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CRITICISMS

The general gripe is nothing more nor less than a very low form of critic, an embryo critic in fact. It is fortunate however that they do not as a usual thing develop into full blown critics, but remain as gripes. Now the gripe occupies a place all his own, he is neither constructive nor destructive, but just dissatisfied with everything in general. He has no place here in this article nor for that matter anywhere else.

But the few cadets here in college who occupy a prominent enough position to make the effects of their gripes felt, the only thing necessary for a gripe to become a criticism, have rather a queer way of going about their criticism. They waste their ability on unimportant things in the first place, and secondly, they do not make pet ideas for reforms prominent enough to be of any importance. As for constructive criticism here at A. & M., it doesn't exist. How many men could, if asked, make out a menu for the mess hall that would give them a fair amount for their money and not break the college, only one, and that is Mr. Duncan. Yet there are hundreds every day that criticize everything from the salt to the smile on some waiters' faces.

There is plenty of destructive critics, but what do they choose to destroy? Chiefly each other. As to any logical criticism in any of the cadet publications . . . One might as well read the "Youth's Companion" and expect to find Santa Claus hauled over the coals. . . .

If you have a pet idea for some necessary change though it involve only a change of the color scheme of the flowers in some flower bed, send it in and let the whole student body know about it. It might do some good. It never will as long as you only gripe to your roommate about it. And remember that this "Bat" is sometimes read by fond and doting mothers, sisters, and younger brothers; so don't get too strong on the language and then when it fails to be printed, start another critical campaign about the weak kneed editor of the "Bat". If you want to use strong language go to the person involved and use it to his face. You will then be able to receive his end of the argument and might come to see that his side is right after all.

THE SOLUTION TO THE PICTURE SHOW CONCERTS?

The mountain labored and forth came a mouse. Indeed it did and a very small mouse at that, in fact one so despicably small that it is hardly worth mentioning; it is only of importance in that this famous college where men are supposed to have originated, that dominant type of man, have made such a mountain out of a molehill, have offered such putrid excuses, over what? Trying to put a stop to the vulgar yelps heard every night in the picture show.

The solution was offered that if the upperclassmen would control the fish such yelps would cease. This was poor sportsmanship in the first place for where could the fish have gotten such habits if not from the "glorious" upperclassmen. You know full well that a fish at A. & M. is the most impressionistic creature on earth. His very basic principles are revised to fit what he finds correct here on the campus. And what fish would continue to give cat calls and so forth if he were properly admonished by a couple or more sophomores?

The evil lies solely at the door of the upperclassmen and is up to them and them alone to put a stop to. Every one knows that there are times in most good shows that make any normal healthy fellow want to get up on his hind legs and bay the moon, but the same laws that say it isn't correct to eat beans with a spoon say that that is not only incorrect but positively indecent, to act as the A. & M. cadets do at their shows.

Every one knows that the A. & M. cadet is a bit crude, a diamond in the rough or some such thing, and should be allowed a lot of liberty in most cases but no one condones vulgarity.

SENIOR MEMORIAL

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vision of Professor E. Langford of the architectural department.

All of the work of the structure is being done by members of the class. A. C. H. Cook is to do the wiring; D. H. Turner and J. Neff are to design and mould the tablets, the iron grill work is to be done in the mechanical engineering shops, and other committees are to do the work of actual construction and painting. No contract was let for the building, but the general management is under the care of a committee. When completed, the booth will be valued at approximately \$700.00.

Members of the Senior class have responded splendidly to the financial program of the committees, and any member who has not yet made a contribution and cares to do so, is urged to turn it over to his company commander at once.

This year's Senior class has in mind not only the setting up of a memorial on the campus, but they also wish to set a precedent to the classes that follow them of making useful gifts to the school in the years to come. If this program is followed closely, in a few years a number of badly needed improvements could be made on the campus.

DEBATING CLUB ORGANIZED.

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Texas Christian University in return for debates held last year. Various out of state schools have written for

debating dates and as soon as the council has time to act, debates are to be arranged with schools in Texas and all adjoining states. Plans are under way at present to make a pre-season debating tour in which the team will meet six or seven smaller Universities and Colleges.

C. O. Spriggs of the English department will be coach of the team and Mr. Spriggs is known to be a very competent coach from the team he put out last year. Last year was the first year A. & M. had a debating team and the four major debaters of last year will find it hard to stay on the team with so many competent new men out this year.

Debating tryouts will be held Wednesday, October 2, and all men interested in debate are urged to be there. The Forensic Society of which the debate council is a division will have a banquet Wednesday night in the new mess hall annex and there are to be several interesting speakers. Mr. Sugareff will speak on, "The Balkan States" and J. D. King will speak on the debates held last year. Following are the men who reported for debate: J. Bertrand, F. C. Leslie, R. N. Talbert, J. N. Davis, H. L. Phillips, T. M. Alexander, R. P. Tull, A. O. Miller, F. S. Buford, J. B. Jackson, W. C. Morrison, J. V. Wheat, W. R. Boswell, L. J. Brewer, H. D. Toepperwein, J. D. King, Ivan Irwin, and C. O. Schmidt.

Who was that peach I saw you with the other night, John?

That was't any peach; she was a grapefruit.

Why? I squeezed her and she hit me in the eye.



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