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## National Honor Societies

One of the most apparent mistakes made when thinking of national honor societies at Texas A and M is that of associating them with national social fraternities. This alone is responsible for the resentment that is met when the subject of honor societies is brought up before those who condemn any action of the college to make it possible for the inroad or the establishment of these national chapters at A and M.

National Honor Societies are not in any way connected with national social fraternities. Honor societies do have Greek letters but there isn't any semblance of a social fraternity or any of the things that might be a part of a fraternity of the social order in the entire charter of the honor societies. The only real difference between the present Scholarship Honor Society of the college and the national honor societies is that of the scope in which they are known.

In the State of Texas and other neighboring states possibly, the name of Texas A and M College stands alone as a recommendation and a compliment to the man who is a graduate of this institution. But beyond the boundaries of Texas and, with the exception of the few states who know the ability usually found in a graduate of Texas A and M, merely saying that you are a Texas A and M graduate means very little to the one whom you might be trying to make known your degree of technical training or ability.

Why must the graduates of this institution allow graduates of inferior schools to step higher than they merely because of the membership in a national honor society of which the employer recognizes because of the by-laws of the society? This is very unfair to those who spend four years in obtaining a technical course, of which there are very few in this country equivalent to, and then be denied their rightful place because they haven't had a chance to become a member of a national honor society. It is apparent that the officials of the college are taking a step backward for the college when they vote down such a measure, and are doing the graduates of this institution a great injustice which should be corrected when they do so.

There are many advantages of national honor societies other than the benefit given the graduates. A national honor society would tend to increase the academic standing of each individual student from the effort they would make to become eligible for membership in the society. This alone is great enough reason for the establishment of such chapters here, and would help greatly in the elimination of many of the harmful practices now present on the campus.

For those who are afraid that national honor societies might be an inroad for social fraternities, should be able to see that no set-up of any social order could possibly exist when student opposition to such organizations is great enough to extinguish any effort made in that direction.

Advantages to be had by the college and its students are so great that it seems impossible that any group of men so vitally interested in the progress of Texas A and M College as the Board of Directors could possibly vote such a movement down.

This movement has already received the backing and indorsement of the Student Welfare Committee, which consists of 14 faculty members, one senior from each Battalion, a representative from the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes, and the Cadet Colonel and Editor of The Battalion as ex-officio members. Various ex-student Clubs have approved the same plan.

As students of A and M who have the interest of the College and welfare of its students at heart as much as anyone who ever attends this great institution, we only ask that you give this question or movement your unprejudiced attention, and then we won't doubt as to the outcome of the movement.

## Former Students' Association

An ex-students association is to its school what a father is to his family—something that struggles in an unheralded way to carry out a much more important duty than it is given credit for. The purpose and aims of the A and M Former Students Association bear out its importance: to help A and M students by forming loan funds; and to help A and M by keeping alive the friendships and contacts of college days. We should be especially proud of our Former Students Association—it is a body of men that is known throughout the country for its school loyalty and spirit, and for the lasting friendship of its members.

The meeting of the Alumni Workers Conference held here last week was a demonstration of the work being carried on by graduates of our southern colleges. One of the two types of ex-students attended—the type that quietly goes about the business of improving his alma mater. The other type—represented by the street-corner loafer who flunked out his sophomore year—stayed at home where he would have more attentive listeners to hear his gripes. Let us respect the advice of those that were here last week. Not only does their advice deserve respect—we need it. They've "been through the mill" and know what they're talking about.

## SCW to Present Program at A and M

The congeniality of SCW and A and M has always been in existence, but this congeniality has been emphasized more than ever by the recent invitation extended by A and M to the college to send a group of entertainers to the Cotton Ball with the Cotton Ball Queen.

Approximately fifteen girls will make the trip on April 1 with Betty Lighton, recently named queen. They will give a fifteen-minute

## The Passing Review

This week we hand out a lustily over-ripe rawsby to one "Scraper" Myers, Cavalry squadron football hero, who received front page notice in his home town gazette for placing on the SECOND STRING All-Campus Intramural football team. On this basis we predict that will not be his last appearance in the village voice. He might appear thereon as a distinguished scholar if he makes a grade point this term, you know. Me, oh Myers! Call the signals, Scraper! Get it?

In a class-prophetic mood, we predict C. R. Smith, "A" Field Artillery as most likely to succeed as an absent-minded professor. C. R. stayed up late hours and consumed beaucoup midnight oil studying for an "E" quiz which he thought came the following Saturday. But the villainous professor refused to give him the quiz because it wasn't scheduled until March 15 and Smith had been notified several times, of that fact. But what prophet we if we lose our friends just to amuse you morons.

Number one man on "Falling Review's" promotion list is "Puss" Cox who is raised to the rank of Assistant Cadet Colonel. Former Second Lieutenant Cox, fearing that the cadet colonel was unable to eat without assistance, has made it his mealtime duty to leave his assigned table to join the select group on the staff table. Negotiations are under way to secure

one Ross Reid, crony of Cox, a similar appointment, it being feared by friends that Reid will waste away during this separation. "Puss" is just another one of the cox in the giant military machine.

And now a not so subtle transition from the "Passing Review" to the "Passion Review" with C. Y. McClellan, riding the hypotenuse of a wrong triangle. This satellite of the Signal Unit journeyed to Frigid Dallas one late week-end and called upon a Brother Aggie's cardiac caper (heart throb to you, ignoramus) and arranged a date, no doubt to spend the night, telling her what a swell fellow the Brother Aggie was. But before his fell plans materialized the Brother Aggie showed up and the aforementioned c.c. broke her first date and probably spent the night telling each other what a swell fellow McClellan was. According to some of the unit's members, it isn't hard to C.Y. she broke the first date.

Out of the chaotic disorder of the "Cotton Ball Queen" election which caused ballot engineer Loupot to lose his hair, came this result—some unidentified co-ed, first; "Rosebud" Lillienstern, second in the number of ballots. To everybody but Lillienstern's room mate it looked like everything had got ballot (terrible, what?). All of which made Lillienstern, but made Loupot, dictator of the social event, much sternier.

## Student Forum

Since every student will concede that we need a new auditorium for the presentation of movies and plays, why cannot we, the students, make the first move toward securing that auditorium? By starting a fund for the purpose of constructing a student assembly hall, we can undoubtedly convince the ex-students that we are genuinely interested, and thereby enlist their aid in the undertaking. Benefit shows are given for all purposes, so why not give them for our auditorium fund? Or, why not place an "auditorium tax" on all weekly shows?

Discussion of the subject is fine for bringing it to the students' attention, but now is the time for action if we are ever to get out of our present antiquated structure.

program during the dance, consisting of songs, stunts, and dances. This is the first time S C W has given an entertainment of this sort at A and M and marks the beginning of a new era of friendliness between the two schools.

Having more in common than any other two colleges in the state, A and M and S C W represent the largest boys' school and the largest girls' school in the South. Probably never before have a group of entertainers from another college gone 300 miles to offer a short program during a dance.

A typical example of the respect each school has for the other, this Cotton Ball will be a step in the history of each school. S C W should feel honored in being allowed to entertain at the Cotton Ball, one of the affairs of the year, and students should realize that other colleges have recognized the talent and originality in the entertainments offered by this college.

—S C W LASSO

## Students Eligible for Employment in CWA Says Official

WASHINGTON, D. C.—According to George F. Zook of the United States Department of the Interior, no rules against the employment of students under the Civil Works Administration program exist.

He added, however, that the local CWA officials have wide discretion in the matter of choosing projects and governing working conditions. Students desiring CWA jobs would, of course, be required to satisfy the usual requirements for all other workers, he said.

## Small Car Driven in Corridors of Chapel At Univ. of Redlands

REDLANDS, Calif.—Milton Trout, University of Redlands student, hereafter is going to keep his car in his pocket.

You see, it's an Austin, and recently he had quite a time explaining to college officials that he did not drive it around the corridor of the memorial chapel.

As a matter of fact, he told them, he left the car parked in front of the chapel while he went to class. The janitor later noticed automobile tire marks in the corridor and on the chapel steps.

Trout maintains that some of his prankish friends booted the little car up the steps, then went for a joy ride in the sacred precincts—and he got blamed for it!

## Aimee McPherson Is Refused Permission To Speak At U of W

SEATTLE, Wash.—"Such meetings" as the one which the Rev. Aimee Semple McPherson, famous woman evangelist, was scheduled to address recently on the University of Washington campus, "are too touchy to be authorized without due consideration."

This was Vice President David Thompson's explanation for his refusal to allow plans for the meeting to go ahead. He said he had not been notified in time that the evangelist was to speak to consider the matter carefully.

## Intramural Handball Singles and Doubles Abandoned

There will be no intramural competition in handball singles and doubles this year, according to an announcement made by W. L. Penberthy, director of intramural athletics. This sport is being done away with because of the lack of interest which has been shown in it in past years, and also due to the length of time which is required to determine the winners.

## Coeds Advertise for Dates in University of Wisconsin Daily

Madison, Wis.—Here's one way to get a date: Carrying bold captions, "Men Wanted," two personals recently appeared in the classified advertising section of The Daily Cardinal at the University of Wisconsin.

One advertiser was willing to pay all expenses to the university prom, provided the date met specifications, which were—"at least 5 feet 10 inches tall, a good dancer and a fraternity man."

The other ad offered to share expenses to the prom, and the person advertising described herself as "brunette, considered attractive and about 5 feet 3 inches tall." The prom was in February.

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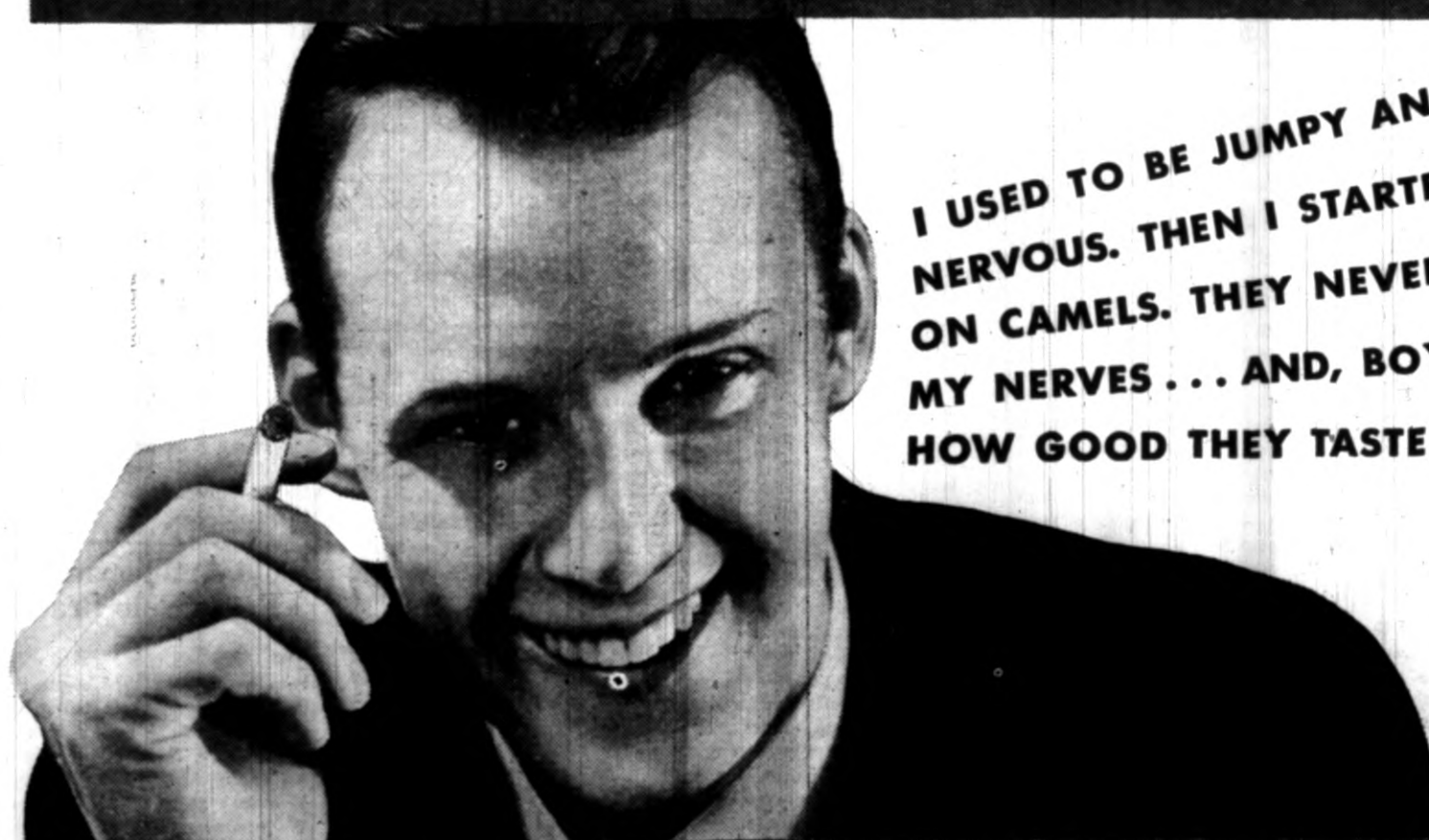
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