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GOOD IDEAS, while not altogether extinct, are something of a rarity. However, a good idea was presented to the Student Welfare committee at their recent meeting.

There has been much discussion, pro and con, about allowing unlimited cuts of classes to various groups on the campus. Some few go so far as to include the whole school in on the deal. There are two schools of thought on the proposition of unlimited cuts. Some feel that class attendance is of secondary importance and that if students be able to get the work from the book alone, then class attendance is not necessary-that the subject matter tant burst when actions and conduct conflict. is the important thing. Others believe that more than book learning is obtained from class work, and that learning to be punctual and doing daily work is far more beneficial.

The question was also raised of the problem of daily quizzes in case unlimited cuts be allowed, and the question of making them up.

But the idea that drew favorable comments on both sides was the suggestion that distinguished students be the ones to enjoy the privilege of cutting class as they see fit. There are many good points to this idea.

In the first place it would put a premium on good grades and might possibly encourage more students with "A" ability to do their best work whereas otherwise they might feel satisfied to take lower grades. It would give distinguished students prestige that they do not have now.

In the second place the privilege would not be limited to groups. Any boy who is willing to work to distinguish could enjoy the novelty of being absent when the need occurs without the excess damaging his grade. If he takes too many and lowers his grade, he loses the privilege, but probably few would take a chance on that possibility.

Third, those who claim the need for the lesson of punctuality would have this point emphasized. in that the student must distinguish under the cutlimit system before being allowed to try the other method.

Fourth, the unlimited cut idea will teach those who earn the right to use it the principle of deciding for themselves what on their schedule is important, sponsibility for his school work.

who have so long been in the dark concerning the nature of the alliance between Hitler and Stalin, this last conflict merely serves to increase the general confusion. But who among us would not be willing to stay in the dark in this respect as long as the conflict which is brewing promises, however slightly, to give light to the world which is sinking ever deeper into darkness?"

Russia, sandwiched between the two most active Axis members, "is in a crucial position both as an ally or as an enemy," declares the University of Michigan Daily. "Already the Soviet has made several agreements with Germany and has shared in the partition of Poland. But the tensity created between the two nations by the occupation of Rumania has not been lessened by a reiteration of Russo-German co-operation. The Soviet has always shared a mutual hostility with Italy and has repeatedly opposed Italian expansion in the Balkans. Russia's relations with Japan have been historically belligerent. That the Soviet cannot be ignored in the reconstruction of Europe and Asia is undeniable. Either Russia must co-operate or her vast quantities of food, raw materials and land must be divided among the potential rulers of the continent.

"Thus," concludes the Daily, "another paradox is formed in Europe's chaotic political free-for-all. The biggest bully of all is neither admitted officially into the gang nor openly marked for liquidation. Unless a secret agreement is made between the four spoilsmen of the Eastern Hemisphere, one of the two alternatives will break into action soon."

-Associated Collegiate Press

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS: I Heard the Preacher Say BY M. L. CASHION

General Secretary, Y.M.C.A.

THE ABILITY TO be fair and honest in the appraisal of character and conduct is a true sign of education. There is always some sort of prejudice lurking in the mind which comes out with a mili-

It is possible to go through college and through life with ignorance and prejudice burdening the spirit of man. How narrow and selfish is most conduct! How unfair and indifferent it is to the great problems of industry, society and race! It takes a large amount of experience and a generous spirit to step around on the opposite side of one's viewpoint and see how the problem looks to the other fellow.

As strange as it may seem the most difficult prejudices to get rid of are those centered about religion. A certain sort of false loyalty is developed from it. It is easier to become loval to a sect or a creed than it is to a personality. The directing forces in such cases may be unfair, dishonest or cruel. Activities of interest are narrowed to one's own group while broadminded purposes are entirely excluded.

One phase of education, then, should be a determined effort to cultivate interests in society where a responsibility for the whole welfare becomes the motivating power.

Grace Horton, an outstanding model for college clothes in newspaper ads, never went to college.

As the World Turns...

BY DR. AL B. NELSON

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT HENRY A. WALLACE has been named by the President as the official and leaving with the student more personal re- representative of the United States as the inauguration of President-elect Manel Avila Camacho at Mexico. The inauguration will take place in De cember.

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Movie Perieer

By Tom Gillis

Chemists Will Be Aided By Discovery Of Important New Research Technique

By Dr. W. M. Potts Professor of Biochemistry

artificial radioactivity makes it exchange of phosphorus between possible to label a number of com- these two classes of compounds. mon elements so that they may be followed through various trans-

by such labeled elements. Natural working with human and animal radioactive elements have been subjects. Phosphorus leaves the traced in some of their biological blood rapidly. Liver and kidney applications, but such elements are phosphorus is renewed at a rapid not suitable for very extensive rate while only minute quantities study as they are heavy elements of bone and brain phosphorus are and are not normal components of renewed within a four hour inliving matter. Labelled sodium, terval. Within ninety-eight days, potassium, iron, sulfur, and phos- large quantities of phosphorus are phorous are well adapted to such stored in the skeleton while only experimentation while carbon, minute quantities are stored in the chlorine, bromine, and iodine have brain within this period. Vitamin also been used; but their useful- D causes a flow of muscle phosness is limited by rather short half- phorus to the banes, and there is a more rapid turnover of phoslife periods.

tention in biological investigation mal rats.

than any of the other elements The digestability of different that have been rendered radioactive foodstuffs has been investigated by by artificial means. Phosphorus tagged phosphorus. It was found plays important roles in both in- that humans excreted one-eighth of organic and organic processes. It the ingested phosphorus while rats is found in abundance in the teeth excreted only one-eleventh. The and the skeleton, and it is a com- phosphorus excreted was found to mon component of other tissues. It come in part from ingested food also forms important intermediates and in part from the wear and tear in such processes as the absorption of tissues.

Saturday will be the last chance flight of a skyrocket, starting in of fats by the intestinal mucosa, for Aggies to help the nation's pro- the gutter and ending there. "THE muscle metabolism, and alcoholic Latin American policy by seeing GREAT McGINTY" tells how fermentation.

"DOWN ARGENTINE WAY," but Brian Donlevy begins a political Radioactive phosphorous (atomic patriotism isn't the only reason it career when he is picked up off weight 32) has been prepared by of the Radioactive Laboratory in

One experimenter grew plants in state falls McGinty's way when hit a normal cultural solution until a plants were then changed to a cultural solution containing radio-ARDS OF VIRGINIA." The show the boss both have to flee to South active phosphorus. Upon analysis, isn't as heavy as the historical America to keep it from falling on it was found that the newer leaves contained tagged phosphorus and

appreciable quantities were also found in the older leaves. This investigation suggests a method of checking up on the utilization of elements in the soil. It seems adaptable to investigations of fertilizers, the mineral requirements and inorganic metabolism of both plants and animals.

Some organic compounds of phosphorus that are found in living



organisms were shaken with radioactive phosphorus compounds, and The rather recent discovery of it was found that there was no

formations. Changes involving liv- The following interesting results ing matter have been investigated were obtained by this technique Phosphorus has received more at- phorus to the bones, and there is

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much attention on Broadway this He shakes taller and taller trees Berkeley, California. past season; this show marks her until even the governorship of the National policy is a different by the political machine. The force number of leaves were formed. The thing from forming a nation, the of the skyrocket career has fizzled subject dealt with in "THE HOW- out by this time and McGinty and

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday - "DOWN AR-GENTINE WAY," starring Betty Grable, Don Ameche, Carmen Miranda, and Charlotte Greenwood.

Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday-"THE HOW-ARDS OF VIRGINIA," featuring Cary Grant, Martha Scott, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Alan Marshal, and Richard Carlson.

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Saturday 12:45-"FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS," with Eddie Cantor, Judith Anderson, Ralph Morgan, Rita

is worth seeing. Betty Grable and the streets to cast 37 votes at the action of high speed neutrous Don Ameche in technicolor are the \$2.00 apiece. This fine work at- emitted by mixtures of radium and two main reasons with fine horses tracts the attention of the big boss beryllium and by means of fast and Carmen Miranda thrown in. who puts his brawn and fists to moving deuterium (heavy hydro-Carmen is the singer whose pleas- work shaking down protection gen) ions produced by a cyclotron ant little ditties have attracted so money.

were to be given over to unlimited cuts as are many schools in the nation it would mean that a student's grade, pass or fail, would need be determined from one final exam. Certainly that is far from the popular train of thought in this section of the nation.

But if just distinguished students were allowed the privilege there would be no necessity of reverting to this extreme. These few students could make up quizzes missed without much extra trouble on the part of the instructors, since almost regularly they give make-up quizzes anyway.

The suggestion would serve as a compromise between those who want unlimited cuts for the whole student body and those who do not want them at all.

The Battalion recommends that a committee of faculty members and students be selected by Dean Bolton to investigate the proposition as it is quite possible that there is much merit to the idea.

U, S. S. R.

"RUSSIA," comments the Daily Kansas at the University of Kansas, "appears to be simulating a halfasleep bear, able to stick out a heavy paw when the time arrives.'

When Soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov made the first trip of his life outside Russia to confer with Adolf Hitler at Berlin, new attention was focused on the peculiar status of the Soviet Union in the European cauldron. Recent Axis activity in the Balkans has brought forth lengthy speculation in the nation's collegiate press.

"There could be no question," says the University of Minnesota Daily, "but that the newest Axis moves were a direct threat to its military position, yet Russia gave no indication that it would proceed any further than its mild rebuke to Germany for failure to give adequate notice of the occupation (of Rumania). It is extremely unlikely that the Soviet Union will risk a war with Germany at the present time; it is not politic to do so. The stalemate with Britain still leaves Germany the opportunity to create an eastern front, and the Red army is of their governments, are attempting to appease the not yet sufficiently developed and reorganized to easily defeat the reichswehr."

powderkeg the two most powerful forces on the continent have now reached positions where their is unable to purchase in the United States under interests are irreparably in constant conflict. A situation is developing wherein one of the conquerors will either have to retreat or fight. To those of us friends.

The death of Senator Key Pittman, veteran chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-

tee and senior Senator from Nevada removed from Washington life a man who has been a powerful and consistent advocate of a strong foreign policy. His place as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is very likely to be filled by Senator George of Georgia, whose state once refused to "purge" him at the request of President Roosevelt. While Senator George and the President do not see

eye to eye on internal policies they Nelson have always been in general agreement on international problems.

A strike in the Vultee plane plant has not yet been settled. This strike of C.I.O. employees is seriously hampering the armament program. It was this same attitude of union labor in France that brought about the downfall of the French Republic. Now, the French laborers who refused to labor for their own country are doing slave labor for their German conquerers. They deserve no better, but it is a pity that millions of other Frenchmen are condemned to slavery and their democracy destroyed, all because of the selfish, short-sighted opportunism of French union labor and its selfish leaders. So far neither government nor labor in the United States has taken warning from the fate of France.

John L. Lewis, President of the C.I.O., has resigned as a result of the pledge he made previous to the election. It is to be hoped that the new president of the organization will follow more constructive policies than the former leader.

The Communist party in the United States has voted to abandon its open ties with Russia in order to escape the rigors of the Voorhis Act for the strict control of groups with alien connections. However, the members of the party convention did not even pretend that this move meant a change of policy.

British, Dutch, and American oil companies operating in the Dutch East Indies, at the urging Japanese by allowing them to increase their purchases of oil from a total of 494,000 tons per year The Cornell Daily Sun feels that "in the Balkan to 1,800,000 tons a year. This tremendous increase will more than make up for the amount which Japan recent rulings. No wonder the Japanese have nothing but contempt for the United States and her

This production dishes out history without the textbook technique. It takes some typical char-

background might suggest because them.

everyone knows that you can't sup-

press Cary Grant too much. As the

pre-revolutionary commoner hus-

band of an aristocratic wife he is

slowed down a little but only be-

cause the tone of the times was

marries Martha Scott, a daughter

of the old school, and takes her

to his backwoods frontier. There

they raise three children while the

colonists raise a squawk to King

George which eventually ends in

a revolution. From their difference

in upbringing, the parents have

different views on the changing

social order which are reconciled

only after the males of the family

have gone off to fight and return

victorious.

As the backwoodsman, Grant

toward mock-solemnity.

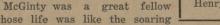
movie debut.

acters of the period, runs them through normal situations against a background of great dates, deeds, and men and ends up with a fine historical novel. It is based on a recent best seller, "The Tree of Liberty."

whose life was like the soaring

Johnson, and Bonita Gran-

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30-"THE GREAT MCGINTY," with Brian Donlevy, Muriel Angelus, and Akim Tamiroff. Monday 3:30 & 7:30 -"MYSTERY SEA RAIDER," featuring Carole Landis and



MUSICAL MEANDERINGS

By Murray Evans

The lowly trombone is no longer lowly. In the last decade it has come to the fore, and its solo potentialities are at last being recognized. Remember back when the word "trombone' was mentioned you automatically thought of a blatant circus brass band with a smear trombone? Even today the trombonist with a tone under par is told he has a circus tone. Ten radio serial) is about the finest bit years ago the instrument was used of prettiness yet in the sweet tune merely for a bass accompaniment,

but now there are those who believe it will outshine the trumpet itself. As a matter of fact, it has a beautiful, smooth tenor quality tone, especially in the upper register. Yet another desirable feature is that it is nearly always in tune: when it is not, the player is usually at fault. The slide positions are really difficult to master, but continued practice will enable the player to become as proficient as the trumpet player is on his finger technique. When the trombone is arranged righ in ensemble work it has the knack of making a sweet band sweeter. Headed by Pee Wee Hunt, Glen Gray's trombone trio can make any saxophone section look to its laurels for sheer sweet tone on ballad numbers. The last six fade out bars of Russ Morgan's



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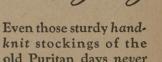
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