

We Play In Our Own Yard . . .

Frequently there comes to the attention of the Battalion from syndicates and other college publications the claim of a need for state and national news tie-in for college newspapers. Without contradicting the statements made by other expressionists, it seems wise to lay down the principles of this publication in regard to such in idea.

This newspaper is a college publication—first, last, and always—and its readers are almost altogether college students and instructors. In no way is it trying to compete with local dailies or state papers in the coverage of news or editorial matter. Its purpose is to report news of this college to members of this college. State and national news, this paper leaves to the state and national newspapers. The Battalion has no desire and no financial ability to cover state news other than that directly concerning or of particular interest to the college.

It is admitted that certain college publications make an attempt at competition with their local papers at a coverage of state as well as college news, but that does not mean they are justified in so doing. In no case where a college publication subscribes to national news services has the paper improved itself in the matter of student interest and appeal. When a college paper makes an attempt at state news coverage, it ruins itself as a college publication, and it cannot hope to compete with papers whose employees devote all their energy to the newspaper and have no studies to occupy their time.

We still think that it is a full-time job to make our own mud-pies in our own back yard.

Congratulations . . .

There are quite a few congratulations to be given out in connection with the Thanksgiving influx of visitors on the campus. The Corps behaved themselves in a manner that they can well be proud of, and, from the amount of favorable comment that has been received from visitors so far, there were 42,000 people that were very pleased and satisfied with the A. & M. hospitality that they had received during their short visit with us. Also there are a few garlands to be given out to the Campus Security Force and its student helpers for the fine way in which they handled the terrific amount of traffic that congested the campus. All in all, everything went off with a coordination and smoothness that was truly amazing. The Corps has scored again.

AGGIE FACTS . . .

It cannot be said that A. & M. alone won the war, but it can be truthfully said that she won her part, and that the winning was made much easier by the contributions of this institution.

In seven years, 1935-42 the enrollment jumped from 3213 to 7138.

True's All-American Basketball Team To Be Picked by Coaches and Writers

True, the Man's Magazine, will sponsor the selection of an All-American Basketball Team for this year. All collegiate basketball coaches and leading basketball writers are being invited to participate in the selection. These True All-Americans, outstanding court performers of the 1945-46 hoop season, will be classified into first, second and third teams.

The editors of True, after a careful survey of the previous ways and means used in selecting leading players for an All-American basketball team, feel positive that the method they plan to use will be fool-proof. These acknowledged authorities, both coaches and writers, see all the leading major and minor games during a basketball season and their evaluation of the leading players should give a satisfactory and comprehensive list of the season's court luminaries.

These selections will take into consideration the merits of all players from colleges and universities of both small and large enrollment. By virtue of the fact that so many coaches are involved in the poll and that basketball is so intersectional, the various coaches and writers have the opportunity to witness, view, judge and compare the play and abilities of players in all the basketball areas of the country.

At the end of the basketball season, Fawcett Publications will present awards to these True All-Americans at a sports dinner in New York City. It is believed by the editors that more than 3000 ballots will be cast by coaches and writers. All ballots will be held confidentially by the editors and the correct tabulation will be supervised by a certified public accountant.

BACKWASH

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

By The Collaborators

Axe, axe, who's got the axe? The Office of Student Affairs is looking for a couple of cross cut saws and a half dozen axes that were borrowed for use on the bonfire. Let's get on the ball, ole Army, and return them so they will be available next year.

Mystery of the week—who started the quaint little motto—"Flunk now, and avoid the rush at the end of the semester!"

Backwash has heard several comments on the number of freshmen and sophomores who are attending the dances, both here and at other schools, in non-reg uniform. In the past underclassmen were not allowed in the dances around here without a blouse on. As for the dances at other schools—well, it's up to the upper classmen to see that another Aggie tradition isn't allowed to fall by the wayside.

First Aggie: How do you manage to keep drinking the coffee in the mess hall?

Second Aggie: I take a spoonful of Drano every week.

We see by the newspaper that A&M wasn't the only school that caught some of the rival schools' boys trying to do a little pre-game harm to the old home campus. Seems that several Mustangs got caught on the TCU campus and received the usual treatment. Wonder if they received as good a job as did the teahounds who were over here early last week?

"William, get your father's hat out of that mudpuddle."
"I can't, Maw, he's got it strapped under his chin."

To Nancy and Barbara of the University of Texas—Thanks for

the nice letter. We realize that because A&M is not co-educational a lot of loyal Aggie supporters are forced to attend T. u., distasteful as it may be.

The following is from a prewar (Spanish-American) book of etiquette entitled, "How to Kiss a Lady."

"The gentleman should be taller than the lady he intends to kiss. Take her right hand in yours and draw her gently to you; pass your left hand over her right shoulder diagonally down across the back, under her left arm; press her to your bosom. At the same time she will throw her head back and you will have nothing to do but lean a little forward and press your lips to hers. Don't pounce down on her like a hungry hawk upon an innocent dove. Fold the damsel in your arms and by the sweet pressure upon the mouth, revel in the blissfulness of your situation."

How times change!
Seems that the Baylor Bears stopped here for a meal in the mess hall when on their way to Houston for the Rice game. However, they still had strength enough left to down the Owls.

Take it easy Kincaid! Just because you had a spat last week with that cute blonde in Batson you don't have to write her a letter every day this week. You want to spoil her?

NONSENSE
I think that I shall never see
A girl refuse a meal that's free
A girl whose lovely eyes aren't fixed

Upon a drink that's being mixed;
A girl who isn't prone to wear
A lot of junk upon her hair—
But girls are loved by fools like me,

'Cause who in the world wants
To kiss a tree?

Tales from Tessieland

Sitting down at this battered old typewriter, I find the situation pretty dull up here. It's cold as heck, and about a million and one things have to be done by tomorrow, including five themes, two quizzes, that notebook that was neglected, the decorations for the Christmas parties, the refreshments for the Senior dance, and making arrangements for other Christmas activities, plus shopping for Christmas gifts.

Every year about this time, all the profs suddenly want all those term themes, notebooks, and what have you, turned in. I don't know, it sort of hits them all at once and they get this "quiz bug." Could be an epidemic that goes on around Christmas and midterm. Do you suppose?

Anyway, despite all this work to be done, the seniors still are taking time out for the Christmas dance this coming Saturday, Dec. 8. Nothing like a hint, but reports have it that the seniors certainly would welcome Aggie dates for the dance. This is a traditional Christmas dance held each year for the seniors.

Just ask Sam, his roommate,

By Edna B. Woods
(Readers' Adviser for the College Library)

AMERICAN GUERRILLA IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Ira Wolfert
AMERICAN GUERRILLA IN THE PHILIPPINES, an account of the experiences of Lieutenant David Hiff Richardson, U. S. Navy, is a first-rate adventure story. Not many personal narratives of the war with its horrors and miseries will be remembered long, but this story of action, drama, and sheer excitement as told by Ira Wolfert, an American author who was recognized before the war, will hold its place. Expert writing and a

WTAW Batt Chatt

Baukhage Covers

H. R. Baukhage, who is now in Nuremberg, Germany, to cover the trials of Nazi war criminals for the American Broadcasting Company, will broadcast from Germany twice weekly—Monday and Thursday—at his regular time, 12:00 noon to 12:15 p. m. CST. During the course of his broadcasts from overseas, Baukhage also will report on other news developments.

Sugar Bowl Classic

Broadcast of the 1946 Sugar Bowl football game on New Year's Day will be heard over the full facilities of the American Broadcasting Company, J. P. Spand, Jr., president of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, sponsor, has announced. This will be the seventh consecutive year Gillette has featured the New Orleans football classic on the Calvalcade of Sports. A total of more than 190 stations from coast-to-coast will carry the program. The game will be carried over WTAW January 1, 1946, at 1:45 p. m.

Cantor Visits

Eddie Cantor will be the celebrity in the Radio Hall of Fame spotlight over the American Broadcasting Company, Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 p. m., CST. Greeted by Paul Whiteman, conductor of the Radio Hall of Fame orchestra and chorus, and Martha Tilton, featured singer, Cantor will sing and act in bits of the material which has made him one of the nation's most famous performers for 25 years.

Al Pearce Returns

Al Pearce, famed creator of Elmer Blurt and Eb of "Eb and Zeb," will bring these popular roles and many new gimmicks to a new variety show which will open

The Nativity Pageant, a yearly tradition, will highlight activities Dec. 15-18.

There goes the bell signifying a class, those bothersome things. Now, if only there were no classes . . . but, until later,
SUE JONES,
TSCW Correspondent.

BETWEEN THE BOOK-ENDS

gripping tale have been skillfully combined to produce an excellent book, exciting from beginning to end.

Twenty-seven year old David Richardson, the son of a Denver clergyman, is a typical American hero. He used the money which had been allotted for his two final years in college to travel in Europe and in the middle and near east. Almost immediately he was sure that there was going to be a world war and that the United States would be involved. In 1940, he returned to the United States and joined the Navy. "He arrived in the Philippines aboard a mine-sweeper in the autumn of 1940, was transferred in 1941 to the famous expendable Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 3 and fought torpedo boats until they were actually expended, doing odd murderous chores around Bataan, Corregidor, Cebu and Mindanao—striking against Jap warships, transports and land-

Aggie-Ex In Korea Occupation Forces

1st Lt. Rollie Bruce Williams, 23, Mont Belvieu, Texas, is now serving with American occupation forces in liberated Korea. He is assigned to military government with headquarters in the capital city of Seoul.

Lt. Williams entered the service in March, 1943, and came overseas in May of this year.

His father, Solomon Ross Williams, resides at Mont Belvieu. Prior to entering the army, Lt. Williams graduated from Barbers Hill High School and attended Texas A. & M. College for three and a half years.

on the American Broadcasting Co. on Monday, December 3.

The new Al Pearce Show, to be heard each Monday through Friday on WTAW from 2:00 to 2:30 p. m., CST, will be a combination professional and audience participation program. Each day there will be fixed acts by professional artists interspersed with various audience participation stunts.

The romantic interest in the book is only slight because of limited time and the thousands of impossible tasks to be carried out under practically impossible conditions. "Curly," a Leyte girl of aristocratic Spanish extraction, is the heroine. Her attractiveness was instrumental in keeping Lt. Richardson on the Island several times when he could have been freed of its perils.

There's brutal comedy in the book; for instance, when Richardson and ten AAF pilots decide to escape to Australia in a native boat, they take with them fresh meat—a pig, which jumps overboard, spusseling. There is also grim horror—a description of the tortures devised by the Japanese for captured guerrillas.

Ira Wolfert does a superb job in retelling the story of Major Richardson, who managed to be an American guerrilla and a U. S. Naval officer at the same time. Adventure, reality, humor, and suspense in a gripping story are the most interesting qualities in an AMERICAN GUERRILLA IN THE PHILIPPINES.



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INTO THE STRETCH

We know, Aggies, that between the holidays is one of the hardest times of the year to get through.

You will find it easier if you take time out now and then to relax and refresh yourself.

Come in between classes for a bite to eat or a drink

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