

## Corps Band Sounds Pulse Of Aggieland

Texas A&M's Fightin' Aggie Band has marched through 70 years into the hearts of South-west football fans.

The large military organization will be on public display at Aggie football games this fall, entrancing thousands with its precision maneuvers on the gridiron.

First formed by a Czechoslovakian cobbler and a dozen other musicians in 1894, the band sounds the pulse of athletic contests, reviews, parades and other campus functions.

Its stirring halftime shows are designed and installed in four hours a week, before and after classes. Practice is extra-curricular and band members receive no material compensation for membership.

The unique organization has no scholarships, music majors nor auditions. The only prerequisite is previous playing and marching experience.

Members come from most of the 50 states, several foreign countries and major in subjects from aerospace engineering to zoology. The 12 file wide and 22 rank deep unit covers 35 yards of gridiron and requires three drum majors for coordinated control.

## A&M Story Told By Singing Cadets

Back in 1906 at Aggieland, ten students got together and organized their own singing group.

Today this group is known as "The Singing Cadets" and consists of more than 50 members. Under the direction of Robert C. Boone, the group gives concerts at schools, colleges and civic organizations throughout the South.

Members of the Singing Cadets come from almost every major area of study on the campus. Both civilians and members of the Corps of Cadets may join.

None of the members of the group in the past have planned to make singing their career. They participate because they enjoy singing and the fellowship.

Dressed in their special uniforms, the Singing Cadets have performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and many other groups.

They have traveled to all parts of Texas and the South to give their concerts.

They annually appear on national television at the "Miss Teenage America" pageant.

They practice each day from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Music Hall.

Their record album has surpassed all other similar college albums in sales.

Students interested in joining the Singing Cadets should see Boone in the Memorial Student Center.

Since 1876, when A&M first opened its doors with six students, it has had a military school.

For many years A&M has had the largest military school in the United States. It is now one of six military colleges.



FANCY DRILL

The right guide and the guidon bearer exchange guidon and rifle in a phase of the fancy drill in a meet held last year at Texas A&M. The Fish Drill Team is the present national championship team, even though they compete with freshmen and sophomore teams from other colleges and universities.

## A&M's Oldest Title Belongs To Elite 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 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 company suffered a period of inactivity during World War II when the advanced Reserve Officers Training Corps was disrupted. In September, 1948, however, the Volunteers were reactivated.



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| <p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC</b><br/>Sunday Masses—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.<br/>7:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN</b><br/>8:30 &amp; 10:45 A.M.—The Church at Worship<br/>9:30 A.M.—Bible Classes For All<br/>Holy Communion—1st Sun. Ea. Month</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY</b><br/>9:30 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>11:00 A.M.—Sunday Service<br/>11:30 A.M.—2 P.M.—Tues. Reading Rm.<br/>7:00-8:00 P.M.—Wed. Reading Room<br/>8:00 P.M.—Wed. Evening Worship</p> <p><b>A&amp;M CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>8:00 &amp; 10:00 A.M. Worship<br/>9:00 A.M.—Bible Study<br/>5:15 P.M.—Young People's Class<br/>8:00 P.M.—Worship<br/>7:15 P.M.—Aggie Class<br/>9:30 A.M.—Tues. - Ladies Bible Class<br/>7:15 P.M.—Wednesday - Bible Study</p> <p><b>UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN</b><br/>(Missouri Synod)<br/>8:45 A.M.—Sunday Morning Worship<br/>9:45 A.M.—Bible Class<br/>10:45 A.M.—Worship Service</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>9:45 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service<br/>7:00 P.M.—Preaching Service</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST</b><br/>9:30 AM—Sunday School<br/>10:45 AM Morning Worship<br/>6:10 PM—Training Union<br/>7:20 PM—Evening Worship<br/>6:30 PM—Choir Practice &amp; Teachers' meetings (Wednesday)<br/>7:30 P.M.—Midweek Services (Wed.)</p> <p><b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>Homestead &amp; Ennis<br/>9:45 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>10:50 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>5:30 P.M.—Young People</p> <p><b>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>2505 S. College Ave., Bryan<br/>An Independent Bible Church<br/>9:15 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship</p> | <p><b>ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL</b><br/>906 Jersey Street, So. Side of Campus<br/>Rector: William R. Oxley<br/>Asst.—Rev. Wesley Seeliger<br/>8:00 A.M. &amp; 9:15 A.M. Sunday Services</p> <p><b>SECOND BAPTIST</b><br/>710 Eisenhower<br/>9:45 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>11:00 A.M.—Church Service<br/>6:30 P.M.—Training Union<br/>7:30 P.M.—Church Service</p> <p><b>A&amp;M PRESBYTERIAN</b><br/>7-9 A.M.—Sun. Breakfast - Stu. Ctr.<br/>9:45 A.M.—Church School<br/>11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>6:00 P.M.—Sun. Single Stu. Fellowship<br/>7:15 P.M.—Wed. Student Fellowship<br/>6:45 A.M.—Fri. Communion Service<br/>Wesley Foundation</p> <p><b>FAITH CHURCH</b><br/><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>9:15 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>7:30 P.M.—Evening Service</p> <p><b>COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>9:45 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service<br/>7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship</p> <p><b>A&amp;M METHODIST</b><br/>8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>9:45 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>5:30 P.M.—Campus &amp; Career Class<br/>5:30 &amp; 6:00 P.M.—MYF Meetings</p> <p><b>UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>305 Old Highway 6, South<br/>Pres. Willis Pogue<br/>No Meetings Until September</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS</b><br/>26th East and Coulter, Bryan<br/>8:30 A.M.—Priesthood meeting<br/>10:00 A.M.—Sunday School<br/>6:30 P.M.—Sacrament Meeting</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>3205 Lakeview<br/>9:45 A.M.—Bible School<br/>10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship<br/>6:00 P.M.—Youth Hour<br/>7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship</p> |
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REVILLE III

Reville III is the official mascot of Aggieland. She is kept and cared for by Company E-2, known as the Mascot Company. She leads the Aggie Band in Kyle Field at home football games and frequently travels to other contests.