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We Throw the Torch.*

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As each day passes, each person on the campus realizes more fully that the end of another session is approaching. Whether or not it has been a successful year from each student's standpoint depends on what he has put into it to bring success, and also what he considers success. Looking back over the year, we can see many things that we wish hadn't been done and also many things that we wish we had done. Now is the best time of the year to realize the mistakes made in the past, and if every man would only take the trouble to write down what he would have liked to have done or not done, the list would be very helpful as a guide for next year's work.

The seniors appreciate the fact that only a few days are left, more than any other group. The sensation is peculiar, and it seems almost the same as preparing to leave home. Indeed, Aggieland has been more than a home in many ways; and as everything has its faults, A. and M. has hers, but in retrospection, we can love her for the very faults that at the time seemed so distinctly harmful. One of the advantages of our type of school is that any good movements started will be carried on from year to year and only a good start is needed. The knowledge that the Junior class has been trained to take up all work where it is left off the previous year is a source of satisfaction to everyone that leaves the school. To the Juniors, we leave our active share in aiding the development of A. and M.

This issue is the "swan song" of the present Bat Staff. If its columns have furnished amusement, entertainment, or topics for discussion, it has accomplished something of what it should. May the next staff use its mistakes to improve the future Battalion.

As a whole this student body is considered as an individual by outsiders. Other student bodies have their various personal opinions about us. It is only natural and human that we be more or less jealous of the reputation

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OFFICIALS OF S. W. CONFERENCE HOLD MEETING

Executive Board of the Southwest Conference Take Steps to Fill Vacancy in Membership.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Southwest Conference held at the memorial gymnasium, Saturday morning, steps were taken to fill the vacancy left by the withdrawal of Oklahoma A. and M. from the confederation that becomes effective next year. Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana, was given an opportunity of proving to other members of the conference that they are capable of holding a berth in the conference along with such schools as the University of Texas, Texas A. and M., and others.

Centenary was not admitted as a full fledged member but rather upon condition. That is, they will be admitted to the conference if they are

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PARENTS' DAYS SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY RESPECT

Four Hundred Mothers and Fathers Visit Their Sons as Guests of the College—Parents Visit Classes.

Mothers' Day for the A. and M. College was made a literal thing Sunday, and the ceremonies emphasizing the virtue, purity, and fundamental helpfulness of motherhood were given deep impressiveness by the presence on the campus of over 400 mothers and fathers who came to participate in the day's exercises with their sons, and to celebrate the first annual Parents' Day at Texas A. and M. College.

As the cadet corps stood in formation along the paved street leading to the auditorium Sunday morning, the mothers and sweethearts of the men went down the line and pinned a floral token of home and mother love at each breast. Then they stood by while the cadet army of over 2000

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PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT IS COMPLETED

Many Visitors Will be on Campus for the Exercises—Final Review Tuesday Closes School Year.

The forty-ninth annual commencement exercises of A. and M. College will begin on Saturday, May 30, and end on Tuesday, June 2, with the final review in the afternoon. The program which has been prepared for the four days includes a wide range of events, all of them interesting and appropriate. Each exercise has been so planned that it has a part in making the commencement program representative of the various features for which A. and M. is noted. The exercises will evidently be of unusual interest, judging from the program which Dr. F. B. Clark, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Commencement Exercises, has announced.

The senior class play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," will be given Saturday evening. On Sunday morning Rev. I. E. Gates of San Antonio will preach the commencement sermon. Reserve commissions will be presented to the seniors at the annual convocation of the students on Monday afternoon; at this time Mark McGee, Adjutant General of Texas will speak. The baccalaureate address on Tuesday morning will be given by Honorable Tom Connally, Congressman from the eleventh district of Texas.

According to Colonel Ike Ashburn, Executive Secretary of the Ex-Students' Association, there will be an unusually large number of former students at the college for the commencement exercises this year. The Association of Former Students will have a meeting at the College on Monday afternoon. The usual military ceremonies will add much interest to the program for commencement and the many visitors who are here will find the four commencement days fully taken up with the numerous exercises.

The complete program for the forty-ninth annual commencement follows:

New Mess Hall Annex Will Open in September

The plans for the new mess hall annex have been completed and work on the construction of the building will begin immediately after commencement. The old annex will be torn down completely to make room for the new structure. The new addition will be an exact replica of the main mess hall in style and material. The plans were designed by Professor June of the Architectural department, and the construction will be under the direction of Mr. Kraft of the Buildings and Grounds department.

The annex will be constructed of two floors, a basement and a second floor. The building will be "L" shaped and will be divided into three main compartments. The dining room for students will be eighty by one hundred and twenty-two feet and will seat eight hundred and forty-five people. To the rear of the main room will be a banquet hall thirty-five by

eighty feet in size and with a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty-four. A reception room will take up the projection of the "L" and will be thirty-five feet by thirty-five. The space for the banquet hall and the reception room will be obtained by moving the inner wall towards the kitchens and the building will now be set flush against the directors' room.

Entrance to the main floor will be by three methods. A porch will connect the dining room and the kitchens; a large door will be cut through the partition separating the annex and the main dining room, and a spacious flight of stairs on the west side will constitute the main entrance. The stairs will lead to an entry room and there will be a cloak room to the left of the stairs.

The basement may be entered either by an entrance in the rear, by stairs

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