
Battalion Sports Editor

Coach Homer Norton has made an urgent appeal to the famous "Twelfth Man" of Aggieland for some centers. What are we going to do about it? Not since 1930 when Coach Matty Bell was faced with a similar problem has such a situation existed. Matty called for volunteers from the campus for a center, and the Twelfth Man responded immediately.

Today, our boys need some centers very desperately. Sam Rankin is ineligible, Leonard Holder is in danger of the draft, and Maurice Williams has been shifted to center, where he is not accustomed. Bill Sibley and A. J. Mercer are left, but both are inexperienced, and it would be hard for them to hold down a sixty-minute job of football playing. That's the situation, ole Army. Are we going to let the team down? Not on your life. It's the football team that has brought us fame and publicity all over the country for the past two years and it would only be fitting if we could lend a helping hand to Coach Homer Norton.

So if you are eligible for varsity football, and have played center at one time or another, be sure and let Coach Norton or his staff know about it. Who knows, you may be an All-American.

YMCA Lounge Fast Turning From a Dream into a Reality

A Battalion Feature

Fast changing from an idea into a reality is the student lounge for the old area students. Plans for building washroom and lounging facilities in the old Y.M.C.A. similar to Kiest Lounge were started last spring.

The idea was to arrange for A. & M. Mothers Clubs throughout the state to make contributions for the furnishing of the room and for the upkeep to be a responsibility of the Y.M.C.A.

Mothers of Aggies from Temple were the ones to start the ball rolling with a pledge of \$65. Other clubs to follow were the Houston Mothers with \$100; San Antonio, \$100; San Angelo, \$50; Dallas, \$100; Fort Worth, \$100; Waco, \$100. An additional pledge from the Dallas club of \$400 brings the total to \$1015.

All contributions are handled by the Student Lounge Committee composed of Preston Bolton, executive of the "Y" Cabinet; Fred Smitham, now president of the "Y" Cabinet; Terry Thrift, vice president; and Tom Gillis, cadet colonel.

The present tentative plans are for the lounge to be built in one of the circular wings of the Y. M. C. A. Building by enclosing the area in glass. This lounge will be open to students and visitors at all times since it will be under the direct supervision of the Y. M. C. A.

In charge of the project is Ernest Langford, who has secured

Newly-Elected Prexy Miller of Radio Club Makes Plans for Year

Monroe Miller, newly chosen president of the A. & M. Radio Club Wednesday night announced new plans and policies of the club for the coming year. Membership in the club will not be restricted to licensed radio amateurs but will be open to all students interested in radio communication, Miller said.

Other officers of the club who were elected Tuesday night were Jabus Barker, vice-president; O. G. Williams, secretary; G. W. Halton, treasurer; and Jack Keith, reporter. In addition to these officers, a staff of technicians was elected to advise the club on transmitter designs and to make suggestions along technical lines. Those elected to this staff were George Huebner, Monroe Miller, and Jabus Barker.

The A. & M. Radio Club has its own amateur transmitter and communications receiver for the use of its members. The station is located on the third floor of the electrical engineering building. Through the cooperation of the electrical engineering department and the national defense course, a new transmitter is being constructed for the club. It will be completed in the near future, Miller said.

Mosley and Swank, architects, to study the Y. M. C. A. building and formulate plans for a student lounge and ladies' wash room. These plans are to be completed in time to present them for final sanction to the A. & M. Board of Directors meeting on October 4. Upon the approval of the board, bids for construction will be started immediately.

The furnishing of the room was estimated by one furniture company to approximate \$5000, of which one-fifth has been contributed. This estimate cannot be considered as the definite amount because of the uncertainty of the size and type of construction.

The lounge has become a greater necessity this year than it has ever been since all rooms in the old dormitory area are being occupied by three students and the completion of construction of the four new dormitories will greatly increase the number of students using that area.

Eventful Season Forseen by Senior Livestock Judges

Senior Livestock Judging contestants planned numerous trips during the coming year when they held their first meeting of the year Tuesday when 15 students met with Irvin Edwards of the animal husbandry department.

Edwards outlined the plans for the team during the coming year and announced that members will practice Monday through Friday from five until seven p. m. and will hold contests here on Saturdays. On September 27, October 4, 10, and 11, the group will go to Dallas to work on material at the State Fair.

On October 18 six of the men will enter the American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging contest and on November 29 the International Livestock Judging Contest at Chicago.

Enroute to Kansas City the group will stop at Oklahoma A. & M. for a workout. On the way to Chicago the group will visit outstanding livestock farms in Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, and Illinois.

Five of the candidates were on the winning team in a similar contest in Fort Worth last spring. Edwards pointed out, however, that the standings were so close last year that any of the other candidates might replace some of these men.

Those men present at the meeting Tuesday were W. T. Berry, C. W. Bode, M. L. Burks, N. V. Craig, Jack Cleveland, G. H. Grote, F. J. Hess, H. D. Jackson, V. J. Loeffler, A. L. Murry, W. L. Pendleton, Milton Ruble, A. E. Pronger, T. E. Stuart, and J. D. Wheat.

Senior Court To Investigate Each Case Individually

Senior from Organization Of Accused on Jury; First Session Not Yet Scheduled

A personal investigation of each case before its trial will mark the difference in the operations of this year's Senior Court actions from those of the past. In order that the circumstances of a case may be more fully understood, a senior from the organization of the accused will be detailed to sit in on the court during the trial, Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis stated.

The first session of the court will be held as soon as enough cases are referred to it. Blanks for Senior Court charges will be put in first sergeant boxes in the next few days.

Offenses

Senior Court offenses will normally consist of the following: non-reg in Bryan, absence without leave, disrespect to cadet officers, non-reg at corps dances, sitting in the senior section at athletic contests and at picture shows, throwing water in halls, defacing college property, acts on or off the campus which reflect discredit on the college, and any offense which may be referred to the court by the Commandant.

The court shall consist of six organization commanders and the Corps Commander, or the Corps Executive, or one of the Regimental Commanders, who will preside over the court. The members of the court including the presiding officer will be detailed from a roster maintained by the Corps Commander who will be responsible for detailing the court to meet at a designated time.

Meets Twice Monthly

The court shall meet twice monthly for formal consideration of offenses which may be referred to it for action and informally as often as necessary for consideration of charges prior to the formal hearing.

The members of the court, the (See SENIOR MEET, page 4)

Civil Service Jobs Call for Applicants

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations for the positions of assistant communications operator, \$1,620 a year and junior communications operator, \$1,440 a year, for employment in Fourth region, Bureau of Federal Airways, Civil Aeronautics Administration, which has headquarters at Fort Worth. Vacancies in the position of under communications operator, \$1,260 a year will also be filled from the registers resulting from these examinations.

The fourth region comprises the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Applications may be filed with the Manager, Tenth U. S. Civil Service District, Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana, until further notice. Applications will be rated as received and certification made as the needs of the service require.

Town Hall Comes up With Extra Surprise Feature - Red Nichols

By Charlie Babcock

With his torrid trumpet "wailing to the four winds," Red Nichols' dance band will make its initial appearance on the Aggieland campus the weekend of October 10 through 12.

Nichols and company will be featured at a regular Town Hall performance the night of Friday, October 10. Following the Town Hall presentation, the scene of music merry-making will shift to the confines of Sbis Hall for one on the traditional Aggie corps dances.

Ranked by George Simon, music critic for Metronome, as the "surprise sensation of 1941," Ni-

Remaining Key Positions For '42 Men to be Filled

Additional Corps Trip and Results Of Picture Committee Up for Discussion

Tonight marks the official beginning of the rule of the class of 1942 after the election of class officers in Guion Hall immediately following yell practice. Under present conditions this year's class is faced with more serious responsibilities than any time before. Since the revised policy of the commandant's office to allow the seniors a greater part in the conducting of affairs pertaining to the cadet corps it is expected that the election will be the incentive for a greater percentage of turn out and interest than has been shown in recent years.

The election of officers tonight will close the elections to key positions for the senior class for this year.

Gillis Presides

Tom Gillis, cadet colonel, will preside over the meeting and the votes taken will be counted by the regimental commanders. Voting will be done on the signed ballot system.

Other subjects up for discussion will be the corps trips, senior sections in Guion Hall, which is to be used for a picture show upon the completion of the proper equipment and alterations. Also to be decided upon will be the senior sections at football games, both in Kyle Field and on corps trips.

Corps Trips

In previous years there has been granted one official corps trip and one unofficial trip has been permitted through a petition to the (See COURT, Page 4)

Sunday Afternoon Recorded Program Now in the Making

Regular Sunday afternoon programs of recordings will be played for the corps from three-thirty until four-thirty in the future from the dome of the Academic building if the arrangements now being made can be carried out officials of the college said late yesterday afternoon.

Bob Shuffler, technician of W. T. A. W. will be in charge of the programs and will select the records. The loud speaker system was given to the college by the mothers' clubs of the state. The speakers are audible all over the old campus and are partly audible in the new area. This sound system is also used for playing silver taps.

Records and concerts from the W.T.A.W. studios on the second floor of the Y.M.C.A. have attracted favorable attention of campus visitors and officials and when mentioned in the organization commanders meeting Monday night it was decided that such a program be permanently arranged.

An experimental program was conducted Sunday afternoon and received much favorable comment. Similar programs were conducted during the summer session and were featured at intervals during the 1940-41 term. A long program was presented on Sunday afternoon before the Home Demonstration Club's Short Course which was held during the past summer and it too received favorable comment.

Student Aid Seeks Contribution From Every A & M Cadet

Money Should be Given To Company Commanders At Earliest Possible Date

Every Aggie is being asked to contribute 15¢ to the Student Aid Fund. This money should be turned in to each organization commander as soon as possible. In turn they are to turn the money in to the Student Activities office immediately.

The Student Aid Committee which supervises the fund is composed of two seniors, Skeen Staley and Tom Gillis; three faculty members, Dr. Dan Russell, E. L. Angell, Geo. Wilcox; and two juniors, as yet unselected.

The purpose of the Student Aid Fund is to help worthy Aggies who need medical attention for their continued well being and good health while in school. The fund also sends flowers and notes of sympathy from the entire corps to the families of deceased Aggies.

The fund started from money raised by the students to help George Stidham, an Aggie who was seriously injured in 1939. The money is loaned to students who are asked to sign a non-maturing, non-interest bearing note for the amount of money received from the fund. The student is asked to name a date at some future time, after his graduation, when he feels he will be able to repay the money. The Aggie is reminded of this only once and he has only an honorary obligation to pay. Nothing more is said if the cadet does not repay the money. The returned money is used again to help more Aggies.

Barry Francks '41 Plunges to Instant Death at Kelly Field

Lt. Barry Church Francks, Jr., class of '41, of Brady, Texas, was killed instantly at Kelly Field last Tuesday by an airplane collision. Francks was an instructor at the field and was flying with aviation cadet Joseph C. Foley of Dallas when his plane collided with another plane about 800 feet in the air. Francks and Foley bailed out of the plane and were both killed after their parachutes failed to open.

Francks attended A. & M. for three years before going to Kelly Field where he was graduated in 1940.

chols is considered as tops where immortals of jazz are concerning. The Downbeat, favorite among musicians' newspapers, states that Nichols climbed to fame ten years ago with the more than able assistance of his celebrated "Five Pennies."

Perhaps his main attribute is the ingenious arrangement of danceable tunes—a type of music that is fresh and identifiable.

Word should be added that this presentation is an extra feature of the Town Hall program, and holders of student season tickets will be admitted at no extra cost. As announced earlier in the year, another big-time swing band will

be guest artist of the Town Hall series in addition to Nichols and troupe.

Students may secure season tickets from their organization commanders through Monday, September 22—tickets which will be valid for the entire season's program.

As an aftermath of his appearance at College Station, Nichols will travel to Houston for a Saturday night engagement. Due to the lack of local accommodations, the Nichols band will probably make their residence in Houston during the brief stay in south Texas.