

UPSTREAMING IS NOT AGGIE WAY

One bad situation which the student body has an opportunity to correct without appeal to any outside person or organization is "upstreaming", the practice wherein hitch-hikers station themselves at points before the usual hitch-hiking center on the outskirts of a city.

Many objections have been voiced to upstreaming this year, not only by the student body and The Battalion but by former students. The practice is becoming so common now that the Aggie system of hitch-hiking—taking one's proper turn when it comes—is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

In one large Texas city this weekend, Aggies were upstreaming from the middle of the city clear out to the usual hitch-hiking point.

For many years the usual hitch-hiking center has been where the highway goes under state maintenance and out of the city's jurisdiction.

Every student should work to revive the system of decency in hitch-hiking which has operated heretofore through observing the simple rule of refusing to upstream.

LATE

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was told recently by Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state under President Wilson, that American entrance in the World War was a mistake.

That struck us as being about the most outstanding paragraph to date in the long list of "late" truths.

For we now have, some 21 years after the slaughter of thousands of Americans and the ruination of billions in American goods, the admission of a man who was in a high position in 1917 that what we did was wrong.

In the name of all that's good, what sort of a mess have we allowed ourselves to get into when we decide, some 21 years too late, that we shouldn't have gotten into a war?

Is that what is going to happen again? Are we to let anyone who will carry us into another war only to decide 21 years later that "maybe we were wrong"?

Obviously, that is exactly what will happen. The press each day blazes forth in huge black type the belief that if Mussolini sprained a finger yesterday or Hitler lost a hair out of his moustache, those two events happened only as indications of their attack on the democracies.

One news service, International News (Hearst), even has gone so far as to report that Hitler plans to conquer the Western continent eventually.

Shall we be suckers, or shall we analyze in sober thought just what is behind the propaganda which is our daily bread?

"LARGEST"

It used to be a common crack in Europe that Americans were always bragging about how the United States always had the biggest of everything. They used to tell about the tourist who glanced at Rome's Colosseum and sniffed "Huh! Not near as big as the Yale Bowl!"

Of course all such pride in mere size is obnoxious. But it would seem that we may have reason for a little glow of pride in our latest "largest".

We haven't the largest army, nor even the largest navy. But we have the largest library.

Less than 100 years ago the Library of Congress was negligible. Today, having just opened its new \$8,000,000 annex, it is the largest in the world. The annex has shelf room for 10,000,000 books, twice as many as the main library now contains.

Thus the United States is prepared to gather together in even greater completeness, the things men have learned and thought in the past. Such glory as this distinguishes man from the brute world, will live on here, and not in the "achievements" in which he made himself one with the tiger and the hyena.

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TYPICAL

It is, as true of one as it is the other. It isn't westerners who keep the Wild West wild, any more than it is the collegians who keep college collegiate.

Native westerners naturally turn toward the urbanity and refinement of the East. But it's the easterners who come out here with all sorts of "western" ideas gleaned from travel pamphlets, pulp fiction, and the movies.

Tourists come dressed in all manner of outlandish garb—ten-gallon hats, beaded belts, blue denim, and moccasins. Fat men drive in in short pants, loud shirts, and smoked glasses. Little boys wear chaps and top six-guns.

They don western bots and broad leather belts and spend their hours riding horses and buying Indian jewelry made in Brooklyn. By about 1940 we expect them out here with burros and tin pans expecting to prospect for gold in the Sandias.

The New Mexican town we hail from was one of the most modern little cities in the world until someone discovered the Carlsbad Caverns. Then tourists started coming in expecting to see the Wild West, and now the citizenry all ride horses and wear ten-gallon hats and shrieking shirts.

And so it is with college. The outsider would be surprised to know that the typical collegian is a quiet, semi-sober sort of chap.

But the movies are controlling public conceptions. Consequently college is thought of as a society of crooners, athletes, and song-and-gag men who do nothing but make jokes over gin, play football and saxophones, and sleep through lectures—with their more serious thoughts turning to intercollegiate athletics.

Any night you can see an example of the popular picture over at the Pig. Bellhops, beauty parlor operators, and stenographers from all over town come in determined to pretend they're in college. So they crowd the booths to overflowing, make funny remarks in a loud voice, and laugh uproariously.

And nearly all freshmen have the "college" idea of a university. That's why they call them freshmen.

Well, it takes all kinds to make a college. But it's a good thing we have lots of romantically-inclined outsiders to keep us typical.

NEW MEXICO LOBO

Parade of Opinion

To adult platform-speakers, social workers and editorial writers in all sections of the U. S., today's youth is the major problem for all thinking Americans. Countless are the solutions of this problem offered up in the public press and from the public platform, with not one of them seeming to "ring the bell" to end the fight for the welfare of youth and the ruling generations of the future.

But, says the University Daily Trojan, these adults are so concerned with the conception of youth as a problem that they fail "to realize thoroughly that they constitute just as much of a problem to youth as youth constitutes to them, or more. For instance, most of the students at the university expect to be trying soon to find employment of some sort, to be voting in elections, and to be assuming positions of importance in their communities."

"Stepping out of the university to function as an active element of society, they face the prospects of a strife-torn world that is in the grip of economic depression, that cannot choose between the capitalistic and communistic economic systems, that does not know whether dictatorship or democracy is the better type of government. They face a world controlled by persons who, themselves, cannot get along with each other, are not tolerant, have no particular sense of integrity."

"There is need for a realization among those who run the world, that although youth may be truly a problem, there is a better way to solve that problem than by working on youth directly. That way is to work on the economic, political and social system into which youth steps as it reaches adulthood, and remove some of the causes of the problem. Until such time as this is done, there will be a constant recurrence of the 'problem of youth' with each new succeeding generation."

"Gastronomical exhibitionism," "Infantile behavior," "Digestive suicide." These are just a few of the epithets hurled at the current goldfish-gulping craze by the college press. And along with the name-calling, they're presenting opinions of "eminent medical authorities" that participants can expect serious ailments to follow their reversion to p.licanism.

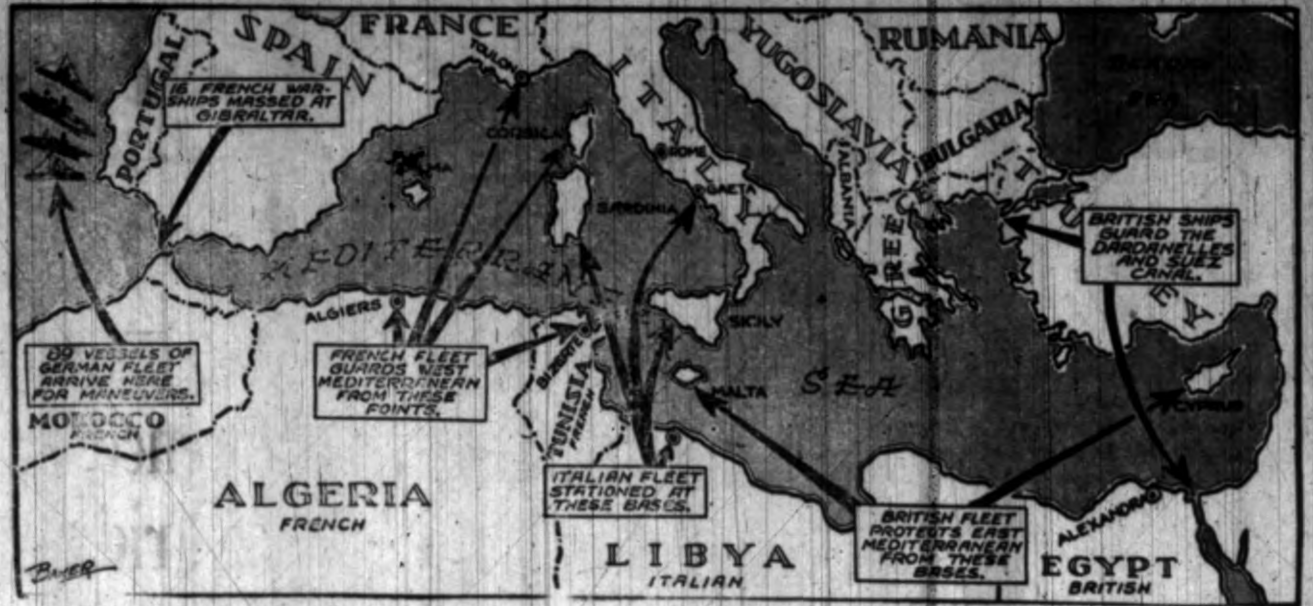
The Wilson College Billboard neatly summarized the viewpoint of the editorialists in this fashion: "Wouldn't it be profitable to develop a kindred interest and enthusiasm for events and tendencies of a more vital importance?"

Just a bit satirical, the Macalester College Weekly pokes fun at the movement: "If a little speculation is permissible, we envision the time when a broad program of intercollegiate 'goldfish swallowing' contests will be the order of the day. Even now we can hear the cheering, screaming thousands of spectators' urging the team from Whoosis College on to the swallowing of one more slippery little fish in order to win the conference title."

To aid in stamping out the craze, the Cornell University Sun has closed its columns to all mention of the contests which the Washington University Life calls "more appropriate to alley felines than college students."

Generalizing on the subject of collegiate exhibitionism, the Oregon State College Barometer delivered a sound lecture to all who anticipate participating:

"Publicity that is bordering on the ridiculous and the insane is not for any institution, individual or organization. It is not in the power of any organization to check the afore-mentioned—where there is a will there is a way. The purpose and the only purpose of writing is to ask anyone interested in the sensational to look upon himself as others who read and see pictures evaluate what they read and see. Everyone is judged by what others think and not upon their own personal opinion. Things are done because they are conventional. Think before you act, if you are conventional; if you are not, don't act. Remember, if people think you are a fool, then you are a fool!"



Ready for what diplomats term "eventualities," the fleets of the four greatest displays of naval might ever assembled. Map shows the precious major European powers are massed in the Mediterranean in one of the possessions these ships guard in the "great basin."

The AGGIE CAMPUS ROUNDUP

Goings On

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 10—T.C.U. vs. A. & M., Baseball, Kyle Field.
May 12—Entomology Club Benefit Show, Assembly Hall, 7 p. m.
May 12—Senior Ring Dance, Mess Hall, 9 p. m. until 1 a. m.
May 13—Corps Dance, Mess Hall, 9 p. m. to midnight
May 15—A. & M. vs. Texas University, Baseball, Kyle Field
May 16—A. & M. vs. Texas University, Baseball, Kyle Field.
May 19—Biology Club Educational picture show, Assembly Hall 6:45 p. m.
May 21—Reserve Officers' Association Senior Luncheon, 12 noon Mess Hall.

The Battalion

SALUTES

THE GLEE CLUB, which despite its being one of the most unsupported campus clubs, still is one that does things in a big way.

THE SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB, for importing the beauties of the University of Texas' Girls' Glee Club for a song program and to grace the Cattleman's Ball last Friday.

BILL SMALL, who in addition to being the campus magician and a high-ranking chem engineer, recently took third prize of \$50 for his paper on petroleum production in the intercollegiate contest at the Oil World Exposition.

AND THE OFFICERS AND JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEEMEN OF THE JUNIOR CLASS, for arranging what bids fair to be the most elaborate Junior Banquet and Prom ever yet to be held here.

TOTAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ENROLLments in the United States are greater this year than ever before.

PREVIEWS and REVIEWS

BY BOB NISBET

"THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES"—Directed by Sidney Lanfield, produced by Darryl F. Zanuck of Twentieth Century-Fox Studios, and adapted to the screen by Ernest Pascal. Showing Tuesday and Wednesday at the Palace.

The Cast: Sir Henry Baskerville Richard Greene; Sherlock Holmes Basil Rathbone; Beryl Stapleton Wendy Barrie; Dr. Watson Nigel Bruce; James Mortimer, M. D. Lionel Atwill.

Here is a show that follows the original story closer than any since the "Perfect Specimen". Lovers of Doyle's stories of Sherlock Holmes should make it a point to see this show. However, to one who hasn't read the book it will be just another detective story, and one without much punch. Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes will please the closest readers of Conan Doyle's books, and probably the closest readers are the French police, who for years have used these books as guides in their most efficient sleuthing. Richard Greene doesn't live up to the fine reputation he set for himself in "Submarine Patrol", and "Kentucky", but what Green lacks is made up by Nigel Bruce as Dr. Watson.

The setting for the story is taken in the waste lands of Devonshire, England, at the ancestral home of an old English family, the Baskervilles. According to an old legend, the family is haunted by a ghost hound for a crime committed by one of their ancestors. Sherlock Holmes is introduced into the story when the young heir to the estate arrives from Canada and finds a message warning him to stay away from the moor. Disregarding all threats, he goes to Baskerville Hall and falls in love with a neighbor girl. In the meantime Holmes discovers that a murderous fiend has

actually set loose upon the moor a giant hound for the express purpose of killing Sir Henry. By methods peculiar only to Sherlock Holmes, the detective exposes the murderer and his motive.

What's Showing

ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday and Wednesday—"There Goes My Heart" with Frederick March and Virginia Bruce.

Thursday and Friday—"The Adventures of Marco Polo" starring Gary Cooper.

PALACE

Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Hound of the Baskervilles" with Richard Greene, Basil Rathbone, and Wendy Barrie.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—"Union Pacific" with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Harry L. Hopkins has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of Grinnell College, his alma mater.

Clubs 'n Things

Agronomy Society meeting tonight at 7:15 p. m. in Room 312 Agr. Bldg. Dr. Geib will talk.

The next Fellowship Luncheon will be Thursday, May 18; none this week.

The Ex 4-H Club Members Association will have election of officers for next year, Thursday at 7:15 in room 110 Academic Bldg. All members please be present.

The regular meeting of the Pre-Law Club will be held Thursday night in room 203 of the Academic Building beginning at 7:30. A. F. Chalk will speak on monopolies.

The annual Pre-Law Club banquet will be held Friday night, May 19 in the banquet room of the mess hall.

Mr. W. B. Rison, accountant for the Cameron Iron Works, will address the Accounting Society Tuesday evening, May 9th, at 7:15 p. m. in the Asbury Room of the Library. He will speak on standard costs.

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