

Vets and Cadets to Share Student Offices

Five Yell Leaders; Four From Corps, One From Veterans

When the fall football season rolls around there will be five yell leaders. In addition to the two senior yell leaders and two junior yell leaders from the corps a representative of the large non-military faction will be up there leading the yells.

It is hoped that by this action, the entire student body will participate in the spirit program of the college. Like the co-editor arrangement of the student publications, this is to be merely a temporary solution, with the non-military yell leader to be elected for only a one year term. This position is to be dropped as soon as the preponderance of veterans leave the campus, and the cadet corps is once more in large majority.

The Student Council wished to make it quite clear to all that it is not creating tradition by this, but merely trying to do what it thinks best for the student body as a whole. As enrollment next fall will probably reach the 8,000 mark, five yell leaders should not be an excessive number, they hold.

Final Review to Follow Final Ball At Semester End

Another old time tradition is to be revived at the end of this semester. Plans for a full scale senior week and Final Ball are being arranged by the Senior

5 ROT proposals are that the Final Review will be on Thursday, May 31, as such was never done during prewar days. Sponsors of the Final Ball will be the Junior Class and the Ex-Servicemen's Club, and arrangements are being made by them to make the affair one of lasting significance. No cadet will receive permission to leave the campus prior to the Final Review.

The Senior Class has invited all non-military graduating seniors as they go into a single rank when the corps passes in review the second time around.

ATTENTION, CLASS OF '45

There will be a class meeting this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Y chapel. All class members are urged to be present.

Aggie Players Stage Second Hit With Bobby Sox "Junior Miss"

Not even a cloudburst could dampen the good spirits in the Assembly Hall last night, as the Aggie Players presented their second comedy hit, "Junior Miss." A torrential downpour drowned out the first ten minutes of the play, but the rest of the evening was filled with laughter, as the players told the story of a bobby-soxer and her family troubles.

"Junior Miss" will be repeated tonight at 8:00, and the players are hoping that nature will skip the unwanted sound effects that belong more properly in "Rain."

Heading the cast as two teenage mischief makers are Gail Crawford and Nell Arhopulos; with Philip McIntyre and Will Beth Stephens as harassed parents; Judy McQuillen and Robert Swinney as a romantic duo.

In every production some bit-players stop the show, and that feat was performed last night by Billy Yowell as a too, too precise

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Student Council Rises To Meet A & M Faculty, Student Problem

Brazos A&M Club Will Honor 1946 Aggie Athletes

Texas Aggie participants in winter and spring sports will be honored at a "stag" barbecue and party May 20 at the Bryan Country Club by the Brazos County A&M Club.

This tribute by local former students of the Texas A&M College to this year's crop of wearers of the Maroon and White in intercollegiate competition is a sequel to the annual January party at which the football and cross country squads are special guests.

To be honored at the party next Monday night are the members of the basketball, baseball, track, swimming, tennis and golf teams. The coaching staff also will be present.

J. E. Roberts is chairman of the arrangements committee for the party. Other members are Mike Barron, W. G. Breazeale and Holloway Hughes.

Friday has been set as the deadline on ticket sales, Roberts said. Tickets may be purchased from sellers in Bryan and College Station at \$1.00. Each former student and sports enthusiast planning to attend is urged to buy two tickets—one for himself, and the other to cover a portion of the club's expense incident to feeding one of the 150 athletes who will be present.

"All you old boys get up in the collar on this spring party", W. R. Carmichael, club president urged. "Our winter program went off in fine shape, and we want to make the spring program just as important in the calendar of worthwhile annual Aggie functions," Carmichael added.

young man; John Hammond as a bowler, and John Helm as a singing messenger.

Other players were Ruth Daniels, Walter Norris, Betty Smith, Fred Collins, Donald Waldrip, Poole Robertson, Lindell James, Roy Garner, Mermod Jaccard and Stanley Keese.

Forrest Hood staged the production for the Aggie Players, and was assisted by Walter Norris. Stage manager John Helm's assistants included Mermod Jaccard, Stanley Keese, R. E. Tipton, Hazel McClendon, Tacy Wittenbach, J. D. Strickel and Roy Garner. Gregory Salinas was business manager; Carl Stevens make-up director; Ruth Daniels and Nancy Tucker supplied the costumes and properties.

"Junior Miss" closes the first season of the Aggie Players, but next year their plans include such plays as "The Tavern", "My Sister Eileen", "Double Door" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

The community of distrust that has been fostered on the campus since 1942 is in for critical examination in the movement set in motion by the Student Council which seeks an open, honest appraisal of present day Texas A&M and the direction in which it is going. The discussions and understanding that follow should end the senseless "rumors", "scuttlebutts" and "latrinograms" that currently make the rounds. A greater A&M should be the logical result.

You see, we are vitally concerned with the way this school is run. Not only do we want the best in education, but we want to return here as former students in days to come. We don't want to revolutionize the A&M system; we think it's the greatest in the world. All we want to do is seek out an explanation for some of the incidents we witness that bring disapproval from the students, bring these grievances out into the open, and settle them.

Many things provoke students and faculty members to wonder. For instance, why is there such a wide gap between the administration, faculty, and the students? This gap has widened tremendously in the past four years, so much so that a person returning to the campus immediately senses the tautness in the very atmosphere. Many who were here for the Homecoming felt it and commented on it. So have others. It's common knowledge that the cadets oppose any administration policy simply because it's a product of the present administration. In fact, every new student entering the corps has had a resentment complex returned in him. We want to bring such views out in the open, examine them for logical basis, and either support or discard them as the case may warrant.

Here are a few of the grievances that the Council has encountered. One is that the professors hired by the college fail to show a personal interest and responsibility toward their students. Notice; they fail to show it. How? By poorly planned and delivered lectures, and by confining attention to their teaching profession to the classroom only, failing to encourage independent discussions outside the classroom. Only a very few professors ever invite groups of Aggies to their homes for discussions which may sometimes mean more than classroom lectures toward educating a citizen.

That brings up another question. How are we to obtain first-class educators here at A&M when our salary scale is so low? It seems that offers to come to A&M are laughed at by top ranking men. We believe that our instructors deserve more pay. The Student Council is now investigating both sides to the question of pay increases.

Another sample of student grievances is the inaccessibility of the higher officials of the college for conferences, for statements of policy, and for publication to the student body of concrete results of their work. We want to know what, if anything, they are doing for us.

We hope that, by this editorial, faculty, staff, and students on this campus will begin thinking about and criticizing constructively our educational and administrative system. Working together we can raise our educational benefits far above their present low level.

What's Cooking

Today

All Day: Petroleum Conference.
5:30 p. m.: ASAE picnic, assemble for transportation back of Ag. Eng. Building.
7:00 p. m.: A. & M. Radio Club in E. E. Building.
7:30 p. m.: Lecture by Dr. Phillips Thomas, at E. E. Building.
8:00 p. m.: Aggie Players in "Junior Miss" at Assembly Hall.

Tomorrow

All Day: Petroleum Conference.
7:00 p. m.: Class of '46, at YMCA chapel, to elect Class Representative.

CLASS OF '46 TO ELECT CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

A meeting of the Class of '46 of Texas A. & M. College will be held at 7:00 p. m. Thursday night at the YMCA chapel for the purpose of electing a Class Representative to serve on the Ex-Student Council, it was announced this morning.

WEATHER FORECAST

Every one is wondering whether we'll have more weather like last night. Stay prepared—it's the monsoon season here at Aggieland. These involuntary drown-outs at two in the morning soon get stale.

As to the forecast—only fools and strangers attempt to ascertain Texas weather, so don't try to unless you want to be labeled.

Batt, Longhorn to Have Co-Editors From Corps, Vets

By Allen Self

The Student Council decided last night to have co-editors of the Battalion and the Longhorn for next year, one to be elected from among the non-military students and the other from the corps. These two will work together in order to accomplish complete coverage of all news on the campus, and to represent the two most important groups of the student body equally.

The recommendations for the election of these joint posts was made to the Student Life Committee, who will prescribe the qualifications and prerequisites for the jobs. The elections will be held at an early date under the auspices of the Student Election Committee. The unprecedented situation arising from the large veteran group on the campus makes such a move not only desirable, but necessary as well. It is, of course, only a temporary situation, pending the return to a student body predominantly military.

When the elections are held, there will be separate voting by the non-military and the cadets, each choosing their editor from among an approved list of candidates. The candidates must be seniors.

Town Hall manager will continue to be elected from among the cadet corps.

Election of class officers has been postponed until early next fall, it was decided.

Non-military students will participate in class elections if they wish.

Further action of the Student Council included the appointment of a committee of eighteen members to serve as planners for the proposed student union building. These men are to meet with Mr. E. L. Angell this week to get started on the promotion work. The six members representing the veterans are James Forrest, Bob Kachtick, Pat Spillman, S. B. Darst, Vernon Smith, and Otto Ransleben. The other twelve from the cadet corps are Bill Rilal, Al Presnal, Bob MacCallum, Jimmy Demopolous, Clyde Cecil, Herschel Wood, E. A. Hinkle, Jack James, J. D. Strickel, Dave Babbitt, V. T. Irby, and C. M. Bell.

An arbitration committee to meet with Dean Bolton and to clarify and adjust the policy of granting excused absences to those representing the college at various activities was appointed, to consist of Pete Utesch, Hubie Braunig, John Rougenac, Bob King, Glen Bell, and Allen Self.

Next meeting for the Student Council was set for May 24.

Aggie Prof Will Get Fourth A & M Degree on May 31

When Samuel R. Wright, professor of municipal and sanitary engineering at A&M and acting head of his department, steps up to the platform May 31 to receive his doctor of philosophy certificate, he will become the first man ever to receive four degrees from this institution.

Wright was awarded his bachelor of science degree with the class of 1922, gained a Master of Science in 1928 and a professional degree of Civil Engineer in 1931. Now he is to become a Ph. D in engineering, scoring another first, since previous PhDs from Texas A&M have been conferred in other fields.

It is also believed that Wright holds the record for attendance at A&M, since he has registered for 20 regular sessions and eight summer terms, according to the registrar's office. During most of these terms, however, he was a full-time teacher in the college and permitted to enroll for only a limited number of academic hours.