

Editorials

A Choice for Your Future . . .

Next week, Annex freshmen will be asked to choose the branch of service they intend to belong to for the next three years.

It is impossible to put too much emphasis on the importance of this decision. The greatest part of a freshman's career at A&M is dependent upon the organization he enters and the eagerness he shows in his study of the Military Science curricula it offers.

Not only is the cadet's near future dependent on his organization selection, but the possibility of service in the armed forces should be taken into careful consideration before the final decision is made. The basic purpose for the ROTC would be defeated if men were trained in organizations which they are not qualified for.

Clear thinking and careful reasoning—individually—is the best way to hit upon the solution to the problem of which outfit to join.

The Military Department is trying this new means or organization placement in order to cut down the number of transfers and changes men make because of improper selections in their sophomore year.

Military officers and student officers will be at the Annex Monday and Thursday evenings to conduct meetings for men interested in the various branches of service. Thursday night a roster of the freshman regiment will be read in the order of hour-grade point ratios and men will be given the opportunity to join the unit of their choice—as long as there is an opening in that company.

Think twice, it is a big decision and could mean a lot toward your future military success.

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Verily I Say Unto You . . .

Sad Plight Faceth Unwarned Fish

(Ed. Note—The following feature was submitted by a reader who wishes to remain anonymous).

In the beginning he cometh to the college with many doubts and much confusion of mind. He findeth himself delivered unto the

Freshmen Hear Col. Boatner

Colonel H. L. Boatner, commandant of the college, spoke to Annex freshmen Tuesday night concerning their selection of organization for next year.

Freshmen will choose their units in a manner different from that of the past, Col. Boatner said. The first year men will be given an opportunity Monday night to discuss life in the various outfits with military and cadet officers of the respective branches of the service on the campus.

Thursday night, roll will be called of the entire fish regiment in order of grade point ratios and the men will answer with the name of the unit they wish to join. Col. Boatner stressed the fact that a limited number of openings were available in most organizations and the men with the best grades will get the first choice.

Military officers from each of the branches of the service represented at A&M spoke to the freshmen after Col. Boatner's address and gave information concerning that military unit.

Farm Radio Program Conducted by F.F.A.

"Today in Agriculture," the Future Farmers of America radio program will be heard over station WTAW at 12:45 p. m. each Thursday, according to Gene Graves, chairman of the local radio program.

Graves asks that any member interested in this phase of training should contact him.

hands of the college officials by his parents who say, "Lo! Here is my son. Take him unto yourselves and make of him a man."

He bringeth forth his raiment to deposit in his assigned lodging area. Here he findeth himself associated with diverse characters and he sayeth unto himself, "Behold! What manner of men are these?"

He is commanded "Hit a brace, wipe it off, and many other strange sayings" and he knoweth not what goes on. He wondereth at the power of a many possessed by a wet head.

He reareth strange tales concerning the Tactical Officer. He

knoweth only in the beginning that a ram is a goat but he soon learneth. He asketh his old lady, "What manner of men are these that go out unto the highways and by-ways and seek out the evil doers?"

He remembereth after it is too late that his Tactical Officer spoke many parables unto him saying, "Take heed that ye speak no untruths, that ye seek not that which belongs to others, that ye cheat not while amongst us. Know ye that to partake of distilled waters is likely to bring the wrath of the Assistant Commandant down upon you."

In the wee hours of the morning he heareth the bugle sound and he

wondereth if the voice of Satan could be more tormenting. He findeth himself an hour late and a dollar short on getting to formation; he beggetteth his squad leader for mercy but he showeth none.

His company commander cometh unto him and sayeth, "Behold, thy name appeareth on the 'Bull Ring', and there is great weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The sky becometh darkened and the very bowels of the earth seemeth to mourn. And he sayeth unto his kinsmen, 'Surely the mere dropping of a bucket of water on my brother at midnight meriteth not such action.' But those that hear say unto him, 'Was it not written that these things should not be done?' And after being spoken to thusly he goeth to his Tactical Officer and

teeth for slack but there is none to be found. And again the sky becometh dark and the bowels of the earth rumbleth and despair grippeth his soul.

He findeth not encouragement at the Post Office. He wondereth about the strange ways of the damsel that had promised to write faithfully and he sayeth unto others "What goeth on?" Bath some wolf in sheep's clothing taken her unto himself while I taste the very iniquity of hell?" But he goeth back to his sanctuary and comforteth himself, reading "Fearless Fostick."

He reclineth briefly on the sack during inspection and when his friend reproveteth him he saith, "Fear not! Knoweth thou not that the bulls meeteth each morning and take coffee unto themselves until an hour later than this?" He reclineth more yet but heareth chow call and gathered himself together and proceedeth to Plant's Paradise. There he findeth chicken, dressing, potatoes and gravy, salad, mild hot holla, and pie. His cup runneth over and he sayeth to his budd "What giveth?" But he is sorely grived when he is awakened from his dream for he findeth by his bed the inspecting officer. And he crieth for mercy and pricketh his body and asketh for sackcloth and ashes for he knoweth he will walk four more hours. And he asketh of himself, "What makes me to foul up so much?"

He findeth himself at the close of the year miraculously passing. The authorities say unto him, "Take heed that in thy sophomore year ye become a better student." And he promiseth that he will. And he taketh courage anew and in his mind planneth many dates for the summer and dreameth of torment for the lowly Fish to report next year.

'Mural Boxing Finals Scheduled Tomorrow

By **PAT LeBLANC** and **JOE BLANCHETTE**

The finals of the Intramural Boxing Program will begin tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 in the Annex Gymnasium. Co. 4 will have four fighters to crawl through the ropes to do battle against their foes. Co. 7 will send three warriors seeking the "happy hunting grounds."

A crowd equal to that of the initial night of the tournament was supplemented by even more rabid boxing fans who sat on temporary structures of boxes, painter's scaffolds, and ticket cases. Some 50 enthusiasts were perched high in the rafters of the gym while some sat on basketball backboards and parallel bars at the Wednesday night fights. Co. 4 was there en masse with its booster section to let its five entrants, who had advanced into the semi-finals, know they had a good backing.

Olsen vs. Boyd

Don Olsen Co. 4 and B. K. Boyd, Co. 7, emerged from nineteen other entrants to tangle in the finals of the 149 pound class. Olsen has defeated Travis, Company 1 and Snyder of Company 7, while Luce, Company 6 and Highsmith of Flight 11 have been subdued by Boyd.

Two of Company 4's entries will battle in the finals of 159 lb. division. J. E. Hall has looked good in defeating Tanner of Flight 12 and Gayle of Flight 9 by the TKO route and decisioning Fred Musgrove, Flight 12. The other finalist, R. E. Insall, has put by the wayside such men as Mapes of the Band, Ehl of Flt. 12, and R. J. Pruitt, Company 8, in the semi-finals.

In the 169-lb. division, M. T. Cain, Company 7, will face R. E.

Doak Speaks To Fish Biology Club

Dr. C. C. Doak, Professor of Biology and Head of Dept., spoke to the Annex Biology Club Thursday night on the benefits of the Texas Collegiate Academy of Science on the campus.

"The Opportunities of Science," was the subject Doak conveyed to the biologist. He explained what we as students now, and scientists later, could expect in fields of science.

Ten Spot Contributed

Chicago—(AP)—The Collector of Internal Revenue here received a letter that said: "I have gone over the enclosed tax form. No tax due this year. Nevertheless I think I should kick in something. So here's ten bucks, and let's build a bigger and better A-bomb than the one Joe Stalin is cooking up for us."

McCarley of Company 8. Cain has eliminated Stoddard in a slugfest, East of Flt. 10, and Elwood Schmidt of Company 6. McCarley has defeated Manos of Company 7 and J. R. Bell by default.

Powell to Fight

Company 3's J. L. Powell will slug it out with McReynolds, Co. 6 in the finals of the 139 lb. class. Powell was advanced to the finals by downing Bradley. In this lone battle the little fighter showed his aggressiveness by showering a barrage of body blows on his opponent. McReynolds defeated Roberts of Company One in his only bout.

Company 7's long-armed B. E. Black will oppose J. P. Juvenal of "Fightin' 4" in the concluding match of the 179 lb. class. "Lefty" Black has jabbed Heath and Company 2's Grantom into submission. Juvenal holds his only tournament victory over James Sykora of Company 3.

Finals at Four

In the heavyweight finals M. E. Beck of Flt. II will contend with W. G. Crane of "Lucky 7". Beck's only victory is over Company 8's Stafford while Crane has beaten J. F. Muller. The 119 lb. class will present C. A. Roper of Company 3 and F. M. Foster of Flt. 10. Roper drew a bye while Foster floored Vantyne of "Fightin' 4" four times in defeating him.

New Mexican Coal Near Rio Grande

Mexico City, Feb. 24—(AP)—A new bed of coal has been found on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande northwest and southeast of Laredo, the bed also is said to contain oil and gas.

The bank of Mexico's Industrial Investigations Department disclosed the discovery today. It suggested the Mexican government can use the coal to increase the country's production of coke, needed for the industrialization program.

The new find stretches from Hidalgo, Coahuila State, to Guerrero, Tamaulipas—roughly an 80 mile stretch from a point opposite Zapata, upstream to about 30 miles northwest of Laredo.

The bank said the bed ranges from 12 to 30 miles wide.

Mexico now imports about 50,000 tons of coke a year. The bank said the coal bed is estimated to hold enough coal to make 1,200,000,000 tons of coke.

The bank's report said it seemed probable coal deposits may exist around Juarez and other points.

Duchess Contest Deadline Saturday

All pictures to be entered in the Business Society's Cotton Ball Duchess contest must be in the office of T. W. Leland in Building A before Saturday at noon, Cecil Huey, president of the society said today.

Only one print should be turned in and it should be clearly identified on the back, Huey concluded.

Fish Ball in Sbisa Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

An estimated crowd of 500 freshmen and their dates will dance to the music of the Aggieband Orchestra tomorrow night as the Freshman Ball gets underway at 8:30 in Sbisa Hall.

Feature attractions of the evening will be the selection of class sweetheart and a short concert by the Modern Choir from TSCW.

The sweetheart is due to be chosen from six finalists in the contest which began a month ago. The six beauties will be presented at the first intermission and will be judged by a group of dignitaries selected at the dance.

The Modern Choir from TSCW is currently being featured in Guion Hall and will come over to Sbisa after their performance there.

Decorations will be of a semi-military theme carried out by the traditional colors of maroon and white. Corky Anderson, decorations chairman, issued a call for volunteer decorators to go over to Sbisa tonight and Saturday morning. Freshmen interested may contact Mrs. Ann Hilliard in the Student Center.

The guest list includes school officials and officers of the respective classes. H. B. Purvis, guest committee chairman, reported a few visiting officers had been invited to attend the affair.

Preliminary judging of the sweetheart saw a group of 77 candidates limited down to only six. The tedious job, which was done Monday afternoon, was capably handled by a committee composed of Col. R. L. Melcher, commandant at the Annex; W. G. Breazeale, Annex dean of students; C. H. Ransdell, dean of the Annex; Major H. B. Greer, Annex PMS&T; and Mrs. Ann Hilliard, director of the Student Center.

Mrs. Hilliard urged freshmen who have not yet picked up their pictures to do so as soon as possible. About half of them are still in her office.

Attendance for the company pictures is compulsory and only emergency passes will be issued to cadets on the date scheduled for their picture. Col. Melcher said. The pictures will be taken on the main campus. Buses will be provided for transportation both to and from campus, Col. Melcher said.

Companies 1 through 6 will have their pictures taken on the 4th and the remainder of the companies and the flights will have theirs made on the 11th.

Group Pictures Scheduled Soon

Company and flight pictures of the Freshman Regiment will be made March 4 and 11, Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, Commandant of the Annex, announced.

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Mary Katherine Wilkie is Ronnie Kaske's choice for Freshman Sweetheart. Miss Wilkie is a freshman at North Texas State College in Denton.

Tickets Available For Military Ball

Tickets for the Military Ball may now be purchased from Mrs. Ann Hilliard in her office in the Student Center.

Admission to the ball, which is said to be one of the largest of its kind in the South, is \$5.

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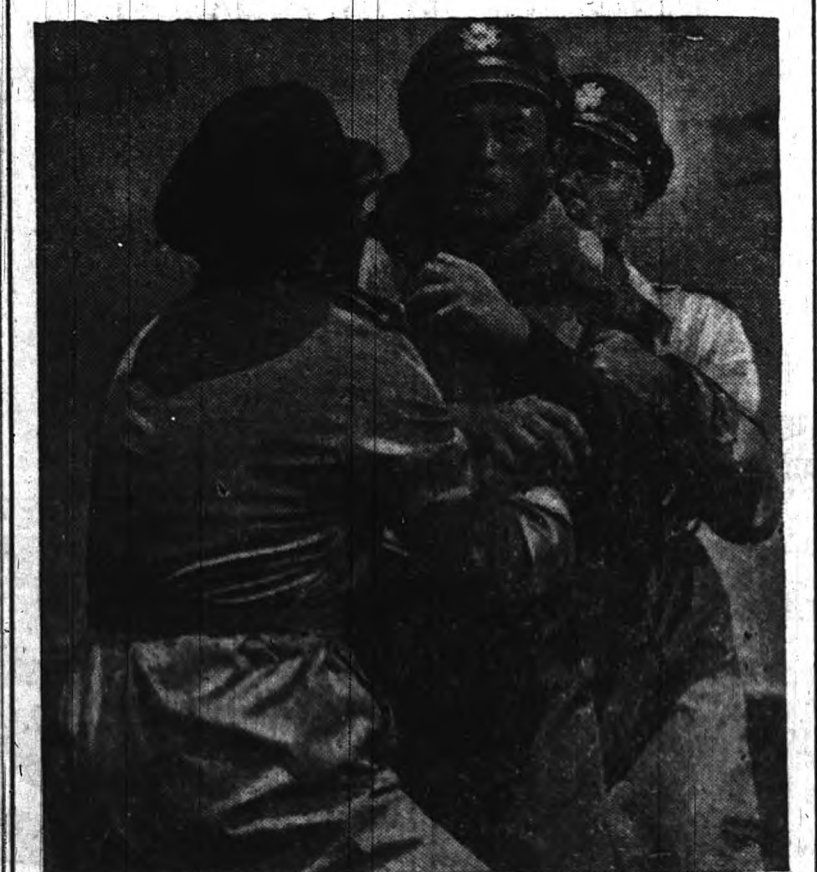
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