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## THE MINIATURE RING CONTROVERSY

Of the several replies submitted to the editorial on Senior Miniature rings in last week's issue, we print the following:

Replying to an article of a zealous guardian of the conventions and good name of the class of "27" who feels that Miniature Senior Rings for the Fair Ones are out of order, I wonder if the writer of the article sincerely believes that the members of the class of "27," have raised their traditions, ideals and achievements to such sublime heights that the touch of other hands than their own would defile their emblem.

It is ridiculous to expect another Senior to not wear his ring, yet what have some of these Seniors done for you that could compare with that welcoming smile that greets your home coming or those encouraging letters, when things look gloomy. Four years of waiting, alone, is worth a Degree, and yet this Miniature ring very often has to serve as Degree, R. O. T. C. Commission and everything else that four years of College mean to us. Wake up, friend, there are still some women capable of appreciating the fine things of College and of Life."

Personally, I think that the man who wrote the editorial against miniature rings promised one to his girl, lost all of his money in a poker game, and is using this method of squaring his conscience. I'd bet he sent her a copy of last week's "Bat" five minutes after he got hold of one."

"It seems that some scribe who was well meaning, probably, but misguided, surely, and having nothing else to do wrote the initial article arguing against the practice of giving miniature Senior rings to members of the fairer sex. On the face of the matter, it is evident that man's brain motion was idling when he wrote that argument, for in it fallacies abound and plentifully.

To begin with, the gift of the ring is a mark of admiration between the two parties concerned—that, and nothing more. It is not to be expected that an old grad would fall on some girl's neck and weep for joy just because he perceived that she was wearing a diminutive Senior ring. Any man that had accumulated enough wisdom to merit the obtaining of a sheepskin would recognize the situation for what it was.

It is quite true that the wearing of a ring, for a student, means many hours of arduous toil. Because of that fact it should be his privilege, should he so desire, to present the lady of his choice with a replica of the distinction that he has earned for himself.

The fact that such practices are common at other institutions does not concern us here. The main issue is that in a case of this kind, when a Senior becomes what he is, it is his right to choose for himself the course that he will take.

(P. S. It might be well to add that my girl wears no miniature Senior ring, but that is because I am too broke to buy one, even if I had a girl.)"

## "WHAT PRICE INDIVIDUALITY?"

Standards and ideals are constantly changing—the present is an era that has been marked by some very unusual changes. This tendency is felt even here among ourselves, altho everything is standardized as far as it is humanly possible to do so. Many editorials, both lengthy and concise, have been written regarding the mob spirit, group thinking, submergence of individuality, and other closely related subjects.

It is evident that a student here cannot express any individuality in the way he dresses, or in the food that he chooses to eat. All that is predestined-bought and paid for, and one may take it or leave it.

But there is no binding tie in the formulation of thoughts or in the expression of ideas and opinions. And a person's one distinctive expression of individuality is in the character of his thoughts and speech. Because

this is a period where changes are the mode, why do we not brave the stinging lash of the tongue of public opinion and think for ourselves once in a while?

The only examples of isolated thought that the school has to offer are those of the leaders, and these thoughts are moulded carefully after the age-old traditions that have been handed down from the past. When a man advances a theory in some class that can not be found in the text, immediately the cry of "trying for a drag" is heard. When a man yells and catcalls at a girl that some fellow is having down as his guest on the campus, that man is doing nothing but walking the tracks that blind observance of custom has laid down.

Ignorance and vain delusion are roots of the folly of the non-thinker. It is not too much to expect from a school of this size that it should turn out something besides skilled engineers and scientifically trained farmers, and that something to be a class of men who are willing and able to think clearly and concisely for themselves.

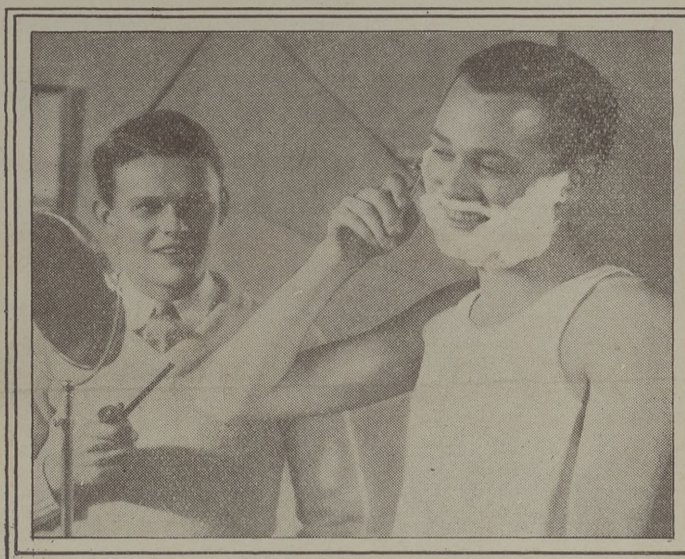
## ARCHITECTS GIVE ANNUAL BALL.

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Canopies were hung over the orchestra and in the corners of the room, adding both to the decoration and to the acoustics of the room. The music was furnished by the Aggieland Eight, who surpassed all expectations.

A refreshment course was served about 12 o'clock, consisting of pimento and chicken sandwiches, olives, pineapple punch, and hot chocolate. The wee hours saw the end of the most successful dance ever given by the Architectural Club.

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