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THE PICTURE SHOW

A word to the wise should be sufficient. . . well here comes several words to make up for the lack of wiseness indicated in the cadets' actions at the shows here in the past. Say what you can, that football spirit, the exuberance of youth, or general excitement occasioned by the coming of a show, there is no excuse for the way the student body shoves ladies and children around while entering the show.

It's inexcusable despite its being unintentioned. And now for the word to the wise. . . It is not going to be tolerated, it is going to be stopped or the shows will not be shown. . . take your choice.

After all fellows it isn't much, for these instructors and professors, to ask you to show the same respect to their wives and children that all of you would be willing to fight for if it were *denied your mothers and sisters*. No one cares particularly how many of your own ribs you break but try to show a little of that decency that your fathers and mothers pride themselves on having instilled in you. Kill each other but remember, in this case, not women and children first.

The conduct at the show is improving as a whole and the comments are very much more favorable than were for awhile. During the holidays the hissing that has been resorted to in order to stop the hollering was not noticed. The only thing to be remedied now is the habit of rushing the door that a few of the fellows have taken up and it is as useless fellows as anything.

If you haven't the money just go to some of the people in charge of the show and I'm sure they will be glad to let you have the money to get in on. If you think it is fun it will be much fairer to your fellow classmates to try to find fun some other place. Don't rush the door and risk the chance that someone will be hurt as one fellow was in a scramble at one of the shows not so very long ago.

INDIVIDUAL THINKING

A. and M. College has one characteristic that we are all more or less proud of, its unity. We might call it democracy. At any rate, whatever one Aggie is doing, we may each one be reasonably sure that three-fourths of the student body is doing that same thing also. We wake up in the morning together, eat together, and turn out our lights at taps, all in unison. In fact, we live as a unit. Our very existence is as alike unto our neighbors as is possible.

The fact that the nature of our institution causes us all to act more or less as a single body is sometimes to be regretted. There is always present in such a large group of men some who do not or will not exercise their minds. At least not to such an extent that their own convictions could mean anything to them. And it is for these students that we must lament.

We all know among our associates some few men who never are alone. It seems that when their room-mate leaves, they are at once ill at ease and soon find a companion somewhere in the hall.

Of course there is no direct criticism to be made of the fellow who does not want to be alone, but the chances are that such a fellow, who cannot be comfortable alone must also depend on his comrade's decision when making up his mind. It is this effect of the environment about the campus that appears to be harmful. Here is an ideal place to subordinate individual thinking.

In each of our branches of work it seems that the instructors have found it necessary to assign home work. And a peculiar thing about it is that most of the students, both good and poor, are about equally as good in home work except perhaps those who write a poor hand. Yet most of the work submitted is avowedly original.

The above example is only one of many that may be mentioned where we cease to think for ourselves. Consider the recent class election as another. These might not seem so very important, but they have the same effect on us.

We let our minds be made up by the group rather than standing for our own convictions, though they be opposed to the decision of the majority. The saying is that the majority rules. By force sometimes this is true, but is the majority always right?

And it is the writer's sincere hope that each opinion of this article will be that of the reader individually and not the room-mate of community gossip or fundamentalist.

Prof: "Who were the Four Horsemen?"

Fish. "Paul Revere, Jesse James, Buffalo Bill and Barney Google."

Some of the students in their classes the last few days have been just like near-beer; there in body but absolutely lacking in the spirits.

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