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THE COLLEGE MAN.

In various publications we see articles by men eminent in their professions setting forth the disadvantages of a college education. In similar publications, if not in the same ones, we see articles by equally eminent men who laud the work of the college man and trace it to his work as a college student.

Strange to say both are right. In some instances we find the finest type of constructive criticism. In others the unusual fellow is made the case. With these facts before us, several questions present themselves. First of which is, "can we put our finger on the trouble and is there a solution?" This is hard to answer and to only the careful thinker and the hard headed business man should the question finally be put for a final solution.

But taking the criticisms for what they are worth, and applying them to our daily work, what is the most noticeable one of these—the lack of business training.

How does that effect the college man? For four years he has been chasing the will-o-wisps, his degree, working diligently on the work required for said degree. What has been happening in the meantime? The financial world has taken a sudden upheaval. Markets becoming shaky and a new situation arising with which he is blissfully ignorant. What position is open for the college man? Generally that of apprentice (whatever the executive or administrative position may be the college man is on probation until he shows the goods.) What would be a feasible plan whereby a student might overcome that handicap? Teach him to show initiative early in his college career—see that he does not sever relations with the outside world. Give him plenty of electives in the course he is pursuing.

How may one be taught initiative? A thousand ways—noticeably clean-cut decisions.

How may he keep connection with the busy outside world? By turning the wealth of news items of the dailies into brain-food for the student.

Won't the student over-do the elective system? No, the college man picking the easy courses should be weeded out. The soft pickings are generally brought about by some complicated course and future aspiration of the student.

Is the criticism of the college man just? It is. Statistics show that the majority of men finishing college do not follow the course they pursued in college.

What is the natural conclusion? Simply this—with electives that cover the field of operations that the student intends to cover and such required subjects as will give him a foundation and make his mind receptive and alert to the specialized part of the problems that confront the graduate is solved.

With the business world calling for practical and sound thinking men and the college turning out highly theoretically trained men it is evident that we must and will continue to hear the cry, "Send us fellows who don't know more than we do, but fellows willing to learn and can do something useful."

LONGHORN STAFF WINS RECOGNITION.

As a matter of pride and interest we publish the following excerpt from the Editor's Exchange, a booklet edited by the largest firm doing college annual work in America:

"Honor Roll"—"Wherein We Give Credit."

"The Longhorn of Texas A. and M. leads in sending in photographic material, both in quantity and variety to date."

Following the above was a list of fifteen or twenty publications edited by senior classes of the largest colleges and educational institutions in the United States. This exemplifies the untiring effort put forth by the Longhorn staff and every student or person connected with the College should make every effort to aid these men and make their work more wholesome. Remember they are working for YOU and at the time when YOU are having your fun!

"THE BAT."

Beginning with this week The Battalion has two new Assistant Editors, M. P. Mims and M. B. Gardner. Both men are Juniors and have shown by active interest in the publication throughout the year that their assistance will be of great value. Mims will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of J. T. Martin as News Editor and Gardner will assist the Sports Editor. More contributions are being received each week from students who have never written for the publication before. Many faculty members are taking great interest in the paper and are offering many valuable suggestions for its improvement, and a number have contributed news items. The Battalion is rapidly outgrowing its present size and as soon as the financial difficulties are solved, it is destined to be the largest college weekly in the South which will be a great step towards the ambition of the staff to make it a daily publication.

STUDENT OPINION.

A CORRECTION.

In last week's issue of the Battalion there appeared a student opinion article in which the quality of the food and the price thereof was severely criticised. May that be as it is, but the writer used some figures supposedly copied from the latest statistics that were largely exaggerated. According to that article the prices of all foods was supposed to have been reduced by one half, and the writer complained that in spite of that fact, we were receiving worse fare for more money than ever before. The fact is, food prices on the whole have not dropped more than about 12 or 14 per cent. The main trouble seems to be with the

water, and that is not the fault of the Mess Hall authorities. In order to obtain a larger supply of water, the casing was raised, and caused a sort of a sand-slide into the water. Now there is nothing to do, but wait patiently until that sand has either settled or been washed out, and then we will again have our good and clear water.

It is true during the first month of school we had better food than we are receiving now, but the result was, of course, that the Subsistence department lost \$12,000 during that month alone; so it can easily be seen why the quality of our fare has been lowered, and nobody ought to complain about it. The Mess Hall authorities are doing the very best they can, and that is the best that can be done, and if the food happens to be not quite what it ought to be, remember that it is just a passing spell and be patient.

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES MUCH LATER REGRET.

About the first of May when the Longhorns come out, many are going to regret the fact that they failed to order an extra copy for the jolly little girl back home. Order an extra book now and you will never regret it. The book is going to be better this year than ever before. The management is working hard to have the book out on time. As a little proof of what has been done, the following is taken from the EDITOR'S EXCHANGE, a booklet published by the Engraving Company: "Honor Roll" "Wherein We Give Credit" "The Longhorn of Texas A. and M. leads in sending in photographic material, both in quantity and variety to date."

The books will cost you Five Dollars each. If you can not pay the whole amount now, pay half of it and make a note for the balance to be paid March 1st. Cadets may purchase their books from their company commanders, civilian students from their Housemaster, campus people and faculty members please see Postmaster Henderson.

Remember Saturday is the last date to purchase these books. The first manuscript goes in Sunday and the publisher must know the exact number of books to be printed. Get your extra Longhorn today.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Intended for last issue.)

Members of the Artillery Xmas "Stayovers" owe to Lieut. and Mrs. R. W. Wilson the pleasure of a six o'clock dinner Thursday, December 30, at their home. The few formal words that we can say cannot express the appreciation felt by everyone for this attention, remembrance, and courtesy. Sufficient to say that the time passed happily and very very hurriedly. Those who enjoyed this evening and who are forever indebted to these courteous folks are: J. P. Cruickshank, J. H. Jones, C. O. Blake, M. Z. Argudin, N. C. Magnuson, R. Mallow, and J. W. Knupp.

Fish Turner wonders how many miles of dogs the Corps can eat at one meal. We respectfully call this problem to the attention of Johnny Basket, C. E. Extraordinary.

Workouts for the Junior Stock Judging Team began last Saturday evening, January 8th. Judging from the number out and the proven ability of many of these men the Juniors should have a team that will win at Oklahoma City and at Ft. Worth. Coupled with this ability of the men there is the coach "Runt" Stangel who is both coach and fighter. Runt promises nothing but hard work and it is the man who lasts through who will make this team.

It has been said that there were no moths in the time of Adam and Eve. We do not state this from authority but we believe that we will soon be rid of the pest again.

A Dramatic Comedy in Half an Act. Time—Xmas Holidays. Place—Bowie, Texas. Enter Herman Heard

and a native of Bowie. Native: "Say, what's that thar 23 on yer watch?" Heard: "Why that's my class numerals." Native: "What is that?" Heard: "That's the year the rest of my class graduates!"

When you get down in the mouth think of Jonah. He came out alright.

Watch the leading papers for results. The Triple Bo-Alliance consisting of Fats Starr, Billy Wilkerson and Hobo Heard have decided to break all previous records by visiting all the principal cities of the state during the few holidays between the first and second terms, on the least possible amount of spondulix. Each man will be allowed thirteen cents. The cities visited will be Waco, Navasota, Hearne, Bowie, etc.

Hello E. M. T. U. "Do you know Boo?" "Boo who?" "That's right, Boo Hoo"

SOCIETY AND CLUB MEETINGS.

Bastrop County Club Gives Second Annual Hop.

On the evening of December 28th the Bastrop County Club gave a dance at the Smithville Opera House in honor of the graduating classes of Bastrop County.

The hall was decorated with Spanish moss and red and white streamers with A. and M. pennants and banners draped pleasingly on the lights and walls. The lighting scheme consisted of red and white lights which gave forth a tint of merriment that played upon the guests as they circled about the ball room making a most effective setting.

The dance was opened by a grand march led by 'Polly' Eagleston, an old A. and M. Alumnus, who led the couples about the hall forming a big "T". They then singled filed and spelled A. M. C. after which programs were given out.

More than one hundred couples attended the dance, as the hour approached two, the orchestra played the last dance too soon for everyone. All went home expressing their desire to attend the A. and M. dance next year.

The company league race looks like a race between military and non-military and with the edge with the sons of rest, but one can never tell about these military birds they are liable to try and Belmont the Casuals.

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