

DEMOCRATIC A. AND M.

Ever since A. and M. was first organized as a college in 1876 it has been famous as a democratic school. In this we have no idle boast, but instead a powerful instrument which will bring to earth the lofty airs of anyone who is even inclined toward snobbishness. When a man comes to College Station for the first time he meets with that friendly spirit which has done so much to make us what we are today. True, a freshman who is made of the right sort of stuff, is the kind of fellow that A. and M. always wants, then this meeting will only serve to link him the more strongly to the school of his choice.

The dormitory life at A. and M. is one of the great factors which help to bring the men together and abolish all distinctions between the rich and those less fortunately situated. In a great many colleges the Greek letter fraternities will organize a group of men of a certain class, and then this group will live in its own house away from all the rest of the college, thus losing the benefit to be derived from the association with a large body of students. Here it is different. The group of dormitories on the Campus in which almost all of the cadets reside serves a rather indirect, though none the less vital, purpose in bringing all of us together and imposing upon each and every one the restrictions which have been found best to regulate the college. Here it is not possible for one man to live in fine bachelors apartments, while another man, his class-mate perhaps, finds himself in that notorious "third floor back." A. and M. is so different from a great many colleges in this respect that very few of us ever realize what a blessing this democratic spirit is.

Who have been to other places and then come to A. and M. almost invariably remark on our general attitude as a college toward those traits which are so characteristic of certain famous universities. This is because only those who have been subjected to the haughty dignity of the snob can ever understand how poignantly this can cut a man who is the least bit sensitive to his surroundings. Is it not far better that men in college should feel free to speak to each other without an introduction, and that they should even consider it quite proper to use a stranger the time of day or some similar favor? Here at A. and M. where everything that leads to such exclusiveness is barred out by the very nature of things we may have cause to rejoice at the democratic spirit which has ruled our college for so many years.

FISH

Jupe Pluve, Alias.

Some nights ago a very impressive and dignified ceremony on 3rd floor Milner was unnecessarily interrupted by the sudden descent of an unusual quantity of nature's most precious fluid. "Mr." Dykes, Co. B, has been puzzled by what he considered as rain from a cloudless sky, but stay right in there "C" company "Fish."

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"Nut" Williamson seems to have raised a good crop of young nuts in H company. The other evening three fire extinguishers were emptied from the fourth floor of Leggett in a vain endeavor to stop an electric wire from sparking.

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Tada!! Tada!!
Cat!! Cat!!
Those wild women
Will get you yet.

It seems that every generation must have its tyrant who crushes all by his dominating will and unscrupulous bravery. Greece had her Alexander, Rome her Nero, England her Charles the First, France her Louis the Fourteenth, Russian her Trotsky, and Section 18 its "Fish" Hoppe.

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What is success but a command to attempt still higher things?

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Who said the Cadet Corps was not united? One would never have suspected it had he seen the two Pullmans with training-camp men pull out with five hundred Cadets yelling. It was the writer's privilege to ride to Bryan on the special cars (saved three jitneys), and it put a peculiar feeling in his backbone to see the spirit in which these men were leaving. When one leaves his college comes the final test as to what he thinks of it. We gripe at everything here from the eating on up. But when we pull out from the station down there—it's undefinable. But it's there. And we feel that no matter if a university had millions more dollars than A. and M., if it had thousands of students and world champion athletic teams—it wouldn't be what A. and M. is to us, and we wouldn't trade A. and M. for any of them. One could see it and feel it in the men leaving Thursday and it left a deep satisfaction down inside of us. The old A. and M. spirit is running strong—and we have just begun. Those men up in Kentucky will have some hard work to do, but when they leave that place those people up there will know what these Texas Aggies are. We've never failed to show 'em yet and we never will.

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AN APPRECIATION.

The Freshman at A. and M. do not feel that it would be proper to close the school year without an expression of appreciation to the Y. M. C. A. and the Secretary who has served us quietly and efficiently throughout the year. Much has been done for us, that now seems to be just the natural thing, so that we do not often stop to think of the service or value received.

The "Y" has furnished us with clean amusement throughout three long and troubled terms. We have had a swimming pool, a foyer for those interested in chess and checkers, and a billiard room where all the famous "pool sharks" may congregate. The most important amusement feature supplied by the "Y" has been the free movies. Did you ever stop to think that these shows cost somebody some money? In addition, these movies have brought the Corps together several times a week, and so helped tremendously to build up that feeling of good-will that constitutes the college spirit at A. and M. Do we not owe the "Y" a debt of gratitude?

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"FIELD."

It has been said that "Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast." Precisely so have the movie "fans" been charmed at every Wednesday and Saturday night picture show. Therefore in honor of the Freshman class we wish to extend to Mr. Field Reynaud, alias Bank, alias Money, the penning on such occasions our heartiest words of appreciation and thanks for the entertainment he so unselfishly renders the student body. Mr. Reynaud has exceptional musical ability and his suggestive music, always in accord with the picture, lends a most pleasing effect.

Fish Come and Fish Go!

So you Fish bring back more
Fish next year.

I have not had the pleasure
of meeting everyone of you
personally, but next year tell
your Fish to call on

Boyett's Store

and say a last year's Fish
sent you here.

GUY BOYETT, Proprietor.

If you want your Spring Suits
to be tailor-made by real
tailors, see

CHARLES NITCH

The Campus Tailor

COME DOWN AND PICK OUT YOUR SUIT FROM
THE LATEST STYLES.

First Class Cleaning
and Pressing

The Shirley Hotel

Try our SHORT ORDERS during
the Final Ball.

Up-to-Date Service
at all hours.

A. C. BAILEY, Lessee