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Facsimile Seniors

The class of '41 reached what it considered a momentous decision at its last junior class meeting. The class members passed the rule that any six semester man could wear boots and a gold hat cord. This was an unprecedented move, for previous to that time only classified seniors had such a privilege; even eight semester men who were unclassified were denied senior identification marks.

This year's seniors felt that there was no need to go back to the old rule and by an absence of action accepted the six semester ruling: only classified seniors or six semester men were to wear boots and gold hat cords.

On the campus today a number of facsimile seniors are abusing the rule. These facsimile seniors are those who started with the class of '42 but who have been away from A. & M. for one or more semesters and who lack sufficient hours and grade points to be classified as seniors in the Registrar's office. But, even though they know their position, these men proceed to wear gold hat cords and take a privilege that does not belong to them.

Most of the true seniors realize what is happening but feel that it is not their right to reprimand those students who stood in the same freshman registration lines with them. Nevertheless, classified seniors and other six semester men resent those students who are abusing the six semester rule.

Two roads are open for the senior class to take. It should either make it legal for these facsimile seniors to wear senior identification marks, or it should take definite steps to stop the abuse of the six semester rule.

What About the Peace?

Education seems to be developing an increasing interest in concrete plans for the world after the war, even though peace is not in sight. At the New School for Social Research scholars of the University in Exile have for months worked on a "blueprint for peace," and now the state has granted to the New School a charter for a graduate school which in the words of Dr. Alvin Johnson "has been placed in a position to set up what is virtually an international school of political and social science closely knit to the practical economic, social and political problems of the times."

Other distinguished scholars continue to urge the colleges to take a long look ahead to the time of reconstruction. President Bowman of the Johns Hopkins is one of these. The colleges themselves are presenting authorities in various political and economic fields to their students. And now President Wriston of Brown University, who is always to be heard with respect, has urged the establishment of a new government division to study the problems of peace on the same plane that the problems of war are studied in the army and navy war colleges.

Dr. Wriston would set up the proposed new division as an arm of the department of state to act as an agency for the professional training of diplomats and other foreign service men on a level not possible in any of the existing schools of diplomacy and foreign relations.

"The only chance that the fruits of victory may be less bitter than gall," he continues in his book, "Prepare for Peace," published by Harper & Brothers, "is through foresight, through careful attention to the shape of things to come. To insist that thought must wait until the war's end is to deny any meaning to the war at all. The entire technical section of the American delegation to the coming peace conference should be organized in skeleton outline at once." Dr. Wriston points out that if the task of the special division is well done there would be full assurance that the plenipotentiaries to the future conference would be well advised. "There would be available to the commissions and committees not only experts but men experienced in diplomatic protocol and the exigencies of negotiation. It would not be necessary to transform scholars overnight into negotiators and drafting officers, as at Paris after the last war."

This is all part of the growing appreciation of the importance of the tasks lying ahead of education.

Dr. Johnson has a word to say from a somewhat different point of view in the Journal of Adult Education. Dealing with

youth and democracy, he asserts that "we do not have an educational setup that gives us the inherent strength to meet the forces of evil—the forces of evil revolution, rolling back toward barbarism, now abroad in the world. We are not equipping our youth to take their part in the defense of civilization. They foolishly think that there are short cuts to happiness." Thus on various fronts education is looking forward both through practical preparation for concrete tasks and through redefinition of ideals without which nothing is practical in the long run.—W. A. McDonald in the New York Times. —ACP

Open Forum

Editor's note: It is against Battalion policy to print letters in the Open Forum that bear either fictitious signatures or no signatures at all. However, the following article, though sarcastically written, presents a point of view held by many of the residents of College Station, and for that reason The Battalion is publishing it.

TO THE BATTALION:
ESCALATORS TO THE RESCUE!
Aggies Cannot Climb Curb, Indicates Peregrine's Poll.

Occasionally I must tread or otherwise traverse the lonesome pavements of the campus. As I go from building to building, along the majestic solitudes of the sidewalks, wistfully I gaze at the frolicsome Aggies greeting each other as they joyfully wander back and forth and hither and yon over the roadways. Trucks, ambulances, and fire-engines tootle in vain; ordinary passenger cars gradually fade into a sad coma; but naught daunts the fun-loving and ever-courteous Aggies in their blithe progress down the middle of the street.

Frequently I have thought, "How pleasant it would be if some of these young men would travel also on the sidewalk. I might sometime meet them as I walk there! I would feel less as if intruding on the cathedral-like quiet."

But all was in vain, until an inspiration struck my mind.

"How would it be," I thought, "to find out why Aggies classified themselves as motor-driven vehicles rather than pedestrians? Perhaps an answer to this question would be of interest also to others who live or have business on the A. & M. campus."

No sooner said than done. I prepared the small questionnaire which Aggies have been filling in for the past few days. Cunningly concealed among the 37,624 main headings were a few significant ones, devised to furnish completely unbiased information on this, the real object of my inquiry.

The main fact involved did not show at first. Many Aggies suggested that congestion on the roadways is due to student hazing rules, which require freshmen to keep off sidewalks and in the street. And of course by the end of the freshman year, "jaywalking" down the road is a habit. Yet in reading our faithful Battalion I have never seen mention of such an obviously idiotic rule, although I have perused many a sincere letter begging for more sidewalks so that students would not need to preempt the road. Therefore I saw that it would be absurd to accept such a simple explanation for the peculiar phenomenon that I was investigating.

With further study of the tons of answers, it soon became clear that an engineering problem was involved. To walk on the sidewalk, the Aggies must be able to elevate himself to it after each street-crossing, and to lower himself again at the next crossing. Such an undertaking requires serious expenditure of energy, and is not lightly to be undertaken. And so, after consultation with my advisory experts, I have decided that the problem must be attacked boldly and directly.

Let us at once request a special rush priority from O.P.M. and its related bureaus for an order of escalators. Let these be installed at each side of each street-crossing. Then as he homeward wends his way the weary Aggie can ride the moving sidewalk up and down the curb, and vehicular traffic will once again be able to hurtle across the camps at 19.9 m.p.h.

Wishing you "Escalator!" I remain,
Your walking correspondent,
Peregrine P. Perambulator.

The quest for righteousness is Oriental,
the quest for knowledge, Occidental.
—Sir William Osler

Something to Read

—By Dr. T. F. Mayo—
Democracy and Sport, by Tunis.
Our best philosopher of sport presents his plea for making athletics democratic; above all he wants you to play, not watch. Up at the Villa, by Somerset-Maugham.
This cunning weaver of tales turns out another good yarn.
A Faith to Fight For, by John Strachey.
The most civilized of radicals shows what Democrats and Reds have in common today.
The Forgotten Village, by John Steinbeck.
One of the best American novelists studies a tiny Mexican community.
Squadrons Up, by Monks.
The first book about the men of the R. A. F.
Mr. Tompkins in Wonderland, by Gamow.
Little Mr. Tompkins goes to three lectures on modern physics and consequently has three uproarious but highly enlightening dreams.


Kollegiate Kaleidoscope

JOHNNY MAULBETSCH
MICHIGAN'S GREATEST PLUNGING FULLBACK, GAINED 350 YARDS AGAINST HARVARD IN 1915 WITHOUT SCORING
EACH TIME HE TOOK THE BALL TO THE GRASS, HE WAS CALLED THE QUARTERBACK CALLED SOME OTHER BACK TO GARRY THE BALL OVER. ALL FAILED AND HARVARD SCORED A 7 TO 0 VICTORY!



THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER CELEBRATES ADAM EVE DAY IN JANUARY. EACH STUDENT RECEIVES AN APPLE FROM THE CHANCELLOR!

A TRIO OF LOCAL GAMBLERS SECURED THE LAND FOR THE FIRST BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



BACKWASH

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

Typewriter Ribbons . . . Several suggestions have been made to this department that freshmen in the new area be detailed to use only the rear door of the post office in entering or leaving the building. A fine means of relieving congested traffic through the front door at rush hours . . . Our secret operator reports that a former A. & M. student, Louis Lenz, has never missed a Texas University-Aggie game since he was a freshman at Aggeland in 1903. He will see one of the best of the long series this Thanksgiving Day . . . Head Yell Leader Skeen Staley encountered a bit of bad luck in San Antonio last Saturday. The Gunter Hotel was the scene of Skeen's loss of a high school graduation gift, an Elgin wrist watch . . . Members of the cadet corps are reminded by local taxi cab companies that they are forbidden by a College Station city charter to

stop and pick up customers anywhere on Houston street with the exception of the North Gate corner, Aggeland Inn, and the Y. M. C. A. However, taxis may stop at any point on any other campus street. Cadets are urged to turn out Friday afternoon and watch the battle between the Fish and Varsity "B" squads.

Sam Houston Ire
The information has come up from Huntsville that coeds of the Sam Houston Teachers College are up in arms over a letter printed in this space one week ago today. It seems that a small group of future female teachers authorized the bit of correspondence, and as a result, the larger group of coeds who resented being advertised have become quite angry. Several members of the anti-advertise party have even taken such steps as to post the letter as reproduced in this column on their dormitory bulletin board. However, that "four to one raptorial" which the S. H. coeds spoke of (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

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Ar Austin 12:00 noon 4:10 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Lv Austin 12:50 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 9:55 p.m.
Ar San Antonio 2:50 p.m. 6:55 p.m. 11:55 p.m.
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Fare to San Antonio..\$3.00 or \$5.00 Rt.
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COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Primary among distractions on the docket for this week is the corps dance with music furnished by Red Nichols and his orchestra in Sbsia Hall after the Town Hall program Friday night. This is the first time that a big-name orchestra has appeared on the campus during the fall semester and promises to be an outstanding event in the fall social calendar. In addition there is the juke-box prom Saturday night in Sbsia Hall. This type of entertainment was introduced during the summer school session two years ago and met with immediate success. This should offer an opportunity to meet up on some of this sort of distraction which we have been missing since school started.

At the Campus today is "BEFORE I HANG." In the adventure class, it stars Boris Karloff and Evelyn Keyes. Karloff is noted for his ability to present an excellent murder mystery on the screen. This picture is about the same as all the rest of Karloff's roles. If you are acquainted with Karloff, then you know what to expect. If not, then don't worry too much about it.

For a side-splitting couple of hours, we recommend "TOPPER RETURNS" at Guion Hall, today and tomorrow. There is a bit of mystery mixed throughout in order to make it more enjoyable, and the way it is finished left it just right. The mansion where most of the story takes place is filled with secret passages, trap doors, and people with knives ready to kill anyone that gets in the way. The same quality that makes all "Topper" shows is continued here when Joan Blondell makes

WHAT'S SHOWING
AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday — "BEFORE I HANG," with Boris Karloff and Evelyn Keyes.
Fri., Saturday — "DANCE HALL," featuring Cesar Romero and Carole Landis.
AT GUION HALL
Thursday, Friday — "TOPPER RETURNS," starring Joan Blondell, Roland Young and Rochester.
A 20th Century-Fox Picture
Also
COMMUNITY-SING
CAROON — "SCRUB ME MAMA" — LATE NEWS



GUION HALL
A & M's
New Theatre
THURSDAY - FRIDAY — OCT. 9-10
7 P. M.

Hal Roach presents
TOPPER RETURNS
with JOAN BLONDELL
Roland YOUNG - Billie BURKE
Eddie (ROCHESTER) ANDERSON
SELECTED SHORTS
NEWS

