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Rope Stops Onlookers At Slab Dances

Sophs Must Bring
Dates to Juke Proms;
Ring Dance Is Jan 15

A resolution to place a rope around the new outdoor dance floor approximately 50 feet from the fence beyond which no one who is not attending the dance will be allowed to pass was passed by a large majority at a meeting of the senior class last night. The purpose of this resolution was to keep "hangers on" away from the immediate vicinity of the dance to prevent disturbing noise and rowdiness and also to admit more fresh air to the floor. It was pointed out that if the outdoor dances are not successful, they will have to be moved back into Shiba Hall.

Keeping excess crowds from the area in which the pavilion is located will also facilitate traffic and parking accommodations and thus allow more dancers to park near the slab. Guards will be on duty during the dances to enforce this resolution, it was decided.

Sophomores will no longer be allowed to attend Juke Box Proms without dates as a result of action taken to relieve the overwhelming number of stags who have attended these dances in the past. However, they will be allowed to attend all corps dances without dates if they so desire. Freshmen as in the past must have dates to attend dances.

January 15 has been set as the tentative date for the Senior Ring Dance. This dance will fall one week before the graduation exercises. Since there will be no classes for seniors the last week of school, holding the Ring Dance on the proposed night will mean that the seniors may leave after the dance and return a week later for the Final Ball and Final Review.

Other action taken at the meeting concerned the wearing of the eagle belt buckle. The class voted the wearing of this buckle a senior privilege, and underclassmen are warned not to wear this buckle, as the rule will be enforced accordingly.

DANCE SLAB CONTEST FORM

Name for Dance Slab.....
 Your Name.....
 Organization..... P. O. Box.....

College's Purpose in Days Gone By Considerably Altered from Today's Aim

"...a Refuge for Rough, Unprincipled Boys, Whose Parents Were Ashamed of Them..." -- '95 Yearbook

Editor's Note: This article inauguates a series of feature stories by John Holman on the origins of the cadet corps and its traditions and the activities associated with the college.

By John Holman

"...a refuge for rough, unprincipled boys, whose parents were ashamed of them..." — 1895 Olio, First Yearbook.

Today, Texas A. & M. sprawls out over forty-five hundred of Brazos County's acres, and has every facility available to make this one of the finest educational institutions in the country.

But in 1895, the date Aggieland saw its first year-book published, there wasn't much material with which to fill its one hundred fifty small pages. A. & M. was here, though, and the "Olio" was published.

There were eight editors for the first year-book, presided over by a "board of executives" consisting of F. M. Law, Jr. (now chairman of

Saddle, Sirloin Club Will Sponsor 24th Rodeo in Bryan August 14, 15

Plans are progressing on the 24th Annual Texas Aggie Rodeo to be held in Bryan at the American Legion Park August 14 and 15.

The only one of its kind in the world, the rodeo is sponsored by the Saddle and Sirloin Club, one of the largest clubs on the campus, which has grown from a handful to a number now more than 200 active members. The rodeo is held each year to send A. & M.'s International Livestock Judging team to the annual Chicago livestock show and judging contests, in which the Aggies generally place high. No person promoting the ro-

deo profits by it financially, the promoters being a group of boys interested in livestock and majoring in animal husbandry.

The president of the Saddle and Sirloin club each year is named King of the rodeo and he in turn selects his Queen. This year's president is Horace Brown, captain of H Company, Infantry.

The rodeo is truly a western affair; the entrants, chiefly boys from Texas ranches, are as non-professional as the promoters, but still experienced rodeo hands. The tough stock will offer plenty of thrills and wild entertainment. The show will include a Wild Mule Race, Calf Roping, Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding, a wild Brahma steer, Ribbon Roping, and Wild Bull Riding. Friday night's show will also include a children's riding class, while Saturday night's performance will feature a "cowhorse" contest.

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Busses have been secured to run from the College to the Legion Park in Bryan. As in the past, the proceeds will go to help send the Livestock judging teams to the various judging contests throughout the United States.

YMCA Parlors Near Completion; Furniture Arrives

Gay Urges Anyone Who Is Interested in Decorating To Offer Plans for Lobby

YMCAs downstairs parlors are nearly completely furnished with the exception of the main lobby, states J. Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the YMCA.

Students enrolled in journalism, radio, or other English courses, members of the English department staff, members of the Press Club, and any other students especially interested in fiction writing, radio or screen work are urged to be present.

Raine's wide experience in these fields and his experiences as a world traveller, soldier, and noted author well qualify him as an expert in his field.

He will be on the campus until the latter part of this week gathering material on which to base forthcoming screen story, "American Youth Has Never Been Licked."

To go around this centerpiece in the reading room will be four ottomans that arrived recently at the YMCA.

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Saturday Prom to Be Semi-formal

Cadets Allowed To Wear Summer Tuxes If They Desire To

Because of many requests from girls all over Texas, the Ima Ray Hutton dance Saturday night, August 8, will be a semi-formal dance. Girls will wear evening dresses if they so desire, and boys, regardless of class or classification, may wear tuxes if they want to. However, khakis will still be regulation uniform.

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That seems to express the feeling among all girls in general, so the previously announced informal ruling has been changed to semi-formal.

Stephens feels that this will suit the girls better, and will lessen their embarrassment if they show up in either street or evening dresses.

Friday night, the new, energetic, and enthusiastic Aggieland, under the able direction of bull-fiddler Curley Brent, will open the new as-yet-unnamed dance slab. Featured with the orchestra is Adeline Koffman, sensational newcomer to the Aggieland, and Fish Sullivan, who will lend his vocal talents toward the evenings entertainment. The band will also put on a floor show during the intermission.

Scrip Friday and Saturday nights will be \$1.10.

Parts Of Disney Film Heard on WTAW

Walt Disney, originator of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Reluctant Dragon and a score of other equally loveable and fantastic creatures, introduced the newest member of his inkwell menagerie, when he presents dramatic and musical highlights from his full-length motion picture "Bambi" on the Treasury Star Parade Broadcast which airs over Station WTAW on Tuesday at 11:30 a. m.

Bambi the deer, Thumper the rabbit and the other newcomers who make their debut in this picture will add their voices to the broadcast, in which David Breckman's orchestra and the soloists Jimmy Cash, Lee Sweetland, and Sally Miller presents tunes from the film's score.

Through such marches, the men are able to see just how the Cavalry operates and what is expected of a Cavalryman in the field.

Slab Naming Contest Ends Tomorrow at 3

Names for the new Aggie Dance Slab must be turned in to the Student Activities Office or placed in the Longhorn picture contest boxes in the YMCAs before 3 p. m. Wednesday, August 5.

No real good names have been turned in. Some original, catchy name will be necessary to win the honor of being selected and taking its place in Aggie traditions," says Bobby Stephens, social secretary of the senior class and one of the contest judges.

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tisements for men's fine shoes, seed,

baking powder, extracts and cider,

Remington standard typewriters,

bicycles, and a college with exten-

sive addition to dormitory (tents)

and called the State Agricultural

and Mechanical College of Texas.

It boasted a stand-pipe, ice plant,

laundry and electric light plant,

which makes the college modern

in every detail.

Toward the back of the 1895

"Olio" was this little poem, as true

today as it was then,

If a cadet of this college would

be in luck.

Upon matriculation he must

learn how to "suck".

The way to success can be told

in a word—

He must "suck, suck, suck," till

he catches the bird!

A Cavalry Starts Series of Tactical Overnight Marches

Hikes Made to Give Cadets Experience In Making Camp Maneuvers

Last Saturday Troop A Cavalry inaugurated a series of overnight marches. Each week during August and September one of the six troops will carry out one of these week end tactical marches.

These marches have been undertaken to afford the cadets some practical experience in preparation for the camp they will attend at Ft. Riley, Kansas upon graduation, revealed Lt. A. P. Utterback, Jr., senior Cavalry instructor. Members of the regiment expressed a desire to conduct such maneuvers so that they might gain some field experience before going to duty.

Plans for the marches are made by the regimental staff, and the cadet officers of each troop are detailed for such special duties as mess officer, supply officer, or stable officer. Arrangements are made ahead of time with the mess hall for food and mess equipment. Since no bedding rolls are available, each cadet is held responsible for his own personal equipment which must include certain specified items.

Upon arriving in bivouac, picket lines are established and a formal stables is conducted. After the horses have been watered, fed and properly groomed, the men are fed and are then at liberty until 11 p. m. when taps is sounded.

At six in the morning reveille is sounded and the horses are fed again. After breakfast, the horses are watered, camp is broken and the return march begins.

Security is maintained at all times on the march and during the night in bivouacs. Sentinels are posted on all sides of the encampment to preserve order and report any irregularities. A guard detail maintains watch on the picket line to prevent disturbances which might result in injury to the horses or the escape of some of the animals.

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Good Health Is Vital Factor In Nation's Drive

"Not steel, money, rubber, sugar,

gasoline, nor any other material equipment can win this war without manpower," declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

The backbone of the entire civilian war program is the health and physical stamina of the men and women who stand behind the machines, who mold the steel, who conserve the rationed articles, who volunteer for defense activities, who earn the money that buys the war bonds, who work the farms and ranches that feed the fighters and who look after the homes and families that the military men are fighting for.

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