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THE INTERSCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A. & M.'s opportunity of holding the Texas Interscholastic Basketball Tournament here has given great pleasure to many of her supporters who have watched with a jealous eye the monopoly the University has exercised for many years in the affairs of the Interscholastic League. It seems but fair that Texas' two great state institutions should share the honor of entertaining the state's high school athletes. Now at last Aggieland has the opportunity of seeing the high schools of the state battle for the state championship on the floor of the Memorial Gymnasium.

The only fly in the ointment is that the expenses of staging the tournament will be roughly two thousand dollars. The Athletic Department believes that if it will contribute five hundred of this amount, the student body, when it understands the situation, will buy enough tickets to the game to make up the fifteen hundred dollar guarantee that is necessary to partially defray the railroad expenses of the visiting athletes. The Battalion seconds this belief. In the first place, every A. & M. student is eager to have the high school representatives visit Aggieland, and everyone realizes in addition that the games will be worth seeing. Furthermore, there will be a few students who will not be "pulling" for some team to win, and consequently will want to see that team play.

Therefore, when your company commander asks you to pledge your financial support, remember that you are doing your college a service and yourself a favor, and sign on the dotted line

SUGGESTIONS TO THE Y. M. C. A.

The Battalion has been approached by several students with the demand that it make some suggestions on the management of the picture shows to the Y. M. C. A. A little canvassing among various organizations on the campus revealed that practically everyone approved of these suggestions, and The Battalion therefore feels empowered to call the attention of the Y. M. C. A. to the following measures, which are believed will relieve the situation.

At each show, and especially on Wednesday nights, a congestion occurs at the doors of the Assembly Hall that is irksome and distasteful to everyone. Naturally this condition would result when some 1500 cadets, as well as a number of campus people, purchase tickets to the show at one time. When, after fifteen minutes of shoving and pushing, the ticket has been obtained, the interior of the Assembly Hall has been darkened so that it is difficult to find a desirable seat, and the picture is well on its way.

The remedy to this situation seems to lie in two moves. The first of these is opening the doors of the Assembly Hall sooner, thus lengthening the period of time for the crowd to enter and be seated. The objection to this, of course, is that those who enter first will become impatient and unruly; yet The Battalion believes that if the show started strictly according to schedule, and if the cadets realized that this move was made for their convenience, they would refrain from any demonstrations. The second direction of improvement would be the offering for sale of tickets at the "Y" desk during Wednesday afternoons. Many students would buy their tickets before going to the show, and since the "Y" keeps a man at the desk in any case, this move could be instituted with little trouble except, possibly, of adopting a more distinctive ticket.

Some time ago, the announcement was made that underclassmen would enter the Assembly Hall through one entrance, the seniors through another. This rule, while a good one, was never enforced, even from the beginning. A door should be designated by which seniors and campus people should enter; certainly this move would meet with the approval of the latter group, for now these people never have an opportunity of entering the show until the cadets have forced their way through the doors. There is no doubt that the campus family would receive more consideration at the hands of

the seniors. And when an entrance has been designated as belonging to the underclassmen, the campus people, etc., the "Y" employee at that entrance should be firm enough to refuse passage to anyone not entitled to use that door.

At the last few shows, sophomores and freshmen were in the majority in the senior section. The "Y" should have men ushering in this section who would not allow anyone in the center section except those entitled to sit there.

It is to be hoped that the Y. M. C. A. will take notice of these suggestions, and devise some method of relieving the situation. Certainly it is clear to everyone that the system of managing the details of the shows are not all it could be.

In this connection, it might be said that the very men who complained about the management of the shows, when questioned, all declared themselves well satisfied with the type of entertainment offered by the "Y." Several recalled the days when every show brought forth complaints, and asserted that now they heard nothing but expressions of satisfaction where the "Y's" choice of pictures was concerned.

REPLY TO "COLLEGE LIFE AT A. & M."

What we should do with our leisure time seems to be a subject of considerable weight with the author of the editorial on "College Life at A. & M." in last week's issue of The Battalion, and strange to say, he has voiced the opinion of more than a few of our fellow Aggies. Just what can we do to pass away the many spare hours that some of us are lucky enough to have? Isn't that a hard question to answer?

For one thing, we didn't come to college with the prime motive of passing away the time and trying to find something to do, or at least the college was not intended for people who find themselves in that position. Practically all of the courses in the curriculum of the college are difficult enough to require a great amount of the student's time should he desire to learn the fundamental and general principles of that course. A brief survey of the grades received by the average student shows that he is not doing justice to his studies. The thing for such a man to do is to use that big surplus of time in improvement of grades and learning something which he came to college to get.

Then, after the lessons have been prepared and experiments completed, should there still be any spare time, the library is open to every student and contains thousands of volumes well worth reading. A college is supposed to develop a cultured class of men as well as a trained group of workers. Which is the most cultural, an afternoon in the library or an afternoon with some girl? Those who are dissatisfied with the amusements of A. & M. are the very ones who never frequent good books. The fellow who is seeking an education and the maximum benefit for the time spent in school is never wanting for something to do.

Of course, there should always be some break from the monotony of study, and that is capably furnished by the college system of recreation.

For those athletically inclined, the gymnasium its resources. The only desirable sport that is limited is tennis, and that has many substitutes. The intramural sports program is intended to encourage boys to take part in various competitive games—and still there are a great number of men who remain, in their rooms and "gripe" for something to do. For those who require a social means of distraction, there are any number of girls in Bryan and nearby towns—just as nice girls as there are in "the home town"—who have many dateless nights. If a fellow stays in his room and gripes for a date, he has no one but himself to blame—he should at least stand outside and give the girls a chance.

After all, if a fellow will consider seriously this matter of leisure time, he will find that he alone is to blame if it passed unpleasantly by. The student who can't find enough to do at A. & M. either knows too much to be a student here or is not interested in obtaining the education that this institution was initially intended to offer.

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