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ATHLETICS FOR PLEASURE OR BUSINESS.

Quite a bit of chargin has been caused among the Aggies by the practice made by some of the prominent members of the Southwestern Conference of offering compensation to their prospective athletes in order to get them to go to school there and represent them in athletics. It is a known fact that this has, in the few years past, deprived the Aggies of valuable athletes who had chosen A. and M. as their future educational institution but were induced to change to some other school because of the financial offers made to them because of their athletic ability. Even so soon in the year as this is, we have nearly lost two or three valuable Freshmen athletes because of letters from other institutions inducing them to change to their school but, thanks to the spirit that has taken hold of Aggieland so effectively and early, they have stuck to the "Spirit of Aggieland."

In regard to this Coach Bible expresses his opinion as follows: "We want the athlete of today to get away from the viewpoint of 'How much am I offered to go to this school or that,' and turn his attention more to the school capable of best meeting his educational requirements and at the same time capable of best meeting his athletic ambitions. We want every athlete to feel he is a chosen man to represent the institution and that with this honor goes great responsibility. We want the athletes of Texas A. and M. to measure up to this responsibility and reflect credit upon themselves and do honor to our institution, both on and off the field."

We believe that, with the equipment which the athletic department has and with the high standing that Aggie Athletics have, the athlete has an honor bestowed upon him in being allowed to engage in athletics in Aggieland.

A SUGGESTION.

There is a custom here at A. and M. of which only a very few approve, yet which has been tolerated for many years. It is a custom which has lost us countless friends among visitors and has estranged many of our best friends among the campus people. It is the custom of allowing some of our members to howl like a pack of uncivilized savages during the picture show.

No one can respect the manhood of a group which allows a few of its members to make loud suggestive remarks in the hearing of ladies as is often done in our Assembly Hall. One of the characteristics of this student body of which it is most proud is its reverence for women. Why then does it allow girls and women who come to our shows to be annoyed by the howling of a few thoughtless cadets?

Many suggestions have been offered to stop the nuisance—from placing officers in various parts of the show to discontinuing the shows altogether. However it does not seem that such drastic measures should be necessary.

If the Juniors and the Sophomores who are scattered over the show will take it upon themselves to squelch the offending underclassmen it will not be long until the practice is stamped out. When it is stopped, then the shows will be 1000 per cent more enjoyable to everyone. If any one has any suggested plan by which this can be remedied please let it be brought up before the Senior Class or the student body and let's get together..

AGGRESSIVENESS.

There are men at the head of many large concerns that are graduates of the A. and M. College. These positions were not awarded by any thirty-three hour flight to success, but were gained by the hardest and most sincere work. These same men had the same opportunities we have today; they approached their work aggressively. Work to them was a part of life, and was accepted as a vital aid to their ideals.

All of us may not be great men and at the head of great corporations,

but we can take advantage of the opportunities offered us here, and we can make our work lighter and more interesting by throwing ourselves into it with a vim; by approaching it, not with the idea of matched competition, but with the idea that we are already victorious, and the only thing left to do is lend our studies a little time in order to have them under complete control. Our football team does not enter a game with a fear or doubt, but they take the aggressive side and have the game half won by the knowledge that they are capable and all that is left to do is to demonstrate their ability. No battle is won while on the defensive; so why try to play a defensive game at our studies when we know we are capable if we will only demonstrate our abilities.

A SERMON FOR FISH.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul
As the swift seasons roll.
Leave thy low vaulted past,
Let each new temple be nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Until at length thou art free

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

Yea Fish! Allah has spoken. These are the words that should shape your every thought and notion for the next four years. Indeed the swift seasons do roll, and you have already left your low vaulted past (we hope). And everyone knows that next to "that thousand mile walk" the building of those stately leather mansions called "Seniors" out of unsuspecting "Freshmen" is indeed a job worthy of the omnipotence of, not one but several souls; though the "Fish" may constantly negate the existence of any such thing as a sophomore soul, most of them saying that they can't be interested in such fairy tales as their interest is taken up solely with another kind.

And no one should be allowed to make insulting remarks about the size of your domes, certainly they're vast. They'll only get vaster as you approach your Seniority and finally when they burst, you will find yourself once more just an ordinary human being far from this unresting sea.

Be careful in the nutrition of your dome so that it will reach the bursting point in four, not five, six or seven years. This little bit of verse has a world of philosophy in it though it probably has not been pointed out as well as it could have been. The head that concocted this having not reached the bursting point and will probably not ever attain the leather mansion. How sayeth the poet Pope?

"A fool in verse makes many more in prose."

THE COLLEGE KICK-OUTS.

Is it an honor or a dishonor to be expelled from college? It isn't such an easy question to answer as one might think. Those who believe it is an honor would have within their ranks memories of men like Shelley, John Locke, William Penn, Edward Gibbon and Walter Savage Landor, of England, who were expelled from Oxford for various kinds of misconduct. They would also have within their ranks such Americans as James MacNeill, Whistler, Stephen Crane, Theodore Dreiser, Eugene O'Neill, Sinclair Lewis, and Conrad Aikne.

On the other side there are, of course, thousands of persons whose names fill Who's Who and Who's Who in America, but they will have to admit that the rebels have added their bit in the progress of humanity.

The whole proposition seems to simmer down to this: there is no advantage in rebelling against the present order unless you are absolutely convinced that you have a solution to the evils against which you rebel. But if great men had not lived up to their convictions, in the face of all odds, there would have been little progress.

The past seems to prove that only genius can rebel and come out on top. When the average person is expelled because of dissipation, lack of interest in things scholastic, and general flagrancy, it is only best for the majority, and does not place a crown on the victim.

THE EVILS OF DECEMBER 1ST.

The time I've lost in wooing, in watching and pursuing

The light that lies

In women's eyes

Has been my hearts undoing

Though wisdom oft has taught me,

I scorned the lore she brought me,

My only books

Were women's looks

And folly's all they've taught me.

That according to imminent authorities on the campuses here and elsewhere is the root of all evil, all scholastic evil at any rate. That is doing rather an injustice to women to make such inclusive statements, it should apply to them only in the sense that they go to make up any and all social activities in college life. For, though A. and M. is a non-coeducational school there are very few stag parties, the "Bull" pen excepted. And usually the subject under discussion in "Bull" pens is social events.

This applies chiefly to freshmen for they are the ones that come to college expecting to do so much and fall by the wayside. The upperclassmen, as a rule, have settled down and decided to do something definite though that something definite may have nothing to do with studies.

So Fish be on your guard and when she smiles very sweetly stop and think of that little angel at home and forget it. If you have no little angel, be reasonable and remember that there are lots of upperclassmen out "deer hunting" so what chance has a little freshman got? Just lots, for four years

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