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Abolish Excess Cuts

A college which functions as part of a democratic society should be able to impart to its graduates a degree of training which will enable them to act intelligently in a modern world. It should strive to turn out a man who can make his own decisions and assume some of the responsibilities which are demanded of him.

One of the modern conceptions of education is educational freedom. As democracy stands threatened throughout the world, it is of prime importance that this college should be turning out men who have developed traits of responsibility. If this college is charged with the task of training men, then it must do that while they are here in college.

If this college is training men, then it should allow them some academic freedom during the years when they are taking advanced work. The abolition of penalties for excess cuts or the extension of the definition of excess cuts would be a forward step for A. & M.

By the time a man has gone to college two years, he should be capable of exercising the right of going to classes if and when he wants to. Basically such a plan would be no different from the present one. If a student misses class or misses a quiz, he alone suffers for his lack of attendance and should fully expect to see his scholastic standing fall if he continues to miss class.

Open Forum

TO THE BATTALION: We learn the true spirit of one unloyal T. S. C. W.ite via an embarrassing channel. Embarrassing because it reflects upon the rest of us who in no way share her opinion. The supposed anonymous letter writer contradicts herself in her strange publicity-craving way.

team we're cheering for is the Aggies. Their loss is our loss. Their victory is our victory. Their fame is our fame. So as a true Aggie fan and loyal T. S. C. W.ite, down with the Longhorns, and keep up that Aggie line whether it be on paper or on the football field.

Something to Read

Our Next Frontier The future of this country seems to be inextricably entangled with that of Latin America. The tone of that future, its harmony or discord, its success or disaster, will depend largely upon the degree of intelligence which North Americans display through our national policies.

The United States has much, it would seem, that Little America needs. Certainly we ourselves need desperately, in a dangerous world, the favor and cooperation of our neighbors. But we shall never play our part in bringing about this useful solidarity of the Americas until we inform ourselves better about the people who have built lordly cities, developed beautiful manners, and written fine books and music from Monterrey to Buenos Aires—whose ancestors, as a matter of fact, were already doing these things when ours were still (with great credit, no doubt, to themselves and benefit to us) killing off Indians, ripping up a continent for gold and iron and oil, and relaxing elegantly at spitting contests in frontier barrooms.

The College Library would like to do its part in promoting enlightened appreciation of Mexico and the others. As far as its scanty funds for general reading will allow, it buys books about Latin America. A movement is also on foot on the campus to hold a series of meetings for the discussion of Latin American affairs. There are, moreover, dozens of Latin American students among us, each one a source of knowledge about some country—and of the best sort of knowledge that one can have about a country.

The World Turns On

It has been alleged by many political commentators and congressmen that organized minorities are obstructing the defense effort. Certain groups representing labor and business have presumably used their power ruthlessly in order to maintain a dominant position in their respective fields of interest.

One of the most recent controversies in the field of labor revolved around the rejected bid of the Currier Lumber Company. This lumber company was low bidder (to the extent of \$200,000) on a government defense housing project, but its bid was refused by Sidney Hillman, Associate Director of the Office of Production Management.

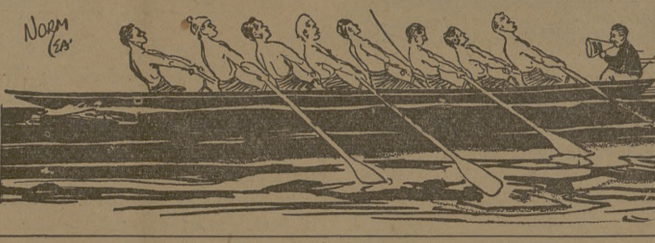
Hillman's explanation to Senator Truman, Chairman of the Committee Investigating Defense Contracts, was to the effect that the interests of national defense took precedence over the interests of any company bidding on a defense project.

Monopolistic practices by both business and labor are hampering our defense efforts at a critical time. Our rearmament program is bringing into focus some of the more dramatic illustrations of the effects on our economy of permitting too much power to be vested in organized minority groups.



The FIRST FRATERNITY LODGE IN AMERICA - BUILT AT KENYON COLLEGE (OHIO) BY DELTA KAPPA EPSILON - 1852!

LUCKY 13 COLGATE UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED BY 13 MEN WITH 13 DOLLARS AND 13 PRAYERS!



BACKWASH

The Ticker Tape . . . College degrees are conferred at many ages, but the University of New Mexico can well be proud of her youngest Ph. D., Willis Jacobs, who is only 27. . . Aggie khaki.

Coker Brothers Infanter freshman, Frank Coker, was a lucky man Tuesday when he won the Arkansas train ticket purchased by his organization. But there was nothing unusual in that fact. Military organizations all over the campus were buying tickets for some representative in their outfit to go to Arkansas.

Meet Miss Bearkat It's Miss Bunnie Bearkat, fellas.

This Collegiate World ACP Two Kent, State 'Ohio' university men were ejected from their rooming house by an irate house mother one night recently.

Win A PAIR OF Shoes at Lewis Shoe Store Located in Lauterstein's FREE Come In For The Facts GENUINE All Leather FRIEDMAN SHELBY SHOES

That was the telegram Poet Carl Sandburg sent ahead to Prof. Joseph W. Beach, chairman of the English department at the University of Minnesota, last time he planned to visit the educator in Minneapolis. The message was perfectly clear to Beach, close friend of the poet for the last 25 years.

COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Here is a motion picture with its sole claim to greatness being the great variety of stars in the cast. It is called "TIME OUT FOR RHYTHM" and is showing at the Campus today only.

With a cast such as this, there can't be much room left for anything resembling closely a plot. But one of sorts has been woven around these varied characters and their acts.

An appealing story in "BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon have been given the dramatic leads in this monument to the life-long struggle of Mrs. Edna Gladney of Fort Worth, who was superintendent of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society.

Rudy Vallee does only one song in the picture and that is a duet. Truly a shame. An appealing story in "BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST" at Guion Hall today and tomorrow.

WHAT'S SHOWING AT GUION HALL Thursday, Friday - "BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST," starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon.

AT THE CAMPUS Thursday - "TIME OUT FOR RHYTHM," with Rosemary Lane, Rudy Vallee, and Glen Gray and his orchestra. Friday, Saturday - "ADVENTURE IN WASHINGTON," featuring Herbert Marshall, Virginia Bruce, and Gene Reynolds.

THIS WEEK'S BARGAINS 3 LEATHER JACKETS LOUPOT'S TRADING POST NORTH GATE

GUION HALL THURS., FRI. - OCT. 30-31 3:30 & 6:45

BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST featuring GREER GARSON and WALTER PIDGEON. Includes promotional text and a photo of the actors.