

A&M Elite Group Ross Volunteers

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 purpose 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, 1898, the name was changed to Foster Guards. The company marched under the name of the Houston's 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 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 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 (See Ross, Page 7)



FISH DRILL TEAM
Made up exclusively of freshmen, Fish Drill Team is almost as busy during the year as Ross Volunteers.

Ags Stand Ready As Twelfth Man

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Every college or university has a certain number of loyal supporters among its student body. These members are devoted to their school—they love its ideals. They find pleasure in giving time and energy to promote its varied program.

Texas A&M is no exception. It too has a group devoted to the school, but this group, however, is not small. It includes an entire student body which upholds and applauds all the interests and events of the university.

This is the Twelfth Man tradition.

The tradition of the Twelfth Man was born on New Year's Day, 1922, when an underdog Aggie team was playing Centre College, then the nation's top team. As the hard-fought game

wore on, and the Aggies dug deeply into their limited reserves, Coach D. X. Bible remembered a squadman who wasn't suited up. King Gill was called from the pressbox where he was helping spot players for a sports editor, suited up and stood ready throughout the rest of the game which A&M finally won.

Although Gill didn't play in the game, he had readily accepted the call to help his team. He came to be thought of as the Twelfth Man because he stood ready for duty when the eleven men on the gridiron needed assistance.

That spirit of readiness for service, desire to support and enthusiasm for one body; a spirit that has grown vigorously through the years. All feel loyal to their school. All stand ready for duty when called. Like one student, all are the Twelfth Man.

A&M Publications Open To All

A&M student publications serve not only students but also former students, parents and professional men across the state and the nation.

Under the direction of James L. Lindsey, student writers and editors put together a yearbook, a newspaper and four magazines.

The AggieLand is the official year book for A&M University. It is printed during the summer and distributed to students when they return in the fall.

The A&M Review is the magazine of the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Science and Geosciences. It features humor, poetry, fiction and non-fiction by student writers and professors.

The Texas A&M Agriculturist and the A&M Engineer feature news and articles for those interested in agriculture or engineering.

The Southwestern Veterinarian provides news and technical articles for practicing veterinarians and students alike.

The college newspaper, The Battalion, comes out four times a week, Tuesday through Friday, during the regular school term and once a week during the summer.

All students who are interested in working on these publications are invited to come by the Student Publications Office in the Services Building.



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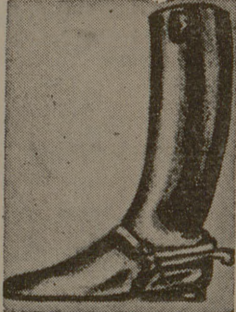
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MSC Maintains Service to Aggies

The Memorial Student Center, the "living room of the campus," is in its eighteenth year of service to Texas A&M.

Dedicated to former students of A&M who gave their lives in both world wars and Korea, the MSC was completed in 1950. Initial funds for the \$2.5 million structure were provided by the Association of Former Students of A&M. Additional monies came from the permanent University Development Fund.

As a memorial, many traditions surround the MSC. Men remove their hats in the building, and the lawn areas are not crossed by students.

An inscription at the main entrance reads: "Greater love hath no man than this, to lay down his life for a friend."—John 15:13. Beneath the inscription is a long list of Aggies who paid the supreme sacrifice of their country.

The MSC serves numerous needs of students, faculty-staff

members and guests. It has rooms for overnight guests, a cafeteria, lounging areas, conference and convention facilities, a browsing library, and special rooms for listening to music.

Recreation facilities are plentiful in the MSC, with bowling lanes, billiards and table tennis rooms, a special music room, and television rooms.

The 150,000 square foot air-conditioned building also houses offices of the Association of Former Students, a United States Post Office, and administrative offices.

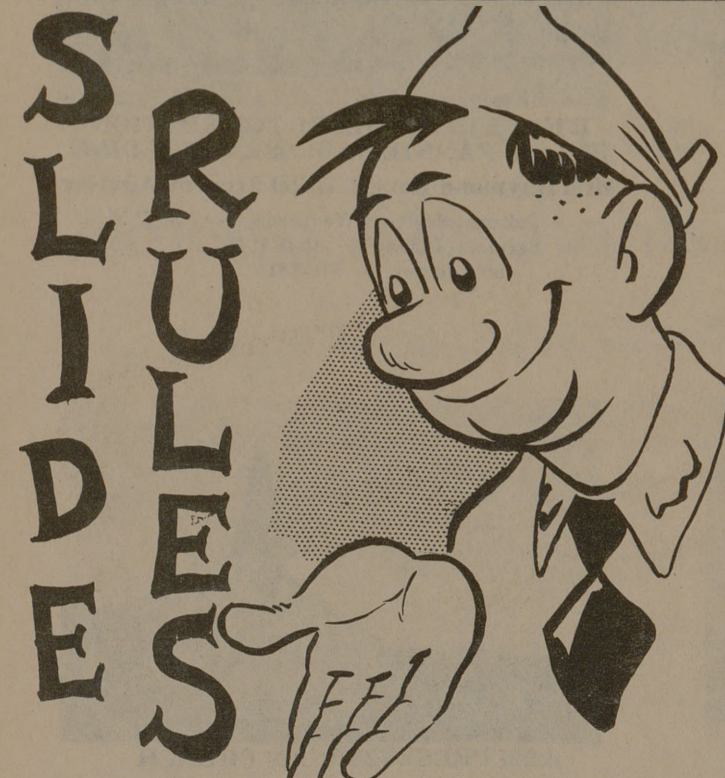
A popular area of the MSC is the Fountain Room, a snack bar where students gather for coffee and fellowship.

The Metzger Gun Collection, one of the outstanding antique gun collections on display in America, is a permanent exhibit in the MSC.

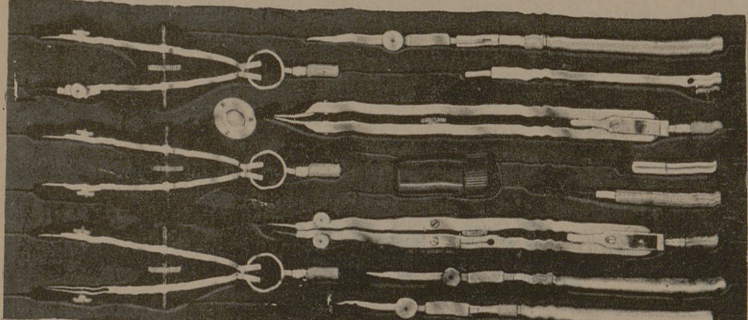
Paintings, books, photographs and other exhibits are displayed in special compartments in the east foyer.



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