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FIRST LOG

Residents of Hughes Hall roll their log, the first one for Bonfire this year, into position in front of their hall. Thirty-one students, including these ten, helped transport the log from Wellborn. Putting their back into it are (left to right) Bob Mann, Fred Huddleston, Melvin Mathes, David Jacobson, Tim Moscatelli, Charles Henson, Bill Dubel, hall president, Murray Thompson, Scott Dawson, and Bob Heger, head resident. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

Caused By Excessive Care

Sully's Hairline Is Receding

Sully's hairline is receding. It isn't because the statue of A&M's fifth administrator, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, is surrounded by more and more coeds and civilian students in daily class-change traffic.

Nor that grass of his picturesque setting in front of the domed Academic Building often is walked on more than sidewalks criss-crossing the area.

Rather, it's because the full-size bronze-overlaid statue of the former Texas governor has been subjected to more than 500 scourgings by freshmen.

Governor Ross' statue has commanded its view of the stately A&M west entrance for 50 years. It was dedicated on Sunday, May 4, 1919.

Freshmen scrub the monument to a gleaming shine for major campus events. Over the years, the polishing process has rounded off the metal's sharp corners, smoothed out wrinkles in Ross' greatcoat and thinned his hair and beard.

Comparison with old photographs indicates a good bit of

metal "has gone down the Brazos River," as Archivist Ernest Langford puts it.

"Sponges and soapy water would be the best cleaning agents in terms of preserving the statue," the official commented. "Governor Ross' statue is probably hollow inside. One of these days, the metal will very likely wear through."

The half-century old monument was sculpted by Pompeo Coppini, a native Italian who turned Texan and for many years produced great many Texas and U.S. memorials while living in San Antonio.

It was cast in the Chicago foundry of the Florentine Brotherhood. Commissioned on Dec. 21, 1917, by the Texas Legislature at a cost of \$10,000, the statue was formed in a clay mold made in Coppini's San Antonio studio.

The process is described in the sculptor's autobiography, "From Dawn to Sunset," two copies of which are in the A&M library's Texana collection.

On the fly-leaf of one book, Coppini notes his statuary at

A&M is frequently "covered with mud and cleaned by the freshmen."

Governor Ross, who headed Texas government for two terms, until 1891, and then accepted the A&M presidency, survived much worse incidents as an Indian fighter. His statue also was weathered more severe treatment.

Langford recalled that while President William B. Bizzell was in office, students dislodged the statue and laid it on the steps of Guion Hall or the Administration Building.

"Sully," as the statuary is known, has also been the target of paint-throwing vandals. When A&M was placed on athletic probation by the NCAA in 1956, a student who viewed it as backstabbing affixed the replica of a knife between the shoulder blades of the monument.

When A&M became coeducational in 1963, the statue was blindfolded. Ross was shown by a graduate student's thesis research, however, as not adverse to a coed A&M in the 1890s.

Any A&M student up on his campusology can give a concise description of Ross' life: "Lawrence Sullivan Ross, 1838-1898; Soldier-Statesman and Knightly Gentleman; Brigadier General, C.S.A.; Governor of Texas; Pres-

ident of the A&M College" the inscription on the back says.

Between the lines are a great deal of history and insight to Texas and American history, detailed in Henderson Shuffler's publication, "Son, Remember."

A well-known Texas historian, Shuffler described Ross as "one of the most colorful firebrands of a frontier state, riding hell-for-leather through Indian wars, Ranger battles and the War Between the States, slashing right and left in the most effective manner of any Texan of his time."

Ross conquered the great Comanche chief, Peta Nacona, in a close-quarter scrap on North Texas' rolling plains in 1860. He resigned from the Rangers, joined the Confederate Army in 1861 as a private and by 1865, was a brigadier general.

After the war, he farmed, served as lousy, brawling Waco's sheriff two years and then entered politics as a constitutional convention member in 1875. Ross was elected U.S. senator in 1877, state senator in 1881 and then governor from 1886-1890.

His A&M presidency lifted A&M out of a decline towards ill repute. A&M's growth in health, size and respect during that "Golden Age" is easily attributed to Ross.

DPC To Be Used For Time-Sharing

A National Science Foundation-funded program to expand remote control use of computers between four Texas colleges and A&M is near the operational stage.

The Texas Regional Academic Computing Experiment (TRACE) includes three major activities between A&M and Sam Houston State, Texas Southern, Prairie View A&M and Tarleton State, reports Dr. Roger W. Elliott, assistant professor of industrial engineering.

Operating under a \$309,000 NSF grant, the project provides funding for remote utilization of the IBM S/360-65 computer system on the A&M campus. It covers cost of transmission lines, terminals and computer time, Dr. Elliott notes.

Texas A&M received \$149,000 of the grant, which was effective July 1 for a two-year period.

Dr. Elliott emphasized the primary uses of the system will be for academic use and research. He said it will not be used for administrative purposes.

The primary transmission device is an NCR 315 tape-to-tape transmitter. In order to use the

transmission device, remote institutions must prepare magnetic tapes from card program decks with their own computer.

These tapes are then electronically transmitted via standard telephone lines to Texas A&M, where they are received by another NCR 315.

"The programs are then run in the normal job stream and the output is sent back to the remote location via the same system and taped. This tape is then printed on a computer at the remote location," Dr. Elliott said.

It makes all the facilities of the Texas A&M Data Processing Center available to users at the remote location with approximately the same turn-around time available to users at Texas A&M.

"This system, while somewhat cumbersome, provides transmission at a much higher rate than a typewriter terminal which is available at about the same cost," Dr. Elliott noted.

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SCONA Seeks A&M Delegates To Conference

Applications for an expanded number of A&M delegates to the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XV) are now being accepted.

They may be submitted to the Memorial Student Center Director's Office through next week. Interviews will be conducted from Oct. 20 to Nov. 5.

SCONA XV has increased the number of A&M delegates from 32 to 90 and also enlarged its Round-Table structure, providing a total of 10 during the Dec. 10-13 conference, according to J. Wayne Stark, MSC director.

He said the 90 A&M delegates will include 10 international students and 40 upperclass students from the U.S. who are juniors, seniors and graduate students.

In addition SCONA XV will invite for the first time 20 outstanding sophomores and freshmen each, a total of 40, enabling formation of the two additional Round-Tables.

The two additional roundtables for freshmen and sophomores are for A&M students only, said Dave Mayfield, SCONA XV public relations chairman. He added that it will hopefully build up interest in SCONA among freshmen and sophomores and encourage them to continue work in SCONA.

SCONA XV chairman Harry Kay Lesser of Brenham noted applicants must have an overall grade point ratio of 2.5 or higher, at least a 2.5 GPR for the spring, 1969, semester and must not be on academic or conduct probation.

Freshmen applicants must have a College Entrance Exam score of 1,000 or better, Lesser said.

Mayfield stressed that all activities of the conference are open to all students, whether or not they are delegates. This is particularly true of the general sessions in the MSC Ballroom, he said, but applies also to the Round-Table discussion as long as there is room in the area where the discussion is being held.

SCONA XV's discussion on "Black Africa—The Challenge of Development" will have as featured speakers Dr. Gwendolen M. Carter, Northwestern University director of African studies, and His Excellency Ebenezer M. Debrah, Ghana ambassador to the U.S.

A panel on the role and ob-

jectives of capital investments in Black Africa will include Paul S. Slawson, investment program director of International Telephone and Telegraph, Africa and the Middle East, in London; M.K.O. Abiola of ITT Nigeria, and Arthur Wina, Zambia businessman who was finance minister of the country.

Probable moderator for the panel will be E. Jefferson Murphy, executive vice president of New York's African-American Institute.

Round-Table co-chairmen include Air Force Maj. David Goodrich, Air Force Academy "problems of the developing areas" course director; Army Maj. Thomas P. Gorman, economic and international relations instructor

at the U.S. Military Academy; Philip W. Quigg, managing editor of "Foreign Affairs," American quarterly review; Miss Margaret Rothwell, Secretary on African affairs in the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.; Ikon E. Ekwo, director of an experimental international living project at Oklahoma State.

Also, Melvin A. McCaw, regional representative, Institute of International Education, Nairobi, Kenya; Clive Kileff, Ph.D. candidate in behavioral science, Rice University; M. O. Onanaiye, economic affairs officer, Federal Republic of Nigeria Embassy, Washington; Dr. Alan R. Waters, A&M economics professor; Murphy (tentative), Slawson, Abiola and Wina.

First of Year Corps March-in Set Oct. 25

Air Force Maj. Gen. Rene G. DuPont will receive the Corps of Cadets' salutes Oct. 25 during the march-in to the A&M-Baylor football game, the Aggies' first on Kyle Field this year.

General DuPont, 49, commands the U. S. Air Force Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB.

The command pilot with more than 4,000 hours flying time will share the reviewing stand with A&M President Earl Rudder, Army Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, and Air Force Col. K. C. Hanna, professor of aerospace studies.

Colonel McCoy noted early arriving game patrons will be provided better opportunity to view the corps march-in for the 7:30 p.m. game.

Cadet Colonel Matthew R. Carroll of Annandale, Va., will lead the 3,000-member corps out of the corps area at 6:20 p.m. Timing has been arranged so that the last unit of the corps' 35-minute length will clear the A&M players' ramp at about the same time the A&M team takes the field for its pre-game warmup.

Veteran of assignments with a World War II bomber group in which he made 17 missions over Germany, the Strategic Air Command's Seventh Air Division in England, staff secretary to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and the Pentagon Plans Directorate, General DuPont has 28 years of military service.

The Los Angeles, Calif., native entered the Army Air Corps in 1940 and was commissioned after completing the Army Air Forces Officer Candidate School. His first assignment was with the Eighth Air Force in England, attending RAF Flying Control School and assisting in standardization of U. S. and British Flying control procedures.

Recalled to active duty in 1946, he flew B-29s at Castle AFB, Calif., and later was assigned to SAC headquarters. Here General DuPont participated in planning and programming which led to SAC's strike force expansion and conversion to B-47 jet bombers.

The Air Command and Staff School and National War College graduate's decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with two clusters, Army and Air Force Commendation Medals.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Lorene Theissen of Los Angeles and father of three sons.

WEATHER

Saturday — Cloudy, intermittent rain showers. Wind Easterly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 71, low 64.
Sunday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, afternoon rain showers. High 77, low 67.
Fort Worth — Partly cloudy. Wind East 10 to 15 m.p.h. 58°



HIGH-STEPPING GALS

The Bengal Belles from A&M Consolidated High School liven up the halftime during the A&M-Baylor freshman football game Thursday night in Kyle Field as they form a chorus line and kick 'em high. The Fish beat the Cubs in the contest 16-6. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Number of Cars on Campus 1,300 More Than Last Year

Campus Security reports a record number of motor vehicle registrations for the fall term—up 1,300 over 1968.

Registration hit 10,030 early this month and is still growing at an average of 10 registrations a day, the security office said. The office registered 8,720 vehicles over the same period last year.

A spokesman for the office noted vehicle registration usually trickles off in November, at which time final tallies will be announced.

Besides a rapid growth in cars,

the number of motorcycles and scooters has skyrocketed during the past year. In 1968, 45 student permits for motorcycles were issued. This year, Campus security issued 212.

Included in the 1969 registration are 7,026 student car permits, 2,775 faculty-staff. Officers also approved 647 special permits for working wives and students.

Through early October, 1968, the office registered 6,328 student cars, 45 student motorcycles, 2,278 faculty-staff cars and 15 faculty-staff motorcycle permits.

Total registration for the 1968 fall semester was 9,142.

Grads Have Until Thursday To File in CSC Election

Graduate students have until next Thursday to file for positions in a planned special election by the Graduate Student Council.

Albert B. Fried, GSC vice-president, said that the election is being held to fill vacancies created by the formation of new colleges, resignations, and to fill positions allotted to first-year graduate students.

No date has been set for the election, Fried said.

Any graduate student seeking

a degree, who is registered for eight or more hours, is eligible to file, Fried said, as long as the student's academic record is satisfactory.

Offices to be filled include representatives for the Colleges of Architecture, Education, and Geosciences, along with the two first-year positions, Fried said.

To be eligible for a first-year position, Fried noted, a student must have less than 14 hours of graduate credit at A&M.

Interested students who meet the qualifications, he said, may obtain filing forms from the Graduate College office or any member of the GSC.

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