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#### WHAT A. & M. COLLEGE OFFERS THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.

One sometimes hears one of the  
present Seniors remark that he  
wishes he was young enough to enter  
A. & M. again next year as a Fresh-  
man and take the four-year course  
again. Why does such an attitude  
exist?

There are numerous reasons, of  
which we will name but a few. One  
reason is that the college next year  
offers an entirely new curriculum,  
one having fewer studies per man  
and fewer class hours, but more hours  
of outside work. Those of us who  
have been thru college realize that  
it is better to know a few things well  
than to know a little about everything;  
also that it is the outside and more  
or less voluntary study we do which  
gives us culture and breadth of mind.  
From all appearance, there will be no  
filler courses at A. & M. after this.  
The entrance requirements have also  
been raised to 14 units, enabling the  
students, by starting higher than be-  
fore, to do more advanced work than  
formerly in the course of the four  
years. Yet the requirements admit  
of so many options that no student  
need be excluded from college be-  
cause he has been educated along a  
certain narrow, prescribed line.

A. & M. now has a new and com-  
plete Y. M. C. A. Building, an electric  
interurban to Bryan giving hourly  
service, and an abundance of cement  
sidewalks—three things undreamed  
of but a few years ago. Because of  
these recently acquired conveniences  
the society of the campus is becom-  
ing more general, and our former bug-  
bear— isolation— gives us little con-  
cern now.

The expense of attending A. & M.  
is quite moderate, \$300 per year being  
a sufficient amount, and much and,  
in some few cases, all of that may be

earned while in college here. Because  
of our military drills, free hospital,  
and simple but abundant food, health  
at this college is remarkably good.  
The self-reliance which is developed  
in A. & M. cadets is well known.

The college has a strong president,  
the attendance is steadily increasing,  
and, from the study of the history of  
the college which the editor has  
made, he can see that the greatest  
days of A. & M. are just beginning.

Now that the end of his labors has  
come, the editor would like to know  
in what way he has pleased his read-  
ers and in what way he has dis-  
pleased them during the session now  
closing. Not only would he like to  
know this for his own satisfaction,  
but also that he might pass on the  
information to his successor for him  
to profit by. The Battalion is your  
paper, and it is to your interest to say  
how you want it run. Write out a  
slip saying what things you like about  
The Battalion as it has been run this  
year and what things you do not like  
and drop the criticism in The Bat-  
talion box or mail it to the editor, in  
order that his successor may know  
what features to stress and what ones  
to discontinue. Say anything you  
think as long as you sign your name  
to it. For instance, you might tell  
us whether you would like to see  
"Who's Who" continued, and if not,  
why not, or you might tell us whether  
you favor or oppose a moderate  
amount of simplified spelling, or  
whether the news has been too local  
in its nature, or any one of a dozen  
other things.

We do not know at this writing  
whether the proposed amendment re-  
garding the control of The Battalion  
will pass or not, but we feel sure that  
if it does not a plan similar to it will  
be adopted sooner or later. If it does  
pass, we would like to suggest some  
additional duties which might be  
given in future years to the board  
created by the amendment. It is a  
frequent thing to hear dissatisfaction  
expressed with the financial manage-  
ment of the various student activities,  
especially the formal balls. Now our  
suggestion is that a plan be worked  
out by which these affairs can be put  
under the supervision of this board  
and that the finances be audited by  
it and the results published. Since  
the board as planned is a continuous  
organization, the profits and deficits  
might be carried over from year to  
year.

#### WILL OFFER COURSE IN HIGHWAY WORK FOR C. E. STUDENTS

#### Highway Engineering Instruction to Be Feature of New Curriculum.

The Agricultural and Mechanical  
College of Texas has just announced  
a new undergraduate course in High-  
way Engineering which will go into  
effect next fall. For the first three  
years of this course the work is the  
same as that given in the course in  
general civil engineering, except that  
in the second term of the Junior year  
rural highways are studied instead of  
a general condensed course in roads  
and pavements. In the Senior year  
about half the time is devoted to  
highway subjects, including courses  
in bituminous materials and surfaces;  
nonbituminous pavements and street  
cleaning; planning of roads and street  
systems; highway laws, economics,  
organization and administration;  
highway bridges and culverts, and a  
laboratory course in testing road ma-

terials. A short course for road  
supervisors and surveyors is given in  
January.

The college has a well equipped  
road laboratory, a road grader, road  
drags and traction engines, and a  
road exhibit containing models show-  
ing different types of construction,  
samples of materials, pictures, etc.

As there is no State highway de-  
partment in Texas, the college at-  
tempts as far as possible to do the  
work of such a department. Members  
of the highway engineering staff at-  
tend road meetings, and advise local  
officials in all parts of the State, and  
some of the road models, etc., are  
often placed on exhibition at county  
fairs. Any samples of road materials  
sent in are tested free in the labora-  
tory.

The Division of Highway Engineer-  
ing is in charge of Professor R. L.  
Morrison and Associate Professor B.  
K. Coghlan, and George D. Marshall  
of the United States Department of  
Public Roads has his headquarters at  
the college.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

Receipts.	
Total receipts, including sale of cakes, pies, cold drinks and tickets to amusements..	\$193.15
Expenses.	
Rent of piano for dance.....	\$ 4.40
Half charge for 500 posters....	6.00
Canvas and sign cloth.....	5.30
Sandwich materials .....	8.85
Lights and coloring matter....	20.50
Paints and brushes.....	2.80
Tacks .....	.50
Decorating materials .....	15.00
Cost and express on decora- tions, confetti, 5,000 paper bags and 10,000 roll tickets..	16.25
Peanuts and butter oil.....	2.70
Popcorn .....	.70
Music April 24 to May 1.....	12.00
Mexican help April 24 (clear- ing Mess Hall).....	3.00

Total expenses .....	\$ 98.00
Total net profit.....	\$ 95.15
The net profit as shown above has been turned over to Prof. J. B. Bagley, president of the Athletic Association.	
JAMES SULLIVAN, Secretary and Treasurer A. & M. Carnival Association.	

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET

Loan from the First National Bank of Bryan.....	\$400.00
Receipts.	
Sales of tickets to companies	\$271.50
Gate receipts .....	238.00
Total sales of tickets.....	\$509.50
Entry fees .....	122.00
Total receipts .....	\$631.50
Expenses.	
Railroad fare for teams.....	\$721.45
Ribbons .....	2.25
Relay banner .....	6.00
Medals .....	93.36
Incidentals (telegrams, tele- phone, etc.) .....	11.56

Total expenses .....	\$834.62
Balance (deposited with First National Bank to apply on the \$400.00 loan).....	\$196.88
Bank Statement.	
Cash borrowed from the First National Bank .....	\$400.00
Cash returned to the First National Bank .....	196.88
Balance due, or net deficit..	\$203.12
D. W. SCOTT, Manager Track Team.	

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night 10 p. m. I sell massage  
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