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The day of hazing is rapidly passing. At A. and M., for instance, even the harmless practical jokes on freshmen which so much delighted upper classmen a few years ago are now rarely seen. Quite often now does one hear the remark: "I haven't seen a 'fish' strapt this year." When the members of the present senior class were freshmen, hazing was pretty stiff, yet we were informed by our persecutors that we were not receiving half the chastisement that they received when they were freshmen. We took all such statements with a grain of salt then, but now we are inclined to believe there was some truth in them. Certainly, hazing has decreased markedly at this institution since we were "fish." But A. and M. yet labors under the reputation for rowdiness which it acquired many years ago but no longer deserves.

The national protest of a few years ago against hazing caused harsh laws to be passed in Texas for the suppression of the practice. But we are declined to think that these laws did little if anything to abate the custom, because we know of no person against whom they have ever been enforced and we have never known a student

to refrain because of them. Indeed, we have frequently known cadets to freely indulge in hazing in the face of the more immediate danger of expulsion from college. Rather do we think that the present tendency is the result of a growing sense of justice on the part of the students themselves. As things now are a freshman is more likely to escape without that limited amount of hazing which most persons agree is best for his own welfare he is to be brutally treated.

Trade with the men who advertise with the college publications, fellows. This is not only a fair thing for us to do but it is strictly to our own interest to do so. Several of our college enterprises would be absolutely impossible without the aid of advertisers in Bryan. Take the Longhorn, for instance, the greatest of all agencies for advertising A. and M. Fully half the ads it contains are paid for by men in Bryan, and yet how few of us give preference to the merchants in Bryan who patronize it. Read carefully the ads in this and other student publications and trade with the men who make the publications possible. There are men in Bryan who boast that they don't have to advertise to get the A. and M. trade! The Battalion does not advocate any boycott, but we do urge our readers to go first to merchants who help support the College.

Don't forget the college song contest. This song should be adopted and learned by the corps before the game in Dallas, and the contest will close one week from today unless it is found that a sufficient number of songs have not been entered in the contest by that time. Drop the songs with envelopes attached into the Bat box in the Main Building near Ike Ashburn's office.

The price of a single subscription to the Battalion is \$1.25 but when one person subscribes for two copies, one of them to be sent off the campus, the price is \$2.00, and the price for three is \$3.00.

Trade with our advertisers; but for them a college paper would be impossible.

The practical joke pulled off by the "old boys" of T. C. U. on the freshman class this week serves to emphasize the wisdom of the A. and M. corps last year in eliminating the freshman vote from corps elections at this college.

"Fish" Florian approached "Shrimp" Haden the other day with a wise look innocently made the following inquiry: "Say, Mister, has reveille blown for drill yet?"

T. C. U. has adopted student self government. The Battalion extends its congratulations and best wishes for the success of the plan.

All material for the Y. M. C. A. page should be turned in to Mr. Steger. He is in entire charge of their department.

The news letter from T. C. U. this week is worthy of special mention. It is what a news letter ought to be.

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