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Concerning College Spirit . . .

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What do we mean by "College Spirit"? A student may throw his hat into the air, grab a megaphone, give "three long rahs", go through the gymnastics of a cheer-leaderand yet leave some doubt whether he has adequately defined "College Spirit". Does a student who dissipates his time, exhibits lawlessness, overdevelops rowdyism, and fails most of his courses represent College Spirit?

institutions hold to a finer meaning of the term College neer John Blair of Bryan with the Spirit—such as loyalty to an institution which makes a student guard its good name by being manly and courteous in conduct at all times and in all places? Yes, they mean ty officials will hear discussions on the sense of responsibility which aids a student in forming habits of temperance and industry. They mean that eagerness to make a grateful use of his opportunities which leads a student to keep his own body fit, through physical training that knows no season-training that is never broken. By College Spirit some men mean this and far more; they mean that loyalty to a college which rivets a man to the severest tasks of scholarship, through which he gains intellectual power, without which no graduate is an entire credit to any college, but with which he may become a trained, devoted, and inspired alumnus, working for the welfare of mankind.



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