

# Editorials

## An Important Link . . .

Today marks the first official issue of the Freshman "Battalion" page under an organized staff and sponsorship. The Freshman page will be printed as an inside page of the "Battalion" each Thursday, and will serve as one of the few links between the Bryan Field Annex and the main campus.

Although the page will be under the supervision of the "Battalion" editors, the freshman staff will form its own policy, write and form its own news, print its own editorials.

Another primary purpose of the Freshman page will be to inform the Annex freshmen of announcements, news and social events, news which otherwise could be received only by word of mouth. The staff of the Freshman Batt intends to do their utmost in giving you all news as soon as possible, but this will require the whole-hearted cooperation of every freshman.

If your club wishes to have a special meeting, if you have some constructive criticism of our paper, or of some other function at the Annex, tell us. The Freshman Batt office is inside the Student Center, in a room on the west side. If you disapprove of some article or some part of our policy, or if you would like to drop a hint, come on in and talk to us. We are here, elected by the freshman student body, as the staff of YOUR paper.

## That Fightin' Fish Team . . .

A crowd of 6,000 attended the Aggie Fish-T.C.U. Polliwog game last Thursday. Out of this group, a large number were freshmen from the Annex, supporting their team, their classmates.

Every freshman who could possibly see the game was there. Excellent arrangements were made by Colonel Melcher and his staff, who received fine cooperation from Dr. Abbott and the faculty. It is this sort of teamwork, coupled with the class' interest, that will enable us to see more of the freshman home games.

The freshman band was there, about 100 strong, under the direction of Lt. Colonel E. V. Adams. The corps was there, several hundred strong, and led by several of the upperclassmen yell-leaders. These yell-leaders gave up valuable time to be at the game, leading the still-green freshmen in roaring yells. They seemed pleased with the enthusiasm of the freshman group, so let's don't let them down. Keep up the good work, and support the fish team—your team—in their future games.

## Wanted: Good Class Officers . . .

Class elections are probably weeks away, but it is never too early to begin thinking about them. At present, you have no idea who you think would make a good class president or vice-president.

The president of this year's freshman class should be a student who is willing to work, and not just accept the office as an honor. There are many duties of an Aggie class president, differing largely from those you are accustomed to in high school. For that reason, your president, or any other officer, should not be elected by popularity vote. You're not electing the most popular freshman, but you are voting on a man who will lead your class, one who is capable of the duties of this office.

Start forming your opinions as to who would make good officers and candidates! Let's make this coming election a hot one, where the winners will undoubtedly be the best men.

## Freshman Staff

The Freshman Page, newspaper of the Texas A&M Annex freshmen, is published each Thursday as an inside page of the BATTALION, under the sponsorship of Sam Southwell, faculty advisor.

News contributions may be made in the Freshman Battalion office in the Student Center at the Annex.

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THE STUDENT CENTER was the scene of an informal, impromptu song-and-dance program last Sunday afternoon at the Annex. Foul weather kept the freshmen and their dates inside, but the above group found inside entertainment desirable.

## Freshman Regiment Sees First Football Game on Kyle Field

By FIG NEWTON

Our brass sparkled more than ancient spittoons as we went to see the Aggie-T.C.U. game Saturday. Each fish had his own self-administered rigid inspection.

"Did I wash good behind my ears? Are my shoes shined enough? Did I get any polish on my clothes? Curse the blasted sweat. I'll have to change shirts again. Would my folks be proud to see me in a parade the way I look now?"

All these thoughts coursed through our minds as we hurried to catch that last bus or truck. Buddies, who did not have the late classes, wished the luckless ones good luck. Some of the more experienced men gave vague descriptions of the places where they intended to meet.

On the campus, some promptly proceeded to get lost. Others went to the mess halls to eat with some person whom they knew. Occasionally we saw someone we knew, spoke to him with the proper respect to an upper classman. We met many of those whose names we did not know.

Companies massed on the drill field. Then came the shifting of men as to their size. The dust, stirred up in the confusion, covered our well shined shoes. Sweat rolled in solid streams. Some of the dust caked on the sweat of our hands.

Marching down the street, we made a whole hearted attempt to look directly in front of us, to keep in step and to dress up our lines. There were some who failed in most of these tasks.

As the perspiring self-conscious Freshman Regiment marched into Kyle Field, they all began to comprehend the enormity of the organization to which they belonged. We were proud to be Freshmen of A&M. The spirit now surged in our veins. Soon filling the front rows of the stands, Freshmen awaited the game. Orientation started when we sat down.

"No smoking during the game. Stand up until the half. If you aren't as hoarse as I am when the game is over, you are a two percent!" We met these requirements. Some of the fish I hate to say, seemed to meet them with intense disfavor.

Yes, we yelled (most of us) till our throats ached. We hope that the upper classmen weren't too disappointed in us. We have the spirit.

After the game we had a better incentive to study. Those troublesome books were met with a stern determination.

Saturday night many things were discussed before hitting the sack. Then, when we finally went to bed, our dreams were filled with visions of each Fish in shiny senior boots.

## Fish Band Will Go To Waco Saturday

The 100-piece freshman band will probably accompany the Aggie band to the Baylor University game at Waco, on Saturday, October 23, according to Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, band director.

The freshmen will sit in the stands with the upperclassmen band, but will not march at half-time with them.

This will be the second of the out-of-town games attended by the freshman band, although a small percentage of the members were attendants at the Texas Tech game in San Antonio. A majority of the band is scheduled to make the Waco trip.

Band members will be excused from Saturday morning classes in order to leave in time for the game, which will be Saturday afternoon. Transportation will be furnished those members desiring it.

There will be no official parade in Waco; therefore the fish band will do no marching. However, in the parades to be held in Dallas and Austin, the S.M.U. and T.U. games respectively, the freshman band will lead the fish regiment in the parades.

## Camel Company Makes 'Friends' Of Annex Fish

By ZANE MARTIN

An increasing number of cigarettes and pipes have popped up since last week, when representatives of Camel Cigarettes paid a visit to our picturesque campus.

If rumors which are circulating are true, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company left slightly poorer than expected. The only logical reason seems to be that more fiscal slips were punched than there were "buddies" for whom they received cigarettes. However, to date, no one seems willing to accept such an accusation as the truth.

Of course, there was the usual line of impatient freshmen. The Annex just couldn't be appreciated without one to wait in occasionally.

In general, the report on the generous handout is that "More Fish are smoking Camels than ever before."

## Singers First For Entertainment Of Annex Freshmen

By M. G. SMATHERS

Entertainment is "in the making" for the annex freshmen. At present, the fish are content with flag football and other occupations, but soon various groups of entertainers will be on hand to relieve the monotony of studies and drill.

According to Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, the Melody Makers (Choir from Beaumont) is scheduled to present a program December 4. Arrangements also being made to present the T.S.C.W. Glee Club, the Choral Society of the University, and a novelty program from North Texas State University, of Denton, sometime during the second semester.

A Christmas party for students, faculty, and staff is to be held at an unannounced date, Harrison added.

The entire schedule has not been worked out properly, but the above list is not definite, and several changes and additions will probably be made, he emphasized.

## WATERMELONS IN ALASKA YIELD NO PROFIT

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — (AP) — California watermelons, trucked from the Imperial valley to this Yukon boom city, paid for the Alaskan vacation of Ed Watkins (1240 E. 7th Ave.) of Los Angeles.

The fruit and vegetable dealer reports, however, that it can't be done at a profit by a commercial hauler. Trucks headed for the territory carry a one way payload. There is nothing waiting here to be trucked to the states.

Watkins' trip was just a holiday idea. He headed north with six tons of melons and no particular destination in mind. The truck stayed together, so he kept going.

Twelve days out of the Imperial valley, Watkins pulled into Fairbanks, sweltering in mid 90 temperature.

The melons had cost \$70 a ton. The first week, his selling price here was 25 cents a pound. Later he dropped the tag to 10 cents.

A risk of the trade is the possibility of losing all of the perishable cargo if the truck breaks down. "You can't sell your load," explains Watkins, "if you break down in Canada." The Canadian government has an embargo on U. S. farm produce. The duty is too high for a profitable sale.

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## Reed Made Editor Of Freshmen Page

Dean Reed, of barracks 220, was elected editor in chief of the Freshman Battalion staff in the elections held Tuesday at Little Aggeland. L. O. Tiedt of barracks 101 was elected managing editor.

This is the first time that the editors of the freshman staff have been elected by the entire Freshman class. Last years staff leaders were chosen by the staff members themselves. Election by the entire class was introduced in recognition of the importance of these offices to the class and, eventually, to the school.

Reed is a journalism major from Pasadena, and Tiedt is an agricultural education major from La Grange.

The responsibilities of the two staff leaders were set up by S. B. Southwell, Annex Publications Advisor.

Reed, as editor, will have the following duties:

"Subject only to the editorial direction of The Battalion editors, the Freshman editor has final authority about everything appearing on the Freshman page."

"All other staff executives will be directly responsible to him. He will make assignments and delegate authority as he sees fit. He may personally assume any responsibility he desires and create any subordinate office he finds necessary."

"In the nature of things he will find it necessary to anticipate, or to invent, all the stories that appear in the freshman section of The Battalion and to post assignments for these stories weekly."

"The weekly completion of the Freshman page is his sole responsibility, although he may delegate any or all of his tasks to the volunteer workers who are available."

Tiedt, as managing editor, will be charged with the following responsibilities:

"Subordinate to the editor, but expected to work in close cooperation with him and to act as his advisor and assistant, the managing editor is superior to all staff members except the editor."

"He is directly in charge of office maintenance and organization and of editorials. He will counsel with the editor, helping him to make assignments and to set editorial policy."

"The managing editor will find it necessary to write an editorial almost every week, or to arrange for a guest editorialist."

## Sports at Little Aggeland

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

Flag football got underway at Little Aggeland as both leagues started play last week. This intramural sport is only one of the many that Luke Harrison, dean of men, has planned for the "Fish" at the Annex.

Last weeks results in League "A" were:

Flight 9 edged out Flight 10, 7-6  
 Flight 12 downed Company 3, 7-2  
 Company 5 slid past Flight 11, 6-0  
 Company 6 passed over Company 7, 7-0  
 Flight 9 flew over Flight 12, 7-0  
 Flight 11 won over 10, 8-0  
 Flight 12 ran over Company 6, 13-6  
 Company 7 won over Company 3 by penetrations, 0-0  
 Flight 9 rallied over Company 3, 7-6  
 Flight 12 defeated Company 7, 7-0

Standings in League "A"

Team	Won	Lost	Games
Flight 9	3	0	3
Flight 12	3	1	4
Company 6	2	1	3
Company 7	1	2	2
Flight 11	1	2	2
Flight 10	1	2	3
Company 3	0	3	3
Results in League "B" Games			
Veterans defeated Company 5 by penetrations, 0-0 Company 8 defeated Company 4, 7-0 Veterans downed Company 1, 6-0			

Standings in League "B"

Team	Won	Games	Lost
Veterans	2	1	0
Company 8	1	0	0
Company 5	0	1	1
Company 1	0	1	0
Company 4	0	1	0
Company 2	0	1	0

TURKEY TO OPEN A FREE PORT  
 ISTANBUL — (AP) — Iskenderum, Turkey's finest deep water port in the Hatay, is to become a "free" port, according to reports from Ankara.

Under the plan, foreign nations will be permitted to unload cargo for transshipment without customs formalities.

## Saga of The Super Sandwich . . .

# Modern Hot-Dog Will Send Fish Morton Through A&M

By BILL JONES

Many Annex freshmen are content to let their old dad work their way through college, but not Fish John Morton, of Levelland, Texas. This freshman is letting a hot-dog finance his education, believe it or not.

Now this is no ordinary hot-dog, NO, indeed. It is a "Super-dog." Fish Morton is the owner-manager of a small, unique stand on the Bryan-Houston highway, just past the "Y." From that spot daily evolve dozens of these new, fascinating, and somewhat peculiar dogs. The outstanding feature of Fish Morton's pride and job is that it is served on a stick. You grasp it with the hands and sink your teeth into a bun, fried on the outside of the customary weiner.

Fish Morton says, "Undoubtedly, my Super-dogs are the most formal, the cleanest, and the most sanitary on the market."

As a warning to the more competitive-minded, he adds, "The Super-dog is a patented feature, and is franchised for Brazos and several other counties."

Morton later revealed that the little "Super-dog" is not only intended to pay the college expenses, but also those of a family. This statement required elaboration, and Morton finally admitted his chief incentive. On Thanksgiving day, or thereabouts, he intends to travel to Levelland, and return to Little Aggeland with a rare prize—a wife. The bride-to-be is Miss Kathy Lykes, also of Levelland.

John and Kathy, both graduates of Levelland High School in 1948, are typical high school sweethearts, but seem to be going just a little further than most with their vows to be given this November 25. After the ceremony,



COMPANY 2, judged winner of the First Battalion "Company of the Week" competition, is shown as they passed in review before Dr. J. B. Abbott and Colonel E. L. Melcher on Monday, October 18.

## Company Two, Company Five, Flight Nine Win Review Honors

By DEAN REED

Company 2, Company 5, and Flight 9 have been declared winners of the regimental review held last Monday, in their respective battalions and squadron, Lt. Colonel Robt. L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex, announced Tuesday afternoon.

"Every outfit in the regiment has improved considerably over their last review ratings," he went on. "This can be shown by the fact that, in Monday's review, there was only 6.3 points difference between the first place company and the last place company. In the previous review, the difference was 12.2."

No certain company or flight was announced as winner of the review, but each is rated in an order from first place to twelfth. At the end of the year, the average of the companies will be figured, and the best average will designate the first place company of the entire year.

There was even a distinct shuffling of positions from the campus parade last Saturday. In that parade, Company 4 was declared the most efficient.

The decision was made after comparing reports of Col. Melcher, the tactical officers, the Military Science department officials, and several other judges. Cadets were judged from the time they fell out for retreat until they were dismissed.

Haircuts, shoe-shines, shinting the brass, and several other points were given consideration, in addition to the actual marching in review.

The regimental review will be held each Monday evening throughout the year.

The battalion winners will be required to meet the breakfast formations for the remainder of the week.

## Fish Page Can Still Use Worker

Anyone interested in working on the Freshman Battalion Page is urged to attend one of the regular Wednesday night meetings of the paper's office in the Student Center, Sam Southwell sponsor has announced.

Many good positions remain open, and assistants, reporters, layout men, and typists are still desired.

"The students working on this page," Southwell said, "will probably become editors and members of the Battalion staff when the class of 1952 goes to the campus," Southwell emphasized.

The page will be published each Thursday as an inside page of the Battalion for the remainder of the year.

## Show Schedule For Rivoli Announced

Schedule for the Rivoli Theater at the annex is as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 23—"Singapore," picture of the Orient, starring Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner. Also Selected Shorts.

Sunday, Oct. 24—"Voice of the Arcturion," the story of results of a blind date. Also "Sneezing Weasel."

Wednesday night, Oct. 27—"Killers at Large."

Box office hours at the theater are as follows:  
 Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.  
 Sundays: 1:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.  
 Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. until 6:10 p.m.

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