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The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the City of College Station, is published three times weekly, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Squadron 2, who think that this column "sold them out" concerning a campaign for the old "Wing Ball." As we explained last Tuesday, the Wing Ball was a dead issue when we got here, and there's nothing that we could say or do that would get it back. The students who preceded us lost it, not us.

However, from various meanderings around here, we have an idea of something new which might be a whole lot better, as well as practical, than the balls were. Now, as you no doubt know, Sbsa Hall, where we have always had the dances, does not rent for peanuts. A great deal of the budget for each dance goes for this one item. If some plan could be devised wherein we could eliminate this cost, there would be no reason why we could not have Detachment dances quite often, just as many of the other detachments in the country do.

Probably many of you who have been here some time remember that last summer this college held many dances under a canopy of stars right out in the old Tennis court area. The cost of lighting, etc., was almost negligible, and the setting even more romantic than Sbsa Hall with its turned up tables. The only real cost was, of course, the orchestra.

As far as this column can discern, there is no reason why we cannot start doing the same thing as soon as the weather gets a little nicer. We could have at least two dances a month for the same price that we normally pay for one. Perhaps you are wondering exactly who we would dance with; that is, would dates be furnished? Here, unfortunately, the answer is no, not for every dance. As one can easily see, it would be practically impossible for the detachment to get girls down from Houston or Dallas twice a month. Perhaps, if we were lucky, there might be a chance of getting some girls for men in other squadrons beside the graduating one once in a while. But mainly, the girl situation would be left to your capable (we're sure) hands. The method—well, we'll leave that to you, too, for you probably know

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### Table Tells Answers For Beaver Group

Defying all laws of magnetism, gravitation and whatever we have been taught in Physics, Aviation Students Edward P. Brune, Donald Peterson, Paul D. Fairleigh accompanied by Mrs. Edward Brune and Miss Phyllis Goodspeed have been raising merry cain at the YMCA.

It seems that if a group of people congregate, obtain a card table, sit down and say the following enchanting words repeatedly, "Table up, table up, table up, table up" the table will rise at one corner. Now while the table is in this position you can ask any question ranging from how old you are, whether or not you are going to get married, or if you will succeed in getting past SAACC. The table will answer 'yes' by dropping and tapping the floor once. If the answer is 'no' then the table will tap the floor twice. That's all!

If you want proof of this action just ease over to the 'Y' between 7 and 8 o'clock and see for yourself. Some one might get a good idea and obtain the table for tests to follow.

### The Long Run

By Ken Ramers

Last week in our column we made the statement that "even Mr. Papik did not know the standings of the intramural leagues here". This statement was not made as a slam at Mr. Papik but to climax the complete lack of interest in Detachment intramurals. Even if Mr. Papik knows the standings, which he happens to, that doesn't illustrate the fact that intramurals here are anything like what they should be.

The Detachment policy toward athletics is THAT THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BUT NOT BEYOND THE POINT WHERE THEY INTERFERE WITH THE PLANS AND TRAINING ALREADY SET UP FOR THE AVIATION STUDENT PROGRAM. The lack of interest is not prevalent in either Mr. Papik or Lt. Segrest BUT IN YOU YOURSELVES.

Attempts have been made to encourage I-M's here but the idea has not gone over too big. The belief is that it just takes up more of the free time of which we have so little and that we receive enough exercise doing the required calisthenics and mile and six-tenths. But aviation air crew is not made

### Carr Elected Head of Wing Honor Board

Mr. William Carr of Squadron IV was elected President of the Wing Honor Board last Tuesday night at their weekly meeting. He succeeds Mr. Greenberry Tilley who will be leaving soon for San Antonio. Also leaving, is the former Secretary A/S Donald Shock, who will be succeeded by A/S Carl Anderson of Squadron I.

The Wing Honor Board as yet does not have representatives from Squadron II but these names are due in the near future. Another change will be necessitated by the advancement of two Squadron V representatives to Squadron IV.

This Board is different from the Wing Board which consists of the Commanding Officer, the plans and Training Officer and a Tactical Officer. The Honor Board reviews cases pertaining to the Cadet Honor System besides deciding the winner of the Mess Ribbon.

up only of mental exercise and physical endurance but also in team work. And certainly the best way to learn teamwork is through active participation in competitive athletics. This is one of the most essential and important things to learn in the air corps.

The Navy allows a few to compete on the top teams, but the rest fall under the same type program the Army advocates. A program which gives the maximum benefit to the maximum number of men. This chimes in with what was set forth in the last issue pertaining to the many colleges in peacetime—that intramurals give maximum participation.

Intramurals are also the gold mine of the Detachment team just as they are of the varsity squads in all colleges and the farm system in professional baseball. They are practically identical. They all have a basic source of material.

Perhaps the program could be bolstered considerably if there were something to work for. On Friday's parades the winning squadron receives a ribbon to carry on their guidon. These ribbons are given out for the best squadron in parade—the best during the week's marching and best scholastically. Why not give the squadron leading in the intramurals for the week, a ribbon? The advantages of intramural sports have been set forth. Would this create the interest and backing needed?

There are already leagues running despite the general lack of this knowledge and the lack of publicity for the leagues. Lets push these leagues and really get a lot of spirit up over them. Every squadron would like to see in the paper that they have the best athletes and the best teams. Start playing ball and the paper will give you the breaks you deserve. And also will keep you posted on standings. Let's put the Air Corps over on this campus.

**SQUADRON V**  
Why does A/S William A. Formato prefer sitting on the floor in the study hall? He was seen sitting there Tuesday at one o'clock and we're kind of inquisitive.

Flight 53 was seen going through that familiar "rain exercise" Monday afternoon at five minutes to three.

We have been told that A/S E. E. Mueckler is the man to be watched in Houston. His long

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**QUOTABLE QUOTES**  
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"Most college students lead secluded lives, and a good many years usually elapse before the graduate takes his place as an active citizen in his community."  
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*The Lowdown on*  
**Campus Distractions**  
By David Seligman

Guion Hall presents "A Gentleman After Dark", a cops and robbers story Hollywood version, as its feature attraction today and Friday. The stellar lights are Brian Donlevy, Miriam Hopkins, and Preston Foster. This is a story of some gem thieves who fall out. The plot concerns a character known to his friends as Heliotrope Harry, Donlevy. It seems that he wants to quit the racket and hopes his wife, his partner in crime, has a baby girl. One of the gang, Philip Reed, induces her to run out on Harry for a private partnership after double-crossing him on the last "lift". But Harry gets wise to the act and pinches Reed, the plotter. As a result Reed pays the penalty. Donlevy pays Foster ten grand to raise the baby and turn him in. Miss Hopkins then flits on her own—for eighteen years. The baby now grown up and known as Foster's child announces her engagement. Back comes Miss Hopkins to blackmail Foster with a \$50,000 demand. Then Donlevy gets wind of the situation, he breaks jail and finishes off his wife, saving Foster a scandal which would spoil the daughter's life.

Anyway they are looking for just what Aggies are looking for—women and a good time. Of course they get tangled with some crooked fellows which they handle in short order. Love enters the picture when Fred meets Patricia and wins in the long-run. The Lowdown: Here is a western that is much better than the regular horse operas—recommend it.

The Lowdown: We don't praise this so much. Showing today, tomorrow and Saturday at the Campus is "Rangers of Fortune". The stars are Fred MacMurray and Patricia Morrison. Scene: Out West; Time, in the cattle rustling days some years back. This is an adventure story of three men who might be called the three "mesquiteers".

A/S Phillip Lightstone is expecting his wife today. She is traveling from Chicago to see her hubby. (Now, Mr. Lightstone?)

Where did A/S Lower get the nickname of "Brownie"?

The smile of A/S Greenberg almost got Flights 51 and 52 thrown out of their history class.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To A/S Robert Kelly for actually purchasing a package of "smokes".

Why was A/S Harrison M. Grice so frequently reminded this past week-end to wear his rain coat by his girl. Could it be that he only got out of the hospital a few weeks ago? Or could it?

Seems as though Mr. Godard's secret is now known to A/S Floyd Butler. We are wondering how long this secret will remain between the two. How about that, Mr. Butler?

**SCOOPED MATERIAL FROM SQUADRON FOUR:** Sgt. Gralla (Flatbush gift to the ladies) is now concentrating on singing with the records furnished by Haswell's—rest—. Yup, strong competition for moaner's ribbon.

### Famed Poet Saved In Nick of Time

New York—An \$800 award for "eminence in literature" promises to relieve the difficult straits that have befallen the once fabulously successful poet, Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology."

The award, presented jointly by the University of California, Harvard university and the Poetry Society of America, came just in the nick of time, his wife said.

The 74-year-old author is recovering from pneumonia and malnutrition. His bills were paid by the Authors League of America. He was discovered ill in a charity ward last December.

Bitter, brusque and proud, Masters had been dependent upon royalties from poems published more than 25 years ago. His recent books have earned little, his friends said, and "Spoon River Anthology" royalties, still coming in, have been just enough to pay the rent since around 1937.

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