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Extra Holidays

Many times some of us think that the executives that run A. & M. College fail to consider all the facts when they set down their dicta governing the college operation. However, the action by the academic council yesterday extending the Thanksgiving holidays to four days, is indeed commendable and proves that those officials really do hold the best interests of the corps uppermost in their

To show that we do appreciate their action in letting us get home before the gasrationing gets into effect, it will be up to us to make up those classes we missed on the next three Saturdays without any groan-ing. Lets get in there Ole Army, and show the officials that we do appreciate what they are doing for us.

Fear may force a man to cast beyond the moon.—John Heywood.

Harder Collegians

University of Michigan students have improved their physical fitness by at least 20 per cent with completion of one term of the institution's compulsory "hardening" course, it is reported in a survey just completed by the university department fo physical education and athletics.

Recently made compulsory for every male student on the campus, the program consists of four and a half hours each week of supervised calisthenics, obstacle racing, mass combat activities, rough and tumble drills and competitive activities. Tests given more than 1,000 men at the beginning and end of the course indicate they have changed their physical condition from "unsatisfactory" to "satisfactory."

Physical ability of the average man enrolled in the course improved by not less than 20 per cent during the term. Tests on which the progress report is based include pull-ups, push-ups, right and left hand grip, 440-yard run, 60-yard dash and vertical and broad

"Before and after" achievements of the average student revealed the following gains: pull-ups, 7.45 to 10.20; push-ups, 15.93 to 21.18; right grip, 56.77 to 59.86 kilograms; left grip, 53.43 to 55.67 kilograms; 440-yard run, 74.05 to 68.30 seconds; 60-yard dash, 8.03 to 7.92 seconds; vertical jump, 19.52 to 20.25 inches; and broad jump, 91.64 to 92.01

The report points out that major gains are shown in those events which place heavy demands upon "physical condition" (pull-ups, push-ups and the 440-yard run), while minor changes are shown in those activities which place a higher premium upon "non-endurance and explosive power" (strength of grip, 60-yard dash and the vertical and broad

The report also shows that the amount of gain was directly proportional to the amount of time spent in the conditioning course. While most students spent the full four and a half hours each week, a group of 262 ROTC students were enrolled for only three hours per week. Comparative tests indicate these students gained less than 70 per cent as much as the others. Evidence that the whole, rather than merely a fraction, of the group had gained is provided by the report, 90 per cent of the test records representing individual improvement.

A careful check on attitudes of the students was kept throughout the term. While never less than 70 per cent liked the course and never more than 16 per cent disliked it, the report indicates the matter of proper attitude is important in producing results. The small group which disliked the course gained only 18.2 per cent as much as those who enjoyed the program.

Fools make the banquets and wise men enjoy them .- John Florio.

Man wants but little, nor that little long .- Young.

How that red rain hath made the harvest grow .- Byron.

Open Forum

It has been my displeasure, as well as several of yours also, I'm sure, to go to some Dean's or Professor's office for a short visit. Perhaps after waiting in line a few or even several minutes for the students who are ahead in line, in walks some outsider who also desires to see the same person on whom you have been waiting to see for several minutes. And who gets to see the Dean or Professor next? The student does, of course, after the outsider has already been granted permission first. Maybe that is the way it should be done, but it doesn't seem fair to we students.

Why can't certain hours be arranged for students and certain hours for outsiders if such conditions as these continue to exist? L. B. Tennison, Jr., '43

This Collegiate World

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Herbs and medicinal plants, including belladonna, hendane, digitalis, and many others which contain drugs and medicines essential to the war effort, are being produced on the Montana State University campus. This project being carried on by the School of Pharmacy of the university is the only one of its kind in the northwest.

Using WPA and university funds, Professor C. E. Mollett, dean of the school of pharmacy, and other memebrs of the pharmacy school staff began last summer the cultivation of many native and foreign plants which produce vital medicinal extracts. The plants are being developed in the pharmacy drug garden which Dean Mollett started in 1914 in forestry school nursery plots.

Purposes of the project are to ascertain The white flag that is so beauticially; I am a different kind of Brings Warning ther such drugs can be produced in comfully gracing the flagpole in front engineer." "I do not understand." whether such drugs can be produced in com-fully gracing the flagpole in front engineer." "I do not understand," mercial quantities in this area, to estimate of the Administration building and said St. Peter; "what on Earth do the drug-content of cultivated plants and to which threw the fish into such a you do?" The engineer recalled a To Texas Nimrods produce seed which will be available to Mon- furor yesterday morning with its definition and calmly replied: "I tana farmers for such cultivation.

A program to "scrap out" idle scientific abil- o'clock by some Rice boys who left sounded meaningless to St. Peter, Department urges caution in hanity and put it to work directing segments on the 7:54 Sunbeam . . . Rumor and his temper got the best of him. dling fire arms. More than 200 of war research problems in laboratories of had it they also broke into the "Young man," he said, "you can go Texans were killed in 1941 as a smaller colleges has been initiated by the trophy case and took the dilapidat- to Hell with your mathematical result of carelessness in handling American Chemical Society, which comprises ed little white owl, but this isn't principles and try your hand on guns, and at this time when hu-32,000 members, it is announced by Dr. so. The case was neither broken, some of the natural forces there!" man lives are being snuffed out in Charles L. Parsons, sercetary of the society. nor did the owl disappear perma- "That suits me," responded the en-

Unused talents of retired directors of nently. research from the universities and industry Although the fish and frogs were where there is a tough job to important that we should conserve will be meshed with departments of chem-fightin' mad, they probably don't tackle." Whereupon he departed human lives on the home front. istry in institutions where staffs are not know what happened last year here for the Nether Regions. sufficiently large or well equipped to carry and on the Rice campus. That year And it came to pass that strange on research alone. The plan will be executed the case was broken, the owl stol- reports began to reach St. Peter. of this particular food, there is a under direction of a committee headed by en, and rice grains left in its place. The Celestial denizens, who had possibility of more hunters going Dr. J. Sam Guy, chairman of the chemistry Several brave Aggies got their amused themselves in the past by department at Emory University, Atlanta, heads shaved in an attempt to re-looking down upon the less fortu-

On the committee are Dr. William Lloyd that an official apology and return menced asking for transfers to that waste of human lives caused by Evans, Ohio State University; Dr. Samuel of the owl was made by Rice offi-other domain. The sounds of agony C. Lind, University of Minnesota; Dr. How- gies placed an Aggie sign on the and suffering were stilled. Many ard H. Willard, University of Michigan; Dr. Rice flagpole, cut the ropes and new arrivals, after seeing both E. Emmett Reid, professor emeritus, John then greased the pole. All efforts places, selected the Nether Region Hopkins University; Dr. B. Smith Hopkins, to get rid of it failed-including for their permanent abode. Puzzled, the lessons of safety which will professor Emeritus, University of Illinois those of a professional steeple- St. Peter sent messengers to visit prevent this needless and shocking and discoverer of the element illinium; and jack. Finally, shotguns were em- Hell and to report back to him. waste."

chemical research ability to be sitting haven't got a great deal of kick "That engineer you sent down around," Dr. Guy declares. "Every man able coming.

While hunting be sure to be sitting haven't got a great deal of kick there," said the messengers, "has the messengers, "h and at it. Every college teacher, every able owl into the Commandant's office so that you would not know it now. to fire. Never shoot without seeing college student can do his bit. It is the func- for safe keeping. tion of our committee to get these forces Late Note-Fire Chief F. B. naces for light and power. He has through a fence carrying a loaded

"Many universities and industries have a definite policy of retiring employes building at exactly 4:25 yesterday the Lakes of Brimstone and has the ground or wounded game with at an age of approximately 65 years. These afternoon. The flag was immedifilled the air with cool perfumed the butt of a loaded gun. Never emeritus chemists have a vast store of in- ately taken into custody by the breezes. He has flung bridges scuffle while holding a loaded gun formation and inspiration which should not commandant's office to be exam- across the Bottomless Abyss and or point it at a person "for fun." be lost at a time when the nation requires ined for laundry-marks in an ef- has bored tunnels through the Ob- Always unload a gun before atscientific research almost more than any- fort to trace the culprits responsi- sidian Cliffs. He has created paved tempting to clean it. Always un- IACK OAKIE, SAMMY KAYE AND HIS ORCHESTRA thing else.

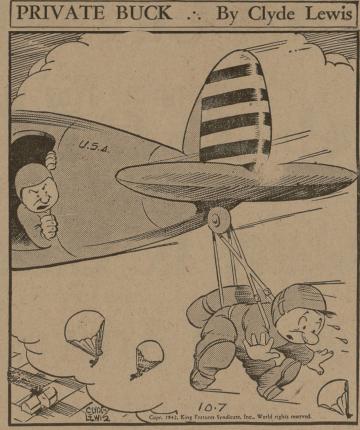
"There are also active directors of re- ed a 7-hour attempt to climb the grounds, lakes, rivers and beauti- the home. All guns should be caresearch who are eger to spread their influence pole. beyond their individual laboratories. These men have numbers of problems, all a part Long, But Good Bull! Hell and has made of it a realm of of one large scheme of research, which they would be glad to farm out to colleges where some wide-awake student of the upper classes would be interested. The problems are not doctor and an engineer, appeared Sweepings . . . quite large enough for a doctor's thesis but before St. Peter as he stood guardstill offer a challenge to men in their senior ing the Pearly Gates.

Quotable Quotes

"Our enemies are attacking us with two recover, the lawyer quickly handed in bad shape . . . Shall we tell them types of weapon—on the one hand, with guns him a writ of mandamus, pushed the truth? and tanks, with planes and ships; on the him aside, and strode through the Word has just been received other, with the no less powerful weapon of open Portals.

from the public relations office at propaganda. Goebbels, the Nazi minister of Next came the doctor. With im- Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, that propaganda, has contributed as much to pressive, dignified bearing, he in. Lt. Vic Myers "was a member of German victories as have the planes of troduced himself: "I am Dr. Phi Zeta Gamma" fraternity while Goering . . . Without propaganda Hitler Brown." St. Peter received him a student at A. & M.!" I'm a frat could never have come to power; without it cordially. "I feel I know you, Dr. boy myself-Phelta Thi, or did you he could never have created the most power- Brown. Many who preceded you know we had them! . . . Then there ful army the world has ever known; with- said you sent them here. Welcome is the headline in the Dallas Mornout it this army could never have won its to our city." most spectacular victories."—Dr. Theodore The engineer, modest and diffi- said, "Jap Sub Chases American M. Greene, professor of philosophy and chair- dent, had been standing in the back- Woman Clear Across the Pacific." man of the divisional program in the humani- ground. He now stepped forward. No comment. ties at Princeton University, believes that to "I am looking for a job," he said. defeat Hitler America must discover and use St. Peter wearily shook his head. Filmatically Speaking the democratic equivalent of Nazi propagan- "I am sorry," he replied; "we have

"Education must support democracy, and at response sounded familiar to the on the campus in a day or two to the same time democracy must continue to engineer, and made him feel more play the second female part in the maintain education. Our first task is to win at home. "Very well," he said; "I Aggie picture, attended the Cotton the war, but the maintaining of educational have had Hell all my life and I Ball here in 1936 as an Aggie's facilities, while secondary to victory, is sec- guess I can stand it better than date—she had no movie contract ondary to nothing else." Dr. B. F. Pettinger, the others." St. Peter was puzzled, then, but she was good-looking education dean at the University of Texas, "Look here, young man, what are enough to be chosen one of the cautions against relegating education to the you?" "I am an engineer," was eight Vanity Fair beauties for the



"How many times have I told you not to wear suspenders when you jump?"

Jack Hood

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

By John Holman

Dr. Stuart R. Brinkley, Yale University. ployed and the flag was shot down They returned, all excited, and re"This is no time for any idle "scrap" in off the pole . . . therefore we ported to St. Peter:

The Engineer—A Parable One day three men, a lawyer, a

the reply. "Oh yes," said St. Peter; 1937 Longhorn.

"Do you belong to the Locomotive Brotherhood?" "No, I am sorry," Hunting Season About That Flag . . . Brothernood: 100, 2 and the Engineer responded apologet inscription, "Rice Owls," was placed apply mathematical principles to there Thursday night about 7 the control of natural forces." This proaches, the Texas State Health gineer, "I am always glad to know tire world, it is more than ever

cover it, and the case became such nate creatures in the inferno, com-

there," said the messengers, "has loaded gun is on safety until ready sent down there has gone through the reach of small children. happiness, peace and industry!"-From A. I. E. E. Journal.

. Dub Sibley was the only cas-The first man to step forward ualty on the Aggie list from the was the lawyer. With confidence SMU game last week. Texas Uniand assurance, he proceeded to de- versity's Daily Texan came out liver an eloquet address which left with the report that we are won-St. Peter dazed and bewildered, dering who we are going to play Before the venerable Saint could against Rice, that the Aggies were

ing News day before yesterday that

no work here for you. If you want Martha O'Driscoll, rising young a job, you can go to Hell." This Hollywood starlet who will arrive



in store for tonight.

Beginning 'way down South Main Googie Withers. Hill's Night Spot. Up town, among against the Japs. others, there are the Rice Hotel It all takes place before Pearl

game to dance all night, several attempted hari-gari of the Panama

As the hunting season ap-

With the inauguration of meat rationing and the reduced supply into the field than has been the

"It is not enough to deplore the the careless handling of fire arms, asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "we should learn from the deaths of these victims

The State Department of Health suggests the following safety sug-

He has harnessed the Fiery Fur- your target clearly. Never crawl Brown took the Rice flag from the cooled the entire place with artification. If hunting with a companion Go In 9:30—See Both Shows . . pole in front of the Administration cial refrigeration. He has drained stay close to him. Do not strike ble. Removal of the flag culminat- streets, gardens, parks and play. load guns before taking them into ful waterfalls. That engineer you fully put away in the home out of

Ordinarily, this column must be State Theater offers "ONE OF written at least sixteen hours be- OUR AIRCRAFT IS MISSING", fore the paper is delivered, but a melodrama dealing with the estoday it is being written two days cape to England of a crew of six ahead of time. Yours truly is leav- RAF flyers from the Wellington ing for Houston very shortly. For bomber "Bertie," abandoned when those who have followed and are disabled in a raid on Stuutgart. following the team down to the In- Landing in the Dutch countryside, stitoot campus today, we offer a they are fed, clothed and aided in summary of Houston's distractions escape by the natives. Cast includes Hugh Williams, Eric Portman and

and working up, there's the Plant- The Lowdown- very British, ation, with Bobby Peters and his very realistic, very entertaining. band holding sway. This will pro- Mary Astor, Humphey Bogart cobably be the main Aggie enter- star in "ACROSS THE PACIFIC", tainment headquarters. Other Ag- scheduled to show at the Majestic gie favorites are the Ranch Club, this weekend. Leading off in the the Cotton Club, the High Hat (we first half with plenty of humor hear that this is where all the Uni- and smart dialogue, "Across the versity of Houston Hi-Pockets Pacific" ends up as a melodramatic hang out), Abe's and Pappy's and presentation of Bogart in action

Empire Room and the Aragon Club Harbor when there were plenty of with music and song for your danc- suspicions about the Japs. So Captain Bogart is "dishonorably" dis-If your date is too tired from charged from the army to track standing up all afternoon at the down the master minds behind the good shows are playing. Loew's Canal. Miss Astor's presence, up until the end, has many mysterious leanings, but it later develops she is on her way to visit her father, a plantation owner in Cristobal, seized by the Jap master minds as a base for fulfilling their plot.

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