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## THE BAND BENEFIT SHOW

In order that they might attend the Thanksgiving Day Game in Austin, last fall, it was necessary that the A and M College band borrow money to defray part of the expenses of this trip. This money, however, covered only a small part of the expenses, the individual members of the band bearing, as usual, the greater part of the expense. The band has always been one of the hardest working student organizations on the campus and has brought much more credit to the school than they have been credited with, and the members have received proportionately much less compensation for their sacrifices of time and energy than they are due. As little or no dispensation is made by the college or by the athletic department for the expenses of the band on football and corps trips, the expenses of these trips has been borne by the members of the band. To repay the money borrowed for the Thanksgiving trip, the band is giving a benefit show in the assembly hall, Friday. To request that the students attend this show is not asking too much of them and it will show the band members that their work has been appreciated.

## LIBERALISM

Columbia, long proclaimed a forward-thinking, even radical institution, is the latest American university to be criticized for liberalism. The cause is the dropping from the faculty of Donald Henderson, instructor in economics, Communist sympathizer and executive secretary of the National Student League, a "red" intercollegiate organization. The indiscriminate blame heaped upon Columbia as a result of its action did not, perhaps, take into account the practical embarrassments which the administration of an endowed or state-supported university faces in such a situation as that presented by the Henderson case. Toying with gentlemanly liberalism is a pastime permitted almost any university by the powers that be, but harboring a "dangerous" radical who takes sides openly in the class struggle and preaches the dictatorship of the proletariat transcends the grounds of permissible academic hobbies. As only the Columbia administration can know the amount of pressure exerted to obtain Henderson's dismissal, no outsider can estimate fairly the freedom of choice left them. There was evidence of reluctance in the manner in which Henderson's connection with the university was terminated. He was even offered, naively enough, a research fellowship in Russia. This offer contrasts strangely with the ungracious and unconvincing grounds which were publicly announced to explain his dismissal—lack of a doctorate and inability to teach. Columbia might have gained respect and dignity by retaining Henderson, but perhaps this is too much to expect of Columbia, or any institution similarly dovetailed into the existing political and economic system. Criticism must be leveled, not only against timorous administrators, but against all the stand-pat forces which determine the attitudes of our universities. It is time for universities and the country of which they are a part to realize that social change is a historically inevitable fact, and that all suggestions, no matter how revolutionary, must be faced in the open and honestly discussed if the change is to take the most desirable form.—Tulane Hullabaloo.

## LONGHORN NOTICE

Students who lose the Longhorn card given to them in exchange for the receipt for the payment of activities fee will be unable to acquire their Longhorn, as the cards are not numbered or have any means of identification placed on them, according to B. M. Gottlieb, editor of the annual. Gottlieb also announced that it might be well for all students to write their names on their cards in ink so that they might be recovered if lost.

## Minnesota Students Shown Vote Machine After Election Riot

MINNEAPOLIS, May 10.—"At last science has come to the aid of the present low state of democracy . . . and perhaps to the aid of campus politics." Thus did the Minnesota Daily at the University of Minnesota report the perfection of an electric voting machine, "guaranteed to be acid proof," which was displayed last fortnight at an electrical engineering show sponsored by the university. Student elections at Minnesota several months ago were marked by an acid-throwing incident, which resulted in the suspension of one student after another had been burned by the chemical.

# IDLE RUMORS

## FREEDOM FROM THE SEES

Music apparently was not the prime consideration of the Texas University glee club's offerings as far as "Puss" Pennycuik, Bill Colglazier, and Bill Flannery were concerned. Financial straits necessitated that this stellar group from the famous "Bloody B" company sit in the balcony, and this condition provoked a near riot. Having only one seaman's telescope between them for viewing the show, there was plenty of dissension as to when ownership rights were to be relinquished. Ownership was definitely settled, however, when it was shown that it was the same telescope that was used by "Trixie" Gottlieb while sitting on the front seat at the Burlesque show last term.

## TOSCH, TOSCH!

Last night, while Mike Evans, custodian of the maddas for the south part of the campus was replacing fuses in Hart hall, he unlocked one fuse box and found a letter there marked for midnight mail which some innocent placed there for mailing. After pocketing the enclosed five cents, Mike found out that the mailer of the letter was none other than Charley Tosch, editor of next year's Countryman and Battalion aspirant. This inability to tell locked fuse boxes from mail boxes is just one of the indications of that mental sluggishness known as the editorial tosch.

## S. W. TRACKMEN—

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urday the Steers and Cadets tied for first place in a meet between the three schools with 58 points each, while Rice trailed only four points behind. The Owls were without the services of Ed Holloway, who has been undefeated in conference competition this year in the century and furlong, and Ray Harbour, crack quarter-mile, who were on the sidelines with injuries. Both, however, are expected to be back in shape Saturday.

At least four records are due to fall, and more may become "has-beens" after the final mile relay is run. The javelin record of 204 feet, set by "Bull" Floyd of A and M in 1929, has been surpassed once this year by Smokey Klaerner of Rice who is expected to set a new record. The big Dutchman from Fredericksburg threw the spear 206 feet in the meet with Texas. Another Rice man, Petty, is almost certain to clip the present discus record with his consistent heaves of over 154 feet. The present record, set by Leo Baldwin of Texas in 1929, is a little over 153 feet. Though "Honk" Irwin has failed so far to break the present shotput record of over 48 feet when it would count, he is still a favorite to break it this year. Burke is the present holder of the record and will be striving to set a new one himself. A new comer to Southwest track, Schultz of Rice clipped a second off the half-mile record of 1:58 made last year by Schiller of Texas, another Dutch boy in the triangular meet, and is expected to repeat this feat Saturday.

T C U's main contribution to the meet will be Charlie Casper of San Antonio, who is the favorite to take both the hurdle events. Casper set some kind of a record in a dual meet with the Mustangs when he amassed a total of 17 points for high scoring honors. The competition will be much stronger though in the conference meet.

Belcher of S M U probably will be the outstanding Mustang entry. Witnesses last year in Houston stated that Belcher outdistanced Holloway of Rice in the 100-yard dash, but received only third place. He will be counted on to place high this year also. Another sprinter, Goddard of Baylor, will probably be the eBar's main contestant.

The University of Arkansas will enter several men, but the strength of the team as a whole is unknown.

## Farmers Lose Third Conference Game In A Row To Frog Nine

In failing to solve the delivery of Kinzy, big Texas Christian pitcher, the Texas Aggie nine lost their third consecutive conference game of the season to the T. C. U. Frogs 5-1 Saturday on the Kyle Field diamond, which definitely eliminated the Farmers from the conference race. Kinzy limited the Farmers to two hits, fanned five and allowed

## Campus Personalities



MAJOR JOHN P. WHEELER

Historic Maryland is the home state of Major John P. Wheeler. Here he attended the public schools of Baltimore and later graduated from the City College of Baltimore.

Major Wheeler's military career started in 1912 when he entered the Cavalry as a second lieutenant from civilian life, his first post being at Huachuca, Arizona. He was later stationed with the Second Squadron of the Fifth Cavalry and with this organization was sent to the Colorado Coal Strike in 1914, the state of Colorado at this time being under martial law.

In 1916 he married Miss Mary Newton, and while on his honeymoon was recalled to his regiment. This was the time of Pancho Villa's raids on Columbus, N. M., and the Fifth Cavalry went on campaign into Mexico which lasted ten months. Major Wheeler's first promotion came during this campaign, promotion being to first lieutenant.

He was then transferred to Camp Stewart at Fort Bliss, Texas, and while there was promoted to the rank of captain, acting as regimental adjutant. He later became post adjutant for Camp Stewart.

June 8, 1918, was the date upon which he received a temporary commission as major and was transferred to the 156th Depot Brigade at Jackson, South Carolina, where he stayed during the war, serving as assistant in handling drafted men. In the early part of 1919, he went to France with replacement troops, and on disembarkment at France was sent on an extensive tour of the battle fronts, after which he was stationed at Paris with the Motor Transport Corps. In the latter part of 1919, he left France, and arrived in New York City on Christmas day.

From New York, he was sent to Camp Marfa, Texas, and re-assign-

## Bikes Replace Autos of College Students On Depression Dates

College News Service—"I'll be around on my 'bike' at 8:30 to take you to the dance."

From Maine to California, the new—or is it just "renewed"—bicycle fad is hitting the college camp like nobody's business. And is it popular? Soon the above quotation will be as prosaic as "Say, let's go for a walk!"

ed to the Fifth Cavalry. Major Wheeler was sent from there to the Fort Riley School to attend the Troop Officers Course in 1921 and finished this course in 1922. At Fort Benning, Georgia, he acted as Senior Cavalry Instructor for the Infantry school there and remained there in this capacity until 1925. From Fort Benning he went to the Commanding General's School at Fort Leavenworth, graduating from this school in 1926, to be re-stationed at Marfa, Texas, for duty with the First Cavalry.

For two years he remained at Marfa until he was assigned to duty with the R.O.T.C. at A and M college. In 1931, Major Wheeler was made executive officer for the R.O.T.C. detachment here, and senior cavalry instructor.

"When first assigned to R.O.T.C. work at A and M," Major Wheeler said, "I was not so enthusiastic but after six months had passed, my attitude toward teaching and R.O.T.C. work had changed entirely, and I found my work here more interesting than any other phase of my army work."

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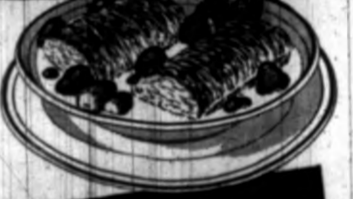


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