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What's Happened?

WHAT'S HAPPENED to the Aggie spirit, the sense of fair play and of fine sportsmanship? Something radical is wrong when Aggies at a basketball game are guilty of booing an opponent making a good play or creating a disturbance while an opponent makes a free shot or, in particular, throwing an apple core onto the court.

The chief talking point and most publicized asset of the cadet corps is the spirit. What sort of spirit do these stunts represent?

Isn't it obvious that this is wrong—terribly wrong?

A player crouches for a shot-someone yells and he misses. What's his loss is our gain. Oh yeah! Think that one over. What about our reputation and how will that yell affect our reputation? You figure that one out.

All But the Shouting

WITH FINAL EXAMS the semester will be ended. Most students will pass, but some will fail. That eyed students learned. some will fail is sad but inevitable.

no one enjoys failing, but if the best effort has been expended, there is no crime attached.

So you failed a course. So what? You did the best you could under the circumstances and that is that. It is too late after the exam to cry or to spend time worrying about having failed.

Buck up, forget the past, sign up for the course for next semester, tighten your belt, put a grin on your face, laugh, and then get to work.

Epitaph

"I'LL MISS HIM," says the old man of a classmate just passed on.

For what a multitude of good citizens that simple phrase has been an adequate epitaph.

No, our friend had not lived for himself alone. He had unselfishly helped others, had helped in social life, the religious life, the rural organiza-"He will be missed."

pretty well how to make and save money; left the born. family pretty well fixed."

Mexico

IN THE UNITED STATES, says the Manitou Messenger at St. Olaf college, an egg thrown at a presidential condidate rates the headlines in all newspapers. In Mexico the incident probably would have been dismissed immediately because of the thrower's cutioneers gambled for the only piece of property inaccuracy.

Which is by way of introducing a collegiate discussion of United States relations with the neighbor to the south. With few exceptions, the view of undergraduate editorialists is skeptical, resembling in tone the recent observation of the Daily Nebraskan: "Mexico, long suspected of being a hotbed of fascist sentiment and fifth column activity, evidences WHAT SEEMS TO BE a sincere desire to rid herself of anti-American elements. AT LEAST OFFICIAL MEXICO ANNOUNCES SUCH A POLICY. The Mexican declaration of fact and policy is heartening. A large country, and one so close to our own, Mexico would be a powder-horn of revolt against western world peace if its government became intimidated to fascist influence."

Another midwestern publication, the Daily Kansan, is similarly far from convinced. "Mexican politics being what they are," observes the Kansan, "it is somewhat difficult to swallow the recent explanation by President Cadenas that refusal to grant concessions to the Japanese was based on "continental solidarity'."

joins in, "recall with no pleasure a Mexican action which foreclosed on property held by American oil companies in Mexico." It would be well, for the furtherance of good relations, says the Iowan, "to establish some kind of solidarity on this score, preferably a just one for the oil companies."

More willing to accept Mexico's declaration of good faith is the Indiana Daily Student, which feels that Mexico has "answered her critics in a way to stifle even the most bitter. Her action is a commendable example of attempts by South and Central American countries to mold the Western Hemisphere into a 'united front' against all interlopers."

A Michigan Daily writer notes that "the United as an all-purpose room. States is making strained efforts to treat Mexico

with the same respect accorded Canada. Now plans are being made for an elaborate defense 'understanding.' Reports indicate the United States intends giving Mexico funds for improvement of naval bases which could be used as stations for United States ships; that Mexica air bases might be enlarged and made available for United States planes defending the Canal Zone and the Gulf of Mexico. Included in the proposed plan are possible transfer of four United States destroyers to Mexico, mechanization of the Mexican army with United States financial aid, and exchange of naval, air and army officers.

"Why the United States should transfer four destroyers to Mexico instead of using them itself to patrol Mexican waters is not clear. It is obvious who will profit by the exchange of officers. And the United States should think several times before mechanizing the army of a country whose immediately history is saturated with blood violently shed. In fact, "the University of Michigan editorialist believes," great care should be taken in planning the whole general co-operation with Mexico. Mexico has had a particularly turbulent history, and one can only speculate on her future course. Not that Mexico is likely to turn totalitarian or be especially dangerous if she did; but the United States does not have surplus funds and war materials to give to nations of fluctuating political positions."

This Collegiate World

The player's chance of being delt a straight flush in a poker game is only one in 64,974 times (if the deck ain't stacked).

And the chance of getting 13 spades in one hand in bridge is but one in 700 trillion times, however many that is.

So figures an Eastern New Mexico college Ph. D., professor in mathematics, following a Dartmouth professor's use in his class of chances in a crap-shooting session.

Intrigued by the utilization of homely happenings in higher mathematics, the ENMC professor fascinated his students with problems dealing with bridge, poker, and slot machines, with the slot machines for once coming out at the losing end.

For students found that the slot machine offers a sure chance to lose money.

Slot machines usually afford one chance in eight of winning on any given play, but because human beings like to gamble and ordinarily continue to play their winnings back, they apparently have only one chance in 100 of coming out ahead, said the professor.

There are 84,480,000,000,000 possible combinations in a regular 52-card deck, the goggle-

In poker there is but one chance in 4,165 deals But failing a course is not disastrous. Naturally of getting four of a kind, one in 694 of getting a full house, one in 509 of getting a flush, one in 47 of getting three of a kind.

What started it all was the Dartmouth professor's problem in crap-shooting: The caster rolls two dice and wins if (a) the sum be 7 or 11; (b) if the sum be 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 and if this same sum reappears before seven is ever seen. To obviate the odds against the caster, a dishonest caster employs two dice, one true and the other loaded so that a certain number always appears at the top. What should this number be in order to give him the maximum advantage?

-Associated Collegiate Press

FRANK LOVING PRESENTS:

I Heard the Preacher Say

tions of the community-and so with his passing he HERE IS A MAN who was born in an obscure vilwill be missed. And then we got to wondering lage, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in whether it might not be well perhaps for all of us another obscure village. He worked as a carpenter to ask ourselves a question—the question as to until he was thirty; then for three years he was er must pick up at least one penny whether when our own time or passing comes, an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He somebody will use that good old country phrase so never held an office. He never owned a home. He The player who picks up the last suggestive of the fragrance of a well-spent life, never had a family. He never went to college. He penny loses the game. Suppose they Saturday 6:45 & 8:30—"DREAMnever set his foot inside a big city. He never travel-Or will somebody merely remark, "Yep, knowed ed two hundred miles from the place where he was

> He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He had no special training for his work in the world; he had only the naked power of his divine manhood. While he was still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One denied him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves, and while he was dying, his exehe had-his coat. When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a grave borrowed from a pitying

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, all put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that one solitary life. -Anonymous

The Collegiate Review

Cadets at the Citadel, South Carolina military college, come from 33 states, three territories, the District of Columbia and one foreign country.

Middlesex university has completed construct-"Many veteran observers," the Daily Iowan ion of the three-story brick building of its school of veterinary medicine at a cost of \$200,000.

> Willard Hayden, president of Charles Hayden foundation, recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to Tufts college medical school to establish scholar-

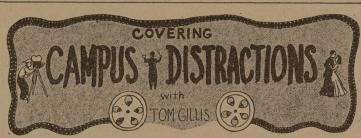
Associated Students of the University of Idaho last year spent \$107,031 and finished the year son were, "We appreciate the fine THE TROPICS," starring Alan \$1,080 in the black.

Mankato (Minn.) State Teachers college has ship, and I am particularly pleased Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monrecently finished a student lounge which will serve

-Associated Collegiate Press tion'."



"That is not too large. My husband is a big man!"



of just that place in New York be- writers of the pre-war era. Alice fore the days of jazz. It has some falls for Payne and plugs them of the old familiar pre-war love with her singing until the war gets songs in it like "Good-bye Broad- both the writers. Betty casts off way, Hello France," "The Sheik from the team and does not occupy of Araby," "Honeysuckle Rose," such a prominent spot before the and "K-K-K-Katy." These are in- camera. This show well brings back cluded to sort of stir the heart and the spirit of the days before the create atmosphere, which they do war as it has been painted to us.

fessional jealousy when two major to be operatic. and visual attractions by having duction. them sing together and putting on The main story portrays them as ual attraction.

BRAIN TWISTER

The Game of NIM

nies. The challenger being very Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald, polite always insists that he would you'll like this one. pick up the first penny or pennies. The rules are that each play-The player who picks up the last AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL play with 21 pennies, how can ING OUT LOUD," with Lum and the challenger win?

tally divides the pennies into groups son. of 1, 6, 6, and 2. Since he plays Monday, Tuesday 6:45—"BITfirst, he picks up 2 pennies. Then, TER SWEET," starring Nelson however many his oppenent picks, Eddy, Jeanette MacDonald, George the challenger picks up the com- Sanders, Ian Hunter and Felix plement of 6. For example, if the Bressart. opponent picks up one, the chal- Wednesday, Thursday 6:45 lenger takes 5; if the opponent "DULCY," featuring Ann Sothern, takes two, the challenger takes Ian Hunter, Roland Young, Billie four, and so on. Each of the three Burke and Lynn Carver. groups of six is thus exhausted Friday 3:30 & 6:45—"MEXICAN and the opponent is left with the SPITFIRE OUT WEST," with last penny and the challenger wins. Lupe Velez, Leon Errol, Donald

Summer Ag Course Receives National Recognition Monday, Tuesday 3:30 & 6:45-

by the Agronomy Department of featuring Joel McCrea, Loraine A. & M. received national recogni- Day, Herbert Marshall, George tion from the Soil Conservation Sanders and Robert Benchley. Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

ten by Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of and Irene Rich. the Agronomy Department, was Saturday midnight, Sunday, published in the January 1941 is- Monday—"TIN PAN ALLEY," complimentary letters about the Allen Jenkins. courses his department offered last Tuesday—"MELODY IN THE summer and the article he has MOONLIGHT," with Johnny son, head of the Regional Training zee. Section, and another letter from Wednesday, Thursday—"THE 39

has been doing under your leader- and Robert Cummings.

"TIN PAN ALLEY" is the story the parts of ambitious young song This is a good musical, not so light There was bound to be some pro. as to be frivilous nor so heavy as

stars like Alice Faye and Betty "BITTER SWEET" at the As-Grable are put in the same film as sembly Hall is another chapter in sisters and with such nearly paral- the singing story of Nelson Eddy lel roles. The competition does and Jeanette MacDonald. It is in them both good because they have Technicolor, and if this picture is to put out their best efforts. an example of the latest develop-Twentieth Century-Fox tried to ments in the film, it is definitely take advantage of both their vocal improving with better color repro-

cellophane harem costumes. Alice a poor but happily married couple Faye's more mature voice wins out living in Vienna. Husband Eddy with most of the songs but young tries to get an operetta published Betty Grable wins most of the vis- and wife MacDonald attracts the unwelcome attentions of George Jack Oakie and John Payne play Sanders. Eddy gets killed in a duel with Sanders, who is an Austrian cavalry officer and as good a villain as ever. Due to the common setting of a Vienna cafe, the trillings of the two singers does not have all the heavy operatic quali-In this game two players play ties which usually accompany their alternately with a number of pen- performances. If you like Nelson

What's Showing

Abner, Frances Langford, Frank Answer: The chillenger men- Craven, Phil Harris and Bobs Wat-

Woods and Cecil Kellaway.

Saturday 6:45 & 8:30—"RIVER'S END," With Dennis Morgan and George Tobias.

The 1940 summer course offered "FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT,"

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday - "THE LADY IN The article "Agronomic Instruct_ QUESTION," featuring Rita Hayion for Midern Agriculture" writ- worth, Brian Aherne, Glen Ford

sue of "Soil Conservation." Dr. starring Alice Faye, Bettye Gra-Trotten has also received several ble, Jack Oakie, John Payne and

written about them. One of the Downs, Barbara Allen (Vera Valetters came from N. P. Stephen- gue), Jerry Collona and Jane Fra-

the State Coordinator, P. H. Wal- STEPS," featuring Robert Donat and Madelaine Carroll.

The words received from Stephen- Friday, Saturday—"NIGHT IN work the Agronomy Department Jones, Nancy Kelly, Bud Abbott

to see the work so ably presented day-"BLACK MIDNIGHT," with to the readers of 'Soil Conserva- Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Stanley Ridges and Anne Gwynne.

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dents, 150 under-graduates and tory and as a commercial unit, the creamery last year handled over The activities of the department 21/4 million pounds of milk, most of are not confined to the policy of which went to the dining hall in instructing students for the de- the form of bottled milk. With partment has three principal func- the increased enrollment this year, graduate, undergraduate, and short the dining halls have used from course students in the several 15 to 17 thousand half pints of branches of the dairy industry; milk daily. In addition, the cream-(2) providing dairy products for ery puts out ice cream, butter, the college dining hall; (3) assist- cheese and a small amount of plain ing, through the cooperation with condensed skim milk as well as Experiment Station and Extension buttermilk, chocolate milk and Service, in the development of cream. All of this is handled in a modern, well equipped plant.

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