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The column devoted to Student Opinion was inaugurated with the purpose of having students of this institution express their views on certain aspects of the training activities, current happenings, methods of administration and any feature of same. It has not as its purpose the criticism of persons, be they students, faculty members, writers of articles or otherwise. We do not desire to augment personal feelings, or start arguments and will reject articles unless they be written in a corrective or explanatory or suggestive manner. We not only wish opinion on those features that are distasteful or unattractive, but also on the bigger and more enjoyable side of the institution, and they are here, else we would not be here. The recent critical articles appearing in The Battalion were well founded and if there is to be a reply it must be in the form outlined above, that is remedial, denial or explanatory.

We avoid all articles which are unwarranted in their praise or criticism and hence cannot accept those contradictory and yet not remedial in nature. For instance we believe the criticism of the light and water service reasonable and legitimate—and this was answered with the statement that funds were unavailable, which is accepted without further controversy. Again we fell sure that the Y. M. C. A. is lacking and functioning miserably and the things of which it was criticised are true in every respect—yet no explanation or suggestion received but instead a criticism of the writer of the original article. Writers of the future please keep within these limits and we will be only too glad to accept your views.

Recently the College authorities saw fit to cancel the several hundred subscriptions customarily mailed to the high schools of the state at the expense of the College. This action has left the majority of the high schools without the Battalion on the library table each week. A number of men at A. and M. have paid for a subscription to their own high school and clubs have sent the paper to several high schools. Do you want the students at your own old "High" to read of the great things that A. and M. does? You understand that

there is no other college publication relating entirely to the students and their activities. You have seen the attitude of the state press towards A. and M. Will you support your College, your paper, and your high school that sent you here? Will you do this much for the good of A. and M. and the good of the students now attending the high school from which you entered this College? Club presidents, club members, individual students, the Battalion appeals to you and asks that you consider this matter. Then for 75c subscribe to the Bat for the remainder of the year and have it sent to your school library.

Just a word to the wise. If any organization, club, class or otherwise are planning to give a dance in the near future, it would be advisable to get right now because an opportunity presents itself which is really beyond reason. The Louisiana Five is in the State and will remain here until the latter part of February when they return to make records for Columbia and Emerson. Their prices are within consideration.

Taking advantage of examination week many students went home from Tuesday until Friday. Coming as soon after the Xmas holidays prevented an outrush of students but at last very few remained at College Station. All that didn't take advantage of same will regret it, because it's a long time until the next one.

### PROFESSOR BILSING TO GIVE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.

Monday night at the regular Horticultural Society meeting in room 21, Agricultural building, Professor Bilsing, head of the Entomology Department will give an illustrated lecture on the subject of "Insect Enemies of the Pecan in Texas." This lecture will be highly beneficial to anyone interested in this horticultural product. The pecan is one of Texas' most valuable trees and the states production is far in the lead over any other states of the union. There has been a great increase in the number of trees in the state during the past ten years and at present a great deal of interest is being displayed by citizens in all parts of the state. The Horticultural Society, composed of Junior and Senior Horticultural students, invites any interested students or faculty members to attend this meeting and receive the benefits of the lecture. All meetings of this society are open to visitors and at every meeting interesting programs on valuable subjects are offered. It is the wish of the society that all interested campus residents feel free to attend the regular meetings on the first Monday night of each week at 7:30 p. m.



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