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Thirteen Gone... Three Left

Only three weeks remain of this semester. There are only three weeks left to get those semester reports in, only three weeks to complete that notebook, only three weeks to do studying that may determine whether one passes or fails a course. The next three weeks are the most important of the semester for during them a student begins to sum up an classify the knowledge gleaned during the early weeks of the semester.

It has been repeated time and again that a student in college should study and utilize every bit of time to the fullest possible extent but a college student should have a mentality mature enough to realize that the time spent in study pays a high rate of interest compounded semi-annually.

Grades will be turned in for entry on permanent records is a very short while. It is fully realized that there is nothing intrinsically valuable about a good grade but it is also understood that the knowledge which stands behind a good grade is invaluable. Too often a student rationalizes a bad grade until he has himself believing that regardless of the result of quizzes designed to test his knowledge, he has learned sufficient material from the course to enable him to meet any situation for which the course was supposed to prepare him.

College work is designed to fit students to meet and successfully perform tasks which will present themselves later on. Every bit of work that is included in the curricula is there for a purpose. Courses are not designed with the idea that only 70% of the outlined work will be sufficient to meet those situations which may arise. A strong reserve of knowledge is beneficial on all jobs and necessary on most.

Foundations of Experience...

Last Friday the first issue of "The Texas A. & M. Review", a quarterly issued by the Association of Former Students, was mailed to a large percentage of the exes. This four page pamphlet was devoted largely to announcements and summaries of the Memorial Student Activities Center Development Fund and mention was also made of a "Gold Star Fund" which is being developed to provide financial assistance to the sons of A. & M. men who die in the war.

The Texas A. & M. Review said that another dream had been added, "That is the dream of every man to give his children an education as good or better than his own." Each succeeding generation must be more highly educated or the civilized culture of the world will regress. The government, the people, and the schools must build upon the solid foundations of past experience an educational program which will equip the citizenry of tomorrow with the tools to keep the ship of state sailing before a favorable wind.

Discussion and controversy have resulted from the problem of deciding what parts of the old educational program should be included in the program for immediate post war use.

Many are of the opinion that the entire system in use before the war should be discarded. They have forgotten that the old system, shortcomings and all, was in force when the men that brought so much honorable recognition to A&M. were in school receiving not only their academic education but also an education in how to use their textbook learning. When the framework for an improved educational organization is nailed in place it should include those things from the old which have been proved to be worthy of preservation.

No contention is made that the organization which once existed was perfect. There has always been room for improvement. It must be remembered, however, that improvements should not obscure that part of the old which is good.

OPEN FORUM

Hi Ole Army,

We're a bunch of Ex-Aggie gobs in the Navy V-12 unit here at Millsaps College. There are about 15 of us and we give all the "tea-hounds" here heck! We're really watching for the ole Aggie team. Most of us already have November's pay check on that Turkey Day game.

We keep the ole Aggie Spirit alive with some yell practices and big bull sessions about the good ole' days. Everybody here at this college knows where Texas A. & M. is.

We're all looking forward to when we can come back to Aggie-land and get into that serge and wear an AMC.

Beat the H— Outa Texas u!

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—ROSS HALL—

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Cadet Colonel's office, nightwatchman's office, and the office of Dormitory assignments. Moving up to the second floor there are the offices of the tactical officers. Reaching the third and final floor, we find the Personal office.

In the year 1937 boys who lived in Ross Hall were troubled with bats and polecats trying to move in with them. After a period of swinging and swating the bats were driven out. Hundreds upon hundreds of bats would come inside the dorm to roost every day, at night they would swarm out in what looked like clouds of black smoke. Finally conquering the bat menace, what should come next but polecats? For days the Aggies that lived in this dorm suffered from the fumes which originated under the floor. After spraying gallon after gallon of creosote on their new unwanted room-mates, the Ross Volunteers came through again on top with flying colors—the enemy had been defeated.

Being one of the oldest buildings on the campus, Ross Hall is a symbol of what the college buildings looked like back in the early days. It contained only thirty five rooms, one thirty of these remain useable. One can see a difference in the old and new by contrasting Ross Hall with the more modern building which stands directly behind it, the Academic building.

—SILVER TAPS—

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three times it is played. The six trumpeteers play taps from the balcony of the Academic Building. Tradition has it that it is played at midnight, everyone standing at attention, while the music is being played. All the lights on the campus are turned off, and the effect lends itself to the emotional play of the trumpets. In this way tribute is paid in this highest of traditions.

BACKWASH

By Renyard
W. Canis

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

OLD CANIS is resting today. Resting is right. Here he is leaning back in the chair with a cigar in his mouth and shoes propped on the desk while his eyes pop out because sitting over there by the typewriter biting her pretty, pretty red, nails sits one SuSu Beard pecking away at a typewriter. Said Susu is seeking employment as personal secretary to the Backwash Editor. She's practicing editing the rest of the column for today.

Fro mhere on men you take your life in your own hands. You take it in your own hands first, SuSu is a charming little gal, second, she is from TSCW. SuSu, the column is yours and so am I. So am I glad that you're writing today.

Retaliation...

ALL WAS WELL in my peaceful world, while I silently skimmed last Friday's Batt. Suddenly anger flared, and I found righteous indignation taking full away. In other words, to carry our sweet and dainty banner. (No joke intended).

Why all the commotion? There in print, not in small print either, did I read that all TSCW girls were wolverines, wolfettes or just plain man-crazy. Called that in an Aggie paper, too, especially when said males aided so in the creation of such a reputation, or lack of reputation. (Which couldn't possibly be deserved!!! Now could it?)

Really fellows, surely there was some mistake, and if there wasn't a mistake, then why publicize something that you enjoy so much? Not in those condemning tones anyway!

Let's use your views. What Aggie, ever having been to our

school, didn't thrive on th feminine glances, sighs (depending on said specimin of man) and casual "What's he doing with her?" Most likely they enjoyed it more than girls enjoy similar treatment while down here.

However this is beginning to sound as though I'm confirming those degrading remarks about TSCW wolverine. That I refuse to do!

The only times for you all to start worrying about the Denton girls, is when we start using traps in the doorways. Yet even if we did, you can be sure it would be attractive bait. (No, I didn't know where we'd get it!)

Now that I've done my daily complaining, lets let the subject drop. WE are supposed to be brothers and sisters but—Would You Really Want It That Way?

Insinuations...

Dear brother Aggie

Won't you please

Come see your sisters dear—

We think You're nice (cough)

We think You're sweet (choke)

And You've not a thing to fear.

We file our teeth;

We cut our nails

And wear shoes with soft toes.

We'll not walk alone in moonlight

But stay in parlors wailing woes.

So don't stay away dear Aggie

And don't act too morose

We'd like to see you very soon,

Very soon—and very close.

—SuSu

Dry Cleaning...

VISITING AGGIELAND once again naturally necessitates com- (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

U. S. Troops are probably in Germany as you read this. The latest reports also state that a large portion of Belgium has been liberated and that more than nine tenths of France is free of the German invader except for the prisoners of war.



Nelson

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, is advocating universal military service for all young men after the war in order to be prepared to keep the peace.

Former Senator George Norris, father of the "Lame Duck" amendment to the Constitution is dead at the age of eighty three. He was one of the great liberal Congressmen, having served in Congress for forty years.

Spanish officials have announced that Spain will not permit Nazi leaders to find refuge there after the war. Argentina seems to be the only possible place of refuge

remaining available for Hitler and his fellow racketeers.

Former King Carol of Romania, who was denied admission to the United States because of his personal disregard for public morals, will very possibly be restored to the throne of Romania, supplanting his own son for the second time, if Russia has her way.

The Unions, and some key persons in governmental circles, are demanding that legislation be passed to pay unemployed war workers from twenty five to thirty five dollars per week for as long as two years after their war employment ceases, plus transportation back to their homes. Some families could live high on this sum with from two to six members of the family drawing pay for doing nothing and after drawing very high pay all through the war.

The CIO actually demanded a seat at the Dumbarton Oaks conference on post war world organization. The real surprise was that the administration had the nerve to turn the request down this close to the general election.