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THE STUDENT FARMER.

Every Agricultural College of note in America has its agricultural publication dealing with relative subjects, written by students of agriculture. Work on such a publication gives the student excellent training in writing articles on subjects with which he must deal in his future life. A. and M. once had such a publication under the title of The Student Farmer. With the present strong classes of Juniors and Seniors in Agriculture, and the active departmental societies, there is no reason why a very creditable paper could not be published. Aside from the training which the contributors would receive, the publicity for the Agricultural courses would be well worth the effort. Moreover, the college which leads the International Stock Judging Contests and in other ways has gained nation-wide reputation, should not be without a representative publication for the School of Agriculture if it is to maintain its standing among other agricultural institutions. Why not revive The Student Farmer.

OVERWORKING PRIVILEGES.

Each year in our memory has brought an increase of privileges for A. and M. students. The authorities have taken the viewpoint that they are safe in reducing restrictions and increasing liberties as long as there were no ill effects. At present the Commandant is being very liberal with passes and furloughs and the undesirable results are becoming visible.

When a permit is granted for a student to leave the College he is supposed to comply with all regulations until his departure. His leave expires at a certain specified hour and regardless of what hour his train arrived, or what loss of sleep he suffered the preceding night, he is expected to comply with the regulations at once.

There has been considerable use made in classes, and in dormitories of the excuse "I just returned from a pass." This is unfair to the authorities who are making every effort to be liberal in granting absences from the College. The constant and prolonged use of such an excuse will have only one effect—that of reducing the number of passes to a considerable extent. The faculty will not permit a liberal granting of passes if the pass is to serve as an excuse for a day or two of unprepared academic work. The Commandant and his cadet officers will not submit to absences and failure to police officers with such an excuse.

You cannot go upon your expected duties upon your return until you recover lost sleep and a pass is the extent of your privilege. Do not attempt to extend your pass one day or two after your return. The alternative in case of persistence is no passes.

THE BAT.

With this issue The Battalion takes on new form. We realize that we have had a good publication in the past. In the mechanical make-up it was characteristic and distinctive. But The Bat is growing. Five years ago it frequently appeared in four page form. Later six pages became the customary size. During the last session eight pages were in every issue but often the staff was in agony for material. This year the quantity of copy submitted has increased with each edition. The former size of the paper was insufficient. With the new form all margin wastage is gone. The distinctive head of old has passed. Every effort will be made to make the new form as distinctive in a manner as the old. We must continue to beg for copy. The more received the better will be your paper. With the Saturday appearance, copy must be in by Friday morning. Write legibly and on one side of the paper only. Typed contributions are preferred. Departmental societies will be given liberal space. With the great number of city, county and locality clubs, space must necessarily be limited. A staff member will soon take over a department for these organizations. Another will be in charge of the old "Company" department. With the large size of organizations their number is prohibitive of extensive write-ups. Make your contributions brief, to the point, and of general interest. College life and the lighter side of daily routine must be neglected until this is done. Priority, interest and news value will control the publication. The columns are open to all. We have no school of journalism and experience is not essential. Contribute. Then contribute more. And again. And the staff will stop at nothing to make your paper what you want it.

Did the slightest animosity exist among A. and M. students toward Rice, the following editorial extract from The Rice Thresher would clean the slate. Regardless of how Coach Arbuckle's vote was cast, we do not recall such an expression of true sportsmanship in the College Press of Texas. We will be glad to greet Rice at College Station thirty days from now as guests of A. and M.

THE DECISION OF S. W. CONFERENCE.

The case of Knickerbocker of A. and M. is to be considered from a different aspect. Knickerbocker played on the Southwestern basketball squad in a game against Texas during his prep school days. It was at that time that he was really ineligible, but apparently no action was taken—especially since Southwestern is not a member of the conference.

In counting this season as a year, the officials have ruled that Knickerbocker has used up his allotted four years. But why a prep school lad who had been allowed to participate in an intercollegiate contest under false pretenses, should be denied his privilege of four years college activity is more than The Thresher can see.

It is only natural that an active, vigorous athlete would jump at a chance to play on a collegiate team, never for a moment thinking of the outcome, or judging the act wrong. Not knowing the rules, how should he know? The officials should direct their darts at the university permitting or enticing prep school athletes to join their athletic teams. They are to blame and not the unsuspecting athlete.

Not being able to get at Southwestern they should not take their spite on A. and M. who is innocent of the deal. In all probability A. and M. will make a good record in college football despite the decision.—Rice Thresher.

THE A. AND M. SPIRIT.

In a recent Daily Texan complimentary reference was made to the spirit in which the Aggies support their teams. Numerous student publications of lesser importance have likewise commented most favorably upon the characteristic of A. and M. students. Saturday, when the team met S. M. U. at Dallas, the students remaining at College Station assembled in the A. H. and for two hours yelled and sweated in support of a team two hundred miles away. After the game yesterday an L. S. U. man stated that A. and M. had one thing which his own institution lacked—PEP! And this something that will count when the season closes. The team is fighting

with every iota of strength and brain and will. And the least we can do is to continue with our past record of unanimous and most whole hearted support. We do not anticipate defeat. On the other hand we have confidence. We know our teams. But when the end of the season comes, we must be positive that every man who wears the White and Maroon knows full well that we were with him through the last whistle. And should defeats be on our record, we will know that better teams deserve the credit. We will know that our own Farmers gave their all and we must know that we gave no less. Even defeat under such circumstances could never be bitter.

STUDENT OPINION.

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STUDENT BODY VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE BOTH AUSTIN AND WACO TRIPS.

At a meeting of the entire student body Tuesday night it was unanimously voted to make both the Waco and Austin trips with the team when they make their invasion upon Bear and Longhorn territory. Maj. Ike Ashburn requested information as to what number of students would make each trip in order to make the necessary arrangements. The response was unanimous and the A. & M. College en masse will visit Baylor and State. At least two special trains will be required for each trip.

RESULT OF SOPHOMORE ELECTION.

In the election of class officers last Saturday morning the following men were elected: President, Sam Sanders; Vice-President, T. E. Riggs; Historian, C. E. Olsen; Secretary-Treasurer, R. E. Scofield; Student Welfare Council, C. E. Olsen.

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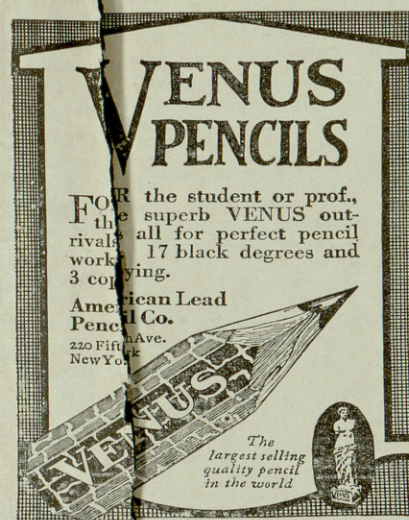
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