

Ross Volunteers Are Recognized As Elite Group

Since 1887 the Ross Volunteers have stood as the elite group which represents the best A&M has to offer, as well as the oldest organized group on campus.

Though the name and size have changed several times since the group was founded, the purposes and traditions of the group have remained much the same.

The original company was called the Scott Volunteers, in honor of Col. T. M. Scott, who was business manager of the college at that time. The Volunteers described the purpose of their organization as to band together the most military men in the school into a crack drill company.

IN 1891, when ex-Governor Lawrence Sullivan Ross became president of the college, the name of the company was changed to Ross Volunteers in his honor.

Following the death of Ross in 1898, the name was changed to Foster Guards, again honoring the succeeded Ross. The company marched under the name of the Houston Rifles during President Houston's administration. The plan of the organization was to change its name in honor of each succeeding president of the college.

In 1902, H. H. Harrington, son-in-law of Gov. Ross, became president of the college. When the name of Harrington Rifles was proposed, Harrington requested that the company again assume the name of Ross Volunteers.

IT WAS THEN decided to make the name of Ross Volunteers permanent, which it has remained.

At the time of organization the membership was restricted to forty cadets chosen from the junior and senior classes. New members were accepted into the company by an election held early each scholastic year. The basis of acceptance was military ability and popularity.

After World War I some non-military students were elected, but in 1923 the company decided to make non-military students and those not making a "B" in Military Science ineligible.

At present, to be eligible for membership, one must be taking the advanced Military Science or Air Science course at the time of his appointment, must have a 2.0 overall grade point ratio in his Military or Air Science course and at no time have failed a Military or Air Science course.

ALSO AT THIS time, membership became limited to 133 members at a ratio of two juniors to one senior. This ratio insures a constant flow of candidates for special training and development in the company and for qualified potential leaders of the highest caliber.



THE ROSS VOLUNTEERS ... elite group of A&M cadets perform all over the country.

Senate Runs Student Body, Acts As Its Official Voice

The central governing body of students on the A&M campus is the Student Senate.

The Senate is set up to determine and conduct matters of general student concern that arise at various times during the year.

Objectives of the Senate are to act as the official voice of the student body, to promote the student body's general welfare and to provide a liaison between the administration of the university and the students.

THE SENATE also provides opportunity to train students in the responsibilities and mechanics of

democratic government and citizenship.

Officers of the Senate are elected by the student body in a general election held at the end of each school year.

A senior, junior and sophomore representative is elected from each major college of the university at the time officers are elected.

Four freshmen representative will be elected immediately following the mid-semester grade reports and they will take office at that time.

The Senate is divided into four standing committees:

THE STUDENT LIFE Committee strives to develop healthy students attitudes on such campus problems as an honor system and the purposes of a college education.

The Student Welfare Committee recommends policies or changes concerning the university hospital, dining halls, dormitories and landscaping. It also regulates all student welfare fund drives.

The Issues Committee proposes to the Senate resolutions on state national and international issues which effect and interests college students. It also voices opinions on current questions of importance, such as continued foreign aid and

academic freedom. MAIN PURPOSE of this committee is to demonstrate that students, as future leaders, can and should think about the society of which they are a part.

The Public Relations Committee serves to improve relationships with other student bodies and other outside groups through publicity, welcoming and other activities.

An annual Campus Chest Drive is sponsored by the Student Senate. Money collected from this drive goes to various welfare organizations. A substantial portion of the money collected remains on the campus for aid to Aggies.

Aggies, Dates Enjoy Many Dances Held During Year

Several weekends during the year, Aggies bring their dates to the campus, dress in their finest, and attend the various balls held in Sbis Dining Hall.

Each class has its own ball during the year. The Fish Ball is usually held just after the beginning of the spring semester. It is an occasion when the freshman dons his best Class A uniform and prepares for the brightest weekend of his fish year.

Other dances which freshmen may attend are the Cotton Ball

and all dances held for the student body in the Memorial Student Center basement and Ballroom.

Army cadets of all classes don their best fatigues for the Combat Ball, another annual dance feature. The setting for this dance is usually some historic combat zone, as well as faculty and staff attending dress accordingly.

Air Science cadets have their individual ball in a little more splendor, with the Air Force Ball being a formal affair.

The two factions of the Corps

combine each spring on the night following the Army's Combat Ball for another highlight, the Military Ball. This is a formal affair.

Bands are usually imported from large cities for these dances, although on some occasions a local group known as the Aggieband Orchestra plays for the dancers.

Accrediting Agencies Give A&M's Curricula Approval

A&M's curricula in many fields meet the requirements of some of the nation's well-known accrediting agencies.

The university itself is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities and the Texas Education Agency.

The curricula in architecture are accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, and the veterinary medicine degree program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

Other agencies have accredited the engineering curricula, the chemistry program and the journalism program.

Health Services Provided By University Hospital

The A&M University Hospital, which provides all the health service for students, is one of the best equipped college hospitals in the Southwest.

Facilities available include physical therapy, state approved laboratory and a X-ray department.

These are only part of the various services provided for the Aggies who pay the health fee at registration time.

Students desiring immunization, desensitization injections, or certain other special treatments, will not be charged for the service but will be required to supply the medication needed.

The medical staff under the direction of Dr. C. R. Lyons, includes specialists in the field of medicine; surgery; eye, ear, nose and throat; and mental hygiene.

The hospital also has a staff of registered nurses on duty at all times when the college is in session.

Office hours in the Clinic are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Emergency cases and those needing hospitalization will be seen at any hour.

Ambulance service may be obtained for emergency cases by calling the hospital.

Fish Drill Team Almost As Busy As RV Company

Another activity freshmen will be interested in if they are members of the Corps of Cadets is the Fish Drill Team.

Made up exclusively of members of the freshman class, the Fish Drill Team is almost as busy during the year as the Ross Volunteers.

The team is picked by tryouts from among the freshmen and practices just like other drill teams to get intricate maneuvers down to perfection.

Upperclassmen who are members of the Fish Drill Team act as supervisors for the team.

Campus activities of the team include presentations of skill marching after various rehearsals held for visiting groups or dignitaries.

The team attends several contests during the year, and drill teams have brought trophies from almost every they have entered.

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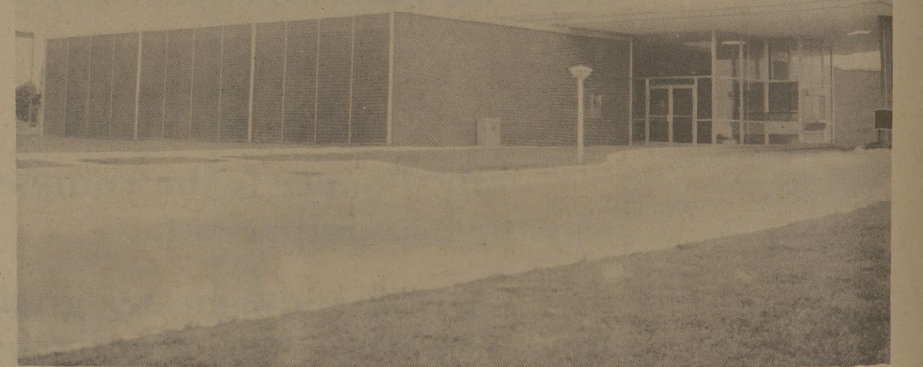
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