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Off to a Great Start

The Aggie year of 1941-42 is off to a great beginning. Such an excellent start demands that the cadet corps continue the good work.

Registration has been completed in a manner that does credit to the registrar's office and to the administrative officers of the college. The plan of the registrar's office to permit classified seniors and first sergeants to register on Tuesday was a successful innovation. This plan should be continued in future years. On the first day of registration 555 classified seniors and first sergeants took advantage of the early registration date.

Thursday night, the freshmen had their first introduction to A. & M. as the entire student body joined in the traditional College Night activities. The spirit and enthusiam that were shown at the first yell practice seem to be indicative of a successful college session this year.

Aggieland seems to be alive with everyone back in unform, but it's the same old A. & M. The corps must see that it stays that way. Changes will be made this year, but it is the responsibility of the corps to see that any changes made are for the bene- tion fit of the corps.

we take advantage of the educational opportunities which A. & M. offers. A. & M. is fundamentaly an educational institution. The first duty that an Aggie has at A. & M. is to see that full advantage is taken of the educational facilities of A. & M.

This is the sixty-fifth year of the col-lege's existence. With the cooperation of every Aggie, it can be the best. Your college is giving you an opportunity to educate yourself; make the most of it.

Classes have started again, the football season is once more here with A. & M. Every indication points to a successful college year. Do your part this year to improve yourself and your school.

Education and Work

Open Forum

Editor's Note: The following Open Forum article was carried in The Summer Battalion this year. It aptly expresses a need for a Union Building at A. & M. The Battalion would appreciate further comments from the student body on the subject of Union Building.

TO THE BATTALION;

From an Old Aggie to Those not so old: When I went to A. & M.—We didn't know much or expect very much either. We sawed our wood and carried it up to the top of Ross Hall, or stole in from the more energetic fish.

We pumped our water out of cisterns and used the good old No. 3 round type of tub, and dumped it on the "Bull" or down on stoop No. 1 when we were finished with it.

The "Sink" was located where the "Old Chem building" was built; there were lots of good quarter men in those days, speed was essential. We walked to Bryan and we walked back, after "Taps"-We thought we were hell raisers, and I guess we were. Mamas didn't let their little daughters roam around College Station in those days.

But times have changed-now the Aggies, have everything, but one thing, that any other school in the land can boast of.

WHY is it that the BEST SCHOOL in the big state of Texas has no UNION BUILD-ING?

Why is it that when you go down to visit the place, you have to sit on a bench in the sun, or climb a mile of stairs to find a rest room for your old wife or mother? Why is it that a visitor has to drive a hundred miles to find a place to stay all night if he wants to witness the Final Review the next morning?

I have been asked these questions by dozens of people who have been there. I haven't the answer.

A school the size of Texas A. & M. without a Union building or any place for a stranger to rest or stay over night in comfort is as out of date as it was during the days I spent there.

A. & M. is a college now, and ranks with the High Brow schools in the country, but to a stranger visiting it who does not know the tradition behind it, it looks like an institu-

It's up to you young fellows to bring the The big job which lies ahead is to see that old school up to date, you know that I'm right in what I say about it; if I didn't love it, I wouldn't give a damn about it.

An old Aggie, who wouldn't climb that filght of stairs at the "Y" to shake hands with John Kimbrough.

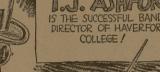
I'll take that back, I'll get up there somehow, for that privilege Slayton W. Hamner, '04 Healdton, Okla.

The World Turns On

_______ 3y Dr. R. W. Steen ______ Freedom of the seas is by no means a new principle of American foreign policy but a principle of which little has been said since 1939. For more than ten years before 1812 the United States quarreled with Britain and France over the rights of ne

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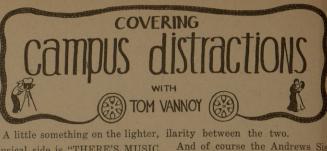
Only 73 Days Until Christmas ... "Jawn" Gives Ring But Santa Claus comes to Aggie-"The Lone Star Ranger" stopped land when Texas plays here Turkey Day . . . Out of the ordinary cow-punching long enough this

s the case of a 1940-41 freshman week to give his "lady-fair" a diamond ring as a token of love who hadn't purchased a coupon and engagement to marry. book and not hav- back, John Kimbrough, who halted his cinema duties on the sound to pay the regu-(Continued on Page 3) lar \$5 fee for a

Longhorn, asked permission from officials that he night have one of the extra Longhorns at

Babcock The fish' hopes were high when he was granted the request. However the cash register rang NO SALE when the prospecitve buyer was informed that the actual cost of a Longhorn is \$6.50 ... Professor J. G. H. Thompson of the M. E. department is still looking for the energetic Aggie who sent a card to him this summer asking about his M. E. 212 grade. Thompson was willing to respond, but there was no name for return address attached to the correspondence. . . . It won't be long. The first issue of the Battalion Magazine will hit the street within a

few days . . . Field Artillery freshman, Winfred Bean, assumed major proportions of transportation this summer when he flew by airliner from Los Angeles, California, to Houston, Texa . The Agriculed States was drawn into a war turalist and The Engineer are progby a series of events involving ressing this year with a boost to eight issues for the long session instead of the usual four . . . Pertaining to the Y.M.C.A. picture isolation are in fact contradic- show set-up for this year, it can ory policies. The one insists be said that the Y privilege cards that the seas belong to all na- will be good for the usual Saturions in war as well as in peace. day show or may be used the folt implies that trade is essen- lowing Monday in lieu of the Sattial to the economic welfare, urday feature . . . Tom Power, and perhaps even to the life, 1940-41 Editor of the Agriculturalof any given country. The oth- ist, was the first person to send



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musical side is "THERE'S MUSIC And of course the Andrews Sis IN ROMANCE" at the Assembly ters harmonizing is among the best. The antics that Abbott and Hall today with Allan Jones, Su-Cosetello can think up are sanna Foster, and Margaret Lind- bound to keep you laughing from say playing the leading roles. It the first frame to the last.

is better than average story with that wonderful voice of Allan's to help out.

"WASHINGTON MELO-DRAMA" is to be shown at the Assembly Hall Monday. In spite of the fact that Frank Morgan is starred, it is really a disappointment as far as entertainment is concerned. It is an old story that has been revived and given a modern angle or two, but it just fails to have that certain punch that is needed to make it a real show.

If the blues have already gotten a good hold on you, then take time to go see "IN THE NAVY" at the Campus today. Abbott and Costello and Dick Powell are the stars, and then, of course, there are the Andrews sisters. "In the Navy" is the sailors' version of "Buck Privates" and there is a marked sim-

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL Saturday-"THERE'S MA-GIC IN MUSIC," with Allan Jones, Susanna Foster, and Margaret Lindsay.

WHAT'S SHOWING

Monday—"WASHINGTON MELODRAMA," starring Frank Morgan, and Ann

AT THE CAMPUS Saturday-"IN THE NA-VY," with Abbott and Costello, Dick Powell, and the Andrews Sisiters. Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday-"THE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS," featuring Joan Bennett and Franchot Tone.



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THE BATTALION -----

Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, stated recently, "We must have scholarships, and scholarships large enough so that the student can spend most of his time studying. .

There is a definite need for more scholarships to encourage the pursuit of scholastic enlightment, but today's college students are getting misguided attitudes concerning what their colleges or the government owes them to keep them in school.

Certain students are kept in coke and cigaret money by N.Y.A. jobs, but this is a minority of the total group. N.Y.A. is a worthy policy and should be extended to include as many members of the student body as possible who actually need the aid to further their education.

But mental labor is more strenuous than physical labor. Getting an education is an 8-hour day, full time job. There is little time for other work. Students who stay up working all night to stay in school the next day are completely off the right track. And those who use the college jobs or N.Y.A. as mere fronts to say "I'm helping pay my way through college" when they really don't need the money and should be studying instead, are equally misdirecting the purpose of student financial aid.

student employment at all. Many students are enabled to attend school by working who would not be able to otherwise. And from actual records, students who are employed sult make better average grades than the unemployed group.

But this idea of "the world owes me a living because I'm a college student" is detrimental to character moulding. Viewed with the other group who are sacrificing grades, social activities, and health and everything on the altar of education, it shows that an ever growing section of students are finding learning secondary to attending college, and drawing the check first.

The answer lies not in awarding scholarships or abolishing student employment, but in using discrimination concerning student's jobs and remembering that college is a place to promote learning and not financial schemes.

the high seas. Finally the Unitchiefly the capture of American vessels at sea.

Freedom of the seas and

er insists that a country should live at home in his subscription for The Batif need be and that it should renounce its talion and The Agriculturalist. rights on the seas if war places its ships in

American foreign policy has followed roughly a more or less uniform pattern. Isolation has been the rule during most of our history, but in practically every instance the policy has been abandoned when put to a severe test. Prior to the war of 1812 President Jefferson placed an embargo on shipments from American ports, but the policy was soon abandoned, and in 1812 President Madison could find no course other than war. The condition prior to the first World War was similar. There was no embargo, but Americans at first said little about freedom This is not to advocate doing away with of the seas. Finally, however, President Wilson and the American people came to resent the "Verboten" sign which Germany had posted in the Atlantic, and war was the re-

> President Roosevelt in his address on Thursday evening clearly indicated a shift in policy since 1939. In that year American ships were practically ordered off the seas. Recently they have been permitted to sail to numerous ports, and now President Roosevelt has ordered American naval vessels to fire at Axis raiders in American waters on sight. He has not demanded as yet freedom of all the seas for American vessels but has demanded freedom of American seas for American vessels, and his definition of American seas is not a modest one. Moreover he is attempting to close American seas to Axis war vessels. This is another and an important step in the American program of aid to Britain. It may lead to an undeclared naval -The East Texan, E. T. S. T. C. war. It may lead to an all out declared war.



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