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## "Somewhere in the Pacific"

(Editor's Note: Following is a letter received by Coach Norton from Les Richardson, who was a guard on the Aggie football team last year.)

Mr. H. H. Norton  
Athletic Director  
Texas A. & M. College  
College Station, Texas

Hello Coach:

Last year about this time I was eagerly reading a letter from one H. H. Norton concerning the oncoming football season. Now, this year finds me several thousand miles away in an even bigger game. We take this game just as serious as we did back at A. & M. C. It is in a sense, the same type of game. We prepare ourselves mentally, physically and morally just as we did at A. & M. We must be at the peak in each phase or we will lose the game. No time for backslapping or boasting. We win a battle and then turn immediately to the next. Naturally we gloat a bit inside but not for long for the next battle is even tougher. We did the same at A. & M. We beat T. C. U. which was always a thrilling and mighty battle, but no time for bragging or rest—we faced the next foe for it was a tougher foe. It's the same way out here. We face a tough and mighty foe and he gets tougher and more desperate every battle only this foe has no scruples and plays by no rules. We must fight him the same way sometimes. We were champions at home and we'll be champions out here. We think the game of football has prepared us for this game. We have merely moved over to a bigger field and a tougher league. More spectators and anxious alumni but basically the same game of beating the opponent. We wonder where our "Bowl game" will be played and when. We hope it is soon for we are ready. Then we can return to our loved ones and peace and quiet.

I hope this letter finds you in the midst of a very successful season. Material may be short but quality should be sufficient. We faced quantity out here but quality has been in our favor. We think quality will win eventually. We have the best team in the world and all of our players are All-Americans or they wouldn't be here.

Give all of the boys my best regards and wishes for a highly successful season. Perhaps it is a bit early to be thinking of championships but championships have become a tradition at A. & M. It is truly the home of champions.

With I could see all of the games this season but we have business out here. However, I have the urge to play again, even here. I guess a footballer never loses that desire for just one more season. I am planning on returning to A. & M. for my degree when this war is over—and join the vast throng of anxious alumni.

Am a second class petty officer in a construction battalion and work in the engineering office as a draftsman and surveyor. Very interesting work and in line with my chosen profession. Am lucky to be in best outfit in the service. Had originally planned on entering the Air Corps but color blindness closed my career as a pilot. Have no regrets because we are just as valuable to winning the war as the Air Force.

Hope to hear a few words from you and the boys in a return letter. Now, beat the hell out of Texas U!

Sincerely,  
Les Richardson

L. S. Richardson CM2c  
5th Naval Constr. Batt.  
Hdq. Co., 3rd Plat.  
c/o Fleet Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.

## This Collegiate World

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The nation's universities and colleges are keeping pace with the government's defense program, in the opinion of Maj. John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics of the Western conference.

Physical preparedness programs in the colleges, he said, have two objectives: providing of trained leaders in the field and building of fitness in youth through intensive athletic training and participation.

As evidence of expanding athletic programs in the colleges, the Big Ten athletic czar pointed out that physical plant and facilities of the ten schools have been increased in worth \$19,844,319 since 1919. Accompanying the physical expansion has been a 67.3 per cent increase in personnel, coaches, intramural athletics and physical education directors.

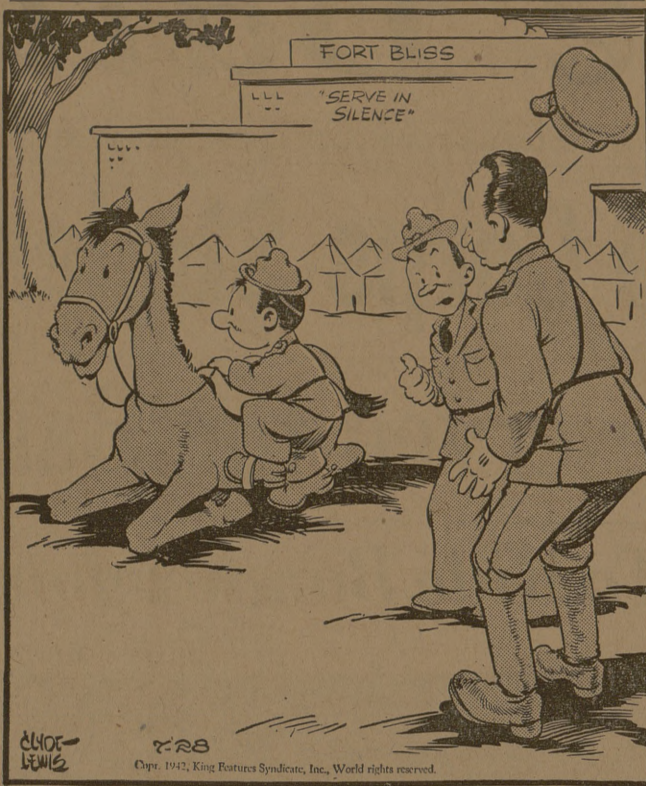
Post-graduate athletic activity should be the goal of all American college athletes, particularly at this critical period, according to Lawson Robertson, Penn and Olympic track and field coach.

"From the standpoint of physical condition it is wrong for a young man who has been competing for eight years through high or prep school and college, upon his graduation from college, suddenly to stop all athletic activity," said Robertson, who in April observes his twenty-fifth anniversary as University of Pennsylvania track coach.

"Most athletes are graduated when they are 21 or 22. That is an age when they haven't yet reached their physical majority. They should participate in some form of athletics until they are at least 25, the age of full physical maturity.

A course in fundamentals of meteorology has been added to the department of physics at the College of Mount St. Vincent, Riverdale, N. Y.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"It was easier to teach the horse to kneel than to teach Buck to mount properly!"

## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

### Kiddies Korner . . .

Several issues ago a guest writer for Backwash wrote a few choice riddles. . . spacefiller. But the mail returns showed that more than a few like to play with the things. . . or maybe an unsolved problem worries some of our intellectual slip-stick artists.

Anyway, here's a trouble-maker for the 1,00 horse power minds and the math department:

If a ship is twice as old as its boiler was when the ship was as old as the boiler is now, and the present total age of ship and boiler is 49 years, how old is each?

If you think you're the man the math department says most of us aren't, send the answer to Backwash, Box 2094. . . we'll let you know how much you missed it later. . .

### Fickle Fate . . .

. . . the double-crossing dame who so often slips up behind and calmly cuts our throats, dealt the well-known "palooka" to an unnamed lad this week.

In the early part of this week, Aggie John Doe curiously and very suddenly was stricken with Quizitis, the baffling ailment that forever puzzles our finest medico. . . Obviously, the only thing he could do was go to the hospital and become "ward 4, bed 7" for the usual (if you're lucky) two or three days.

But John is a humane soul, so instead of worrying the doctors by telling them his true trouble, he sniply complained of stomach trouble—"bellyache" to the pheasants. Then arose a problem: he was put on a strict diet of "big, lovely glass of peach juice—three times a day."

Good old peach juice. We all like peach juice. . . but John drank so much his mouth was getting fuzzy. So when his roomie dropped by for a chat, John, with the aid of a half-nelson, persuaded him to trip to the gate and bring some food—quick! Roomie dutifully did the errand which was to save John from the squirrels. . . he brought back the food—ice cream. . . Good ol' PEACH ice cream.

They say John has left us now for a place where it's quiet and they

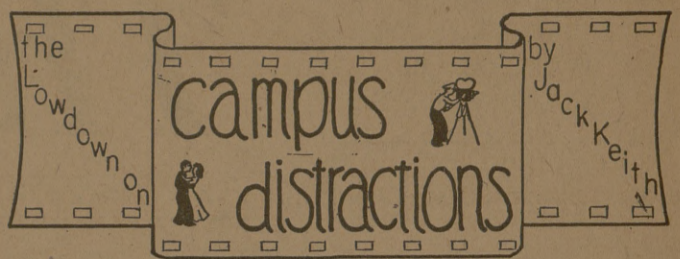
Three Cornell University scientists report a new method to retain the full vitamin C content of pasteurized milk by taking the air out of it. A quart of de-aerated pasteurized milk has a vitamin C content to a whole orange. Vitamin C loss in ordinary pasteurized milk makes a quart equivalent to a slice of orange.

### WHAT'S SHOWING

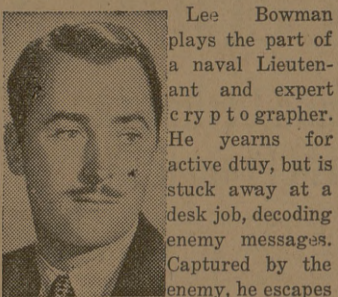
At Guion Hall  
Saturday—"Pacific Rendezvous", with Lee Bowman and Jean Rogers.

At The Campus  
Saturday—"Footlight Serenade", with Betty Grable, John Payne, and Victor Mature.

Saturday Midnight —  
"Flight Lieutenant", with Pat O'Brien and Glenn Ford.



Timeliness is the best characteristic which "PACIFIC RENDEZVOUS", showing today at Guion Hall, can claim. Lee Bowman and Jean Rogers are doubtless capable of much better parts than those in which they have been cast this time.



Lee Bowman plays the part of a naval Lieutenant and expert cryptographer.

He years for active duty, but is stuck away at a desk job, decoding enemy messages. Captured by the enemy, he escapes in time to save his life, his girl and his nation.

Jean Rogers, as the young lieutenant's girl friend, is good in her part but she could have done better with better material to work with. Mona Maris, Carl Esmond and Blanche Yurka, enemy spies, are so obvious that the picture approaches ridiculousness.

The Lowdown:—baloney! Despite its name, "FLIGHT LIEUTENANT" is not an action filled picture of planes, air fights and pilots. Aviation scenes are mostly of aircraft with backgrounds of airfields. With this as an atmosphere, a story of paternal love is told in an interesting manner.

Pat O'Brien is in the leading role as the aviator who got drunk and caused a crash in which his co-pilot was killed. His license fly taken away from him, he spends his time barnstorming in Guiana to support his son and to make a gentleman and crack pilot of this son. According to the stan-

dard plot, the boy (Glenn Ford) falls in love with the daughter of the man whom O'Brien had caused to die in the airplane crash.

The course of events leads one to believe that the only way out is for O'Brien to get killed and that's exactly what happened. Before he meets his death though, he manages to deliver valuable information to the government, making him a martyr to two causes.

The Lowdown:—insane but interesting.

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