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Total Enrollment Expected At Two Thousand Today

Complete Military Organizations Return Tenth War Time Enrollment Sees A. & A. College Grow

Corps Completes Move From Duncan to Military Walk and North Gate Area

The Aggies, nearly 2000 strong, will live in the North Gate and Military Walk Areas this fall in complete military organizations including freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors it has been announced by the Commandant's Office.

Divided into two regiments, of three battalions each the corps will live in fully staffed military outfits for the first time in several semesters. This was made possible by a decision of President Gibb Gilchrist Thursday morning two weeks ago.

Dormitories occupied by the Aggies will be Law, Puryear, Mitchell, Walton, Milner, 14, 15, 16, and 17. The band will continue to be quartered in Bizzell with an additional company of freshmen living in Hart. The non-reg students will also live in Hart Hall.

Another step toward a complete military organization was the destination of various units as different branches of training. The first regiment will be composed entirely of infantry. The second regiment will have two battalions of field artillery and one battalion of cavalry.

The band will be considered a corps band and attached to the second regiment for administration and discipline. The corps will again be headed by a cadet colonel and his staff.

Loupot Will Award Prize to Best Sign

J. E. Loupot has announced a weekly prize for the best football banner displayed before each game and a grand prize at the end of the season for the best banner all fall.

Each week a committee of judges, as yet not decided upon, will select the outstanding sign and Loupot will award that organization a prize of \$2.50. The grand prize for the semester will be \$25.00.

Loupot began this practice in the fall of 1942 when the grand prize was won by the band on a banner before the Texas university game. No contest was held last year because of the discontinuance of banner displays.

Location Of A. & M. Really Not Penal Colony But Gift Of Brazos

By Dick Osterholm

Before the war started, A. & M. could boast of being the largest man's school in the world. In comparison as a military institution, more officers were graduated from this college than from the Military Academy at West Point. This was before the war, but the quality of men still at A. & M. has not changed. It is true, they are reduced in number but not in spirit. To the new men on the campus, let them be impressed with some of the history behind this great college. Go back to the days when this institution was first thought of by men who desired to build for the state of Texas a school of higher learning.

During the governorship of E. J. Davis, in 1871, it was desired by the men of Texas to establish in this state a school for people who wanted a higher education. Davis, at the recommendation of his advisers pressed action of the Land Grant Bill created for establishing colleges in the United States. Legislature responded by granting the authorities an act, creating the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This school was created out of the University land grant, and became the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Texas.

When the construction of the college was first to begin, the

location could not be decided upon. Finally when Brazos County offered 2416 acres of land and a bid of \$22,000 was offered to the college committee, they accepted and thus "Sing-Song-on-the-Brazos", was born.

Construction on the first buildings began in 1871, with a working capital of \$75,000 obtained from the state legislature. After the foundation of several of the buildings had been laid and nearly \$38,000 had been spent, the state inspectors came down and condemned everything and the entire work had to be started over.

Finally, the work was completed and the college decided to open September 17, 1876. The big day arrived and what happened was quite an ordeal to the college authorities. Six men reported for enrollment. The faculty decided to postpone the opening date until October 4 of the same year, and everyone went out to recruit new students for enrollment. This time about forty students enrolled for the first semester and the college got under way.

In 1875, before the college had opened, the board of directors had met and decided to elect the Honorable Jefferson Davis of Mississippi for the college's first president. Due to ill health and other means, he declined regrettably and in his place recommended T. S. Gathright. Gathright was elected and

Town Hall Program Has Big Variety

Footlight Favorites Open Season; Denton Choir 2nd Feature

The Student Activities has completed their arrangements for the 1944-45 Town Hall season and will open the sale for season tickets on October 4. Eight programs have been listed for the year's schedule.

Two numbers will be presented in November. The Footlight Favorites, a quartette composed of Metropolitan Opera Stars, will open the season on November 7, singing offerings of light opera and musical comedy. On November 23, the A Cappella Choir from Denton Teachers College will perform for the Town Hall patrons. This group, under the direction of Dr. Wilfred C. Bain, has been a favorite on the campus in the past, and will again delight the audience with varied program of songs.

The one entertainment for the month of December comes on the 12th, presenting Robert Casadesus, famed pianist, who has played on programs in both Europe and America.

On January 11, H. R. Knickerbocher, news commentator and analyst, will provide the entertainment. Having been on battle fronts in all sections of conflict, he is well able to give firsthand information on things many people are interested in hearing. In the same month and on the 26th, Leonard Warren, young baritone, who has sung in five of the world's foremost operas, will be the artist.

The month of February also holds two numbers on the season's schedule. On the 12th, Paul Draper, world's supreme tap dancer and Larry Adler, top-notch in the field of harmonica artists, will give

with a faculty of nine professors, opened the college term in 1876. This was the beginning of Texas A. & M., destined to become the greatest man's school in the world. The students enrolled in the school each semester was small, but increased every year. During 1891, 391 students were enrolled and in 1909, the school had reached its housing capacity and had to make accommodations for 486 men who lived in tents on the campus until proper housing could be built for them.

Whenever one hears of A. & M., he immediately thinks of the "Aggie Spirit". It has been said that the starting of this spirit began when the college opened in 1876, under its first commandant, Major R. P. W. Morris. Major Morris was over the college's first military office and had charge of the infantry organization which at this time was the only organization on the campus. But, since way back there, the Aggie spirit has flowed and is still flowing today, greater than ever, here on the campus and all over the world wherever Aggies are together.

During the life of A. & M. many men have held the office of president of the college. Probably most colorful of these was Lawrence Sullivan Ross, whose statue now stands in front of the Academic Building. Ross was president in

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President Gibb Gilchrist



To the Freshmen:

Since December 7, 1941 hundreds of A. & M. students and graduates have put aside their studies, in most cases temporarily, in order to participate in either military or industrial activities contributing to our national war effort. Other hundreds have entered and are now entering in order to devote themselves to college training that will equip them for their own contributions, and also for their future careers after the war. If you devote yourself to the course of study on which you have embarked and do well in that course, by that accomplishment you will further your country's cause in the present emergency. This is the task of you who are entering A. & M. at this time. If our men who are now on the battlefields could speak to you they would advise you to enter upon your studies wholeheartedly, devoting yourself to them from the very beginning, and taking full advantage of every opportunity afforded you at A. & M. This is your job. Ours is to help you in every possible manner. Our staff is genuinely interested in your welfare and is dedicated to helping you gain the most from your stay at A. & M.

We welcome you to A. & M., and wish you success in all your activities.

Gibb Gilchrist,
President

Athletic Department Equipped For Intercollegiate, Intramural Sports

Boasting one of the finest athletic departments in the nation, A. & M. begins its fiftieth year of intercollegiate competition this fall. The athletic set up is divided into two separate departments; Homer H. Norton being head of intercollegiate activities and W. L. Penberthy being head of intramural sports and the physical education department.

Texas A. & M. is a charter member of the Southwest Conference Athletic Association, participating in all major sports. The facilities here on the campus include Kyle Field, the famous stadium, known around the world as the home of the Texas Aggies; a baseball grandstand, and DeWare Field House, where the Aggie basketball team performs.

Homer Norton is head of this department, but he has a capable group of assistants with which to work including Bill James, Manning Smith, Lil Dimmitt, and Pete Jones.

The intramural and physical education departments, with offices in DeWare Field House, is

New Students Register Monday Morning And New Students Register After Noon

An estimated total of 700 will pass through the portals of A. & M. for the first time today. An estimate of 1200 returning students will up the total figure to nearly 2000, for the tenth war-time registration of the college, and the second semester with President Gibb Gilchrist at the helm.

Savings on Longhorn

Plans are complete for the resumption of publication of the A. & M. Yearbook, the Longhorn. This book will be on sale during registration for \$4.00. Any purchases made after that date will cost \$5.00. To obtain the benefit of this saving Marc Smith, editor of the Longhorn, urges every student to make his purchase on the date of registration.

Sidewalks In New Area Take Priority In New Program

Plans Call for 1 1/2 Miles Concrete Walks Costing Over \$25,000

Investigation of a request made by student representative Sergeant Major Charles Trickey has led to the authorization of the permit for the building of sidewalks in the new area.

The project had long been under consideration by the president, but student request brought about immediate action. The investigation found that this project was urgent, and the president took special action in this project. President Gilchrist is still engaged in working out his recommendation of the project for the Board of Directors, but the go ahead has been given.

T. R. Spence announced last Thursday that bids for the project would be received on October 12. The plans have been drawn for the construction of 11,000 square yards of concrete sidewalks, costing in the vicinity of \$25,000. The plans include a pavement in front of Duncan dining hall, and one half mile of 16 foot walks, and a mile of 8 foot walks. The plans have been so made to take care of the main walks in the entire new area.

It is hoped that within a year additional walks beyond this program will be authorized, Spence stated.

Gilchrist Addressed Annual Vet Meeting

While the organized veterinarians of Texas have held their annual business meetings at the Texas A. & M. College several times in the past, College officials would like to be hosts at all meetings, President Gibb Gilchrist said in welcoming the two-day 34th annual meeting of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association which opened Monday. He said that while the A&M School of Veterinary Medicine was outstanding among the institutions of the country, it should be more so, and he called for suggestions, criticisms and advice that would bring about this condition.

Around 135 veterinarians had registered at headquarters in the Veterinary Hospital by noon Monday. Quite a number of the visitors came down Saturday and attended the Aggie-Bryan Field football game. Others came Sunday and many informal conferences on mutual problems were held at Aggie Inn.

Response to the address of welcome was made by Dr. E. A. Grist, chief veterinarian for the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission with headquarters in Fort Worth. Dr. Grist advised that about 80

The estimate was made by H. L. Heaton, registrar of the College, on a basis of expected enrollment and the enrollment for the past semester. Of the probable 2000, the frogs will number 700, the fish will number upwards of 800, and over 500 old returning Aggies are expected. These figures top all the enrollment totals for the past three semesters.

For the second time, both old and new students will be registered in the same day. This registration also marks the return of the orientation week used in 1942. New students will register in the morning, and old students will wrestle with their fall schedules in the afternoon.

Registration cards will be released to new students in a accordance with the following schedule:

All students with surnames beginning with A, B, C, D, will receive their cards between 8 and 8:30 today.

Aggies with E, F, G, H, I, J, or K as the starting letter in their surnames will get their cards between 8:30 and 9.

Those with L, M, N, O, P, Q, or R surname beginnings will receive their assignment cards from 9 to 9:30.

Frogs with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z as the first letter in their surname will have their cards released between 9:30 and 10.

From 10 to 10:30 all frogs who were unable to register at their regular scheduled time will receive assignment cards.

Old Aggies will receive assignment cards from between 1 and 5 this afternoon. They will follow this prescribed schedule:

Students with surnames beginning with the letters A, D will get their cards at 1.

E-K surnames get cards at 1:30.

At 2 cards will be issued for students with surnames L-R.

At 2:30 the rest of the alphabet will register.

Aggies who were unable to register at their scheduled time may do so between 3 and 3:30.

The Registrar's Office will close at 5 p.m. Monday, and old students who have not registered by that time must pay an additional matriculation fee of \$2.00 for late registration.

Animal Nutrition Meet Scheduled for College October 1

Feed Manufacturers Requested Conference; D. H. Reid Is Chairman

Beginning October 11, Texas A. & M. College will sponsor a nutrition conference at the request of the Texas Feed Manufacturers' association. D. H. Reid, head of department of Poultry Husbandry, who will be general chairman, announced that experts on all lines of livestock and poultry will discuss the latest facts in nutrition.

O. C. Copland, head of the dairy division here at college, will be chairman of the morning session October 11, and the subject of the session will be fats. Dr. G. O. Bur, head of the division of physiological chemistry of the University of Minnesota will discuss the role of fats in animal nutrition; J. H. Jones of the Experiment Station animal husbandry division will discuss fat requirements for beef cattle and sheep; Dr. J. H. Thompson, Experiment Station turkey nutritionist will discuss fats