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SECRET

From Shreveport

... have come in from Shreveport since last ... most complimentary nature in regard to the ... corps during the first trip this year. The ... also have expressed themselves as very ... the studentbody's conduct. The following ex- ... unsolicited letters speak for themselves. ... There isn't anything but praise from everyone ... that Shreveport experienced in making this ... with Texas A and M. Your boys made a fine ... for themselves and the college in their general ... George S. Sexton, President, Centenary College. ... I want to congratulate you and all your Texas ... the very fine showing your A and M boys made ... in Shreveport Saturday."—Capt. E. L. Kidd,

... It is a pleasure, indeed to come in contact with ... of young men and I want to congratulate you and ... on the wonderful training that you have given ... Will Mercer, Shreveport, La.

... We, at Centenary, have a warm feeling of ... for your school. You can beat us and make us ... That speaks well of your high grade of sportsman- ... Francis A. Wheeler, Music Department, Centenary

... There were at least fifteen hundred cadets in ... Saturday morning and I have never seen a finer ... The entire studentbody was such a well behaved lot ... the whole of town was crazy about them, in fact, they ... their best to entertain the boys royally. Everyone here ... of the fine manner in which they conducted themselves ... we are all thoroughly sold on Texas A and M."—A para- ... from a letter to Edwin J. Kiest, of The Dallas Times ... and member of the board of directors of the college.

... I assure you that I have never seen a student- ... show as much loyalty, refinement, culture and courtesy ... that displayed by your splendid studentbody. You and ... institution are to be congratulated on the work you ... doing."—Chas. A. Overstreet, president of the State ... Agricultural and Mechanical College, Magnolia, Ark.

... These comments are only a few that were sent to Dr. ... talon. Another comment of note came from the editorial ... page of the Shreveport Journal, and to print it would be only ... to repeat what has been said above.

Why Counter-Attack?

It seems to be the nature of the corps to gripe most when the least can be done about it. The feeling in the corps after the game was not in the least sportsmanlike, but it is a relief to know that it was not the true feeling of the body, but a yielding to the sentiments of a few who apparently controlled the mob action, and didn't stop to analyze their own thoughts.

It is easier to be graceful winners than losers, but before we can consider ourselves sportsmanlike and gentlemanly, we should train ourselves to be able to accept defeat without rudely expressing our sentiments to our guests.

It is an accomplishment to arouse men with a promise of victory, but it is more commendable to get them to accept defeat nobly, than to excite hatred against those who came out with the laurels.

During the first part of September a man in Illinois gave Jack Reynolds, amateur thumb-tourist from Aggie land, a ride. Reynolds introduced himself and made a very favorable impression upon the man. On the very next day he picked up Bow Flood because he wore a similar uniform. Flood made a similar impression and the effect was shown by the man's saying, "I got my master's degree from the University of Chicago and was in business three years before I learned as much about meeting the public as you fellows from Texas A and M seem to know now. I have a kid brother that I am going to send to Texas A and M, and nowhere else, for I have found nothing to compare with the training that you men have shown that you are getting."

Some may scoff at the traditions and spirit of A and M. Some practically refuse to recognize, much less support, such. If this man could within such brief contacts recognize the ... and M then isn't it important that all of us ... the worthwhile traditions of ... juniors, sen-

CAMPUS COMMENT

Shakespeare said that the devil might quote scriptures for his purpose; and though I am not a member of any particular church, I will quote scriptures to show you that the spirit A and M showed S M U Saturday was not sportsmanlike.

The Bible says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

A and M, the authorities, and the cadet corps are willing to accept the courtesies of any town or city we visit. These municipalities show us their friendship, in many cases, by providing police guards for our band, by having their band meet us at the railroad station, and by offering us free meals, free entertainment and free rides. They invite us to come and they treat us in a manner that is very cordial.

A and M retaliates—but in a very different way. We think of our school as the friendliest of any we come in contact with. The S M U visit showed us that in this, we are mistaken. We did not invite the student body of S M U to visit us; neither the band nor the corps went to the station to welcome the visitors, and although many of the students of S M U ate in the mess hall, they were not officially invited.

The authorities proposed not to open a dormitory for the lady visitors. They contended that we shouldn't do anything for them because they didn't do anything for us. The senior class proposed that several ramps in Hart Hall be turned over to women for their comfort and convenience. It would have been a little troublesome to vacate these ramps, but we would have been giving them the best that we have. Instead, we gave them two of the old and unoccupied dormitories—and that reluctantly.

After the game, the S M U band got off the field first. At the suggestion of one of the yell leaders, the A and M band went around the visiting band and re-formed in front of them. The cadet corps DID NOT go around the S M U band, but continued through their formation and halted them. This whole affair is as discourteous as anything that A and M could have done!

At yell practice, we preach hatred. Hatred is no necessary for victory. The desire to win does not rest on hate. We don't want other schools to have a feeling of hatred towards us, so why do we try to hate them? The keynote of intercollegiate athletics should be friendly rivalry.

At this same yell practice, one of the yell leaders stated that he hoped S M U would not win another game this season. Monday night he altered this by excepting their out of state games. It is entirely improper and unwarranted for any yell leader to express a personal opinion or hope such as this through his official medium, yell practice. After we have met a school in contest, if that school wins or loses during the remainder of the season, especially when we are out of the conference race, does not officially concern us. I cannot regard wishing a victorious competitor ill luck as good sportsmanship.

A and M lost the football game. At yell practice following our defeat, one of our yell leaders stated that S M U won but that they didn't beat us. If we were overcome; if we were vanquished or surpassed, as true sportsmen we would have admitted it. And yet A and M boasts that it knows how to lose as well as it knows how to win.

I write this because of my love for A and M. On the surface this criticism is highly destructive, but I criticize with the hope that such treatment as we accorded S M U Saturday will never be given any school that visits our campus again.

The authorities, band, and student body of S M U are due an apology.

FRANZ ALTGELT (Band)

Editor's Note.—As a manner of explanation to the above unsolicited letter, the corps was unable to meet the train due to the fact that it came in ahead of its schedule, arriving about noon, when it was due in at 12:25 p. m.

Franklin C. Watkins of Philadelphia, almost an unknown artist, won the first prize this year at the Carnegie International exhibition of modern paintings. It was the first time since 1923 that an American had won the competition. Mr. Watkin's painting was "Suicide in ostame."

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