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This Collegiate World

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The women's service corps, newly organized military class for co-eds, walked off with the honors at the final ROTC dress parade of the fall semester, competing with men.

Making their first appearance—wearing raincoats and saddle shoes and anklets because their uniforms hadn't yet arrived—the 73 girls now training in the corps scored 52 out of a possible 60 points.

Units were graded on halting and dressing on the line when first coming on the drill field, steadiness in ranks, alignment of companies while passing in review and keeping in step.

In winning the parade, the WSC's instructed by Lieutenant Richard Ellis outpointed one signal company, four engineer companies and nine infantry companies.

Physical conditioning is combined with practical training in woodcraft in a course given at the University of Michigan by the school of forestry and the department of physical education and athletics.

Through field trips, seminars and instruction in wrestling holds and judo blows, the course is designed to help students acquire sound judgment in coping with situations encountered in out-of-doors life. The knowledge thus gained is useful to the student whether he serves in the armed forces or joins field expeditions to any part of the globe.

Fundamentals of out-of-door life are stressed with emphasis on preparation of nourishing meals, proper technique of setting up camp, how to detect edible plants and catch wild animals which may be eaten in emergencies, and sufficient knowledge of scouting to enable students to keep on a proper course through use of the compass, landmarks, rough maps and bearings taken on the sun and stars.

Safe ways of crossing bottomless muskogs and bogs, proper handling of canoes, small boats and rafts plus training in protection against injuries, disease, insect and reptiles also are important features of the course. Self-defense and speedy ways of dispatching an adversary are learned from wrestling and judo.

The course developed from a non-credit seminar on personal care in the field given for forestry students by Dr. Samuel A. Graham and Dr. Earl C. O'Roke and a series of practical field exercises offered experimentally in the spring semester of the 1941-42 school year. With the advent of compulsory physical conditioning for all men students, the type of instruction won approval of the department of physical education and athletics as an alternative to the regular conditioning program. Popularity of the course, which has won attention from both the army and navy, has made it necessary to limit enrollment to 40.

Here's hoping this gets to Dad in the form of a bomb or part of a plane, because he will know what to do with it," William H. Kenney said as he added to the scrap pile on the University of Cincinnati campus.

His father is Major General George C. Kennedy, in command of the United Nations' air forces in the southwest Pacific. Young Kenney, pre-medical student, has been busy with scrap collecting. The university's pile to date weighs more than 150,000 pounds.

Aggie Cryptogram

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

Today's Aggie Cryptogram
AEGGI ELSST AAHV E HIT W
CHRS AMSTW IHOT AMOPP DEHNR.
—A. G. Wallace, 1st Hq. F. A.

Saturday's Solution
THE SINGING CADETS ARE SINGING
THEIR SONGS DEEP INTO THE
HEARTS OF TEXANS.

plete blackout of educational opportunity for college 'teen agers. Once they are in the army, these men, as well as all other 18 and 19 year olds who are drafted, will be eligible to take aptitude and intelligence tests to determine whether they may return to college for technical and scientific training.

Past education, apparently, will be considered in final selection of draftees who may return to college. Other criteria include "qualities of leadership, military ability and aptitude for more education" as reflected in examination results.

According to Representative Sparkman, Democrat, of Alabama, the army will send more men back to college than it actually needs for its own purposes. These extra men would be assigned to industrial jobs.

Sparkman points out that the army plan calls for training periods of varying length, from 9 to 27 months. Principal courses would be medical and pre-medical courses, engineering and science. Those college men whose abilities and interests lie in the arts, fine and otherwise, are going to be at a disadvantage.

Although there is some disagreement in Washington on the point, it appears that all of the young draftees will have to complete basic training before they may return to college. His financial status will have nothing whatever to do with whether a man is selected to return to college for training. Ironically, it takes the dictates of wartime logic to achieve a degree of democratic selection of those who should attend college.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"I carry this rock for the first 20 miles, Sarge, and then when I throw it away, you'd be surprised how much lighter my pack feels!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

By Nelson Karbach
Tragedy . . .

A Field Artillery freshman (name withheld by request) tells this sad tale which has a familiar ring to the rest of us Aggies . . . it seems that before he came to A. & M. he had a girl (one of those things). He said he was deeply in love with her, and she (supposedly) returned his feelings. School was starting and the prospect of tearing himself away from his ever-lovin' babe weighed heavily upon him.

Before he left, he passionately vowed that he would return every holiday and she told him to send her a telegram so she could meet him at the station. Finally Thanksgiving holidays came around and he took off like a sealed duck for Corsicana . . . and his girl. Getting off the train, he rushed to her house, only to find her courting up a storm with some other fellow. He told her what he thought of her and took the next train back to school.

That evening, having a severe case of the pinkus tucks, cornered him and said to him, "Say, listen, you've got to forgive your girl friend; I wrote her last week to tell her what I thought of her pulling a trick like that on you and she wrote back and said she never got your telegram!" . . . all we can say is that the poor fish will learn before long."

Armistice . . .

The recent controversy with TSCW over Clyde Franklin's article on the TSCW date bureau in the last Battalion mag has finally been called off. The two schools have (figuratively) kissed and made up. Cause of the truce was the decision of the editorial staff of the Battalion mag to run a monthly column about TSCW in the magazine. This column will be written, by Miss Ruth Ann (Lupe to the boys) Dowd, comely blode sophomore. (Lupe wrote the other half of the TSCW date bureau story). She will be the first member of the fairer sex to be on the Battalion staff in the history of the school. Say the editors, "The purpose of this column is to bring about closer understanding and more intimate relationship with TSCW." Field Artillery Sophomore Bill Murphy says he has laid claim to her—but that isn't stopping us! Her address is box 3226, TSCW Station, Denton, Texas.

Ex-Aggie . . .

The following is a letter received by C. M. Winkler on October 10, 1881 when he was a brand-new freshman. It was written to him by his father.

Tyler, Texas
Oct. 10, 1881

C. M. Winkler Junr.
College Station
Dear Son,

Your account of your quarters at the A. & M. as per your letter of the 4th is not a pleasant one. I hope that by this time you are better situated. You must not find wedding feasts at a college students hall. (Apparently Hotard was doing his dirty work then too.) Your Ma writes me she has sent you a box of something to eat so I hope you have filled your bread basket for once during the first week of your college life. You know you don't go there to eat.



Movie goers who enjoy technicolor musicals, will have the treat of their life when they see "MY GAL SAL." It's scheduled for a two-day run at Guion Hall today and tomorrow. Having played previously at the Campus, its popularity with the student body has warranted bringing it back for a re-showing.

In "My Gal Sal," Victor Mature plays a part entirely suited to his looks and manner. As Paul Dresser, composer of such tunes as "My Gal Sal," "On the Banks of the Wabash," Mature is arrogant, extravagant, vain and hardly admirable. In his business life and in his love life, he appears slightly detestable to the audience.

Rita Hayworth and Carole Landis play the feminine leads opposite Mature. Rita is less effective in this role than in some previous ones that she has handled, but with technicolor and those legs—my, my. Landis is very good as the show girl who befriends the young composer before he attains fame.

The plot starts with Dresser at his Indiana home, where he flees a tyrannical father and takes up with a crooked medicine man. Irate citizens tar and feather him after his boss leaves him holding the bag. He then joins another traveling show, is seen by New York stage star, Rita Hayworth, who laughs at his hickish behavior. Maddened by her laughs, he sets out to show Miss Smarty that she's not so smart after all. He does. In New York he finds Rita using one of his songs in his show, and from then on he composes one hit after another until finally—but that's the whole story.

The Lowdown—gay goings-on in the gay nineties.

Carole Landis also appears in another attraction today and tomorrow in "MANILA CALLING" at the Campus theater. Starting with a battle and ending with one, plus aerial bombardment, this is a fair program item after a routine fashion in which guerrilla warfare

(See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"Manila Calling," with Carole Landis and Lloyd Nolan.

At Guion Hall
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"My Gal Sal," with Victor Mature, Carole Landis and Rita Hayworth.

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Today's Election

Today once again the corps will go to the polls to select their choices for the many student positions on the campus. There will be races in which all classes of the school will be interested. Some are for the juniors alone, but other officers are chosen by the corps as a whole; so everybody including this year's graduating seniors will have the opportunity to vote.

Many do not realize the importance that the men who are elected today have in the activities of the school and the bearing they will have in the leadership of the corps. These men will occupy key positions and much will depend on their decisions in the offices they will occupy. Nobody doubts the importance of the positions.

It is your right and duty to participate in today's election and exercise another right which is a main characteristic of the democratic nations. Make your choice and vote for the man who you think is the best qualified and most efficient.

Don't fail to vote; boxes are in the rotunda of the Academic building; voting will take place from 9 until 6:30.

The Inter-Church Council

Another Religious Emphasis Week has past, and with it the many fine speakers and inspiring hours of worship. True, the meetings are over, but for a long time to come, every Aggie that attended any of these meets will remember them and what they mean to him.

We heard the speakers, we attended the meetings, but we haven't thought about the organization and administration of those meetings.

The unseen hand that guided the administration of this Religious Emphasis Week was the group of boys in the A.&M. Inter-Church Council. These boys, just twenty in all, did all of the organization and executive work necessary to make this Religious Emphasis Week a success.

To the boys whose names follow, members of the Inter-Church Council, we extend our congratulations for a very inspiring Religious Emphasis Week.

D. A. Treadwell, chairman; Tom Myers, Ross Lanier, Oran Jones, Sam Lewis, John Evans, C. E. Outterside, C. W. Anderson, Frank C. Bibbs, Charlie Thompson, Sam Rosenstein, Billy Noah, Bob McFall, L. D. Housewright, Wayne Rosenberg, Oscar Schuchart, Rex Colwick, Alanson Brown, Lamar Haines.

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

TEEN AGE DRAFT

As this is written the president is signing the 'teen age draft bill. Its impact will be felt at once by colleges and universities throughout the nation. About one-third of all male collegians are 18 or 19 years old. Prospects for these men sum up like this: Approximately 25 per cent probably won't be taken because of physical disabilities.

Those already enlisted in college reserve training courses won't be taken—they are already in the army, and apparently, passage of the bill won't appreciably affect their present status. The same goes for those in senior ROTC.

All other 18 and 19 year old college students are subject to draft call—and fast. It is estimated they will be inducted starting Jan. 1. For a time it appeared that 'teen age men already in college would be able to obtain deferment until July 1, 1943. That prospect is now out the window for college men, although high school students called up in the last half of this school year may request deferment in order to finish out their terms.

Enactment of the law will probably result in a hard drive by the navy to enlist 17 year olds, since army draft of the elder 'teen age youth will seriously cut into the navy man power potential—and the navy still insists upon voluntary enlistment.

ONLY A DIM OUT
Passage of the bill does not mean a com-

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D. M. DANSBY, '37

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and
THINK OF A PICTURE

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North Gate

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
WITH THESE GIFTS

WATCHES
DIAMONDS
RINGS
JEWELRY

VARNER'S
Bryan

With Santa Well On
His Way, May We
Take Time Out to
Wish You a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Campus

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TODAY - TOMORROW
DOUBLE FEATURE

MANILA CALLING
Lloyd Nolan - Carole Landis
Cornel Wilde - James Gleason

3:28 - 6:28 - 9:28

"Down
Mexico Way"
Gene Autry
Smiley Burnette
Fay McKenzie

2:10 - 5:10 - 8:10

Also
2-Reel Cartoon
"THE RAVEN"

Guion Hall

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Schedule

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Lana

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I'll find You*

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SCREEN SNAPSHOT
SLEEP WALKER