

FRESHMAN WINS ESSAY PRIZE

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 study. Every evening there was a compulsory "call to quarters" where a period of three hours was reserved for study.

"I found also that the upper-classmen, who were so anxious to correct mistakes, were equally anxious to assist us with our studies. These men took special pride in being able to explain some portion of a subject in which they specialized. They spent innumerable hours helping me understand the principles of mathematics and other subjects.

"Everyone in the Corps showed concern with grades, which are one of the main indicators of success in college. Play and enjoyment come after study, but that most important task must be well done before play is allowed.

"In the Corps of Cadets, I found something else beside studies—the ideal of becoming an Ag-

gie. I quickly learned to take and obey orders to the best of my ability. At A&M we taught that Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal. In the Corps a man is only as good as his word. In the Corps I learned traits of neatness because of the Army discipline. I learned to dress smartly, always keeping personal articles in an orderly manner. I learned the value of time—not to waste a minute—and quickly learned the necessity of being punctual.

"However, any mention of the Corps would be incomplete without speaking of friendships. A strong class championship is maintained and a buddy system is practiced. People from all walks of life become close friends. All social classes are eliminated and a new "class" is formed, that of the "Aggie Fraternity," known everywhere.

"Although Texas A&M is com-

posed of only male students who purpose is obtaining the best education possible, there are offered, through various "outfit" parties and school-sponsored dances, social contact with members of the opposite sex. The main social objective of A&M is to teach men to respect the ideals of others and to get along in a harmonious manner.

"Aggieland, besides being centrally located in the state, has many conveniences for the student. There is available for the student who is short of money a student loan fund, which is provided by Former Students, making it possible for many men to continue their education. Aggie Former Students also helped provide funds for the complete and modern student center with all the facilities needed for relaxation and various social activities.

"I would be negligent not to

mention a third phase of being an Aggie—being an Aggie graduate. Former Students possess a love of their school nowhere else squalled. The old saying, "Once an Aggie, always an Aggie" is indeed true. The school maintains contact with its graduates, and each year Aggies come together at the Aggie Muster to renew the bond that holds them together. Needless to say, Aggies have no trouble finding employment. Employers know the value of the kind of education acquired at A&M and are quick to employ Aggies.

"Indeed, it would be foolish to attempt to summarize all the advantages of Texas A&M, because each day something new is added. It is my sincere belief, as an Aggie, in close contact with these advantages, that any man choosing A&M as his college has made the best decision of his entire life."

'Rev' Symbolizes Aggies' Spirit



Reville II
 . . . mascot since January 1952

Aggie spirit takes life at each football game halftime when a 50-pound brown and white shepherd dog romps back and forth through the 260-piece band captivating thousands of fans.

The story of this lovable Aggie mascot, Reville II and her earlier counterpart Reville I, began 27 years ago when a group of Aggies returning to A&M from Houston in an automobile ran over a little mongrel pup near Navasota.

They picked up the yelping, injured pup and brought her to College Station and began one of the greatest traditions in the history of a tradition-rich school.

The next morning the dog began barking at the sound of reveille and was immediately dubbed "Reville."

For 13 years the little dog endeared herself to thousands of Aggies' hearts as the school's official mascot.

In January, 1944, Reville I died and was buried with full military honors. A memorial in her honor

was erected at the north entrance of Kyle Field.

Two dogs "Rusty" and "Spot" were then in as the official mascots of the school, but never regained the prominence of Reville I.

In an election in the fall of 1951, the students expressed a desire for another mascot.

Their wish was granted in January of 1952, when the late Arthur Weinert, '00, donated a three-month-old shetland shepherd pup to the school.

Reville II began living with Sophomore Sam Netterville in "A" Quartermaster, and she has lived with the Quartermaster Corps ever since. The unit is now Co. E-2.

Reville eats two cans of dog food a day, but usually turns up her nose at the dining hall food. She marches to all formations to chow.

Without fail, Reville is up front at The Grove at yell practices barking at the top of her voice with the Aggies.

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