

## A&M Begins 72nd Annual Session This Week

### All-Girl Swing Orchestra Is Booked To Entertain New Freshmen Tonight

Stage Show and Refreshments Will Feature Joint Program Presented By Business Men and Activities Office

More than a thousand strong and growing in numbers by the minute, the new freshmen of A & M will be royally entertained tonight with music, song and "eat-in's", with Student Activities and the Businessmen's League of College Station playing joint hosts for the evening and with the All-Girls Orchestra from Sam Houston State Teachers taking the spotlight. The fun begins promptly at 7:30 in Guion Hall.

The Huntsville lassies will be making their second appearance on the Aggie stage, having appeared last spring on the Reveille Show, and having scored at that time a big success. They have just completed a week's engagement at one of the outstanding rodeos of the state.

Following the stage show, the Businessmen's League will take the spotlight at The Grove, where ice cream and cold drinks will be served and where rumors say a drawing will be held and some 25 prizes awarded, including a first prize of five dollars cash.

After the refreshments the fish will return to Guion Hall for a free motion picture.

General chairman of the Business League's part of the program will be Ed Garner, '38. Business firms participating include:

Loupot's Trading Post, Student Co-op Store-Ed Garner, Greyhound-Kerrville, Bus Station and College Station Taxi, Aggie Service Station and Garage, C. W. Varner Jewelry, A. & M. Photo Shop, A. & M. Alteration Shop, A. & M. Grill, A. M. Waldrop & Company, R. W. Ivey-Aggie Barber Shop, College Book Store-Bryan

Bobbitt, Aggeland Pharmacy, Uniform Tailors, College Station Shoe Repair, Holick Boot Shop, Nisbet's Cafeteria, Aggeland Studio, Aggie Cleaners & Dyers-Curtis Eden, Zubik & Sons Uniforms, Seaboard Life-Ford Munnerlyn, Dist. Agent, Ben Youngblood-Holick Cleaners, Mrs. J. S. Blazik-Mrs. Charles Rohloff-North Gate Alteration Shop, J. P. Dobyne Jeweler, S. A. Lipscomb Pharmacy, College Inn Cafe, Charlie's Food Market, Creamland, Campus Theater, W. S. D. Clothiers, J. B. Lauterstein, Cal Graham's Dairy, Dr. A. B. Cathcart, Ray Oden-Southside Food Market, George's, Roy Carpenter-Missouri-Pacific Lines, Andres-Holt Clinic, Madeley's Pharmacy, Gorzycki's Barber Shop-Southside, T. H. Black-Southern Pacific Lines, McCall's Humble Station, J. C. Culpepper-Realtor, Dr. W. H. Hooper-Dentist, Mais Grocery, Burkhalter Grocery, Bravenac's Magnolia Service Station, Black's Pharmacy, Luke's Grocery and Grant's Service Station.

#### JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICES FRIDAY IN YMCA CHAPEL

Religious services for Jewish freshmen will be held Friday evening September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of the YMCA. Services will be over in time for freshmen's reception at the President's home that night. All Jewish freshmen are urged to attend. The services will be held under the auspices of the Hillel Club on the campus, of which Mark Halleck is president and Harold Borofsky is religious chairman.

### Aggie Leaders to Pick Sweetheart from TSCW Campus

A 12-man judging team, representing the leadership of the campus, will leave next Thursday for Tessieland where they will select the annual sweetheart of the Aggie-TSCW Corps trip to the Aggie-TCU football game in Ft. Worth on October 20.

Nominees for the honor, considered one of the highest on the Tessie-campus, will be named by the various classes of the famous Aggie sweetheart institution.

The judges from the corps will make the final selection of the queen at an all-college dance to be held next Friday in Tessieland's fine student union. Aggies are extended an invitation to attend this dance and a date bureau has been set up for those wishing to attend.

Since Denton is en route to Norman, Oklahoma, where the fighting Farmers take on OU Saturday, October 6, the TSCW dance will attract a good many khaki-clad Aggies. No stags are allowed at the Denton school dances but all Aggies will be found dates if they will call at the date bureau.

The sweetheart of the annual corps trip, held each year on the occasion either of the TCU or SMU game, will be presented at the half and the cadet colonel of the corps will present her with a bouquet as the mighty Aggie band plays in her honor, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

An outstanding feature of the corps trip this year will be a big dance at the Texas Hotel sponsored by the Ft. Worth A & M Club with Bill Turner and his Aggeland Orchestra.

The judges to pick the sweetheart will include the cadet colonel, the president of the senior class, social secretary of the senior class, the editors of the Longhorn and Battalion, senior yell leaders and other campus representatives. The names of those making the trip will be announced in next week's BATT as most of the positions named above have not been filled.

#### A Message From The President



For the first time in almost four years Texas A. & M. can enter upon a regular session free of the holocaust of war. The world is at peace everywhere on the face of the globe for the first time in many, many years. This is an auspicious circumstance under which to begin the 70th year of Texas A. & M.'s existence. Already we are beginning to see many familiar faces—of our fine young men who laid aside their books and slide-rules to answer the call of their country. The thought of the sacrifices of these men, and of the even greater sacrifices of those who will not return to Aggeland, should be a sobering one. War has struck with savage force in the ranks of A. & M. The price paid is terribly high. It can only be justified if the unfinished tasks of our departed friends are eagerly accepted by every man who loves his country and his school. The responsibility of accepting the mantle of those who died and suffered that we might continue a nation of independent, democratic people is heavy. Accept it in the spirit of unselfishness, with a willingness to work hard for the rewards that lie ahead, and there is no limit to what you can achieve and no heights to which Texas A. & M. can not go.

We extend you a hearty welcome to A. & M. and wish you every success in the tasks that lie before you.

Cordially,

*Gibb Gilchrist*  
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PRESIDENT

### War's End Does Not Minimize Need for Military Training, Says Knickerbocker

Public sentiment in favor of some policy of compulsory military training for the youth of America has taken a slump since the end of the war and the development of the atomic bomb, but the need for the training of future service men is just as great as ever, A. B. Knickerbocker, Texas adjutant general, said Tuesday night.

General Knickerbocker was addressing the September meeting of the Brazos County A. & M. Club held in the Chemistry lecture room. A good cross-section of College Station and Bryan residents was in attendance. General Knickerbocker was talking on postwar military training and how various proposals which have been advanced may affect the Texas A. & M. College.

Most of his talk was pitched in explanation of nine charts shown, dealing with relative statistics on how this and that policy will affect the 18-year olds, and the number of enlisted men and officers we may expect at given times under a plan drawn up by the State Military Affairs Committee, a group of seven men appointed by

Governor Coke Stevenson.

There is sharp division of opinion between two main groups of the country on our postwar military setup, the speaker said. One group is represented by the professional Army and Navy men and the other is the educational group, representing non-military schools, ROTC colleges and the military institutions. Texas A. & M. College comes in the third grouping, Knickerbocker said.

The two groups were said to favor compulsory military training for the good of the individual and for the good of the country, but differed radically in how and when such training was to be given. The military wanted to take all boys immediately after their 18th birthdays and give them the whole year's training at one time, while the educational group wanted to allow several options to fit individual needs with as little interruption in their high-school and college education as possible. Each detail of the latter plan was shown on the charts, in some instances the year's training would be finished after college graduation. The educational group however favored four months of compulsory training between the 18th birthday and college entrance, with tentative dates set from June 1 through September 30.

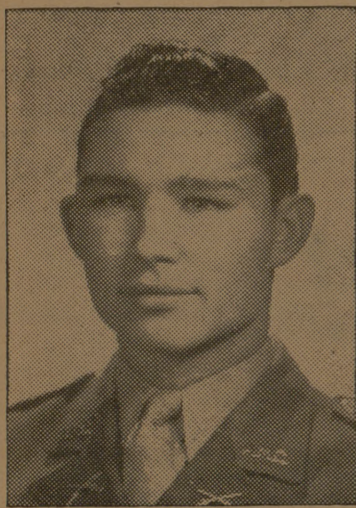
General Knickerbocker favored the operation of the latter plan for several given reasons, one of which was that the colleges would retain control of its students taking military training.

#### FLASH!

That enrollment might exceed the 2500 mark was the "unofficial" guess of Registrar Heaton at noon Thursday. 1108 acceptances had been received up that time for new Fish. Heaton said, "maybe 2600—maybe as high as 3000. Purely guessing now."

### Student Leaders Are Elected by Corps

Pictured below are the winners of a corps election held on September 14 to fill places of leadership for the new semester. Also chosen at the September election, but not included below, is Orville Baker, who was named Senior yell leader.



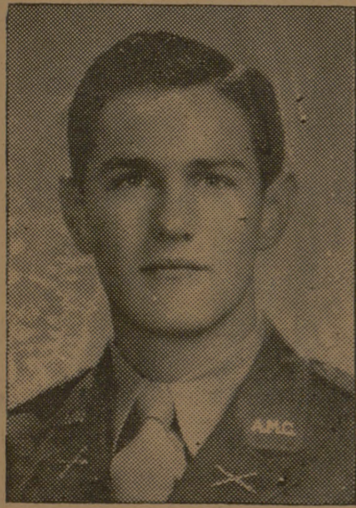
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Junior Yell Leader



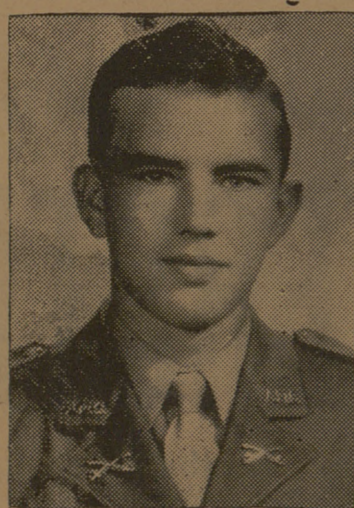
SAM NIXON  
Battalion Editor



C. B. HARRISON  
Junior Activities Representative



R. M. VICK  
Senior Yell Leader



R. M. BOTARD  
Senior Activities Representative



B. W. ROSSER  
Junior Yell Leader

### Freshmen To Register Saturday After Full Week Of Orientation

Texas A.&M. College, gathering momentum for a postwar program that is expected to carry the 70-year old institution to new glory, next week will begin its 72nd annual session with an enrollment figure expected to reach the twenty five hundred mark, more than forty percent of which will be composed of new students.

Freshmen, who have been on the campus since Sunday under-going the traditional orientation week, will complete registration Saturday with old students scheduled for registration Monday. Classes will get underway Tuesday.

It was almost a day, on October 4th to be exact, in 1876 that Texas A. & M. first opened its doors for the first of an estimated 50,000 Aggies that have

come through its portals. Except for the first few years enrollment has shown a steady increase save for two periods, the depression of the early '30's and the war years of 1943-4-5. This enrollment would be Texas A. & M.'s 70th except for the speed-up program inaugurated during wartime to provide opportunity for as much schooling as possible before being called to service.

Offering instruction in practically every field of agricultural, liberal arts, military science and engineering and possessed of the largest and perhaps the best Vet School in the nation, the future of Texas A. & M. never looked brighter than on the eve of its 70th birthday. With its sons of war, heroes by the score, returning daily and with high school graduates showing pre-war interest, there is occasion for optimism by the entire A. & M. faculty, staff, students and exes.

Next fall is expected to see enrollments in the various schools on the campus reach the 5,000 mark. This next year should see a resumption of many of the activities curtailed or eliminated by war. Student life generally seems charged with a new tempo not seen since Pearl Harbor plunged the nation and the men of A. & M. into war.

Innovations over previous sessions include the full assumption of the newly created Dean of Men of the responsibility for student welfare, housing and discipline; a new campus security set-up with primary emphasis on policing college premises, regulating traffic, street safety, fire control and less gum-shoe; a new basic policy to which all are expected to subscribe allegiance and which embodies principally a higher standard of decent behavior, a code designed by Ex-Aggies on the Board of Directors.

For the first time in several sessions all students except year-men, some veterans and foreign students will be housed in military organizations. No change in the essential military character of Texas A. & M. will follow the recent changes in policy announced. On the contrary, it is pointed out by administration spokesmen, A. & M. expects to continue its leadership in the field of military training.

### What's Cooking?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 p.m.: Entertainment for Freshmen, sponsored by College Station Business Men's League and Student Activities Office, featuring All-Girls' Swing Orchestra from Sam Houston State Teachers College at Guion Hall.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 p.m.: President's Reception for New Students on lawn of the President's home.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 a.m.: Registration of New Students at Assembly Hall.

8:00 p.m.: Football, Texas Aggies vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders, at Alamo Stadium, San Antonio, Texas.

11:00 p.m.: Aggie Dance, music by Bill Turner and Aggeland Orchestra, at Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio, Texas.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Church Services at the church of your choice.

5:00 p.m.: Boy Scout Court of Honor at YMCA Chapel.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 a.m.: Registration of Old Students, at Assembly Hall.

7:15 p.m.: Yell practice.

8:00 p.m.: Women's Society of Christian Service at home of Mrs. J. W. Rollins.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 a.m.: Classes begin.

3:00 p.m.: Campus Study Club, tea at home of Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist.

NOTE: New students, as well as faculty members and other residents of College Station, are urged to advise "What's Cooking" at 4-5444 of arrangements for organization meetings, etc.