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## Get Hep or Get Out

Once upon a time, not so long ago, a freshman entered this university, ostensibly for the purpose of study. But this freshman was not very interested in an education; his aim was to cut himself free from as much study as possible. After standing in line for hours during registration, tossing a coin to decide his subjects, and paying his bill, the freshman bought a couple of books and floated down the hill for cokes and all the pleasure that college life offers. His books, and his seat in class meanwhile, slowly gathered dust.

This freshman, as you must see, was not college material. That he was in a university at all was a memento of the fact that he was one of fortunate few who make up the "haves." Part of his "having" was the right to a college education, and he was "having" even though education was being forced down his throat with a silver spoon. All upper-classmen, of course, know this freshman and too, too many of his kind.

But this is AMERICA, we explain easily. This is Maryland, a state college, an institution of the people . . . anyone can come to Maryland.

It is time we stop kidding ourselves; education for a great many years has been based too much on a monetary basis. A noted columnist, Walter Lippman, posed this problem some weeks ago when he asked "Do Dollar Signs Govern Our Educational System?" Lippman suggested governmental appropriations to see that real leaders, thinkers among our youth, receive a college education, and that fine citizens were not deprived of education by monetary values.

Conditions have changed a little lately. The war is grimmer, closer to home. Booming war industries, skyrocketing wages have sent young students into college as freshmen who formerly would not have been able to attend. While the dollar sign is still around our educational system, tinkling cash registers are outringing it.

Universities have found that they cannot do business as usual. Education must keep up with the times. Courses are revised.

It is now time that students realize that they also must not expect business as usual. The "haves" had better realize that education better mean something to them. The "have nots" who have been given a chance to go to college must make the best of this chance. For the men at least, going to college is like entering the services. The government still considers college education worthy, and while the enlisted reserves still function, all of us had better make the best use of our opportunity.

"Dollar sign" education or not, we who are the "haves" in education had better start fighting a winning war on the educational fronts, or we will be immediately fighting an actual war. A slogan for the wartime college man might well read: GET HEP, OR GET OUT—The Maryland Diamondback.—ACP

## Aggie Cryptogram

(The following cryptogram was enciphered by taking a plain-text quotation dealing with Aggie and dividing it into groups of five letters, then arranging each of these groups alphabetically.)

Today's Aggie Cryptogram  
CIOTV FORTY AEGHT EGIS EHINR  
AFINR FLOOT ABGILL AEFMO EEHTY  
AR.

Thursday's solution:  
THE AGGIES INVADE ALAMO CITY  
SATURDAY.

## Quotable Quotes

"The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy desire to make their position clear with respect to this matter of continuance of college education. They are convinced that able-bodied young men and women must and will be controlled in their decisions solely by what appears to each to be his duty in helping to win this war. They are further satis-

## From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

### NOTES ON WAR

WASHINGTON — (ACP) — Congress has passed no legislation ordering colleges to give students pre-military training. Nor is there a Student Army Training Corps as in the last war. Yet . . .

Many colleges report that 70 to 90 per cent of their students are enrolled in one or another branch of the military forces. The army expects to get about a third of its officers from college campuses. Colleges themselves will train about 250,000 men this academic year for the Student Enlisted Reserve Corps, the army and navy ROTC. Another 250,000 will be sent from the services to colleges for specialized training.

Besides that, 50,000 men now in uniform will receive instruction through army correspondence courses offered by 77 colleges. Furthermore, some 800,000 men and women will receive training this year, in 250 colleges and universities, for technical work in war plants. All in all, 1,300,000 men and women will be provided the use of college facilities so that they may take an active part in prosecuting the war—either in combat service or in industry.

Despite the fact that regular student enrollment has dropped, colleges throughout the nation are cham-packed with the greatest assemblage of men and women ever gathered on their collective campuses. That's not a bad war record.

### FOOTNOTES ON WAR

Harvard has a one-month course for army chaplains. Some 300 men of all creeds and sects attend classes at the old university.

The lid is being clamped down even harder in Norway. No church hymns may be sung which contain the word "Devil" because Quislings believe the reference is to Nazis, a logical enough assumption on his part.

Another decree imposes the death sentence upon Norwegians who enter or leave occupied territory without permission and who listen to forbidden broadcasts. "Forbidden" are all those other than Nazi and Nazi-controlled broadcasts.

A recent release of the government's Office of War Information notes that "a critical situation confronts every woman who cooks with gas." It seems that if she doesn't conserve it, there soon may be no more gas to cook with. Pressed for an interpretation, officials admitted that you might take a woman's gas from her, but you'd never keep her from cooking with it. Correspondents were glad to have that one straightened out.

### EDUCATION ELSEWHERE

Going into effect at once is a Vichy order for all French schools to put German down as a "must" course. Until now students could choose between English and German.

A student at Christian College in Bergen, Norway, wrote a paper in which he referred to the words in John's Gospel, "The son shall make you free." The Nazis confiscated the paper because they believed it was a reference to the Crown Prince Olav. That world "free" has always been a stickler for Adolph.

## This Collegiate World

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When the cheerleader pleads hoarsely for a "Fight, fight, Siwash!" and then does a cartwheel through the rain, don't question his intelligence—he's probably a little brighter than the average.

That's the finding of a survey conducted at Colgate University. The investigation was aimed at determining what relationship, if any, existed between intelligence of Colgate seniors and participation in extra-curricular activities.

The results throw a little cold water on the "big campus man," the fellow who belongs to all the clubs and appears at least a half-dozen times in the group pictures in his class yearbook. Statistics show it's not the fact that he participates, but that he takes part in—that gives a clue to his gray matter. And as for the meek little student whose name never appears on a committee, he's 3 per cent smarter than the average. Long suspected, the fact was established that the varsity letter for skill in major sports usually adorns a strong back and an I.Q. 11 per cent below average.

The survey revealed that 30 per cent of the nearly 800 seniors engaged in no extra-curricular activities. The most intelligent group, 16 per cent above the average, worked on student publications. Ratings for men participating in social, religious, dramatic, musical, managerial and cheerleading activities were found to be "slightly above average."

Men in the student government were second only to those men on publications.

fied that the college must and will be similarly guided in their action. Colleges have a definite educational function to perform in war as well as in peace, but it is somewhat different. Men who accept the opportunity of enlistment in the army or navy reserve and who conscientiously devote their efforts in college in the manner indicated, and those teachers in the colleges who are necessary for the education of these men, may feel absurd that they are doing the jobs their country wants them to do and are performing their full duty in the war effort." An Army and Navy joint release to the press defines the official attitude toward colleges.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Boy, I'm glad I'm not as dumb as some of these soldiers they draw in the comics!"

## BACKWASH

By Jack Wood

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

By John Holman

### Spy Story . . .

No rumor is the spy story being told around E Infantry these days.

Seems as though some E Co. boy was coming back to school on the bus about two weeks ago when an air corps second-lieut carrying a .45 on his hip struck up a conversation with him. The supposed officer said that he was on a secret government mission and was on his way to Florida, and that he wanted to send a coded message but didn't know where he could do it without arousing suspicion. Somehow or another the conversation got on Aggie land, and the Aggie suggested to the lieut that he spend a day or two on the campus, explaining that there were plenty of vacant rooms in number 7. The officer said okay, so he spent Sunday night and part of Monday. He bulled around with the boys in E company while here, then left for Houston, supposedly on his way to Florida. Upon arriving at Houston, he was promptly picked up by the FBI and exposed.

Incidentally, the reason for that Indian reservation is because the army took over a big Oklahoma reservation and are sending the Indians down here.

Also just a rumor is that one about Longley having the Longhorn out on time. (I know the Batt Magazine won't be, Johnnie, so don't say anything!)

### Rumor Dept:

Here are the best rumors of the week—all of which are, of course, not true in any shape, form or fashion.

### WAACs . . .

Some digging that is being done behind the petroleum building is work on the foundations for a new dormitory for 400 WAACs, who are supposed to arrive on the campus today noon. They will be temporarily housed in Austin hall until the new hall is completed.

### Submarines . . .

Then there is the one about the college buying a new dredge, supposedly to dig out the Brazos river for a submarine base. Incidentally, that sub that was seen cruising under the Caldwell highway bridge

### —SCIENCE—

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of the Texas Academy of Science which was held at College Station. The delay in announcing the winners of this contest has been due to a provision of the contest which requires the judges to evaluate the manuscripts as well as the presentation. Attention is being called to the fact that it is not too early for members of local clubs to begin work on papers to be submitted in the semesters ahead. The Texas Academy is scheduled to meet at the Texas University next fall, and papers presented at the United Science Club contest may be reworked and represented at that time.

Dr. C. C. Doak, sponsor of the United Science Clubs, has received a letter from J. Edward Pendray, assistant to the president of Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing company assuring support of the company for the awards promised by Smith. In asking for details, Pendray's letter calls attention to the fact that his company is interested in stimulating research and scientific education throughout the nation and supports a number of other agencies besides those mentioned above.

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was torpedoed by an American destroyer about two miles below the bridge. No survivors or first hand witnesses, and the destroyer has already gone back to sea.

### Indians . . .

Almost as tall is the one about the Aggie campus being turned into an Indian reservation after the war. What are they going to do with us?

### Infantry . . .

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### —RIFLE TEAM—

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are fired on the home range of the teams under the supervision of some school official. The scores are then exchanged and the winner announced. Also the team competes in several shoulder-to-shoulder matches with teams such as the Texas Highway Patrol Pistol Team, the Houston Bayou Pistol Team, the Austin City Police Team, the Dallas Civilian Team, and many others. The team so far this year has not fired any pistol matches, but the prospects of a very good season are bright with the three outstanding lettermen—Team Captain Russell Cook, Sec. Treas. Robert Cox, and N. Mansfield—on the squad. Coach of the team at the beginning of the season was Lt. L. J. Lejkovsky. As he was ordered away in September, Lt. Richards is at present coaching the squad. Varsity members of the team include: Captain Cook, Robert Cox, N. Mansfield, W. T. Jones, R. Grady, Larry Ferguson, and G. M. Turner.

### —CHURCHES—

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Not since "Anthony Adverse" in this second attempt. The first has Hollywood massed so many emphasizes music and dancing, well-known players in one picture as are in "King's Row," showing at Guion Hall today and Monday.

Besides that Texas "oomph" gal, Ann Sheridan, the line-up includes Ronald Reagan, Robert Cummings, Betty Field, Charles Coburn, Claude Rains, Nancy Coleman, and Keren Verne. Sixty-seven speaking parts is the amazing total in this movie.

"Kings Row" is a story of two boys, one the best-behaved boy in the little town of Kings Row, the other the bad boy of the town. The good one, Robert Cummings, studies medicine and after his love for his teacher's daughter is thwarted by her death, goes to Vienna to study. Meanwhile, Ronald Reagan as the town's ne'er-do-well is also turned down by the girl he loves and so he starts going with the girl from "the other side of the tracks," Ann Sheridan. Losing his fortune, Reagan takes a job on the railroad, is hurt in an accident, and consequently loses both legs because of a revengeful doctor's actions. This leaves him in a state of hopelessness and he loses all desire to live. His friend, now a noted psychiatrist, returns from abroad and practices his knowledge of the human mind on Reagan, inducing him to marry Ann and set himself up in business. He too finds a new love and happiness in Kings Row.

"Kings Row" is a masterpiece of good acting and emotional appeal. It's story is a human one and is so realistically portrayed that it is sure to interest any adult audience. Perhaps the only thing of the movie that might be considered a drawback is the fact that the great number of characters make it slightly confusing at times.

The Lowdown—Class "A" in every respect. Along the lines of "You'll Never Get Rich," in which Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth were together for the first time, is "YOU WERE NEVER LOVLIER," slated to show at midnight tonight at the Campus. Fans who remember the first are likely to be slightly disappointed.

sey, Sam Rosenstein, Billy Noah, Bob McFall, L. D. Housewright, Wayne Rosenberg, Oscar Schuchart, Rex Colwick, Alanson Brown, and Lamar Haines.

Personal interviews may be arranged by Aggies with these various visiting church leaders by calling at the Interview Desk in the YMCA, by seeing the members of the Inter-Church Council, or by seeing the individual leaders themselves.

Light for Powder Magazines Designed  
A portable battery-operated floodlight has been announced by the Illuminating Laboratory of the General Electric Company especially for combustible areas which cannot have installed lighting. This unit is intended for use in such places as powder igloo interiors, powder magazines, freight car and warehouse interiors containing combustibles, and during blackouts and other emergencies.

The floodlight consists of a small steel box with a special dust- and vapor-proof lamp housing mounted on a bracket to allow pointing in any desired direction. A high-efficiency glass reflector, combined with pre-focus positioning of the unit's 50-candlepower concentrated-filament type bulb and a diffusive lens, gives a powerful medium-angle floodlighting distribution.

A 5-cell storage battery with non-spill valves is housed in the box. Quick exchange of discharged for charged batteries is made through a polarized connector permanently wired to the battery terminals. Normal burning time for the unit is approximately 10 hours.

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### WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus  
Saturday—"Wake Island" starring Brian Donlevy.  
Midnight and Sunday, Monday—"You Were Never Lovlier," with Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth.

At Guion Hall  
Saturday, Monday—"Kings Row," with Ann Sheridan and Ronald Reagan.



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