

Company 7 Cops 'Mural Flag With Double Win

By PAT LeBLANC and JOE BLANCHETTE

The old master Marlin Cain of Company 7, despite a torn ligament in his back, hurled a perfect game against the Company 4 softball team to win the intramural softball final for the second battalion crew, 4-0.

Cain, after missing two of his teams crucial final games, staged a brilliant comeback as he gave no walks, nor yielded a single hit to the frantically swinging batsmen of Company 4. Not a member of Company 4's team reached the initial sack. Cain faced only 18 batters in the six innings of play and he fanned 11 of those to face him.

Howell of Company 4 also twirled a beautiful game allowing only two base hits to the champions. Brown and Dunn were the two who collected the hits.

Brown Scores First

Brown scored the initial run for "Cain's Marauders" in the first inning when he led off with a solid single to right field. The fielder allowed the ball to get past him and his relay was too slow to catch the Company 7 first sacker who circled the bases and scored standing up.

In the fourth frame Company 7 tallied their second marker. Cain walked and scored on a ground out and an error.

The score mounted to 4-0 in the final frame. Frank Trahan stroled to first, followed by Dunn's single, and two successive walks issued to Brown and Bradley. This forced in one run. Dunn scored the final run from third on Willie Minturn's ground out as the play was made to first.

Co. 7 Wins Track

Company 7 was the winner of

the intramural track meet held at the annex last Sunday afternoon. The company piled up 80 points in winning the meet. Flight 9 was second with 70 points, the Vets were third with 65 points and Company 2 was fourth with 60 points.

Retancourt of Company 7 was the winner in the 120 yard low hurdles with a time of 17 seconds. Little, Flight 12, was second. George of Flight 10 was third, and McMillan of Flight 9 was fourth.

Beaty of Flight 9 was the winner of the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.9 seconds followed by McDonald of the Vets and Schlatter also of Flight 9. Gorman of Company 7 was the winner of the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 2 inches.

Stoddard of Company 3 and McDonald of the Vets tied for the broad jump. Both men leaped 18 feet 11 inches. In the 880 yard

Drill Team Honors Sgt. J. C. Thomas

The Freshman Drill Team honored Master Sgt. J. C. Thomas and his family with a party in Building T-365 last night at the Annex.

The team presented Thomas and his wife with a sterling silver cigarette box and a twenty-two inch silver serving tray. Appropriate inscriptions were on both gifts.

The gifts were presented as appreciation for the hard work Thomas has done with the drill unit to make them one of the top notch in their class.

Refreshments were served.

Managers Get 'Mural Awards At Barbecue

The Annual Intramural Barbecue was held Tuesday evening, May 22, at the Annex picnic grounds.

All intramural managers and athletic officers of each company were present at this dinner. Among the faculty at the picnic to enjoy the one-half barbecue chicken serving were Lt. Col. R. L. Meicher, Dean W. L. Penberthy, P. E. instructors Jim Hall and Emil Mammalia, and Barney Welch, intramural director at the campus.

Each athletic officer was presented a supr-like tie clasp by Nick Ponthieux for their untiring efforts of forming a company team for each of the numerous intramural sports. The intramural managers were to receive maroon sweaters, but they were not ready for presentation, Ponthieux said.

Barney Welch was the principle speaker at the outing. He stressed that all of the present intramural managers should continue their work on the campus next year, if they possibly could.

Winners Named In Annex Net Runge Is High

A large crowd of tennis fans saw a fine brand of tennis being played this week. The highlight game was the championship match of the winner's bracket between L. H. Runge and W. T. Simmons.

Simmons won the first set, 6-2, largely through his powerful service and slashing forehand play. But steady little Louie Runge fought back hard at his adversary to take the last two sets, 6-2, 6-3.

Both Runge and Simmons displayed brilliant volley games, but it was the hustling Runge who outlasted the tiring Simmons in their volleying match.

Simmons took the measure of a striving Jimmie Wilson, 6-1, 7-5. This win put Simmons the champ of the loser's bracket and terminated Willson's long nine out of ten win spree.

Wilson had previously beaten Boyd and Tommy Murchison. Willson had little trouble in disposing of tiring Murchison, 6-8, 6-4 but had to play a full two-hour match against court-wise Boyd. Steady Willson outlasted Boyd in their 36 game marathon, 6-4, 0-6, 11-9.

Tommy Murchison swung out a double victory this week over I. E. Keller and J. J. Martin. He overcame an early Keller lead and then finished to win, 1-6, 8-6, 6-0. Murchison went on to racket-out a win over Martin 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

In the doubles, Jimmie Willson and Pat LeBlanc showed good court play in edging J. J. Martin and Ed Halton, 6-2, 7-5.

Simmons and Detweiler slammed out a net triumph over W. C. Hill and I. E. Keller, 6-1, 6-2. Hill and Keller had previously beaten Bruemiller and Cargill, 6-3, 6-3.

Letters

MOTHER SAYS THANKS
Editor, The Battalion:

If you can find space to print the following letter in your paper, I will appreciate it very much. To the boys in Company 7:

I would like to say thanks for the honor of being "Company Mother."

I feel it was a privilege to have met each boy in Jim's Company and to have the honor of presenting your flowers.

My prayers go out for each of you to be the fine boy your mother expects and one A&M will be proud of.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. M. Parrack
1127 Waverly Street
Houston, Texas

Staff Selects Top Annex Softballers

By Freshman Sports Staff

The championship team from Company 7 and runner-up Company 4 both placed three men on the mythical all-intramural softball team at the Annex. Flight 12, Company 6, Company 8, and Company 1 all placed one man.

The team was selected by a group from the Freshman Battalion sports staff and the intramural managers.

The pitching staff is headed by the strikeout king of League B, Marlin Cain of Company 7. Cain has a record five wins with no losses. He fanned 42 batters in these five games. Vic Howell of runner up Company 4 is also on the pitching staff along with Flight 12's Steve Bohmier. Both these men were outstanding hurlers during the season.

The catching chores are to be handled by Bill Bristow of Company 7. He handled the pitchers of Company 7's hurling staff brilliantly. Bristow is also a fairly good hitter and a workhorse when he is behind the plate.

Icy Compton of Company 4 was assigned the position of guarding the initial sack. Compton was outstanding in his hitting and fielding during the season.

Willie Minturn of Company 7 displayed great team playing and also good hitting and fielding to earn the all-intramural second base job.

Company 6's Dick Lenzen, because of his strong hitting and excellent fielding, has been assigned the "hot corner." Lenzen wielded a wicked bat during league play and was a constant menace to opposing hurlers.

Firey little Pat Holland of Company 3 was given the shortstop position. Holland displayed "classy" fielding throughout the year and was a good hitter.

Pos. Co. Name
Catcher 7 B. Bristow
First Base 4 I. Compton
Second Base 7 W. Minturn
Third Base 6 D. Lenzen
Shortstop 3 P. Holland

Outfielders: Roland Pruett, Company 8; Johnny Schaefer, Company 1; Don Olsen, Company 4; and Don Tabb, Company 4.
Pitchers: Marlin Cain, Company 7; Vic Howell, Company 4; and Steve Bohmier, Flight 12.

Honorable Mention
Men who received honorable mention in the selection are:
Pitchers—Louis Runge, Flight 11 and Baker of Flight 9.
Catchers—Gayle, Flight 10; Frey, Company 4; Rawlings, Company 3; Arguindigui, Flight 12.
First Base—Fiebeck Flight 11; Brown, Company 7.
Second Base—Bell, Flight; Rodriguez, Veterans; Skeens, Flight 11; Klingman, Company 6.
Third Base—Williams, Company 4; Meehan, Veterans; Powell, Company 3.
Shortstop—Flores, Veterans; Moore, Company 8; Lucas, Flight 12.
Outfield—Snyder, Company 7; Murtshaw, Veterans; Benson, Flight 9; Hartwick, Company 3.

Editorials

Another Chapter Closed . . .

Four years ago last September A&M was faced with extreme growing pains due to returning servicemen seeking a college education on the G. I. Bill. To compensate for the increased enrollment, Bryan Army Air Field was leased from the Air Force for instruction of Aggie freshmen. Less than two weeks from now the Air Force will re-activate the Bryan Air Base, and all college facilities will be moved back to College Station . . . permanently.

Although living in the four-walled structures of 1x4's, 2x4's, sheetrock, and tarpaper for two full semesters has possibly given some students a bad taste of the college life offered at A&M, they have nevertheless received every possible consideration from college officials for the betterment of facilities on hand. The Annex B&CU Department has been constantly busy repairing broken doors, adjusting windows that are hard to slide open, and various other chores with expert promptness. College busses have been available at all times for transporting freshmen to football games, to church on Sundays, and even for company parties at nearby locations.

Life on the Annex has not been a luxury for the thousands of freshmen placed on the air base camps, but with its existence it has helped keep a college tradition that dates far back into our seventy-five years of existence—admission to A&M to any qualified Texas boy.

During the past few years the Annex has contributed to the forwarding of many talents of skill and leadership not usually found in students until they are in their junior and senior year. The Freshmen Regiment has been led by officers taken from the ranks of the various units to serve for a three months period and then returned to their places so other qualified men may have equal opportunities to show their leadership abilities.

The Annex (as it has officially been called these few years) will be closed to A&M June 3 and probably forgotten by many people with administrative as well as academic connections to the college. But the thousands of men housed within its limits during their freshman year will have memories hard to forget about their days as an Aggie freshman at the Annex.

And it is with all sincerity that we add "thirty" to the editorial column of what will probably be the last edition of any Freshman Page by saying good-bye to the A&M Annex and look out on the campus for a class that still hopes to be the best ever to pass through A&M.

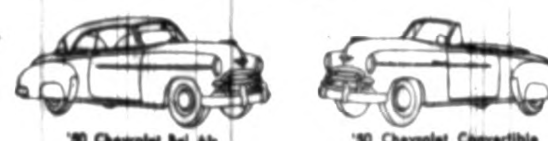


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The Freshman Page

Opinions And Attitudes From Annex Freshmen

By ALLEN PENGELLY

An outline of the plan advocated by the college whereby sophomore students who do not wish to go under contract with the U. S. Army or Air Force may be housed in separate non-corp dorms was presented before the freshman class Tuesday night by Dean W. L. Penberthy, Dean of Students.

This plan, causing much controversy at the Annex, means that students, although still required to wear the uniform, to meet all scheduled drills, and to study military science for their first two years at A&M, will be separated from students in corps area. It was hoped that in this manner only contract students would become members of the various outfits and thus strengthen the morale, esprit de Corps, and leadership in each outfit.

Here are the reactions of several of the Annex freshmen upon being asked, "What do you think about having non-Corps sophomores at A&M next year?"

Gene Turnham, accounting major from Port Arthur, says, "I think a lot more boys will come to A&M to receive degrees where they wouldn't come if they had to go under contract with the U. S. Army or Air Force and have

to live with the Corps. Colorado City range and forestry student, Floyd Pond, made this comment, "Since A&M was designed to be a military college, I see no reason for its policy to be changed now. Sure, students would wear uniforms, take military science, and meet drills for two years but they still wouldn't be trained with rigid discipline, something necessary for a good officer."

Goe Galle, Houston accounting major, asserts that "One of the main reasons boys come to A&M is because of the Corps of Cadets and the famed school spirit. How would an Aggie feel if after being introduced to another Aggie, he found that his new acquaintance was a "non-Corps cadet." It is my firm opinion that the Freshman Class of 1953 will stick together in the corps."

Out of fifty boys questioned, a total of sixty-eight percent of approximately thirty-four students agreed that such a plan would be harmful to the Corps of Cadets at A&M. On the other hand, thirty-two percent or approximately sixteen cadets favored the proposal as offered by the College.

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