

Around the Campus...

This is the first time in a long while that we've been able to sit around and shoot the bull. When we're not shaking an index finger at the Corps for some naughtiness, or tearing our hair because of disquieting conditions existing on the campus, we like to just stroll around and look at things in general. It makes us rather contented and satisfied to sit back and look at all the good things that do go on around the school.

Take for example, the improvements on college grounds completed. Have you noticed how charming the site of old Gathright Hall now is? Sweet-smelling petunias and colorful nasturtiums have been planted beside the well clipped hedge surrounding the brick memorial. And now walking past is actually a pleasure since the mudholes have been replaced by concrete sidewalks. Today one of the former dingy spots on the campus has been converted into a pleasant and lovely sight.

Another tribute to the green thumbed grounds workmen is the space between the Academic building and Cushing Library. The closely clipped low hedges and the soft green carpet grass has cheered many a visitor. Any occupant of a window seat on the east side of the Academic building will admit that its verdure exerts a rather hypnotic relaxing effect.

And have you noticed the workmen busily remodeling Legett and Puryear dorms? Upon completion of repairs, all of the old dormitories will provide living quarters fully as desirable as those built only six years ago. Perhaps they will be more in demand because of their central location.

Many of us don't recall how sloppy the New Area became before the construction of the new concrete sidewalks, when those College Station monsoons descended. But the colored janitors do remember how they would mop the entire dormitory daily for several days following a heavy rain.

If you ever begin thinking the college has reached a high peak in stagnation and maladministration, just look back one year from today. The war in Europe had just come to an end, and everybody was turning their thoughts and energies toward a long war with Japan. Why, the atomic bomb had not even been revealed yet. There were about 300 veteran students. Freshmen were living completely separated from all upperclassmen, and the military was having the devil's own time handling them. Today general conditions are improving with an alert student body marching forward, anxious to work for the good of A. & M. We've come a long way since May, 1945. . . . Thank goodness.

Leave a Quarter at the Y . . .

Students are persons and suffer in all of the war-bred categories of human deprivation and suffering-hunger, homelessness, nakedness, disease, despondency.

First-aid relief to these students in 18 war-ravaged lands is being attempted by the students in 4 relatively unscathed lands.

400,000 students in Europe and Asia in desperate need for life's essentials: wood, shelter, clothing, medical care.

500,000 students in Asia and Europe in need of books and supplies.

\$2,000,000 minimally needed for the students in 18 lands by June 30, 1946. \$500,000 of this amount was expected to come from American students and professors. More than 1,000,000 comfortable, gay students crowd 1200 American colleges and universities.

A mere pittance, that will never be felt, from this million Americans would meet this quota. Such action marks the return of the lamp of compassion to the world. And that is a part of the moral and spiritual reconstruction of the world. We would not be American if we did not wish to share our comparative plenty with suffering people.

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By W. L. Penberthy

In the teaching of sports skills a great deal of emphasis is placed on "follow through". This is especially true in those sports in which an object is propelled away from the body by the hand or foot, or struck with something held in the hand such as a racket or bat. By "follow through" we mean that part of the motion following the leaving of the object from the hand, foot or bat. The importance of proper "follow through" lies in that by its use the performer is able to control the direction of the object, and at the same time give it that added impetus that sends it further, faster or both. No athlete can hope to gain the maximum results from his efforts who cannot develop a good "follow through."

In order to develop this one must have good balance which in most cases means that his feet must be properly placed and his weight properly distributed, and the performance of the skill the movements of all parts must be so coordinated as to maintain this balance. Unless this is done there can be no effective "follow through", but the performer who has built his technique on the sound foundation of good balance

and then develops his "follow through" will have his share of success. Many athletes have fine balance but fail to achieve the success of which they are capable because they cannot seem to "follow through".

We have reached the time in the semester for a "scholastic follow through" and just as the part of the performance in sports may be the difference it can also be the difference in doing a mediocre or good job in our studies. If we haven't built on a good foundation we probably don't have what it takes for a good "follow through", but if we have built soundly a good "follow through" will wind things up in fine shape.

CLUB HONORS

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port, La.; and William Washington, Dallas, Washington was elected captain for the past season.

Tennis lettermen included: William Gilbert, Dallas; Guillermo Elizondo, Mexico, D. F.; Thomas Metcalfe, Franklin; and Bennie Stanford, Dallas. Gilbert was elected captain for the past season.

Rifle lettermen included: Edwin Daniels, Corsicana; James Jones, Brady; John Grohn, Sour Lake; Laurence Sexton, Houston; and John Richardson, Shreveport, La. Jones was elected captain for the past season.

No teams were fielded in pistol, fencing or polo.

Top honors went to Oscar White, the tall lad from Rising Star, who wound up the 1945-46 year winner of three varsity letters—football, basketball and track. In addition, he won the heavyweight boxing title at the college. He is the only man this school year to win three letters. White and Hub Ellis, Kilgore, made three letters in 1944-45. Several athletes won letters in two sports.

W. M. Carmichael, club president, served as master of ceremonies. Head coaches of the several teams announced the lettermen. In the absence of Head Coach Homer Norton, recipients of the Munnerlyn-Lipscomb awards were

Taxonomy Students Go On Field Trip

Dr. B. C. Tharp, and Dr. Fred A. Barkley of the University of Texas served as hosts in conducting a group of plant taxonomy students from A. and M. College and the University of Texas on a field trip on May 18. The group made a partial study of the vegetation and the ecology of the area north of Austin, Texas. The general region studied is known as the Bull Creek area on the edge of the Edwards Plateau.

Dr. Tharp is well known as a plant ecologist and systematic botanist. Dr. Barkley is in charge of the herbarium of the University of Texas and has made several outstanding contributions to the science of plant taxonomy.

Students from A&M who made the trip included H. K. Buechner, D. H. Buck, Rafael Cintron, and Michael Throckmorton.

Drs. Charles LaMotte and John J. Sperry accompanied the group from A. and M.

its campaign on the A&M campus this week. So far less than one half of a \$1200 quota has been raised. A half consumption of cigarettes, cigars or ice cream for one week will provide the money.

Bring your nickels, dimes, or quarters to the YMCA desk secretary.

Let's every one give a bit, not even sacrificially, and "Cast our bread upon the waters which after many days will return" in good will, stronger and friendlier nations.

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Look Out, Lightning Does Strike Twice!

The Battalion Dear Sirs:

We wish to call your attention to an erroneous statement that appeared in the May 20th issue of the Battalion. We were both in bed when the lightning struck. We wish to make this point clear as we told our one and only that we were staying on the campus this last weekend. They read the Battalion too. What are you trying to do to us? Please help us clear up this point.

Yours truly, Bill Huddleston Pete Godfrey

Editor's Note:

With face slightly red, The Batt confesses its informant must not have tarried long after the lightning hit to learn who was in bed or under the bed. Suffice to say, the entire staff is prepared to offer testimony in any court in the land that Huddleston and Godfrey were in bed when the bolt struck. It's a fair guess they both went to Sunday School later.

announced by S. A. Lipscomb. Lipscomb also was renominated by the club as its member on the board of directors of the Association of Former Students, thereby breaking a precedent of several years standing for electing a new director each year.

W. R. Carmichael also was the winner of the monthly attendance prize drawing.

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