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No Changes In Uniform

Following investigation of the students opinion, and the practical discussion of the effect of such a change, the Student Welfare Committee Thursday night decided it would be unadvisable to make the wearing of the Blouse as an optional part of the uniform to be worn at such formal occasions as the student may desire. The committee is to be commended on this for several reasons.

The number one uniform, as it is used today, is a formal uniform; suitable for any occasion, and gives one a well dressed uniform appearance. As a whole, the blouses worn by the students are made largely of the same material; the freshmen of one kind, and the upperclassmen having two or three different materials from which they select their choice. To have done away with the blouse, and substituted a serge shirt for all classmen, as was planned by the committee, would mean the appearance of the corps when in a body or group would be marred by the striking irregularity of eight or possibly ten different shades of serge shirting; varying in color from a peculiar and familiar shade of almost yellow to a drab green and countless other colors which would be inevitable in their appearance.

The committee felt that by the substituting the serge shirt for a blouse, the student would be enabled to purchase a uniform at a reasonable saving, and still have a uniform formal enough for special occasions. They also realized however that it would not be commendable for students of the college to appear at public functions over the state when away from the college in uniform, when the uniform would be "in shirt sleeves" and would necessitate informal dress for a formal occasion. For this reason, also the blouse was kept.

On first thought, the adoption of a serge shirt for the whole corps was thought to be a favorable idea; but as discussion of the matter brought up more details of the situation, an unfavorable side was found for every favorable part of the change, until it was clearly shown that it would be wisest to leave the uniform for the next year as it is at present.

Make This Term's Grades NOW!

Almost two months ago, we were counting the days until we'd leave for the Christmas Holidays; in two months we will be counting the days until we can leave for the spring holidays. And from then on it will be until the final review! In fact it won't be long at all.

Grades this term will soon be a serious nature; as serious and important as they were a little more than two weeks ago. The first touches of spring are in the air. NOW! if ever, is the time to do heavy studying for this term.

Erecting Public Buildings

Members of the Board of Directors of the College, meeting Thursday to consider petitions of contractors of the state that construction of college buildings at A and M be done by contracts awarded on a competitive basis, doubtless will be confronted by many reasons given by the contractors to prove that the present method of handling college construction is unfair and inefficient, but, despite these arguments, the members of the Board no doubt will keep one idea foremost in their minds—the buildings are to be used by and for the students of the A and M College and that method which will give those students the best possible advantages with the least expenditure is the one most desirable.

Desire to keep local construction in the hands of the College architectural and building departments, as it is now, is not fostered by an inclination toward personal gain on the part of College authorities but with the idea of erecting structures which are best suited to local needs.

Personnel of the departments now filling the architectural and construction needs of the College are of equal, and perhaps superior, ability to those of the firms which might be awarded the contracts under the competitive bidding plan. And, in addition to those qualifications common to all architects and contractors of merit, the local men have been schooled in supplying those wants more particularly adapted to this campus.

Under the present plan the College can erect its buildings at an expenditure which does not include the profits which under the suggested plan would go to the architects and contractors, and it would be superfluous to dwell at length on the desirability of practicing utmost caution in making expenditures.

Additional advantages enjoyed in following the present plan include the privilege of making unforeseen but needed changes after the buildings are under construction, without the additional cost which would be required if the building were being done by contract. This feature has been of considerable value in erecting the buildings which have been constructed on the campus in the past few years.

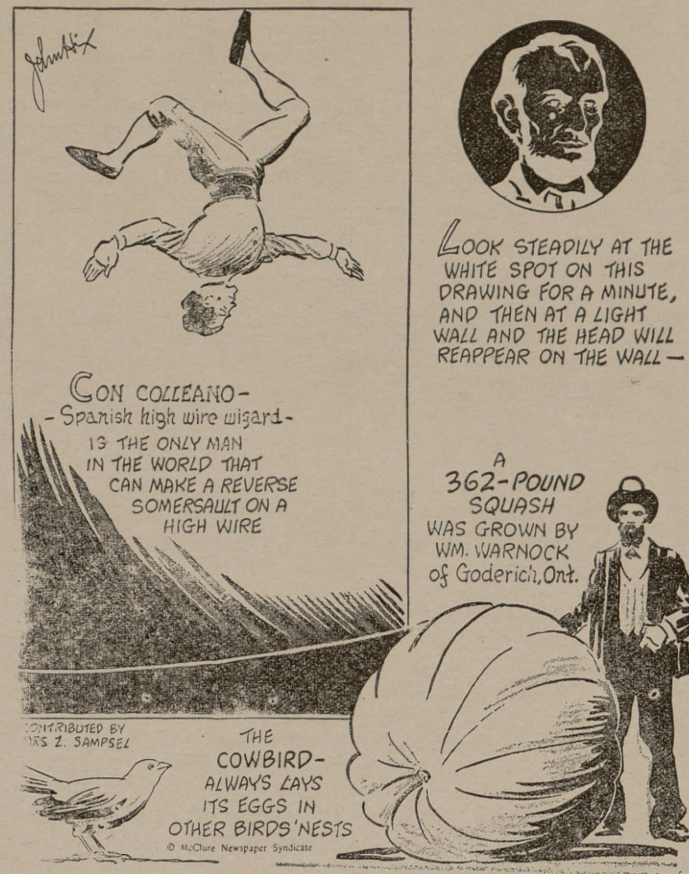
It should be remembered also that public buildings and other construction work done by contract are seldom, if ever, of a type higher than that which the specifications require. Too often have we seen the results of skipping and cost reduction necessary to meet the requirements of a low bid and a greedy bidder.

Magazine Next Week

The next issue of the magazine will be off the press next week featuring an Exchange Number, material of which will be compiled altogether from other college magazines. Cuts, cover, cartoons and jokes will be the cream of American collegiate humor.

The cover, published earlier in the year by the Pennsylvania "Punch Bowl," portrays a couple on the eve of an evening's entertainment. It is hoped that the inside of the magazine will be as interesting as the affair to which the couple on the cover is dressed to attend.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



CON COLLEANO—
Spanish high wire wizard—
IS THE ONLY MAN
IN THE WORLD THAT
CAN MAKE A REVERSE
SOMERSAULT ON A
HIGH WIRE

LOOK STEADILY AT THE
WHITE SPOT ON THIS
DRAWING FOR A MINUTE,
AND THEN AT A LIGHT
WALL AND THE HEAD WILL
REAPPEAR ON THE WALL—

THE
COWBIRD—
ALWAYS LAYS
ITS EGGS IN
OTHER BIRDS' NESTS

A
362-POUND
SQUASH
WAS GROWN BY
WM. WARNOCK
of Goderich, Ont.

Sport Sidelights

By W. J. Faulk

Seems as if the holder of the basketball title of the conference is not to be decided until late in the race, as the favorites are suddenly "taken for a ride" by a bunch of "Hogs" and the champion Frogs hopping along at a pace absolutely too rapid for ordinary cage clubs, the race may yet develop into one of the hottest in many seasons.

T C U's Frogs are likely to find the going exceedingly rough when they enter the Razorbacks "pen" in Fayetteville on Friday and Saturday nights. And it would not be entirely a surprise if the Toads should take the short end of the score in at least one of their games with the lanky Razorbacks.

True, the Frogs are considered the class of the conference on the hardwoods, but the remainder of the present basketball schedule favors Baylor's Bears immensely. T C U must yet meet Arkansas, potential contenders for the crown, in two games; one game with Baylor and one with A and M may also be considered as no setups, since three of these four games will be played away from the home of the Frogs.

Just why A and M has been picked to give the Frogs competition in their race toward the flag is because the game will be played at A and M and because the game Monday night was not all in favor of the champions. May be wrong, but we'll see.

No doubt about five members of the Southwest conference must be looking forward to a rather dismal season in so far as the gridiron sport is concerned in 1932. And why shouldn't they—seeing as how T C U and Rice have both announced that they would win the crown, the former was to the effect that it would be just a breeze for the powerful and capable veteran team which would so ably represent the institution this fall.

The Rice-T C U fray may have some bearing on the championship of the conference next fall, but it would be no less surprising if the Southwest's grid class, the A and M-Texas game on Thanksgiving, might also affect the ultimate holder of the flag.

Lieutenant Nachman's sharpshooters tasted the bitter dregs of defeat for the first time in two seasons in their opening match fired by the fifteen man team, when they were nosed out by the University of Kentucky by 61 points. It so happens that the score made by the Aggie team was the lowest they have fired in two seasons.

Aggie football fans will be given their first glimpse of what the 1932 pigskin representative of A and M is resemble when spring training begins next week. The practice is being started earlier than usual this year and will likewise close at an earlier date.

Coach Higginbotham's champion baseball crew gets under way right this week with the pitchers and

catchers beginning real workouts. Maybe Coach Hig will be able to do as the Frogs intend to do in the grid race, that is, win the flag in a breeze. And why shouldn't he—doesn't the same situation prevail. With a team of veterans, the nucleus of a championship club on hand. Such predictions are dangerous, but it is safe to say that the Aggies will be in the running for the baseball title.

Track hopes for the Aggies in the approaching season appear little short of none at all, concerning the winning of the conference. But the freshman team this season displays a world of ability and strength in both track and field events. So much so that Coach "Andy" Anderson is extremely optimistic over his prospects for the next three seasons.

When the all Southwest conference basketball five is chosen for the season at hand, as it now appears, two pre-season favorites for certain berths are very likely to be found absent. The reference is made to "Doc" Sumner of T C U and the "Mighty" Alford of Baylor. Neither has come up to expectations this season and since it seems absolutely necessary to place both Strickland of Baylor and Dietzel of T C U on the team there is not room for more than one regular forward.

THE PAN

By D. B. McNerney

Infringement upon Senior privileges—

is rapidly becoming a habit among underclasses. In some cases it is a violation of the college regulations and as a cadet officer the Senior is duty-bound to report the violators, but owing to some friendship that may exist between himself and the culprit, he foregoes his obligation at the risk of involving himself with the authorities.

It is a simple matter—to obtain a pass for the midnight shows in Bryan, yet scores of Juniors, Sophomores, and sometimes Freshmen, attend these week after week, without proper authority. This is an imposition upon some Senior's good nature, but these thoughtless men never consider that. If it so happens that one case is reported, the Senior, who, more than likely was merely saving himself needless embarrassment, is severely criticized and childishly dubbed with the customary title.

Some other privileges—that underclassmen have been encroaching upon, of late, concern the gymnasium and Assembly Hall. All the seats in the center section above the band are reserved for Seniors, or should be if custom means anything to us. The first two rows in the balcony of the Assembly Hall are also exclusive for the Seniors, but lately a few Juniors have been occupying them.

You who resent—being reminded of the Senior's priority must remember that you too have a Junior year ahead and shall expect the same from the

First Infantry Wins Tilt With Composites 18-0

The First Infantry representatives in the Intramural grid chase remained in the running for the flag when they gave the Composite regiment a thorough 18 to 0 drubbing Saturday afternoon; while the Cavalrymen established themselves as the outstanding contender with their third straight win, 12 to 6, over the fast slipping Second Battalion "Paddlefeet." Another loss was added to the Second Artillery's unimpressive record as the Engineers pushed across a lone counter to win 6 to 0.

Interest in the games on the coming weekend will center on the Cavalry-Engineer and the First Artillery-Second Infantry game. To date both the Cavalry and First Artillerymen are the only teams with clean records, but improvement shown by their respective opponents for the battles this week may prove the undoing of at least one of the leaders. The Cavalrymen, boasting such backs as Joe Love and Ray Weston are given a slight edge over the Engineer unit; the outcome of the Artillery-Infantry game has taken the form of a toss-up, the Artillery having lost a number of key men at mid-term.

The First Artillery is slightly favored over the Second Infantry in their game, but a period of four weeks without playing may dampen their chance and the outcome of the game is likely to be uncertain until the final whistle.

Team Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cavalry	3	0	1.000
First Art.	2	0	1.000
First Inf.	1½	½	.750
Engineers	1	1	.500
Composites	1	2	.333
Second Inf.	½	1½	.166
Second Art.	0	3	.000

Who Plays Who

First Artillery vs. Second Infantry
Cavalry vs. Engineers
Second Artillery vs. First Infantry

three classes under you as we are advocating now. You will see things in a much different light during your last year. Consider this when you attempt to form an opinion of the cadet officers over you.

"Rumor hath it"—and so forth and so on. Old Dame Rumor plays a conspicuous part in our everyday life. A personal opinion voiced by someone will grow into an absolute fact before the day has passed. Often these rumors lead someone into serious trouble so let's judge that precious bit of gossip shrewdly before we pass it on to another. Just for example, just before the end of the first term we heard that Troop D was to be disbanded and the Cavalry to be reorganized into only three troops. So strongly did this become that two freshmen appeared before Major Wheeler requesting their transfer to another troop in view of the supposed change. The major was quite taken aback, for it was the first he had heard of the action.

Oberlin College To Go Liberal At Mock Convention In May

(Intercollegiate Press)

OBERLIN, O., Feb. 10.—To those who spent youthful years absorbing the Puritan-Republican atmosphere of this seat of learning, surrounded by a citizenry which prettily generally praised God and the Republican party exclusively, information that the Oberlin College quadrennial mock convention to be held here in May will, in all probability, be non-partisan, comes like a punch in the jaw.

The poor Democrats here have had a tough row to hoe, and no mistake. It was quite precarious to be a Democrat. The Munson boys used to sit in front of their little grocery on South Main Street of a sunny afternoon. They were practically the entire Democratic party.

Republican Convention As for the mock convention, it was always called the Republican can National Mock Convention. It was called that ever since 1862, when the first one was held and Abraham Lincoln was nominated, at Oberlin. So whenever the boys and girls became a bit liberal, they had to seek within the Republican party for their heroes.

But Dr. Ernest Hatch Wilkins, president of Oberlin, is known as a liberal, and he is known to favor a mock convention which will give all the liberals a chance. Selects Future Presidents Eight times since the convention was begun here, it is recalled, the Oberlin nominee has later been nominated and elected by the Re-

publican party. Perhaps Oberlin thinks its chances are better if the Democrats have a place in the nominations.

Then again it is entirely possible that Oberlin might go socialist. National Convention Style Oberlin's mock convention is run exactly as a national presidential convention. It lasts two days. The first is given over to the adoption of a platform, the second to the nomination of a candidate. Student delegates are picked to represent the various states. As a rule a national figure is invited to act as chairman of the convention, and in 1928, when the convention nominated Herbert Hoover, most of the proceedings were broadcast over the radio.

Students run the entire affair.

Film Shown at A.S.M.E. Meeting

A two reel motion picture film showing fully the various stages in the process of manufacturing linoleum was shown at a meeting of the A S M E on February 4, in the M E Building. The film was loaned through the courtesy of The Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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There's something companionable about a pipe. Friendly, cool, mellow . . . it clears your mind, puts a keen edge on your thinking.

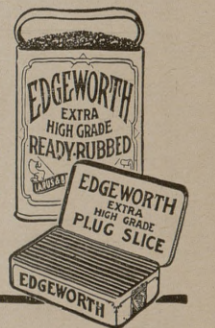
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