

Newly Created Dean of Men Is Charged With Administration of Directors' Student Life Policy

An all-time "great" from the ranks of an outstanding Texas Aggie family, John W. "Dough" Rollins, has been named by the college Board of Directors to implement the recently adopted objective designed to strengthen the effectiveness of the great military life offered at A. & M. College.

Acting on a report of a special committee from the board, comprised entirely of prominent Ex-Aggies, the directors at their September 8th meeting named Mr. Rollins to A. & M.'s sixth deanship, that of Dean of Men, thus placing the student's welfare and discipline on an equal with his scholastic life.

Dean Rollins, completing his first year as Director of Student Affairs, was instructed by the Board of Directors to fully effectuate point number two in the Board's long range objective which provides for "... an environment for student bodies comparable to that which usually prevails in the substantial Texas homes from which these students come ... constant training in leadership, character, tolerance, clean living and physical drill ..."

The highlight of the statement issued by the Board in announcing Dean Rollins' appointment points out that the system of student control practiced during the past years was found to be unsatisfactory. This conclusion was reached after an extensive hearing on the campus by Ex-Aggie members of the Board, who interviewed campus leaders in an attempt to effect a new program that would work. The statement concedes that the cadet system has many advantages but cannot be successful unless the responsibility for its effectiveness

is accepted by everyone connected with A. & M., both student body and faculty.

Still a Military School
The action of the Board of Directors in making student welfare and discipline a matter to be supervised apart and separate from his military training does not even suggest that Texas A. & M. is not to continue as one of the greatest military schools in the world, it was stressed when the announce-

ment was made of the new change. Quite on the contrary, it was stated, point three in the Directors' objectives is to provide "a strong and effective system of military training for male students ... to whom credit may be given for active military experience or equivalent." It is not contemplated that there will be any change in the inherent military organization that has characterized Texas A. & M.'s greatness.

From Fish to Dean . . .

New Dean Is Old Aggie

From a Fish of 1913 to a dean in 1945 is the record of popular J. W. Rollins, who became the first Dean of Men in the history of the college on September 8th by appointment of the Board of Directors. "Dough" or "Coach Dough" as he is called by thousands, is one of 7 brothers who have been graduated by Texas A. & M. 18 of his nephews have added to the old saying that "there's always a Rollins on the A. & M. roll." One other brother, who slipped over to Texas U. to become a lawyer, has been known to back in a corner and cry for help when he finds he is so outnumbered by his Aggie kinsmen.

Dean Rollins is typical Aggie and typical Texan. He is genial, friendly, slow to anger but firm and resolute when necessary. Tempted at one time to become a preacher, Dean Rollins can sway any audience with his eloquent delivery. He is famous as an after-dinner speaker at Aggie rallies. The new dean is a church-goer, loves music of any kind but by the admission of certain members of his family he "can't sing a note."

An outstanding athlete at Aggie-land, Dean Rollins was star half-back on the great teams of '14, '15, '16, was captain and all-conference his senior year. His career took on a military hue in World War I when he saw service overseas

as an Infantry captain. After a round of coaching and county agenting, Dean Rollins came back to his Alma Mater in 1935 after a highly successful record at East Texas State Teachers.

As a coach, "Dough" Rollins preached good living, clean habits, Spartan training—the result, his track teams always brought home a fair share of the bacon, and some of his Aggie ends were the greatest of all-time Southwest Conference history—"Jitterbug" Henderson, Jim Sterling, "Big-Dog" Dawson, "Ala-Bama" Smith and "Boots" Simmons to name a few of recent years.

Dean and Mrs. Rollins reside on the campus where they frequently entertain Aggie groups, and the man hasn't lived who hasn't eaten Mrs. Rollins' famous chicken spaghetti. They are the parents of one daughter, who in turn is the wife of an Aggie overseas and mother of the Rollins' only grandchild, a rollicking boy who already gives promise of being physically able at least to duplicate his grandfather's football fame.

The likes of the new dean—Texas A. & M. first and foremost, good singing, all athletics (try and keep him away from football workouts), story-telling, friendly people, Aggie lore. Dislikes—deceit. Pretty typical of the men of A. & M. is the dean.

Closely identified with the welfare, discipline and environment of every Aggie, the following basic policy of the college is published for the particular information of new Aggies. The policy is the result of an extensive investigation by a special committee representing the Board of Directors, the members all being Ex-Aggies, and followed action by this special committee in hearing expression from campus leaders, Exes, staff members and Aggies.

The vote by which the basic policy was adopted was unanimous as was the vote by which the declaration given below was adopted. All staff and faculty members of the A. & M. system have been enjoined by President Gibb Gilchrist to give adherence to the basic policy.

BASIC POLICY

"The College accepts responsibility for the curricular work of the student and for his conduct and development. The term 'College' as used here embraces the Board of Directors, the President, the faculty, all personnel of the A. & M. system, the student body, former students, and all the worthy traditions of the institution.

"Every student is expected at all times to recognize constituted authority, to conform to the ordinary rules of good conduct, to be truthful, to respect the rights of others, to protect private and public property, and to make the best use of his time toward an education.

"Every student has rights which are to be respected. They include the right of respect for personal feelings, the right of freedom from indignity of any type, the right of freedom from control by any person except as may be in accord with published rules and regulations of the College, and the right to make the best use of his time and his talents toward the objective which brought him to this institution. No officer or student, regardless of position or rank, shall violate those rights. No custom or regulations in conflict will be allowed to prevail.

"It shall be the duty of every person employed by this institution to conform to this policy; to cooperate with all agencies of the College and with the student body, individually and collectively, in carrying out its provisions. Personal responsibility in this respect will be primary.

DECLARATION BY DIRECTORS

The following is the unanimous declaration passed by the Directors, implementing the above basic policy:

"That the system of student control that has been practiced over a number of years has been investigated by the Board of Directors and has been found unsatisfactory and not in the best interests of the College.

"That the position of Director of Student Affairs be raised to the rank of a deanship with the title 'Dean of Men' and the Dean of Men report directly to the President of the College.

"The code adopted by the Board of Directors shall be known as the Basic Policy.

"The President of the College and the Dean of Men are directed to put the basic policy into effect as soon as possible.

"The cadet system has many desirable advantages. The deficiencies are such that it cannot be successful unless the responsibility is accepted by every person connected with the A. & M. College system and the entire student body. A statement shall be placed on record that the basic policy adopted is to be adhered to by all alike. Instructions shall be issued that cadet officers, both non-commissioned and commissioned, be carefully chosen on the basis of scholarship, ability, leadership, and be required to execute an oath of office pledging faithful performance of duty."

Music, Publications, Other Fields Open to Aggies . . .

Extra-Curricular Development at Texas A. & M. is Based on Ideals of Democracy

Increased Funds Made Available For Entertainment

New freshmen registering this fall will be privileged to play an active part in the resumption of the famous Texas Aggie activity program, a broad and varied series of entertainments and opportunities for extra-curricular development in many fields. This program, partially curtailed by wartime restrictions and shortages, is expected to blossom into pre-war excellence before the new school year is very old, especially in view of the increased funds for entertainment made available by the president of the college.

The activities program at Texas A. & M. is based on the ideals of democracy. Essentially the things sponsored on the campus are those things the Aggies express a preference for. Dancing is perhaps the most popular of all social activity. For that reason A. & M. has become famous for its gala dance affairs. These dances are scheduled in such a way that outstanding name orchestras can be obtained for a reasonable price. In the past such name bands as Sonny Dunham, Shep Fields, Glen Gray, Boyd Raeborn, Jimmy Lunceford, Art Castle, Herbie Kay, Russ Morgan, Jan Garber, Red Nichols, Skinny Ennis and others have played for the Aggies. The Senior Ring dance is the outstanding social



Dances Are Gala Events at Aggie-land

event of the year, followed by the Junior Prom, the Sophomore Sweetheart Revue, and the Freshman Bluebonnet Ball.

Publications Field
In the field of student publications Texas A. & M. has gone far ahead of the average school. The BATTALION newspaper presently is an active weekly but normally is a tri-weekly publication. The LONGHORN is the college year-book published by the Senior Class. Other publications include the Agriculturist and the Engineer, scientific publications designed to encourage an interest in scientific reporting and writing; the Batt Magazine, a comic monthly.

The field of entertainment is another of the endeavors of the Student Activities office. Foremost in this department are the Singing Cadets of Aggie-land, directed by Bill Turner, who has brought the group to outstanding popularity during the past year. Turner also directs the Aggie-land Orchestra, generally acclaimed this past year as the "foremost collegiate dance band of the state". Turner's organizations have appeared in numerous engagements throughout the South. The Jamboree shows are occasions of happy times, Turner presenting both of his musical groups plus attractive amateur numbers. Turner expects to continue these popular shows during the coming year.

The Singing Cadets compose one of the great men's choral groups of the Southwest. Organized by Joe Woolkett, now head of the department of modern language, the group is now in its seventh year and has to its credit successful performances before more than 50 Texas audiences. The group sings with a dashing gusto akin to the

typical Aggie-land dances, in this case the formal Freshman Ball held August 3, 1945 at the Grove, Aggie-land's outdoor dance spot. At left above, the popular Aggie-land Orchestra; below, a section of the dancers around the bandstand; in circular inset, Lil Munnerlyn plays and sings during the intermission show.

Rollins' Assistants Are Mostly Aggies

Advisers who will be available for assistance to organization commanders and to any student desiring help on matters of general welfare will soon come to be known by their first names to Texas Aggies. 100% Texas Aggies and outstanding officers of World War II, they include:

Major Woody Varner, '40, cadet colonel of the corps in '40, was president of his soph and junior classes, editor of Scientific Review, member Scholarship Honor Society, Who's Who, Captain of basketball. Major Varner has been on active duty since August of 1941, going overseas with the 13th Army Corps, a part of the 9th Army and participating in the campaigns of Normandy, North France, Rhineland and Central Germany. He is married and has one future Aggie, Tom, age 2 1/2 years.

Jimmy Parker, the all-time great athletic manager, graduate of '42, holder of the DFC, the Air Medal with 3 clusters, the ETO ribbon with 4 battle stars. From Garland, Texas, plain spoken, loyal Parker is already known to the entire corps. Single, he confesses considerable interest in TSCW, will tell you what he thinks, and expects you to do the same.

Roy Bucek, "Wildman" of Aggie fame, captain of the track team, all-conference hurdle champ and all-American track selection, and a football tackle with a tough, hardy disposition. Bucek has the Purple Heart, spent many long weeks in the hospital and came out undaunted to accept the job at the place he loves the most. Also single, Roy suggests he'll probably be going to Denton some to keep his "ole-lady," Parker from monopolizing the picture too much. Bucek is from Schulenberg, Texas.

John Longley, editor of the 1943 Longhorn, was in Who's Who, Press Club, and held a host of other honors. Longley was commissioned in the regular army on the strength of his outstanding record at A. & M. He has been invalided from the service from injuries received when he was gashed across the arm by a Jap officer wielding a sword, his last act on this earth incidentally as Lt. Longley neatly dispatched him with a revolver. Johnny is quiet but like the proverbial still water, his thoughts run deep and well beamed on the real current of Aggie thinking. His brother, Dan Longley, president of his senior class in '45 was killed in France, Longley is from Giddings. He is married and has ambition to do something about future Aggie enrollments.

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