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Battalion Sports Editor

Inexperienced Ag Cagers Show Speed, But No Height

Though they lost their opening game to the S. M. U. Mustangs last Friday night, the '44 Aggie cage team demonstrated that they would be in their fighting all the way. The boys had plenty on the ball and maneuvered excellently, but they lacked the valuable height necessary to put the hard shots in the basket.

The Ags invaded Waco last night for a game with the Baylor Bears, and they travel to Austin this week-end to battle the Longhorns. The Cadets are without a doubt, the shortest team to hit the hardwoods this season, and the question is whether or not they can snap into stride and overcome the great handicap.

It was not too pleasant a sight to see some seven-footer over little Nick Salibo. Nick, by the way, reminds us of last season's great ball-hawker, Mike Cokinos. Though Nick is short in stature, his speed and ball handling made him invaluable to coach Manning Smith and earned him a place in the top ten men.

Max Mohnke, who is somewhat taller than the average height for the team, turned in one of the most consistent performances we have yet seen against the Mustangs.

One of the most noted things about the Ags first conference game was the number of fouls called on them. Joe Atlas, who hit some hard shots, was ejected on fouls, as were several other Ags. Most of the fouls seemed to be from illegal use of the hands in blocking, and though there were a few that were questionable, most of them were really committed.

You can bet that the boys are not going to miss any chance to improve, and when they start to click, nothing will stop them.

Football Banquet Slated For Jan. 17

The annual Texas A. & M. Football Banquet will be held on the night of January 17, 1944 it was announced today. This yearly affair will be held in Sbisca Hall in the evening at 7:30 p. m. and promises to be one of the best yet held here.

All letter-men in football and men receiving letters in cross-

country will be the honored guests and their names will be announced during the course of the banquet.

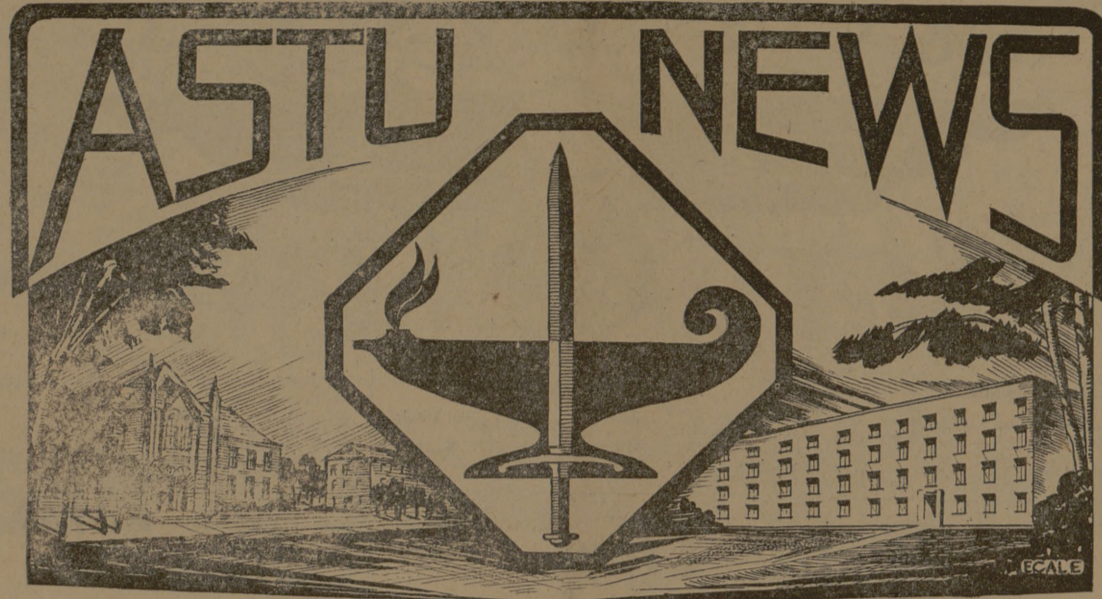
This event is one of the outstanding occasions of the year and all are urged to attend. Anyone may obtain a ticket for the price of 1.00. Tickets are on sale in the Athletic Office and also may be obtained from Mr. Hotard in Sbisca Hall.

All Aggies who wish to attend this event will be excused from C. Q.

FEATURED ON WTAW.



Following the daily "Songs by Morton Downey" broadcasts, the BLUE Network offers an entertaining dramatic program, "My True Story," which has captured listeners' fancy because each story is complete in itself. Pert Helen Gillette, above, frequently enacts important roles on the daily dramatic show.



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Editorial . . .

IMAGINEERING—the greatest engineering field in the universe, and it is open to all those interested. There is no limit to the amount of success a person may attain in this field of unlimited expanse. The only pre-requisite is a good clear mind.

We are all living in a world of monotonous reality. Why, without realizing it most of us attend the mythical classes held every day when we daydream, for the Daydreamer is the best student. Imagineering has existed since the beginning of time only it has never been given a name. Could Caesar have reached the heights that he did if he hadn't built his castle in the air with a solid foundation? Napoleon couldn't have gotten as far as he did if he didn't plan his whole future in that small corner of his cranium. Bell and Edison surely would have given up if they had listened to the voice of the people. With this course as a foundation we should all be able to have quite a solid castle so let's all start off today and make A.S.T.U. at A. & M. stand out above all the other units in the country.

Pool's Drool

We were exceedingly pleased to hear that the ASTD Year-Book was completely sold out, over 1200 copies having been ordered. Considering the fact that it is the first issue and must be accepted "on faith" this response was particularly gratifying. Pat Bradley, Editor-in-Chief, promises a hum-dinger of a book, which will be out on or about the 25th of the month. Plans are already under way for a book to be printed next semester which, taking into account the unprecedented demand this time, is to be a much more pretentious enterprise. The present staff will be enlarged to cover the increased size, and the book is planned to cover every phase of life on the campus AST unit.

This project has been made possible through the work of a small, hard-working group who deserve plenty of credit for their efforts. Besides the "energetic" Bradley we have Pat Blanford, business manager, Doug Merrill, photographer, and a few artists and salesmen, all of whom have devoted much of their time to give you a fine Year-Book. A bouquet to you, fellows.

As you all know, this ASTU page is handled entirely by the trainees in the unit; that means everything from the actual writing of copy to make-up work at the Battalion office. Now a very few men have been keeping the page going through their regular contributions, and with the added burden of a Year-Book to put out, we are going to find ourselves rather loaded down next semester. We are sure there are many men who have writing experience or just a journalistic urge who could easily find the time to write a short column on the doings of their company or of some news of interest to the unit as a whole, and it is just this type of man we need. An announcement will be made in the near future as to the time and place of the ASTP press-meeting, and we hope to see a large turnout. Remember, you only get out of something what you put into it, and if we have enough men "putting in" we'll sure have a good section here in the paper. By the way, anyone with experience setting type please be sure and come around.

Well, the clatter of this machine is inciting a murderous gleam in our roommates' eyes, so we too shall hit the sack and say "30" for today.

LOUPOT'S
A Little Place . . .
. . . A Big Saving

O' This 'n That

Here we go again on the home stretch toward those last letter exams before the axe falls. Spending that C. Q. in concentrated study would help me too. . . . Don't forget the orders for the platoon pictures size 8 by 10 for a half a buck or the pictures of the Juniors and Seniors for the same dough. . . . The announcement about the senior ring dance is worth investigating for those of you who are eligible. . . . Also, if you want another company dance see the social committee and start getting them on the line. A. J. Clark is taking up money for the waiter's pictures. . . . I see in The Texas Aggie that some of the future Aggies are contributing to the development fund. Not bad I'd say since some of them are in the classes of '54, '63, '52 etc. Some of the boys in the outfit are optimistic too—they are still taking Chem. 101. It's a long road and a guy has a rough road to travel.

We were honored last week by having Chief Petty Officer A. V. Raplee with us for a day. He has seen some mighty exciting things in this war. He told about a Zero which was shot down near where he was working. Some of his fellow chiefs had the Jap pilots ears cut off and his teeth knocked out to save for souvenirs before the Japs body was even cold. . . . Ben Russell paid Vic Frederickson and Bob Kokernot a visit while he was home over the holidays. He says the army is putting them through. . . . The night is getting short and the prof won't give me any credit for this so I'll stop for now.

Found on a freshman's registration card: Name of parents: "Mamma and Papa."

I call my gal "Checkers" because she jumps when I make a bad move.

SPORTS REVIEW

By R. L. Weatherly

The 1944 Aggie basketball team made its debut to the Southwest Conference last Friday night with Southern Methodist University. SMU provided too much height and experience for the Aggies as they ambled to a 65-35 win. The game was a thriller with many spills to add to the color of the game.

The Aggies started the game by taking the initiative early. At first it looked as though the Aggies might win, but height proved its need by setting a pace that the inexperienced Aggies couldn't keep up with and went on to win the game.

Dennis Hayden, stellar forward for the Mustangs, was high point man for the evening with 21 points. Following him was Jack Osborn, another Mustang, with 13 points. High point man for the

Student Chapter Prelude to Junior and Senior Organization

Permission from the Commandant having been received, membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers is opened to ASTP Trainees at Texas A. & M.

Membership is limited to 4th, 5th and 6th terms C. E. Trainees in the A. S. T. P. and to Aggies majoring in Civil Engineering. At the same time Army permission was announced, Mr. West, instructor in the C. E. Dept. and Faculty Advisor to the student chapter of the Am. Soc. C. E. announced that there would be a meeting tonight, Tuesday, in the C. E. Bldg. Lecture Hall at 7:30. Business will be the election of officers with a class officer from terms 4, 5, and 6, and a tentative outline of the societies program for the coming year. The American Society of Civil Engineers was founded in 1852. Its objectives are, "the advancement of the sciences of engineering and architecture in their several branches, the professional improvement of its members, the encouragement of intercourse between men of practical science, and the establishment of a central point of reference for its members."

Membership in the Am. Soc. C. E. includes successive grades and the Student Chapter is the first of these grades. The student chapter affords an opportunity for the members of the Civil Engineering classes to acquaint themselves with topics of interest to Civil Engineers and to develop a professional spirit. Those C. E. majors who may not be able to attend tonight should watch for a sign in the 1st floor of the C. E. Bldg. announcing the time and date for the next meeting.

It is 1st Lt. Arthur Jors now as the First company CO traded his gold bar for a silver one.

Lt. Jors, who in point of service is the oldest Company Commander at ASTU 3800, took over that spot last June 1 when there was only one company in the local unit. He had come here from Mexia Internment Camp, which is a prisoner of war camp in East Texas. Prior to his duty there he was stationed at Fort Benning Ga., where he completed Officer Candidate School training.

Aggies was Donald Deere with 9 of the Aggie's 35 points.

It was late in the game when a humorous thing happened. The ball rolled free which sent two Aggies after it. Both, apparently thinking the other was his opponent, struggled desperately for possession of the ball. A roar of laughter arose from the crowd as the referee went into stop the somewhat clownish struggle. Evidently the boys were somewhat surprised to find that they had been fighting each other.

The second half of the game was much rougher than the first half. Hallmark, Deere, and Burditt, all of whom are football players, were in the game at this time, and frequently players were found sprawling on the floor. This made the game even more colorful.

Fouls were numerous with the Aggies making 17 and SMU committing 12. Obviously the referee was watching the game very closely.

Not long ago, Carl Hooper, sports editor of the Baylor Lariat, stated that he would be a very disappointed lad if Baylor lost its first two Southwest Conference games because he thought that Baylor had a wonder team. We believe that we know a very disappointed lad because Baylor lost its first two games to both Rice and Texas respectively.

Furlough Memos

The freshest bit of gossip around the 2nd Co. is still the recent furlough. This will probably provide the major part of the material for bull sessions until another one comes along. Some of the tales concerning the exploits of our more bold members have reached a new height in outrageous exaggeration. It seems that the boys out for a good time found just that and a little to spare. Their methods of finding entertainment were varied and had a certain uniqueness. Some ate; some drank; some fished; some hunted; some scaped the curbs of the big cities and some waded in the mud of the old farmstead. The majority, in true G.I. fashion, followed the popular trend of following a skirt. It seems that civilian girls are beginning to take a back seat in the affections of some of our prominent personnel. The WACs are rating highly in this company now. I wonder if the words "What's good is in the army" applies to the female species as well. Now, that is not an opinion of the writer but mere speculation. The civilian lady upheld her popularity very well in the legal department, however. No less than five of our carefree comrades traded in their beloved freedom for the encircling imprisonment of soft arms over the furlough. The bridegrooms are Charlie Barnes, Joe Farrell, Keith Kirk, Lee Nesbit, and Walter Scott. It is rumored that Joe Jagers is tottering on the brink, and that the slightest push will plunge him over the brink into holy matrimony. From what we have seen of the choices these boys made the 2nd Co. is doing better than average in family relations. We wish these newly wedded couples all the happiness they could possibly want.

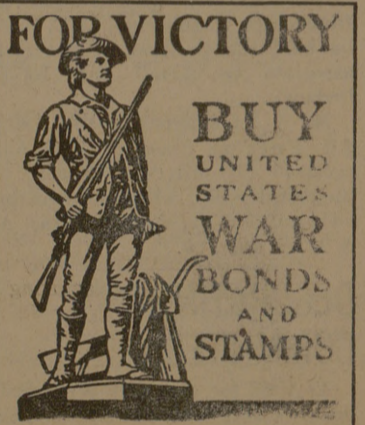
idly developing basketball team. The team gives indications of being a good one. There are two things that can make a team better; practice and better material, so if any of you can loop a basket from 50 feet see Jim Carroll and get in on the fun.

Only three more weeks of toil and torture until we start another period of the same. There will be a small detail of a week during which there will be no school. What will happen then? Tune in on this same station, January 30, and we will tell the complete tale.

Deadline For All Pictures - 11th

There has been a flurry of picture taking going on around the ASTP area. It seems that everywhere you look there is a flash bulb going off. A few shots were taken in the mess hall the other day, but flash bulbs were not needed there. The dazzling glow of thousands of G. I. teeth furnished excellent lighting for the photography. The boys couldn't have grinned wider if it had been a blonde instead of a birdie they were watching. Any of the men of the 2nd Co. wanting prints of any of the shots taken of members of the company can sign for them with A. J. Clark or Joe Beninson. This Friday, January 14, will be the deadline for a chance to get one of these 8 x 10 prints. The money must be in before that time. Come by Joe Beninson's room if you want to see the company platoon pictures before you place your order.

DO YOUR PART * BUY BONDS



Around the Co.

Recently we were informed that the cadet officers of the companies will be changed every 20 days. Brush up on your good behavior. A new regime will be coming around soon, so don't antagonize your next door neighbor, for he may be your next cadet captain.

In case some of the more retiring members of company 2 do not know the fact, we have a rap-

HEY, AGGIES!

Before you leave school at the end of this semester, be sure and let us buy your used equipment. We will give you top prices. Rationing and priorities make it necessary for many Aggies to buy second-hand materials—so leave the things you won't be needing with us to sell to the next classes.

STUDENT CO-OP

One Block East of North Gate

WE'RE BUYING AGAIN--

It's getting close to the end of the term—so we want you to make plans now to sell the equipment and material you won't be needing next semester to Lou.

We'll pay you top prices for your used equipment.

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