



HAYDON JENKINS was elected vice-president of the Freshman class last week at the Annex.

Eight-balls And Bridges Listed Among Missing

By ROBERT BYNES

Have you ever tried playing pool with two cue-balls or with two eight-balls? This is quite popular with the pool addicts in the Annex Student Center. They'll be about half-way through a game and then discover that they have been knocking two seven balls about on the table. Or try playing with nine balls, as is sometimes the case, after various pool balls disappear from the table.

The other night we started a game with some friends. (It was after C.Q., and of course, we received eight rams before finishing the game). It was interesting to note the different things that can happen while you wait to place a phone call. There we were, minding our own game of rotation and our peaceful session at the pool table was begun with the customary eight rams. It ended with nothing more, except for our loss of the game. With the cue we all had to play with, we couldn't have possibly won. These cues, though, have since been replaced with tips.

Noticing the chalk on the cues, we decided to trace its source. It didn't come from the usual powder can, but from a hole in the wall of celotex, using the ingredients for smoothing the performance of the stick. Oh, well—sweet misery of life.

Life on the Annex wouldn't be complete without a few laughs, and in this case, the laugh is when you start to cross a bridge and there is no bridge. This is even funnier after a rain, when the water is freely flowing, and you have a handful of books. You proceed to the spot where the bridges have been collected, which is usually near some hostile barracks.

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Editorials

Arriving on the Parents' Day Special...

We have just recalled a suggestion, one of the best we have heard since our trek to the Annex, of Colonel Robert Melcher. This man is usually hatching some idea to better the freshmen under his supervision, but this suggestion seems to exceed any other he may have. Below are our remembrances of our conversation.

"What do you boys think of having a special guest family here for our Parents' Day Program? Here's how we might work it. Pick some outstanding cadet from each battalion or squadron, one who deserves to be with his parents on this day, but whose parents cannot afford the trip to visit with him. The Freshman Regiment would secretly bring these families to the A&M Annex, proudly place them on the reviewing stand, and later call the bewildered, surprised cadet forward to greet his folks."

"The costs of such an undertaking would be very slight in comparison with the happiness it would extend to these cadets and to their families. With over 1,000 men aiding this plan, the cost would be very, very light per man."

"The entire program would have to be done undercover to retain the element of surprise for the cadet," the Colonel said. "His family would have to keep the secret, also, but it would really be a fine thing for the fish regiment to sponsor such a program. Most of the cadet's families will be able to come, if they desire to, but there are undoubtedly several youths who would give anything to have their parents here then, but who just cannot afford the cost."

Open Letter to Tom Puddy . . .

Well, Tom, the general opinion around the Annex lately seems to be pretty low about our Rivoli Theater. Really the grade of these so-called motion pictures we have been shown during the past few weeks is unclassified—neither B, C, nor lower.

For example, we attended a showing out here last month on a Saturday night. For our twenty-five cents, we were subjected to three films—"Dick Tracy Meets Gruesome," "Bambi," and "The Big Fix." We believe that nearly anyone would have been willing to have traded all of 'em for just one fair feature.

We're sure that you have your problems in securing shows for us, in addition to Guion, but there should be some method of getting better ones. In fact, before these shows are shown, it might be better to go back into the movies made several years ago, yet of a higher caliber. Or even send the shows out here after they have played a run at Guion Hall.

Two bits is no fortune, but it really deserves more than the few hours of visual torture endured lately at the Rivoli.

Taking a Turn for the Nurse . . .

Clinic at Annex is Prepared To Cure All Your Minor Ills

By JOE MARTINEZ

Stomach aching? Go to the clinic and let Mesdames D. H. Arenburg and D. B. Bishop fix you up. These ladies are there to serve you daily from 8-12 a.m. and 2-6 p.m., and at any other time you suddenly become ill.

"Do not let those little pains go without treatment—they may become serious," is the warning they give. Our Annex clinic has enough equipment to take care of minor injuries, and all serious cases are taken to the campus hospital. On Wednesday and Friday afternoons, the college physician, Dr. J. E. March, comes to the clinic to check patients who are not in need of hospital care.

All X-rays, blood counts and laboratory work are done in the campus hospital. If you are taken there, you will remain until you are completely recovered. There you will see the familiar smile of Mrs. P. P. Pyle, who has been with the staff since September of 1946. Mrs. Pyle comes to the Annex to relieve the two local nurses on their evenings off.

Mrs. Arenburg, one of the Annex nurses, graduated from Washington University in Missouri. Her husband is a student at the campus. Mrs. Arenburg likes to tell about the frog who came to the clinic a few days ago. "He asked if we had a nursery, too, for he saw my daughter and then heard Mrs. Bishop's baby crying!" she says.

Mrs. Bishop, a graduate of Scott and White in Temple, also is married to an A&M student. Both nurses are new here, starting only early this month.

If you go to the clinic during the night, please ring the door bell, the nurses urge. Do not bang on the door. There is a bell attached above each of the nurses' beds, and the noise they make is irritating enough to chase them out of bed.

If you cannot get to the clinic

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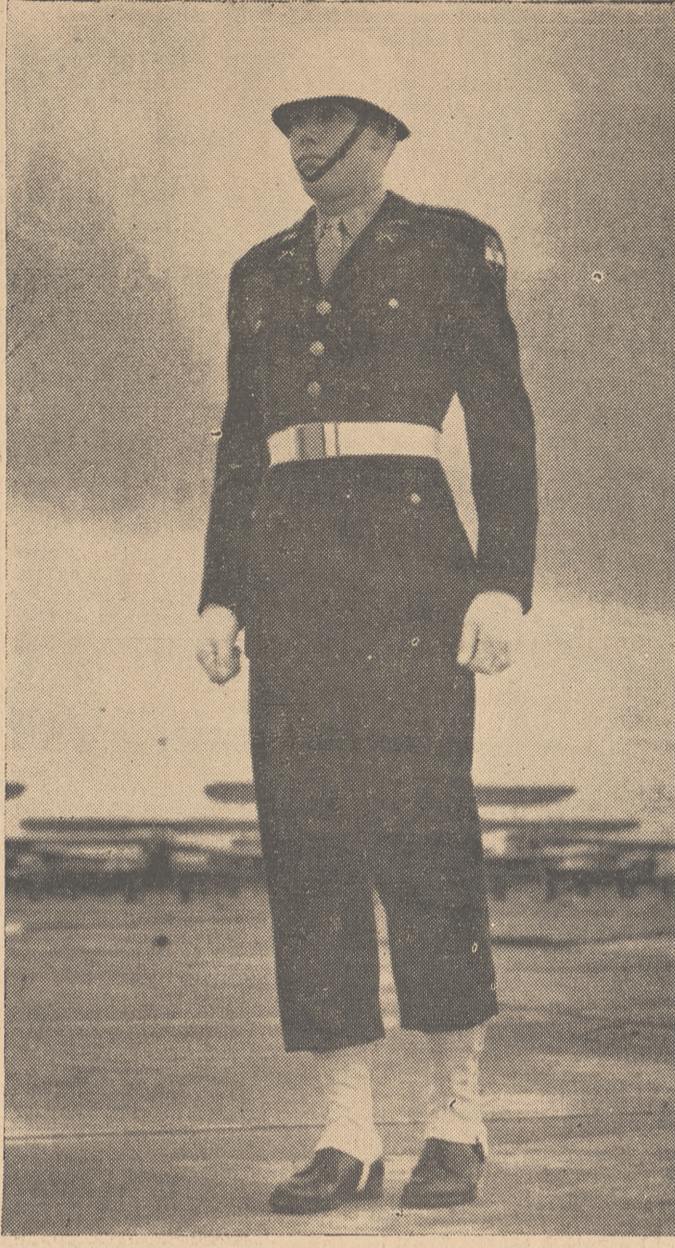
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Ernest Rubsamen, member of the Freshman Drill team, is shown wearing the new uniform of the team.

Pardon My Piano . . .

Little Aggeland Orchestra One of Annex Highlights

By WILLIE DAVIS

Probably one of our biggest assets at the Annex this year is our "Little Aggeland" dance orchestra. This is the orchestra's second year in existence, and this year's group seems to be improving with every rehearsal.

Naturally, when some boys get together with extra-ordinary talent they want to band together. This is exactly what happened among these men. Haskell "Hack" Motheral sparked the flame when he brought out some of his own versions of popular music which he had for his own high school orchestra.

Other enthusiastic musicians were quick to respond to his call for volunteers. Among these were Bob Biegler and Gene Kennedy on the trumpet, David Winder, Chester Donlin, and Motheral, saxophonists; Charles Rowin and Tommy Bailey on trombones; Jim Rogers drummer; Jimmy Kidd, pianist; J. R. Gottlob, bass; and Ted Stephens on the baritone sax.

The group holds rehearsals each Wednesday night, and they extend an open invitation to anyone to drop down to T-159, their practice room, and listen to some good, hot music.

1050 Students Now In Fish Regiment

The Freshman Regiment now numbers 1050 cadets, according to the Commandant's office at the Annex. Of these, 109 cadets are "frogs."

The Second Infantry Battalion is now in majority with 360 cadets. This is because more frogs were assigned to that Battalion than were assigned to either of the other two. The Second Battalion acquired forty-two frogs at the beginning of this semester.

The Third Squadron runs a close second with 355 cadets, but it has the greatest number of fish—322. The remaining thirty-three are frogs.

The First Battalion is the smallest on the Annex. There are 335 cadets in the First Battalion, 34 of which are frogs.

Company 5, of the Second Battalion, is the largest unit on the Annex. They have a total of 96 cadets, 13 of which are frogs. Companies 3 and Company 8 both have the most frogs assigned to any unit—16.

The following is a list of the Annex outfits and their strengths:

Company 1 (Band)	79
Company 2	80
Company 3	90
Company 4	86
Company 5	96
Company 6	88
Company 7	90
Company 8	86
Flight 9	94
Flight 10	90
Flight 11	95
Flight 12	76

One barracks, T-161, has only 10 occupants, the smallest number on the Annex.

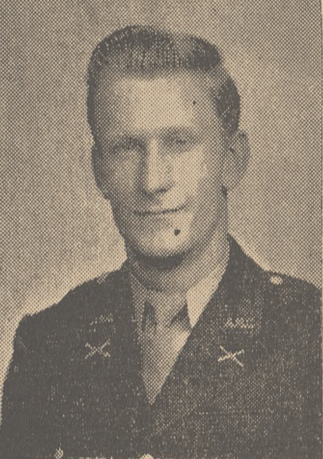
Committee for Ball Named; 'Sweetheart' Contest Begins

By L. O. TIEDT

Plans for the annual Freshman Ball are beginning to take shape. Freshmen Class President Ralph Rowe revealed Monday that he had appointed chairmen to head the various committees necessary to make the Fish Ball a reality. "Committees and committee chairmen," Rowe said, "are

Distinguished Student List Totals 123

One hundred and twenty-three of the 1,214 students who completed the first semester at the Annex made the grade of "distinguished" students," said Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college at the Annex Monday. "Of the 1,214 students, 18.4% made an average grade of 'B' or better," he added.



This information was received by Dr. Abbott through a report made by Mrs. E. G. Batta of the Registrar's office, he said. Mrs. Batta has been working on the distinguished list for several weeks, but has only now completed it.

A complete list of these students will be placed in each barracks as soon as possible, Dr. Abbott said. Distinguished Student cards and the ribbons for members of the corps will also be available soon, he said.

Additions to Fish Batt Staff Made

Several new additions and replacements for the Freshman Batt staff have been announced by Dean Reed, editor of the Freshman page. Phillip Stern, mid-term entrant from Lufkin, has been added to the staff, and also Joe Martinez, Robert Bynes, and Charles Sebasta.

Stern, former editor of the Lufkin high school paper, joins the staff as a staff writer, while Martinez and Bynes will do feature writing, Reed said. Sebasta will collaborate with Jim LoCaste in handling the Annex sports department.

The sports department was left one man shy when Frank Manitzas, sports editor for the first semester, moved to the campus. No sports editor will be appointed for a time yet, Reed said, and both LoCaste and Sebasta will do the sports reporting. Any other students at the Annex interested in writing sports are urged to come by the Freshman Batt office in the Student Center and talk to Reed.

A. C. Margoitta, news editor, has resigned, due to an excess of academic work, Reed also announced. His position will probably be filled soon by one of the other staff reporters.

There are still several good positions open on the staff, which will probably lead to positions on the daily Battalion of the campus next fall, Reed said.

Government Plans Meteorology Exams

An examination for the position of Meteorological Aid has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

These positions are mostly located in Washington, D. C. and vicinity, but a few positions in Alaska and in foreign countries are to be filled.

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Chicken and Dumplings

Braised Sirlon Tips, Bordelaise

Stuffed Green Pepper, Creole Sauce

Curried Veal Sumatra with Rice

Chicken Pot Pie

Friday, March 4, 1949

Broiled Redfish, Maitre d'Hotel

Shrimp a la Creole and Rice

Roast Veal with Dressing, Poppy Jelly

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