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Political Efficiency

Investigations seem to be the vogue for 1932. In fact, there have been so many commissions detailed by the greater and lesser powers that be, that they have had no time to look into their own condition, and that is bad. If we have our own systems as efficient as they can be, if we fell the tree of expense before we trim the branches, if we put our own affairs in shape before we meddle with those of others, if we sweep out the house before investigating the back porch, then we are justified in directing our energy and time to other things.

It seems, that in a crisis, the bosses should concern themselves with things of importance, and then idle away their time getting information on sophomores, informing the country that it isn't dry, and trying to make our colleges money-making institutions instead of schools of learning. There is no advantage in spending a dollar on a budget, if it will save but fifty cents.

Writing Home

This college, more than other institutions depends upon the direct influence that the conduct of its student body has toward outsiders and people not connected with the college for the regulation by which it is known. Our own personal deeds, here on the campus, and away from here become a background for the opinion of this college which strangers and friends alike build up in their own minds. Naturally, it is important that such a matter be given more attention, and realized more than it has.

Upperclassmen, as a rule, understand exactly how this affects the college, and how it also indirectly affects themselves, as a part of the institution. Included in our conduct would be what we say, what we do, and what we write. First year students are especially responsible for the misconceptions which others form from hearing what is said by them in regard to college. Often it is not until a student has been here for some time, and has opportunity to hear some statement which originally came from him, exaggerated, and misstated to such an extent as to become absurd, that he realizes how important it is that one should think carefully, and be sure that he is telling the truth exactly as it is, and at the same time is not causing those interested in his welfare to feel that he is being cruelly mistreated. Therefore, it is necessary that you, upperclassman and underclassman alike, give this your careful attention. Our parents are very interested and concerned about us, and it is right that they should know about conditions as they are. But it is also a very great injustice to make statements that are untrue and are of such nature as to cause unnecessary anxiety and worry to those that ask for the truth. This has happened many times before, and it is for the prevention of any serious misunderstanding that this statement is made.

The corps is the college, and in this particular instance it is their own matter, for the executive board, the faculty, or the discipline committee are helpless in the control of your pen. Nevertheless, a careless written paragraph can cause some very unpleasant moments with the mentioned groups, as well as personal inconvenience, and embarrassment. THINK IT OVER.

CAMPUS TRY

The above title names a course given on Southwestern's campus that you will search in vain to find listed. Look all through the catalogue. It is not there. The deans can't give you the professor, the time, or the text.

Campus try, as a course, starts from the minute you set foot upon these grounds until you are launched into the great world, full of that complacency dear to college graduates and young puppies. This grand old subject is taught by every friend that you make in college. Its ideal is the understanding of the other fellow's problems. Its worth is to teach you how to live in a world that has many different kinds of people on its face.

Some of its sub-headings are diplomacy, courtesy, amiability, character, poise, self-reliance, and everything else that depends upon personal contact. If you lived on a desert isle, none of this would matter, but you don't. Try to exemplify the antitheses of the above list and see how far you will get in getting somewhere.

The path to the classroom, the mess hall, the study table and to bed is one that will no doubt give you a deal of book learning but is likely to break down your health and sour your disposition. Steinmetz, the great electrical wizard, whose life story has just been published, longed and hungered after public acclaim and popularity. He was deformed physically, but developed his mental powers so that he might have the cries of the populace ringing in his ears.

We all care about what people think of us, and it is self-conceit to deny it. "Know your stuff" by all means, but do not neglect the human element. It enters into the "best laid plans of mice and men." And don't forget it!—The Vermillion of Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

For the information of those acquainted with the situation and any student who may be able to assist in this delicate matter, reports are being circulated that upperclassmen are brutally mistreating the first year students.

This is a most serious state of affairs, primarily, because it isn't true in its entirety. We aren't the barbarians that over-enthusiastic freshmen have painted us as with their letters home, relating in a braggadocious and highly exaggerated manner the novel experiences they are undergoing as "fish" at A. & M.

These tales resemble a snowball rolling down hill, gathering speed and volume with each rotation. Their origins are innocent enough but with each relation adding bit by bit they soon become both fantastic and impossible.

Therefore, it is our duty, each one of us, to prevent any further disaster by setting aright in the minds of others, the TRUE conditions that exist on the campus of Texas A. & M. College.

As the final sheet of the current issue of The Battalion leaves the press this week, printers and pressmen will turn to the edition of next week—the second feature edition in magazine form—which is to appear for general distribution next Wednesday evening.

The feature again carries a cover by Jim Keith, architectural student who drew the covers for the magazines last year, and is replete with jokes, cartoons, illustrations, poems, short stories, and other features which the editors believe will make the best magazine ever published by this student body. The general theme will emphasize the forthcoming corps trip to Shreveport.

All contributions for this issue will be gladly received if turned in before midnight Friday, October 9. It is the purpose of the staff to obtain more generality over the entire corps so it will truly be a fair representation of the student body.

CAMPUS COMMENT

To date no contributions have been sent in for this column which was given a nice start last week. One comment came in answer to our request for contributions in which the writer stated that he thought that we should also carry a list of the men not on the staff who have been working the title of contributors. At present, all men that have been working have been members of the staff. We are glad to have assistance from anyone, and also constructive criticism about anything that is not seemingly conducted in its proper manner.

However, all contributors for this column are asked to write their names on all correspondence, whether they desire their name to be published or not. A statement attached to the article requesting that their name be withheld will be sufficient to prevent the author's name being published.

In conducting this column, it is not the purpose of the staff or any individual to comment on such letters received, but it is asked that they be written so that the reader will be given a new thought and answer your statement. Let us have more comment from the corps—this paper is for your benefit.

THE PAN

By D. B. McNERNEY

To those of you—

who weren't fortunate enough to see the game Saturday in New Orleans, we have this to say: had you seen the brand of football and display of fighting spirit that the A and M team presented to the thousands of awestruck spectators that dreary day, every mother's son of you would have met the train Sunday and given those men the heartiest home-coming ever accorded any team.

Another thing—

As a corps we haven't been turning out for yell-practice as we should. Heretofore, it was difficult to stay enthusiastic about a team that lost ingloriously time after time, but now that we HAVE SOMETHING on the gridiron to be proud of, it seems a shame that our fervor should wane.

There are those—

on our campus who hold nothing but scorn for the mighty meetings held on the "Y" steps. If you are disciples of their theories, then it's best that you leave us now for you have lost your sensitiveness to the spirit and aliveness that we believe in.

Before the game—

we didn't have a ghost of a chance to win, that's what all the sport scribes thought. After the first half these same men were vigorously scratching their heads and chins, wondering just why they had been so foolish. If a team can hold the powerful Tulane Wave to seven rather questionable points and soundly outplay them, then it undoubtedly merits the support of its student-body.

Say to yourself—

that yelling is a lot of childish rot, fit only for the high-school lads and lassies, then proceed to undertake some difficult task without the slightest bit of encouragement from your friends, relatives, anyone. Then see how little progress you make, how soon the discouraging difficulties of that particular undertaking overwhelm you. All this simply because you didn't have that most necessary slap on the back or cheery word from the outside.

Call it "hokey"—

or "Tommy-rot" as you please, be a radicalist, then move to Russia, or away from here, at any rate, for we hate to be laughed at even though it may be classed more as braying.

Apologies to Mr. Faulk as we have infringed upon his sports territory but we attempted to "PAN" not "fan."

Is this unusual? In the game with the Denton Teachers, S. M. U. did not punt during the second and third quarter, although they kept possession of the ball most of the time. Their drives worked in mid-field but they did not have the goal line punch to put over a touchdown. They lost the ball on downs every time during these two quarters.

THIS AND THAT

The Freshman class I. Q. may be above the average—there is, however, no dearth of "Fish" sergeants and willing messengers for asinine errands.

Summer school students spent approximately three hundred and eighty-one dollars with the College News Stand for magazines. Liberty leads all comers with twenty-eight dollars and eighty cents, College Humor pulling up second with twenty-six and a quarter.

As a class Air Stories proved most popular, sixty bucks being shot on them. Western thrillers and Movie "Pish-Posh" split second money at thirty-one each.

GABBY GERTIE



"A girl who works for a dry cleaner can't be particular—she's got to accept any man's suit."

Dr. George Summey and his English hounds will rejoice to learn that one hundred thirteen dollars and fifty-five cents was spent for literature of the "bitter" class, e.g. Current History, Mercury, Americas, Saturday Evening Post, Scribners and the like.

Loupot is going broke!—he says so himself. Which calls to mind the English economist who said that all England needed to recover financially was a few more years of what Americans term depression.

During the second semester of the summer session the Library was closed on Saturday and Sunday afternoons because "Dutch" Halperin, sole visitor during those hours, was off the campus.

Shortly after some friend of humanity burned the skating rink the administration of the city of Bryan posted notice of a one hundred dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of arson. The discordant clamor of that tin-pan victrola couldn't be heard in Bryan or the reward

would undoubtedly have been offered in the form of a bounty.

"Swimming Pool Being Planned" head line in last week's Battalion—might just as accurately have been the September 30, issue for 1921 and perhaps 1941.

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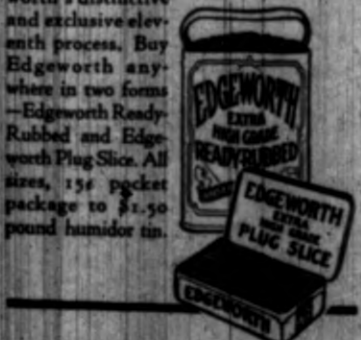
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