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## It's Never Been Told . . .

Across the campus and pulsing in the hearts of thousand of ex-students the Spirit of Aggieland is writing a glorious tribute to A. & M. Scarcely a day passes without mention being made of the heroic deeds of valor accomplished by the fighting sons of A. & M. General George Moore, defender of Corregidor, is an Aggie. General Jimmie Doolittle's second in command on the historic Tokyo flight is an ex-and the first marine ashore on Guadalcanal is a member of that greatest fraternity on earth, the Texas Aggies.

Pages and even volumes could be written about the famous sons of Aggieland but even though the Spirit is widely publicized it maintains a homely quality. Boys green from the country, boys slick from the city, boys with an unlimited checkbook, and boys working their way through make up the Aggie corps. Though it is felt by thousands and recognized by hundreds of thousands, never has it been possible to express the Spirit of Aggieland in words.

It is something that is felt after a period of living on the A. & M. campus, from attending yell practices, from seeing the teams play, from attending classes, from obeying instructions, from association with other men in the outfit and taking pride in the individual military organizations. The characteristics friendliness, the cheery hello, the hearty handshake, and the spirit of unity and loyalty all contribute to the Aggie Spirit. Strict military discipline and the campus dormitory life play a big role. Juniors and seniors are the protectors of the Spirit, sophomores are usually the messengers and freshmen are the receptors. Receptors are not all that the name implies however.

There are two kinds of receptors. One is positive and the other is negative. The negative receptor lies dormant and waits with unconcern while on the other hand the positive freshman is an alert vibrant man looking for things to learn that will make him an Aggie. He realizes that an AMC on his collar does not make him an Aggie although it may give the unexperienced observer that impression.

Upperclassmen will do all that they can to mold the clay but they can do nothing with materials of inferior quality. The question is then posed as to what constitutes the qualities that are necessary for the formation of an Aggie. The answer is simple. An open mind, a desire to learn, determination, gentlemanly attributes, and boundless energy.

## Welcome Gibb . . .

"It's Gilchrist's baby now. He's president and it's up to him to run it." The board of directors of Texas A. & M. College made this statement when they announced the appointment of Gibb Gilchrist, formerly Dean of the School of Engineering, to the position of president of the college.

A. & M. holds a position second to none as a college which produces some of the outstanding soldiers in an army of the best soldiers in the world. A. & M. is also preeminent in the field of training in the agricultural and mechanical vocations and ranks high among the schools of veterinary medicine. Gilchrist has a big job. His job is not one dealing with a baby. It is one requiring mature judgement as it concerns the state of Texas and an intelligent cadet corps.

Gilchrist moved to his new offices with an efficient administrative record behind him. As State highway engineer he was outstandingly successful and as Dean of the School of Engineering he guided it through its greatest period of growth. It is apparent that he took his appointment as president seriously as evidenced by his preliminary statement regarding his plans for the growth and more efficient operation of college facilities.

People of the State of Texas, the Aggie-exes, the corps, and the board of directors have expressed confidence in Gilchrist's appointment and in his ability to do a difficult job made even more difficult by chaotic world conditions. Having been on the campus and intimately associated with the Aggies, President Gilchrist possesses an asset that will serve him well in his executive and administrative functions. He is aware that cooperation between all the elements on the campus is vital for complete harmony.

## Campus Distractions

By Alfred Jefferson

The story of the destruction of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, entitled "Hitler's Madman" and starring Alan Curtis will be on the entertainment bill of Guion Hall Friday and Saturday. Nearly everyone has heard of this incident, but not many people know exactly how and why the Nazi army liquidated Lidice. This picture is supposed to be an authentic reproduction of Lidice's fall. John Carradine, a specialist in the horror line, gives a convincing portrayal of Heydrich, the hangman. The cast also includes Patricia Morison, Edward Kennedy, and Howard Freeman. Also on the program is the short, "Memphis Belle," the story of this famous bomber's twenty-fifth raid on German industrial centers.

**The Lowdown:** This is a fairly interesting war picture, and there is enough ghostliness about it for the most rabid horror fan. You should see "Memphis Belle," because it is a true picture of war in the air.

On Sunday "Princess O'Rourke" comes to Guion. This is a really good show, and if you have seen Olivia DeHavilland before, you will want to go take another look. This is one of her best pictures. She is a princess in exile, and Robert Cummings is a transport pilot. You can imagine the difficulties he has when they fall in love. There are more good comic situations in this show than you've seen in quite a while.

**The Lowdown:** This one is definitely worth a look. You don't have to study on Sunday anyhow, so why not take it in?

A pretty good double feature will be presented by the Campus Theatre Saturday, consisting of "Icecapades Revue" and "Too Many Girls." "Icecapades" is o.k., but strictly something to do when you are bored. "Too Many Girls" can't be bad, and you're right. Lucille Ball, Ann Miller, and Frances Langford make it interesting, among others. As usual, the story is not much, but there are plenty of laughs.

**The Lowdown:** Since this is coming on Saturday, it would be a pretty good way to while away the time.

The Bible is the world's best-selling book.

## --CADET COLONEL--

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with an overflow in 17. The first battalion is quartered in the Duncan Hall area.

During the time that the majority of the corps was made up of freshmen and sophomores with very few juniors and seniors on the campus the cadet system was discontinued for an indefinite time but with the return of sufficient numbers of upperclassmen to take the responsibility for disciplining the corps the military department reinstated the cadet system as nearly as possible like the one that was in force in the days previous to the war.

Heavy boulders in the bottom of river beds have been known to be raised to the surface and floated downstream by ice which has formed around them.

## —LIFETIME—

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to me and I'll be glad to have my secretary renew them."

Those receiving the honorary lifetime membership cards were: Dr. Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college; Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college; Prof. A. Mitchell, retired, one of the founders of the A. & M. YMCA; George B. Wilcox, director of Student Personnel; Dr. T. D. Brooks, dean of the School of Arts and Science; Donald W. May, publications supervisor; Col. M. D. Welty, commandant of the college; Col. A. J. Bennett, adjutant of the college; and Dr. J. H. Quisenberry, Professor of Genetics.

## —Y.M.C.A.—

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excellent work the Y is doing on the campus.

Following the program, the Guion Hall Theatre presented a motion picture to the group assembled. The new freshman class attended the program in a body and many upper classmen, faculty members and residents of College Station were present at the program.

## —FIFTEEN—

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lations, lack of junior and senior courses, and the increased number of students entering the armed forces or some reserve immediately after graduation from high school.

Freshmen enrollees are predominantly those taking engineering with only a few taking agriculture and liberal arts while the seniors are mostly enrolled in the School of Veterinary Medicine with a few men not qualified for the armed services taking other courses.

## —STUDENT—

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head of the committee asked that members of the corps submit ideas for dances and any other variety of entertainment that they might wish.

A permanent chairman was not elected as that was left to the members of the committee and neither were any sub-committees named or appointed. The committee began functioning immediately and the names of the men on the committee listed in the Office of Student Activities.

## —STAGE SHOW—

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tivity Office and there will be no admission charge.

The show, straight from sunny California, has many excellent entertainers in its ranks. The master of ceremonies, Leon Fishback, Jr., youthful and talented entertainer is under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer. He was seen last in the picture "Best Foot Forward" as a student of the Winnsoko Institute. His specialty is doing comedy impersonations of various pieces of popular music, taking them apart and explaining them as he goes.

Armand Delmar, who played many of the music halls of England and France before the war broke out is one of the feature players. Delmar combines feats of juggling, balancing, etc., and un-

like other jugglers does his work with his feet, being what is known an upside down juggler.

Marshall who is another of the featured players with the Sun-kist Vanities, is billed as "America's Most Amazing Girl." This young lady takes up where all other contortionists quit. Marshall is noted for her beauty and grace, in addition to her renown as a contortionist.

The show also presents Doris McBride who gives out with old and new songs with a hot blues voice; Beth McMurray a comedienne dancer of rare, exceptional ability; and Billy Taggart and his Orchestra.



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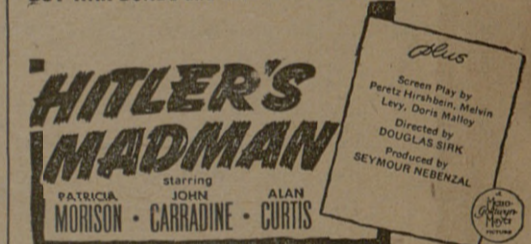
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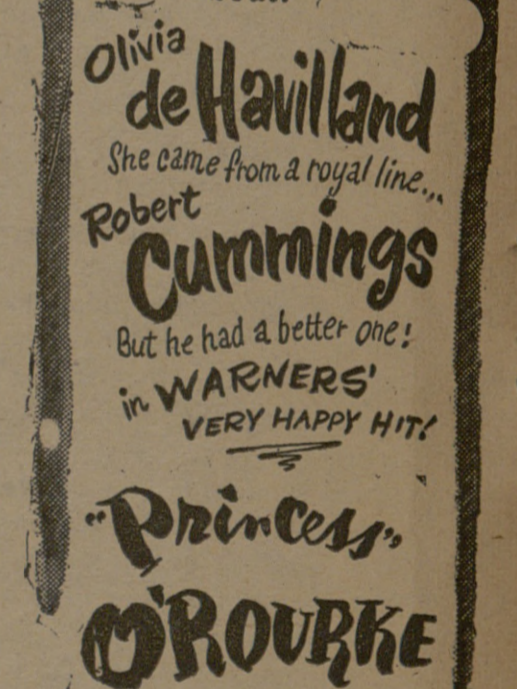
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