

More practical than prophetic, Rogers gave a benefit in Tucson for Mauger's team, raising \$2,300 which, with a like amount given by the school, enabled the four players and the coach to pile into a couple of automobiles and head east.

It was at once dubbed the "polo team on wheels," "the horseless polo team" and "the cowboy team without cows—and without horses." The stage was set to give it the same sort of derisive welcome that had been given the teams of 1924 and 1926.

But something happened on the way that was to change that. The ranch kids from the mesquite plains beat in quick succession New Mexico, Oklahoma, Fort Bliss, Riverridge and West Point. Murmurs of surprise greeted the earlier victories, but the West Point debacle was nothing less than a wow.

The Westerners, arriving in their dust-covered automobiles, to the polite amusement of the society folk from Tuxedo who motored over for the killing, wiped up the Army's pride 14 to 2.

Brought to New York and the Yale Club for luncheon, nothing was now too good for the Wild-

cats. They were introduced to Louis E. Stoddard, chairman of the United States Polo Association, to Clarence Budington Kelland, to many a Yale man who might have been put to it to tell exactly where their state was located.

Arizona Was "Included Out"

Then, on some pretty flimsy reasoning, based on mistaken reports, the intercollegiate polo heads voted not to let Arizona enter the matches. Two Arizona members, it was alleged, were ineligible for play. These charges have since been disproved, but Arizona has not been asked back for intercollegiate play. In fact, every Eastern trip the team has made has been on its own initiative.

Stoddard, who was in a position to judge, in spite of the team's defeat by Yale, called the 1931 Arizona team "the finest team combination in polo."

Arizona's coach for 1941, former crack Army poloist Major Delmore S. Wood, has said that the 1940 Arizona team, which he did not coach, "could easily

have beaten any college team in the country if it had been comparably mounted."

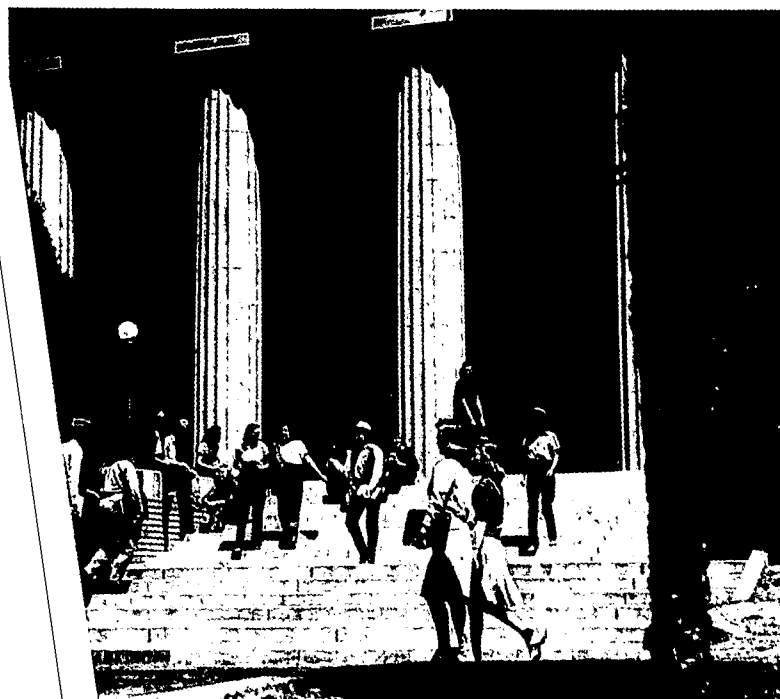
Arizona polo teams on Eastern trips have always played on borrowed mounts because it is not possible to transport polo ponies, as it is football teams, across the country with time out for play every 500 miles.

In the West, it has become the custom for home teams not only to furnish visitors with mounts, but to share their own mounts with them for at least half the game. This little gesture has never been followed in the East and must be accounted the greatest handicap the Western visitors have played under.

With a top enrollment last year of under 2,700 students, Arizona is one of the smallest state colleges in the country. But it has continually matched itself with the biggest colleges of the East, and has managed to maintain a brand of polo of which any school could be proud. It has done this using borrowed nags and considerably slowed down by soft Eastern fields which contrast strikingly with the fast dobe-and-devil-grass fields of the Southwest.

For his 1941 varsity, Wood (Continued on page 57)

The cowboy influence on the University of Arizona campus is reflected in the clothing of students going to and from classes in the Engineering Building



Girl students ride, too. On this desert trail are Ada Lee Pernex, Elladean Hayes, Sazette Blair, Mary Hayward and Pat Moore

