

# The Battalion

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### STUDENT FORUM—ANSWER

Last week we tentatively flicked at nothing with some editorials concerning, among other things, hats, caps and overcoats. Overcoats are needed, we stated, to protect the corps from the wintry weather, but oversea's caps, which could not possibly protect anyone from anything, we condemned as unnecessary. All of which is quite right as we see it, but alas, in this age of impious people there are always dissenters in any aggregation. The letter of one of these we have sadly printed in the Student Forum.

This person asks us why we support one thing and speak against another! He is also curious concerning our reasons for not keeping our views to ourselves, and about many other things of lesser importance which we have neither the time nor the space to consider. For his enlightenment, however, we are casting forth this pearl—the editorial sheets of periodicals are principally concerned with supporting some things and speaking against others, and they have been doing so for a long, long time

Our reasons for lining up on the side of reason we stated last week, and it would only bore our readers to enumerate them again. We are delighted to find that we are influential in causing some students to awaken from the nine-month lethargy so prevalent here. We did not know this, and we are grateful to our unknown advisor for the information, but, when he accuses us of being bound by tradition to HATS, we pause to laugh. Hats are not traditions, they are necessities in a country like this. The argument about relative costs will not hold water; it will cost more to install the new headgear than to continue with the old.

In conclusion let us state that the editorials in question were not, we hope, utterly the view of one person. We have tried to sound the vox populi of the school, and this we will strive to continue to do in the future. We welcome any criticism—even criticism illogical and not altogether fair.

### MR. STRAPHANGER

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us. Have you ever heard something comparable to this before? It matters not whether the author was Will Rogers or Washington, it contains a philosophy that would be well for us to emulate and adjust to our lives. You and I have seen the type of individual that makes everybody's business his business, and who can always find fault and tell someone else how to perform his task better than it is being done, and who also neglects his own tasks shamefully while he is doing his malicious directing. That person is an annoyance.

A person who is striving to better himself by seeing what is good and great in others may also be mentally inclined to notice the shortcomings. On the other hand, a character who has nearly reached the state of self mastery looks upon the misgivings of others with the blind spot in is eye; for he knows that before he can see the splinter in his neighbor's eye he must first remove the board from his own. Such a man who introspectively examines himself and his character knows his flaws and is therefore so busy perfecting himself that he has little time to view the imperfections in others.

No one of us has the slightest privilege to criticise our fellow man, nor should we judge them too hastily, for we have no proof that if we had been placed in similar circumstances we may have acted even more unwisely than we judged them to have acted. It is the approbations and not the disapprovals that give men the desire to strive harder and add zest to the table of life.

### AWAKEN, DEAR BROTHERS

This is a time that tries mens' souls, and incidentally when big blue Mr. Moon favors us with a broad smile, it is a time that tries every iota of a man's complex, especially when he is compelled to linger within the limits of the Campus. Unimportant as it may seem, every little hour that is passed away between now and the time school is over will either contribute to the success or failure of all classes in college, and it would be well for us to consider whether the maxim, "Most mens' failure can be traced to a single idle moment," does not contain a wealth of truth in it.

To the Seniors we do not need to say that you have less than four months in which to complete your college education at A. and M. and to lay the foundation to be able to convince yourself and the outside world that you are worth much more than the meager salary at which you are starting. To the Juniors these last few months afford an opportunity to prove that you deserve as much or even more than the chevrons on your shoulder seem to signify, and to assure yourself of the coveted boots and spurs. The Sophomores will do well to continue to instruct the Freshmen in the acquiring of a correct attitude toward the school, and for the Soph. himself to make certain of enough hours to stay in school. Freshmen, can't tell about you yet, for they are the mind in the making.

In any of the four classes it isn't too late to remedy existing evils, both in the classes and the individuals. You are the kind of man you want yourself to be and you are a failure only when you admit it. Also the man who permits himself to be a failure is nothing more than an ingrate. Time is a boomerang and just what you put on it's wings to fly with is just what it will bring back to you. If now o rever you adapt the attitude of "Let George do it," that is just what is likely to happen.

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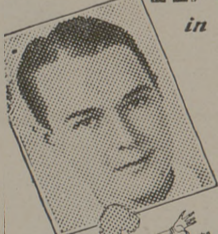
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