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## STUDENT WELFARE

In the past few weeks there has been considerable upheaval in the student body due to discontent with some of the regulations of the institution. The attention of the faculty was called to this matter by means of the columns of this paper—although this had the desired effect in that the situations were remedied, at the same time it gave undesired publicity to the institution. It should not be necessary to air all our grievances in public, for "the innocent public" is always ready to make a mountain out of a mole hill. The proper means of attacking such problems is through a student welfare committee. We have always had such a student committee, but for some reason or other it has failed to function properly. In order to attempt to remedy any situation that may arise, the student welfare committee has been reconstituted by a recent meeting of a group of seniors with the faculty. At this meeting it was decided that a Student Welfare Committee be set up as quickly as possible for details to be worked out, and that the president shall appoint such number of faculty members on this committee as he deems necessary; and that the students shall be represented by seven seniors, one from each Battalion, three juniors to be chosen from the junior class, two sophomores to be chosen from the sophomore class, and one freshman to be chosen from the Freshman class. This committee shall have regular meetings, and special meetings may be called at any time when the best interests of the institution will be served by such a meeting.

Prior to Commencement each year the oncoming Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Classes shall choose the members for this committee for the next year in order that the committee will be organized as early as practicable after school opens each year.

In addition to this arrangement, the company commanders and all field officers are to have regular monthly meetings with the Commandant, which time will be devoted to discussion of student problems.

With these two sources of contact between student body and faculty, providing a continuous channel through which student welfare problems may have proper attention as they arise, the institution should enter into a new era, marked by harmony and satisfaction between students and faculty.

## RUMOR.

"Rumor hath it"—so said the men of ancient times as they prefaced a choice morsel of gossip, in an attempt to elicit from some conversationalist any information that they might have about the matter. And it is common knowledge that the above-mentioned practice still numbers many among its adherents, and also that Dame Rumor is very, very fickle and more than a little inclined to prevarication. A rumor still has the power to inflict much damage, even though it may have absolutely no basis of facts.

Many rumors arise concerning our College, and among the most fantastic and absurd was one which came to light last week. A student at the College received a telegram requesting any information about "two hundred frosh who left A. and M., uniformed and in a body, because of immoderate and 'indecent' hazing." To those who know, it was at once uproariously humorous and intensely alarming. Humorous because of its absurdity, and alarming because of the harm that such a rumor might be to the interests of the College. Fortunately, in this case the rumor did no harm, because it was immediately and effectively stopped. It is beyond our power to prevent the rumors, for one rarely knows the source of such, but we can conduct ourselves in such manner that any rumor like the one of the past week may be immediately proved to be a lie.

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