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A Good Thing, And It's All Yours

UNIQUE IN THE AMERICAN collegiate world is the recently established Texas A. & M. Student Aid Fund. But more than just unique is the fund's scope, its three-fold purpose and its determination to be an organization operated solely for the benefit of the cadet corps.

Not yet two months old, the fund is still too young to give its work enough perspective with which to measure results. But even so, its first two months of existence have proven the fund's value in assisting cadets where cases of merited need have arisen.

The phrase "merited need" is one much used by the Student Aid Fund's committeemen, and it means just that.

Perhaps a cadet has bad eyes and cannot afford to buy the necessary glasses. That's a case of "merited need" and one which the Student Aid Fund wants to correct.

Perhaps a cadet is faced with some form of needed physical care, hospital or otherwise, which cannot be handled at the College Hospital. There, again, is a case of "merited need" if the student concerned is not in a position to handle the financial obligation. There, again, is a case in which the Student Aid Fund wants to cooperate.

But in no wise is the fund's purpose to be termed as charity work. Far from it. The Student Aid Fund is financed by the Aggies themselves and, as such, they are the ones to benefit from it.

Further than that, a cadet benefiting from the fund has an opportunity to repay the money which was used to help him. At the time an Aggie receives the aid he signs a non-interest-bearing, no-maturity-date note which he may repay anytime during his life. Or he need not repay it at all.

The very foundation on which the Student Aid Fund has been established is one which allows for only a single interpretation—designed FOR the Aggies.

Professors, organization commanders and all cadets can assist in the fund's work. If you know of a student who is in need of physical care, tell some member of the Student Aid Fund committee. The committee will then offer the Aggie concerned the necessary assistance if he is unable to obtain the money through other channels.

The Texas A. & M. Student Aid Fund is the property of the Texas Aggies, pure and simple. The Battalion believes that the fund is one of the outstanding additions to the student body setup. It's an organization which the Aggies can be proud to say they're a part of.

If you need it—make use of it. The Student Aid Fund is yours.

OPEN FORUM

AGAIN the college calendar has been changed. "Wishy-washy" changing of Christmas holidays, commencement, final review, and who knows what next seems to be very much the fashion this year at A. & M. The next college catalogue should have a footnote beneath the calendar to the effect that all dates are subject to change without notice so that anyone wishing to ascertain the schedule of events next year will be unable to make any plans on the basis of such a calendar. Or still better, just omit the calendar entirely! The Commencement speaker had already been invited, but we shall write him a sweetly apologetic note asking if he will be so kind as to come a week later.

A petition requesting that the calendar not be changed was presented to the executive committee last Friday afternoon. This petition was signed by 85% of the graduating Vet. Med. seniors, 51% of the E. E. seniors, and 40% of the petroleum engineering seniors. In an effort to discredit the petition an article in The Battalion, Sat., March 1, stated that the petition was signed by day students and that it was a minority opinion. These statements were refuted. 60% of the 143 seniors who signed the petition were dormitory students most of whom held advanced ROTC contracts. Since the attendance at that senior class meeting Feb. 19, was not enumerated nor the numerical vote recorded (attendance variously estimated at 150 to 350), it is incorrect to say that the 143 petitioners represented a minority opinion. Further, the basis of the petition was not that it would "inconvenience seniors in securing employment" but that it would inconvenience those who have already accepted jobs beginning the week of June 1-8. We don't want

to dilly-dally here or at home a week waiting for final exercises when we might be getting the jump on graduates of other schools by going to work as soon as possible. One reason for having the Final Review prior to final exam week was that an increasing number of students were obtaining excuses to miss the final exercises. Seniors were fed up with having to go home or hang around the dorms during exams and then having the final exercises.

The Final Review is the seniors' farewell party. The underclassmen say "so-long 'til next fall" to each other but the seniors are seeing many of their friends for the last time. The spirit and tradition of the occasion is ruined only for the few seniors who choose to remain on the campus after it's all over. Those few are procrastinators. They wish to prolong carefree college days and evade the responsibilities of business or military pursuits as long as possible.

Facts in the issue were misrepresented in an editorial in The Battalion, Tuesday, Feb. 25, which stated that on Feb. 19, the Senior Class had voted unanimously to change the Final Review date and that the cadet corps was unanimously in favor of the change. Notice of that class meeting was not published in The Battalion nor was the purpose of the meeting stated in mess hall announcements of the meeting. A few leaders in school politics called the meeting and forthwith convinced those present that the dates should be changed in order that tradition be upheld. Should Aggies form their opinions on tradition alone? When tradition stands in the path of the good of the whole, thinking people discard it. "Third term," and "Selective Service" are prime examples in refuting traditions for the good of the whole.

At the close of the Executive Committee meeting last Friday, at 4 p.m. the students left with the understanding that another Senior Class meeting was to be called this week by proper publication of the time, place, and reason for the meeting—that opinions would be aired thoroughly on both sides without undue pressure from a small group of student leaders in order that the faculty might have a true count of the votes before making the decision. But no, the Committee did not wait. A faculty meeting was called for Saturday afternoon and the Committee's decision impressed on the faculty in the proper manner to cause a favorable vote for the change. The unfairness of this procedure seems obvious.

R. F. Eckert

As the World Turns...

BY "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF
RUSSIA CONDEMNS what she condoned. The press reports two days ago carried the news that Russia condemns Bulgaria for joining the Axis. Several days before the Germans started to take over Bulgaria, statements coming from Moscow, assured the world that Russia had no vital concern in the matter. The formal note was sent to Bulgaria, one of the small nations that Germany and Russia have either occupied separately or divided between themselves. Had Russia sent such a note to Germany, one might be inclined to think that a disorder is brewing between Hitler and Stalin. Since Russia's note to Bulgaria was merely a formal document, it has no other significance than just a soothing propaganda fodder for the democratic countries.

The Russian note advises the Bulgarian Government that German military occupation of Bulgaria threatens the "extension of the war" and that Russia would not aid Bulgaria in her alignment with the Axis. If Stalin did not think of a possible extension of the war before Germany ventured to occupy Bulgaria, one can not give him credit for any diplomatic cunning. Russia has worked tacitly, and even openly, for the extension of the war to other parts of Europe and the world. Had Russia a genuine desire to help Bulgaria, Stalin should have sent a strong note, with riveted teeth in it, to Germany, then Hitler might not have dared to occupy Bulgaria. Moreover, while delivering a note of disapproval to Bulgaria, Russia is said to be negotiating a non-aggression pact with Japan. Such a pact would give to Japan a free hand in the Orient. It would encourage her to make war on the Democracies for their possessions in the Far East. If the Totalitarian countries have any peaceful intentions, they must substantiate them with "Deeds not words." That should be our guide in dealing with them.

Bulgaria is already gone. Russia still has an opportunity to prove her desire for peace in regard to Turkey. Diplomatic pressure is being brought to bear on Turkey to give in to German demands. Russia is the only ray of hope in saving Turkey from German domination. Russia can aid Turkey in the defense of the Dardanelles and Constantinople. Turkey is wavering, due, undoubtedly to lack of support from Russia. Russia need not participate actively in the war. An effective warning to Hitler would have a sobering influence on him in case he intends to invade Turkey. Hitler does not like to wage war on two fronts. Still, England may provide that diversion for Hitler if Russia will not.

Quotable Quotes

"A LIBERAL ARTS college, if properly organized, can function smoothly only in times of peace. It is simply unintelligent to imagine that it can continue its customary work satisfactorily in time of war. The two philosophies just don't mix. Either the college must proceed down its traditional academic path or it must put itself wholeheartedly on a war basis. Now this country has not declared war, but to all intents and purposes we are already in an undeclared war on countries we have identified as our potential enemies, and that is what causes the present complication." Dr. Levering Tyson, president of Muhlenberg college, denies that the "business as usual" policy is functioning.

"How can students learn respect for personal honesty and integrity if their college hires athletes while denying that it does so?" President John W. Nason of Swarthmore college poses a question about character-building.

BACKWASH

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

The Way of Things . . . A T.S.C.W. sophomore, concerning her recent received the other day. The question asked for a definition of a fixed band of grazing fire—which is the final protective line put out by pairs of machine guns, and the answer shows what comes from this being an agricultural college.

To wit: "A fixed band of grazing fire is a barbed wire entanglement which makes it possible for the machine guns to do their grazing." And here's a few received by biology prof. Dr. Charles LaMotte: "Control of the fever tick may be accomplished by dipping cattle in a dry lot which has no vegetation," which is a good trick if you can do it!

"Control of the boll weevil may be accomplished by planting 1000 pounds of cotton seed per acre." (Someone better tell the boll weevils.) "Alternation of generation is the known fact that no matter how many children one has, there will never be two alike. A single mother could have as many as 99,000,000 different children." (It would take a good woman, though.)

Ill - A Life Article

Meaning that the scheduled release of an A. & M. article in Life magazine is temporarily on the rocks. The writer has received word that within the next two months Life will publish a complete issue concerning the nation's principal military colleges and schools. A. & M.'s pix will appear in that issue—maybe!

Life magazine is apparently a fickle outfit. Considering that more than \$1000 was spent on the recent A. & M. coverage, in addition to the fact that the mag's editors seemed more than anxious to get the material, it's a No. 1 surprise that a separate article didn't go to press this week or next; except that the publication concerned is Life.

So, once again, it's all-out waiting for Life—60 days hence!

B. Cummins - No. 1

The Coast Artillery hit the jackpot when the regiment landed Bernie Cummins and his orchestra for its annual ball. Last year Maestro Cummins and company landed in a tie for the No. 1 spot on the Backwash poll—Anson Weeks being the other orchestra concerned.

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SHORT SUBJECTS
MICKEY MOUSE CARTOON

of what appeared in the column following the ball: "For the fifth consecutive week, 'Tuxedo Junction' was the most oft-requested number. Second in this week's Aggie Parade was 'Put Your Little Foot,' and 'Indian Summer' rode the No. 3 spot . . . In the three-hour span of Saturday night's corps dance, songstress Connie Barleau received 86 date requests." He is particularly anxious for all varsity and freshman baseball candidates to view the picture front man to hit the campus last year and his method of being a success is sure-fire—"Play the World Series, as well as action kind of music your listeners and dancers want to hear."

Baseball Movie to Be Shown Tonight

"Batting Around the American League", sound movie produced by the American Professional Baseball League, will be shown in the DeWare Field House Thursday evening at 6:45 o'clock, Baseball Coach Marty Karow has announced.

SPECIALS

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

LETTUCE—California, large heads	.04
ORANGES—Texas, special, 2 doz.	.25¢
CALAVO—Special, 2 for	.15
LEMONS—California, 1 doz.	.10

MARKET SPECIALS

BACON—Deckers, 1 lb.	.29
CHUCK ROAST—1 lb.	.23
PORK CHOPS—1 lb.	.20
PORK SAUSAGE—1 lb.	.20
COTTAGE ROLLS	.35

VEGETABLES

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE—Won-up, 46 oz.	.15
PARD DOG FOOD—3 for	.25
CUT BEANS—Trappey's, No. 2 can, 3 for	.25
LUKE'S COFFEE—Special, 1 lb.	.19
PEACHES—No. 2 1/2 can	.15
SUNBRITE CLEANSER—2 cans	.09
CATSUP—Beech-Nut, large bottle	.19
TOMATO JUICE—Libby's, 14 oz. can, 3 for	.23
ARMOUR'S TREET—Special	.25
PEANUT BUTTER—Armour's, qt. size	.25
CORN BEEF HASH—Armour's, No. 2	.15
CORN BEEF—Armour's, Special	.19

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