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LEST WE FORGET

"So live that when thy summons comes"—be there on time. For has it not been said by our omnipotent arbiter of discipline, "when I say 4:15 I mean a quarter after four." That statement was voiced at the Senior meeting called by Col. Nelson. For the benefit of the underclassmen, who are striving for that three-diamond job in the future; it is here mentioned, and it might prove well to remember it.

Then too, there seems to be an apparently fiendish desire for some travel loving cadets to leave the campus without a pass and spend the entire week end meandering, sometimes aimlessly, all over this great state of Texas. The duty of reporting any such absences falls to the company commander, who is responsible to the commandant's office. In order to keep the captain out of hot water, to say nothing of self, it would be best to discontinue any such practices and subdue that roving instinct.

No doubt we all know what a red flag means to a bull. An unbuttoned collar, tie pulled around to one side, and rolled up sleeves is just that to one among us and we can easily guess who it might be. The cooling effect and self satisfaction of going about in a uniform in this manner will hardly offset the heating effect that will ensue if the wearer is seen thus by the above mentioned individual. Col. Nelson insists that the half-clad cadet make himself hard to find on the A. and M. campus.

A check up on the demerits showed an astonishing thing. Over 90 per cent of the demerits came from cutting classes. And it is preposterous to believe that all these class cuts came of necessity. A recitation period lasts but fifty-five minutes and the amount of work that may be done outside of class in that time is very small compared to the benefit that may be derived from even a single recitation. It is sometimes inevitable that we miss certain classes. Granted, but those times are far in the minority, if not negligible, when counting the demerits they incur. If we consider cutting classes as entirely our own affair, we have but to consider that this is a State school. So sleep at night and copy that written work the day before or get it in late, and be like little Percival—never late nor absent.

There was a youth in days of yore who once a handsome slouch cap wore—them days are gone, fellow Aggies. The Exchange Store has a nice large shipment of cap stiffeners, and we may purchase them with the dual purpose of pleasing not only Mr. Chatham, but the Colonel also. And do not forget the inevitable improvement it will make on the uniform. Everyone abhors the idea of looking swashbuckling.

Attention has also been called to the numerous absences from formation. Perhaps the majority of the times the absentees are not punished—by demerits, but an absence from formation works a hardship on the top kick, who is trying to be a good fellow and do his duty also, so out of consideration to him, if not yourself, try to be there.

Last, but not least; table manners. As heart breaking as the revelation that there is no Santa Claus comes the news to some of us that square peas do not exist. Not only that but society and the Colonel says that we may not mash them flat so that we can use that beautiful silver knife to scoop them to our eager mouth. Use a spoon if the fork is too inconvenient; but consider the embarrassment of having to go home because of a cut throat due to misuse of the table hardware.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Although it may be flattery to some, it will certainly pay each one of us to heed the words of advice, summarized here, given to us by our commandant, Col. C. J. Nelson.

THE IMPOSSIBLE HAS HAPPENED

The editorial that appeared last week entitled "Holidays" was the means of bringing the wrath of a certain young lady of Tyler down upon the heads of all men connected with the Battalion. A letter containing the Editorial page of the Bat was received the other day with the words False, False, False written across the entire third paragraph reading: The girl... for of

course there is a girl, has probably long ago forgotten that the poor cadet ever existed.

Boy! there is one little girl that has been true to her little Aggie boy and has thoroughly resented any inference that the "old home town girl" forgets her cadet so soon. Fellows "thars gold in them hills" so consider yourself lucky and prove your worth of the one girl in several and hope with the others that there are more like her.

COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS AND PROFESSORS

College professors and instructors are supposed to be men chosen to direct and teach students who desire an education. Do they all teach, or do they merely lecture to a class on some phase of the work which is not in the least practical? Some do while others do not, but those who really teach the student have a system of their own which cannot be obtained from any course in education. It seems to be a friendly attitude toward the student, working in his interest and for his future welfare. He makes his class interesting and not a bore and works the student harder, tho in a way that is pleasing. These are instructors who are willing to listen to a student, take his ideas, troubles, or whatever may come up, and strive to straighten him out, and they are usually capable of doing so.

Then, there are those instructors who have a book to teach from and that seems to be all. Should nothing but book knowledge be taught the student, or should the book be used to make the problems of everyday life easier? It is obvious that some courses cannot be taught without a book, but there are far more courses that can, and can be made more interesting. If an instructor knows his subject he can put it over without having to follow his book too closely, but he can know too much about his subject. I can name more than one of this kind and they seem to do the student no good, because they are continually talking above his head and not thinking of his untrained mind. The subject seems so important to the instructor that he wants his student to spend more than the allotted time preparing each daily lesson which causes a neglect of other courses. I often wonder if some instructors take into consideration other courses when they make their lesson assignments.

Couldn't the heads of the departments be of more use to the student? About the only time they see some student is when they are presented with the well known yellow slip and it is too late then. Why not single out each student, in each department, and interview him several times during his freshman and sophomore years and find out what his aims are? Some men come to college with no idea of what to study or follow after leaving college and drift right on thru life in the same manner. Some realize after a year or two that they are following the wrong course and make a change which usually costs them an extra year or two. Some of this could be eliminated by the co-operation of student and department heads, or deans of the different schools. It is obvious that such a method as this would require an enormous amount of time, but it might save some student one or two extra years. Some boys know exactly the course they wish to study, some do not, but want a college education. So why can't they be helped in a way that will mean most to them?

SENIOR SECTION.

It seems almost impossible to publish the Bat each week without having to remind some of the underclassmen of where they are infringing on the privileges of the seniors. First, it was the dances, next the picture show and now comes the basketball games with various other gripes coming in between. This type of article has passed the stage when it was a reminder with the hope of bringing about better conditions by mentioning irregularities in a casual manner, and has now come to the place where it is even disgusting to think that at the beginning of every change of the various activities, the underclassmen must be reminded that a few things are set aside in respect to the men who are spending their last year in the College.

For several years, the section immediately behind the band in the gymnasium, has been set aside as the Senior Section for all basketball games. Observing from the games thus far played, it would be a hard matter for a senior to find a seat in this section fifteen minutes before the games are begun. You sophomores and juniors know better and if this does not apply to you, pass it up and tell someone else about it. If the "fish" do not know they should ask and the sophomores should see that they either ask or are told. Men it does not look right for a senior to have to take his seat in the isle just because he is not down to the games fifteen minutes before they are begun. Let us correct this oversight and not have to be reminded of it again when the baseball season opens.

STUDENT BODY TO INCREASE MID TERM.

Indications are that the student body of the A. & M. College of Texas will be increased by 150 with the opening of the second term Feb. 4, according to Dean Charles E. Friley, registrar of the college. Such an increase would bring the total registration for the year up to 2600.

New students who enter with the opening of the second term will be able to complete the largest part of their freshman work by remaining through the summer session. The two new dormitories for students, Law Hall and Puryear Hall, are expected to be ready for occupancy soon after the opening of the second term. These dormitories will add 216 new rooms to student housing facilities and are expected to aid much in relieving the crowded conditions that prevail.

HUDSON NAMED AS STAFF CARTOONIST FOR BATTALION

J. Elmore Hudson, '29, has been named as staff cartoonist on the Battalion staff. Hudson is an Architectural student. His ability as a cartoonist has been exhibited by his drawing that heads the Sport page of the Battalion and he has also drawn many cartoons which have been used on envelopes by various members of the student body. This is the only place on the staff that had not been filled thus far and it was thought for awhile that no cartoonist would be used but there is a probability that more cartoons will be used this year when the opportunity presents itself.