

Student Body To Approve New Mascot

A&M will have a mascot soon—perhaps this semester—if the student body wants one.

The Student Senate's mascot committee, headed by I. E. "Monty" Montgomery, is proceeding with plans to obtain A&M's first official mascot since the death of Reveille in 1944.

Students will vote in a Senate-conducted election soon to determine whether or not a mascot is wanted. Questions asking "Do you think A&M needs a mascot? If your answer is yes, do you think it should be a dog?"

"If so, our committee has found the best choice will be a German shepherd—do you support this?"

A fourth part of the ballot, to be distributed to the entire student body on a date not yet arranged, asks for remarks pertaining to the mascot selection.

"We have several reasons for believing the best choice for a dog mascot would be a German shepherd," Montgomery said this morning.

"They are big dogs, possess a high IQ and require little physical upkeep—that is, they aren't dainty dogs which need meticulous care."

The committee, with Montgom-

ery, Karl Meyers, Duane Vandenberg, George Germond, and Lloyd Manjeet acting as members, has invited Jim Tim House to work with them as an ex-officio member.

House, who worked with the Army's K-9 Corps during his pre-A&M days, will contact several agencies from which the Army selects their dogs, seeking a satisfactory mascot for A&M.

Montgomery's group suggests the dog be a male, a pup from 12 to 16 months old, and that the mascot receive thorough professional training on the campus.

Tentative plans have been made—all subject to the decision of the student body in the election—for the care of the mascot. Each year one student would take general charge of the dog. The first student would work hand-in-hand with a professional trainer, if one can be brought to the campus to teach the dog.

Each unit in the Corps of Cadets will be responsible for the dog's general upkeep for one week during the year.

The committee is also proposing a "sentry" house for the dog—as is found at gates of Army posts. It would be located near the center of the New Army cadet dormitories.

If the German shepherd is selected, he would probably cost above \$75, but less than \$150 with all expenses for blankets, collars, licenses and other items considered. The price would also include American Kennel Club registration, since the dog would be a pure-bred.

No name will be chosen for the dog until he arrives on the campus, Montgomery said. At that time, a student election will probably be held to name him.

Montgomery emphasized that all plans now under consideration are tentative and await the decision of the forthcoming student body vote.

Hitch-hikers! Wichita Falls Exes Erect Ride Station

An Aggie hitch-hiking post has been erected at Wichita Falls which will be a welcome sight to the hundreds of Aggies who pass through there enroute to their homes in North Texas and the Panhandle.

The shelter, a permanent brick structure built by the North Texas A&M Mothers Club, is situated on the east side of town on the Fort Worth highway directly in front of the Texas Highway Department building.

Several Aggie Exes aided in the planning and building of the station. Among these was C. L. Murph who is an active participant in all Aggie functions in Wichita Falls.

The Highway Department not only gave its permission that the structure be erected before their building, but also aided in its progress by moving a portion of the rock wall extending across the front and graveling the area directly before the shelter.

Various Aggie exes over the city contributed the material for the station, such as the concrete, paint, roofing, and the bricks.

Committee heading the A&M Mothers in planting, arranging and completing the project for their sons at A&M, had Mrs. M. W. Knight as chairman and Mrs. J. P. Hamman as her co-worker.

Police Action Averting War Says Chevalier

"America does not own outright its freedom—it merely has a lease which must be paid from time to time. The present generation has received this task and it must be fulfilled if the future generation is to have the privileges the present one is enjoying."

Thus Col. Willard Chevalier, executive vice-president of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New York, explained the United States' role in the present world situation to members of the College Station Kiwanis Club yesterday at their weekly meeting in the MSC.

Said Chevalier, "We are not at war, we are at peace, we are exerting a police action in Korea—an effort intended to prevent our being at war."

Chevalier was introduced to the club by Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the A&M College System.

Miss Ann Southern, a senior at A&M Consolidated High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Dixie) Southern, has been chosen the Kiwanis' Duchess to the A&M Cotton Pageant and Ball.

R. E. Leighton, chairman of the boys and girls committee, reports all arrangements have been made for the annual banquet sponsored by the Kiwanis for the A&M Consolidated High School athletes and their dates. The banquet is scheduled for April 27, in the assembly room of the MSC, with coach John Floyd to be the principal speaker.

Following the banquet and talk will be dancing on the terrace for those present.

Seniors Asked to Fill Out Activity Cards

Seniors who have participated in other activities and have received honors since filling out their activity cards for AggieLand '51 may add them to their annual list by stating the additional activities on another card in the AggieLand office.

The other activities cards are on the Bulletin board in the annual '51 office in Goodwin Hall.

Voters Name Boyer, Fitch, Badgett to Council Posts



Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baty of 505 Jersey Street cast their ballots in the annual city election as L. E. Boze, (middle) election judge, supervises the voting. Three hundred and seventy-one College voters visited the City Hall yesterday to cast their ballot among the near record total.

Heavy Vote Nears Balloting Record

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion City Editor

Harry L. Boyer, Howard W. Badgett, and W. D. Fitch were elected yesterday to serve for two year terms on the College Station City Council in the annual municipal election held at the City Hall.

It was one of the biggest elections in College Station history, with the votes cast more than doubling the number of ballots dropped in the boxes last year for the same election which also included balloting for a mayor.

From a field of seven candidates, the three new councilmen emerged victors by no overwhelming vote. Ward I, smallest of the city areas, was expected to have few ballots cast, but incumbent W. D. Fitch had several write-ins against him to keep the race far from being dull.

Howard Badgett, present councilman from Ward I whose term expired this month, gathered 84 votes, the most cast for any candidate.

Homer Adams and J. W. O'Brien finished second and third to poll 52 and 51 votes respectively.

Black Closest Contender

In College Hills Ward II, incumbent G. W. Black was the closest contender to Harry Boyer on that ballot, but he had to settle for defeat by polling 53 votes to the 63 received by Boyer.

L. G. Berryman was last on the East side ticket with 43 people naming him as their choice.

Lloyd D. Smith received five write-in votes to make a weak bid for the position now held by winner W. D. Fitch in Ward III.

From this small area which he represents, Fitch polled 20 votes, 371 Ballots Cast

Three hundred and seventy-one ballots—the most dropped in city ballot boxes in a long time—was the total counted in these unofficial figures released by election judge L. E. Boze.

Assisting Boze was J. B. Laterstein, assistant judge; and Mrs. P. W. Burns and Mrs. A. P. Boyett, clerks.

Speaking to this writer over the telephone last night, newly elected Ward II representative Harry Boyer thanked voters of his precinct for their interest and support in naming him to his first term as city councilman.

"Tell the people I'll do the best I can and do all in my power to attend all meetings," he said.

"Most Encouraging"

"It is most encouraging," the new councilman commented, "that the people of the city showed so much interest and determined to elect their representative."

"With the citizens behind us as they showed in the large vote of the election I am sure this is just the beginning of a big year," he added.

Results of the election are as yet unofficial and will not be made official until the present city council convenes to canvass ballot returns. As soon as the vote is declared official, new councilmen will assume their positions.

Last year's city election drew only 179 voters to the polls to elect three councilmen and a mayor. With only the three councilmen to name this year—and only one candidate in Ward III—voters showed their balloting strength by visiting the polls between 8 a. m. and 7 p. m. some 371 strong.

Sophomore MS During Summer Is Considered

The possibility of offering one semester of Sophomore military and Air Science is now being considered by the School of Military Science and Tactics.

This would be offered to cadets who will be academically qualified for advanced contracts next fall, but who lack only one semester of military science.

"It must be borne in mind Col. H. L. Boatner, PMS&T said, that the spirit behind the offering of summer school ROTC work is to bring into step the academic and military instruction of our students or to shorten the duration of their college careers."

"The operation of the Selective Service Act," he continued, "and the reputation of this college makes us look with disfavor upon any innovation in our Military Science instruction which would prolong the college career of any individual beyond the normal duration."

Any student lacking one semester of sophomore military or Air Science would report, in writing, to his MS or AS instructor by April 9, whether he would take such a course if offered or if he might take it.

The report should also include expected academic standings—hours, grade points, ratio, classification, major course, and completion of military science semesters at the end of the present Spring semester.

The feasibility of offering such a course will be determined from these reports.

Federal Inspection Causes Corps Housecleaning Flurry

By B. F. ROLAND
Battalion Staff Writer

Get out those mops, add soap, water and a lot of elbow grease. The annual spring housecleaning for the Corps of Cadets is about to get underway.

The motive for this flurry of activity in the military is the annual Federal Inspection which will commence with a dormitory inspection at 8 a. m. April 10 and end with a Corps Parade at 4:30 p. m. April 11.

The inspection party will arrive Monday afternoon and brief the inspecting team members on the details of the inspection.

Twelve Inspectors

A total of twelve officers, nine from the Army and three from the Air Force will comprise the inspecting group. Lt. Col. Marion P. Bowden said yesterday.

Monday afternoon, the inspecting party will also inspect instruction files, examination and quiz records.

After the dormitory inspection at 10 Tuesday morning the inspecting party visit classrooms in military science to ask the cadets questions and answer any questions that the cadets may have to ask.

Drill Team Exhibition

At 1 p. m. Tuesday, the Freshman Drill Team will give an exhibition until 1:50 p. m. when the group returns again to the inspection of instruction in the classrooms. Observation of retreat march by the inspecting party will end Tuesday's program.

Inspection of instruction in the classroom will take place Wednesday from 8 a. m. to 3:50 p. m. The Corps Parade will be held as a conclusion to the Federal Inspection at 4:30 p. m.

Leave Wednesday

The Federal Inspection Party will probably leave Wednesday night Colonel Bowden said.

The Army officers on the inspecting team are Lt. Col. Clifford A. Bowman, Headquarters, Fourth Army; Lt. Col. William D. Gnaue, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Lt. Col. Darce R. Knight, Headquarters, Fourth Army; Lt. Col. Joseph J. Imhoff, Headquarters, Fourth Army; Lt. Col. Douglas Stevens, Fort Sill; Lt. Col. Carl G. Witte, Headquarters, Fourth Army; Lt. Col. Henry H. Wishart, Fort Sill; Maj. Conrad O. Mannes, Ft. Bliss; and Maj. Edgar C. Wall, Headquarters, Fourth Army.

Air Force officers are Col. Edgar C. Selzer, Capt. Homer E. Thompson, and Capt. Robert C. Matthews.

Landrum to Address Church News Meeting

By PHIL SNYDER
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As a part of the Arts and Sciences Week which lasts through this week the A&M Journalism Department is sponsoring a one-day short course on church and religious news, publicity and public relations. It will start tomorrow in the MSC.

This course is expected to be the first in a series of such courses to be held here annually, says Otis Miller, chairman and director of the short course and a member of the Journalism Department.

Landrum To Speak

Principal speaker for the affair is Lynn W. Landrum, editorial writer for the Dallas Morning News, who will give the closing talk at 7:30 p. m. in the MSC Ballroom.

At 9 a. m., Miss Ruth Tucker, news Editor for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak on "Publicity and Public Relations for Church Groups."

Aubrey Streeter, art and production manager for Whaley Studios, Dallas, will talk at 10:15 on "Art and Production of Promotional Material for a Religious Organization."

Immediately following Streeter's talk, J. Walter Creep will lead a panel discussion on "Individual Church Publicity and Public Relations." Creep is managing editor of the Lufkin Daily News.

At the luncheon in the Assembly Room, "Welcome" will be given by James F. Fowler, minister of the Church of Christ.

Resuming the activities again at 1:30 p. m., Mrs. Harvin R. Lewis, church news editor of the Houston Post, will explain "Getting Co-operation between Newspapers and Churches."

Reader Interest

From 2-2:30 p. m., Wendell Bedichek, publicity and public relations director, Abilene Christian College, will address the group on "Getting Reader Interest into Religious News." Following him will be a discussion on "What the weekly Newspaper can use in Church News," by J. C. Smith, Editor of the Liberty Vindicator, Liberty, Texas.

The last speaker on the afternoon program will be DeWitt Reddick, Journalism Professor from the University of Texas who will talk on "Experiments in Religious News Reporting," at 3:15.

Ending the day will be a dinner in the MSC Ballroom followed by Landrum's after dinner talk.

Former Aggie Honored By Donation to Library

The book, "Doak Walker, Three-Time All American," has been donated to the college library in memory of Lt. Walter H. Higgins, former Aggie football player.

Lt. Higgins, who was killed in Korea on Jan. 21, has been honored by the presentation by Miss Charlotte Cornell of Galveston.

MSC Dedication, Muster Plans Set

In ceremonies, honoring the nearly 1,000 A&M men who have given their lives for their country, the MSC will be dedicated on April 21. Dedication speaker at the 11 a. m. ceremonies will be Tyree Bell, an A&M graduate of 1913 and vice president of the board of directors of the A&M College System.

A. E. Caraway, president of the Association of Former Students, Student Senate President Bill Parse and Prof. Fred Brisson, representing the college staff, will respond to the dedication.

On Front Steps

The \$2,000,000 structure will be dedicated in a ceremony on its front steps—beneath the bronze plaque which bears the names of 940 of the college's war dead of the classes of 1900 through 1948.

A representative of the mothers of the dead will place a wreath on the dedication plaque at the entrance of the MSC.

Curtis Edwards, corps chaplain will give the dedication prayer.

On Radio

The Texas Quality Network will broadcast a delayed report of the dedication and muster at 4:30 on the afternoon of the ceremonies.

Radio stations which will carry the program are WFAA, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KVAL, Brownsville; KRGV, Weslaco; and KGNC, Amarillo.

White Urges Clubs Make 1951-52 Plans

All departments, organizations, clubs and other groups who plan to have some student function during the 1951-52 school year are urged by C. G. "Spike" White, dean of men for activities, to begin discussion of desirable dates for their function.

A special meeting of the Student Life Committee has been authorized for Monday at 5 p. m. in room 301, Goodwin Hall to set the exact dates.

"This is being done," White said "to enable the college to print the All-College Social and Activities Calendar for the next year."

White added he would be glad to discuss Student Life Committee policies concerning this All-College Calendar with anyone who is concerned.

Research Foundation Increases Councilors

The Research Foundation recently has increased the number of its councilors from 70 to 90, Dr. A. A. Jakkula, executive director announced today.

Success After 19 Attempts

MSC Dish Design Problem Solved After Long Search

By FRANK DAVIS
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"That's it," exclaimed Robert D. Harold, MSC decorator.

This was how the man who decorated the Shamrock Hotel, Houston, acted when he found the dishes which many generations of Aggies will use in the MSC.

Last summer, J. Wayne Stark, MSC director, and Harold were in Houston looking at china patterns.

The pattern sought, besides blending with the surroundings, had to be one which could be used interchangeably in the coffee shop, fountain room, and dining room. The building has only one dish room.

Stark and Harold, after failing to find what they wanted in a Syracuse china exhibit, visited Huey and Phillips, Houston Western hotel suppliers, in desperation.

Time was playing out, when Harold while looking at second plates, found the neutral colored pattern both men were seeking.

That particular china was first used in the United States by the International House at the University of Chicago. The German made dishes were selected by students before the war. The pattern was popular because it satisfied the tastes of students from many foreign countries.

had been able, with the aid of Syracuse, after 19 failures, DuPont who furnished the base colors, to imitate the color.

The MSC china was purchased for \$9,000. It would cost from \$10,000 to \$11,000 today, Stark stated.

With the exception of the Presidential Set, the china is used exclusively in the MSC. The Presidential Set, for use by any president, is thinner and is used for small banquets.

The set was used last week for the first time. The occasion was a dinner given by President M. T. Harrington, honoring H. O. Kelly, the cowboy painter.

Senior Ring Making Is Fine Craft

By BEE LANDRUM
Battalion Staff Writer

Here is the straight dope on how these "nuggets" seniors wear (or hope to wear) are made. More than 100 operations are necessary before a class ring is completed.

It seems that the first operation is to make the things which will make the rings. Things called hubs and dies and so forth.

A hub is an exact reproduction of a part of the finished ring. Oh yes, the ring is made in three parts—the base and two shanks.

A hub is made by hand from a piece of steel. It is hardened by a heat treating process and then pressed into a piece of untempered steel—giving a die. All details in the die are in reverse of what they are on the finished ring.

Fine tools are used to sharpen any details in the die that may not have come out clearly when the hub was pressed into the steel.

Then the die is hardened.

The die is placed in the bed of a hammer, and a piece of 10 carat gold is placed over the design impression of the die. The hammer exerts many hundred pounds of pressure on the gold, forcing it into every niche of the die.

Separate hubs and dies are cast for each shank and for the base.

The ring parts are sent to a ring maker's bench, where the shanks are accurately finger sized while still in the flat form. Each end of the shank is filed evenly, and the ring is ready to be formed—made round.

It is placed on a tapered steel rod, which has the various ring sizes graduated on it, and is hammered into its true form. Then the base is welded to the shank. Extremely high heat is used in welding the ring, and a higher carat gold is required than is used in the ring itself.

The ring is given a final polishing with high and low speed buffers made of steel, wood, brush or felt. Many separate steps are required to complete the polishing.

The next time you examine an Aggie nugget, think of it as something more than the reward for completing 100-odd semester hours of course work. It represents much painstaking effort by expert craftsmen and is a highly polished, finished product, not just a rough nugget like its wearer.

