

Editorials

This Is the Beginning . . .

We freshmen were placed here at the Annex for a definite purpose—that of allowing additional schooling privileges to those veterans who had no chance to finish their educations. For scholastic reasons too, we have been placed in a situation with which we aren't exactly pleased, but one with which we must be satisfied and of which we must take full advantage.

Living away from the main campus excludes from our lives many varied interests which our first year of college would otherwise offer. Despite these hardships, we, as the freshman class of '52, must make a go of it and raise the standards which the classes before us have so highly set. It is our job to keep up the good grades, make the better showings, and give the best of our ability in the line of duty.

Many think that we will never succeed because of the absence of upperclassmen to watch over us. However, from time to time, we are fortunate enough to act as hosts for these upperclassmen, who keep us pretty well informed on the Aggie traditions that have made A&M the school that it is today. We know now, after three weeks of do's and don'ts most of the what's and what not's to do, wear, say and even think. Most of our faults lie in the newness of this military life and the regular hours which a cadet must keep to be the quick efficient leader that a group of men would want. It requires concentrated study, which many of us failed to do in high school and consequently must learn how to do by simply starting from scratch. We must devote as much time to studies as we do to wishing that we were home again.

We are comprised of a variety of types from all parts of Texas and the Southwest. We have, no doubt, seemed rather strange to each other in ways and customs, but our ideas are essentially the same, a fact which leads us all to one definite purpose—that of academic and military success, both as individuals and as a unit.

Whether it be bad or good, we must remember that the path of life is steep and rocky. There are many stumbling blocks along the way which will sidetrack even the most cautious trodder. While we spend the first four years of our climb here at A&M, let us spend four years of proud prosperity knowing that when we finish, we will have spent that four years making that the best freshman class ever.

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A Lounge Lizard . . .

Slothful McDaniels Discovers Beauty and Career in Rocks

By "FIG" NEWTON

Some people find beauty in the mournful screaming of the female soprano who tortures with her renditions of the opera. Others go into ecstasies over monstrosities composed of canvas and oil paints smeared and dobbed in every direction, leaving a multi-colored mass with no visual means of explanation.

There are also those who find beauty in curiosity about one of God's great creations, the earth. As most geologists know, the earth is composed of dirt, minerals, and rocks. Dirt itself is interesting. Minerals are a little more interesting, but now we come to rocks.

Ah! Yes. There are rocks we use for building purposes. Other rocks are used sometimes after pugilism fails.

But Bruce McDaniels has the geological viewpoint toward rocks. He has an enormous collection at his home in Shreveport, Louisiana. When in Odessa, Texas, he first became interested in geology. His father, who works for Gulf Oil, had some friends, whom McDaniels loved to hear talk. In fact, he might have become a little nuisance, running up to older friends with arm loads of rocks screaming for them to help him classify them. At that time he was about seven years of age.

When asked why he collected rocks, McDaniels gave a very startling answer. "Rocks are interesting. Anyone who appreciates beauty should like rocks. Rocks can tell the history of biological species before the time man learned even to keep a record of anything. Rocks are beautiful. I collect rocks for their strange formation and their beauty."

A collection of many different specimens of rocks are at his home in Louisiana. He has not collected many in Louisiana, however. There are so many swamps that very few self-respecting rocks would be found deep in such a place. Every one knows that they usually hang around hilly country. Even though all these barriers are in evidence, he says he found one interesting specimen. After knocking the top off, he found the dead-burned thing hollow. Imagine a hollow rock. Inside was some powder. Some people have informed him that this powder was Indian paint. It has to be mixed with water.

McDaniels' enthusiasm for rocks includes fossils. When asked about them, he said he had some very interesting ones. To the uneducated mind, fossils seem very dull. In that case, there are very few educated minds.

Rogers and Green Are Appointed As Fish Drum Majors

By DEAN REED

The freshman band is now officially organized, following the appointment of the two drum-majors last Tuesday by Col. Adams, Aggie band director.

They are Richard Green and James W. Rogers, both from barracks T-144, in Company One. Green, from Brownsville, Texas, is majoring in electrical engineering. Rogers is from Texarkana, Texas, and is a food technology major.

Both men were drum-majors for two years in their respective high schools. They will alternate during the semester in leading the band in drill and playing, and will probably bring the band to the yell-practices, when possible.

This year's freshman band will number approximately one hundred members, and are meeting for practice with Colonel Adams each Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday and Friday mornings.

They will play with the main campus band at all home football games, but will not drill during half-time. The band will also make three out-of-town games, to Waco, Dallas, and to Austin, and will march in the parades in Dallas and Austin.

Green and Rogers were appointed by Colonel Adams, after several other members of the band tried for the position. Green had been the temporary drum-major during the first few appearances of the band. When not leading the band, Green plays the saxophone, and Rogers the drum.

The annex band will be formed like the main campus band, being led by the first line of buglers, each carrying a large banner "T" attached to the bugles. Many of the freshman members made the trip to San Antonio last week, playing with the campus band. The main band was transported on buses, with the freshmen getting there "on their own." Nevertheless, around fifteen fish hitch-hiked to San Antonio, carrying their instruments.

The band, Company One, drills each Thursday evening, and will soon start drilling with instruments, in order to prepare for the annex reviews and inspections, for which they will play.

The tri-weekly practices are being held in T-169, conducted by Col. Adams, who journeys to and from the campus for each rehearsal.

Coach Beattie Feathers of North Carolina State had 15 years of actual playing experience in high school, college or pro football squads.

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Plenty Athletic Equipment For 'Intramural Minded Freshmen'

By L. O. TIEDT

For you more athletically minded freshmen who have been unable to find any athletic equipment with which to pass the long week-end hours, here is some information that will solve your problem.

Mr. Luke Harrison, who may readily and truthfully be called the freshmen's friend, has reported that there is ample athletic material and equipment accessible to all who want to use it. There are footballs, basketballs, punching bags, medicine balls, volley balls, weights and ping pong equipment available at the equipment room of the gym. Equipment will be available from two until six o'clock on all days except Wednesday. Because of the late C. Q. on Wednesdays, the equipment will be available until eight-fifteen. Cadets may check out the desired equipment, but must return it before the equipment room closes.

The swimming pool will be kept open for student use as long as the weather permits. From the weather conditions of the past few days, I don't think it will remain open very long.

The final touches are being applied to the intramural program. Officials have been given rules on flag football and plans are being made to have an exhibition game here at the annex.

Football games between the various companies are scheduled to begin October 5. A regular schedule has not yet been made, but it will be posted immediately after completion.

Each company will select one of its members to serve as an officer. The officer will hold a position similar to that of a coach. The teams taking part in the intramural program will be made up of members of each company. Teams for football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, track, and boxing will be formed by each company.

Later in the year, open tournaments will be held in which individuals may take part as individuals, not as company representatives.

The top teams, or those who have proved themselves better than their competitors, will receive awards for their victories. The Bronze awards will be given to the members of the winning teams.

Below are the more important rules of flag football. It would be wise to read and study them so as to be familiar with them when active play begins.

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL RULES

The playing rules of Intramural Flag Football are the same as those used for American Football with the exception of the regulations listed below. A game shall consist of two halves, each half being made up of a total of 25 plays. Each play shall count regardless of penalty or other circumstances except that the try for point after touchdown shall not count as a play. The last play of the game must be free from foul by team B while team A has the ball.

All players of the offensive team are eligible receivers unless and until one of them touches the ball when he only of his team remains eligible. If an opponent touches the ball, all players become and remain eligible.

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Predictions . . .

Company 2 Strongest Threat For Intramural Championship

Intramural athletics is rapidly approaching a reality. It therefore is necessary to make predictions on the outcome of the contests. The first sport is naturally football, which will be one of the highly technical activities taken up this year.

After surveying the strength of the different companies, it looks like Company 2 all the way.

Here is the advanced predictions on the final standings in intramural football.

1. Company 2—Already Explained.
 2. Company 4—A strong First Battalion contender.
 3. Company 6—Full strength not known.
 4. Company 11—Had to throw in some of the Bird boys.
 - 5-11—Fill these in yourselves, strength of others not yet known.
 12. Company 18—Yes, the Band.
- For those who do not know the rules of Flag Football, one word of advice; learn the rules. The four-eyed boys (the referees) will not take into consideration your ignorance. They have received orders from the referee's boss, Luke Harrison, to call the plays straight.

Town Hall to Have Colorful Program For This Year

By DAVID DARTER

"Town Hall" at A&M furnishes entertainment for the students by famous artists at a minimum cost. It has educational as well as entertainment value.

The program for "Town Hall" this year is a varied and interesting one, with such famous musicians as Alce Templeton, concert pianist in classics, impressions and improvisations on November 11.

The original Don Cosack Chorus with his Talian Chorus and Dancers on December 7. The San Antonio Symphony with conductor Max Bolter is scheduled on Town Hall for January 10.

On March 22, Gladys Swarthout, a star of screen, radio and opera will open on the Town Hall stage. Others on the program are Phil Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra and Evelyn and her Magic Violin.

All members of the freshman class are urged to take advantage of this fine opportunity. Only general admission tickets are available. They are three dollars.

Transportation will be available to and from the programs. The time for bus departure will be announced at a later date.

as hard as it appears. Another formation—this time for supper. Well, hooray! Your company has chow first tonight. That calls for a short wildcat, fellows!

"Six-thirty, men—off to roll practice! Who are we gonna beat this week, anyway?" Keep on the ball, Fish Frye. It's Oklahoma.

"Now I can settle down to a nice, quiet evening of study. There goes C. Q." Ah, yes, Fish Frye, you've had a busy day.

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Four Fish Attend Ground Breaking

The freshman class was represented at the ground breaking exercises for the future student center. E. J. Stump of Company 4 represented the first battalion, George Cusick of Company 7, the second battalion, James Hudson of Flight 12, the third battalion, and H. A. Cole represented the veterans.

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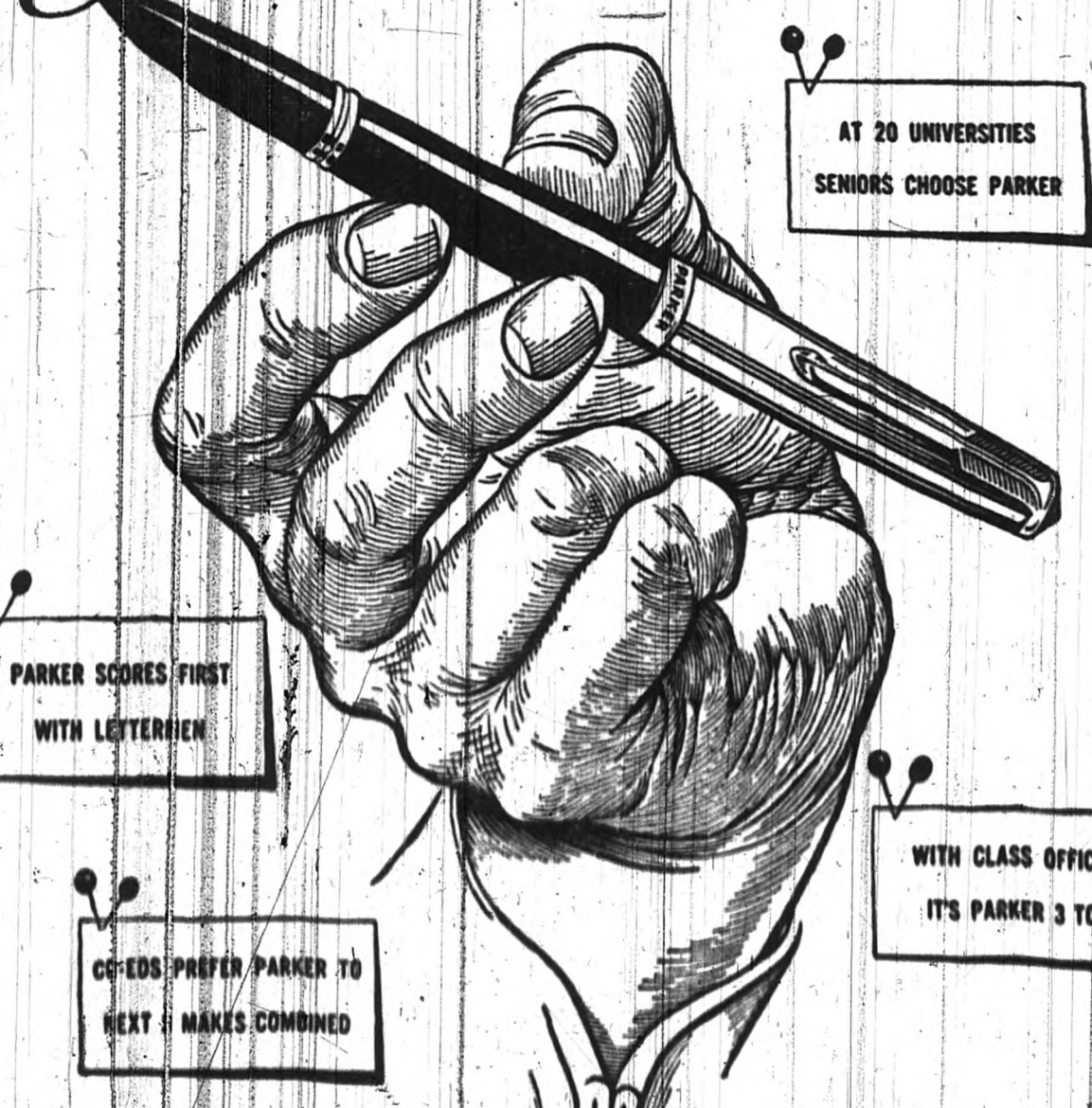
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