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The Post Office

It is a shame that no one thought to make provision for a new post office when the college decided to embark on its vast program of construction. Better methods and equipment for handling the postal activities of the college and those connected with it are badly needed as more classroom space and accommodations. The service rendered by the student post office especially is far below what it should be but up to the present nothing of a constructive nature has been done to remedy the situation.

Mail is put in the boxes at any convenient time of the day or night, the purchase of stamps necessitates a walk across the campus, and to mail a letter means another hike to one of the three posting locations.

A central post office located at some convenient place on the campus and incorporating the federal, faculty, and student exchanges into one would be a wise and useful addition to the A and M building program and would correct a long endured evil of student life.

Let's Give 'Em Hell!

By JAMES CRENSHAW, Editor, College News Service

Dispatches from Washington indicate that President Roosevelt's program from now on is not going to have as easy sledding as it did at first. Some congressmen, it seems, are bent on a program of tinkering and interference, if not actual harassment, which can only delay economic recovery.

It is reported that this group of legislative pinheads particularly resents the fact that President Roosevelt has among his principal advisers a number of persons who are probably better able to give advice in their respective fields than anyone else. Because these advisers happen to be or have been college professors, their proposals are belittled and ridiculed as "mere theories" by these massive intellects whom we have elected to pass judgment on them.

Boob politicians, who have never studied anything but the game of political expediency—who cannot attack any problem honestly and impartially, because they must twist every move to their own miserable, personally political ends—these men apparently are afraid of brains, so they cover up their confusion by calling the president's program "theoretical."

Apparently it is only a minority which is attempting to pick the president's program to pieces, but it is a dangerous minority and can delay the machinery of recovery to the point of despair. The president has shown himself willing to accept any reasonable compromise, but is there any reason why he or the people should be forced to wait (and pay) for the forces of hot air and technical procedure to exhaust themselves?

20 CAGERS ANSWER REID'S CALL FOR SPRING TRAINING

Anyone Interested In Working Out for Team Is Eligible To Report With Squad.

With only a few weeks of rest following the close of the regular season, Coach John Reid's Texas Aggie Cagers began spring basketball training Monday, April 3. Unusual interest was shown in the first call for practice Monday, when more than twenty men reported and went through fast preliminary warming-up exercises.

According to Coach Reid, lettermen, squadmen, freshman numerals, and anyone else who has aspirations of becoming a basketball player is eligible to work with the team in this spring training, the purpose of which is to choose likely candidates for the 1933-34 team.

Cadet Would Take Unique Necessities To Desert Island

Last week the Y. M. C. A. offered free passes to see Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Robinson Crusoe" for the ten best answers to the following question: "What tools or mechanical devices would you want if marooned on an uninhabited island?" The lists that were turned in showed that there is a variety of opinions among the members of the cadet corps regarding conditions to be found on an uninhabited island and the equipment necessary to sustain life in such a place.

One cadet must have had intentions of picking his island for he submitted the following list:

- (1) 100 cases of pre-war scotch. (2) 100 cases of 7.0% beer. (3) 200,000 lbs. of ice. (4) 400 cans of tomato juice. (5) 100 boxes of aspirin. (6) A radio. (7) 7 beautiful girls. (8) 8 feather mattresses. (9) A card table. (10) A bunch of Battalions.

If anyone is interested in joining up with the student who made the above selection he can be found at 21 Mitchell.

Time did a bit of flying in reverse gear last Friday night, eve of April Fools' Day, when "Mutt" Mabry was re-visited to his Freshman year. It is traditional to steal the freshmen's shoes on the eve of All Fools' Day, but some practical joker placed senior Mabry in the same category and stole his boots knowing full well that Mabry was designated as Officer of the Day on the following day and that boots were the uniform of the guard. Mabry reported in 'slacks' and attempted to explain to the Commandant. Mabry the Commandant didn't like it because later "Mutt" was in a pair of borrowed boots.

Another senior who re-visited his freshman year was Jack C. Barron who is getting to be quite prominent in this column. Last Saturday night Barron, who is in the Engineer unit, was visiting in the Infantry when an "airing-out" party for the freshmen was in progress. Apparently Jack was mistaken for a freshman, for several husky Infantry sophomores chased Jack for the tall woods with Sam Browne belts and buckets of water. Sam Barron belts you guys wouldn't like it either.

Decorator Undecorated—or some other such rot is our idea of a suggested headline for this paragraph. Anyway Jack Estes, Cavalry senior, still thinks what happened to him last Friday night was a nightmare. As it happened Estes was one of those working in the Mess Hall on the decorations for the Cotton Ball when other decorators conceived the idea of undressing Jack. And so they carried out this idea, hanging his trousers up with the other decorations and rushing him outside where he stood half-nude trying to force a re-entree. At this time the Engineers' banquet for their dance dates was in full progress, and to Jack's dynamic embarrassment, the banquet broke up at this time placing him under the surveillance of the femmes leaving the Mess Hall. Somehow

Aggies Lose Debate On Capitalism Failure

Upholding the affirmative side of the question, Resolved: That Capitalism is a Failure, I. A. Handler, Galveston, and R. B. Jenkins, De Leon, were defeated in a debate with John Robert Baldwin and William Masterson, representatives of the Rice Institute [Forensic Society, last night in the lecture room of the Physics building. Professor V. K. (Count) Sugareff presided as chairman.

Messrs. S. C. Hoyle and J. B. Brown of Bryan and Rev. Norman Anderson, College, were acting judges. The votes were 2 to 1 for the Rice debaters.

AGGIE TRACK TEAM— (Continued from Page 1)

- 440-yard run—Akins, Aggies, first; Cox, Texas, second. Time 50.2. 880-yard run—Roy Cook, Aggies, first; Adams, Texas, second. Time, 2:07. Mile run—Archer, Texas, first; Foy Cook, Aggies, second. Time 4:38.3. Two-mile run—Blakeney, Texas, first; Fuentes, Aggies, second. Time 10:25. Mile relay—Texas (Voyles, Allen, Blitch, Cox). Time 3:29.5. Shot put—Irwin, Aggies, first; Cook, Texas, second. Distance 47 feet 2 inches. Discus throw—Irwin, Aggies, first; Latham, Aggies, second. Distance 146 feet 6 inches. Pole vault—Hester, Aggies, first; Dunks and Pickett, Texas, tied for second. Height 12 feet. Javelin throw—Delaney, Texas, first; Lightfoot, Aggies, second. Distance 175 feet 7 inches. High jump—Logan and Merka, Aggies, tied for first. Height 5 feet 11 inches. Broad jump—Stafford, Texas, first; Kennerly, Aggies, second. Distance 22 feet 5 inches.

we nude this would happen.

Another historic group was increased in numbers when that self-styled "revolutionary" Thurman "Mike" Evans muscled his way into the famous organization of history known as "The Seven Sleepers". The Eighth Sleeper was supposed to have been acting as data-taker in E.E. lab last week, and taking advantage of the opportunity offered, tilted back in his chair and fell asleep leaving the work of the experiment to the other members of the group. When the experiment was finished "Mike" was still asleep so the considerate members of the group silently tiptoed away leaving Evans in profound slumber. However, his Corsicana meal-hound instinct did not desert him—he awoke in a deserted lab in time to make the supper meal formation. Even a wise guy (?) slips up occasionally.

Along the Sidelines By R. L. WILLIAMS

Lloyd Gregory, Houston Post sports writer and the best friend the Aggies have among the numerous scribes over the state, has changed his tune about the Aggie chances for a track and field crown. Until the Farmer's overwhelming defeat of the Longhorns last Saturday afternoon and the like dethroning of the Owls by the Louisiana State Tigers, Mr. Gregory predicted that the fight would be mostly between the Feathered Tribe and the Steers, but he now gives the Aggies a good chance for the title. Jinx Tucker, Waco sports expert, says that the tussle will be between the Aggies and the Longhorns, with the Owls in third place.

As Mr. Gregory stated, the Owls have more first place winners probably than any other team in the conference, but it was second places that won for the Aggies against the Longhorns. The Farmer's last conference title was also won mostly through the ability to top secondary places.

A resume of the track meet between the Owls and the Bengals reveals that the Louisiana bays are probably much stronger than any Southwest Conference team. They won with ease in the hurdles, making faster time than did either of the Aggie toppers against the Steers. With the exception of the shot-put, the winners of the different events in Houston surpassed the marks of those on Kyle field. The high jump and pole vault heights were the same in each meet. The Louisiana State Tigers, from the school backed by Senator "Hoovey" Long, have about the best track and field team in the South and should go a long way in the National Intercollegiate meet to be held later in the year. They won the Southern Conference championship last year.

Campus Personalities



Walter L. "Penny" Penberthy

Walter L. Penberthy, friendly director of intramural athletics, was born in Elyria, Ohio, and spent his childhood there, his graduation from high school in 1920 terminating his stay in Elyria. In the fall of 1920, Mr. Penberthy entered Ohio State University where he paid special attention and study to athletics and physical instruction. While at Ohio State, "Penny" was initiated into the Sigma Delta Rho and Scabbard and Blade, honorary military organization. He attended this school for six years, working part time his last three years as instructor in Physical Education and taking a light course in the University. He graduated from Ohio State in 1926.

Upon graduation, Mr. Penberthy came to College Station in the fall of 1926 and took up his duties as Professor of Physical Education and Director of intramural athletics and is serving in that capacity now. Under his regime, intramural athletic contests have made great forward strides here and the number of students taking part in campus sports has shown a constant increase.

"Penny," as he is known to the students, is probably one of the best liked professors in the college. It is said that he has never forgotten the name of any of his students, and this has been attested to by many former students who have revisited the campus. As he personally conducts many freshman classes in physical training and supervises all such freshman courses, the number of students he has come in contact with is enormous.

In speaking of the type of students at A and M College, Mr. Penberthy said, "I do not believe that a mere wholesome and finer type of student body, on the whole, can be found at any other college."

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Social Seminar

Hears Brooks On Higher Education

Present Day Reforms in Colleges and Universities Is Subject of Address.

"Some Trends in Higher Education" was the subject used by Dr. T. D. Brooks, dean of the school of arts and sciences, in his address to the Social Science Seminar Monday evening. Dr. C. H. Winkler, dean of the school of vocational teaching, and chairman for the evening, introduced Dr. Brooks as "A Mississippian we claim as a Texan."

Dean Brooks' talk centered around the present-day reforms taking place in the majority of our colleges and universities. "These reforms are practically universal, and every intelligent layman is aware of them," Dean Brooks said.

Among other educational trends discussed by Dr. Brooks, was the re-organization of instructional material and the re-standardization of admission requirements. His closing statement was that the purpose of educational reform is to "make the college contribute more largely to the things which the student desires and needs."

Senator Sheppard's Daughter Honored

Durham, N. C.—(IP)—Miss Susan Sheppard, daughter of United States Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, has been elected campus beauty at Duke University here for this year.

Conference Baseball Schedule

- April 7-8—Baylor at A and M. April 11—Texas at T.C.U. April 13—S.M.U. at Baylor. April 14-15—S.M.U. at A and M. April 21-22—A and M at Baylor. April 23—Texas at S.M.U. April 24—A and M at T.C.U. April 26—T.C.U. at S.M.U. April 28-29—A and M at Texas. May 1—T.C.U. at Baylor. May 2—T.C.U. at Texas. May 5-6—Texas at Baylor. May 6—T.C.U. at A and M. May 9—S.M.U. at T.C.U. May 12—Baylor at S.M.U. May 12-13—Texas at A and M. May 13—Baylor at T.C.U. May 16-17—Baylor at Texas.

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