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A&M's 75th Anniversary Set For Tomorrow

Committee Tosses Out College View Ballots

The election committee of the Student Senate last night threw out all ballots from College View in the general fall election.

"Due to an illegal election procedure, another election will be held Wednesday night in College View from 7 to 9 p.m.," said Roy Nance and Bill Moss, election co-chairmen, in a statement to The Battalion.

"Upon receiving a formal protest, we investigated the election procedure in that area and declare last night's election void," the statement read.

Ballots will be distributed door-to-door and collected Wednesday night by members of the election committee.

Students living in College View will vote for seven senators-at-large, three members of the Student Life Committee, and for one of the following men, who will appear on the ballot as candidates

for that area's senatorial position:

Beazley, Donald R.
Brown, George M.
Flanagan, Donald A.
Jenkins, Hayden L.
Weddell, L. B.

Nance and Moss declined to give further information upon the "illegal procedure," but said that a new election should "clear up the entire mess."

Thus, until College View's votes are counted, the races for senators-at-large and for Student Life positions are still undecided.

With complete reports from all civilian dormitories except Law and Puryear Halls—and lacking all housing areas—the Student Life Committee race was taking shape as follows:

Jim Martin, 385; Ray N. Williams, 195; Roy D. Nance, 185; Joe Fuller, 173; and Ernest T. Pitzer Jr., 118. Ten candidates are running for the three positions.

At-Large Voting

The senators-at-large contest has taken a definite trend, although there are still many votes to be counted, in addition to the College View election Wednesday night.



BOBBY N. McLARTY

Senior is Heart Attack Victim

Silver Taps will be held at 10:30 p. m. tonight for Bobby Neil McLarty, 22, class of '50, who died suddenly yesterday.

McLarty, civilian Liberal Arts senior from Stephenville, collapsed shortly after reporting to work at Smitty's. Artificial respiration was administered and he was later rushed to the College Hospital by automobile.

Dr. J. E. Marsh, college physician, declared him dead upon arrival.

Hospital attendants said the cause of death was a probable heart attack.

The body will be shipped to Stephenville, for funeral services and burial.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. McLarty, Rt. 10, Stephenville; sister, Mrs. I. B. Collin of Bryan.

Write-Ins Cancelled

George Germond was unopposed in Dorm 14, while C. L. Ray took the Dorm 15 senatorship with 108 votes to Doyle Griffin's 36. In Dorm 15, Homer H. Johnson polled 107 write-in ballots, although he could not have won the election, according to the chairmen.

Tom Poyner was unopposed in Dorm 16, as was Lloyd Manjeet in Dorm 17. Karl Meyers won easily over Joe R. Alexander, 176 to 91, for the Walton Hall representative spot.

Milner Hall had I. E. Montgomery Jr. running unopposed, while Nolan H. Byrson took Leggett with 94 votes to Charles W. Thomas' 36. Alfred R. Gibson was unopposed in Bizzell.

Bill Ellsworth became Mitchell's senator as he defeated J. R. Allen, 130 to 24. Jim Onstatt took the Law Hall race with 118 votes to M. C. Carson's 60. Ed Sandlin senator from Hart Hall by gathering 62 votes, edged Ralph Ellis with 54.

In Puryear, Bill Davis led W. G. Garrison, 90 to 31.

Complete election returns will not be available until Thursday morning, election officials said last night. Final results will be announced in Thursday afternoon's edition of The Battalion.

Anniversary Parking

All students and faculty members are asked to park their cars in their regularly assigned parking area Wednesday so streets and special parking areas may be left open for campus visitors, Fred Hickman, chief of campus security, has announced.

Tomorrow's program, which will include a speech by Governor Allan Shivers and a free picnic lunch for all persons in attendance, is the first of a series of scheduled events commemorating the 75 years which A&M has been in existence.

Invitations Spread

The local Chamber of Commerce, which has been working with the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, has formed what is known as the 75th Anniversary Sponsoring Committee. Through their combined efforts, these groups have spread invitations to the celebration to towns and cities within a 100 mile radius of College Station.

Plaques have been placed in conspicuous places in these towns and also personal visits to the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations have been made by partisans of the Sponsoring Committee who have extended invitations to these people to come and bring their families.

Board Gives Certification

The sponsoring committee and the 75th Anniversary Committee have received certification from the Texas State Board of Education that high school students who miss school tomorrow in order to attend the birthday event will not be counted absent from their school as required by the Gilmer-Aiken law.

The Board ruled that since the celebration would be of an educational nature, the students attending the program could count the trip as a full day of school work.

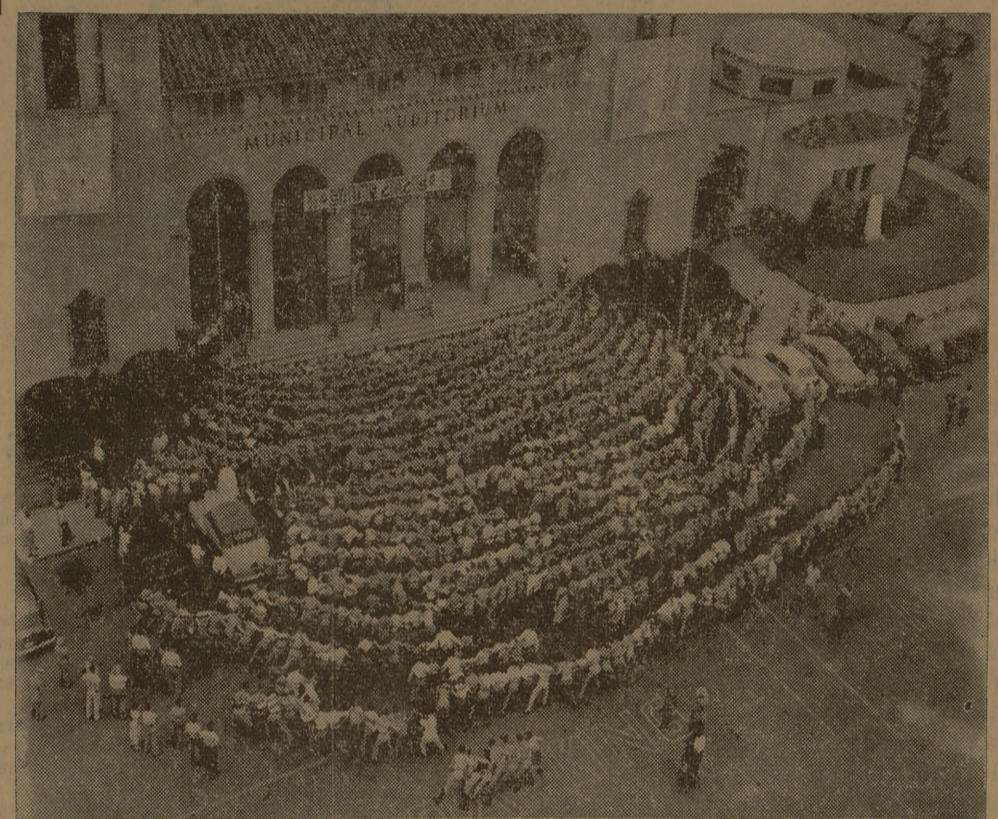
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Dorm Senators

In Dorm 1, Bill Brabham was unopposed, as was R. L. Sturdivant in Dorm 2. Bill Cornish became Dorm 3's senator with 75 votes to Don Napp's 50.

No eligible candidates filed for the Dorm 4 position. A special election will be held later for that dorm, Moss and Nance said.

Yell Practice



Aggies taking their "Unofficial Corps Trip" to San Antonio hold a short yell practice in front of the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium. Despite the light drizzle during the 5 p.m. practice, it did not dampen the spirit during Saw Varsity's Horns Off.

Crowded Program Set For Birthday

By SID ABERNATHY

An address by Governor Allan Shivers, a parade by the Cadet Corps, a picnic lunch, an Air Force demonstration flight, tours of the campus, departmental displays, and numerous visiting dignitaries, will all be a part of A&M's 75th Anniversary celebration tomorrow.

Classes will be dismissed and most college offices will be closed at 9:40 a.m. for the celebration. Classes will resume at 1 p. m.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the College, will preside at the program which will begin at 11 a. m. preceded by a Cadet Corps parade around Kyle Field.

Russia Rejects U.S. - British P.W. Questions

Washington, Oct. 2—(AP)—Russia rejected yesterday American-British-French demands for information about German World War II prisoners still held in the Soviet Union.

A note handed to Ambassador Alan G. Kirk in Moscow not only refused information. It declared charges by the western allies that hundreds of thousands of Germans are still in Russia "do not correspond to the facts" and were made for propaganda purposes.

The State Department, notified by Kirk, announced the action. The Russian note was in reply to an American note delivered last July 14. Similar communications were delivered at the same time by Britain and France.

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A flight of 60 F-84 jet planes from Bergstrom Air Force Base will make a pass over Kyle Field at noon. Twenty-four T-6 planes from Connally Air Force Base also will make a pass over the field and go through a few practice maneuvers.

The demonstration is a part of regular training flights.

A free picnic lunch will be served immediately after the morning program. Serving lines are being provided at the north side of Kyle Field.

A special luncheon for visiting dignitaries is scheduled for 12:30 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Dignitaries

Dignitaries expected to be present for the celebration include Garland Smith, Governor Shivers' secretary and member of the governors staff; Congressmen Olin Teague, Lindley Beakworth, George Moffett, '16, William T. Moore '40, Searcy Bracewell, '38; Fred Wemple, chairman Texas Highway Commission; Bascom Giles, Commissioner General Land Grant Office of Texas; J. E. McDonald, Commissioner of Agriculture; the Board of Directors; Judge John W. Goodwin, '76; Louis A. Cerf, '76 and Mrs. J. T. Hanway, first baby girl born on the campus.

A display of army vehicles will be located on the drill field directly in front of the MSC.

MSC Display

On display in the MSC will be a historical display depicting 75 years of A&M progress. The display will be in rooms 2A, 2B, 2C, and 8D. This exhibit is being handled by Hal Moseley of the Architecture Department.

Pictures of the Corps at drill and in parade, of the faculty (when available), and of student life, will also be shown to illustrate each era of the College. This display is broken down into five historical divisions, 1876, 1900, 1920, 1940, and 1950. Full size manikins, wearing uniforms worn during each period (See ANNIVERSARY, Page 4)

Stores Will Close Tomorrow For 75th Anniversary Event

By JOEL AUSTIN

Businessmen in the city were informed by the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce yesterday that a concerted effort is being made by that organization to get every business firm in College Station to close from 10:30 a. m. until 1 p. m. tomorrow in observance of A&M's 75th anniversary.

Stressing the importance of the occasion, H. E. Burgess, president of the organization, said, "We are most hopeful that all proprietors and employees will not only close their doors on this occasion, but they will attend the celebration on Kyle Field also."

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75 Years of Progress . . .

Diamond Jubilee Marks 75 Year's Growth

By GEORGE CHARLTON

On our birthday tomorrow, we pause a minute to look back at three quarters of a century at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

It all started in a wild dewberry patch near the up and coming little town of Bryan, then located near the center of Texas'

population. In 1876, a building later to be called the "Old Main" was constructed there; a year later, work was begun on another, Gathright Hall. These two, with five small faculty residences, were A&M College to the less than 50 cadets who signed the dotted line as students that first October fourth.

Thomas Gathright, one time superintendent of education for Mississippi, was president at the time. The position had been offered by the Board of Directors to Jefferson Davis, the ex-president of the Confederacy, but Davis had declined for reasons of health and suggested in his place his Mississippi friend, Gathright.

The first executive head of A&M, strangely enough, held a hearty dislike for military features of the Land Grant College System. Nevertheless, he and his commandant are credited with laying the foundations for the Aggie esprit de corps.

Later under the administration of James Garland James, curricula were organized to comply with the original aims of the College. For a short while previous to this change over, no professor of agriculture had been included in the faculty. The State Grange, at the time especially powerful in the state, had raised a large raucous. And in 1890, the Ross Era began. During the administration of this former Texas Ranger, Confederate soldier, planter, and chief executive of the state for four years, the College reached the height of its popular esteem and prestige up to that time. Parents in many cases sent their boys to Sul Ross, not to college.

Inventoried for the first time in its history, College property by 1893 had reached the amazing figure in value of \$389,507.64. In the few years before the turn of the century, branch experiment stations and summer school were established.

After 1900, the age limit of entering students was raised to 16 and scholastic requirements were broadened. A&M was gaining favor with the people of Texas as a result of the proficiency of many of its early graduates. The College expansion under Presidents David Franklin Houston, who resigned in '05, and H. H. Harrington resign-

ing in '08, was rapid and sound. One incident, a student strike in behalf of fired faculty members, marred Harrington's administration, however.

Next president of the College was Col. Robert T. Milner, who described the College in 1910:

"The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas presents a condition unlike that of any other educational institution in the world. Covering an area of about ten acres are stretched 243 tents, in which are lodged 486 cadets . . . the student body is the largest under military discipline in the world. There are 600 more cadets in this school than there are in West Point."

Under Milner, the Schools of Agriculture and Engineering were formally created, with a Dean for each. The office of Dean of the College had been already created in 1907 to relieve the president of burdensome duties. In 1913, another student strike was instigated over the dismissal of 27 cadets for hazing.

By March, 1917, the nation was approaching war with the Central Powers of Europe, and a special resolution proffered by the faculty was presented to the Board of Directors, tendering the research and teaching facilities of the College to the Federal Government. Hours in Military Science were increased and graduation of seniors was hastened so that they might enter training camps as soon as possible. Meanwhile, President Bizzell had enhanced authority and responsibility of the chief executives office and created the School of Veterinary Medicine, the Graduate School, and the School of Arts and Sciences.

In the twenties, more authority was vested to deans, directors, and fiscal officers. And never before had a more cordial state of mind existed between faculty and student body. Chief execu-

tive of the College at this time was Thomas Otto Walton, country bred, farm trained, and broadly informed both in wise farm practice and in the science of agriculture.

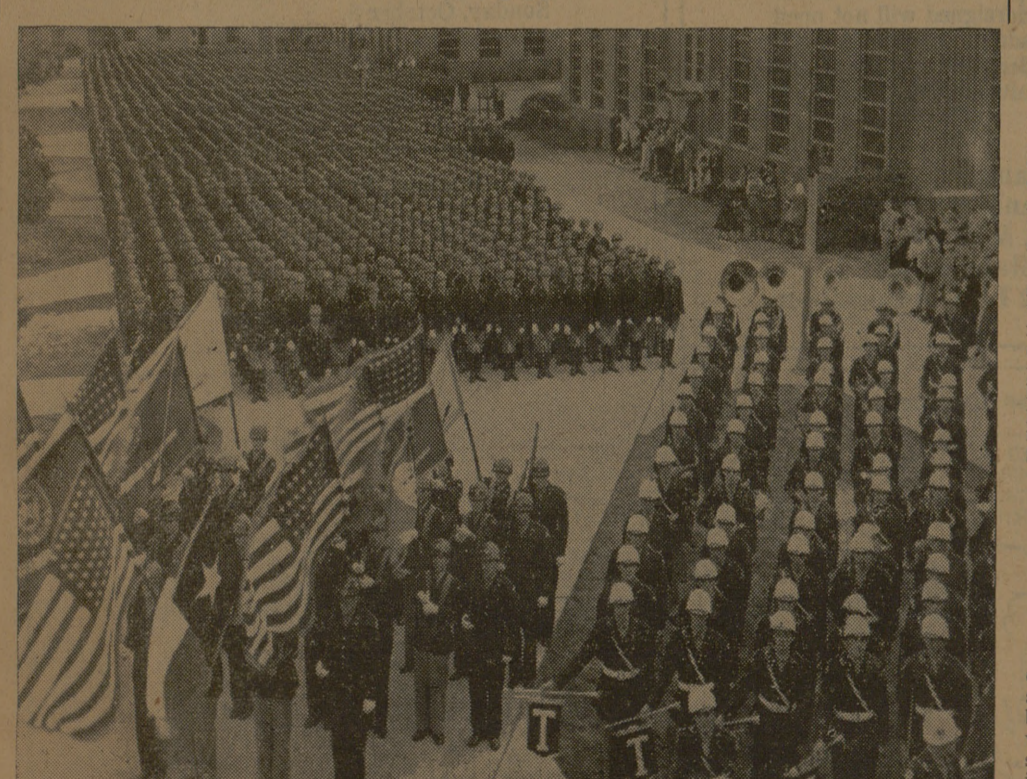
Then came the building boom of '39, upon the tide of which came World War II. Emphasis during this time was placed on scholastic attainment and faculty improvement. The program designed for veterans was outstanding.

The College was in the midst of reaching its zenith as to size, facilities, and enrollment when came the revolution—the student revolt of '47, perhaps the biggest crisis in the history of A&M. The unsavory situation became the source for many eight column banners in Texas newspapers, carrying the latest news of the "College Station trouble" back to the folks at home.

Since that time, three years of scholastic as well as physical developments have been underway, noteworthy of which are the formation of the Basic Division and the construction of the Memorial Student Center and Science Buildings, respectively.

And tomorrow we look back. The history of a College can be traced in all the time that it takes to take a walk across the campus from Pfeuffer Hall, one of the first, to our latest, most modern achievement, the Memorial Student Center.

Now



A far cry from the 1920 cadets, Members of the Corps mass for a picture for Life magazine sporting the latest Green, Pinks and Boots.

Then



Members of the Cadet Corps of the 1920 era form for a parade on what is now the Main Drill Field. The house in the background is on the site of the Memorial Student Center. Cadets during this time had just changed from "blue" to the latest style in olive drab pants, khaki shirts, puttees and campaign hats.