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COMMENDATION.

All thoughts of A. and M. students are now centered on the annual Thanksgiving game with our ancient and respected rival, Texas University. Inter-collegiate football is at the climax and perhaps now, more than ever, is football the topic of conversation.

But in this week of anxiety and consideration of athletic potentialities, let us not forget that with the closing of the Fish-Reserve game last Monday, four Seniors of the Reserve team donned their black jerseys for the last time for the final game of their career. Not theirs was the career of the football star who races around end, catches impossible forward passes or makes spectacular and brilliant tackles before thousands of cheering football enthusiasts. Not theirs was the feeling of satisfaction in seeing their names and pictures on the sport pages of the leading newspapers of the state and their name a by-word on the lips of the followers of football. No, they were only scrubs of obscure ability. Never did they gain notoriety in the eyes of the public. But every day of the football season for the past three years have these men gone out on the football field to play the game—for the love of it, yes, but that primary underlying reason to make Varsity better by furnishing worthy competition—was always present.

At first they hoped to make the Varsity squad, but each year that hope became dimmer and dimmer and at last died out. Did they stop coming out? No! Each day found them on the football field ready for Coach Bible's call for scrimmage with words of encouragement to the under classmen who had made the position they had once cherished.

These four men who have played three years of Reserve football and are now graduating are: Mahon B. Garry, twice captain of the "Scrubs," E. B. McClellan, P. D. Long, and L. B. Golasinski. These are worthy athletes and their spirit and determination are worthy of the approval of all Aggieland. To these four men and their fellow scrubs, we pay tribute.

THOSE WHO FAIL.

How many of us smile when we see that we have failed to pass a course, shrug our shoulders and ease our conscience with the thought that the prof has not treated us fairly? But then the second and following failures are hard to explain even to ourselves for the faculty of a great institution should number among its members a few men who would play fair and square by us; it is then that the fabric of alibis and excuses we have made falls to pieces and we should realize that the real cause of the low grades is to be found in ourselves.

The registrar's record shows that the men who fail to pass the work in their fish year are the same ones who take cards to the Dean's office in their sophomore, junior, and senior years. Of course, a good number of the fish see that they are to blame, instead of offering a number of excuses, and by diligent work and study pull themselves out of the ranks of failures. By doing this they are able to enter the College activities and graduate with the class of which they are rightful members.

This year every opportunity will be given to those men who are not making the grade to study; the fish supervised study is not a punishment, but an honest effort on the part of the interested College officials to help those men who really want to pass their work. The reward is worth the effort, so let us all try to reduce the number of failures at A. and M. College.

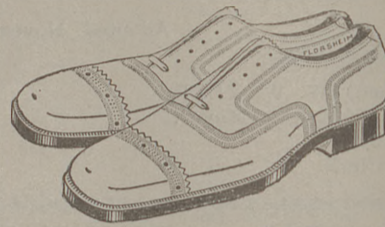
FRESHMEN.

Men, our College is a great school in that it is respected and admired by all that come within its scope. We are members of a student body which is endeavoring to carry on the traditions and customs that have met with such

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complete success in the past. Of late it seems that many of our traditions have been struck severe blows and surely a few have been entirely destroyed. Perhaps necessity has caused the destruction of several of our dearest traditions and in such cases there has been no alternative.

"Freshmen shall wear a stripe of cloth designating their classification." Although not stated in those exact words, College regulations provide for the above order. Every freshman in A. and M. College should conscientiously wear his "fish stripe" and be proud of the fact that he is a member of this great "Athletic and Military Institution." "Freshmen shall not clap in on any senior during their first year." This tradition has been broken many times during the past week-end and is the major purpose of this editorial. After it may have been done thoughtlessly, and these few words are given merely as a caution. After a man has attended college for three long years, he is due a few privileges. Perhaps he doesn't "get over so big" in a dancing way, for he has been busy studying while you have been out practicing the "terpischorian" art, but let him enjoy himself and hold your peace until it is "your day to howl."

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