

The Freshman Page

Editorials Lots of Fun, and Cheap Too . . .

Many Annex students are already making plans for individual barracks parties December 21. And certainly these plans are not being made too far in advance.

Former Annex freshmen have made the statement many times that their barracks Christmas party was one of the highlights of their freshman year.

Some freshmen in the past have been known to fill three or four tables with all kinds of good foods and other items which further make a Christmas party what is should be. However they have done this at very little expense by careful planning of buying food and drinks.

Parents and girl friends are good sources for cookies, cakes, pies, and, possibly, fruit. "Kitties" may be started in order to raise money for meats, cheeses, bread crackers, drinks, and other items.

It has also been customary heretofore to decorate the barracks with whatever decorations were available to provide more of a Yuletide atmosphere.

The benefit derived from the little efforts put behind these Christmas parties is amazing. But the feeling of uniting as a group—all for the same purpose—is to have a party that will be enjoyed and remembered in every respect.

Dr. J. P. Abbott Leaves Annex To Take New Duties

Dr. John P. Abbott, former assistant to the dean of the college at the Annex, assumed the duties of Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences this week after a conference with Dean M. T. Harrington Thursday.

Dr. Abbott was appointed to the new office by the college board in a meeting November 23 and was scheduled to take over his new duties September 1, 1950. Because of the need for a permanent arts and sciences dean, however, his appointment was made effective immediately instead of in September. Dr. Abbott replaces Dean M. T. Harrington who has been serving as acting dean of the school of Arts and Sciences.

Professor C. H. Ransdell, as-

stant to the dean of engineering in charge of freshmen, will take over Dr. Abbott's duties as head of the Annex. Professor John Bertrand will continue to counsel agricultural students with the help of J. M. Schrum, instructor of Animal Husbandry at the Annex. Dr. Abbott announced.

Replacing Dr. Abbott as councilor for freshmen arts and sciences students will be Dr. W. J. Dobson, head of the Annex Biology Department.

Dr. Abbott has served as dean of the Annex for three years, replacing Dean Harrington in 1947 as the latter was named Dean of Arts and Sciences.

After being graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1925, Dr. Abbott took his Ph. D. work at Iowa State University, doing additional graduate work at Tulane University and the University of Wisconsin. He came to A&M as an instructor in 1926 and while teaching in the English Department, he had two books published in that field.

Dr. Abbott is 45 years old and a native of Nashville, Tennessee.



Dr. J. P. Abbott

Yuletide Spirit Invading Annex

Mrs. Ann Hilliard, director of the Annex Student Center, announced today that a Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m. in the Student Center. The party is being given for all Annex students, faculty members, and guests.

Mrs. Hilliard has requested that any talented students contact her as soon as possible. A program is being planned and various skits and musical numbers are needed to round out the evening's entertainment.

Also needed by the Student Center director are students who are willing to spend a little of their time off in helping her to decorate the Student Center.

On the evening following the party, individual barracks parties will be held from 7:30 until 11. From reports gathered from a memorandum published by Colonel R. L. Melcher, Annex commandant, the annual barracks parties are gala affairs.

Col. Melcher reports that, in the past, Annex students have decorated their barracks with Christmas trees, wreaths, and other items to fill the air with the Christmas spirit. At party time, beds are shoved back and several desks are moved to the middle of the room and covered with all kinds of foodstuffs which the boys have bought or had sent to them by parents and girl friends.

Col. Melcher also reported that some barracks troopers were drawing names and giving gifts.

Jack Brooks Is Elected Class Of '53 President

Jack D. Brooks, 17 year old pre-vet student from McLean, was elected president of the freshman class Tuesday evening in the run-off election.

H. B. Purvis, civil engineering major from Houston, was named Annex corps vice-president and Russell C. Thomas, veteran from San Antonio, topped the voting for non-military vice-president. Bill Munnerlyn of Houston was named Hart Hall freshman vice-president.

Men elected to the remaining positions are secretary, John Yantis, 18 year old industrial education major from San Antonio; treasurer, R. G. "Corkey" Anderson, business major from Matagorda; social secretary, Kent Mar-

key, Houston engineering student; and parliamentarian, W. C. Moses, also an engineering major from Dallas.

Other officers named on the ballot were: Sergeant-at-arms, Tom Bailey, Dallasite taking animal husbandry; reporter-historian, M. R. Dimmitt, economics major from Liberty; and freshman member to the Diamond Jubilee Committee, Joel Austin, an Alice business major.

The run-off which followed a heated preliminary election, saw the following men running for the positions not eliminated by the first vote, President—O. C. Jarvis, T-216 and Jack D. Brooks, T-213; vice-president (corps)—H. B. Pur-

vis, T-216 and W. A. McElroy, T-209.

The race for vice-president of the non-corps men was narrowed down to Russell C. Thomas, T-369 and Robert W. Collins, T-371. In the secretary race, Davis Bottom, T-213 and John Yantis T-229, paced the voting for the nominees of that position.

Others in the run-off were: Treasurer—Jack Reynolds, T-229 and R. G. "Corkey" Anderson, T-212; sergeant-at-arms—D. R. Buchner, T-213 and Tom Bailey, T-221; and reporter-historian—Bob Travis, T-161 and M. R. Dimmitt, T-215.

Voters cast their ballots by companies with the first sergeants of each unit responsible for counting the company's votes and turning them over to the Dean of Students office for the final tabulation.

Mid-Semester Statistics Quiet Over Rated Rumors

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the annex, released the final tabulations on the number of students placed on probation at the Annex at the end of the first nine weeks. Although the total ran somewhat higher than last year and the year before that, it is far from the rumored 700 that has been spreading over both campuses of the college.

Of the 1311 students enrolled at the Annex in September, 339 were found deficient (to be deficient, a student must post an hour-grade point total of less than 10-10), 290 were placed on probation, and 79 were lost for all purposes.

The following chart shows how this first nine weeks period corresponds with that same period for the past two years.

| Year | Enrollment | | Deficient | | % Lost for all purposes | % No. On Prob. | % of Orig. enrollment |
|------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | September | Mid-Semes. | September | Mid-Semes. | | | |
| 1949 | 1311 | 338 | 25.8 | 79 | 6.0 | 290 | 23.5 |
| 1948 | 1297 | 279 | 21.5 | 74 | 5.7 | 247 | 19.0 |
| 1947 | 1027 | 241 | 23.4 | 78 | 7.5 | 221 | 23.2 |

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Basketball Off To Fast Start

The intramural basketball season got underway last week as Co. 4 subdued Flight 11, 20-14; Ft. 12 sunk Co. 6, 19-15; Veterans tromping over Co. 3, 21-9; and Co. 2 nipped Flight 13, 21-19.

Flight 12 worked hard for its victory over Co. 6, through the efforts of Raymond, Martin, and Lucas, and was able to overcome Co. 6. Co. 6 countered with Lastelick, the game highest scorer with 6 points Hudspeth, and Shoemaker.

Co. 4 played consistently backing up Olsen, Bell, and Burns to win over Flight 11 who offered Fisher, Beck, and Hallaway as major opposition.

Gray rang a last second goal in an overtime period to give Co. 2 a close win over Flight 13, 21-19. Co. 2 gathered its points through the efforts of Ficker, Drennan, and Gray who hit the net for 4 points each.

The hottest man on the court was E. A. Scott, 6 foot 2 inch center for Flight 13 who collected 7 points. Teammate Shivers was runner-up for the evening with 6.

Szafranski led the Vets in their rout of Co. 3 by swishing the meshes for 7 points. Teammates Waller, McDonald, Collins, and Garrison helped the cause by collectively contributing 11 points.

Co. 3 used Peden, Rawlings, and Pirtle as its mainstays.

Waco-McLennan Club Schedules Meeting

A meeting of the Waco-McLennan County Club will be held at 7:00 p. m. on Monday, December 12 in the theater, it was announced today by Jack Harper, vice-president in charge of the Annex chapter.

Harper urged that all students living in this area attend the meeting.

Fish Officers Soon Appointment of New

Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, commandant of the annex, announced today that new appointments for freshman cadet officers will be made early next week.

Although appointments will be made by Monday or Tuesday, the new officers will not take over their posts until the latter part of next week, Melcher added.

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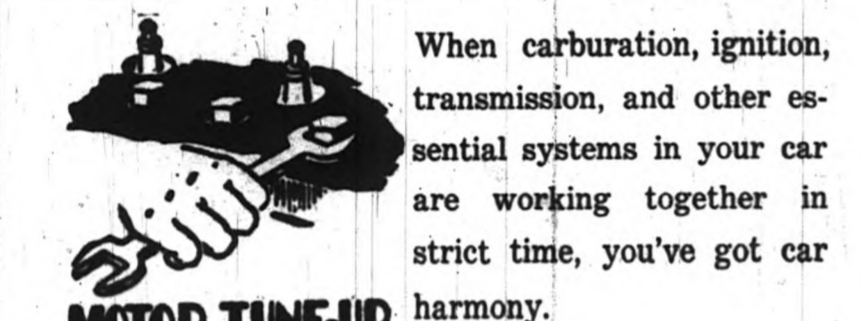
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At the end of 1944, eleven hundred and eighty-four telephones were in use in

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