

# PEEL OFF!

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Now that a new squadron is in, we are again reminded of a subject that has created a dilemma in our mind for some time now. That subject is the method of choosing student officers here in this detachment. Personally, we believe that in some cases the procedure is inefficient—and in complete disagreement with the training we are supposed to be receiving here. In our opinion, a great many benefits could be derived from some sort of a method of picking these men in which all students could participate.

In the first place, we are supposed to be in training to become officers of the Army. As officers, even as those whose duty is merely flying, it will be our responsibility time and time again to judge men, both for positions and for general efficiency. If, during all our training, we have had absolutely no experience in this business of weighing the qualities of one man against another, we cannot be expected to suddenly develop this talent merely by virtue of a shiny new gold bar on our shoulder. On the other hand, if we were allowed to gain this perception somewhere during our cadet training we would be better qualified for the responsibilities we assume upon being commissioned.

Secondly, one of the strongest points for election of officers, is the fact that these officers would gain more cooperation from the men under their command simply because the men chose them. It's a well known fact that a man will sleep easier in the bed that he made himself, than he will in a bed of another's making. If one of our present student officers makes a few blunders, the immediate reaction is one of complete disgust. Everyone, either silently or openly, says, "He isn't worth a cup of G. I. coffee. He's certainly the last man I'd have picked!"

At this writing, we are not, in any sense of the word, advocating a change of policy nor offering a finished plan. What we would like to do is sound out your sentiments concerning this hastily and sketchily drawn idea.

Each new squadron, as it came in, would be furnished a "cadre" of student officers by the senior squadron. For a period of three to four weeks, these officers would take complete charge of the squadron, carefully noting the officer qualifications of each man. This would allow the men in the squadron to become acquainted with each man, so as to be able to make wiser decisions when the time comes for him to choose his leaders; this would also give more students in the oldest squadron a chance for leadership during this orientation period.

At the end of this time, these members of the senior squadron will submit a slate of not less than two men for each office, and in a squadron meeting at which nominations are permitted from the floor, the voting would be done by ballot. The men who received the most votes would then be the student officers—subject of course

to official approval. We do not believe that this is a panacea for all of the ills of the present system; surely it has a few minor faults, but on the whole, we believe that it has many advantages over current methods haphazard.

As one can see, this plan would take a minimum of at least five months to go into total effect. It would be a gradual change, not a radical one; it would not effect the status quo of any of our present student officers.

### Music Maestro

Mike Elliot, who in this column's opinion is the best music officer who has worn those pipes in a long, long time, has some fine ideas on what should be done around here so far as that department goes. One of Mike's main interests is the detachment swing band, and under his able baton we should be hearing some excellent pieces from that group soon.

If these summer dances actually materialize, there should be no reason in the world why we can't have his band exclusively for those balls. With the added money that they would make, more and newer arrangements could be provided, which naturally makes for a better orchestra. Best of luck on all of that, Mike.

### Gag of the Week

Physics prof to Mr. Lininger, "Mr. Lininger, if an empty barrel weighed fifteen pounds, what would you fill it with to make it weigh only 10 pounds?"

"Len" paused for a few moments, then his face brightened and he retorted, "I'd fill it with holes, sir."

### Scraps

What a job the Texas Chamber of Commerce has done. And we thought it didn't rain in Texas!!!

... Speaking of rain, it sure was fun standing in it Saturday noon while the Squadron I standard bearer marched up to get a ribbon on his standard. . . . On the "Y" corner: She, "I wish God had made me a boy." He, "He did, I'm he." . . . Can anything at all be done about the orchestra bothering the boys on the lower floors of Law Hall when it practices during study hours? They're getting mighty peeved.

### Bouquet of the Week

A fine masculine bouquet of flowers to Lt. Segrest for the excellent program of both intramural and detachment athletics that he has planned. The program seems complete in almost every detail except detachment baseball, and if the rest of us will do as good a job participating in this program as he has done in making it, we'll have a detachment that is tops athletically.

### Pillow of Thorns

The longest, sharpest, most prickly thorns that the state of Texas produces should go to make up the pillow of Squadron 5's first sergeant, J. O. Knost, for his inefficiency in posting a ramp guard list. At the latest count, the squadron supply officer, Albert Hebert, has had it three times already. Invite Mr. Hebert in to share the pillow, Mr. Knost.

## Flying Old Stuff To Many Students of Squadron Four

By Clifford Gerry

After four months of hard study in academic subjects, the men of Squadron IV are starting school E, flying. Everyone is at least a little bit excited and anxious to go up, many for the first time. Several students here have already had a number of hours in the air and are ready to go again.

A/S Frank L. Hays of Denver, Colorado, is believed to have more previous flying than others of Squadron IV. He completed three courses, one each of primary, secondary and cross country. The three courses were finished in six months. He then completed a course in the United Air Lines school at Denver. After that he spent seven months flying for United Air Lines as a reserve Co-Pilot. He also instructed an Army indoctrination course for three and a half months, which was somewhat similar to the ten hour course taught here. Mr. Hays flew some before the war as a hobby and worked for sometime at Boulder City, Colorado airport for Mountain States Aviation.

To watch quiet, easy-going A/S Earl W. Bennett one would never know that he has had 320 hours of flying time and would probably be

an instructor if Uncle Sam hadn't reduced the War Training Service program of which he was a part. The modest Mr. Bennett seldom talks of his experience unless questions are asked and then he speaks freely as one would talk about driving an auto or some other vehicle.

Mr. Bennett started flying four years ago at the age of 17 and before enlisting in the W. T. S. had 200 hours as a civilian in Mississippi and Louisiana. This school was discontinued late in 1943 and Mr. Bennett, along with about a thousand others applied for Aviation Students in the present course here.

A/S Arheleger was in the W. T. S. Air Corps reserve and has 127 daylight and 10 night hours of flying, taking part of his training here in Texas last year. The rest of his training was in Mississippi.

A/S Clifford McGilvrey flew 178 hours with the Civilian Pilot Training program for about six months completing the primary, secondary and cross country courses. He studied at Pella and Des Moines, Iowa, taking a 25-hour instrument flying course and also 10 hours of Ling instrument flying.

A/S Clark J. Abbot took 40 hours at W. T. S. Elementary flying school at Little Rock, Ark.

A/S Victor Jordan also had 55 hours at Gainesville, Texas at a similar school.



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## Editorial...

During the stillness that covers a college campus on Saturday nights, a new baby squadron arrived to take its place among the other squadrons of the 308th C. T. D.

We, the other squadrons, take this medium to welcome you new Beavers, and to wish you the best of everything during your stay here at A. & M. Our Detachment is known to be one of the best, and we feel sure that you gentlemen will see to it that it continues to set that high standard.

From our past experience, we know you are going to enjoy your stay here. True, it will be rather rough going at times, but then that is to be expected. These C. T. D.'s are the first step in the long months of a Cadet's training, and it is here that we prepare ourselves to endure the hardships of that long road ahead.

So, to you gentlemen of the new Squadron III, we extend our welcome and friendship. These first few days will seem a bit strange to you, but we're sure that before long you gentlemen will be feeling right at ease here among us.

Following the choosing of the CTD team a league will be opened for inter-squadron competition on the same basis. These meets will probably be run off on Saturday mornings or on open Friday nights. All athletic officers should either appoint a man to take charge of the organization of these teams or do so themselves.

## Thirty-Three Advanced To Squadron V

Along with the acceleration of 35 men from Squadron V to Squadron IV, the week-end also found some 33 gentlemen from Squadron I moving ahead of Squadron V.

Under this new advancement, some of the members of Squadron V will be housed in Law Hall, Ramp 8, besides the large number normally housed in Hart Hall. These gentlemen that are quartered in Law Hall will fall out with Squadron I for reveille, but will be with their squadron for all other formations.

The following Aviation Students were those advanced to Squadron V: Edward J. Ainsworth, Richard M. Browning, George T. Burrows, John W. Cherry, James W. Clemons, Thomas R. Druhan, James F. Ford, Robert E. Fredrickson, Melvin M. Gamble, Forrest I. Gompf, William H. Heiding, Desmond F. Johnson, Douglas M. Leonard, Anthony J. Lettieri, Richard S. Litton, Jack Montgomery, William H. Mullin, Walter R. Packham, Lloyd Peterman, Ralph E. Purcell, James G. Rathe, David P. Richardson, Edward E. Shaw, Peter Skovran, Sherman S. Sollie, Robert J. Van Roedel, Dallas M. Villines, George Williams, James D. Wilson, Richard E. Woodward, Franklin R. Wright, R. R. Watts and Edward V. Zaucha.

Besides the above, two additional men were moved to Squadron IV from Squadron V. These men were A/S Russell King and Wallace T. Geyer.

## Wing Tips

### SQUADRON I

Squadron 1 gloated smugly Sunday night after Squadron II's exuberant and confident challenge to a softball game ended in a 9-0 route for the challengers. That extra month of seniority at A. & M. hasn't made the Beavers of One senile—not with the B-and-G brand of P. E. they get.

That slinky looking Mercury with the solid grey top—a la Hollywood—belongs to Squadron I's own Harvey Blumenberg. Saturday A/S Blumenberg was as excited as an expectant father over the sudden arrival of the dream-car.

New pictures and ash-trays abound in the part of Law hall that provided the detail that cleaned up Puryear before the arrival of the new Squadron III.

## The Set-Up

By Ken Ramers

A new and permanent name. If anything can be considered permanent here. And the meaning is as you read it. For as long as I can I intend to keep everyone informed on the athletic set-up here at the 308th CTD.

A week ago this column went to the walling wall. A week ago practically no one knew that there was such a thing as intramurals. Thursday you were told that this was mainly a lack of interest on your part, not on the part of the P. E. Department here. And that the lack of publicity played a major part in this lack of interest.

Part of this has been remedied and from here on in it is strictly up to you yourselves if the I-M system succeeds or fails.

Last Saturday this column interviewed the man who is really in back of all the athletics in this detachment, Lt. Segrest, in an effort to get the real set-up. And it is quite an imposing one—if you carry it through.

First in importance on this schedule is swimming, and the meet with the ASTU in the Aggie natatorium next Friday night. Several calls have been made in the squadrons for swimmers and as yet the response is poor. The interest shown wouldn't make a class B high school proud. And the percentage of athletes here is much higher than any class B high school.

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To date the schedule calls for participation in at least eleven different sports, all to be opened up within a short time. These sports cover a large scope and because of the variety it should guarantee the participation of every student in at least one of the eleven.

Bowling will continue as it stands. A new schedule for the month of March has been drawn up and published on this page. Squadron 2 enters the schedule for the first time next Monday and the new Squadron 3 will take their place during their third week, at which time they will take the same place in the standings that the old squadron 3 had before them (first place at present to be exact).

More mention will be made on Thursday of the schedule for the remaining sports. However here is the list for you to look over—not overlook—and for you to be making your plans accordingly: football, softball, volleyball, and track as soon as the weather permits, basketball, golf, tennis, cross country, and water polo.

Apparently the departing students were a little flustered about their trip to SAACC—as best revealed by the Squadron I man who ran into several pair of good sox.

Mrs. Truman Lee and her daughter and mother, left last weekend for Austin, Minn., after spending several weeks here with A/S Lee.

Mrs. Fred Cox, deputy tax commissioner of Greys, Ky., will be in College Station next Saturday to confer with her boss, the commissioner. Of course, the conference may include a great variety of items. The commissioner is A/S Fred Cox. Fred has the conference date marked with a big black circle on his calendar, and his "roommates" report he's now counting the hours Mrs. Cox was here in January and returned to attend to her duties as deputy

## Beaverettes' Column

"Send out the old, bring in the new", this doesn't apply only to a New Year alone but also to the new squadrons of students brought in from time to time to the 308th. Let us extend at this time for the newly-arrived Squadron 3. We hope your stay here is both happy and successful. Our sincere welcome to all new Beaverettes.

The party given last Tuesday night was a great success except for the fact that Squadron III boys had open-post pass on that night and a little party was only a matter of secondary importance to the girls and who can blame them? However, the next will be held far enough in advance to avoid such a conflict. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Angell, of the Y. M. C. A., whose cooperation was the main source for the success of the gathering.

A group of four Beaverettes will remember that party for some time to come. It was on this very night they waged a terrific battle with Mother Nature in the form of mud. The girls shed their shoes and hose and splashed and waded through "?!-!?" and high water. They pushed and pulled at the car which had by this time sunk into it as high as the running board. It finally budged with the assistance of an heroic former Squadron 3 student and a merry time was had by all.

commissioner. She took over the job her husband was elected to last fall when he came into the Air Corps, and plans to finish out the two remaining years of his term.

### SQUADRON II

Mr. Schupack—you too may become a genius some day!

Mrs. Charles Reed, wife of A/S Reed, has completely recovered from her slight injuries resulting from her automobile accident of several weeks ago. Charley says she's as good as new—whatever that means!

A familiar scene and sound of late behind the dormitories has been Mr. Zimmel pounding the skins as he marches proudly and fro in the mud oblivious of everything but the drum hanging from his shoulder. Apparently it won't be long before all of us are marching to the tune of A/S Zimmel's rhythm.

### SQUADRON IV

Three roommates of G-16 have an 85 average and higher. Mr. Guckes, Mr. Gosting and James Hargett all show talent along these lines. Could knowledge or brainwork be contagious?

Mr. Eunice Young suggests for the benefit of those who expect a "washout" to do their washing to avoid the rush later on.

In G-9 Ramp Mr. Nallick and Mr. Magnino have just purchased new pocket books in anticipation of a raise in pay by Uncle Sam.

Mr. Bird Dog is now working for S 2—intelligence branch of the service. He started out by checking up on the new squadron 3 that just arrived. He sneaks up to frighten each new individual to get secret information about long hair cuts etc. Several have asked what recruit is teaching the new cadets.

Frank Sinatra cannot compare with Mr. Jordan at singing a song

## The Lowdown on Campus Distractions

By David Seligman

Today and Wednesday at the campus is playing "Skylark", Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland get the top billing in the film with the supporting cast headed by Brian Aherm. Here is first class demonstration of how production teamwork, good direction, proper casting and a lively, smart script can whip a basically thin plot into a presentable, if not enjoyable, picture. Not a great deal goes on, as far as the story, in "Skylark". In fact, it's the more or less familiar one of the up-and-coming young business executive—he's Milland and an advertising executive this time—well nigh wrecking his five years of marriage with Claudette Colbert on the rocks of commercial ambition. He almost does a perfect job of kissing himself out of the situation and paying the way completely for Aherm the third side of the triangle, until Miss Colbert makes up her mind the divorce is nerts and it's Milland, not Aherm and the moonlight, that she wants. What makes the show

better than ordinary, therefore is not what is said, but how it is said. The Lowdown. A nice way to spend the two hours between mess and C. Q. Wednesday.

## Grocers To Meet On Tuesday Night

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## Bowling Schedule

	Sqdn.	vs.	Sqdn.
March 1	1	"	4
March 6	2	"	5
March 8	5	"	2
March 13	1	"	4
March 15	3	"	2
March 20	4	"	5
March 22	3	"	1
March 27	2	"	1
March 29	3	"	4

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