

# Fish Williams Commended By College Prexy

Fish C. R. Williams, of Company 8, was personally commended last week in a letter from F. C. Bolton, President of the College.

Below is the text of the letter:

November 2, 1948

Mr. C. R. Williams  
Company 8  
A. and M. Annex  
My dear Mr. Williams:

It has been brought to my attention that, while acting as Regimental Officer of the Bay on October 21 at 2:20 hours, you detected and extinguished a grass fire adjacent to Barracks T-321. This action on your part probably prevented a fire which could have been very serious to this College.

I wish to commend you for your performance of duty on this occasion and to express the thanks of this College for your actions.

Sincerely,  
F. C. Bolton,  
President

Williams' actions were noted by Col. Robert L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex, and referred to Col. H. L. Boatner, commandant of the College. Col. Boatner then recommended that a personal letter be sent by President Bolton.

"Fish Williams was not required by O.D. duties to make a tour after taps. He did this of his own initiative, and thus prevented the spread of a fire," Col. Melcher said.

## Saturday Classes Will Be Shortened

Two Saturday morning classes will be reduced ten minutes to allow all Annex students to be taken to the main campus for the A&M-Rice football game. Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college at the Annex, announced Monday.

The last two Saturday morning classes will be allowed their full 50 minutes since they have been cut most in the past, Dr. Abbott said.

Classes normally meeting at 8 a.m. will meet from 8 until 8:40; 9 a.m. classes will meet from 8:50 until 9:30; 10 a.m. classes will meet from 9:40 until 10:30; and 11 a.m. classes will meet from 10:40 until 11:30.

## Fiscal Payment At Annex Now Due

Third payment of fees will be due Thursday, November 11 at the Fiscal Office at the Annex. B. F. Trealeck, manager, has announced. The payment, which will be for the regular board, room, rent, and laundry, will be \$38.45. This installment will last until December 15, when the fourth payment will be due.

A penalty will be placed on late payments this time. Trealeck announced. The Texas A&M College Bulletin states: "Fine for delayed payment shall be \$1 extra for each day of delayed payment. Students who are delinquent for five days will be dropped from the roll."

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Key men in officiating the Intra-Mural program for the Annex are the above freshmen: (left to right, standing) Edgar McClain, Charlie Myers, Travis Byron, Rodney East, and Floyd Griffin. (Left to right kneeling) Gene Lyons, Robert Hodges, and Lewis Jobe.

## Fish Hold Memories Of First Corps Trip

By DEAN REED

Drifting back to the Annex Sunday night, members of the Class of 1952 now have their first corps trip behind them. Though now history, this corps trip has left a definite impression on the minds of the freshmen, an impression never to fade.

The fish caught the spirit of the corps trip early last week, and continued with it

throughout the week-end. In Dallas, the friendliness, the gaiety, the pride for a "never-say-die" team all combined into an unforgettable atmosphere.

Arriving by all and any method of transportation Friday and Friday night, the first problem for the green freshmen was one known to most Aggies, that of residence. Hotels were packed, with an unlimited number in each room. The lobby of these hotels, provided many with a night's sleep, while the luckier were invited to private homes, club rooms, and other places where slumber could be obtained.

Reluctantly awakening Saturday morning, cadets readied themselves for their first out-of-town corps parade. As the freshmen marched by the thousands of on-lookers, they felt an extra surge of pride, pride for being a part of this great body, pride for this Aggie uniform.

There was little time between the parade and the game at the Cotton Bowl, but there was always time to find that very important feminine contribution to the corps trip, your Bessie. The girls from TSW added much to the adventure and excitement of the Dallas trip, and like the trip, they will never be forgotten.

On to the Cotton Bowl! Freshmen poured a thousand strong into this huge stadium to watch their team tackle the high-riding S.M.U. Mustangs. At the half-time ceremonies, they watched the undefeated Texas Aggie band and saw the presentation of the Aggie sweet-heart, the beautiful Miss Pat Parker.

When the final gun sounded for the close of the game, and while singing the inspiring "Twelfth Man," each freshman saw before him a vision of pride and glory. He saw a team, undaunted by defeats, fight their way to a moral victory over one of the strongest teams in the nation. He saw around him thousands of uniformed cadets, each with the same thoughts. Again that great feeling of pride surged a little higher.

## Fiscal Refund Of \$1 Given to Fish

The Annex Fiscal Office has posted the following notice: "All students who paid the \$6 room reservation fee may go by the Fiscal Office at the Annex and get a \$1 refund on key deposit. You must have your \$6 yellow fee receipt."

Many students have already received the refund, but B. F. Trealeck, Fiscal Office manager, asks that all students do so.

## Class Elections Will Be Held In December

Elections for the freshman class officers will be held soon after the Thanksgiving holidays, Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, has announced.

"Last year, the class officers were not elected until the second semester, but we feel that enough interest has been created to warrant an early election this year," Harrison said.

The class should know who is outstanding and who would make good class officers after the Thanksgiving holidays, and before Christmas." Agreeing with Harrison, Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college for the election, since it is neither too early nor too late to choose good officers.

Outstanding on the list of duties for the officers will be the Freshman Ball to be held next spring.

Candidates for the offices will be given a chance to speak to the entire class as well-practices, if it is possible, Harrison added.

## Conduct of Fish Excels - Melcher

Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex, commented favorably on freshmen behavior during the first corps trip.

Monday morning, Col. Melcher said "No class and no group that excelled in the Dallas corps trip exceeded the freshmen in appearance and conduct. I personally received many favorable comments from former Aggies and many others on our freshman regiment. I am very proud of them."

## Silver Taps Held At Annex for Aggie

Freshmen at the Annex witnessed their first Silver Taps ceremony Monday night for Hugh R. Woods who was killed Sunday in an "automobile" accident near Orange.

The entire regiment marched to the parade grounds near the mess hall at 10:30 p.m., and buglers sounded Silver Taps from the top of the mess hall. Annex flags were flown at half mast Monday.

## Lost Articles May Be Picked Up At Security Office

The Campus Security office in the Annex Administration Building is bulging with lost and found items, so with this issue the Freshman Batt will print each week a list of these items. As of Monday morning, the following list was reported by L. L. Sweat, director of Campus Security at the Annex.

Found: Five mechanical pencils, eight fountain pens, three pocket-knives, one class ring, and eight different sets of keys. Also found are one cigarette lighter, one sacred cross, several garrison caps, books, and a box of stationery.

Owners may receive their property by calling at the Campus Security office by presenting proper identification.

In the "lost" side of the column are: One Orange High School class ring, one Beaumont High School ring with the initials R.E.G., a Reagan High School ring with the initials H.F.D., and a Ronson cigarette lighter with the name "Freddie" engraved.

## Armistice Prayers To Be Held Today

A ceremony will be held today—Armistice Day—at the Annex in memory of the Aggies who have given their lives in both World Wars.

The companies and flights will mass at designated spots between the chapel and the administration building.

Ceremonies and prayers will be conducted by Fish Roy LeTourneau, chaplain of the freshman regiment. A wreath will be placed at the base of the flag-pole by Fish Richard A. Ingles, regimental commander. The flag will be flown at half-staff for the occasion. The ceremony will be held at the regular retreat formation.

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# Freshman Mid-Semester Grade Reports Will Be Posted at Annex By Noon Friday

## Abbott Says Failing Students To Get Chance on Probation

Mid-semester estimation grades will be posted by noon tomorrow, Dr. J. P. Abbot, dean of the college at the Annex, has announced.

Each instructor will post his own reports, and students should get the location of reports from the instructor, Abbot said.

Dr. Abbot urged students not to take action toward dropping courses or withdrawing from school until notified. A probation list will be posted at a later date, he said.

"Since regulations set forth in the Basic Policy of the college will not be enforced immediately, please do not become hasty and think you are lost," Dr. Abbot said.

"Each student who posts below 10-10 will be called for a personal conference with me as soon as

possible. Until we can confer, I urge all failing students to continue their schedule."

Failing students will be given every possible chance to be placed on probation if their grades and attitudes seem to warrant it, Dr. Abbot added.

So far this year fewer resignations and withdrawals have been made than last year, Dr. Abbot said. He pointed out that this was noteworthy since last year's ratio was very low.

## "Famous Facts" Should Be Clipped Out of Fish Page

The Freshman Battalion starts this week a series taken from the 1947-1948 "Cadence." The "Cadence" for freshmen entering in the 1948-1949 year has not been printed. With this in mind, the Freshman Batt will print a portion of the "Famous Facts" weekly, starting with this issue.

"Famous Facts" There are many facts which go to make up the traditions and history of Texas A&M. Some of the most important of these have been listed below. The incoming freshman should make it a point to learn these as early as possible. The traditions of the school play an important part in the Aggie's everyday life and thorough knowledge of these Famous Facts is an important step toward becoming a true Aggie.

1. When was A&M opened? A&M was opened on September 17, 1876 with only six students appearing. Therefore, the opening date was postponed until October 4, 1876, at which time 49 students enrolled.

2. Who was the first president of the college? The presidency, first offered to Jefferson Davis, who refused, was filled by Thomas Gathright.

3. Under what act was A&M established? The college was set up under the Morrill Act of July 2, 1862.

4. When and where did the Twelfth Man originate? On January 1, 1922, in Dallas during a football game against Center College a man in the stands went in as a substitute; hence, the phrase, "Twelfth Man."

5. Who wrote "The Twelfth Man," "The Spirit of Aggie Land," "The Aggie War Hymn," and "I'd Rather Be a Texas Aggie?" "The Twelfth Man"—Mrs. Ford

Munneryn, 1941. "The Spirit of Aggie Land"—Marvin H. Mimms, while a junior at A&M in 1926, wrote the words; Col. Richard C. Dunn wrote the music. "The Aggie War Hymn"—J. V. (Pinky) Wilson, while standing guard on the Rhine in the AEF immediately after World War I. "I'd Rather Be a Texas Aggie"—Jack Littlejohn.

6. How are the 52 Aggies who were killed in World War I commemorated? There are 52 trees, at the base of which are stone markers, around the main drill field; there are 52 flags flying over Kyle Field at each football game; and there is a granite memorial at the West Gate.

7. What is the value of the physical plant at A&M? \$15,000,000.

8. When was the first football game with T.U. played? In 1884 at Austin.

9. What is Silver Taps and where is the notice posted? Silver Taps is the final tribute paid to departed Aggies by the corps. The notice is posted at the base of the flagpole in front of the Academic Building.

10. Who was Reveille and when did she die? Reveille was the Aggie mascot and died January 19, 1944.

(Editor's Note: We suggest that you clip each of these weekly items and save them until this year's "Cadence" is printed. The next ten of the "Famous Facts" will be printed in the November 18 issue of the Freshman Batt.

## Twenty-three Freshmen Now Working in Annex Mess Hall

By WELDON ALBRIDGE

Here's your chance, fellows! If your meals at the Annex aren't just what they should be, these are the freshmen to blame. This year, there are 23 Aggies working in the mess hall, in order to help pay their way through college. Eight of the boys are on scholarships.

Following is a list of the men, their hometowns, majors, and scholarships, if any.

Fish Lay, San Antonio, Chemical Engineering Major is here on a \$300 scholarship. Fish Howard, from Pleasanton, is a mathematics major on a \$250 scholarship. Fish Moore, from Munday, is a pre-medical student. Fish Elmendorf, another pre-medical student, is from San Antonio.

From Dallas comes Fish Chandler, a petroleum engineer major on a \$250 scholarship. Also from Dallas, Fish McGraw is an electrical engineering student. Another \$250 scholarship man is Fish Eisinger from Taylor, a mechanical engineering major. Fish Longley, a wild-life management student, is from San Saba, while Fish Law from Georgetown is an agricultural engineering student, on a \$250 scholarship.

Fish Scott from Bridge City is another \$250 man, a chemical en-

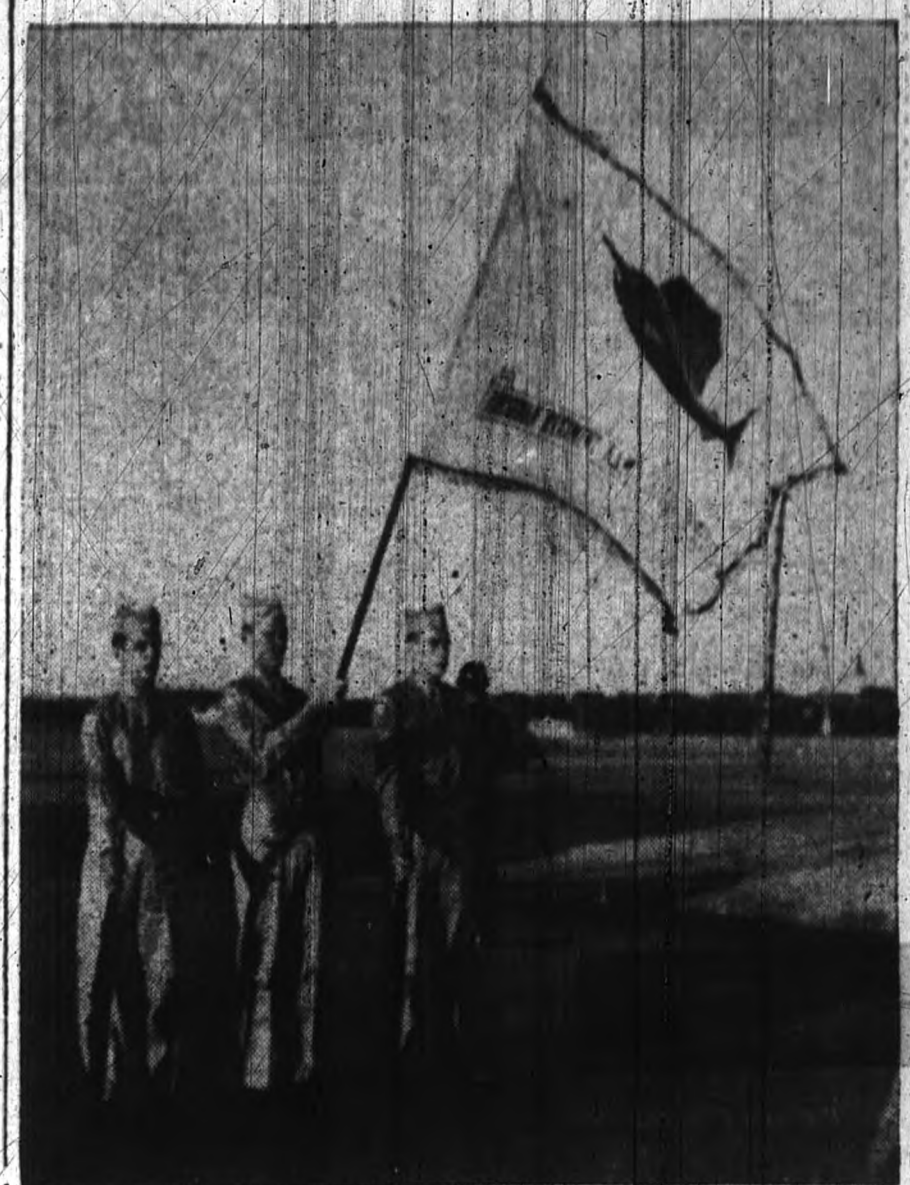
gineering major. From Buna, Texas, and a mechanical engineering student is Fish Chandler. Fish Reynolds is from Corsicana, another \$250 scholarship student, majoring in petroleum engineering.

Fish Harboth of Seguin is an animal husbandry major, while Fish Thomas of College Station is a Range management student. From San Saba comes another mess hall worker, Fish Hayes, a Petroleum and mechanical engineering major.

LaMarque, Texas is the only town contributing two brothers. Fish R. Johnson is a fish and game major, while Fish S. Johnson is a journalism student.

Another San Antonio lad is Fish Toppewen, an accounting major. Fish Johnny Alaniz, San Antonio, is a chemical engineering student. Fish Alaniz is one of the five freshman yell-leaders also.

Fish Hillman, from Goldthwaite, is a chemical engineering major. Fish Paul from Weimar is studying dairy husbandry; Fish Peterson from Lexington is an animal husbandry student. Fish Peterson is here on \$300 scholarship. Fish Mollard from Houston is a petroleum and mechanical engineering student.



Above in the new freshman regiment flag, presented by J. T. Davis, class of 1919, with the color guard. Members of the color guard pictured are, from left to right: Louis Harvey, J. A. Deamon, Clinton P. Hackney.

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## Sports at Little Aggie Land

### Flag Football Finish Nears; Playoff in League 'B' Seen

By FRANK N. MANITZAS, SPORTS EDITOR

The last week of play is approaching for flag football at the Annex. Flight 9 has now clinched the League "A" pennant, defeating Company 7, 7-0, in their last game.

Also in League "A," Flight 12 ran over Flight 10 by a score of 13-0. Flight 11 stomped Company 3, 26-0 in another League "A" game last week.

### Fish Religious Program Increases

By DAVID RICE

Church activities on the Annex campus seem to be gaining lately, as the boys are now reasonably settled in their school work.

The Newman Club is active, and the Catholic students are invited to attend its meetings.

The Canterbury club, too, has much to offer Episcopal students. The Baptist Student Union Council has been elected to carry on Baptist student work here at the Annex. This council is a copy of the council which has been functioning on the main campus for several years. The following students have been chosen to work in this group:

David Howard, now president of the B.S.U. Council, Fred Stanley, devotional vice-president; Druxal Toland, social vice-president; Donald Alison, enlistment vice-president.

Tommy Carlyle is in charge of missions, George Laing is publicity director, and Joe Creighton is general secretary. David Rice is in charge of stewardship.

Luke Harrison, dean of men at the Annex, has agreed to act as sponsor of this group.

The Union Choir, which meets in the chapel Wednesday nights after the regular worship period, needs more men to sing in the Union Church Services on Sunday.

This game was Flight 11 all the way, with fast Jimmy Wheelless scoring three touchdowns, while his running-mate, E. T. Cliff, rounded out the fourth. Wheelless ran, twisted, and wheeled over Company 3, with the aid of a strong line.

In League "B," Company 5 defeated Company 4 by one twenty-yard penetration. The Veterans routed Company 2 with a score of 6-0. This result makes a three-way tie for the League "B" championship inevitable. In the playoff will be the Veterans, Companies 8 and 2.

Company 8 will be slight favorites in this playoff, with Rodney East setting the pace. Company 8 has defeated both the Veterans and Company 2 in regular league play. They were thrown into the playoff by a one-point defeat at the hands of Company 5, their only loss.

The tennis doubles tournament at the Annex will begin as soon as Flag Football is finished. Drawings have been made, and Luke Harrison, sponsor of the tournament, expects a fine tourney with 34 teams entered.

### Annex Fish Now In Serge Uniforms

The freshman regiment at the Annex officially entered the winter serge uniform last week. Several days later than the Campus Cadets.

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