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## World Student

### Service Fund Campaign

Every Aggie is at the present time preparing himself for the part he will play in the defense of the country, but each does not know where he will find himself should he ever be assigned to an organization and come into actual contact with the enemy. It's all left up to fate, and the future for an Aggie is hard to predict, except that he is sooner or later, if physically fit, to see service with the armed forces.

The men in the prison camps today never thought that they would find themselves where they are. Some of these prisoners are Aggies, some are British subjects, some are black in color, and others may be from far off corners of the globe, but they are prisoners of war and have to undergo the treatment that all conquered men have to do.

The World Student Service-Fund Campaign is being conducted at this time to help these men who are prisoners of war. A branch of the Y. M. C. A., the World's Student Service, is distributing books among these men who were former college students and some who were teachers. The welfare of these men is the main purpose of the fund, and not only books but other equipment is being sent to prison camps to help these prisoners occupy themselves during their imprisonment.

The local committee has set as the goal for A. & M. the sum of \$500. The faculty has already contributed to the quota by donating \$200 thru the Community Chest. The rest of the sum is left up to the students to meet. The national goal is \$100,000 and the state of Texas' part is \$6,000.

Organization commanders have been informed about the drive and campaign. They should explain to their respective organizations the purpose of the fund, and contributions to the drive should be voluntary. Each member of the company should feel that he has given something should his outfit vote to contribute part of its company fund to the campaign.

The faculty has led the way, and now it is up to the student body to respond in the same way. If each Aggie puts himself in the place of a prisoner, we are sure he would appreciate anything which would make it easier for him. Remember many former students of Aggieland will be reached, and maybe present students will benefit by the use of the contributions which Aggies may turn in now.

*Great is Bankruptcy: the great bottomless gulf into which all falsehoods, public and private, do sink, disappearing.—Carlyle.*

## This Collegiate World

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Too often young people know less about their prospective spouses than they do about a new pair of shoes," the Rev. Benjamin R. Fulkerson, S. J., declared in a recent marriage lecture at St. Louis university.

Father Fulkerson said: "Just as shoes must wear well to be practical, so also must a partner in matrimony wear well to make a successful marriage." "Marriage," Father Fulkerson said, "is not a perpetual honeymoon nor a heart-throbbing frolic; it is an important step and an important state that is binding upon the contracting parties until death."

"Bad" choices in marriage partners are made because of infatuation or concupiscence, hasty entrance into matrimony because of a fear of fleeting years, or a false value of charm placed upon a person of the opposite sex, Father Fulkerson said.

"Infatuation causes a person to see good looks, a fine physique and sterling qualities in another when actually there are present only bad morale, laziness and a shirveled and selfish soul," Father Fulkerson said. "Too many unmarried people get frantic after 21 and rush into marriage. Others place a false premium on appearance, kid ideas about sophistication, wise cracking and jittersbugging ability."

## Open Forum

The nation's steel production is lagging because there is a shortage of scrap iron. The cannons that have beautified the courthouse lawns—even our state capital lawn—are being melted down and made into new armaments. They have a historic and aesthetic value but are being sacrificed.

On our campus we have scrap iron and iron that could be scrapped that has neither of these values. For example, the iron fence at the back entrance to the college is not particularly attractive. It would make several attractive rifles. The pipes around the parking lots could be sent to war and replaced with wooden posts put closer together. There is a railroad rail about a hundred feet long concealed under a hedge on the parking lot at the academic building. There is a heavy iron pipe across the path in back of Leggett Hall—a short pipe but probably a hundred pounds of scrap iron.

The auxiliary farm units of the college could add a great deal to the collection. We think the campus should be canvassed by someone with authority to find and send to war all the scrap iron. How about it?

Sam Ferguson, '43  
J. E. Mudd, '43  
C. E. Outerside, '43  
Claude Gunn, '43

Walking about the campus, one hears from every freshman the tradition that has been formed in the last two years of "Beat the Hell out of L.S.U."

This may be a great way of working up spirit for the game and making everyone realize that we are going to beat L. S. U., but I feel that in this persistent "slogan" we are hurting more than bettering ourselves.

In the first place, there are a number of women who work on the campus and must pass through it in order to get to their work. I am sure that they do not appreciate hearing it everywhere they turn. On the weekends when our parents are down here we certainly don't want them to be insulted as most of them are. If this continues, I am sure that we will have created an enemy rather than a friend of these people.

Certainly we are in favor of building up a spirit for the game and we realize that a proper spirit is necessary on the part of the corps in order to win it but I do not feel that this is the proper way to do it.

It will be up to the seniors of each organization to judge the worthiness of this slogan and let it be prevented or continued. Charles Barnes, '44

*As fathers commonly go, it is seldom a misfortune to be fatherless; and considering the general run of sons, as seldom a misfortune to be childless.—Lord Chesterfield.*

## Penny's Serenade

By W. L. PENBERTHY

In the field of sports whenever a coach produces a fine team, especially a football team, he is the subject of much praise and his ability as a coach receives a great deal of publicity but if that same coach has a particularly bad season he is jokingly referred to as a "character builder."

Surely the lessons learned thru participation in wholesome sports strengthen the characters of the participants and contribute to a fuller and better life.

Of the lessons which sports teach I feel that the one of self control is one of the most important. To most of us self control is the ability to keep from losing our tempers when we get mad, having the forgiveness to be able to turn the other cheek, biting our lips to keep from making remarks that we will be sorry for when folks make spiteful remarks that hurt us, etc. This is truly self control and is a very admirable trait and many times I wish that it were more deeply imbedded in me but I am thinking of the self control necessary for one to practice in order to become proficient in sports.

A very small percentage of individuals are what we call natural athletes and learn games with no apparent effort but the great majority of individuals have very little or no natural ability and their only hope to learn to play a game well is to master the fundamentals of the game through conscientious and untiring effort. These fundamentals have been developed through study and experience as the best means of becoming proficient in a sport and if one is to learn the fundamentals one must have sufficient self control to force himself to execute the skill in the correct way regardless of how unnatural it may seem. Unless one is willing to master the fundamentals in this way he has very little hope of success against an adversary. All of us have seen players with practically no ability develop into very consistent and valuable members of a team because they mastered the fundamentals thru hard conscientious work.

It is surely not natural for a right handed person, in learning to play golf, to control and execute the greatest and most important parts of the swing, with the left hand and arm. Nor is it natural for a person to hit a handball with his left hand when it bounces to that side of his body when it comes from the front wall, but if he is to be a good player he must first make himself learn to do these things correctly so that he will be equipped to defeat one not equally well grounded in the fundamentals.

In sports as in life it has been my observation that we must pay the price to be good and one way to pay it is to whip ourselves first and then we will be ready for the other fellow.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"My nose gets cold at night, Sam!"

## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

### Bands . . .

Only one band is definitely on the dotted line for the regimental balls so far. . . Herbie Kay for the week-end of the Cavalry Ball.

The Field Artillery has a very good chance for Al Donohue. . . Herman Waldman and George McCullough are under consideration for other dates. . .

### Sweepings . . .

Billy Davies, last year's Engineer Editor, is now Pvt. Davies at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. . . he writes there are four Aggies with him. . . The Ramblin' Wrecks from Georgia Tech are still pushing hard with all the weight of their paper, The Technique, and a very large student organization, The Student Political League, against the re-election of the present Georgian governor. An ironic note crept into the bitter fight last week when the paper was forced to carry a full page paid advertisement of the very man it is fighting in order to have a six-page paper. To top it all, the editor wrote this week a very stirring apology for carrying the ad and addressed it to the student



body. . . Notice: the same magazine for which some are paying bootleg prices will be ready for general distribution soon. . . I wuz a bombardier, And I would bomb ole Hitler's ear. And when he turned to see what got 'em, Then I would bomb ole Hitler's—other ear. . . Jinxed: Alan Edmonson, A Cavalry, really got disgusted with things in general at the Twilight League playoff Tuesday night. . . While sitting along the sidelines watching the game a fast ball whizzed over and smashed his glasses. Thinking some of the glass might have gotten in his eyes, he went to the hospital and let the doctor inspect them. But, luckily, no glass. . . so he returned to watch the rest of the game. Very soon—too soon, in fact—an other fast ball came looking for him. . . he was ready this time, and dodged it. "Well, boys he said, getting up, "I'm going home and lock myself in!" . . . L. M. Gale and his father recently picked up a soldier while on a motor trip. During the ride, the soldier continuously made suspicious mistakes in his talk. . . like referring to a "company" of Field Artillery, etc. The more Gale listened to him, the shadier he sounded, so he turned him in at the next toll bridge. The authorities took the soldier, and Gale went on. Later, they notified him that the soldier was suffering from mind trouble.

## Musical Meanderings

By BILL MURPHY

Frances Beasley and her orchestra has been signed for an engagement in the future. This week I'm told that he has been booked for the Cavalry Ball, however, as yet this has not been confirmed by the Student Activities Office. If it is true, the Cavalry is to be congratulated. Kay is currently playing (See MEANDERINGS, Page 4)

### Sophomores

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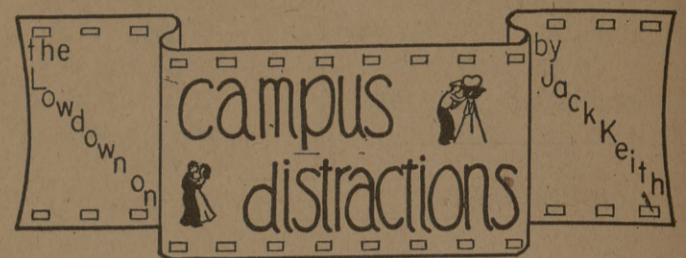
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### COLLEGE BOOK STORE

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George Saunders and Wendy Barrie are co-starred in another of the 'Falcon' series entitled "A Date With the Falcon", showing today only at the Campus. This time the crime is about a crooked scientist who has discovered how to make artificial diamonds that fool even the best experts.

The underworld steps in, snatches the scientist, and murders his twin brother to throw the police off the trail. The Falcon, super-sleuth played by George Saunders, is on the verge of getting married, but he postpones his wedding to chase just one more crime. Naturally, with all his cunningness, he outsmarts the mobsters, the police and the audience and solves the baffling mystery.

Attempts to inject a comedy angle in a standard plot of debonair detective vs. the underworld fail entirely in "The Falcon Takes a Holiday". Doubtless the story could have been more convincing if such inanities had been omitted from the script. As a whole its pretty fair as a detective story.

The Lowdown:—gangsters beware, the Falcon's loose again. It's a toss-up in "Sweetheart of the Fleet" as to whether Joan Davis or the team of Brenda and Cobina provide the most laughs. Miss Davis, who is little known but is rapidly gaining in popularity, has improved greatly as a comedienne since her last picture. Brenda and Cobina, the well-known radio team of pug-uglies, look exactly like they sound over the air—homly as all get out.

Jinx Falkenburg and Joan Woodbury play the parts of girl singers whom Joan Davis ropes in to sing at a navy rally. She had promised the navy boys that Brenda and Cobina would sing for them, but since they had been locked up because they were so ugly, the substitutes were made—for the good of the navy's morale, no doubt. Few chances for good laughs were overlooked when "Sweetheart of the Fleet" was made, and the music mixed in with the comedy is good also. The eye appeal of the Misses Falkenburg and Woodbury



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