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INTERFERENCE.

It seems as though it will be impossible for Texas A. and M. to work out its own salvation without outside interests interfering and placing innumerable obstacles in the way. After toiling diligently for years to abolish hazing and having successfully accomplished their aim, the officials of the College must stand aside while unsympathetic legislators tear down the sentiment that has been created against the practice of hazing. It is to be hoped that the honorable legislators are misinformed and are not acting with some malignant motive, but no matter what their object is there can be only one result.

Investigations themselves have been of no benefit to the College or to the state as a whole. Instead they have created a sentiment among the cadets that has been a barrier in the removal of the practice of hazing. Threats of punishment have accomplished nothing in the past when hazing actually existed and the threats to punish the innocent this year is a foolish act committed by a group of men who have many more important questions to consider. Hazing has been abolished for all time to come, so why bring up old evidence and reopen a sore wound? The legislature could do many things for the good of education, while on the other hand a few petty minds exert their influence for evil.

To the Officials, the Faculty, and the Senior Class, the investigation is a keen disappointment; it is a deliberate attempt to wreck the barrier so carefully laid against an old custom at the College. The implied insult hurts more than words can express, for when one reaches the goal towards which he has striven for years, it is difficult to stand aside and permit meddlers to undo everything that has been accomplished.

IDEALS AND ATHLETICS.

The formation of an active and progressive "T" Association is the most forward step that has been made in many years toward developing intercollegiate athletics of the College. It is at these annual meetings that the lettermen of the days gone by discuss with the coaches the present trend of intercollegiate athletics.

It was at the first of these meetings that D. X. Bible, the name is sufficient within itself, made a characteristic speech which portrayed the ideals upon which athletics at A. and M. are founded.

The keynote of the speech was that A. and M. will continue to live up to the letter of the requirements of the conference rules.

"Our alumni feel that we are not cooperating with them when they recommend to us the names of capable school athletes," he said. "But the letter and spirit of the conference law forbid any member of the faculty or athletic staff to in any way seek to bring these young men to our college. It may be, as is charged, that other institutions do not adhere as rigidly to the rules; but whether that is true or not can not affect us. The day is coming when intercollegiate athletics must be judged by the rigid adherence to amateur ideals, and unless all of us live up to them, intercollegiate sport will be eventually replaced by intramural. For our part, A. and M., whatever our fortunes on the field, will abide by the rules to which we have subscribed."

The goddess of fortune has not always favored the maroon and white warriors and their coaches with the sweet, intoxicating smile of victory. Some defeats have been extremely bitter, and great is the temptation to follow the suggestions of some few of the alumni who think it would be advisable to appropriate a part of the net earnings of a football season and apply it towards the salary of a student, gifted with the physique and ability of a star athlete to "CARE" for the tennis courts or to "SWEEP" the gym.

But as long as D. X. Bible and all that he typifies is at the head of A. and M. athletics, the followers of the Aggies may still maintain the proud feeling of satisfaction whether in victory or defeat.

THE CAMPUS SLACKER.

Prominent among the well known figures on every campus is a man who is only too glad to accept an office or a place on a committee to get his name in the paper, but who will not live up to the responsibility of his position by leaving the necessary work for someone else to do. Such a man is a campus slacker.

This class of man likes to feel the importance of serving on some committee, but he does not like to do the work. He not only prevents results

from being obtained as they should be, but prevents someone else from taking the job and doing it as it should be done.

But it does not take very long to recognize this species, and when once recognized, he finds his honors dwindling rapidly.

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