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## Thank You

For several years now, The Battalion has been privileged to have the help and cooperation of the faculty and other members of the college staff in filling the columns of the editorial page with thoughts both interesting and educational.  
It has been said that it takes all kinds to make up a world. This may be applied not only to persons but changed a bit to read "it takes all kinds of news to make a newspaper", and applied to The Battalion. Their faithful attention and interest in filling their columns with interesting opinions and views, sometimes humorous philosophy, and sometimes sound advice, has made them an asset to the Battalion and to the Aggies who followed their writings each day.  
These are possibly the few to whom the Battalion owes so much, and the student staff wants to thank Mr. W. L. Penberthy of the physical educational department; Dr. R. W. Steen, Dr. V. K. Sugareff, and Dr. A. B. Nelson of the history department; Dr. J. H. Quisenberry of the genetics department; Dr. A. F. Chalk, economics department; Dr. C. C. Doaks of the biology department; Dr. T. F. Mayo of the college library; and last but not least, Mrs. I. Sherwood, author of the Man, Your Manners column, for their splendid help and cooperation.

## This Collegiate World

At times the talk of college students in the halls and in rooming houses prove quite interesting and a bit disillusioning. Naturally, a large part of Joe College's conversation with classmates the familiar trend of the progress of the war.  
There seems to be a general feeling among the present crop of boys who frequent the college campuses that they are riding the high road to an early death. And even if the youngster is not unduly pessimistic, Latin, English, and zoology seem awfully trite in comparison to the incomparable adventures which accompany the donning of a uniform.  
Too, each youth not now in uniform secretly realizes that the good jobs after the war will go to the man who has helped on the front lines to openly repulse the enemy. One soldier soon after he was commissioned a second lieutenant, was heard to remark that he valued his bars more than his college degree. He was convinced that the commission would be of more value after the peace than the result of his four year's labor for a bachelor's.  
Then there is a feeling by many eighteen and nineteen year olds that this war is the biggest adventure of the century. It probably is. They feel that something of "once-in-a-life-time" variety is occurring and they are viewing it via letters from Pvt. Bill, lectures by history professors, the newspaper and the radio.  
Boys needn't believe that just because they are not in uniform now that they are about to miss the entire show. The first act of this super-thriller is still underway. And the head Allied coach has formulated definite plans for using all of his substitutes long before that final gun.  
Teachers are obviously having a difficult time in keeping students interested in training primarily for civilian life when military training seems so much more important.  
But even if this war lasts for years, there will be people who will emerge from it. The odds are in the soldier's favor that he will come back, despite the innumerable dangers of military life in the trenches. Of course, people will die. People are killed annually in appalling numbers in automobile accidents. Most men will be back. Then how can college students afford to waste valuable time now when they could be amply fitting themselves not only for war but for life?—Eastern (Ill.) Teachers News.

College Training Plans for Army, Navy Men  
As students left the nation's campuses for holidays at home, the Secretaries of War and Navy—with approval of Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt—announced the long-awaited college training program for service men and servicemen—to-be.  
Loose ends of the dual program still need to be tied together. For example, just

## From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

"Often during these long do-nothing days and nights my mind wanders back to those familiar faces and places which have been stamped into my mind my constant association. The college that stands like an anchor in a silent symphony of green, brown, and gold, the men who steer its course, the students who give it life—all a part of my life. It will never be the same, nor will I. This present phase seems like an interlude, a stormy one to be sure, between a past life that has ended and future one that I hope to build; an interlude that is fully dramatized by the two word date-line above (at sea)." Don H. Gannon, with a British army ambulance unit in Africa, writes his former college prexy, E. O. Holland of Washington State college.

Mark up another score for stiff exercise! University of Texas co-eds who took a "war-conditioning" physical training course showed an improvement of 24.69 per cent in total physical fitness, according to a survey of actual tests made at the beginning and end of the course.

Results of a battery of tests given to the co-eds have been analyzed by Miss Bertha Lee, who has written her thesis for the degree of master of education in physical education on this problem.

She found that the 94 girls who completed the course had: stabilized their weight perceptibly; improved their lung capacity 4.32 per cent, their army strength 36.87 per cent, chest strength 6.65 per cent, shoulder strength 4.47 per cent, abdominal strength 13.25 per cent, leg strength 29 per cent and agility 11 per cent.

A survey of the nation's universities and colleges shows a 9 1/2 per cent decline from a year ago in the number of full-time students.

The report, covering 667 approved institutions having 746,922 full-time students, was made by President Raymond Walters of the University of Cincinnati and was published in "School and Society," national education journal.

The University of California, with 18,364 full-time students, ranked highest in the nation. The University of Minnesota was second with 11,859, and the University of Illinois third, with 11,294.

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, noted physicist and head of the California Institute of Technology, predicts power obtained from atom never will displace that from oil and coal.

"The possible sources of atomic power are too small," he told students.

"So I make bold to predict oil and coal will continue as our principal fuels for the next 1,000 years. After oil and coal are gone we can get our power from the sun."

how men are to be chosen for the college work isn't yet clear.

Which colleges will be selected for training centers is another unanswered question, although secretary of Navy Knox has said "We will give special consideration to those (colleges) with meager financial resources whose existence is threatened by the war."

"Provided our production reaches the desired volume, the coming spring and early summer, if not sooner, will witness a gigantic Axis disaster by simultaneous attack from without and by revolution of the subjugated nations in Europe from within. The actual establishment of a second front on European soil may well be the signal of Nazi Germany's internal collapse and of the outbreak of European revolt of the nations against the Nazis." War analysis by Dr. Robert J. Kerner, professor of history, University of California.

As you've probably noticed, the Navy's plan for college training provides students more opportunity to complete their education does the Army plan.

The Army plan has been severely criticized by a number of leading educators. Dr. Harold W. Dodds of Princeton, Dr. Edmund E. Day of Cornell, and Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York university have said the Army's plan is inadequate. They believe it will disrupt special war training programs now in operation, and weaken colleges to boot.

President Kary T. Compton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology charged that the Army plan is "clumsy" and involves "unnecessary delays." He said that it fails to take advantage of existing facilities.

He pointed out that advanced students already enrolled in courses designed to meet Army needs would be called for basic military training, and that the new plan "suffles these students all together in a basic military program and then will try to unshuffle them so that the right ones can be sent back into technical training programs."

Enrollment at Catholic University of America has reached 1,875.

## 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.)

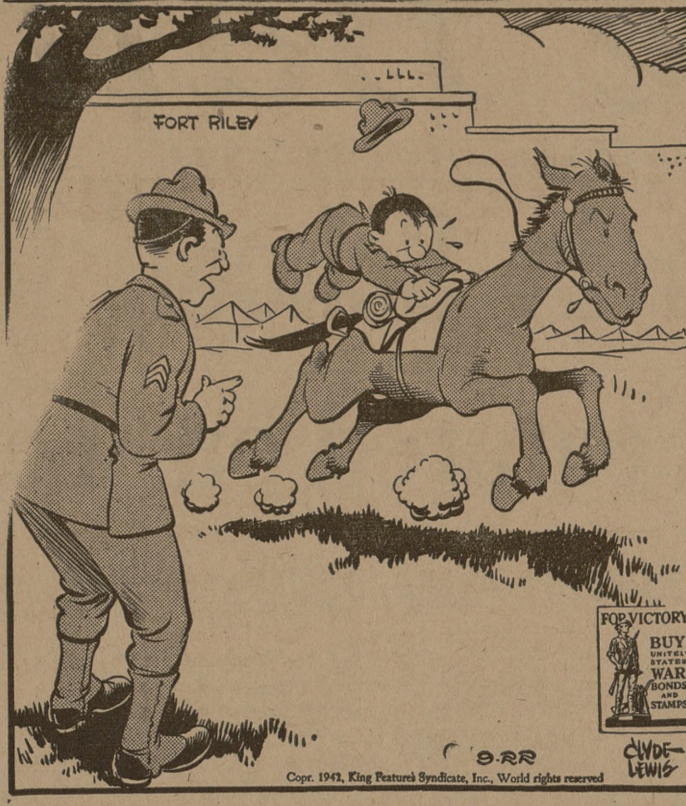
Today's Aggie Cryptogram

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H. Luther.

Saturday's Solution

THE MINIATURE RING IS VERY SWANKY.

## PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"All right, Buck, cut out th' trick riding. You're in the cavalry now, not the circus!"

## BACKWASH

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

### By John Holman Texas U. vs. ERC . . .

Headlines in the Daily Texan, T. U.'s daily newsmag, these days mostly concern such things as "Senior Reservists Called at End of Semester" and similar glaring banners. They are crying for degrees to be given the seniors if they are called out. Pipe this! The ground for their pleas is "holding that a sacrifice by the University of fifteen or less hours from the required scholastic standard is little as compared with the sacrifices we men are asked to make." Aren't they noble?

University Registrar Mathews is quoted as saying, "If I were a senior, I would stay in school until somebody in uniform got in my way and blocked my path." That sounds just like a registrar, doesn't it.

### A. & M. vs. ERC . . .

An Office of War Information pamphlet recently issued states definitely that 18 and 19-year-olds will be called out definitely beginning in January, but according to an Austin, Texas, newspaper this does not apply to enlisted reservists. Fortune magazine says that college students both in and out of the reserves have been "the chief victim of government wobbling and indecision." Backwash agrees. As the article further points out, what is a student to think with the President, General Hershey, other high government officials, college deans and presidents incessantly hammering at the kid that his place is in school. Then, the Army turns around, tells him the Army needs him, then takes him through the local draft board. If he joins a reserve, he's in the mess we are now in—decision and confusion as to what to do or expect.

### Laugh, Brother! . . .

With so much cussing and discussing of the government and ERC, it is nice to have a lighter side to the situation. The following poems were found on the blackboard of a second-floor of the Academic building.

My time is almost due.  
I hear them calling me.  
I'm feeling downright blue,  
—I joined the ERC.  
And this one:  
Today the Army's calling me,  
I guess I'll have to go.  
I'll tell my girl goodbye tonight,  
Great guns! I'm feeling low!

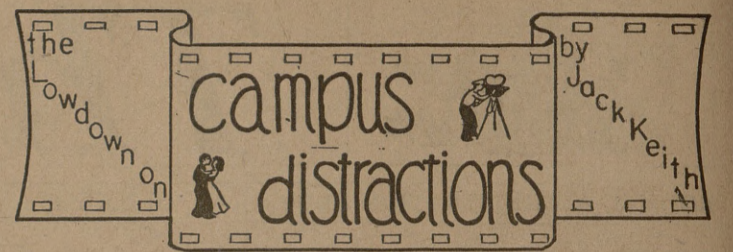
You have all seen these recruiting signs showing Uncle Sam pointing a mean finger at you with the caption, "Uncle Sam Wants You." Someone reproduced one on a blackboard, but crossed

### Charles Cunningham In Naval Air Corps

Charles Ray Cunningham has been selected for training as a Naval Aviation Cadet and will be ordered to active duty shortly.

Graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas, Texas, in 1941. Since that time he has been attending Texas A. & M. College.

When ordered to active duty, he will report to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, for three months of physical conditioning, instruction in naval essentials, military drill and ground school subjects.



On the Guion Hall double-feature screen today and tomorrow may be seen an oldie, but a goodie, with two of the favorite stars of a few years back—William Powell and Mary Astor, in "Kennel Murder Case." Though Powell is still a top-ranking star, the picture was made a few years ago and has that ancient look to it. It has the general stereotyped plot usually found in movie mystery stories, but is changed enough to give you many minutes of spine-tingling thrills. Bill Powell is at his usual best with his comedy-stuff, making the show laughable.

The Lowdown—Excellent, if you like Powell and Astor. Fair, if you don't.  
Number two feature on the program is also a class double "A" feature of last year, returned as a "B" attraction this year. It has its setting in the terrors that are the big city slums, and has the usual soft, romantic love scenes by Miss Priscilla Lane, starred with Richard Whorf, (a newcomer and an excellent actor) in "Blues in the Night." This show is good, the acting is fine, but combined with "Kennel Murder Case" gives almost too gloomy an atmosphere to be taken lightly in one evening of theater-going.

The Lowdown—Also very good, could be better if you didn't have to sit through the murder case to see it.  
Bright spot of the evening is the brand-new Merrie Melody cartoon current with the two gloomy features.

Up North-Gate way at the Campus, we find another of these dramatic super-dupers in the form of "Ladies in Retirement." Pictures such as this depend on good acting and unusual story development to give the film its push. Ida Lupino and Louis Hayward make all the love in this picture, and do it very nicely.

The Lowdown—Fair to middlin', okay considering the partner they tied it up in a double feature with. Co-featured with the "Ladies" is a ripping and roaring musical comedy, "Sailors on Leave." This little number moves fast, depending not so much on story and good acting as it does on good music and happy-feeling. Shirley Ross, comely little blonde crooner with a pair of bright, flashing blue eyes, leads William Lundigan around like a calf follows Mama.

The Lowdown—Fair, lot of music, leg shots, and sailor atmosphere.  
Want to know how an airplane supercharger works?  
Well, you can hear an explanation of sorts in the current Warner Brothers' motion picture "Desperate Journey."

"How do you manage to supercharge the engines at the extreme cold of these high altitudes?" a Nazi officer asks a captive American flier.

"If I told you—the others would not know?" answers Johnny, the prisoner, played by Ronald Reagan.

"Certainly not," assures the German. Johnny casts a glance to the closed door.

"You're sure they can't hear us?"  
"Through the door? It's quite soundproof, Lieutenant. Now, about the supercharger—?"

Johnny slides his chair closer to the desk and lowers his voice so that the Nazi leans forward.  
"It's done with a thermotrocle," says Johnny.

"With a what?" asks the Nazi.  
"A thermotrocle amplified thru a daligonitor," continues Johnny beginning to sketch with his left hand.

"You see, the dornadyne has a frenicoupling and the amsmeter preulates the kintaspel hepulace—here—and the—"

The Nazi, now off his guard, is then slugged by Johnny, and the Americans, one of whom is played by Errol Flynn, continue on their way.

Married Dec. 29 . . .  
Elmer C. Ellis, Crockett, Texas, class of '41, to Miss Sarah Daughdrill, of Houston, at the First Methodist Church in Waukegan, Illinois. (Wonder if Jack Benny was there.) Elmer is in the Navy at Great Lakes. He majored in rural sociology.

Town Hall Tonight . . .  
Dick and his Dizzy Dandies, alias the Swinging Kadets, alias Jenkins' Jive Gems, commonly known as the Singing Cadets of Aggie land, go their fifteen rounds with a Town Hall audience tonight. This promises to be quite a show, so don't miss it. Especially good will be the guest artist (Walter Jenkins, baritone) and a new arrangement of "The Spirit of Aggie land."

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Louis Hayward  
2:00 - 4:59 - 7:58  
"Sailors on Leave"  
With  
Shirley Ross  
William Lundigan  
3:48 - 6:47 - 9:46  
Also  
"Bugs Bunny Gets Boid"

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Closes 10 p.m.  
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TODAY - WEDNESDAY  
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Bette Field  
Richard Whorf  
Show Time:  
3:23 - 6:34 - 9:45  
—Second Feature—

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