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Extra-Curricula Work Helps College Students

Hundreds of freshmen enroll at A&M each year with great ideas in mind about getting ahead and establishing an outstanding record in college.

Many of them do, but there always will be that group which meets a slight discouragement at first and decides its not worth the effort put forth for them to stay in school. This is nature's way of allowing the fittest to survive.

It is this group of the fittest to whom we are speaking. They survive the fight to meet their scholastic requirements this first year, then lapse into a state which allows them to forget their original purpose and promise.

And it is this group which so often ignores one of the greatest opportunities which exists on the campus. Too many of these men bury themselves in the Corps of Cadets and fail to take advantage of one of the most important forms of education which exists on the campus. This is extra-curricular activities.

The corps is good training. But extra-curricular activities also are invaluable. Far too many of the students who are graduated from A&M fail to realize this.

Classroom work and corps leadership lessons are pounded into the heads of all military students. Activities outside the outfit

Samuels Dedicates Time Toward Promoting Culture

John Samuels, president of the Memorial Student Center council, has said one of the principal aims of the Center this year will be to promote the cultural aspect of student life at A&M.

This always has been one of the aims of the MSC, but so far no one has taken over the reins of the "Living Room of the Campus" and made the idea a reality. Indications show Samuels is on the right track and should go a long way in establishing this goal.

First of all, the new president jumped into the fight with rabid support of the student forum, and the Junto club. In these clubs lie unlimited possibilities of attaining the cultural part of cadet life.

In the student forum, a student may listen to prominent people discuss topics of interest on which the speaker is considered an authority.

The Junto club is dedicated to the round-table type discussion where the student will get a chance to offer his opinions and learn the ideas of others concerning current affairs of the world.

Samuels has dedicated his extra-curricula life at A&M to the MSC and its various committees and functions. So these two clubs are only a part of the entire program which he co-ordinates as president of the council.

A nation-wide association of student unions elected Samuels president of their organization last year when he was a junior. At that time he was vice-president of the MSC council.

We believe A&M is fortunate to have a man of this ability and integrity to help in his MSC work toward the establishment of a cultural aspect in student life.

are not emphasized according to their value. These activities require the individual thinking and initiative that develops the type of men to lead the world of the future.

The beginning of college can be compared to an archer who steps to the line and takes aim with bow and arrow.

If he aims straight at the target, his arrow will fall short. If he elevates his aim to compensate for the distance, his chances of hitting the bullseye are much greater.

Set your goal high. Aim above your target. Look around and find your interest in some of the many extra-curricular activities which are waiting. Make your education broad by participating in these activities, and keep that aim above the target throughout college.

Air Force Cut Casts Doubt On A&M's Military Ranking

The air force's cut in advanced ROTC contracts throws doubt on claims that "first of all A&M is a military school."

Evidently the air force does not agree with this. The air force's actions seem to indicate it does not rate A&M's cadet corps higher than any other college ROTC unit.

Every college was treated the same. A&M received no preference. At one time even some senior cadets were to lose their contracts. Fortunately the air force allowed them to continue advanced AFROTC. But the other college seniors also kept their contracts.

These events seem to weaken A&M's importance as a military school. They show a person has as much chance of finishing college before entering the service somewhere else.

Now maybe more emphasis will be given to improving and advertising A&M's most important backbone—its value as an educational institution.

Anti-Hazing Pledge Will Aid College If Cadets Obey Oath

Cadet commanders have taken a definite step to eliminate physical hazing at A&M. They have sworn to an oath that if obeyed will make the "board" a thing of the past.

A clause against physical hazing was added to an oath given cadet commanders during past years. The new clause states "that I will not participate in, condone, or tolerate physical hazing or the use of any instrument upon a cadet's body for any reason whatsoever."

The entire oath was ended with "So Help Me God."

Administration officials did not write the new clause. It was initiated by members of this year's senior class.

A&M should be proud of these students. They have shown a definite desire to rid the college of its worst scar—the "board."

But these officers should remember that it is easier to swear to something than support it. They have committed themselves on one of A&M's most controversial subjects. There is no turning back.

FANDANCE

'Pickup' Is Letdown For Actor's Talent

By JERRY BENNETT
Battalion Co-Editor

"PICKUP ON SOUTH STREET" now at the Palace is a misleading title for a spool of celluloid nonsense.

Starring Richard Widmark at his worst, the movie concerns a hermit pick-pocket who accidentally swipes some Connie secrets while doing his nimble-finger shopping.

The pickup in the film's title refers to some microfilm, not to Jean Peters. Coaches probably will think this young lady has possibilities. Before the show is finished, she is knocked across a room, slugged in the face and shot point blank.

Actor Widmark who started a brilliant career with such movies as "Kiss of Death", "Road House" and "Night and the City" finally has found his main talent lies in being miscast.

Lately he has been drafted into every second rate war movie that 20th Century Fox has waged on the public. His newest film, "Take the High Ground", probably will be a new low.

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Harry Kidd, A&M's spirited author-teacher, will direct another series of local radio shows this spring. Last year Kidd wrote and directed a radio series titled "Texas Turns to Science." Before that he spearheaded a group called "The Story of Texas A&M."

The new programs will deal with adjustment to college life. Kidd told us he needs plenty of women for the cast. Anyone interested may contact him in his office—Number 329 D Academic Building. There are parts available for men too.

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"FROM HERE TO ETERNITY", a plot sandwiched between 900 pages of profanity, now is on sale in the pocket edition. The film version is a hold-over in cities throughout the country.

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After seeing a recent 3-D movie in Bryan, one cadet told us he couldn't wait to see 4-D—3-D with a plot.

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BILL CURRY knew he had seen that girl before. He was waiting in a Las Vegas, Nevada barbecue line this summer when he noticed her. He asked his buddy if they hadn't seen the girl at the officers club on the base where they were attending summer camp. She heard the discussion and turned around to see who was pulling an inspection off duty. Their acquaintance had been only 2 dimensional. The girl was screen star June Allyson.

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FAN DANCING IN FLORIDA—There's a man shortage in Miami, Fla. While there this summer we saw this sign on a public beach—

MEN WANTED!
TO RELAX AND REJUVENATE
ON THIS FREE BEACH

Class of '95 Aggie Dies in San Angelo

Andrew Fleming Moursund '95 died in San Angelo Saturday. He was 76.

A civil engineering graduate of A&M, Mr. Moursund had been connected with the state highway department engineer in San Angelo for 29 years. He retired in 1950.

Mr. Moursund's first job after he left A&M was as a track walker for the Southern Pacific railroad west of Del Rio, at \$1.50 a day.

While at A&M, he was a first lieutenant in the cadet corps. Funeral services were held in San Angelo Monday. Burial was in Fredericksburg.

Battalion of Atom Guns Will Go to Europe Soon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—(AP)—A battalion of 280 mm. mobile guns, capable of firing atomic shells, will be sent to Europe shortly.

Announcing this yesterday, Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens described the 280 mm. guns as the army's "latest and largest" field artillery weapon.

Stevens said the battalion will be deployed to Europe for use in support of the North Atlantic treaty defense forces under Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

News Briefs

College Executives Discuss Petitions

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met yesterday from 1:30 until 6 p.m. and discussed routine matters such as petitions, said John P. Abbott, dean of the college. This was the first weekly meeting of the school year, and many petition cases had to be reviewed, said Abbott.

JOHN R. BERTRAND, dean of the basic division, told freshmen yesterday about courses offered by the Basic division for students who need help in reading, college studying and other academic problems. He spoke at the first of a series of freshman meetings. These meetings are a new addition to the freshman curricula and will continue through this month.

THIRD ANNUAL Farm and Ranch Credit school for commercial bankers will be held here Dec. 6-9. The school will deal with ways of handling major credit problems of farmers and ranchers. Members of the agricultural economics department who will be committee chairmen are Tyrus R. Timm, general planning; J. Wheeler Barger, program; R. L. Hunt, housing, and

John G. McHaney, local arrangements.

STREPT THROAT still leads on the College Station - Bryan morbidity report for last week. Eighteen cases of strept throat were reported, 10 in Bryan and eight in College Station. Other diseases reported were bacillary dysentery, 12 cases; gonorrhoea, six cases, and syphilis, four cases.

KIWANIS ELECTION last Tuesday picked W. T. Riedel as director until the end of the year. He is also chairman of the club's boys and girls committee.

CORROSION ENGINEER'S conference will be held here Sept. 22-25, sponsored by the south central region of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and the chemical engineering department. One hundred and forty persons are expected to attend.

DR. BASIL W. WILSON has been elected to the faculty of the A&M Graduate school as an associate oceanographer. Wilson ob- (See WILSON ELECTED, Page 4)

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Democrat Women's Division Abolished

CHICAGO, Sept. 16—(AP)—The Democratic National committee today formally abolished its 31-year-old women's division and invited women into its smoke-filled rooms on an equal footing with men.

But it was warned by a former suffragette, Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller, Pennsylvania national committeewoman, to mean really "equal footing." She advised that there are some women eyeing the move suspiciously.

The committee by resolution approved action taken earlier this year by Chairman Stephen Mitchell in announcing a new policy of integrating women into the committee's operations.

The vote was 106 to 1, and the lone dissent was cast by Mrs. Dorothy Satti, Connecticut national committeewoman. She explained afterward:
"Men tend to forget the work women do. But if there is a woman's division staring them in the face, they are reminded of it."

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