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Strict Enforcement

Important moves destined to enlarge the authority of the Senior Class were adopted at the last meeting of the organization commanders. Keynote of the meeting was to restore the authority and power of the seniors.

A. & M. is extremely fortunate in that it offers real opportunities for leadership in the affairs of the college. Because of the military organization here, many details of college life which are normally handled by the administrative heads of a college are given to the senior cadet officers.

This seemed to be the keynote of the organization commanders meeting—to see that the Senior Class takes full advantage of the opportunities offered it in the way of constructive leadership. In an effort to maintain the prestige of the class, the organization commanders agreed to the more strict enforcement of regulations which directly affect the corps.

Complete enforcement of uniform regulations met with the approval of the group. In the past there has been some laxity in regard to the proper wearing of the uniform, but not this year. The privilege of wearing civilian suits to dances will be strictly a senior privilege and will be enforced. The wearing of the uniform for underclassmen has been extended so that all underclassmen will appear in the official uniform while at college or in the vicinity of the college. This includes Bryan and other entertainment centers within a 15 mile radius of the campus.

Indicative of the emphasis on the proper wearing of the correct uniform is shown by making the violators of any of these rules subject to disciplinary action by the Senior Court. The opportunity exists for the Senior Class to make a better A. & M. by the enforcement of these rules.

Football Signs

Evidence of the ever increasing enthusiasm of the corps-over the football team is found in the rapidity with which the fish manage to get up the signs for next week's game as soon as a game is over.

That Aggie spirit is not on the down-grade is readily apparent from these signs. However, some of the signs are straying away from their original purpose. The signs are football signs; their purpose is to boost the morale of the team and of the corps.

Some of the present day signs completely ignore the fact that the main event on Saturday afternoons is a football game. The signs are all right from an artistic standpoint as well as content. The corps should fully understand that since these signs are representative of Aggieland, they should be free from any objectionable features. The signs so far have been for the most part worth of display on the campus, but too many of them just don't mention football.

No matter how good a sign is, how artistic it is, or how clever its theme is, something is lacking if it fails as a football poster. After all, the primary purpose of these signs is football. Make it that way Army! Emphasize the game in the posters—that's the point in having signs.

Quotable Quotes

"Few teachers or administrators who have been at work during the decade just ended need be told that public education is under fire. In every community there are many sincere people who turn back in their thinking to more peaceful and happy days of yore. Not knowing that thus they are only making an effort to escape reality, they regard the old days as golden, happy, peaceful days—a veritable golden age. Everything that existed in those old days is touched with a roseate glamour that makes them seem ideal. Thus, when the problem of supporting the school arises, there are, in every community, a substantial number of middle-aged people who are quite ready to turn against modern school practices and who bring forth many arguments to show that the ways of teaching in their youth were much superior to those of the present. Yet seriously to attempt to impose the kind of teaching that was done in 1911 on 1941 were as futile as to attempt to abolish automobiles in favor

of horses and buggies, to silence all radios, to abolish all chain stores, or to tear up all concrete highways." Orville T. Bright, president, Illinois Education association, says that every teacher must be convincingly articulate in interpreting the modern aims of education.

They Say

A. C. Payne

"Youth," said a well-known humorist, "is a wonderful thing. It's too bad that we have to waste it on young people!"

This comment is a symptom of man's desire to combine youth and experience. How often do we hear the wishful wail: "If I were still a kid, and knew what I know now, . . ."! It reminds one of the similarity between human beings and a crop of garden peas: For a considerable period they're too young to pick, and then, almost overnight, they're too old to eat!

It's very easy to blame a lack of accomplishment upon our teachers, or "the system," or our young and tender age. History, however, has some encouraging records for us in light of the latter's use as scape goat.

Let's look at a few of them—even if they are considered remarkable exceptions by the unsung "average fellow."

At 17, Alexander Hamilton was a significant figure in colonial government.

At 18, Charles Spurgeon was already recognized as a powerful preacher.

At 19, George Washington was a major, Bach was a famous organist, and Bryant had written the classic "Thanatopsis."

At 22, King Alfred was ruler of England; and at 26 Roger Williams had sown the seed of religious freedom in the New World.

These names are from history, it's true, but time hasn't minimized their contributions. Nor are the gates of possibility for youth now closed. President Roosevelt is surrounded by national leaders who are characterized by their young appearance as well as their fresh ideas. And—in the realm of education—Robert Hutchins was only 30 when he became President of the University of Chicago.

These are human symbols of the potentiality of college youth.

How old are you?

Patient endurance of sufferings, bold resistance of power, forgiveness of injuries, hard-earned and faithful friendship, and self-sacrificing love, are seen in beautiful relief over the flat uniformity of life, or stand out in steady and bright grandeur in the midst of the dark deeds of men. —Richard Dana

Experience is the name everybody gives to his mistakes. —Oscar Wilde

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

For a good many months American magazines have been filled with articles attempting to answer the question: When will America go to war? Some of them are now carrying articles attempting to answer the question: When did America go to war? Officially, the only thing that can take the country into a war is an act of Congress. The President, however, is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, and as such can certainly bring about a state of war. It is difficult to say whether or not America is at war. No American army has been engaged with an enemy, but the American navy is patrolling the seas with orders to shoot on sight vessels of certain countries. American factories are producing great quantities of war supplies which are being sent to Britain and which are to be sent to Russia. It is perhaps not correct to say that America is at war. On the other hand it is not entirely correct to say that America is at peace.

In 1942 the average American will begin to realize fully that the world, and perhaps America, enjoys no peace. New taxes and the war effort have already caused major price increases. By next year people will again be talking of the dread HCL—high cost of living—which was so often a topic for conversation during the last war. Automobile production is to be greatly curtailed, and the government has just announced that the construction of buildings not essential to defense will be greatly curtailed. This order will apply to new homes as well as to business buildings. Taxes will be higher. Life will be less free than in the good old days before Hitler set out to endow the world with a New Order.

About four months ago Germany set out to conquer Russia in thirty days. The schedule has gone badly astray, and Germany is now engaged in an all-out offensive to try and defeat Russia before winter sets in. There can be no doubt that Russia and Germany are now engaged in a life and death struggle. If Russia fights off this drive she may be able to hold her capital and neighboring outposts during the winter, and may be in position to put up a better fight next spring. If she does not stop this drive then she will be faced with the alternative of making peace on Hitler's terms, or sacrificing western Russia, and attempting to carry on a war far in the interior. Hitler's legions have made great progress in the last few days, but they are still many miles from Moscow. It is still too soon to accept at face value the German claim that "It's all up with Russia."

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Listen, Buck. Either get that pack up where it belongs or go over to the parachutists where you'll look natural!"

BACKWASH By Charlie Babcock

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

The Way of Things . . . Oriental to be the atmosphere of a letter received recently by Engineer Dean Gibb Gilchrist from Tientsin University in Tientsin, China. The correspondence carried the request that A. & M. exchange engineer publications with the Far East school . . . Aggie representatives to TSCW this week to select a corps trip sweetheart bring back the good news that a time was had by all. In between yoo-hoos at their senior boots, the Aggies were over-worked with posing for pictures with the Denton institution's fair ladies. Present plans are to complete the series of snapshots in College Station today and tomorrow and then attempt to sell the layout to some national picture magazine . . . In answer to many queries: Red Nichols and Company have returned to Houston today. Red had to keep an engagement in that city tonight, and although he would like to have visited the campus another day, such a plan was impossible.



Babcock

officials . . . a survey designed to calculate a cross section of what and how much the members of the cadet corps pay each year for a list of common articles.

Running true to popular opinion, cadet cigarette consumption ran the highest bill at \$114,575. One of the unbelievable marks was that of the magazine total at \$19,751.34.

Over on the necessity side of the page we find that wearing apparel put a dent of \$740,181.41 in Aggie's pocketbook.

Gifts and entertainment totaled a figure of \$632,406.33, but the outstanding point was that shows, dancing, and cleaning and pressing costs comprised nearly half of the total amount.

Optimistic
Orchids of the month should go to the following tale that came up from San Antonio: "The Cadets sound O. K. to me. Please let me know when I can come to Randolph Field for a practice flight. If I like it I will sign up for the course. Keep 'em flying until I get there."

So wrote a youth from the Mid West to Randolph Field officials. Now they are wondering how to break the news to the boy that there are no practice flights . . . or rather they are all practice flights.

\$5,000,000 Market
Many interesting figurative facts were brought to light as a result of a recent survey by local

Georgia Draft Boards Defer Collegians

Georgia selective service headquarters has recommended that college students be deferred from military training as long as they "maintain a standard of academic work which is satisfactory to the college and to the local board."

Major Charles J. Brockman, state occupational deferment director, said the new deferment recommendation will include all college students not yet placed in classification 1-A.

Local boards already had been authorized to defer students taking "essential courses" such as medicine, dentistry, chemistry, engineering, biology, geology, physics and mining, but the state headquarters wants the grades looked into first.

AICHE Hears Talks at Opening Meeting of This Year

The first meeting of the Student Chapter of the A.I.Ch.E. was held Tuesday evening, October 2, in the Petroleum lecture room. The new officers for the forthcoming year are: president, William Damaschke; vice-president, Jasper Barrett; secretary-treasurer, William Swain; reporter, Lawrence Wilson.

After the introduction of the new officers, a series of short talks were given by various members of the chemical engineering department. Then a short business meeting was held to decide the aims and policies of the club for the year.

American Petroleum Strengthens Defense

Service station curfews and gasoline rationing have been getting the publicity as the diversion of

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Another distraction of the week-end is "I WANTED WINGS" at Guion Hall tonight. This is one of the pictures that can be ranked among the top few of the year. It undoubtedly will remain as one of the best aviation films of all time.

In the cast are such stars as Ray Milland, William Holden, Wayne Morris, Brian Donlevy, Constance Moore, and Veronica Lake. The whole story is marked with its marvelous acting and photography.

A portion of the story was filmed at Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio, the primary and advanced training schools of the Air Corps. A flying fortress is used in some of the shots taken during a blackout raid on an American city.

Veronica has the role of a gold-digging night club singer who falls in love with Ray Milland, and causes him to be court-martialed. She is like a siren that has almost reached the peak of its wail. You will either like her role a lot, or you will never want to see her again. Don't decide to hastily, though. She does her job splendidly.

The goodly number of scenes of American war planes in action will

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday — "DANCE HALL," with Cesar Romero and Carole Landis.

Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday—"MUSIC IN MY HEART," featuring Tony Martin and Rita Hayworth.

AT GUION HALL
Saturday — "I WANTED WINGS," starring Ray Milland, William Holden, Constance Moore, and Veronica Lake.

Monday, Tuesday—"MEET JOHN DOE," with Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, and Edward Arnold.

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Selected Shorts

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Barbara Stanwyck

in

"Annie Oakley"