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THE BLANKET TAX

Whenever another form of athletics that is old to other colleges and universities but new to A. and M. are tried to be introduced here there is always one thing staring the promoters in the face, and that is the Athletic Council is in debt too bad to be helped by a long goaly financial assistance. We do not intend to criticize the financial condition of the Council; for we are not in a position to know all of the facts, but we do intend to offer another plan that ought to help pay the indebtedness of the Council.

In nearly every other college and university in this state has what is known as the Blanket Tax. This tax is for the maintenance of student activities, athletics, and various other things. The tax is required to be paid by all students when they register for the first time of the current school year. When this tax is paid the student is given a coupon book. There is a coupon for each event in the school year. At one of the large universities in this state, this tax pays for the students' entrance to all athletic contests, the subscription to the college paper, all lyceum numbers, all intercollegiate debates, and various other things. A certain per cent of the proceeds from this tax is apportioned among all activities according to their importance and the expense of maintaining that particular phase of college life. This tax saves the time of the students; in as much as it does away with the financial campaigns for the different things. By the tax method, every man helps pay for every thing and enjoys the same privileges with the other fellow.

The only way that this tax is a success is that it be required of every student. The tax must be paid through the Fiscal Department when the student registers. It gives all activities their money at the beginning of school, and it enables all of them to be operated cheaper. By the old method it is necessary for the Battalion, the Longhorn, and various other things to be higher, than it would be under the tax method. This is true because the most loyal students are the ones who support college affairs by the sub-

scription method, while every man must pay with the tax system.

The writer favors a blanket tax of fifteen dollars per student beginning with the first term of 1920-'21, apportioned as follows: 65 per cent for athletics; 15 per cent for the Longhorn subscription; 8 per cent for the subscription to the Battalion; 6 per cent for the Y.M.C.A.; and 6 per cent for the lyceum numbers that the Y.M.C.A. brings to us every year. A tax of fifteen dollars ought to have a good effect for at least two years after its adoption.

1. Every student will pay the Athletic Council \$9.75 instead of \$6. An increase of \$3.75 and that ought to pay the Council out of debt the first year and give them a surplus the second year. After the second year the tax could be reduced by a vote of the student body, if desired.

2. The Battalion would receive \$1.20 from every student in school. The tax would insure a 100 per cent circulation of the Battalion among the students.

3. The Longhorn would receive \$2.25 from each student. This would also give the Longhorn a 100 per cent circulation among the students. The writer believes that a fair estimate of the total subscription to the Longhorn among the students does not exceed 800. If this estimate is fair the management of the Longhorn would make \$1.75, by counting the eight hundred copies at four dollars and fifteen hundred copies at \$2.21. Fifteen hundred being the normal enrollment of the College.

4. The Y. M. C. A. would receive \$1.80 from each student—Ninety cents for the support of the Y and ninety cents for the lyceum number. Considering 1500 students as the average enrollment per year, the Y would receive \$1350 for itself and an equal amount for the lyceum numbers, or any other high class entertainment the Secretary of the Y would see fit to bring to College.

NEW "T" AWARDS

The suggestion of giving our yell-leaders a remembrance appeared in The Battalion a few weeks ago, and it has not been commented upon in either way. In our opinion, the most appropriate way that this college could remember our yell-leaders would be for the Athletic Council to award the chief yell-leader an honorary "T" and for each of his assistants be awarded with an honorary "T" second. There should be some distinguishing mark on their sweater to show that they were yell-leaders instead of an athlete.

During the first part of the year our yell-leaders work as hard as our football team. Every man on any athletic team has hopes of winning his letter, but the yell-leaders have none. All that they receive is the satisfaction of knowing that they have tried to do their part. These men do not have anything to carry away with them as a token of appreciation for the services they have rendered to our College. It is a neglect on the part of the students for not demanding such a remembrance for our yell-leaders from the Athletic Council. If the Council will not heed our demand, then the students should see that every yell-leader and his staff should receive a remembrance that he can always be proud of. Then he can enjoy the feeling that his efforts to help urge our team on to victory have not been spent in vain.

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