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Political Rumblings

Election of the editor-in-chief of the 1933 Longhorn and nomine tion of candidates for valedictorian mark the opening of the annual spring political furor at A and M, an event which usually and characteristically arouses more rumbling than action on the local campus.

In selecting B. M. Gottlieb as editor of the 1932 yearbook, member of the junior class did well to keep in mind the fact that experience is a quality which is a virtual necessity for the publication of a successful annual. Our best wishes and sympathy to Gottlieb as he begins work on the well-nigh thankless task, one which he will find he will have to do almost unassisted if past experiences are indicative of the future, and our congratulations to the Class of 1932.

Student elections at A and M in the past have indicated a tendency on the part of the student body to align themselves according to military organizations instead of considering the candidates on a basis of merit and often-men have been elected who were not suited to their positions, a result more likely to be obtained from "hat-cord elections" than from any other.

Only a few weeks remain before the general student election will be held and only a few days before the seniors will select their valedictorian. Now is the time to consider what candidates are desired and what their qualifications must be.

Let A and M go political. Let the student elections actually express the sentiment of the student body.

War Lords Or Thinkers?

Perhaps the most interesting result of the general ballot carried in The Battalion last week is that in which members of the student strong as last year, as stated by body and faculty expressed their opinions on the question: "Do you our friend Jinx Tucker, but the of the fifteen men on the present believe that military training in educational institutions tends to in- fielding and pitching as displayed team are due to graduate in June. crease the incentive for war?"

With very few exceptions the more than 900 voters who answered considerable worry on the part of the question expressed the opinion that military training does not aspiring title winners in the conincrease the incentive, and we venture to add that if those same voters ference this season. While the slugwere asked whether military training decreased the incentive for war ging was nothing to write home a their answers for the most part would have been in the affirmative. about it must be remembered that

That military training tends toward militarism is one of the the Texas Leaguers presented some frequent arguments used by opponents to the R O T C and similar potentially outstanding "fire-ball' organizations, but we believe that those who use this argument fail tosses for the approval of the Agto take into consideration the fact that while military students are gie hitters, in the two games. For learning the tactics and principles of warfare they are also being total hits in the series the Aggies brought into closer contact with the causes and costs of wars.

Only a moron could be brought so closely in contact with the costs and results of war and not be brought to think seriously on the however matter, and only the shallow thinker will emerge from a rigorous training in military science and tactics without the realization that armed conflict between nations is undesirable.

The men who cast their ballots negatively in regard to the above question had, for the most part, received military training. Place these men, or others who have been similarly trained in our diplomatic, financial and political offices and we feel certain that the chances of the United States' entering another war would be Jessened to a great

CAMPUS COMMENT

SECOND-HAND BOOKS

I noticed in the last Battalion that it is proposed to give the concession for second-hand books to the Exchange Store, to help care for a deficit incurred in the loss of their sale of new books. It seems that with the excellent co-operation received from the various departments; in the matter of informing them of the books needed and in splitting sections on some texts, and inasmuch as the the store has a monopoly on the sale of the new texts, it should be able to operate this department on a basis at least where it will break even, and not lose ten percent as has been stated. If left over books are returned promptly to the publishers, they will be accepted by them. It seems to be purely a matter of management and not that the sale of new books is an unprofitable matter.

If with the splendid co-operation mentioned the store cannot make money on their new books, how can they hope to keep from going into the hole on old books? The profits from the sale of secondhands books, if the same is handled fairly, could not possibly cover a deficit of ten percent on the new books sold on the campus.

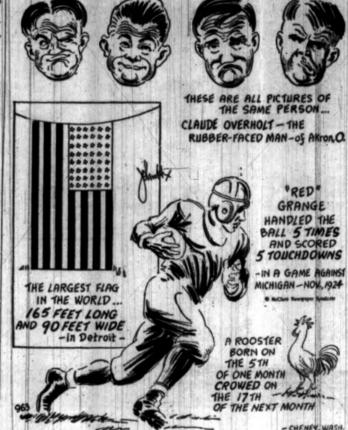
A complete monoply on the sale of books will not be an incentive to give the students the best possible buys, even if it is intended, for to care for a deficit and loss on new books, the profit on the old ones will have to be unfairly large, for it must also take care of losses in changes on the old books purchased.

Perhaps it is all intended for the better service to the student. but a mere glance at conditions will show that it will not be of the least advantage to him to have to pay for the present losses, because of the supposed added service to him.

It is much more difficult to make money on second-hand books, when the change in texts is great, but if one cannot make a profit on new books, with every possible bit of co-operation, and information, how can a profit be made on the old ones?

If the proposition is designed not to take care of the deficit but to give a service to the student, it is very generous and unbelievable. If it is designed to take care of the deficit it will overcharge students even more than they think they are now, if they are or not.

ODD THINGS AND NEW-By Lame Bode



Sport Sidelights By W. J. Faulk

Revenge, for those defeats sufferred at the hands of the Horned Frogs by Aggie athletic teams already this season, should add fire and fury to the "Hickory" of the Aggies when they open the diamond season on Kyle field Saturafternon, with T C U's entry day as their opponets.

The Frogs are boasting "Slim" Kinzy as a hurler of real merit and a number of other sophomores on the Frog nine are rated as possible trou-ble makers for the Aggies as they start down the road they hope to be one of repetition. Then there is the probability of "Too Tall" Dietzel being present in the Frog line-up. However, the Toad basketball luminary is not rated as such a "money player" on the sandlot.

Maybe the champions are not a in Beaumont may be the cause for were just one short of that number amassed by their opponents,

opinion that although his team may being finished, boxing and wrest-

are still likely to figure in severa upsets which may eliminate some of the possible flag contenders.

Another bright spot loomed on the varsity track team in the competition held Saturday afternoon as G. J. Kohler, Palestine crossed the finish line in the 100 yard dash in 9.9 seconds, and did almost equally well a few minutes later when he covered the 220 yard dash in 22 seconds flat.

Lieutenant Nachman's Sharphooters are making a determined bid for their third consecutive National Intercollegiate Rifle championship as they fire the National Matches this week. Results of firing for the Hearst matches were sent in several weeks ago but as vet the winners have not been announced. One more win in the National Intercollegiate is all that is necessary for permanent possession of the cup, and should the Aggies fail this season chances are extremely remote that a third win will be obtained soon, since thirteen

Scarcely two weeks are left of the spring football training period, which is to close with a final game on the afternoon of April 7. Several new potential luminaries are on squad this season which will give the title hopes of the Aggies quite a boost in the race

Intramurals have made a marked advance in the past two weeks with Coach Meyer has expressed his volleyball and Horseshoe pitching not win the pennant this year, they ling nearing the final stage, and



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golf well sunderway. Only play-ground be ball and track remains on the schedule for the remainder The lettermen voted down that

Brannon Elected

Fort Worth, March 30.—Buster Brannot, Texas Caristian's all-conference guard and former Athens Hornet star, was elected captain of the 1933 basketball team at a meeting of the lettermen Tues-

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of the terrip, tennis having been eliminated because of delay in completion of the courts.

idea of having co-captains, and sub-iminated because of delay in completion of the courts. should Brannon fail to return to school, Dietzel will automatically become captain. Dietzel will also Frog Cage Captain captain the team while Brannon not in the game.

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