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SUPPORT OF ATHLETICS

It appears that the Aggies' athletic teams are going to be without much of the well-known and far-famed support of the student body if the present attitude of the cadet corps does not undergo a drastic change. Not only are the cadets setting an unexplainable and unwarranted precedent by their failure to pay the student activity fee this year but some have gone so far as to bring public disfavor upon the whole corps by "crashing the gates" at home and at neighboring institutions. This is a sad state of affairs and one that is impossible to explain.

Not only does the payment of the student activity fee save approximately \$20.00 through the course of the year if all activities are attended, but it offers an opportunity for each student to contribute his share toward the support of one of the most complete athletic plants in the south. The athletic department of the college built the stadium and the gymnasiums without resorting to subscriptions either from the ex-students or the present students and is one of the few athletic departments that can boast of such an achievement. In the face of such facts it would seem that every student in the college would feel it his duty at least to contribute to the support of the college's athletic program.

Up to the present only one-thousand coupon books have been bought by a student body of approximately twice that number. This means that about one-half of the corps is without means of admission to the athletic contests. Many of the students apparently think that all that is needed is the ability to scale a ten foot fence in order to see the games at Kyle Field this year, but they are lining themselves up for a rude disappointment. The athletic department has made known the fact that they are hopeful it will not be necessary to use force in the handling of the "one-eyed Connellys".

In order to make it possible for the students who have not purchased coupon books to do so, the athletic department has announced a very liberal plan of installment payments and a reduction of \$1.75 in the price of the books to cover the games already played. A coupon book may be had by making an initial payment of \$3.00 with other payments to be made as follows: \$2.00 on November 1, \$2.50 upon return from the Christmas Holidays, and the remaining \$5.75 anytime before the end of the school year. With such a plan every member of the corps should be in possession of a coupon book.

Each year the athletic department spends large sums of money in sponsoring intramural events for the benefit and pleasure of the corps and it behoves even the least appreciative cadet to show his gratitude by supporting the department to his utmost.

RETARDATIONS TO PROGRESS

We look with interest upon the speech delivered to the Senior Class during their banquet last Thursday night by President Walton. He, in the deepest of sincerity, endeavored to embrace in the minds of the class that there were certain traditions upheld on this campus that in a way held back the originality and development of this student body. Certainly the president was putting forth ideas that should have been headed by this group. Through the history of the world there have been three factors that have been retardations to progress; superstition, socialism, and tradition! Our group is not possessed with the first two incumbrances; but we have to face the fact that the latter is with us. It has and is keeping us from the advantages growing out of a new, an experimental, and a developmental environment.

In addition we must state that some traditions are good and add to the prowess and prestige of a group; but there are others that tend to make us perpetually what we have been rather than what we might be.

If any statistician should keep a record of the time wasted by the students daily attempting to receive their mail through the medium of the Student's Exchange, there would be found that every cadet makes many fruitless trips daily that otherwise could be spent in more profitable labor.

This system of mail distribution is about as antique as the building that houses it. There seems to be no regular time for putting up the mail except to suit the convenience of the few employees and they act apparently when the spirit moves them. The parcel post shipments, especially when they are of a perishable nature, receive about as much attention for rapid distribution as a shipment of bricks might. No arrangement is made for the receiving of mail for outside delivery, stamps or money orders are not sold, and registered mail can neither be sent nor received. And, if perchance, there should be a letter in a box, the lucky individual, unless he retrieves it during the day must stand around and attempt to figure out the combination by the light of a match or else wait for the morning.

A centrally located Federal Post Office with government employees on a full-time basis where the receiving and distribution of mail is carried on as it is at any regular post office is really need at A. & M. Considering the valuable shipments that are received around mid-term in the form of checks for the second term expenses, and the large volume of mail that is handled daily through such an exchange, it can be seen that our present system should go the route of other relics into oblivion—as a monument of that that has been.

THE PICTURE SHOW

No matter how old a thing might be, it is always new to someone. Take for example, the sound apparatus used in connection with the picture shows in the Assembly Hall. There are a few slow-learning

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members of the cadet corps who are still dumbfounded and bewildered by the experience of hearing the characters in the shows speak their lines in coordination with their movements, and the result is a series of whoops and yells that spoil the whole performance for the patrons who have learned that "silence is golden" in the theatre. No definite reaction can be established as the basis of the gross disturbance that accompanies each particularly humorous or tragic incident in the course of the pictures. Some attribute it to the cropping out of the natural barbaric instinct in man, others believe it due to shock and surprise of what is observed on the screen, still others think it is caused by an under-developed control of the emotions and impulses. The real reason remains a matter of individual opinion.

If the leaders of the offensive and obnoxious element, who seem to attend the shows for the sole purpose of creating a disturbance, should be prevailed upon to direct their attention and energy in the opposite direction the shows would soon become more enjoyable and worthwhile for all concerned.

ATTENTION, MEAL HOUNDS!

Did you know that 127 men work an average of 11 hours a day trying to give you the most for your maintenance dollar in the Mess-hall? And they do as well for the money as anywhere you know of. That our so-called "bull-neck" is really next to the best grade that can be bought and that we consume over four and one-half tons of it each week (beef, bacon and bologna included)? And that it is all prepared in one of the most modern kitchens in this part of the country—the kitchen alone representing an outlay of over \$50,000? And to widen your oral cavity still further, among other minor items on our daily consumption list are: 360 gallons of "cow" and 150 pounds of butter, both straight from our own creamery, 1200 pounds of spuds, 1600 packages of cereal, and either of 10 cases of oranges, 16 cases of apples, 280 pounds of grapes, or 890 pounds of bananas, depending on the menu of course.

At the present time the chef isn't sure whether or not the million and a half paper napkins now on hand will be sufficient to last the year out. He also expressed some doubt about the sixty dozen brooms being enough to last, but he thinks that we needn't be too concerned about that.

The chef likes to have cadets come around and see the kitchen, after mealtime, of course, and he will be glad to show anyone who is interested around the place. Your college education isn't complete until you have been through the kitchen—and just think men, it's all perfectly free.

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

Each year, despite the warnings issued by the Commandant's Office, the under-classesmen of the college take it upon themselves to assume senior privileges and appear on the streets of Bryan at all hours of the day and night. Every cadet is supposed to know that visiting in Bryan at night without a pass is strictly a privilege of the senior class. There are instances when freshmen, sophomores, and juniors may obtain authority to go to Bryan at night but those instances are not as numerous as one would be led to believe by the number of under-classesmen seen nightly in the neighboring city.

Since it is a senior privilege that is being violated it is up to the seniors to protect it. Surely they cannot expect someone to protect it for them. If a few of the habitual offenders were properly disciplined and their cases set up as examples to the rest of the corps there would be little or no trouble in curbing the wholesale trek of under-classesmen to Bryan during the hours when their presence there is forbidden.

Conference Aquatic Meet To Be Held In New Swimming Pool

With the completion of the new swimming pool near at hand and the Southwest Conference swimming meet scheduled to be held here early in the spring, increased interest is being shown in the water sports at A and M this year. Although this sport is not recognized by the college, the work done by the swimming team at A and M has been exceptionally good in the past as they have been victorious in a number of matches that they have entered.

According to Lieutenant L. R. Nachman, swimming team coach,

the team this year will be stronger than it has been in previous years, but competition this year will also be stronger than it has previously been because other schools in the conference have recognized swimming as a major sport and are backing it as such.

Practice is slated to begin December 1 and all meets are scheduled to be held in the new gymnasium. Lettermen to return are: Co-Captains J. D. Moeller, Larchmont, New York; and J. D. Howder, Fort Crockett, R. R. Osburn, C. J. Chalcke, R. Cox, C. E. Reichardt, C. E. Rhodes, R. T. Brinsmaid, R. C. Jorgenson, G. T. Knotts, T. L. Uhr, G. W. Shepherd, W. S. Sinclair, R. L. Hodge, and L. F. Wanja, J. E. Cockrell, prominent freshman

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STUDENTS DISCUSS DANCE AT INITIAL MEETING OF AIEE

George Samuel Elected As Chairman of Local Chapter.

At the first meeting of the local chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, G. H. Samuel, Jr., San Antonio, was elected chairman of the chapter, W. E. Steele, Alvin, vice-chairman, and J. T. Walton, Spokum, secretary-treasurer. At this meeting regulations of a repeat contest and plans for the annual EE dance were discussed.

Since the AIEE furnishes a convenient means of reaching the entire group of Electrical Engineers, a discussion of the EE dance was started. The senior members of the club met in a session to make initial plans for this dance after the regular meeting had adjourned, and Robert F. Uhr was chosen as chairman of the dance committee.

Technical papers on various phases of research in the electrical engineering field were submitted to the faculty of the department for judgement Tuesday. It is probable that the authors of the five best papers will be selected delegates to the Divisional Convention of the AIEE which is to be held in Oklahoma City, October 21-22. Expenses of the delegates will be partially defrayed by proceeds of a benefit show given by the chapter last year.

Scholarship Honor Group Names Club Officers for Year

At a meeting of the Scholarship Honor Society, held in the Asbury Room of the Library Tuesday, October 11, the following officers were elected: J. W. Perkins of Dallas, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Artillery Regiment, president; C. K. Seaman of Houston, Battery "D" Field Artillery, vice-president; M. C. Evans of Gimesa, First Lieutenant Company "H" Infantry, secretary; and L. V. Storms of San Antonio, Captain on the Composite Regular staff, treasurer.

Regular meetings of the society will be held every other Tuesday night. At the meeting scheduled for the night of October 25, new members will be selected from the Junior and Senior classes.

natador from last year's team is not in school, but is expected to return at mid-term. Should he return he will be eligible for competition. It is planned to introduce water-polo as an interest builder, and an attempt is being made to have it placed in the intramural program also.

Architect Professors Study Thru Summer

Study and travel in foreign countries was the mode selected by C. J. Finney and C. A. Johnson, members of the teaching staff of the Architectural department, to pass the summer vacation.

The University of Mexico was Mr. Finney's selection and here he devoted most of his time to the older type of Mexican architecture. Mr. Finney was primarily interested in the Aztec or Mayan civilization which has produced many of the architectural masterpieces of Mexico and other Central American countries. Archaeologists maintain that the Aztec or Mayan civilization was at least contemporary with that of ancient Egypt and Assyria and in all probability was even older.

Modern architecture in its appli-

IDLE RUMORS

Grade-point seekers who resort to Genetics have heard about "identical" twins but for the benefit of those not studying this course we wish to point out such a pair. Strange to say they do not bear the same name, but these modern prototypes of Damon and Pythias are always to be seen together in class rooms or returning from social activities in the vicinity of the Power Plant locked arm in arm and whispering their sweet secrets in each others ears. This paragon of friendship is none other than Frankie "Corman" Prassel and Muft "Joe" Falk. Twin these guys get together it's a buddying romance, eh wot?

And now little children, gather close while I tell you of Aggie's own crooner. On deep, dark nights this Lothario may be seen scurrying down side streets in Bryan carrying a mysterious looking package under his arm. Curiosity prevailed upon us to investigate and we discovered there a portable victrola. Yes sir, right under the arm of Lieutenant I. G. Parr, for that's who it is, and we saw him on these nocturnal trips in the vicinity of Bryan High School. This-oke with us as long as it's confined to somebody else's parlor and we don't believe this is above Parr.

Some of these guys around the campus are continually pulling the "cinder" act—getting in the public eye. One publicity hound, by name, Bill Blodgett, our bugler, succeeds in making this column only, but does that consistently. Try murder. William, it's good for any front page. Anyway, we saw Willie Tuesday night, standing on the corner in Bryan, wiping something red off of his mouth. Don't tell us you cut your mouth, Bill, 'cause we know that wasn't zinc oxide powdering your shoulder. Are you theah, Mister Blodgett?

Who was the (usually) staid and dignified senior who broke into a cation to commercial and housing developments, as well as its use in municipal programs, drew Mr. Johnson to the European continent. Mr. Johnson centered his attentions on France and Germany but found time to visit Czechoslovakia before returning to this country.

tallop at the State Fair in Dallas to make the last performance of a burlesque show and subsequently tripped on his spur and broke it? We know. He was wearing only one spur at drill, Tuesday.

Coriscana's prominent clubman again forges to the front with one of his unique ideas. B Manuel "Trixie" Gottlieb and his "H" Company cohorts have banded together to form a new fraternity the B. O. club. All members of the club must wear their shirts at least one week before changing them. The fraternity has adopted this slogan: "No baths 'till we win a conference game." Goat night, sweetheart, we'll all die from dear old Beta Omega yet.

If you dopes see any of the brother Aggies pulling a typical boner that merits space in this column, write it up and mail it to us care of Box 239, P. E. No stamp required if you put it in the Federal mail box in the Main Building. Blodgett and Gottlieb can save us a lot of trouble if they write up their own misdeeds.



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