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Right Attitude

We like the attitude of John Alex Kimbrough toward his job, which happens to be toting a football in the fall of the year.

New Year's Day John Alec, who is just a kid of 22 years for all his ferocity on the gridiron, ran wild in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

The critics say he won the football classic almost single-handed, but when the yelling was over and John sat in the dressing room, nursing bruised and tired muscles, he summed up the afternoon in a few words:

"All I can say is that I was following ten good men out there."

Another young fellow who completed an amazing feat back in 1927 said about the same thing. "We, my plane and I, flew the Atlantic," said Charles A. Lindbergh, who at that time was not a colonel, a scientist, a society man or a political figure, but only a humble mechanic with a taste for adventure.

In these times when the first person is used so freely by unworthy men, it is refreshing to find a hard-hitting, square shooting young fellow like John Alec Kimbrough using the editorial "we" and giving credit to others.

We need more of that spirit in the world, as an antidote for the Hitlers and Stalins who send young fellows like John Alec out to die on battlefields and then boast about how "I" whipped 'em .--From Houston paper.

Mistakes

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it. When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again. When a carpenter makes a mistake, it is just what he expected. When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land. When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference. BUT, when an editor makes a mistake-heaven help him!

Parade of Opinion

By Associated Collegiate Press

FINLAND. Soviet Russia and her communist supporters in the United States have a new place in the minds of the nation's collegians-a position right beside Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in the gallery of those who can no longer have the sympathies of the thinking college youth.

This is the conclusion that must be drawn by a careful study of the shift of student opinion-a shift that was suddenly brought from the "approval" to the "disapproval" end of the opinion-pendulum's swing by the invasion of small Finland by monster Russia. Here is how the college press reacted to the latest dramatic move in the campaign of the totalitarian states for world domination:

Said the Harvard University Crimson: "And now it is Finland. Russia is the arch-criminal this time, not Germany, and so far as the United States is concerned she has committed an outrage with possibly even less justification than those of the Reich. As the (Russia) becomes a great Baltic power again, she appears more like the Imperialistic Russia of old than a new Communist Union, with purely selfish designs intended neither to help nor to hinder Adolf Hitler. For America and the other neutrals, if they were not convinced by the Russo-German alliance last August or the joint Polish seizure of September, the Finnish invasion will remove any hesitation they had in placing Russia and Germany in the same category."

In the same vein, the Cornell University Daily Sun said: "Those communists throughout the world who have been rationalizing the Nazi-Soviet pact, are now faced with a real problem. Their assertions that Russia would never stoop to imperialism were proved lies when the first Red bomb fell on Finland. All that Red Russia stood for in the communist circles of the world has been repudiated. Russia has at last shown her true face to the world and it is not a pretty one. The prospect of a general war has been renewed. Perhaps it is the darkness before the dawn."

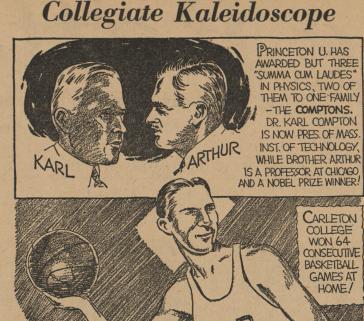
In the widdle west, the University of Minnesota Daily continued the nation-wide denunciation of the Russian invasion: "The whole affair was staged with the cold relentlessness of a Chicago gang killing-and with the same effect. When Russia saw that war was the way to win her ends in Finland, she deliberately took the path to war. Nothing short of a complete Finnish surrender could have averted the invasion. Nothing can justify it."

Man, Your Manners—

A person in the street or anywhere in the public should be careful not to talk too loud; do not attract attention to yourself by loud laughing, and, above all, do not wear conspicuous clothes. Your behavior in public is the test of good breeding.

QUESTION: How long should a cadet remain when making a call in the home of a faculty member?-H. I.

ANSWER: If he is calling on business, he should not stay longer than it takes to complete his business. A social call should last about twenty or thirty minutes; if he has been entertained at dinner and no other entainment has been planned, he should not stay longer than an hour after dinner is finished.



THE BATTALION _____

JAMORUNAL OF R.I. STATE COLLEGE SWISHED 477 POINTS THROUGH THE NETS LAST SEASON TO SET A NEW COLLEGIATE RECORD! HE BETTERED HANK LUISETTI'S MARK BY TWELVE POINTS. Movie Perieer

to change it to three plus; I'm another show of the same canber. wishes. All entries must be sent premeditated expatiations have in-sure everyone will agree that it is John Garfield, having served a to the writer, Box 2279, College telligibility and veracious vivacity the best show that has played sentence for a crime he didn't Station, Texas, and, as mentioned without rhodomontade or thrasonihere in many a day. It is still commit, is bitter against the world. before, the contest closes on Feb- cal bambast. showing at the Palace today, so Soon he is arrested for vagrancy ruary 15.

a chance to do so yet.

who live together, taking charge It might stand two grade-points.

of an orphan baby with the help of O'Keefe's sweetheart, Shirley Ross. One night during an act, Mischa Auer hides the baby in a chair which turns out to be a throne for one of the musical numbers. When the curtain opens, the audience goes wild at Sandy's antics in the throne. However at this time the baby's uncle, hearing of the baby's stage success and thinking he could make himself some money, arrives to claim child. The finis is fast and furious with O'Keefe rushing across the state to stop his girl from marrying another man, marrying her himself, and the two adopting the baby. One grade-point.

George Fuermann "Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."-Webster.

Well all right . . . The staff runners-up will appear in a future had hoped this would get out: issue of The Battalion Magazine. Mary Kate Jordan, a Waco high . school girl, writes an Aggie jun-Well - - - ?

would." . . . And it was Percy before printing them! Bennett who recently pointed out that, "I had coffee and a head- It doesn't mean a thing, but

ache for breakfast." . . . "Politics now that finals are almost upon be damned," says Aggie Audie us, here's a bit of nonsense some-Belcher. Audie was the only Tex- one recently wrote in respect to as collegian to attend Houston's what NOT to do: a prince" Audie affirms.

. 15:

After thinking about "Mr. Smith "DUST BE MY DESTINY" stars About T.S.C.W.-ites" will win a coalescent consistency, and a con-

those who have not seen it have and sent to the county work farm. Ten cadets and one graduate as- labic profundity, pompous prolix-The foreman has a beautiful daugh- sistant will act as a committee of ity, psittaceous vacuity, ventrillo-The show at the Assembly Hall ter who immediately falls in love judges, the committee being com- quial berbosity, and ventriloquent Saturday afternoon, "UNEXPECT- with Garfield. In a fight over the posed of Henry Hauser, Joe Gault, vapidity. Shun double entendre, ED FATHER," is just so much matter, John gets the blame for Robert English, Tom Richey, Mack prurient jocosity, and pestiferous time wasted except for the per- the father's death. Together he Duncan, Derrell Pitts, Don Peter- profanity, obscurent or apparent.

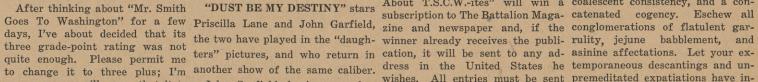
Foolishness is sometimes used to ing the law, and Priscilla finally ant Troy Wakefield. Besides the ly. Keep from using slang. Don't fine advantage in shows, but ab- gives them both up to the police, winning entry, which will be pub- put on airs. Say what you mean. and stands trial. Then comes a lished in the T.S.C.W. student pub- Mean what you say. And don't The story deals with Dennis dramatic plea for John and the lication-The Lass-O-the best use big words!"

WOMEN A H **Tess** Charlton Special to The Battalion from The Lass-O of T. S. C. W. With kisses under mistletoe a mail to find time to answer even thing of the past, TSCW-ites, in half of them. spite of on-coming finals, look to the future with bright eyes. After all, it's Leap Year, you know.

"Beetle" War- might try writing open letters to

ren, editor of the student bodies of Vassar,

Wellesley, and Smith.



by Bob Nisbet

formance of Baby Sandy. Of and Priscilla, the daughter, flee. son, Bob Lynch, Mick Williams, "In other words, talk plainly, course babies are always cute. The two lead miserable lives dodg- Willard Clark, and graduate assist- briefly, sensibly, truthfully, pure-

O'Keefe and Mischa Auer, friends thousands of "nobodies" like him.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL Saturday 12:45-"UNEX-PECTED FATHER," with Baby Sandy, Dennis O'Keefe, and Mischa Auer.

Saturday 5:30 and 8:30-"DUST BE MY DESTINY," with Priscilla Lane and John Garfield.

AT THE PALACE

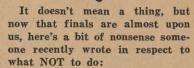
ior, "Having seen my first copy It would seem that the boys at of The Battalion Brown University are showing real

Magazine, I think initiative. After every exam date I have been pass- is published, a group of them get ing up a lot of together and make up official laughs as well as notices for their student publicavaluable informa- tion to the effect that such and tion." . . . The such a teacher will be unable to Economics De- give his hour exam as per schedpartment's popu- ule because of a cold or some other lar and affable minor illness. The newspaper, of law professor, Dr. course, usually prints the notice

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P. L. Gettys, re- without going to the bother of cently "brought the house down" checking its validity with the main when he declared that "Eastern office; the result being that about women think more of their dogs two-thirds of the class doesn't than they do of their husbands." show up and nobody has been able . . Curtis LeDoux: "You can't to pin the blame for the skull kiss a girl unexpectedly. The near- duggery on anyone in particular. est you can come to it is to kiss The Battalion, by the way, her sooner than she thought you checks the validity of such notices

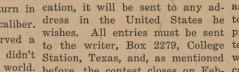




recent Jackson Day Dinner and, "In promulgating your esoteric as such, "They treated me like cognitations or raticulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical, or psychol-The contest closes on February ogical observations, beware of

platitudinous ponderosity. Let your The Aggie writing the best one conversational communications hundred words or less on the sub- possess a clarified conciseness, a ject, "What I Like (Or Don't Like) compact comprehensibleness, subscription to The Battalion Maga- catenated cogency. Eschew all

"Sedulously avoid all polysyl-



Boxing for All

In analyzing the value of boxing as a sport the following statements from the book, "Boxing," by O'Brien and Bilik, prove important:

"Boxing is almost an ideal form of physical recreation. It offers the youth and mature man a clever and fascinating athletic pastime. It is a scientific sport combining a form of vigorous exercise with a maximum of mental activity. There is probably no competitive sport that requires as much mental agility as boxing. You have to think while under machine-gun fire. You have to see, plan, and act instantaneously. There is no chance for a second thought, for "time out," or "huddle." Either you have grasped the opportunity or it is gone.

In childhood and youth are laid the foundations of character and health. Boxing aids in the development of both. In itself an excellent form of physical activity, it is rounded out by the supplementary training. Since thorough physical conditioning is an almost indispensable prerequisite in the attainment of proficiency in boxing, those who become interested in the sport usually strive to build up their strength, speed, and stamina.

The vigorous health gained thereby is invariably associated with an abundance of "pep," "drive," "dare," aggressiveness. Boxing breeds confidence, gameness, self-denial, sportsmanship, mental alertness. It enables you to stand a lot of knocking about, to take misfortune with a grin, and good fortune without getting a "swelled head." It teaches self-control under the most trying circumstances, respect and confidence for your fellow beings, tolerance, control of emotions and facial expressions, ability to take and give as a man. General opinion to the contrary, very few boxers are mean or cruel. It is a game to them, a game challenging their manhood, testing their mettle, offering the joy of physical and mental combat, and earning them the knowledge that they have been tried in battle and have not been found wanting. It is an exhaust for the superabundant energy of vigorous youth.

Because of its inestimable value as a health and character builder, boxing should be taught wherever the youth of today is being molded into the man of tomorrow. Colleges have taken up this sport with a vim. I hope to see the day when boxing will be considered as much an essential in the physical education program as is swimming.

Boxing is indeed a fine sport. More Aggies should take part in it here.

By DR. AL NELSON

As the World Turns...

Guam fortification talk revived: defense desires to spend \$4,000,000 there this year and Japan is once more beginning to "throw fits" at the idea. Also, the naval expansion program still contends that their expansion is purely defen-

sive and that their navy should be as large as that of the U.S.

Finns invade Russia-the early Russian news headlines have actually come true at last. After destroying two Russian divisions in quick succession the fighting Finns have crossed the Russian border and are in their turn threatening the Russian R. R supply line.

Maury Maverick, the publicity-Nelson loving mayor of San Antonio, made a speech to the students of Georgia Tech and is reported to have advised the Southerners to "throw in with the Yankees" in order to improve our economic status. The trouble with our economic status now, according to many people, is that it has been thrown in with and by the Yankees too much already, and that we really need consideration according to our separate and individual needs and problems, and not have our problems lumped in with those of sections whose problems of economics are entirely different.

Baths in Germany are not limited to Saturday and Sunday, as that is the only time they are allowed to heat water. (Of course they can take cold baths if they desire.)

Jimmie Cromwell, wealthy husband of superwealthy Doris Duke, has just been appointed minister to Canada, a job where the necessary expenses are more than double the salary allowed. Only a wealthy man can afford to accept the appointment because of the expense of holding down the job.

Secretary Ickes, of the Interior Department, is now telling the nation why certain men would not do for president next term. Ickes says that Garner will not do as a candidate because he is too old, and John Dewey will not be a good Republican candidate because of his age (it seems he is too young). It would be fitting now for Ickes to tell what age has a monopoly on ability.

To the person who wrote an anonymous letter to the editor of The Battalion in regard to Mr. Murphy and Madame Perkins: If the writer will send his name in and acknowledge the letter as his own, it will be printed in full at the request of the writer of this column.



By Murray Evans

There has ben some talk laterly For You" and "Oh, Johnnie" fame, time at all we will have our buildof Benny Goodman's being on the joined the Hit Parade last week ing paid for! downgrade in popularity. Such for regular appearance. Bonnie is

rumor probably arose out of the from Houston, Texas, by the way. pond with unknown college boys fact that the erstwhile "king of Dorothy Thames, the girl who at Annapolis, West Point, and Ran-Ind, "I always hesitate to criticise Benny still boasts an aggregation tation Club in Dallas. composed of some of the top-

swing" was switched from a Tues-you might remember sang with the dolph Field, but Meta Turner, day to a Saturday night broadcast, Aggieland Orchestra the second freshman, has received best re-it will either make him so ashamed with Bob Crosby filling in the semester of last year, is now vocal- sults from writing an open letter it will either make him so ashamed vacancy. But as a matter of fact, izing for Nick Stuart at the Plan- to all the students of Dartmouth that he will go out and get drunk

There is Ziggie Elman on trumpet, Cole Porter wrote the score for letter was sent on to the Univer-Fletcher Henderson on the piano, "Dubarry was a Lady" IT WAS site of West Fletcher Henderson on the piano, "Dubarry was a Lady." IT WAS sity of Washington, re-printed in wasn't a heel." Bea Conley: "It's Toots Mondello on sax, and Charlie WRITTEN IN THE STARS is their college newspaper, and then not school that I mind, it is just Christian on guitar. On a recent perhaps the most important song sent to the University of Toronto. program Goodman brought back in this production. When Porter Mail has been pouring in ever bore me."

memories by playing "Don't Be has a good idea, he seldom misses, since. And now, Meta, who asked On the campus last week-end: That Way." He may be slipping and he possessed an exceptional for letters because "being 350 Bodie Pierce slushing through the momentarily, but you can't keep a inspiration when writing this most miles from home is very dull", is snow to see Hallie Beth Willinggood band down, and with his pres- promising hit. Ray Eberle is vocal- much too busy just reading her ham.

ent band roster, the odds are on ist in the smooth sweet-swing his forging to the undisputed lead- Miller interpretation. The companership of swing which he enjoyed ion piece, JOHNSON RAG, leans a year ago. a little more to the swing side The Hit Parade last Saturday and is performed in the most ap-

night listed "Scatterbrain" as lead- proved jitterbug fashion.

something like "Annabelle" and dicate that this number may reach "Josephine"; just doesn't ever end the height of its predecessor, "Sun-

unless you stop it in sheer desper- rise Serenade." Artie Shaw and ation on some convenient "turn- his orchestra plays a beautiful, around." And then it seems im- medium-slow swing version of tute physicist is calibrating the lish books written by its faculty complete. But it does have dis- SHADOWS featuring Shaw's clar- amount of sunlight that is found at members. tinctive rhythm in the popular inet and the orchestra's velvet varying depths in the ocean.

polka tempo, which probably ac- toned sax section. The companion

Hit Parade. little Bonnie Baker, of "Especially Helen Forrest is vocalist.

Lass-O. the comes across with a brilliant idea as to how to raise money for our much union building. She suggests

Helen Ruth Porter, who rode to New Orleans on the special train with the band, swears she wore house shoes the whole time she was in that picturesque city. "For real needed student comfort, there's nothing like them," says Helen Ruth.

News of three new buildings to that all TSCW be built on the TSCW campus has been received. One is to be girls who have has been received. One is to be "cussed out" the new home of the president, an-Aggies pay the other will be a memorial dormitory trifling sum of given to the college by the Ameri-Tess Charlton 25¢, and in no can Legion, and the third will house the Department of Education. That doesn't exactly add up Some of the girls here corres- time, but it's a good start. to five new dormitories at one

requesting a few letters in return. all over again, or else it will make Not only has she received stacks him mad-and he will go out and the classes and assignments that

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ing the pack, and for the second Requests for the new Frankie from the sun has been devised by troit grid coach, is a candidate for a Massachusetts Institute of Tech- election to Detroit's city council.

> Massachusetts Institute of Tech-A Worcester Polytechnic Insti- nology has set up a board to pub-

> > Cornell University has launched

counts for its placing first on the piece, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT Emory University has recently a project to determine whether TIME IT WAS, is the Rodgers and received \$3,000,000 to aid in the critical thinking about social prob-Oren Tucker, his orchestra, and Hart hit from "Too Many Girls." development of a great university lems can be developed in high center in the Atlanta area. school pupils.

nology scientist.