

## Placement Office Urges Senior Visits

Posters designed to attract the interest of graduating seniors and cause them to register in greater numbers with the Placement Office are being posted on all dormitory and department bulletin boards. W. R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office, announced today.

The posters emphasize that this year jobs are more scarce than last year, and that the graduating senior would be wise to begin early his quest for a job. Services of the Placement Office are available to every graduating senior, Horsley said. These services are (1) registration with the Placement Office so that prospective employers may be informed of the number and categories of graduates (2) ordering personal leaflets to accompany job application forms, and (3) facilities and counselors to discuss with graduating seniors their plans for jobs.

and 350 during next summer. Of this number only 400 have filed with the Placement Office, Horsley added.

"This year our graduates will have to get out and hustle," Horsley commented. "We'll help them as much as we can."

Horsley concluded by saying, "We're anxious for seniors to come by our office and get acquainted. We're in a position to help them, and that's our job. We'd like for them to start coming in now rather than waiting until the last few days of school when we're rushed and so is everyone else."

The College Placement Office maintains constant contact with hundreds of firms which are interested in hiring A&M graduates. This year, Horsley said, a large number of replies from these companies express no desire to make any commitments regarding employment of January graduates.

## Men Nominated As Directors Of Association

Six men have been nominated for directors of the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce, with three to be elected at the annual meeting November 15.

Those who have agreed "to serve if elected" are: M. C. Pugh, R. L. Hunt, J. H. Pruitt, E. C. Garner, J. L. Bearrie, and W. N. Downer.

Other nominations may be made by petition, signed by ten active members of the association. Such nominations must be received by Secretary J. H. Sorrels on or before November 5, ten days before the election.

## IJK of Walton Open for Dates

Ramps 1, J. and K of Walton Hall will be used to provide accommodations for visiting girls attending the ABC Ball and the All College Dance Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, said Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of students for student affairs.

Students having guests staying in Walton Hall will be assessed a charge of \$1.25 per night per guest to cover cost of matrons and other incidental expenses. Sheets, pillow cases, blankets, pillows and mattresses will be provided for. Refunds cannot be made, Zinn said.

Room assignments may be made at Room 100 Goodwin Hall. Guests will be admitted to their rooms at 4 p. m. Friday, November 4. The rooms must be vacated by 11:30 a. m. Sunday, November 6.

Guests staying in the dormitory must be in not later than 2 a. m. Friday night and 1 a. m. Saturday night. They must check in with the matron upon return to the dormitory after the dance. Escorts will be held strictly accountable for compliance with the regulations, Zinn said.

## Lynch to Speak On Waterfowl Nov. 1

John Lynch, flyway biologist of the U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service, will deliver a talk in the lecture room of the Chemistry building November 1.

Lynch will present the latest information on the current waterfowl situation. He is a widely known authority on ducks and geese and thoroughly acquainted to discuss conditions in Texas and Louisiana.

For the past several years Lynch has worked on ducks and geese continuously, following their northward migration in the spring, working in Canada during the breeding season and in the fall moving with them to their wintering grounds on the Gulf coast.

The Fish and Game Club of A&M is sponsoring the meeting, and the student body, faculty members and local sports men have been invited to attend.

## A&M Rifle Team Schedules Match

The A&M Rifle Team, sponsored by M/Sgt. W. R. Reese, is scheduled for its first match with Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, on Nov. 19. The teams will fire at their own respective colleges and mail the scores to each other.

The Aggie Rifle Team is scheduled to compete with the University of Texas Rifle Team sometime before Christmas, at Austin. About thirty matches have already been scheduled and twenty-four more will be scheduled in the near future.

There are sixty men now on the team, with Clifford A. Taylor as captain of the group.

To letter on the team, a member must participate in two-thirds of the matches, fire in the Fourth Army Intercollegiate match and fire in the William Hurst Trophy Match.



Puffer policeman Red Duke, clip board in hand, gets in a little sideline kibitzing as his charges in the pro's pipe smoking division of last week's Batt Stoker Derby while away a few minutes in a stiff game of checkers. F. W. Powell of the English Department makes a crucial move as Fred D. Meyers of the E. D. Department plots his strategy. Powell won top honors in the division with Meyers trailing with a 77-minute second place.

## Soph Vote Ends Davis New Veep

The Class of '52 in a final election held last night elected Dan Davis as vice-president. Duane E. Vandenberg secretary, Robert H. Jourdan treasurer, and Elmore "Rip" Torn parliamentary.

Dan Davis, Sophomore choice for vice-president, is another business major. He hails from Lubbock. Dan is now vice president of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, and served as one of the Freshmen Student Senators last year.

Another old Freshmen Senator elected to Sophomore office is Luther Leatherwood, a Floriculture major from Beaumont, who was selected to fill the position of social secretary.

Duane E. Vandenberg nosed Grady L. Smallwood, another old Freshman Senator, out of the running for the secretarial post by only a few votes. Vandenberg is a Geological Engineering major from Houston.

Robert H. Jourdan, Architecture major from Alvin, ended the election only 50 votes ahead of his opponent, Herbert Gerrod, in the treasurers race.

Newly elected parliamentary for the Class of '52 is Elmore "Rip" Torn, an ME major who (See ELECTIONS, Page 4)

## Ross, the Indestructible . . .

# The Mystery of a Building That Shouldn't Be There

BY BOB PRICE

There stands on this campus a condemned soul who has lived to sneer at those who so lightly spoke of its demise.

For the whole story, let's go back a few years. On the first page of The Battalion, fully surrounded in the black border of mourning, appeared an article "In Memory of 1892."

It reads: "How would it feel if you had not been warned and were awakened by a thud produced by a section of gypsum, hitting the dome with a force of  $10^8$  lbs. Then you can appreciate the uncontrollable emotions, with fear as its nucleus, which caused a certain faction to change quarters in a few hours following the night of October 24."

"The exodus followed the sensational climaxing of peculiar shrieks and groans which have been unobtainable in the building for some time, into an intermittent and diffusive downpour of the ceiling covering on the floors below and a cracking of the walls of the building in general."

"It all came about when age had reduced the strength of the materials of Ross Hall or near its falling point."

"Because of these conditions, President Walton has asked the Board of Directors to appoint an architect to draw up plans for a new dormitory to replace Ross Hall. It is expected that Ross Hall will be torn down by next year and the ground work for the new structure will start then. The building has been deemed unsafe to conduct classes in."

The article continues on to say that members of Battery "F" Field Artillery, then occupying Ross, had moved in part to Pflieger.

Leftover troops "are living in the four horizontal sections of Goodwin Hall."

Perhaps a short recap is in order. The forgoing words meant that Ross Hall was sentenced to destruction because it was literally falling apart.

The date of this startling announcement was Oct. 30, 1929—20 years ago Sunday.

But, in case you hadn't noticed, Ross Hall still stands. Why? What happened to the plans for razing the building? That's a matter for conjecture.

Diligent research brought forth these later developments. Another article appeared in The Battalion, this one under the headline "Two Dormitories Authorized, Board Decides on Building Program." The date was Dec. 4, 1929.

Buried near the bottom of the story were the words: "A new dormitory will be built where Ross Hall now stands at an approximate cost of \$116,000 as soon as the dormitory can be torn down. It will cost \$3,100 to wreck Ross Hall."

Obviously, the building was still doomed. But what happened between that story and the next word on the affair which appeared almost one year later?

A small announcement in the Oct. 1, 1930 Battalion stated merely that the Architecture Department was moving its drafting rooms to Ross which at that time was "unoccupied."

The only other clue in the mystery is another article in the paper three weeks later that mentions naming the new dorm, supposedly to be built at the same time as Ross' replacement, Walton Hall.

No mention was made of Ross or of the dorm that was supposed to take its place.

But the question still remains. What happened to the original plans for the destruction of the building? How come it still stands 20 years after its condemnation?

Of course, improvements have been made. The original deer skin roof has been replaced with a sterner stuff and the ceiling supports are no longer held in place with leather thongs.

Perhaps a lack of funds delayed original plans and the idea had to be re-submitted to the Board of Directors. This bears but little weight, however, when you consider how \$3,100 could be saved by merely letting cadets loose in the edifice. No wrecking expense would have been necessary.

Then again, the Military Department may have intervened in the death sentence. The closeness of the building to what was then Casey and a good spot for coffee, could have proved too irresistible a lure for the military.

Did they sacrifice safety to convenience and put in an early bid for the building. They seem now to have no qualms about working in a place that isn't supposed to be there.

Rumors have it that sometime in the past two decades, they rushed in a crew of Army Engineers in the dark of night to preserve Ross' life.

And finally there is this one last conjecture. The ancient hall, standing ever in the gaze of the statue of its namesake, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, just refused to yield to the blows of time or of man.

Perhaps by now, we should just drop the subject and say that Ross Hall has earned its right to remain in our midst.

# Houston Midnight Yell Practice Favored in Senior Class Meet

## Smith Says Council Meet Out Until Wednesday at Earliest

By C. C. MUNROE

It will not be possible for a senior class committee to meet with the Houston city council before Wednesday at the earliest, George G. Smith, chairman of the Houston A & M Club's corps trip committee, told senior class president Bob Byington this morning.

Byington talked by phone with Smith from the office of Dean of Students W. L. Penberthy.

The call was the result of a conference held at 2:30 this morning between the senior class committee and Penberthy.

Smith said that he would be glad to bring his committee

## Byington Asked to Name Group To Confer With Houston Council

BY THE BATTALION CO-EDITORS

The senior class voted last night to carry its case for midnight yell practice directly to the city council of Houston. A five man committee, to be appointed by senior class president Bob Byington, was commissioned by the class to discuss with the council the possibility of having an authorized midnight yell practice Friday night.

The action came after spirited discussion of a request that the student body not hold its customary midnight yell practice in Houston. The request, which was printed in last week's Battalion, was made by George G. Smith, chairman of the Houston A&M Club's corps trip committee.



"B" Quartermaster Company was the winner of last week's Batt sign contest. They will receive the five dollars awarded each week to the winning sign.

## Admirers Offer Financial Aid To Destitute Military School

Natchit, Miss., Nov. 1 (AP)—Admirers of Jefferson Military College are offering financial aid to the proud but poor little prep school which turned down a \$50,000,000 endowment.

## Veterans Receive Increase Payments

Veterans of World Wars I and II and the Spanish American War will receive an increase in disability and dependancy payments, the Texas Military District announced today.

This increase is due to a bill signed by President Truman recently, which raise the payment by \$112 million dollars. This raise will affect approximately two million veterans, the VA estimated.

Men of World War I will receive full compensation for disabilities presumed to be service connected, this is a raise from a previous 47%.

Men with Arrested cases of Tuberculosis may receive compensation ranging from, \$150 for total disability to \$15 for 10% disability.

Prior to the motion to send the committee to Houston, the class indicated by an overwhelming vote that they intended to hold a midnight yell practice in the coastal city.

Discussion of the yell practice question was opened when Jack Miller, E Flight Air Force, reported on talks he had had this past weekend with members of the Houston A&M Club.

Miller reported that the Houston Aggies were not against midnight yell practice, but that the request had been made at the suggestion of the Houston city council.

Tim Word, B engineers, made a motion, after hearing Miller's report, that the class go one record as intending to hold a midnight yell practice before the Rice-A&M game.

Word's motion touched off a flurry of comment by at least one half of the estimated 250 seniors present.

"Suggestions ranged from 'We don't want to happen in Houston what happened here Thursday night' to 'Let's, have a yell practice, and those guys that are afraid to join with us can pack their bags now and get out.'"

Glenn Kothman, head yell leader, read a letter written by Fred Hickman, chief of campus security, to the effect that the Saturday afternoon yell practice in San Antonio was the most orderly Hickman had ever seen.

The letter read by Kothman said that afternoon yell practices did not provide the opportunity for brawls that a midnight yell practice did.

A vote was called on Word's motion to have the yell practice. It passed with 19 dissenting voices, but a second vote made the affirmative action unanimous.

Committee Authorized

A motion by John Taylor, C Cavalry, to send a committee to Houston to discuss the midnight yell practice question with the city council received unanimous approval at the first vote.

The committee will be appointed by the senior class president. The class expressed the desire that this committee meet with the council before the usual corps trip arrangements committee from A&M makes it Houston trip.

A suggestion that the senior committee ask Dean of Students W. L. Penberthy for a letter of recommendation was discussed but never came to a formal vote.

Gerald Monks, B Coast Artillery, then read to the class a letter and the editor's note following it printed in Monday's Battalion. The letter referred to a Battalion editorial, "If you Drink, Don't Lead."

Bill Billingsley, co-editor of The Battalion, was questioned by members of the class in regard to the editorial and the editor's note read by Monks.

Billingsley explained Battalion policy to the class, and said that he would give further consideration to the subject of the editorial.

The non-corps editor said after the meeting he had been offered a written statement by several members of the class, and that he was meeting with them today to discuss advisability of printing it.

On a motion by Dick Marks, E Field Artillery, the senior class voted unanimously to give a vote of confidence to Glenn Kothman, head yell leader.

## Ft. Worth Student To Receive Award

A Tarrant County A&M student will be presented a \$200 award by the Fort Worth A&M Mothers Club next spring because of his outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership and character, announced Dean M. T. Harrington.

Special consideration will be given to a student who has overcome difficult obstacles in evidencing the possession of these qualities.

The award will be made available to its winner for his use in his Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year at college. Selection of the award winner will be made by the Faculty Scholarships Committee, Dean M. T. Harrington, chairman, and R. G. Perryman, registrar's office, secretary.

Applications or recommendations for the award may be made between February 15 and March 1, 1950.



Miss Ann Ruhland, 20, and a student at SMU, is another candidate for the title of ABC Sweetheart. Her sponsor is Jack Happy, of K Flight, Air Force.