HE BATTALION

Corps Band Sounds Pulse)f Aggieland Texas A&M's Fightin' Aggie

and has marched through 70 ears into the hearts of Southest football fans.

The large military organization ill be on public display at Age football games this fall, enancing thousands with its preion maneuvers on the gridiron. First formed by a Czechosloakian cobbler and a dozen other usicians in 1894, the band ounds the pulse of athletic conests, reviews, parades and other ampus functions.

Its stirring halftime shows are lesigned and installed in four hours a week, before and after lasses. Practice is extra-curricular and band members receive 10 material compensation for membership.

The unique organization has no cholarships, music majors nor auditions. The only prerequisite s previous playing and marching xperience.

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 irum majors for coordinated control.

A&M Story Told By Singing Cadets

Back in 1906 at Aggieland, ten students got together and organzed 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 t schools, colleges and civic organizations throughout the

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 uniorms, the Singing Cadets have performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and many other groups.

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

They annually appear on naional television at the "Miss 'eenage America" pageant.

FANCY DRILL

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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**

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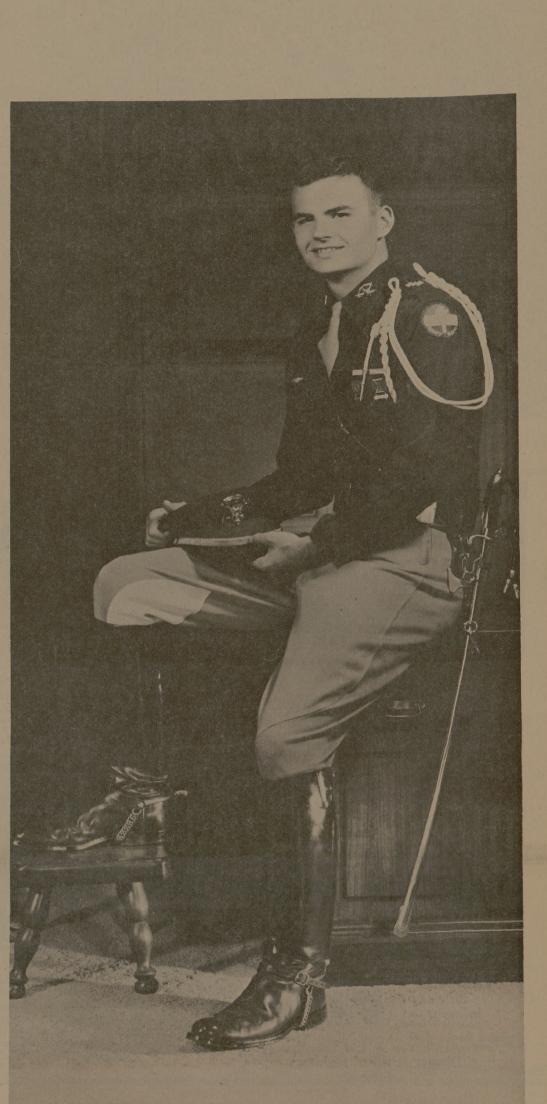
Since 1887, the Ross Volunteers have stood as the elite group which represents the best A&M has to offer, as well as the oldest organized group on campus.

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

at a ratio of two juniors to one The company suffered a period of inactivity during World War senior. This ratio insures a constant flow of candidates for spe- II when the advanced Reserve cial training and development in Officers Training Corps was disthe company and for qualified rupted. In September, 1948, howpotential leaders of the highest ever, the Volunteers were reactivated.





to 6 p.m. in the Music Hall.

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

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

Sincel 876, when A&M first opened its doors with six students, it has had a military

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



Reveille 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.

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-

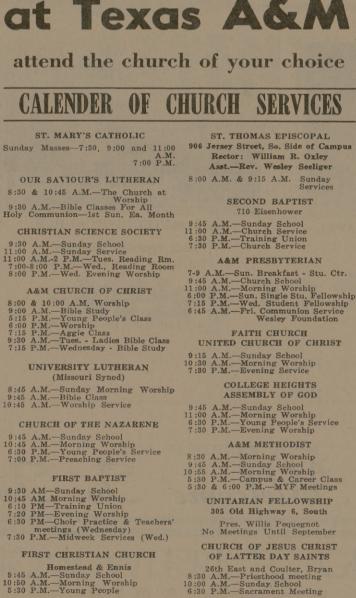
in-law of Gov. Ross, became president of the college. When the name of Harrington Rifles was proposed, Harrington requested that the company again assume the name of Ross Volunteers. It was decided to make the name of Ross Volunteers permanent, which it has remained. At the time of organization the membership 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 nonmilitary 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 2505 S. College Ave., Bryan An Independent Bible Church 9:15 A.M.-Sunday School 11:00 A.M.-Morning Worship 7:30 P.M.-Evening Worship 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



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