

Want to See 'Silver Taps' . . .

"Aw, we just kiddin'—just playin' around!" Sure you were, but can that weak statement stand up against this fact—that an Aggie was forced to leave the school of his choice because of a bit of innocent-appearing horseplay!

Certainly no Aggie wants to think that he might be the cause of a "Silver Taps" ceremony, but that will undoubtedly be the result if this barracks-fighting isn't done reasonably.

The Freshman Battalion neither urges nor violently disapproves of these little tussles, but some things can just be carried a bit too far.

Evidently, this was, for last week, a fish was struck playfully with a pillow. The pillow contained a shoe, which wasn't quite so playful when it struck the youth's head.

The freshman was knocked out by the blow, and later went to the clinic. There his blood count was noted as near the danger point.

The following day this fish went home for the weekend. On Sunday, a buddy called to make arrangements for returning to the Annex. A shaky voice on the other end answered, "Sorry, but I'm not going back. I can't!"

Monday, Col. Melcher received a telegram from this freshman stating that his doctor has recommended dropping out of our school to guard against further injury.

Now just what kind of a class are we, if we can't realize the danger of this type of "fun." Most of it is harmless, but keep it that way. Profit by another's mistakes, and watch this thing, for it could get out of hand.

How Would Alexander Like This? . . .

Ever been kind of downhearted when you come to the Student Center late some night, wanting to call your folks or your girl, and see the customary Annex line awaiting you? The reason for this line is that we have only one telephone with which to place calls after C.Q.

Each night many chairs in the south end of the Center are filled with anxious freshmen waiting for their turn to use Bell's invention. The ratio for telephoning is just pretty bad, one phone for over 1,000 freshmen.

Many of these calls are emergencies, but all are very important to the freshman concerned. Let's hope that some authorized person will remedy this situation as soon as possible.

More Two-Percenters Found! . . .

Last Thursday night at yell practice, a group of so-called loyal Aggies joined in the cry, "Drown out the two-percenters," when they themselves were doing almost as bad, if not worse.

The Freshman Batt will never defend the bookworm, the two-percenter, who can't give less than an hour each week to yell and sing for his school. But almost equally as bad, in our eyes, are the freshmen who do go to yell practice, but yell only weakly, keep up a constant chatter, disobey the yell leaders, and in general, make a nuisance of themselves.

The Aggie yell practice is one of the oldest, most loved traditions of Aggieland. Let's all pull together, yell together, and improve our class by making these sessions "the best what ever was!"

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FISH YELL LEADERS, at a regular Tuesday-Thursday night yell practice. They are, from left to right, Fish Arlen Reese, Jimmy Farrell, Buddy Brown, Johnny Alaniz, and Lewis Jobe.

'A' Quizzes Frighten Fish, And They're Just Starting

By "FIG" NEWTON

One of the things that modern man has inherited from his barbaric ancestors, is the ability to torture. In college this torture comes in the form of quizzes.

In spite of our course in Freshman Orientation, most of us still use our own old ways to study for an announced quiz. We wait not too eagerly for the fateful day to arrive. With much anxiety we sit up until the wee hours of the morning on the eve of the test.

The time comes for us to fall out for Reville. We are so sleepy that we barely make formation. After chow, we make another feeble attempt to fix the important facts in our brains more thoroughly. In class, surveying of the entire test is done.

"My gosh," we think, "what form of fiendish brain could have conceived such horrible thought makers?"

"How much does a three cent stamp cost?" Of course, this sounds so simple that we immediately look for a catch in it. "Does that mean how much it costs the government to make or does it mean the price I would have to pay for it?"

Annex Religious Schedule Given

By DAVID RICE

The Aggie Christian Fellowship is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Friday in Room 6 of the Chemistry Building. This Bible study group for all denominations welcomes all students who wish to attend its meetings.

Prayer meeting during the following weeks will be held in the chapel at 12:30 p.m., in addition to the regular 6:15 p.m. services held in T-235. These latter meetings will be held Monday through Friday with the exceptions that the evening group will meet with the Union Services in the chapel at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and with the Aggie Christian Fellowship Fridays.

Church buses will leave for Bryan and College Station at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning. These buses, which will leave from the Administration Building, serve all churches regardless of denomination. Transportation is provided to and from church by the college, and students are invited to use these facilities.

Union Church services will meet every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel. These services are sponsored by the local churches for the convenience of the cadets who cannot, or do not wish to, attend the regular church groups in town. Any student who does not wish to leave the Annex on Sundays is invited to attend these services.

Wednesday night services are sponsored by the Union Council and the Baptist Student Union Council, both of which meet at 8:15 p.m. Students interested in working with either of these groups are urged to attend the council meetings.

WHY PAY MORE? 20% RATE REDUCTION Billie Mitchell, '42 STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES advertisement.

First Starlight Ball To Be Held Oct. 30

The Freshman Starlight Ball will launch the Annex social season this Saturday night in the gymnasium, with music supplied by The Houstonians, a 19 piece orchestra from Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville.

Sponsored by the Class of 1952, only freshman cadets with dates will be admitted. Cadets without weekend passes must be in their barracks by one a.m., and all dates staying in the hospital area must be in by that time, also. All cadets will wear their number one uniform, the complete serge, but must be in number two uniform when leaving the campus.

Any profit realized from the ball will be entered into the freshman class fund, the committee in charge of the dance has announced.

The ball will be chaperoned by officers of the Annex and their wives, with the girls' barracks each having a matron. The hospital area will be off limits for all students.

After eight weeks of grueling toil, the Freshmen are looking forward to the Starlight Ball and awaiting the opportunity to show off that hometown girl-friend. There has been a mad scramble for the limited number of tickets, and a sell-out crowd is anticipated.

Only 330 tickets will be sold, being distributed equally to all companies and squadrons. Tickets may be obtained at \$2 per couple from your executive officer. Late this week the remaining tickets will be returned to Fish Boser in Barracks T-158, who will take charge of the final sales.

The regimental committee, in cooperation with Mrs. Ann Hilliard, Annex hostess, has arranged the dance, and with the present plans, it will be one of the most successful dances held at the Annex. The gymnasium will be elaborately decorated for the occasion the committee announced.

Sports at Little Aggieland

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

As play advanced in flag football at Little Aggieland, so did Flight 9. Squeezing past Flight 11 by one penetration, Flight 9 leads the field with four wins to no losses.

Flight 10 won its first game over Company 3, 6-0, this being the fourth game that company 3 has lost. Flight 10 of League "A" brought forth its first win as it edged out the slightly favored Company 6, 7-6.

In league "B," Company 4 and Company 1 split a close one with a scoreless tie and an even number of penetrations for both to get credit of one-half game each.

Leading league "B" is Company 8 who defeated the confident Veterans, 12-0. Company 2 won the first game that it has played against Company 5 with a score of 7-0. The winners of each league will battle it out for the championship at Little Aggieland.

The tumbling team elected officers composed of Charles L. Geraghty, president and Harold E. Cottle, secretary-treasurer. The team will sell cokes at the Starlight Ball to raise money for the trips planned. An exhibition is planned at the Annex later on in the year. The team will attempt to attend the A.A.U. gymnastics meet in Dallas this coming spring.

The present tumblers are: R. D. Westcott, George Moglia, Archie Stallings, Fred Stanley, Leroy Freyden, I. C. Trauth, John Herdwick, Bobby L. Moore, Bob A. Yaeger, L. A. Holmes, R. C. Rogers, and Bill Walker.

Tourney Entries Due by Friday

An open tennis tournament for the annex freshmen is expected to get in full swing next week, Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, has announced. The net tourney will be only for doubles team.

All rackets and balls must be furnished by the participating students. The winner of each match will be determined by the best two-out-of-three sets. All entries should be in Harrison's office in the administration building by five o'clock Friday afternoon.

To enter, each student must put his name, company, barracks and a schedule of his afternoon off-periods for the next week, along with his partner's name.

HOLIDAY An Adventure in Good Smoking advertisement for Holiday Pipe Mixture.

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LT. COL. ROBERT L. MELCHER, Annex commandant, is shown presenting the guidon to Fish Jerry Pennington, commander of Flight 12. Looking on as the last of the 12 guidons is presented is Mrs. Dick Jones, secretary for the Commandant's office.

Companies 2, 8, Flight 11 Win Review Before Colonel Boatner

By JOHN TAPLEY

Col. H. L. Boatner, PMS&T of the college, was on the reviewing stand during Monday's regimental parade. With Col. Boatner were Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex, Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, and Major H. B. Greer, PMS&T of the Annex.

Companies 2, 8, and Flight 11 were declared the three winners of the review late Tuesday, Col. Melcher announced. The colonel said, "The personal appearance of the men has improved 100 per cent, and a number of the companies have picked up considerably."

This was the initial win for Company 8 and Flight 11, with Company 2 the lone repeater. Company 2 has led the First Battalion for the second successive week. The three winners will miss the breakfast formations for the remainder of the week.

Also at the review, the presentation of officers and non-coms' rank insignia was made. Officers will wear maroon stripes on their shoulder, while the non-coms will wear an army band with their respective number of stripes.

This was the first parade where each unit carried their new guidons. Streamers will be awarded the winning units and will be placed on these guidons.

Only five points separated the best company of the regiment from the worst, which is a very good showing," Col. Melcher added.

To Err Is Human When WE Do It

Well, pardon us! In last week's Freshman Page we announced that Fish Dean Reed, Freshman Batt editor was an inmate of barracks T-220. We have been informed that this certain barracks is occupied by the office of Capt. W. D. Wood, tactical officer for the first battalion. Although Fish Reed might be seen in the Captain's office quite often, he lives in Barracks T-164.

Now we take up the case of Fish L. O. Tiedt, managing editor of the Freshman Batt. Fish Tiedt was listed as living in T-101. Taint so. There is no such barracks, and he lives in T-206.

Our Readers . . . Write

(Editor's Note: If you have any complaints, discomforts, or something you just want to get off your chest; or if you have any subject worthy of mention, whether it is a suggestion, an idea, a word of praise, or just criticism, let us know about it.)

Starting this week we are editing a "Readers Write" column chosen from material collected from you. So get busy and let us know about it.

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