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NO MORE CUTS

Grade Averages Determine Required Class Attendance

Enrollment for Next Half Expected to Reach 6,000

1794 New Students Have Been Admitted So Far; 1448 Are Frosh; More Expected

Approximately six thousand students are expected to be enrolled for the sixty seventh session starting next week, states H. L. Heaton, acting registrar of the college.

To date 1794 applications for admission to the college for the fall term have been accepted. Out of those, 346 are transfers from another school, making a total of 1448 scholastic freshman already registered. Applications are still being accepted and the present figures will probably be greatly increased stated Heaton.

Cardwell Requests Corps Wear Khakis While in Louisiana

Proper Uniform Aids Hitch-Hiking; No Official Uniform to Be Designated

Requests have been made by Cadet Colonel Walter Cardwell, Corps Commander, and Dan R. "Rocky" Sutherland, president of the Senior Class, that all Aggies who attend the festivities in Louisiana Saturday September 26 be in complete number two uniform. Cardwell added that by doing this the Corps will make an impressive appearance at the game, and hitch-hiking to and from the game will be much easier. Since this is not an official Corps trip, the Commandant's Office is not prescribing an official uniform to be worn by all cadets.

Activities Refunds Will Be Made Next Semester to Seniors

Total refunds of two dollars and twenty-five cents will be made to graduating seniors leaving school in January on the Student Activities Fee, states L. D. Boone of the Student Activities Office. To avoid complications, it was decided to charge everyone the same fee and refund graduating seniors a proportionate amount for what they would normally get during the semester beginning in January.

One dollar of the refund will be made from the athletic office which would normally have gone for the athletic games that will be played after January.

One dollar twenty-five goes for the Battalion newspaper and magazine. It was announced that the seniors may have their Batts forwarded to them wherever they are stationed at no extra cost instead of receiving the refund from the Activities office if desired.

Ex-Aggie Receives Air Corps Promotion

Second Lieutenant Charles A. Bell, Hereford, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, by recent War Department Orders.

Lieutenant Bell graduated from Adrian High School, Adrian, Texas in 1937. After attending A. & M. and successfully completing two years of R. O. T. C., he enrolled as an Aviation Cadet at the Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, California. In addition he attended schools at Moffett Field, California and the Officer's Communications' School, Scott Field, Illinois, which he completed in September, 1941, prior to duty in foreign service.

Lieutenant Bell is now on foreign duty with a Fighter Squadron of the Sixth Air Force in the Caribbean area.

R V Queen Warrene Gillette



RV's Hold Annual Festivities During Mid-Term Vacation

Queen Warrene Gillette Will Reign Over Fete At Side of Mervyn Jenkins

Annual festivities of the Ross Volunteers Company will be held Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20. Mervyn Jenkins, E Coast, has been selected by the company to reign as King of the events; his Queen for the fete will be Miss Warrene Gillette.

Events of the week-end will begin Friday night in Sbsia Hall,



Austin Nance, Commander

with the annual banquet followed by Captain's Ball. Members of the company, their dates, the company's sponsors in the military department and their wives will attend these affairs. According to Austin Nance, Captain of the R. V's, the traditional exhibition drill usually held the day after the Cap- See FESTIVITIES, Page 4

Colorful, Historic Military Organization Finishes 55 Years

By Jack Keith
Fifty-five years of activities lie behind the Ross Volunteers, celebrat-

ing their annual Holidays this week end. The R. V. Company was organized in 1887 as the Scott Volunteers in honor of Colonel T. M. Scott who was business manager of A. & M. at that time. Purpose of the organization was, as it is today, to promote patriotism and fellowship among its members, to develop a crack drill outfit and to aid in national defense.

The name, Ross Volunteers, was adopted by the organization in 1891 when Lawrence Sullivan Ross became president of the college. After his death in 1898, the name was changed to Foster Guards, again honoring the president of the college, L. L. Foster, who succeeded Ross. During President Houston's administration, the outfit was called the Houston Rifles.

As can be seen, the plan was to change the name of the company to honor each president of the college. During the time H. H. Harrington, son-in-law of Ross, was president, this idea was dropped and the name Ross Volunteers was adopted as the permanent name at his request.

When the Ross Volunteer Company was first organized, membership was restricted to junior and senior students taking military science. At that time the maximum membership was forty. New members were selected each year on the bases of popularity and military ability. Some non-military students were admitted and some sophomores were accepted as members shortly after World War I because of shortage of men eligible under the old rules.

In 1923 it was decided to make non-military students and those not making a "B" in military science ineligible for membership. At present, candidates for membership are submitted at the first of the school year by organization commanders and then are (See R V HISTORY, Page 4)



King Mervyn Jenkins

Amarillo Club Plans Buffalo Lake Affair

Tickets are now on sale for the annual picnic to be held by the Amarillo club Wednesday September 23, at 5 p.m. at Buffalo Lake, states Bob Moore, president of the club.

It is necessary that an accurate estimate of the number of Amarillo students, their friends, and relatives that will attend the picnic be turned in so that necessary plans can be made. Moore emphasizes that all friends and relatives of members of the club, as well as all the club members are invited to attend.

Tickets for the picnic may be purchased from Eddie Rogers, Bud McMurtry, or Moore. Moore may be reached at 1801 Van Buren, Amarillo or room 27 Law hall.

Housing the cadets this year is expected to be the major worry of the officials, with the navy and marines taking up six of the largest dormitories.

A plan has been submitted for housing the overflow from the regular dormitories in private homes in the immediate vicinity of the college, stated authorities.

Miller Announces Plans for Bigger, Better Ag Magazine

Expresses Appreciation For Appointment to Fill Vacancy Left by Pinson

Jack Miller, newly elected editor of the Agriculturist magazine, today announced the first edition of the magazine for next semester will be out around the first part of October. In addition, two more editions will be issued during the semester in order to offset the fact that some of the summer issues were not published.

Miller states that he considers it a privilege to be of service to the corps and will do all in his power to improve the magazine and meet the responsibility of his new position. "I can promise that the corps will not be disappointed in the Agriculturist," states Miller.

The student activities committee appointed Miller to the editorship to fill the vacancy left by Dave Pinson who resigned his post last week because he felt that he was unable to devote sufficient time to the publication.

Agronomy Dept Inaugurates Course In Appraisal of Land

For the first time since 1940, a course dealing with appraisal methods will be given. The course embraces a study of soil factors, farm crops, types of farming areas, and land-use capabilities in relation to land classification and appraisal. Laboratory work consists of applying classification and appraisal methods on various types of farms.

This course was organized by Professor H. E. Hampton, former appraiser for the Farm Credit Administration. Due to the fact that Hampton has been taking graduate work toward a Ph. D. at the University of Missouri, the course has not been offered in the past two years.

Association Hears About A&M's Frozen Food Locker Course

C. E. Murphy, assistant professor of Animal Husbandry, will attend a National Frozen Food Locker Association meeting in Kansas City. He will leave Saturday of this week and will return a week later.

Murphy will give a talk on A. & M.'s frozen food locker course, the only one in any United States college or university.

Absences Incurred to Be Reported to Dean Biweekly

One Corps Trip Authorized Per Semester; Fifteen Day Limit Set on Official Leaves

In an attempt to encourage class attendance, the compulsory attendance and cut system under which the college has been operating was abolished at a meeting of the Academic Council Tuesday afternoon and a new system established. Recognizing the fact that it is unfair to penalize a student with negative grade points for excess cuts if he has done satisfactory work in a course, the Registrar's office revealed today that in the future an accurate check of each student's work and attitude will be kept.

Once every two weeks all teachers will submit to the dean of the college a report of the number of authorized and unauthorized absences incurred by each student.

Low Grades Draw Reprimand

Decision as to what action will be taken on cuts rests with the deans of the various schools with certain limitations. Grades will determine in the majority of cases the action taken on cuts by the dean. A student with a poor scholastic average will be called before the dean of his school after any cuts have been turned in for him and will be cautioned. Several such cuts will cause the student to be dismissed from school, stated E. D. Wilcox, council member. Those students who have good averages will not be penalized for a reasonable number of cuts, however.

The Academic Council further clarified and modified college rules stating, as in the past, that only one corps trip will be authorized per semester, however, special amendments are expected to be added authorizing additional corps trips as originally planned, stated Wilcox.

It is predicted that students low in their studies will not be able to leave on weekend trips since any cuts that they might incur will make them liable to dismissal.

Instructors Keep Records

Only two types of absences will be marked up—authorized and unauthorized. These absences will be reported at two week intervals to the dean of the college.

Each instructor in charge of a class or section will be instructed to keep an accurate record of the work and attendance of its members and will be required to report the total number of absences as well as the number of unauthorized absences when he reports the grade in a subject to the registrar.

Duplicates of all authorized permits that may be issued by the college physician, commandant's office, or dean of the college, will be sent daily to the dean's office.

Not more than fifteen days will be allowed for purpose of making any kind of athletic, judging, or entertainment trips of any kind by the corps, the new regulations state.

Interesting Campus Personalities - - II

From New York to California, He Hasn't Missed a Game in 11 Years

By Tom Journeay

A true Aggie. No other words could be found that describe more accurately Jimmie Chance, ubiquitous owner of a familiar face always to be seen wherever Aggies or Aggie interests are to be found. James Otis Chance was born in Bryan, February 17, 1902, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chances, pioneers of the productive Brazos Valley farming district. An illness at the age of three left Jimmie

totally deaf placing him under handicap that would stymie for life the activities of most men. But not Jimmie. He's overcome his handicap and has become a true Aggie—just ask most any Senior on the campus—participating in every activity that the Aggies engage in.

He received his grammar school education at the Clarke School for the Deaf at Northampton, Massachusetts, and the Pennsylvania School at Mounty Airy, Philadelphia. His secondary education was received at the Davidson Individual School for the deaf in New Hampshire. At the Texas School for the Deaf at Austin Jimmie obtained his advanced education and also learned the printer's trade, working in the Eagle Printing Company in Bryan. Upon graduation, he secured employment with the Howell Lumber company in Bryan.

Jimmie has not missed a football corps trip, or for that matter a single game the Aggies have played, in eleven years, and that includes the games last year at New York, and Washington State.

"I'll never forget the time the Aggies beat Texas University in 1925, 28-0, and then came back in 1927 with another Kyle Field victory 28-7 under the great Dana X. Bible," proudly recalls Jimmie.

One of Jimmie's hobbies, besides keeping up with everything the Aggies do, is traveling. And as you might guess, even that is

connected with Aggies, Jimmie in the last few years has been taking extensive trips to various army camps all over Texas and a few outside of Texas—to visit ex-Aggies that are now in the service for Uncle Sam. Among the army camps that he's visited are Fort Reilly, Fort Sill, Fort Sam Houston, Camp Wolters, Camp Crockett, Camp Bullis, and on and on we could go.

One of Chance's favorite doings while on these trips is to contact all ex-Aggies there and bring back any notes from them to their old friends still at school.

In '34 and '35 Jimmie went to summer camp with the corps at Camp Bullis under the command of Col. Emory, now Brig. Gen. Emory, Infantry. Then, in '39, '40, and '41 he attended the Cavalry camp at Fort Bliss.

Ever since 1925 Jimmie has made (See CHANCE, Page 4)

Corpus Mothers' Club Plans Mid-term Dance

Cards were issued last week by the A. & M. Mothers Club for the dance to be given on the Deck of the Plaza Hotel, Monday evening September 21 at Corpus Christi.

Due to the shortness of the vacation, dress will be either uniform, tuxedo, or business suit, and the club is anticipating seeing each boy from the Corpus Christi district together with the friend and a date that each card admits.