

Saturday Afternoon Blues . . .

Shortages are everywhere, and the football ticket business is no exception. Ed Brandt, Bill Rosser, E. C. Kobs, Bill Beck and your editor, Allen Self, met with Dean Rollins, Coach Norton, Bennie Zimm, and P. L. "Pinky" Downs, Jr., Tuesday afternoon to survey the student ticket situation for out of town games.

Coach Norton explained that allotments for student tickets had been set up during the summer when the enrollment was estimated at a figure far below the actual. He said, "Had we known that the enrollment would be in excess of 9,000, we would have been able to set aside more tickets for the Texas Tech game in San Antonio, but there was not a thing that could be done about the games with Texas and Baylor." He pointed out that the Aggies received approximately 1,000 more seats for students in Austin than they have ever before, or a total of 7,066 in all. For Baylor, the stadium seats approximately 11,000, of which more than half would go to the home town team, as it does in Kyle Field. However, A. & M. was able to get approximately 4,500 seats for the students in addition to a small allotment for the former students.

On the Texas Tech game, the original student allotment was 1500, which is more than ever set aside for the student body. When it appeared that the enrollment would be more than previous expectations, the Athletic department was able to bring the total to 2000. The committee agreed that the only fair way to handle these tickets is "first come, first serve". Other arrangements will be made later. Price will be the regular student admission, \$1.20 tax paid. The same holds true for the Baylor game, and it is urged by the committee that those students who do not actually have a ticket stay away from San Antonio and Waco.

Although the day of the Baylor game is an official holiday with classes suspended, it is not an official Corps Trip. If you can't get a ticket to the game—and they'll be hard to get—the unlucky might go home and see the folks.

On the SMU game, Coach Norton and the Athletic Council along with former students of the Dallas Area brought pressure to bear on the authorities of SMU to move the game to the Cotton Bowl. This more than doubled the available seats and gave A. & M. 23,000. A total of 10,000 seats were blocked out for the Aggie students and their dates on the official corps trip to Dallas. In addition to this 10,000 another substantial block was sent up to TSCW to be sold to the students there, to sit with the Aggies. The news of it all is that date tickets and TSCW tickets all go at the \$1.20 tax paid price.

No worries arise over LSU and the OU game, as ample seating is available. The distance from college should keep many from making these trips.

After all, the football games sound good on the radio while you're studying. Or they sound even better when you're in a private home surrounded by all the things that make life enjoyable—blondes, etc.

With The Corps

By ALLEN SELF

Unit commanders are to be complimented on the way their outfits performed at Tuesday night retreat inspection. With such inspections held twice a week, there should be only a healthy amount of tenseness in the troops when an officer from the military department or from the Fourth Army Headquarters drops around.

Uniformity was the keynote of all inspection preparations, but nevertheless, khaki and OD belts were mixed in ranks, as were the GI black buckles and shiny brass buckles. This is just one more item that should be corrected.

Certain advanced students not living with the Cadet Corps are still coming to drill without proper uniform. Two were noticed in one of the Infantry companies without hats—for which there is no excuse. It's true that the Exchange Store is out of pants, but one of the things they do have is the OS cap.

Corps Chaff . . . First effort of the faculty to lap up benefits of this fall's football holidays comes from the Geology department. A Geol. 320 prof gave his class of sixty a choice of going on a field trip either the weekend of the SMU game or of the Baylor game.

TSCW officials have requested that tickets be sent to them for the Tessies coming to the SMU game in Dallas. Any of you planning to repeat last year's TCU joint corps trip, which was enjoyable beyond printed or spoken words, should contact the sweet things from "Heaven" immediately.

We'd certainly hate to be clouted on the skull by the rolls of "Aggie confetti" flying through the air. The dull thud as a roll hits some Aggie's back sends shudders through the more soft-hearted. On the subject, why strew the confetti all the way from Goodwin back to the new area? Not a sight for the visitor, admittedly.

Assault guns for the foot troops—105 mm.—will arrive soon after branch immaterial instruction is finished. To be used for tactical operations only—no firing, please. Order serge and pinky now, advanced students—only one pair of

G. I. JOE

By VICK LINDLEY

Answering the Fish . . .

What is a veteran supposed to say when a fish greets him with "Beat North Texas," "Smear S. M. U.," or any other of the football slogans we will be hearing this fall?

Your inquiring reporter has checked with several guardians of the Aggie traditions, in the interests of preserving good relations between veterans and the corps, and has come up with this conclusion: It doesn't matter so much what you say, as long as you say SOMETHING indicating that you share normal A. & M. sentiments.

Strictest Aggie tradition calls for cadets to answer in the same words they are hailed, but many cadets this year have been answering with "Mighty right." That seems a safe lead for veterans to follow. Other good phrases are "Right," "Yeah man," and "Ditto!"

Ex-aircraftmen, including navigators, have a natural in "Roger!" with the O. K. sign—three fingers raised, with thumb and forefinger in a circle.

What if you are a transfer student, from Tech let us say, and the fish shout "Beat the . . . out of Tech? The answer is simple—you're an Aggie now, son.

No Black-Market Books . . . It is to Aggie's credit that despite the critical shortage of books, there has been no appearance of a black market in them here. Certain second-hand books—Robeson's Physics, for example—have been so critically short that they might have soared to the value of a Gutenberg Bible—but they haven't.

Boys who possessed the treasures have been glad to turn them over at standard prices, so that other students might not be handicapped. Who would have thought that battered, dog-eared, scribbled-in, broken-backed volumes would be so essential to our mental well-being?

green serge pants will be issued with the winter uniform.

Things to Come . . . Two medium light tanks for use by the armored cavalry. Cost: \$100,000 per. 20 tons heavy, they will have .22 rifles mounted inside the barrels of the turret guns for actual firing.

At Last, A Good Reason for No Homework . . .

Shortages, Strikes, and Wrong Estimates Cause Lack of Books

Editor's Note: The article below was written following an interview with Mr. Carl Birdwell of the College Exchange Store in an attempt to explain to the student body the present lack of equipment and books. The situation occurs not only in the Exchange Store but also in all of the stores which supply students on the campus. Most of the facts were obtained from Mr. Birdwell and the store's records and from J. E. Loppot, North Gate.

"Sorry, no Pathology II . . . we're out of History 306 . . . no Physics books yet . . . If you have been confronted with these answers to your purchase queries and have wondered why, read this and get the facts that are keeping you from doing your home work.

The cause for the present shortage of texts and equipment on the campus resolves itself into three reasons. First is a shortage of materials and labor in the printers, publishers, and manufacturers. Though you may have forgotten there is still a paper scarcity, and a large demand for printed matter from publishers has overtaken the production of the printers who do their work. Publishers are six months behind in deliveries.

The second cause is delayed deliveries of orders already filled and awaiting shipment. The holdup is occurring in New York and surrounding area because of the current truckers strike. Many of the books come from this region and although a few are received through parcel post, large amounts are being held on loading platforms.

The other reason for the lack of these items is one for which the

blame can not be directed at anyone in particular. To be sure of pre-term deliveries most of the books and equipment needed were ordered in March and April of this year. A consultation with authorities revealed that the upper limit of the college facilities would allow only 7500 students for the fall semester. Forms were given to all departments by the Exchange Store for an estimate of the number of each text needed and orders were placed to cover these needs. Deliveries were assured for August 15. It is reported that 95% of these deliveries were made.

But in the first part of August the authorities foresaw a possibility of the college handling over 9000 students because of the addition of Bryan Air Field and other areas to its facilities. Upon receiving this information the Exchange Store immediately sent out requests to the various departments for revised lists of their needs. However, these later orders could not be filled immediately by the publishers and consequently you wait for the books.

Directly connected with this last reason for the shortage is the fact that many of the departments could not accurately determine how many of the returning students would start with each of their offered courses. Many of the veterans are taking mixed-up curricula, coordinating review with new courses, and there was no way to estimate their needs in advance. An example of this was the short-

age of History texts. The need was estimated at 600 and approximately 1100 students enrolled for the course.

As for equipment, of the needed 2,000 drawing sets some 700 were received at the Exchange Store and they are due to get only 300 more by the first of the year. This, of course, is due to the shortage of materials mentioned previously. Along these same lines is the slide-rule trouble. Some 4,500 rules were ordered; 700 came in for the summer term and were immediately sold. Only 200 arrived by the time the fall semester began and of the obviously needed 3,000 sliderules 600 may arrive by the end of the year. The New Orleans branch of the Dietzgen Company has said that their entire output for the month of September is for the A. & M. College Exchange Store. This includes such equipment as engineers and architects, T-Squares, and triangles.

For the most part the needed materials are arriving somewhat slowly, but steadily. However, some of it will be a long while in arriving here. Many students have in their possession books and equipment which they do not care to sell. They are urged to loan these items to their friends until such time as more supplies are received. This practice should alleviate some of the strain and handicap that so many are under by taking courses without the needed textbooks and materials.

What's Cooking

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

- 7:00 p.m.—Beaumont A. & M. Club, Room 108, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m.—Texarkana A. & M. Club, Room 204, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m.—Laredo A. & M. Club, Room 224, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—San Angelo area A. & M. Club, Room 203, Ag. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Bell County A. & M. Club, Room 103, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Southwest Texas A. & M. Club, Main Floor, YMCA.
- 7:30 p.m.—Galveston A. & M. Club, Chapel YMCA.
- 7:30 p.m.—Radio Club, EE Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—First Meeting Brazos County A. & M. Club, Maggie Parker Dining Hall, Bryan. Dinner \$1 per plate. Guest Speaker, Homer Norton.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

- 8:00 a.m.—5 p.m.—Veteran Students fill out form. Veteran's Lounge, Sbisia.
- 7:30 p.m.—Jewish services, YMCA.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

- 2:30 p.m.—Football, Texas A. & M. vs. North Texas State College.
- 7:15 p.m.—Free Jamboree show, Guion Hall.
- 9:00 p.m.—All College Dance, Sbisia.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

- 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—Catholic mass, St. Mary's Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m.—Newman Club meeting, Assembly Hall.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

- 7:30 p.m.—Ex-Servicemen's Club, Assembly Hall.
- 7:30 p.m.—Ex-Servicemen's Wives Styles and Fashions Group, at Sbisia Lounge.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

- 7:30 p.m.—Fish and Game Club, Room 115, A. & I. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—ASCE business meeting, CE lecture room.
- 7:30 p.m.—Ag. Engineering Society, Lecture Room, Ag. Engineering Bldg.

- 7:30 p.m.—Astronomy Club, first meeting, Physics Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Rural Sociology Club, Room 203, Ag. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Saddle & Siroin Club, Special Meeting, A. & I. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

- 7:30 p.m.—Ex-Servicemen's Wives, Sbisia Lounge.
- Right after Mess—Tyler A. & M. Club, Ex-Students Lounge, YMCA.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

- 7:30 p.m.—Class of '45, Assembly Hall.
- 7:30 p.m.—Lamar County A. & M. Club, Room 126 Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m.—Wharton County A. & M. Club, Room 129, Acad. Bldg.

The famous painting of Reveille, made just before the Aggies famous dog mascot died, is on exhibition in the newspaper room of the A. & M. library.

C. A. Robinson, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, has resigned to enter Naval research work at Daingerfield.

Don't get the idea that you study better by listening to the radio.—A. & M. Handbook.

YMCA Needs Song Leader, Pianist

A song leader and a pianist to assist with services each Sunday at the Chapel are being sought by Mr. M. L. Cashion, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Students interested should contact Ann Hilliard or W. W. Dominy at the Student Activities Center, A&M Col. annex.

Letters

YES, A. & M. REALLY IS IN 74TH SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Sir:

The September 12th Batt has a rather puzzling headline which reads, "Recording Enrollment Set in A. and M.'s 74th School Year". According to the General Information Bulletin of 1946-47, the Historical Sketch relates, and I quote, "The College was formally opened and instruction begun on October 4, 1876."

Without the aid of a calculator or sliderule, my mathematics insists that this is barely seventy years. Aren't we attempting to stretch the fact and our prestige somewhat, or could it be the Batt has uncovered some information we all do not know about?

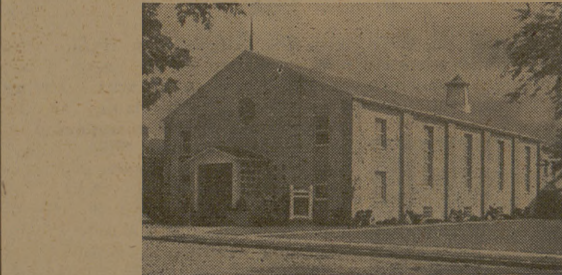
The quizzical kid Bill Strait (For the benefit of Mr. Strait and others who were puzzled by the sudden boast of this being A. and M.'s 74th year, we inform you

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PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

It is but a couple of days until the start of what promises to be one of the most interesting seasons in the history of football. All of the teams have a wealth of material so the coaches problem is one of making the best use of his material rather than development. In commenting on the season ahead I heard a man, whose opinion I value, make the statement that the team that wins the conference will be the one with a "spark".



By a "spark" he meant a player who is a fine performer, but who also has a little something extra that makes him an example and an inspiration to his team mates. He is usually a great leader and one who makes them want to give more than they

have with never a thought of quitting. These "sparks" appear all through our lives. We see them in our homes, at our work, and in our play, but to me they are the best evident in groups that are engaged in voluntary service such as Boy and Girl Scouts, Churches, Civic Groups, Red Cross, etc. In these activities they play the same important part as do the leaders on our football squads.

The amount of good done by "sparks" is hard to estimate because the work done by their own hands is just a small percent of that which they inspire by their fine spirit. I know I have worked on many projects where I would have quit had it not been that the chairman was a "spark" and it would have "let him down".

We never know to what extent we ourselves may be the "spark" that someone is looking to for help, encouragement, and inspiration, so it is a challenge to us to "step out" to the best of our ability in everything we undertake.

Fish at Air Field Annex Are Brought Up In Old Tradition

By "Babe" Schwartz Annex Reporter

What are these weird rumors that float around the Main Campus, to the effect that Fish at the Air Field Annex go parading around without their fish stripes, or that upper-classmen live in three-room suites? T'aint so.

Everything at the Annex is conducted as things are supposed to be conducted on the campus. Yell practices are held. Retreat formation was scheduled to begin last night, under direction of Capt. Simmons, and uniform regulations are being strictly enforced.

By means of short visits, the freshman stationed at the Annex are rapidly learning their way about the Main Campus. Upper-classmen who drill the fish on what they have learned state that the annex-fish will soon have as good a knowledge of the main campus as the ones who are stationed there.

Every other phase of freshman orientation followed at A. & M. College is being carried out at the annex. Aggie life at the field is no different, in any important particular, from Aggie life at the New Area.

In fact, we wonder sometimes if the Aggie traditions aren't better observed here at the annex than

they are in College Station? Family Style . . .

Tuesday the corps at the annex began eating "family style" in the mess hall and comments were generally favorable. The forty-odd upperclassmen who travel to the campus for classes every day eat their noon meal at Duncan with the corps.

Silver Taps . . .

Silver Taps was conducted at the Annex Monday night, simultaneously with the ceremony on the main campus, for Hugh Gillespie, Aggie who was killed in a plane crash at Corsicana last weekend. Gillespie's brother is a senior in H Battery at the annex.

Invitation . . . Campus Aggies are invited to come out to the Annex on Sunday and take a look at the installation, particularly the student center, snack bar, day rooms and mess hall. We'll be glad to answer questions and show you around.

A trained reference librarian is on duty at the loan desk of the A. & M. library.

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