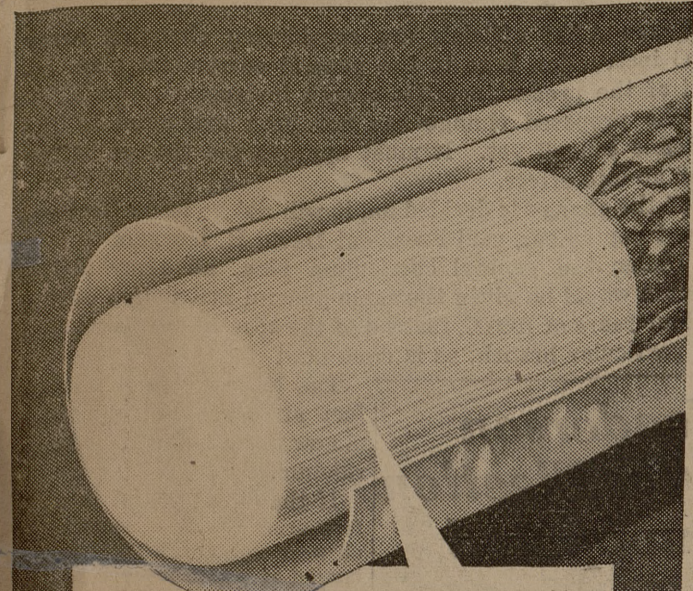


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No Change Yet

The change from specific branch instruction to branch general would be a big one for Texas A&M, but it isn't here yet. Many students will dislike the change, because it will mean the end of the traditional branch spirit here. But the change is just being considered; nothing concrete has been done about it.

It seems that the army favors the change, and that they have good reason for favoring it. Each student must evaluate the change calmly, and consider the relative merits and demerits before forming an opinion. In any case, the students should think before taking any action.

A Lack of Confidence

A group has just finished looking into health facilities for A&M students, and they undoubtedly decided that there is something lacking.

The investigating committee was charged with examining the present facilities and seeing how they could be expanded into a more complete, all-around health service.

One point should not be overlooked here. Whatever is decided, something should be done to build up more confidence in the college hospital.

Most of the students here don't trust the hospital, and it does no good to have a health program if students are reluctant to take advantage of it.

At Other Schools

Colleges Enjoy Varied Activities

By JON KINSLOW Battalion Managing Editor

Activities on the campuses of Texas colleges were varied this week, and for once football took a back seat. One thing of interest was reported by some of the student newspapers—it rains on other colleges, too.

Take for instance Texas State College for Women. A story in the Daily Lasso says an essential part of every Tessie wardrobe is a complete set of rainwear. This gives A&M something in common with our so-called Sister School since rainwear is about the most important thing you can have here in the Brazos valley.

North Texas

A student official at North Texas State college announced that there was apparently a decline in the number of failures because of class absences. This decline, incidentally, has been since a system of voluntary class attendance which was inaugurated in 1949. The system says simply that a student "has the right of attending or not attending class." We think that's a good system.

The Campus Chat, NT's newspaper, also explains that although the school has Saturday classes, some students manage to arrange their schedules so they can leave the campus on Friday. This may be quite an expose for them, but we suspected it all the time.

University of Arkansas is to carry out a five-year building program for more than a half dozen buildings. As to their football team, the students have gotten that old Cotton Bowl fever, but they should possibly remember that Texas had the same illness before the confederacy will need the money if it once games started.

Baylor University

Officials at Baylor are considering lighting their stadium, and they say it will take between 50 and 60 thousand dollars to do it. The stadium, according to the Baylor Lariat, was built in 1950 and still has \$1,210,900 of bonds to be retired.

Baylor Coach George Sauer says Baylor's football team is still improving. They improved about 13 points in the second half of Saturday's game with A&M.

Texas Christian University A pall of gloom is hanging over the Orange and White crew from campus this spring. Although previously unheard of at the school, the fraternal organizations were approved this year, and eight fraternities and eight sororities have been chosen. Those chosen will be announced soon, college officials said.

University of Texas The Daily Texan, even calls them the "Win-shy Steers." Let's hope they are still shy Nov. 25. However, Coach Ed Price started a disciplinary crackdown by expelling nine football players from the athletic dormitory.

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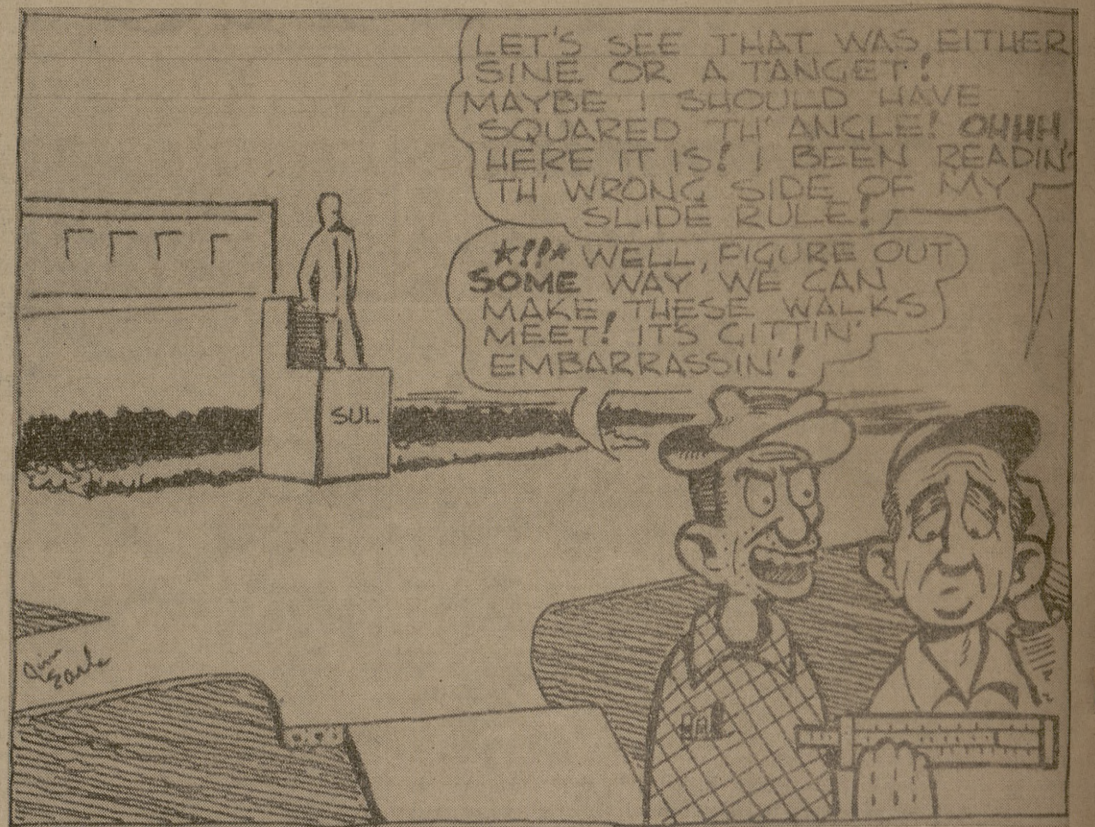
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A disadvantage would be the loss of "outfit spirit" among members of specific branches.

About half the nation's ROTC schools are now using the general curriculum plan. Morgan said the newly-formed Council of Military Colleges agreed that the general curriculum plan was better "under the present world conditions" at their meeting last week.

If the plan goes into effect next September, Morgan said, it would not affect this year's graduating seniors, or this year's juniors who have advanced contracts in a specific branch.

The contracts given this year's sophomore class would be for general military science, and they would be the first class to graduate under the program.

Fish Drill Team To Be Chosen Soon

Members of the freshman drill team will be chosen next week, according to Capt. Joseph C. Brusse drill team instructor.

About 80 freshmen are trying out. The team will consist of 39 freshmen and five alternates.



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