

The **Freshman** Page

Editorials

Somebody Else, Not Me . . .

Some members of the Fish Regiment have been expressing their disapproval of the daily delivery service of The Battalion to their barracks.

Although we have done very little checking on the matter, we would like to remind the students of 'Little Aggeland' that the staff members of the Freshman Battalion are not responsible for the delivery of your Batts each day. The burden rests with your respective supply sergeants and tactical officers.

We realize the fact that you are not receiving full benefit of a privilege that is yours and we will try and trace the contributing factors to this problem immediately.

Pen is Mightier Than the Saw . . .

We would like to direct the attention of the members of the Annex to three new phone booths that have been installed in the Student Center. To those who read the editorials, the fact that the new booths are here may seem a little fishy since they were installed the day after an editorial appeared in this column criticizing the telephone situation at the annex.

We don't wish to take any of the credit for what happened. In fact, it's one of those rare coincidences that make editorial writers look good. But believe in giving credit where it is due, so to Dr. Abbott, Mr. Brezeale, and Miss Hilliard, we tip our hat, because it is the unceasing drive that they have been putting forth for the last year or so that has resulted in the installation of the telephones.

It did, however, make our editorial writing look as though it could get results, so we'll wait until another gripe comes along and see what happens.

Fish Pre-Game March to Be Canceled Sat.

Col. Robert L. Melcher, assistant commandant, announced this week that the freshman regiment will not march into Kyle Field before the Baylor football game Saturday as has been the customary procedure heretofore.

The reason for this is due to the early kick-off time of all afternoon games in Kyle Field this year, he said.

"With game time set for two o'clock rather than the usual two-thirty, it will be impossible to get all freshman (ed and moved onto the main campus in time for the parade around the field," Melcher stated.

"Buses will leave in plenty of time to get the band and the rest of the fish regiment to the game by 1:30 or 1:45," Melcher added.

House OK's Wage Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—The House yesterday approved a compromise bill boosting minimum wages in interstate industry from 40 to 75 cents an hour. The vote was 131 to 19.

Freshman Regiment Commended For Outstanding Performance

The Freshman Regiment, some 1250 strong, was highly commended by the school authorities for its outstanding performance and conduct at Fort Worth last weekend.

The intensive drill which the freshman unit of the Corps of Cadets has been going through for the past few weeks paid off its dividends in appreciation from the huge throng that attended the parade and football game Saturday.

Not only did the words of praise come from the people of Fort Worth, but also from the administration of A&M College. The following is a letter from Assistant Dean of the College, J. P. Abbott, to Freshman Regimental Commander J. C. Wallace.

Oct. 17, 1949
Mr. J. C. Wallace
Acting Commander,
Freshman Regiment
Campus

Dear Mr. Wallace:
The performance of the Freshman Regiment in the Corps Parade in Fort Worth last Saturday made all of us proud. Everyone in the reviewing stand agreed with me that all the students in the Freshman Regiment deserve congratulations. They have achieved fine results in a short time.

I am also happy to tell you that reports on the conduct of the freshmen in Fort Worth are without exception favorable. Not only did those in the corps do nothing to bring discredit upon the school; they did much to add to the high regard the people of Fort Worth have for A&M.

Please convey my personal congratulations to the members of the Freshman Regiment. And tell them that I am confident their later performances will bring them even more honor.

Cordially yours,
J. P. Abbott,
Assistant to the
Dean of the College

At the time of the deadline for this page, information concerning the outstanding company of the Regiment was unobtainable from Col. Melcher's office. Melcher did emphasize the fact that notice would be made if such information reached him.

General briefing and discussion of the Fort Worth corps trip was given by two cadet officers of the senior class. The freshmen officers were instructed on the organization of the Fish Regiment for the parade.

Hillbilly Music Popular Among Talented Fish

To anyone taking a stroll among the barracks on the Annex, the fact that cowboy music is popular among this year's freshmen is quite evident.

In the 100 block, Jimmie Eller, a guitar player, and Ronnie Peoples, an accordionist, harmonize for Barracks 163 in the evening. Jimmie has been playing for two years, Ronnie for ten. These two formerly played together in their home town of Mexia.

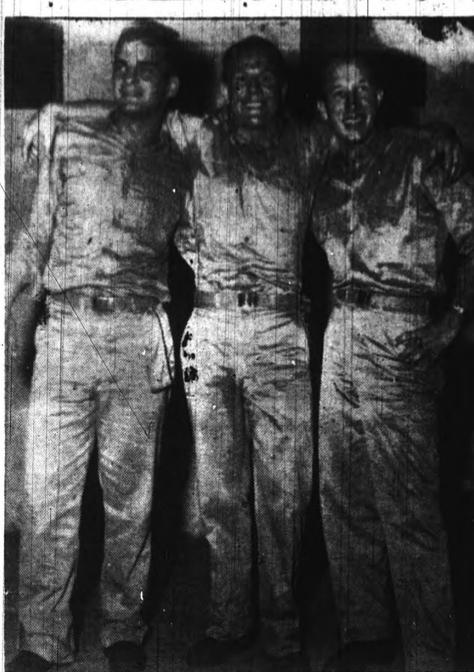
In the 200 block one can almost always find either John Yantis or Bob Osborn in Barracks 229 strumming on a guitar. Both boys are from San Antonio. "T for Texas" and "Tumbling Tumbleweed" are their favorite songs.

The 300 block seems to abound in musicians. In 308 Donald Linhart from Boerne plays his harmonica when he is in the mood. He has picked up plenty of practice playing to an appreciative group of his father's cows.

In 306 Billy Evans of Midland says on his fiddle. Otto Blum from Gatesville, who has been playing the guitar for nine years keeps 506 enlivened with plenty of music.

Anyone who feels like hearing some good music that isn't produced from a radio can do themselves some good in stopping by to hear these fellows. They're all a friendly, talented bunch of fellows who have a craving to produce music entertaining to their buddies.

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This obviously posed picture of freshmen yell leaders at the Annex came into our office without the usual left to right identifications. The three men are Sidney L. Borden, Flight 13, Evert T. Ricketts, Company 6, T. B. Collins, Company 2.

Students From Foreign Lands, Distant States Found at Annex

When the enrollments were tabulated at 'Little Aggeland' this semester a large number of non-resident, or out-of-state students, names were written into the books. Of these, thirteen gave addresses out of the United States.

Mexico led the parade with its contribution of eight Freshmen Aggies who are: Eduardo Acosta, Alfonso H. Bhes, Jose Chamut, Salvador DeAlba, Octavio S. Flores, James Walter Meehan, Harry R. Ruffini, and John B. Woodward Jr.

Others are: Cicero A. L. Mendes, who hails from Brazil; Orlando Recio, who claims Cuba as home, and Edward A. Tam, who comes here from Panama.

Typical of these non-resident Aggies is Lionel Aviles, who first heard of A&M from his high school principal, Charles O. Hammill, at his home in Puerto Rico. Hammill's high recommendations were verified by his uncle, a former resident of Texas, he said.

Aviles also said that when he heard A&M was a military school he decided he was pre-destined to become an Aggie.

After his long trip, he took a six-week summer breifer in English, during which time he lived on the campus.

"I don't mind the Annex, but I am looking forward to getting back to the campus," he said in his precise English.

Another well liked man who crossed water to become an Aggie is A. Edward Espat. Espat wrote to some friends in Dallas for some names of schools when he graduated from high school in British Honduras, and received several in answer. Among them were Columbia, A&M, and several other schools. He wrote to them and was received by most, however the corps was the deciding factor in his decision, and he had wanted to live in Texas for some time.

When he arrived for his six-week English breifer course he knew no one, and was a little lonely, and by the time he came out to the Annex he was not quite sure he liked it, however he made friends very fast, and now "would not change for anything."

There are student here from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York.

Flowers Available To Fish on Order

"Don't forget those flowers for that ball game Saturday." That's the call that was issued by Ray Eubank and Bob O'Hara, holders of the student floral concession at the Annex.

Eubank and O'Hara said Tuesday that they would be out at the annex on Tuesday noon and Thursday night before any social function that would include freshmen to take orders.

The corsages and fancy work on flowers is done in the green house on the campus belonging to the Landscape Arts Dept. where some of the flowers are grown.

A&M Represented At FFA Convention

Earl Berhans, senior agriculture education student from Brady, Texas, was chosen by the A&M Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America to represent it at the 22nd National FFA Convention.

The convention opened October 10 with the registration of all attending persons in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, and continued through October 13.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of the National Officers for the coming year and the presentation of the American Farmer Degrees.

For the first time in the Convention history all 48 states with the territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico were there. Until this year the Rhode Island Association had not been a member.

The history of the FFA program in the U. S. has been from the beginning one of progress and is now recognized as the largest farm boy organization in the world. The organization has grown in membership and has each year enlarged its program of helping farm boys to better prepare themselves for citizenship and life on the farm.

Freshman Singing Cadets Organize

Any budding singers interested in becoming members of the freshman segment of the famous Singing Cadets should be at the chapel at seven p.m. on Monday, the 24th.

The Singing Cadets of the Main Campus is the group of choristers that travels over the country every year giving shows and concerts. The freshman counterpart of the Singing Cadets does much the same thing, though the trips are not as far and frequent. It is a worthwhile organization that is badly in need of men, according to its director Bill Turner.

Like many other events with a musical turn, Turner will sponsor the freshmen group.

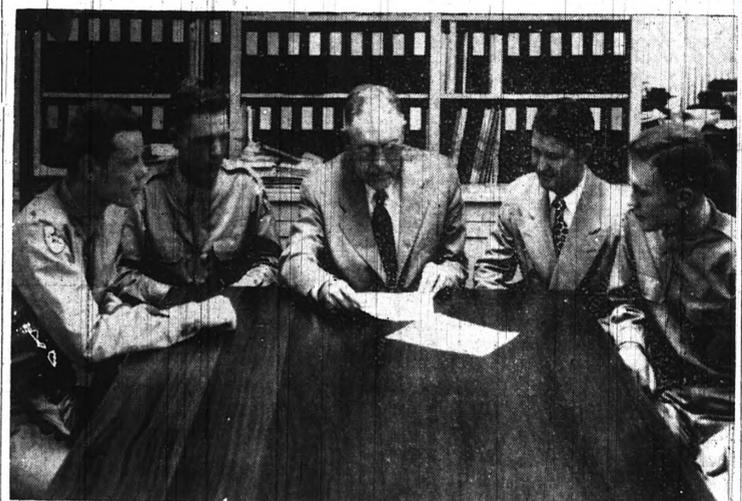
Originally the meetings of the freshmen Singing Cadets were to be held on Thursday nights. However, the fish team started its season, and Monday nights were picked as the new time, Turner said.

Since there have been so few meetings, no officers for the organization have been elected, he added, and as soon as the members become well acquainted, the elections will be held.

Seniors Instruct Regimental Staff

A meeting of the freshman regimental and battalion staffs, guidon bearers, and color guards, was held Wednesday, October 12, in the Annex theater.

General briefing and discussion of the Fort Worth corps trip was given by two cadet officers of the senior class. The freshmen officers were instructed on the organization of the Fish Regiment for the parade.



Annex freshmen student senators confer with President Bolton in his office on matters relating to student government. Left to right: Mike B. Mooney, second battalion, Marvin E. Beck, third battalion, President F. C. Bolton, Jim W. Patterson, Annex non-military students living in barracks, Albert E. Pavey, first battalion.

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Auto Engineers Meet on Campus

The next meeting of the Texas Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers will be held on the campus October 21, according to W. I. Truettner, faculty sponsor.

Student members at A&M will be the guests of the Texas section at a dinner at the Aggeland Inn at 7 p. m. The meeting will take place immediately following the dinner, Truettner said.

K. H. Nonweiler of the Shell Oil Company will be the speaker for the evening. Nonweiler is an outstanding authority in the field of lubricants, according to Truettner. He is presently Lubricants Manager for Shell in Atlanta, Georgia.

Student members and prospective student members are urged to sign up with Truettner if they wish to attend the dinner and the meeting.

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Military Dept. To Sponsor Drill Team

For the first time in the history of A&M, the Military Science Department is sponsoring the Freshman Exhibition Drill Team, an extracurricular activity that was begun in 1947 by a few ambitious students, willing to practice long hours in their spare time.

Competition Is Heavy on The Fish Gridiron

The second round of Freshmen intramural flag football found most of the teams using the low score script written the previous week. There was an exception, however, as Flight 9 racked up a 25-0 count over Flight 13 Wednesday afternoon. Flight 9 was on the rebound from a defeat by Company 7 the day before. The score in this tilt was 0-0, 3 penetrations to 2.

On Wednesday Flight 12 took a 6-0 game from Company 2. Flight 12 made their score early in the game on a pass from Kennedy to Marque on the 20. Three plays later Kennedy scored for a TD. Company 2 came back with Davis tossing to Bowden, followed by a series of running plays. The attack bogged on the 35 yard line when the half ended. Nelson, Kennedy, and Marque paced the Flight 12 attack while Davis, Bowden, and Chapea looked good for Company 2.

Flight 9 showed all of its offensive power to the dismay of luckless Flight 13, winning 25-0. On the first TD, Cyea scooted 25 yards down the sidelines behind fine blocking. Barnard snared a stray pass of Willson's and went 20 yards to score. Poole captured another of Willson's passes for a TD and Barnard ran over the extra point to make the score 19-0. The game's final touchdown came on a long pass from Eaton to Barber which covered 35 yards. Robinson, Scott, Sweeney, Ritter, Sims, and Stegall played a stout game for the losing Flight 13 forces.

Against Company 6, Rocha of Company 8 racked up one penetration on a pass from Turney late in the first half. Moore counted the other penetration on a plunge to the 15 yard line. Both drives were stopped by fumbles.

Moore, Donaldson, Pruitt, and McCarley of Company 8 played good games while Company 6 got maximum yardage from Shoemaker, Zimmerman, Jennings, and Ricketts.

Company 7, with strong backfield playing of Snyder, Gorman, (See COMPETITION, Page 4)

The Freshman Drill Team has performed before many of the outstanding leaders of this nation, for charity shows benefiting cripple children, in outstanding parades such as the Battle of Flowers of San Antonio, and the ROTC final review in Houston. In the Houston event, the expert drill team was in competition with the Cullen Rifles, a crack drill team of the University of Houston. There was no winner announced, but the audience expressed its high praise for the perfect coordination of the Fish drill team.

Inspecting officers of the Fourth Army, on their tour of Little Aggeland during the annual Federal Inspection, lauded the Freshman Regiment, with the expert drill team singled out for praise.

Membership an Honor
Being a permanent member on the drill team is one of the highest honors which a freshman can attain in Military Science during his Fish year. This statement has been acknowledged by the overwhelming interest shown by classmates of the Drill Team.

Previous military experience is one of the primary factors influencing the qualifications for entering the drill team during the first three months. This is due to impatience of the drill team members to get underway. Sgt. J. C. Thomas, the military adviser for the unit, stated that any cadet who thinks he is good enough to meet the team's qualifications is eligible to try out. The team is limited to forty men and a commander. Only the best men, outstanding in close drill, are chosen. The team must have high respect for its leader and his leadership, ability and must take this into consideration when choosing their commander. He must have a forceful, distinct voice, enabling him to give commands that would leave no doubt in the minds of the members what command had been given.

All-Weather Drill

Many a morning the drill team has practiced in the rain and cold weather. Practicing after supper for long hours was one of last year's favorite past times for the crack marching unit. Sleeping 'beauties' have been awakened in the dawn's early light to hear the singing cadences of these ambitious cadets. When they are seen marching in parades, reviews, and benefit shows, the envy is great among their fellow students, and the last sleep is quickly forgotten.

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