

Cavalry Tradition Makes Comeback in Corps of Cadets

By SALLY HAMILTON
The Corps of Cadets will break tradition by adding females to their members this year. The females being of the Equus caballus or horse variety will help complete a comeback of an "O' Army" tradition, cavalry.

A&M first applied for a cavalry unit in 1919 and was approved by the United States War Department the following February. Sixty horses along with cavalry equipment were provided by the government to the approxi-

mate value of \$15,000. The cavalry unit continued to be part of the Corps until the 1940's. The unit consists of senior Corpsmen who are able to provide their own horse and be willing to donate much of their time and money for upkeep of the cavalry.

Mares and geldings are being used with colors ranging from bays to sorrels and are no taller than 15 hands tall. Of the 30 men reviving the unit will be Mike Collins of Dallas, Commanding Officer and Darrell Williams of Hurst, Executive Officer. Cavalry at A&M means more than a return of an old tradition. "It will bring the Corps more into the public eye and help recruit for the Corps," said Collins. "I'm looking for the cavalry unit to be brought back as a vital unit of the Corps of Cadets."

The men will be clad in senior boots and traditional midnight shirt and pink riding breeches. Gold cross-stitched AMC patches will be on both shoulders of the midnights and AMC brass and crossed sabers will be worn on the collars. The first time that the cavalry unit will be reviewed will be at Kyle Field during the march-in before the Wichita State game Sept. 15. Practice began the week of August 27. The unit practiced once every morning and once every evening. The rest of the day was devoted to building feedstalls and preparation of shelters for the horses. Faculty adviser is Captain

James G. Holland. "Now that the cavalry is back it depends on the interest of the Corps as to its upkeep," said Capt. Holland. "The return of the cavalry is not only good for tradition but good for those who participate." Captain Holland's wife, Ann, a professional English riding instructor, has volunteered her time to help the members learn to ride English saddles. "There have been no problems. The enthusiasm is tremendous and the men learn very quickly. The horses are excellent," she said. "It's unusual

for a group of so many horses to get along and work together so well." "The attitude is fantastic," said Collins, "The harder we work the more sore we get, but we always come out the next day." "It's kind of an outfit pride," said First Sergeant Pete Starks of Angleton. "We all hurt together." "We've had a lot of help from former students," added Collins. "Even people outside of Texas A&M have helped us. Jack Fritz, Dean of Faculty at Harley Dickinson University, helped locate the English tack we needed in New Jersey and donated much of the equipment." "The unit has already generated a lot of excitement throughout the Corps," said Ray Foley, Public Relations Sergeant from Clear Lake. "Many underclassmen are helping out and even people outside of the Corps are giving a lot of support." "To the best of my knowledge it is the only ROTC cavalry unit in any university," said Collins.



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sessions). It would also provide for regular legislative sessions of 180 days during odd-numbered years and 60 days, mainly for budgeting matters, during even-numbered years. Austin attorney Will Davis was selected chairman of the organizational support group, with Phil Strickland of Dallas as vice chairman. An executive committee headed by Davis and Strickland will work with the 35 cooperating trade, civic and professional associations in the campaign. (Texas Press Association is among the organizations.) "This is a must thing," said Attorney General Hill. "It is a necessity that we pay the right amount for an honest day's work in a very high calling."



AN AGGIE AND HIS GIRL — The girl is a horse and the Aggie is a member of the cavalry unit, A&M's first since 1940.

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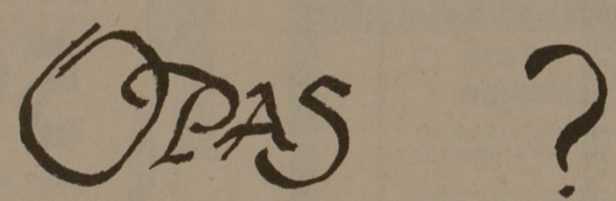
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