



The Penberthy Intra-Mural Sports Bulletin Board, gift of the class of '47, will soon rise between the wings of Duncan Hall. This final plan was drawn by Ted French of architectural department, from the prize-winning design by J. D. Harrington.

Concerning Silver Taps . . .

To the Editor:

One of A. and M.'s most sacred traditions, Silver Taps, was abused last night as no other tradition has been abused. This abuse was caused by men who apparently care nothing for our traditions and customs.

Talking and laughing loudly was a common occurrence before and after Silver Taps. Lights were on throughout the area. This was especially noticeable in Hart and Milner. If the men now attending A. and M. College care nothing about our old traditions, they can at least show the common courtesy to turn out their lights during Silver Taps.

We would like to suggest to the Batt that a set of rules concerning Silver Taps be published similar to the one's concerning hitch-hiking.

- Pete Stanley, '46
- B. M. Cooley, '46
- Allen Pike, '47
- Merle Borden, '47
- Jack Dougherty, '47

We agree that there was a lot of things going on at Silver Taps that were detrimental to the sincerity and solemnity of the ceremony. This is attributed to the new men on the campus who knew nothing about Silver Taps.

Silver Taps is the last farewell to fellow Aggie who has passed away. Six buglers from the band who are on top of the Academic Building play Taps through three times, while the student body stands at attention throughout in a large semicircle in front of the Academic building.

About five minutes before time for Silver Taps, all lights all turned off all over the campus, and every one goes quietly with no talking over to the Academic building. As the first notes are sounded, everyone snaps to attention and stays at attention until the last note of the third playing dies away. Then in strict silence, everyone goes back to his room. If studying is absolutely necessary, lights may be turned on, otherwise, there are no lights shown.

Don't let this happen again, Army and Veterans. Remember, a lot of us knew and liked that man.

Summer Student Labor Needed for Building New Veterans' Apartments

A new thing in apartment houses will be pioneered here this summer by John D. Smith, '37 and his father, T. L. Smith, Jr., class of '98, who head "Smith Builders". Planned to make room for more single men, by returning the dormitories to incoming freshmen, the forty efficiency apartments with central utility units will be constructed by a new method entirely of concrete.

Mr. Smith's major purposes in this project are to provide more room for veterans and their wives so as to make room for more members of the corps, and to provide less expensive housing facilities for married veterans.

Believing that the apartment house should be a benefit to Aggies both during building and after it is finished, Mr. Smith wants to use strictly student labor, at prevailing wages.

Any student who will be in summer school, and would like to help out, contact Jere Jean Lewis in 118, dorm 4. There will also be a meeting with Mr. Smith to discuss the plan in full this Sunday morning at the YMCA at 8:30 a.m.

AVMA ELECTS STURKIE PRES. FOR NEXT YEAR

The Junior American Veterinary Medical Association held its last meeting of the current semester in the Veterinary Hospital amphitheater on Wednesday, May 22, with President Bob Ward presiding. A brief talk on metrazol was made by Mr. H. Smiser Davis of the Bilhuber-Knoll Corporation, followed by a film on the subject.

A business meeting was held, and after considerable discussion it was decided to inactivate the club for the summer session.

The following officers were elected to pilot the club in September: President: H. N. Sturkie, '47, College Station, Texas; Vice-President, C. M. Patterson, '47, Bryan, Texas; Secretary-Treasurer, R. W. Van Nice, '47, College Station, Texas.

The retiring slate of officers included President Bob Ward, '43, Houston; Vice-President, D. Hightower, '46; Secretary, R. C. Buie, '46, College Station, Texas; Reporter, E. W. Grogan, '46.

Press Club Honors Battalion and Longhorn Staffs

Keys and Certificates Presented; George Fuermann Address Group

Pen-pushers of A. & M. College were honored Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the A. & M. Club in Sbis Hall, when awards were made to members of the Battalion and Longhorn staffs.

George Fuermann, labor editor for the Houston Post and former managing editor of the Batt, was the chief speaker and described the functions of a college newspaper, as distinct from those of a metropolitan daily. Allen Self, Batt managing editor, was toastmaster. J. W. Rollins, dean of men, made the presentations.

Sam A. Nixon, retiring editor of the Battalion, received bronze and silver keys and a special award of a pen-and-pencil set. Bronze keys and special awards went to John F. Spraggins, Batt editor last summer, and R. B. McCallum, Longhorn editor. Don Hanks, associate editor and business manager of the Longhorn, received a bronze key and a watch.

Bronze keys also went to the following members of last summer's Battalion: M. C. Kury, B. W. Cantrell, R. G. Reese, H. A. Pate, F. D. Baca, and to the following members of the 1945-46 Longhorn: G. P. Shropulos, A. S. Barada, H. T. John, R. E. Tipton, T. G. Martin, and B. C. McRae.

Certificates were issued to members of the present Battalion staff as follows: Vick Lindley, Allen Self, Marion Pugh, Eddie Brandt, Paul Martin, James Davis, John R. Harris, J. A. Anderson, Wendell McClure, James Holekamp, and Ferd B. English.

Singing Cadets, Aggielanders, At Final Ball

The Singing Cadets and the Aggieland Orchestra will pool their talents to stage a floor show at the Final Ball Thursday night. The Singing Cadets will sing "The Night is Young and You're so Beautiful" with Harry Doran doing the honors on the solo, "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie"; "Twelfth Man", The Ken Darby Arrangement of "Home Sweet Home", "Auld Lang Syne" and their concert version of "The Spirit of Aggieland". The Aggielanders will give out with the current hit "Heh Bob-a-Re-Bop" with Brax Doak doing the solo part.

Veterinarians May Vacation For 3 Months

Veterinarian students, deferred by their draft boards till completion of their college courses, may take a three month vacation in any calendar year, it is announced by Dean F. C. Bolton. They are not required to take an accelerated course of study, if their normal course takes nine months of the year. Details are given in official notices, this issue.

AGGIE MARRIES GIRL FROM PARIS, FRANCE

Miss Jocelyne Bigoureau, whose arrival from Paris, France, was reported last week in the Batt, is now Mrs. Thompson I. Welch, wife of an Aggie student. The couple were married at the First Methodist Church in Houston the day after her arrival. They had become engaged while Welch was stationed in Europe.

BATTALION

Silver Taps Sounded For J. H. Babcock

Silver taps was sounded Wednesday night for John H. Babcock, class of '47, of Beaumont, who died Wednesday morning of leukemia in a Beaumont hospital following a short illness. Babcock, who was a liberal arts student had reported to the hospital only a few days prior to his death.

He was the son of Charles L. Babcock, Sr., class of '20, and the brother of Charles L. Babcock, Jr., class of '43, who was killed eight months ago in a jeep accident near Durant, Oklahoma.

Babcock, who served for three years in the Navy, was a radar operator in the South Pacific and had returned to A. & M. February 4.

25 Candidates Vie for Various Campus Ballots

A fast field of 25 hopeful candidates was certified as eligible for the general election next Tuesday by the Student Elections Committee and interest is mounting daily in what promises to be the most spirited campaign since the spring of 1942. An added interest was created with the announcement that the Corps Council has requested the calling of an election for Senior Yell leaders as well as the previously announced offices.

Senior yell leaders will be elected by the Class of '48 and the qualifications required are: 1. Must be a member of the class of '48; 2. Must have at least 5 semesters classification; 3. Must have a grade point ratio of 1.25. Filings will be accepted for this office until 8:30 Saturday morning in the office of Student Activities.

Except for scholarship disqualifications, the only candidates disqualified were L. D. Hammett who failed to have the necessary experience. (See 25 CANDIDATES Page 4)

Flight Course To Be Discussed Tonight at 7:30

Reply of VA On Paying For Flights Will Be On Agenda of Meeting

Flying courses will be discussed at a meeting in the Chemistry Lecture Room at 7:30 Friday night, May 24.

The College has been endeavoring to arrange contracts with the Veterans Administration whereby veterans interested in taking flying courses may have the cost of these courses paid from funds available for their education. The purpose of this meeting is to present information on the progress which has been made.

All men who have filled in questionnaires for flight training are requested to be present.

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* **ATTENTION:** Veterans under Part VIII not attending summer school.

* All previous instructions concerning interruption and reinstatement are void. Veterans under Part VIII must report to the Veterans Administration Office, Ramp B, Hart Hall, and sign the necessary forms prior to leaving the campus for the summer.

* Veterans may report at any time from this date. It is not necessary for veterans to correspond with the Veterans Administration in Waco.

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THREE EXTENTIONISTS GO TO NEW MEXICO

District agents Mrs. Myrtle D. Negy and W. I. Marshall and Game Management Specialist R. E. Callander, all of the A. & M. College Extension Service, will spend two days in Ruidoso, New Mexico, May 28 and 29, in a girls 4-H Club leadership training camp, according to an announcement by Director Ide P. Trotter.

Pup "Rusty" Offered To College As New Mascot

The Battalion has received an offer of a puppy, marked similarly to Reveille, which will be given to A. & M. College if she is granted the same privileges and respect as shown to Reveille. The pup is named Rusty, and is now the property of Tom Westbrook III, veteran student living at Bryan Field Village.

Westbrook's offer follows:

While reading the "Class of '47" article in a recent Batt which depicted the death of the only female Aggie, Reveille, on January 17, 1944, I began thinking and wondering what A. & M. is going to do for a mascot in the future. Of course, I know that nothing can ever take "Rev's" place in every Aggie's heart, but would it not be right and fitting to decide upon a substitute, a reserve, so to speak?

It so happens that I have a pup that is four months old today, and is marked almost identically like Reveille, even to the white tip on her tail, and it is a her. The one exception is her extreme posterior, which is a small patch of rusty-brown color, from which we have derived her name, "Rusty", "Rus" for short. Out here at Bryan Field Village, Rus has captured everyone's fancy with her playfulness, and has made all my neighbors back doors a supplemental source of food, which is typical of old Rev's meal hounding in the mess halls.

I recently had Rusty vaccinated



Rusty—Candidate for New Aggie Mascot.

as a precaution around the children out here, but on account of my nine months old baby and circumstances beyond my control, i. e., the wife, I have decided to depart with my hound.

Here is my proposition: since the Corps has no official mascot, and since Rusty resembles Reveille so much, and since Rusty was born two years and one day after Rev passed away, and is the friend of all the other Aggie-Vets out here, I will agree to donate her to the Corps, to have the same privileges and treated with the same respect as Reveille received.

How about it, Aggies, do you want a mascot to help the twelfth (See RUSTY, Page 2)