

The Freshman Page

Editorials

Our Private Study Halls . . .

Annex students, whether they know it or not, are enjoying a feature adopted for their benefit at the Annex just this year.

The added feature mentioned is the construction of several special study halls made available to students not able to study under the normal barracks and study hall conditions. Although some damage was done to these rooms in the four buildings in the 200 block, they have made an outstanding contribution toward solving many Annex student's study problems.

Recently, a few students—who no doubt spend a great deal of time in the rooms studying—have declared parts of the buildings as their own private office or study room and have moved in lamps, radios, and other conveniences. Along with these luxuries of study, they have added locks to the doors making the study rooms accessible only to themselves.

The primary purpose of the special study halls was to give everyone a quiet, convenient place to study without the disturbance of doors opening and closing, people walking around, as well as radios and loud talking. As the situation now stands, the few rooms available to everyone are taken early and other rooms claimed by men who may not study that night go unused.

This problem can be remedied if special study hall users will take it upon themselves to leave all rooms open and available to other freshmen if they don't intend to use them. The purpose of the study rooms will be defeated if the present situation continues to exist.

A Vote of Confidence . . .

Paul Muth, employee of the B&CU department at the Annex, was the recipient of a handsome certificate this week from the State Health Board for proficiency in a test he took from that office on water purification.

Although Muth boasts no engineering degree or any other type of college "sheep-skin", his practical knowledge and long hours of work have taught him the principles of purifying water which he has been doing at the Annex.

A vote of confidence should be extended to Muth for his achievement. Certainly no one can complain about the water at the Annex . . . that is, as far as purification is concerned. We can't blame him for the cold water that often runs through our showers!

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A Poll Of

Opinions And Attitudes At The Annex

By ALLEN PENGELLY

One of the big arguments in favor of doing away with the Annex was that of the poor studying conditions that existed and also the fact that the Annex wasn't properly equipped with study aids. Deciding to find out exactly how the Annex felt about the matter, I confronted a number of students with the question, "What is your opinion of the study conditions at the Annex?" The somewhat surprising answers are recorded below.

John Morgan, a Dallas petroleum and mechanical engineering major says, "I haven't found any trouble with the studying conditions. Although being in a room with only one other person will be a lot better, I don't see anything wrong with the way the conditions are at present!"

Agreeing with Morgan is Collins Davis, a mechanical engineer from Tyler, who says, "I study over at the special study hall only because the floor shakes, a condition which can't be helped, making it hard to do my engineering drawing. Other than that complaint, I don't find the studying impossible as some claim although they will be improved greatly when we move to the dorms next year."

A business administration student, Collier Phillips, from Dumas, offers a new argument in favor of doing away with the Annex. Says Phillips, "The Annex isn't equipped with enough study aids such as adding machines, scientific equipment for demonstrations and experiments, libraries, and other such facilities so as to aid the student in understanding difficult problems."

John Malcolm, Chemical engineering student from Corpus Christi, feels, "... the studying conditions in the barracks are what a student makes them. If the fellows in a barracks really want to get down and study then they aren't going to let a few boys horse around and bother them."

Bob Boyd asserts that, "They could be a lot better, but if one really applies himself to the conditions at hand, he should be able to make good grades without too much trouble. Boyd is a military science major from Tahoka."

As can be seen from the answers above a good many people are of the opinion that although the studying conditions could be improved a great deal, it mostly rests with the individual as to the conditions he will allow to prevail. The snack bar remains open until 9:30 p.m. for those who have already finished their studying and for those who desire to "take a break" during study hours.

Russell Will Address Waco-McLennan Muster
Daniel Russell, of the rural sociology department, has been invited to speak at the Waco-McLennan County annual muster.

Engineers Match Wits in Annual ED Contest Next Week

Freshman engineers will discard their slip-sticks and notebooks next week as they match wits over the drawing boards in the annual Engineering Drawing Contest due to get underway Saturday, April 29, at 1 p. m.

The contest, sponsored by the Engineering Drawing Department, will offer competition in various forms of drawing. Any one of three contests is open to the contestants, including: instrumental working drawing, freehand pictorial drawing, or the solution of a practical descriptive geometry problem.

Lettering Contest
In addition to the contests mentioned, the engineering majors may also enter the contest in freehand lettering which already has approximately fifty entrants, according to E. F. K. Mullin, associate professor of engineering drawing.

Rules for the contest published by the ED Department state that contestants should be "A" or "B" students in their drawing course. Students competing in each of the limited contests (those other than freehand lettering) will report to Room 4 in building T-367 at the Annex or Room R in Anehor Hall on the Campus by 1 p. m. Saturday, April 29, the publication announced.

Contestants will be limited to four hours to complete their work in the contest. No assistance will be allowed to students competing.

Information Supplied
According to the rules, entries in the freehand lettering contest must be submitted before 1 p. m. the day of the contest. Information for this section of the meet is currently being supplied to students in their classes.

First, second, and third prizes will be given in each event with donations totaling \$150 in prizes coming from the Fredrick Post Company, Eugene Dietzgen Company, and The Exchange Store.

Award Ceremony
Awards will be made in a formal ceremony in the Annex theater under the leadership of C. H. Ransdell, dean of the Annex, at which time Marvin C. Nichols of the firm of Freese and Nichols, consulting engineers of Fort Worth, will make the principal address. Dr. W. E. Street, head of the ED Department, will make a short talk about the history of the contest, and Dr. H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering, will present prizes to the winners.

Judges for the contest are Professor Rogers L. Barton of the Industrial Education Department, and Lt. Col. Shelly P. Meyers Jr. of the Military Science Department.

The winning drawings will be exhibited as a feature of All-College Day, May 13.



Edward Thomas

Thomas, Annex high hurdler from Vernon, races to a victory in one of the duel meets held with Allen in Bryan. The Fish lost their last meet with the Allen Ramblers last Saturday afternoon.

Annex Sports . . .

Allen Wins Duel Meet With Annex

In a track meet last Saturday with the Allen Academy Ramblers the Annex trackmen came out on the short end of the final score but some of the freshmen at the college did place in the meet.

E. A. Scott placed third in the cinder meet behind two Allen representatives in the 440 yd. dash. J. S. Boyd was awarded first in the broad jump with a leap of 19 feet 9 inches. Woodward and Davis of Allen finished second and third respectively.

Latham finished third in the mile run to add points to the "Fish" score in the meet. Frey of Company 4 was awarded first place in the pole vault. K. B. Anderson finished second in the discus toss and tied for second in the pole vault. Thomas was the winner in the high jump.

The intramural volleyball leagues continued at a fast pace this week with Companies 3, 7, 6, 1, 13, 12 and the Vets turning in victories.

Using only one substitute, the Company 6 volleyballers turned in a decisive victory in both tilts with the airmen of Flight 13. The infantrymen won both contests, 15-1 and 15-4.

It was necessary for Company 3 to go the limit in defeating their second battalion rivals, Company 8. Company 3 won the opener 15-11 but dropped the second tilt to an inspired group by the wide margin of 15-5. In the final game the members of the first battalion entry won over a tiring company 8 team, 15-8.

Company 7 blasted the Flight 10 entry through scores of 15-7 and 15-13. Flight 13 won on a forfeit from another group of airmen, Flight 11.

One of the best games witnessed lately saw Flight 12 conquer Company 5 in a three game match. The airmen edged out a victory in the opener as they dropped the entry from Company 5, 15-13. In the second game Company 5 won 15-8. In the deciding game the Flight 12 sextet came through with a 15-13 win.

Company 2 hopped the musicians of the band in two successive games, 15-11 and 15-8. The vets once again led by their ace ball spiker, Johnny Bichuslav, dropped Flight 12 in two straight contests, 15-6 and 15-8.

Rain Slows Tennis

Harrassed by bad weather most of last week, only a few tennis players had a chance to show their wares. C. R. Cargill, in the best match of this short week, outlasted W. C. Hill by a count of 8-5. Cargill exhibited a steady court game in upsetting court-wise Hill.

J. Martin won easily over Tommy Murchison, 8-1. Martha played hard at the start and never let up on his opponent. Employing an Australian jump-like service, H. A. Hodges out served Gaston Detweiler, 8-5. Detweiler pulled a late rally when Hodges had him at a 7-1 game advantage, but the inspiring spurge fell short.

In the consolation bracket, four netter came out victors. Hudspeth showed a fine net game in defeating "Red" LeFeure. Burchmiller looked at ease in swinging a win over J. B. Mugg, in a nightcap game.

Piland and E. O. Halton won (See ANNEX TENNIS, Page 6)

Plans Mapped In Outstanding Student Award

Wheels were put in motion this week to choose the outstanding cadet of each company, flight, battalion, and entire freshman regiment. Memoranda were sent out to each company and flight requesting them to select three outstanding cadets in their unit, announced Major H. B. Greer, PMS&T of the Annex and president of the board to select the outstanding cadets and company.

Requests for nominations have also been made of each of the academic departments, the Dean of Men's Office, the Office of the Commandant, and the Office of the Dean of Students, Major Greer added. The response has been enthusiastic and every effort to include for consideration all worthy cadets will be made, Major Greer declared.

The board making the final selection of the outstanding cadets, composed of Major C. R. Stapp, Major W. B. Wood, Captain G. M. Staples, Captain H. R. Williams, and Captain W. J. Hyde, will base their choices on four points—(1) academic standing, (2) military proficiency and leadership, (3) character and personality, and (4) extra curricular activities, Major Greer explained.

Selection of the outstanding company will be made by the same board on the basis of academic standing, military proficiency, and disciplinary record, but intramural sports standings will definitely not influence the choice, Major Greer emphasized.

On Mother's Day the final selections will be announced and the outstanding cadets will receive medals while the outstanding company will be presented with a streamer to be attached to its guidon, Major Greer concluded.

Muster Traditions Told at Annex

Before an estimated 800 freshmen late yesterday afternoon, Ken Landrum, chairman of this year's Aggie Muster, explained the Muster tradition and invited all A&M students at the Annex to attend the 1950 Aggie Muster to be held in Guion Hall at 7:30 Friday evening.

Landrum also asked for and received permission from Annex Commandant Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher for the use of four freshmen from the Freshman Drill Team to act as standard bearers during the Muster program.

Landrum announced that he was arranging busses to transport freshmen who wished to attend the Muster. They will leave the Annex around 6:30, he said.

Fish Band, Drill Team 'Thumbit' to Alamo City

By JOEL AUSTIN

Members of the Freshman Band and Drill Team will embark this afternoon and tomorrow for San Antonio in eager anticipation of the crowded schedule of events they will participate in during the annual Battle of Flowers celebration in the Alamo City.

Officer Named For Inspection

Temporary changes in some of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers posts were announced this week in a general order published by Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, Annex commandant.

The appointments will be in effect until after federal inspection, according to the report which lists W. G. Shown as the temporary commander of the freshman regiment. Other changes in the regimental headquarters were the appointments of R. L. Saunders as executive officer and Joe Blanchette as regimental adjutant.

Other changes announced were as follows: L. A. Wolfskill, commander of the second battalion; E. W. Hegmann, executive officer and F. R. Grote, adjutant of the third squadron respectively.

Several changes were listed in the leaderships of the various companies. Reason for the temporary appointments was said to be because present officers have not had an opportunity to receive sufficient training to lead their units in the federal inspection.

Thumbing it all the way, the group will begin its full day of activities tomorrow when the Drill Team parades into the newly constructed San Antonio Coliseum to put on a short performance during the matinee show of the annual Jaycee's Rodeo. The unit will march into the arena at 2 p. m.

Parade at 7:30
A&M will be well represented in the torchlight parade due to get underway at 7:30 p. m. Saturday night as the Freshman Color Guard, Band, Drill Team and the Ross Volunteers occupy the place of honor in the spectacular parade which features outstanding high school and college bands and marching units along with beautifully decorated floats. Torch-

Federal Inspection Begins Next Week

Federal inspection will get underway at the Annex next week when members of the inspecting party visit Military Science classrooms and drill sessions all day Thursday, according to Major H. B. Greer, Annex PMS&T.

Classes will be dismissed Friday morning, at which time an inspection of living quarters and cadets in ranks will take place.

Following the inspection, the inspecting officers and cadets will move to the drill field for a Formal Guard Mount Exhibition the Freshman Band and Drill Team. The Drill Team will then put on an exhibition of precision drill followed by a review of the freshman regiment.

Classes will be resumed Friday afternoon as scheduled, Major Greer added.

bearers will provide the only light for the spectators to view the parade.

Escorting the queen's float at the end of the parade, will be the Band, Drill Team, and Color Guard in that order.

Drill Team Exhibitions
The Drill Team will put on three exhibitions in front of the Alamo just before the parade, featuring complex maneuvers of marching skill.

As the parade comes to a halt in front of the television cameras due to be set up near the Post Office Building on Houston Street, the marching contingent from the Annex will perform for the TV audience. The queen's float will then be brought into view of the cameras when she is presented, and the parade will be over.

Authorized Absences

College authorities, in granting permission for the units to attend the San Antonio parade, stated that authorized absences will be allowed members of the organizations not on probation for Saturday morning classes, while probation students may leave after their last class Saturday morning.

The only transportation to be provided will be for band instruments and rifles which were loaded onto two army trucks this morning.

Cotton Ball Tickets Available at Annex

Tickets for the Cotton Pageant and Ball will be sold in the Snack Bar at the Annex during the afternoons next week, according to Miss Ann Hilliard, director of the Student Center.

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