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Freshmen Ready for Work

New feet sound in the halls and new voices fling impulsive questions along the paths across the campus. We hear new names and we see new faces alive with the eagerness to become a part of the traditions of Texas A. & M. A new semester has begun.

Students arrive and students leave, but the spirit of the 'Aggies' is constant. Even as the juniors and seniors leave to perform their duty to their country, you must carry on where they leave off. Now, more than ever, there is a vital need for men with ambition and perseverance in the face of such uncertain world conditions; men who will aim high in sport and scholastic achievements alike in order to build a more worthwhile future for themselves, their country, and the world. The juniors and seniors will not be here to grasp your hand with the friendly welcome that is such a part of the Aggie spirit, but a part of them will remain forever. Just as the college will become a part of each of you, so has the college become a part of them, and they a part of the college.

As you are grasping the feeling that others have felt for A. & M. College, you will gain an understanding that is beyond words. Put your best into everything that you undertake on the campus. Only the best is good enough for the traditions that are now yours.

We welcome you new students and place in your hands the responsibility and honor of maintaining all that Texas A. & M. College stands for today, has stood for since 1876, and will stand for in the future.

Instruction in Russian, Portugese and Chinese is being offered at Wayne University for the first time.

One hundred, eight recent petroleum engineer graduates at the University of Texas are now in the armed services.

Eighty-five students work part-time in servicing all departments of the Washington State College library.

★ BACKWASH ★

By Andy Matula

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

Well, the big weekend is over and the inmates of dear old A. & M. trudge wearily back to their classes to catch up on the sleep they didn't get last week. Old friends are seen again and new acquaintances are made. Everything from ties to dormitories are changed. All the companies from Walton and PG halls gave wildcat as they entered Sbis Monday morning for breakfast. Aggie spirit still smolders and often bursts into spontaneous flame.

Eyes Right. A section of Air Corps were marching toward their class when suddenly the section leader spied a couple of new frogs walking down the sidewalk toward him. Naturally, he turned and said to his section:

"Hey, you guys, brace up and look to the front. Here comes a couple of freshmen and they might not like it if we don't look good." The section marched on, a little straighter now. As the new freshmen passed them, about six men of the section turned their heads toward the frogs and saluted. Ex-students or something.

We wonder how the engineers

have been able to exist in the "roomy" quarters of Walton. It seems that every time you'd pull the middle of your slide rule out it would strike your old lady in the eye. As one fellow said, "Our room is just a closet with running water."

Two old staff members of the Batt visited us yesterday. They were Lt. Ralph M. Criswell, '41, and Capt. Jack Hendrick, '40. Both were advertising managers on the Tri-Weekly Blabble in their senior year. Both commented on how empty the Battalion office was. The editor usually cusses about the same subject.

If he only knew . . . One frog ran excitedly up to his new roommate and told him this interesting tidbit:

"Guess what! I got all Saturday afternoon off from three o'clock on."

The boys over in Hotel Leggett (pronounced Lee-jay) tell us that they have plenty of room even with two roommates . . . That is if you don't mind fighting the rats for it. About the only thing that we've noticed that hasn't changed

Something to Read

By Dr. I. F. Mayo

Does Your War Mean Anything?

An Englishman has recently observed that this war is either a Crusade or a Crime. That is, unless we can work things so that the war will actually improve the world, then the whole thing is a mere brawl for survival, a sordid "devil-take-the-hindmost" affair that means nothing except a narrow escape from destruction.

But, to judge by some good books that are coming out now, a number of people have made up their minds that the war shall mean something, that it shall actually leave a better world than it found. Certainly, I should think that you people who are going to fight the war would prefer for it to mean something, would like for the discomfort, inconvenience, and danger which you are going to incur courageously, to yield some more substantial returns than simply a narrow escape from destruction.

In this connection, Wendell Willkie's new book, *One World*, wants the war to end the exploitation of one nation by another. He has recently flown all over the world, talking intimately with most of the leaders of the United Nations. He believes that, if we make up our minds to it, we can make this war the end of imperialism. Furthermore, he believes that if we will announce such an aim now, we can thereby shorten the war and make victory easier.

Stuart Chase, in *Goals for America*, thinks that we should so manage the war and its aftermath as to make available a tremendously increased supply of the good things of life to all Americans. Why not? he asks. The war has forced us to increase our capacity to produce things to an undreamed of extent. We now have all the productive plants we need. Why should all these high-powered factories and acres be allowed to fall into disuse just because after the Peace we shall need, not planes and gun cotton, but automobiles and houses and clothes? It would be a crime, he says, not to beat our swords into plowshares. And, moreover, everybody is employed now. Shall we after the war, send ten million or so back to the park benches? We need more good things—some of us need them cruelly. To make them, takes labor, capital, machinery, developed land. All these things, thanks largely to the war, we now have in abundance. Then why, Mr. Chase wants to know, should we not make the good things that we need?

Of all the books, however, that are trying to make of your war a crusade rather than a crime, the best is young Mr. Michael Straight's *Make This the Last War*, subtitled *The Future of the United Nations*. According to this author, we must make this, not only the "last war", but a war of liberation, both for subjected peoples and for underprivileged classes in all nations. It should be planned and fought and settled with the aim of assuring freedom and a job and a decent standard of living for everybody in every country. The world is full of potential wealth, science has supplied the means of actualizing this wealth, the creeds of the United Nations agree in endorsing Democracy, which means, roughly, an equal break for everybody. Then why, young Mr. Straight wants to know, should this last war not be made a crusade against both international and inter-class oppression?

CORPUS CHRISTI GRADUATES FORMER A. & M. STUDENTS

Five former Texas A. & M. College students are commissioned upon graduation from the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. Jack H. Osborne, son of Mr. Johnson P. Osborne, of Miami, Texas, and James M. Atkins, Jr., son of Mrs. Delia Mae Atkins, 620 Bolivar St., Denton, Texas, have received their commissions as ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Leo W. Henrikson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henrikson, 4951 Victor St., Dallas, Texas, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve; Robert Frank Tulis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tulis, 2614 Columbus Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and Frank Ferris Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Kennedy, 1111 Montreal Street, Dallas, Texas, have been commissioned as second lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Both Lt. Tulis and Lt. Kennedy volunteered for flight training last May and June 1942 respectively and received preliminary flight training at the Dallas, Texas Naval Air Station.

around here is the blackberry preserves that Hotard served us with relish for breakfast Monday morning. That's what your ration book was turned in for.

The Lowdown on . . .

Campus Distractions

By Ben Fortson

At Guion Hall today and tomorrow Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre come through with another horror picture entitled *THE BOOGIE MAN WILL GET YOU*.

Although the picture only contains one real murder, there is a considerable amount of chill technique used. In the plot of the story Karloff plays the part of a kindly professor who is trying to produce super supermen through the use of a high-powered shocking machine. Jeff Donnell with her recently divorced husband buys his house from him to use as a Colonial inn with the condition that he may keep up his experiments there. The professor gets the town's all-purpose doctor, played by Peter Lorre, interested in his research and together they fill a store room full of the bodies resulting from their work. The only real murder is committed by the insane housekeeper who is trying to get enough money to start raising chickens.

The picture is not a comedy, but some will find it to be one. It is not a real horror show but will keep you jumpy for a while.

The Lowdown: You won't be sorry you went.

Showing today and tomorrow at the Campus is the Universal musical melodrama, *HI, BUDDY*, starring Dick Foran, Harriett Hilliard, and Robert Paige.

Foran is the local fireman hero on the east side of New York, and an ex-member of the Hi, Buddy Club. He is discovered as a singer and gets on Harriett Hilliard's radio program. Miss Hilliard falls in love with him and with the aid of Gus Schilling, her agent, helps Dick to put the Hi, Buddy Club back on its feet.

The story has good boy and girl

appeal and some emotional moments. It is a rather amusing picture but nothing out of the ordinary.

The Lowdown: All right, if you have nothing better to do.

Readers Digest "Tex" Was Arthur Gary, '40

A recent synopsis of the story "Queens Die Proudly," in the Readers Digest carried the story of an A. & M. man identified only as "TEX." After some checking and investigation "TEX" has been identified as Arthur E. Gary, '40, of San Marcos, Texas, killed on the first day of the attack on the Philippines. He was a member of a big bomber crew. Scores of letters have been received by the Association office asking for the identity of this character in the widely read story.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus

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At Guion Hall

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TODAY and TOMORROW



Cartoon - Comedy - Short

THURS. - FRI. - SAT.

Guion Hall

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TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre

"THE BOOGIE MAN WILL GET YOU"

plus Donald Duck

"DER FUERHERS FACE"

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