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The Longhorn, An Aggie Tradition . . .

Not enough Longhorns have been sold! With fifteen-hundred subscriptions needed and only eleven-hundred sold thus far the cadet corps has a critical problem to solve. More hinges on the outcome of this enterprise than is discernible to the average student. Graduates of previous years treasure no relic of their college days more than their class annual which brings back to them sentimental thoughts and memories of a former period of their life; a period of their life which is treasured by many as their happiest and most enjoyable. Just consider for a moment the esteem in which you now hold your high school annual. It may not be the finest piece of literature ever published but it's a manuscript which will always remain priceless to you no matter how tattered or worn it may become.

The Longhorn publication was reactivated last summer at the request of the senior class and partly because of the enthusiasm evidenced by the corps for such a project. No Longhorn work had been done since the Juniors and Seniors had been called into the army in the Spring of '43 and it was decided to revive this great Aggie tradition as soon as possible. Staffs were appointed and preliminary work was begun just before the Fall semester opened. Now, with but a few pictures remaining to be taken, work on the 1946 Longhorn is being drawn to a close. The pictorial record of last semester's football games, corps trips, dances, and Bonfire celebration is now complete. The faces of those who have long since left Aggieland for the armed forces will once again smile at you and remind you of times never to be forgotten. March 1 is the deadline for Longhorn subscriptions and it is necessary that the corps make it possible for this publication to continue during the years to come by their pledges. If the student body fails to support this annual, prospects for its continuation during the present year are very gloomy indeed.

Several hundred subscriptions were hoped for from the incoming freshmen but they console themselves with the belief that they would benefit in no way by subscribing to the Longhorn as they will not be included in this issue. Nevertheless, they should take enough pride in their school and love it in a manner such that they will rally behind and support any cause which might make it a greater institution in any way. They have an opportunity now to make it possible for an Aggie tradition, long favored through the years, to stay alive and remain as one of those non-describable untouchables which helps to comprise the spirit of Aggieland.

A. S. T. P. Excerpts

By Archie Brood

A new semester is one week old and many new A.S.T.P. and A. S. T. R. P. students are trying to become accustomed to their new school life. The A.S.T. Unit on the campus has been offered a space in the Battalion to keep the men in the unit posted on what's happening and to let the Aggies know what we're doing here in the outfit for extra-curricula activities and recreation. We hope through this column to bring about a better understanding between the Aggies and the men the Army chose to send to Texas A. & M.

The trainees who have already spent a semester at A. and M. wish to extend a hearty welcome to the new arrivals, and we hope that while taking the training in your stride and performing the Army duties assigned to you, you will have as pleasant a time during your stay here as is possible. The Army Specialized Training Advanced Plan was created to train engineers for Army needs, and not just to send a certain amount of men back to school. To get into the advanced program, a man must pass several difficult examinations and also have some former college work on his record. The program is a rigid one with very little time left for the extra activities make life a little more interesting at a civilian school. The men go to classes all day and finish up each day with the same physical training program that the Aggies have had for some time. The hours during the day not scheduled for actual classes are used for study in the dormitories. The men and officers in the unit have a very cooperative spirit, and all new men should find it very easy to fit into

the outfit and help us keep up the high morale which the unit has always strived to maintain.

One of our main forms of recreation is our basketball team. We are very proud of the record the team has piled up. In about fourteen games to date, the team has won all but one of their games. Included in the list of teams the A.S.T.U. quint has defeated are four Bryan Army Airfield aggregation, the Hearne P. O. W. Camp, Camp Hood, the Aggies twice, and the McCloskey General Hospital team.

Last Friday the team paced by Bob Lewis, Jerry Cooper, and Sparky Cohn defeated a Bryan field team 38-31 in the DeWare Field House. The score was close throughout the game, except when toward the end of the game, the college team made eight quick points to win.

The team, made up of former college stars and players, is coached by Bob and Fred Lewis, twins, who played on the U. of Utah team, N.C.A.A. 1943-44 champions and mythical national champions. Other players include: Jerry Cooper, all Mason-Dixon conference player, from Johns Hopkins (Maryland); Marvin Cohn from Illinois Tech; Dick Halpern and Bill Freeman who were teammates at Clarkston College of Technology (New York); Herb Eisenhart, a regular from Juniata (Pennsylvania), which was considered the best small college team in the East last year; Lou Oddo, from Ursinus (Pennsylvania); Ken Faylor, from Albright (Pennsylvania); Eddie Sheptow, from Duke (N. C.); Jack Perry, V.P.I.; Byron Parshall, Michigan; and Murray Herscovitz, Gene Scofield, star of last term's team, who graduated, played for Brown University (R.I.).

Residents of the Tonto Basin County in Arizona place their cow brand on the wild walnut trees of their home range when they find trees bearing edible nuts. Report has it that walnut is abundant in this region but all of the trees do not bear edible nuts.

BACKWASH

By Junior Canis

Ole' Canis, Jr. has taken over now since pappy has left to make a famous name for himself in this dreary bleak world. Ole' "Papp" Canis was a good ole cuss; there never was a better or bigger wolf (a dashing "alias" for Fox) in these here parts.

Serene dignity prevailed O'er the campus during the last week as new seniors gradually became accustomed to their new ice creams and long awaited privileges. Sure feels good to take a seat in Guion Hall without looking at the row number in the middle section. Most of the old seniors were glad to relinquish their cadet officer duties; others were reluctant to see company meetings and formations become a thing of the past in their life at Aggieland.

Nomination of the Week:

A. & M.'s most faithful and truest cadet to the women, Dan McGurk; Our greatest romeo and heartbreaker, "Porky" Langford; Our best dancer, "Spriny" Spragins; Most handsome and sweetest to the women, "Curly" Drewry; Most innocent, "Hands" Stroud; Most ambitious, Gordon Harrigan; Most studious, Jimmie Evans.

Seen Enjoying Themselves:

Errol Kearby and his sweet sixteen year old at the Plantation in Dallas with "Father" Higgs and his o.a.o. There's nothing like dating these high school girls is there J. B.?

Bill Bumpas, '46, was enjoying himself at Lou Ann's before leaving for the Navy tomorrow. Bubba Yates, Harold Springs and former yell leader Jack Knox were the sole rooters for the Maroon and White at the T. C. U. game Saturday p.m. Former E Companyman Johnny Young and Merchant Seaman Dale Yarbrough lended vocal support for the Aggies cause at the Friday night game with S.M.U. Both were ably escorted. Any Aggies unfamiliar with the alleys and side streets of Hunts-

ville please consult Jack "Speedy" Ross. Seems Jack became familiar with them one night very hurriedly while playing hide and seek with some Huntsville "riv-als".

Noticed About the Campus:

The shined shoes and immaculate grooming of the new seniors during the past week; how long will this continue after the promotion list comes out? The hesitant handshakes and hello's offered by new freshmen; The fiendish gleam in the sophomore's eyes just before the Aggie-Texas u. game Tuesday; Contented Seniors and their cigars at the game; The scuffle for the Texas u. blanket; The far-away dreamy look in the Frog's eyes during the weekend; Home sweet home and sleeping until 8:30 was sure swell; complacent Juniors wondering where to go over the weekend for their first serge-outing; The envied Fish who escorted two Mary-Hardin-Baylor lassies to mess at noon Sunday; The new non-regs bedecked in their flashy cowboy boots and stetsons.

Odds and Ends:

She was just a young girl and as she peered out of her berth on the sleeper she coyly asked the elderly gentleman: Sir, have you the time? No, madam, nor the inclination, was the reply; Up to sixteen a lad is a Boy Scout; after sixteen he becomes a girl scout. While every man has his wife, only the ice man has his pick. Beneath the moon he told his love, The color left her cheeks, But on the shoulder of his coat, It plainly showed for weeks, Mr. Smith kissed his wife a fond farewell as he was about to catch the morning bus. But, for the first time in five years, he missed it. Thinking to surprise his spouse, he tiptoed into the kitchen, and implanted a tender kiss on the back of her neck as she was washing the dishes. "Good morning," she said, "I'll have two bottles of milk and a pint of cream".

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

In my experience as a Football Official I have had several instances when an irate player would report unspornsmenlike conduct on the part of an opponent. These players usually concluded their protest by saying, "If he doesn't quit it I am going to let him have it." I have always told these men to keep on playing football and let the officials handle any cases of unfair play.



Penberthy play.

I guess it is only natural for us to have an impulse to "get even" when someone does something unfair to us and I am sure that all of us, at one time or another, could not resist the temptation to retaliate. However it usually takes a lot of time and effort to think up

and to put into practice a suitable retaliation and just think how many good things we could think up and do with just half of the effort. Besides I am convinced that the ones who keep on playing ball, regardless of what the other fellow does, come out far ahead in the long run.

I once heard a preacher say that if our enemy slaps us on one cheek we should turn our other cheek. But, he said, if he slaps the other cheek we are free to retaliate because the Bible doesn't say what to do in that case. However, I don't think the other cheek will be slapped often because the great majority of folks want to do the right thing and we are not going to commit two wrongs in succession. They are more apt to be quick to apologize for the first if given the chance by the turn of the other cheek.

The best remark I have heard in regard to revenge is that "Some people give parties for the purpose of not inviting someone."

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

The rumor now circulating is to the effect that General MacArthur will not be permitted to command future military operations against Japan but will be left in charge of cleaning up the Philippines while some other officer leads the next offensive. The reason behind this is said to be that the President fears that the people may draft the General as a future candidate for the presidency, therefore, political expediency would dictate that MacArthur be kept out of the public eye in the future.



Nelson

Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin are all probably making decisions in their present conference that will mean peace or war for future generations. Even the military decisions and those involving the future of Germany must take second place in relation to the future of world organi-

zation. The plans made or unmade, the agreements or disagreements participated in by these three men will in all probability mean the success or failure of the effort to avoid the destruction of world civilization in the next war. The decisions made will also largely influence the survival of representative government as known to the people of the United States and England, or its replacement as the dominant form of world government as represented by Stalin and Russia.

What shall be done with Italy, the nation which has fought on both sides in the present struggle. That is one of the most pertinent questions before the allied nations. A proposal is actually before the U. S. Congress to recognize Italy as a full ally and extend the benefits of lend-lease to this former enemy nation, thus rewarding the people for the "stab in the back" and their constant attempt to ride the "winning horse" in the race for world control.

OPEN FORUM

The following is a letter received by Mr. A. V. Moore, from Vurrell Yutzen, former student now serving in the Philippines. Yutzen was a Junior student majoring in Dairy Husbandry when he joined the navy in 1941.—Ed.

MALARIA CONTROL UNIT 92

ADVANCE BASE 5,
Leyte Area, Philippines,
25 November, 1944.

Week Ending 25 Nov., 1944.
Today I feel more or less like a fugitive from a fox-hole. Lack of rain on this bright Sunday was not the sole reason for the hill sides to break out with a rash of fox-holes. Enemy action has greatly increased. Our fox-hole, which for the past few days has been used as a residue dump, was drained and cleaned, and (from the sounds below) is being extended another eight feet. It promises to become the largest on the island. I continue to trust in providence, and have showed no physical interest in a fox-hole. This management is left to a more serious member of the team who is greatly concerned about his body which he hopes to take back to his home and wife in one piece and with no perforations. This corpsman has evinced two jig-a-boos from the tent below to help with the extension for use of the fox-hole. Now, a fox-hole sixteen feet long is much too long, and one glance at the proposed depth made me ask (I hope tactfully) if they were planning on putting in a balcony, or lay sewage pipes. If size is any indication of safety, the fox-hole should be as safe as a Federal controlled bank.

The moon is at that phase which offers the most competition for the sun, a condition which the Japs are using to full advantage. The past three nights have shown increased activity in fireworks. The revival of interest in fox-holes today came from three raids this morning which badly shattered nerves, etc. (The etc is for what the censors will not pass.) The worst scare came at noon when a boogie was shot down directly over the chow hall at noon, and which seemed headed to crash into the chow hall. Everyone made a dive under the heavy tables. I was much too slow. There was not enough room under my table, so I compromised by putting my head under ostrich fashion, leaving my back and rear exposed, probably my most vulnerable spots. The plane missed the building and crashed into the water below the hill. At any rate I did not get so muddy as those under the table, or those who threw themselves flat in the mud outside to avoid the strafing.

It is more fun to watch planes shot down at night, because the firing and burning planes resemble fire-works. Each raid is like a football game. Whenever a plane is shot down a thunder of yells and crys ring from the hill-side. Tokyo Rose has promised to wipe our base off the map. A heavy read is expected tonight, and scuttlebutt (gossip) is wild. Parachutists (Japanese Imperial Marines) are reported landed nearby. Let's hope that they will be taken care of.

Bananas and pineapples continue to be welcomed addition to meals. I have never seen so great a consumption of bananas as that of this team. One morning we traded for 138 bananas. They were eaten by noon the next day. Bananas, pineapples, canned milk and sugar is a delicious mixture, our only good treat. We trade for fresh eggs, also, which we cook over a small fire outdoors. Chickens we do not buy, because we are afraid of avia tuberculosis. At present, a large number of bananas are ripe.

PALACE

Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.

"To Have and Have Not"

— with —
Humphrey Bogart

Sun. - Mon. - Tues.

"Hail the Conquering"

— with —
Eddie Bracken

The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Teddy Bernstein

Guion—Playing this Tuesday is "Buffalo Bill" with Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara, Linda Darnell, Thomas Mitchell, and Anthony Quinn. This is an exciting picture telling the story of William F. Cody's thrilling life. The screen tells this epic story in all of its original glory. It covers the manufactured career of Buffalo Bill as a guide and hunter, and his efforts to make peace between the Indians and the government.

Lowdown: A good show and showing only one day.

Showing Wednesday and Thursday is "The Hour Before Dawn" with Franchot Tone, Veronica Lake, Binnie Barnes, John Sutton, and Henry Stephenson. Adapted from a W. Somerset Maugham novel, and concerns a female Nazi agent who marries into an English first family. The plot is chiefly about her troubles with her conscience.

Lowdown: A very interesting picture, but not a knockout.

Campus—Playing Tuesday is "Tampico" with Edgar G. Robinson, Lynn Bari and Victor McLaglen. The romance and drama of the seven seas of this war is told in this story of the fate of a torpedoed ship. The captain goes

ashore to find spies and finds romance.

Lowdown: A good adventure and bang up picture.

Playing Thursday is "Let's Face It" with Bob Hope, Betty Hutton, Zasu Pitts, Frankie Burns, and Dave Willock. Between jeeps, phillandering husbands, night club sequences, and songs, there is an interwoven story about Bob Hope breaking out of the guard house, and, with the help of his buddies, captures a submarine.

Lowdown: A very funny, funny picture.

Palace—Playing in Bryan this Tuesday is "Maise Goes to Reno" with Ann Sothern, and others. A over worked war worker goes on a vacation and ends up patching up a soldier's romance for him. In the course of events she meets

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Sources of information are few. All scuttle-butt is gathered either in the heads, the chow hall or from Tokyo Rose. What is happening in the outside world since early October is still unknown. However, we get brief reports concerning the present war, but they give little true information. We are eagerly awaiting newspapers and Time to see what had happened here. An advance Time, which told about the initial landings was flown in. The optimistic and bright accounts brought a laugh, particularly the reference to Jap. resistance as "nuisance raids."

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

Take a good look at me - In the last thing you'll ever see!
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