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THE TROPHY CASE

Vandals, vandals everywhere and not one stops to think. Appreciative students of this institution are using the ornamental stone around the base of the trophy case in the rotunda of the Main Building for everything from a foot-rest to a door-mat. The stone is of such a design and construction as to make cleaning it almost impossible and with the passage of time its condition is becoming exceedingly unsightly.

Containing practically all the trophies that have been won by A and M teams of the past and present, the case should be the pride of every member of the student body and each man should assume his share of the responsibility of keeping it free of marring features. The men who have the privilege of admiring the case and its contents were not called upon to donate time, money, or thought to its construction and since it is a gift to them from students who have gone before, they should at least make it their business to protect it against mutilation.

Those to whom this article refers are no doubt unconscious of the misdemeanor they are committing, and it is hoped that they will give the matter some thought and keep their feet on the floor when viewing the trophies in the future.

OVERCOATS

Whenever the bugler adds the series of notes designating overcoats to his meal formation calls, every variety of coat from a slicker to a Glee Club sweater can be seen adorning the individual members of the corps. It certainly does not make an impression of a military nature to see this assemblage march in a formation to the Mess Hall. Outside of the various hues and colors that would stir even an architect's imagination, the various lengths, fits, and particularly, the types of coats make the corps look like the Russian army retreating from Moscow.

This year some improvement has been made, but it was not a concerted effort on the part of the authorities that brought the change. Quite a few of the students have purchased a type of coat usually referred to as a trench coat and have worked wonders in correcting the appearance of the corps at the meal formations. The trench coat serves two purposes—it can be worn as a slicker or as an overcoat, both with the uniform or with "cits" clothes. The adoption of a uniform overcoat has always been a question of debate with the authorities but it seems that this year should be a logical time with clothes values at such a low level. Trench coats retail in the vicinity of from three to five dollars and should not prove a strain on any cadet's bankroll.

ENROLLMENT

In another week and a half approximately two thousand students of this college will be leaving for their homes in various parts of this and neighboring states to spend the Christmas holidays. Those students could render a valuable service to the college by listing among their other activities interviews with men who are to graduate from high school next spring and who are considering pursuing college courses. Every such high school student is a potential A and M man and each member of the corps has it in his power to interest some high school graduate in enrolling at this institution next fall. In most cases, all that is needed is a friendly and veracious impartation of information regarding the merits of A and M with just a touch of salesmanship, as few of next spring's high school graduates have as yet selected the college they wish to attend.

It is an established fact that the enrollment at this institution needs bolstering and much of the responsibility for an increased registration falls on the students as individuals.

THE FLU

Even though the influenza epidemic is prevalent over the entire state and is closely brought to view on our own campus, there is no cause for anyone who exerts ordinary precautions to catch the disease. Sufficient rest, careful eating, proper elimination, and exercise in moderation are essential for good health. It is never wise to drink from another's glass or to use his towel. Proper ventilation should be maintained in rooms since plenty of fresh air is conducive to restful sleep. If these few simple rules are observed it will prevent the spread of the epidemic and cause us to at last be less susceptible to the disease.

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ODD THINGS AND NEWS—By Lane Bode



IDLE RUMORS

Famous authors must have their little eccentricities and last Saturday night at the Corps dance we discovered that one short story writer for the scandal sheet is not without his. H. W. Dugan, "B" Troop Cavalry, was conspicuous among the milling mob of Don Elliot's latest fiasco in a pair of Yellow Kid gloves which he refused to remove during the entire dance. Maybe Darwin's "Origin of the Species" had him walking on his hands until he developed athlete's hand and then again he might have been merely Dugan his best to imitate these military West Point cadets.

Not Mother's little helper, but somebody's helpmate—that's C. P. "Brownie" Joyce. While in Austin, "Brownie" was invited out to luncheon at some young lady's house and at the close of the meal this brawny major of the Engineer battalion strode into the kitchen, donned an apron, and insisted on washing the dishes. Wash dish another another one of your clever id as, Mr. Joyce?

Staying on the campus during the Thanksgiving holidays was not so bad according to D. F. Taylor and Harvey Cash, Jr., who weekend between Bryan and College during this time. On the Saturday night of that week end, two Bryan girls called up Messrs. Cash and Taylor, asked them for dates, came out for them, paid their way to the show, bought the drinks, and brought them back to college. Cash-ing in on their good looks, we presume, and if that's so, the old Snoop is mailing the lasses his address so they can do better still.

Havana University Is Without President As Dolz Is Exiled by Cuba

HAVANA—(IP)—Dr. Ricardo Dolz, head of Havana University, has left the country, an exile, after having been under the protection of the Mexican embassy since September.

Before he left, however, Dr. Dolz informed the university's faculty that he was not resigning his university position, and he asked that a substitute be named until his return.

Because of the political situation the university has not been opened since 1930, and is not expected to reopen this year. Students and faculty members in Cuba, as in many Latin countries, take such keen interest in politics that they often are the centers of revolutions and governmental changes of a more peaceful nature.

CAMPUS PERSONALITIES



William Serle Blodgett, Jr., '33

William Serle Blodgett, Jr., Aggie bugler for the past four years, was born November 11, 1911, at Morgantown, West Virginia. He attended grammar school at that location until his family came to Texas in 1918 and settled at Ran-

ger. In view of the fact that his father was following the oil profession, the Blodgett family moved from town to town as the oil boom spread over West Texas. Hence, Bill went to the public schools of Ranger, Cross Plains, Cisco, Breckenridge, and Midland. He graduated from Midland High School in 1929. During his high school days, Bill was interested in athletics and lettered two years in football.

Following his graduation from high school he came to A and M College and registered as a freshman in architecture. During the past three summers he has worked in the Crane oil field for the Gulf Production Company. In this, his senior year, Bill is second-in-command of the band company and secretary of the Architectural Club as well as being bugler for the corps.

Bill began studying music at the age of nine years and thus started a career that has developed him into a musician of more than usual ability. At first he was coached by his father who was at one time a skilled trombone player. Later he was in the Breckenridge High School band as a trumpeter. In the past, Aggieband has been awakened and put to bed with the assistance of two buglers, but for the past two years Bill has taken the entire responsibility and has been the only bugler. He has held first seat in the trumpet row of the Aggie Band for the past year and a half. He has been in every "Silver Taps" that has been blown for the past four years as well as having blown every "first call" for the past four years on the morning that he has been present on the campus. Benefits received from the band and bugling jobs have almost entirely defrayed his school expenses.

"Booze" as applied to intoxicating liquors, is so called because a manufacturer of bottles in the '79's bore the name of E. C. Booze.

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Dec. 10—Sam Houston S.T. C. at College (Varsity and Varsity reserves)
Dec. 13—Sam Houston S.T. C. at Huntsville (Varsity and Varsity reserves)
Dec. 17—Stephen F. Austin S.T.C. at Nacogdoches.
Dec. 19—Southwestern, La. Institute at Lafayette, La.
Dec. 20—Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La.
Dec. 21-22—Brown Paper Co. at Monroe, La.
Jan. 7—Rice Institute at College Station.
Jan. 14—S.M.U. at Dallas.
Jan. 16—T.C.U. at Fort Worth.
Jan. 21—University of Texas at College Station.
Jan. 23—Baylor University at Waco.
Feb. 4—Baylor University at College Station.
Feb. 11—Rice Institute at Houston.
Feb. 17-18—Arkansas University at Fayetteville, Ark.
Feb. 25—T.C.U. at College Station.
Feb. 27—S.M.U. at College Station.
March 4—University of Texas at Austin.
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Middle State Colleges Against Awarding of Athletic Scholarships

Atlantic City—(IP)—The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has gone on record as being utterly opposed to all awards of athletic scholarships. This is a reaffirmation of its stand in 1931.

At the sessions of the association here last week Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette College, was made head of the association for the ensuing year.

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