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OPEN FORUM

Seniors Protest "Disunity, Disorder, Lack of Cooperation" In Class Meetings

TO THE BATTALION:

The class of '40 is a good class. It has acted with judgment and common sense during the three and one-half years that it has been here, and it should not be allowed to lose its well-deserved reputation and get in a rut because of the selfish interests of any individual members. It takes only a very small amount of self-denial to accomplish a great number of worthy projects. Spring is nearly here, and by united action we can continue the policy of accomplishment, a policy for which this class has always been noted.

But—of a senior class estimated at approximately nine hundred students, the record attendance for three class meetings held this fall approached a liberal estimate of seventy-five. Can it be that this class, which has heretofore been active and interested in the policies of the school, has lost all its interest in what happens? Or has it become too lazy to care what is done in its name—in the name of the Senior Class? Is it possible that "mattress pounding," bull sessions, picture shows or Bryan night-life are becoming more important factors than school business? Apparently it is.

To judge from the meetings held in the past, the senior class not only is not interested in coming to the class meetings, but those members who do come are more intent upon raising hell than they are upon the more serious considerations of business. Judging from the kind of order maintained in the past it would not be a credit to a meeting of kindergarten boys. For a group of supposedly educated college seniors it was not only a farce but might be called a disgrace, even to a freshman class.

The maintenance of order is the job of the chairman; however, it is an impossible job for one man. In order to have a properly conducted meeting and accomplish any purpose it will require the cooperation of all those present. They should not only keep a measure of quiet, but, what is even more important, they should give their serious consideration to any motions before the house.

In the last meeting of the senior class three motions were actually made and seconded, yet no vote was taken on any of them. Is it possible that the seniors of this college are not sufficiently grounded in the rules of parliamentary procedure to prevent the landsliding of motions over their heads?

At the same time we find a senior class cabinet, consisting of a representative of each regiment, organized for the purpose of acting in an advisory capacity, and not of taking action. This is a fine thing so long as it sticks to giving advice. It may serve a worthy cause and in addition stabilize the actions of the president, to guard against hasty action. But since when did this group acquire the power to dictate the policies of the entire class?

One man per regiment, for advice—Fine! For important decisions?—Far inadequate.

Apparently the fact that this advisory group has taken upon itself executive powers is the fault of the men who do not go to class meetings. When something is done in the name of the senior class, they have heard nothing of it. "Why," they ask, "did this happen?" It happened because they did not have sufficient interest in the welfare of the class to attend a meeting nor intelligence enough to conduct it properly.

Signed:
BOB EVANS **BURNS BUTTRILL**
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"We Owe It to Them"

Every year about this time The Battalion publishes an appeal to the student body asking them to refrain from smoking at the basketball games. Yet few students do anything about it.

At the last two games the smoke was very bad. I realize that a large percentage of this is not caused by the students but by the visitors. The fact still remains, however, that if we, the student body, would not smoke at the games it would help a great deal.

A smoke-filled gym is very injurious to the players. We all know that basketball is a game that requires a lot of training to play under the best conditions, much less the conditions that our team is forced to play under in its own gym—a condition that is partly brought about by its own students.

A. & M. may not have the best basketball team in the conference this year, but it does have one that hustles every minute it is in there. The boys go down to the gym and work out every day

of the week, and during a game, fight their hearts out for us. It seems to me the least we could do is try to help them by giving up smoking during a game. This sacrifice, that we could make for them, seems very small when it is compared with all the sacrifices that they are making by trying to give us the kind of a basketball team that we will be proud to claim. Our part would be a small one but I am sure that it would be a part the team would appreciate a great deal. Let's help them, not impair them!

—BOB PARKER.

Thoughts While Sneezing

If all the sniffles uttered upon one average campus during this type of weather were laid end to end, they would silence the booming of the most determined instructor. Fortunately they are not laid end to end; but the general effect is just as bad. Classes are sadly handicapped by the din of barking, moaning and groaning, coupled with the sound of frozen toes gradually thawing.

Not even a bushel of pineapples per day can keep the physician from his rounds in the present state of things, but a few ideas might be considered while plowing through the slush. Polo shirts are not for this weather, any more than are afternoon naps in the shade. Wet heads and feet are as preventable as airplane collisions on a clear day. In short, the job of keeping Old Man Pneumonia at a safe distance is one which requires very little forethought and is well worth while.—The Baylor Lariat.

MAN, YOUR MANNERS—

QUESTION: What is the proper manner for a young man to use when he announces himself over the telephone?

ANSWER: Socially, a young man should say: "This is John Jones." In an office when calling a woman on business, he should say: "This is Mr. Jones of Smart and Company" or "This is Mr. Jones of the Economics Department." But when telephoning a man, he should say: "Jones of Smart and Company speaking" or "Jones of the Economics Department speaking."

BOOKS YOU'LL ENJOY

"Mexico, A Revolution by Education," by George Isidore Sanchez.
"Rifle in America," by Philip Burdette Sharpe.
"Stalin, A Critical Survey of Bolshevism," by Boris Souvarine.
"Union Now," Clarence Kirshman Streit.
"Johnny Got His Gun," by Dalton Trumbo.
"Cooperation As a Way of Peace," by James Peter Warbasse.
"Supercargo," by Earl Whithorne.

Who will be the first American to start a filling station and tourist cabins at the South Pole?

The Duce, they say, is planning an Italian Coney Island. On the other hand, what does a roller coaster hold for the hardened survivor of the European situation?

"We are winning the war comfortably," declares one prominent Englishman. If that is so, the other side is being comfortably defeated.

As the World Turns...

By DR. AL B. NELSON

Browder and Bridges cases handled differently. The evidence against both men was gathered by the same agencies but while Earl Browder, the Communist leader in the United States, was tried in a regular court and convicted, Harry Bridges was "tried" before a special agent of Madame Perkins' Department of Labor and cleared of all charges in spite of testimony.

Garner adherents are now predicting that the majority of the New York delegation to the National Convention will be for Garner. Undoubtedly a determined drive is being made in his behalf in the East. Even if he is not nominated they hope to have a big hand in naming the candidate.

British naval units in the Far East are taking a more determined stand against the Japanese than at any time in the last few years. Is it a coincidence that it occurs at the exact time that the U. S. is "cracking down" on the Japs?

The U. S. trade treaty with Japan expired yesterday (Friday) at the end of the six-month notice the U. S. was required to give. The U. S. now has it in her power to ruin Japanese trade and cut off her military supplies at will unless Japan behaves.

Typical U. S. inconsistency is shown in our so-called neutral policy. This is not the fault of the administration but of the constitutional provision which allows Congress (the Senate) to meddle in foreign relations. The United States has entirely forbidden its ships to go to England, France, Holland, Belgium and other north European countries to avoid trouble with Germany. On the other hand we raise a big fuss over England's actions in delaying our ships in other parts of the world while searching for contraband. Why discriminate against England?

We deny England credit in the United States and then accuse her of discriminating against us because she buys her tobacco in Turkey which gives her credit and does not discriminate in other things.

The Dies Committee has been granted an extension of another year in which to complete its investigations.

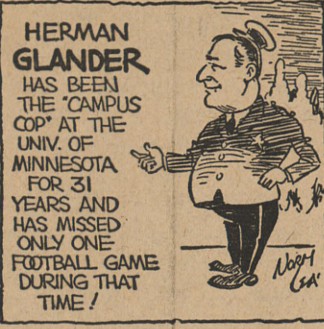
Dr. Ellsworth Bernard, English instructor at Williams College, is urging the United States to declare war on the dictators. In the January issue of Harper's magazine, Dr. Bernard plainly states that the United States is morally obligated to aid the Allies. Read the article.

Collegiate Kaleidoscope



FEMINE FOOTBALLER
JUANITA McCURRY OF PARIS (TEXAS) JUNIOR COLLEGE ACTUALLY PLAYS WITH THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM. SHE SPECIALIZES IN PLACEKICKING AND IS USED FOR CONVERTING EXTRA POINTS, FOR FIELD GOAL KICKING, AND AT TIMES HANDLES THE KICKOFF ASSIGNMENT.

STEWIJI (MINN.) STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE IS THE COLDEST SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. TEMPERATURES OFTEN GET BELOW -40° AND -50° IS NOT UNUSUAL!



Back into harness once again, I want to thank Pierce for carrying on the work. He did a fine job.

Two shows from the week's list haven't yet been reviewed. They are "BLACKMAIL" and "GOLDEN BOY." Both have won high praise from critics, but I'd say "Golden Boy" is far the best of the two shows.

Taken from a successful stage play, "GOLDEN BOY," is the story of a musician turned prizefighter. Starred in the picture are the following cast:

Lorna Moon...Barbara Stanwyck
Tom Moody...Adolphe Menjou
Joe Bonaparte...William Holden
Mr. Bonaparte...Lee J. Cobb
Joe Bonaparte tires of being a poor musician. He wants to enjoy the luxuries of wealth, and he wants his family to enjoy them with him. Desperate, he goes to fight manager Tom Moody and asks for a chance to fight professionally. His success in the pugilistic field is instantaneous. He is also successful in the field of love because he gets Tom's girl to promise to leave Tom and marry him. Everything is just rosy until one of his opponents dies, and then Joe, the Golden Boy, renounces the fight game and returns to being a musician, taking with him, of course, the girl from Newark.

In "Blackmail," Edward G. Robinson does some exceptionally fine acting, but the show is one of those that presents the side of our American life, which though true enough, is not exactly what I'd class as entertaining. It is tense and very dramatic.

Robinson is sent to prison for a crime that Gene Lockhart who turns in an outstanding characterization committed, but he escapes and settles down to the dangerous double life of putting out oil well fires and hoping that no one will recognize him as an ex-convict. He marries and has a son. Then Lockhart, down on his

luck, offers to clear him of the crime and serve the sentence himself for \$25,000. Robinson pays, only to find that Lockhart has double-crossed him, and not only didn't confess, but exposed him to the police and obtained possession of all his oil property, making homeless his wife and child. Bearing the greatest hate of all creation, Robinson escapes again to track down the villain and seek revenge.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Saturday, 12:45—BLACKMAIL, with Edward G. Robinson and Ruth Hussey.
Saturday, 6:30 and 8:30—GOLDEN BOY, with William Holden, Adolphe Menjou, and Barbara Stanwyck.

AT THE PALACE

Beginning Sunday—CHARLIE MCCARTHY, DETECTIVE, with Edgar Bergen, Robert Cummings, and Constance Moore.

Richards Awarded Garbage Contract

The contract for collection of garbage in the city of College Station has been awarded by the City Council to W. O. Richards. It becomes effective February 1.

Awarding of the contract was done at a special meeting of the Council last Monday night in the City Office. At the same meeting the zoning ordinance recommended by the zoning commission was adopted.

Members of the zoning commission were W. W. Steel, Ernest Langford, W. R. Horsley, V. M. Faires, and Guy W. Boyett.

Council members present were Mayor J. H. Binney, George B. Wilcox, S. A. Lipscomb, L. P. Gabbard, Dr. L. G. Jones, and J. A. Orr.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

The way of things... Jack Littlejohn, whose song "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie," leads the campus hit parade, will soon ring the bell again when his latest number, "You're The Simple Reason," goes into sheet music form...



Fuermann

This is all we've been waiting for: A university of California prof has debunked the theory that kissing is unhealthful. "The heat generated by a kiss," he says, "kills all bacteria and such a practice should be encouraged."... A. & M.'s Cosmopolitan Club claims the distinction of having the youngest member of any organization on the campus. He's "Red" Cashion, ten-year-old son of the "Y's" general secretary, M. L. Cashion...

His most embarrassing moment: One of the movie-going Aggies is telling about the Dallas theater which doesn't always book new short subjects when a new feature is being shown, but holds the old ones over. Walking in on a new feature this past weekend he was appalled to find the same shorts being shown that he had seen the night before. "Don't you EVER change your shorts?" he blurted to the usherette.

It was a full quarter hour before he understood the poor girl's aloof and indignant attitude.

Aggie Spirit dead? You be the judge:

The small daughter of Mrs. Byron Black, an extra-duty nurse at the College Hospital, is ill with flu and appendicitis. Wednesday afternoon her dog was run over and killed, thus making her condition worse. Learning of this tragedy, the cadets in Ward 1 called Mrs. Black in, made a modest speech of gratitude and appreciation for her kindness, and then

presented her with a well-worn dollar bill to "buy your daughter something nice that she will like."

Dave Britton noticed this item in the Amarillo News-Globe:

Claude Dyer, a Chicago salesman in the Texas area, loaned \$5 to a boy at a railroad station twenty years ago. The boy said he was an A. & M. student and needed the money to return to college.

Last week, while eating in an Amarillo restaurant, a man approached Dyer and offered him a \$5 bill, explaining that he had borrowed it twenty years ago while a student at A. & M.

From February 16 to May 31: Beginning with the Architect's Ball and climaxing with the traditional Final Ball, 32 dances are officially scheduled for 1940's prom season. Social Secretary Charles Hamner has pointed out that big-name orchestras which may be on the campus this year include Glen Miller, Vincent Lopez, Jan Savitt, Larry Clinton, Don Bestor, Lawrence Welk, and Del Courtney.

From a Rice Institute coed: Here's the most unusual entry in the "What I Like (Or Don't Like) About T.S.C.W.-ties" contest. Invalid, because the contest is limited to Aggies, it's reprinted before the contest closes on February 15.

Dear Aggie: "I'm the girl back home. I was thrilled to death when my man went to A. & M. Definitely there is something about an Aggie that really gets a girl—so I was very happy.

"After he had been to College Station for about two weeks, I failed to receive the usual letters from my (?) Aggie. He had been to Denton! "Need I say more? With your perspicacity, you will know the degree of my hatred for the T.S.C.W.-ites. Could hatred really be more justified?"

Sincerely crushed,
"The girl back home."

Collegiate Review

(By Associated Collegiate Press) Indiana University has a special series of lectures to acquaint unorganized students with extracurricular activities.

Playwright Maxwell Anderson edited the University of North Dakota yearbook in 1912.

A University of Virginia scientist has developed a centrifuge machine which exerts a force a million times greater than gravity.

Senator Robert A. Taft has been acclaimed as Yale University's man-of-the-year by an alumni organization.

The Democrats have been invited to hold their 1940 convention in the famed football Rose Bowl stadium in California.

Williams College has established a new course on basic Latin-American problems.

There are 37,000 electrical outlets on the University of Iowa campus.

Freshman women at Madison College get more mail than the members of the other three classes.

At Cornell University, football receipts pay the expenses of all other sports.

Bicycle polo is a new sport that has been introduced in several Eastern colleges.

A method of cheaply producing a protein substance (threonine) essential to life has been advised by a Purdue University scientist.

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