

## Ross Volunteers Mardi Gras Bound

The white-uniformed Ross Volunteer Company, honor unit of A&M University, marches Feb. 11 for the fifteenth consecutive year as honor guard to King Rex of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

This will be the company's first appearance of the academic year, Commander Charles H. Gregory, a senior from Houston, said.

The appearance also will be the first for the Ross Volunteers since the renaming of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to Texas A&M University.

Company strength of the Ross Volunteers stood at 132 members with the formal initiation last fall of 99 outstanding juniors. They were chosen because of their character traits, academic and military standing. The officers, all seniors, were elected to the Ross Volunteers a year earlier. The Volunteers are the oldest student organization at A&M.

The honor unit in addition to its participation in Mardi Gras represents A&M at such distinctive functions as the inauguration of the governor of Texas. The Ross Volunteers also serve as honor guard for distinguished campus visitors.

The name of former Texas governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross who later served as a distinguished president of A&M in the 1890's is honored in the company's name.

"Soldier, statesman and knightly gentleman" summarizes Ross' life and provides high goals for the outstanding cadets who are company members.

Organized in 1887, the unit originally was named in honor of Col. T. M. Scott, who was business manager of the college. Several name changes were made in the years before 1902 when the company adopted permanently the name of Ross Volunteer Company.

The unit's basic purpose always remained the same. This is to exemplify the spirit and inherent principles and nature of A&M as students for service in peace and in war.

Current members of the unit reflect Space Age interests. A&M offers degrees in such subjects as aerospace and nuclear engineering, while campus facilities including the Activation Analysis Laboratory and the sophisticated Data Processing Center are directly concerned with the nation's space efforts.

Old or new, the members of the Ross Volunteer Company proudly represent A&M.



Exploring The Use Of TV

A special collection of books has been assembled by Cushing Memorial Library for Texas A&M University faculty members interested in educational television. Examining some of the material is Dr. Douglas F. Parry. An area meeting recently explored the varied uses of educational TV.

## Seismic Information Topic At University Graduate Lecture

Seismic work to gather information about the vast expanses of ocean bottom was Professor W. Maurice Ewing's topic Monday night for a A&M University graduate lecture.

"To many of us he is the most famous Texan in science," Dr. Charles F. Squire said in introducing Dr. Ewing, who is director of the Lamont Geological Observatory of Columbia University. Dr. Ewing was on the A&M campus Monday and Tuesday to meet with faculty and administration and graduate students.

Dr. Ewing said research technique refinements perfected while his group and A&M Oceanographers worked together in the Gulf of Mexico about three years ago allow a seismic tracing of the ocean bottom and underlying rocks while a research vessel steams along at six to ten miles an hour. He termed this "a revolutionary development" comparable to the use of X-rays for crystal structure studies.

Ocean bottom photographs show-

ing exposed rocks at points where the seismic technique indicated no appreciable sediment was projected during the illustrated presentation in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

"About one-third of the Atlantic Ocean has too little sediment to measure and over one-half of the Pacific and Indian Oceans also have too little sediment to measure," Professor Ewing said.

## Aggie Grads For NASA

A&M University now has 60 of its graduates employed at NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

B. H. Goodwin, head of the professional staffing branch of the NASA Personnel Division, said the graduates have bachelor or advanced degrees in engineering, mathematics or science.

The oldest of the group is Frank A. Knox, who received a BS degree in chemical engineering in 1927. He is technical advisor and consultant to the Center in the field of special equipment.

## Information Is Available For Fellowships

Information concerning Public Health Service Fellowships in the health and health-related sciences now is available at the office of Texas A&M University Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall.

There are predoctoral, postdoctoral and special fellowships, Dean Hall said.

The predoctoral fellowships provide for three years of study, as do the postdoctoral fellowships. Stipends vary from \$1,800 to \$6,000, plus a sum for each dependent, tuition and certain expenses.

The special fellowships available to persons holding the doctorate and with a minimum of three years' research experience provide stipends determined on an individual basis.

## University Offers Summer Workshop

A&M University again will offer summer workshops for teachers, supervisors and school administrators, Dr. Paul R. Hensarling of the Department of Education and Psychology has announced.

"The success of the three workshops held in 1963 showed A&M can render a real service to Texas education through these brief, intensive workshops," Dr. Hensarling said.

Planning for the 1964 workshops followed consultation with the 90 participants in the earlier sessions. Workshops provide opportunities for intensive study of contemporary problems in education and academic credit may be earned.

Dr. Neville Bremer of the Amarillo schools will serve as visiting professor and director of the workshop for Elementary Teachers planned June 29-July 10, Dr. Hensarling said. The two-week, full-

day workshop will carry graduate credit.

Details of other workshops are expected shortly.

"At least half of the time for Dr. Bremer's workshop will be spent in the study of the current topic among elementary teachers, modern mathematics in those grades," Dr. Hensarling said. Other details of the precise course of study will be determined by the participants.

Dr. Bremer is director of elementary education for the Amarillo public schools and the author of several books and other publications on elementary education.

Dr. Bremer has taught as a classroom teacher and at the college level and also has held administrative assignments. He has taught in the Skellytown and Amarillo public schools.

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