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## BE YOURSELF.

Last Saturday night, when it was time for the show to open in the Assembly Hall, I routed out my roommate and persuaded him to go with me. When we came within sight of the entrances to the hall, I could hardly believe it to be the same place where we have all our shows throughout the year. The boys were actually being themselves and leaving off the child play of crowding and pushing madly toward the door. They acted as one would see them act at the show in their home towns. Then, on the inside, where hats and paper sailers usually contaminate the air, all was quiet. The atmosphere was strangely that which one would hope to find in a College town. It was a decided contrast to the usual rowdiness.

And why, may I ask, did such a change take place? I suppose it was because our own mothers were visiting us this time instead of the other fellows. We were held accountable for our own actions.

Is there no way of persuading some among us that there are always a few mothers visiting on the campus and going to our picture shows? They, though few in number, deserve the same respect that the large number of visiting mothers do on Mothers' and Dads' days. We have already shown that we know how to act when we try. Wouldn't it be a good idea if we tried at all times to be college men instead of high school boys so that every mother, regardless of when she comes to A. and M., will go away feeling that her son is well placed in College? Let's respect the other fellow's mother as well as our own. Be fair to your classmates and act at all times as you would expect them to act when your mother, father, or girl friend accompanies you to the show in the Assembly Hall.

There are any number of grassy spots over the campus that are ideal for wrestling and much softer than theatre seats. The paper airships will sail much better and further from our room windows, and I'm sure they could be more easily found and sailed again. I'm also confident that yell practice could be carried on the year through if we must yell. Co-operative yelling is much more fun than individual. Then, I believe we could find a new game called mash-o-war where we could push and mash to our hearts' content without including someone who has a lady friend in our midst. The Assembly was not originally intended for these games.

## WORK TO WIN.

There are very few things that ever come to a person without plenty of hard work. We have seen that come to pass here at school every year that we have been here, and we find that the boys who work the hardest generally get the most. Horace Greeley once said that the darkest hour in any man's life was when he sat down to plan how to get money without earning it. How about the boy who tries to get an education without earning it? How about the man who tries to get along without work? Whatever there is to be gained, it takes work to gain it, and that is one of the first lessons to learn.

## THE R. O. T. C.

There are many who criticize our government because it allows us to use up large sums of money in training the young manhood of our country for service in time of war. Is it not right that we be able to protect ourselves at all times, from the claws of other countries? Doesn't it mean something to let the other countries know that war with U. S. is defeat at their own expense? Military training is not designed to create a desire for war, but to prevent war. Those of us who have had military training of any kind or attended any summer camp know that Sherman's definition of war is the most concise definition offered. Is it not better to ward off the enemy by training men in time of peace for war than by paying for it with souls of untrained men? True it is we spend a large amount of money to train our men in time of peace, but we must do that to keep the horrors of war ever

before our minds. No man wants to compete when he knows he is whipped before he begins. Military training will preserve peace and not create a desire to engage in war because the more dangerous an undertaking the slower we are to tackle it. Military training is only insurance against war with a compensation if war cannot be avoided.

The R. O. T. C. in the colleges particularly are the target of criticisms being published in several College and University papers. These criticisms want to know why the government should pay some men to go to school and also furnish them clothes, while those opposed to military training receive nothing to aid them in securing an education.

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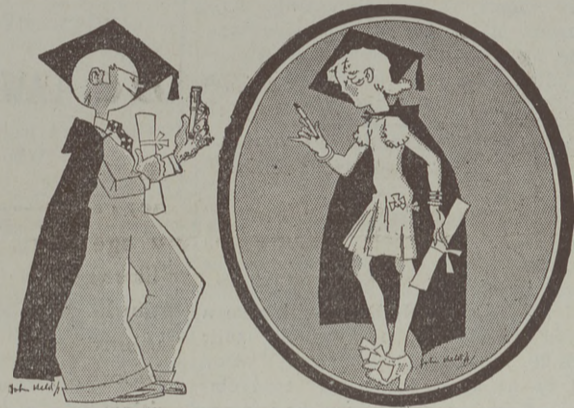
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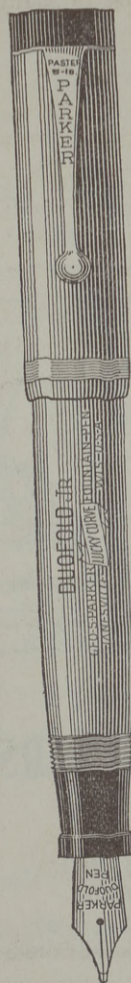
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