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DO YOU HAVE THE COLLEGE SPIRIT?

College spirit is the attitude that a college student takes toward his school. What a college is, and will ever be depends greatly upon the spirit of its student body. This also applies to high school students.

A student who puts his school first, in his school life, by doing his best in scholastic work, and by taking an active part in at least one extra curricular activity, will find himself possessed with that wonderful quality, College Spirit. This student will be offended when some "outsider" speaks against his school. He will support his school in athletics and in any other proposed project. He will be a person who loves his school "best of all."

Do you have the College Spirit?
E. L. SANDERS.

LET US COOPERATE

We are taught, many of us from our youth onward, that competition is essential to the health and progress of the human race, or, as Herbert Spencer puts it, "Society flourishes by the antagonism of its atoms." But the obvious truth is that coöperation is constructive, and competition other than friendly rivalry is destructive, and that, therefore, society flourishes by the mutual aid of its components.

I say that is obvious, and so it is. It is so generally practiced, that in all great military and commercial enterprises, individualism is subordinated to collective action. We do not believe that a house divided against itself can stand; we know that it shall fall. We know that a state divided by internal feuds and torn by faction fighting cannot hold its own against a united people. Experience dictates that a society composed of antagonistic atoms is not really a society. We have been made to realize that if men are to establish and govern cities and to create and systematize educational activities, they must work coöperatively. In like manner, we must understand that in a school the "antagonism of the atoms" can be nothing other than an impediment. We must realize that, here at St. Augustine's, the foundation of all our plans for future prosperity and progress must invariably be COOPERATION. Surely this truth is as obvious as is the fact that there could be no hive unless the bees worked as a colony, and along the lines of mutual aid.
THEODORE J. JONES.

WHAT IS HUMAN LIFE?

What is it that causes human life to supersede that of other organisms? It is not that these other organisms do not actually possess life. It is not that nature has not provided them with the power to care for themselves. Beasts, if allowed to remain in their native habitat, do not need any help from man to carry on life's cycle. Organisms of the vegetable kingdom can likewise live, reproduce, and die without man's intervention, if left in their native soils. Then what is it, I ask again, that causes human life, to supersede that of other organisms? The answer is, I feel, that man is endowed with the ability to reason, the power to discover, and the ingenuity to invent. These qualities other organisms do not generally possess. It is intended for man to reason, to discover, and to invent. He must face the facts about his abilities, and disabilities, and learn to overcome his disabilities. He must discover his latent qualities in order that he must launch out into the higher seas of life. He must find a way to be the greatest service possible to humanity.

To man belongs the highest form of life. Therefore, it is his duty to make life useful and beautiful. Just as his soul is immortal, he must make his life immortal by using his endowed qualities to the best possible advantages. This can be done by using them from day to day in a small way, and letting them gradually develop to their adult stage where they may be used at full sway.

ANTONIO M. ROPER.

NOTICES

This is the first issue of the St. AUGUSTINE'S PEN of St. Augustine's College. This paper is to be edited monthly by the student body of the said institution. Only one issue, according to plan, is to be published this school year, but with the beginning of the next school year, the paper will be published monthly.

I am taking this opportunity to thank the original newspaper committee for their hearty support and coöperation in helping to make this paper possible. When things looked darkest, they all worked hard to remove all difficulty.

Also I would like to thank our advertisers and subscribers for their support in giving advertisements and subscriptions for the St. AUGUSTINE'S PEN. We realize that without their help the paper could not have been attempted.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

MAY FETE

Plans are being made for St. Augustine's Annual May Fete which is given under the auspices of the gymnastic department.

DEBATE

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Robinson and Solomon Bethea. Edith Thompson, a member of the Ferguson Club acted as chairman. The judges were: Miss Guernsey, Mr. Boyer and Mr. Young.

OUR PREPS—"WITH APOLOGIES TO BURNS"

Flow gently, sweet Knowledge,
among our green preps,
For they are in college to keep up
their reps;
The bold preps are sleeping while
faculty rave,—
Flow gently, sweet Knowledge, those
careless ones save!

Implores of professors, resound
thru the ear,
The six weeks exam marks say,
"Flunked for the year."
Then hot-tempered freshmen are
shouting, "Unfair!"
I charge you, forgive them, they
only need air.

How quickly, sweet Knowledge, your
message you send,
For dull sleepy classes have come
to an end.
Now daily we find, as the sun rises
high,
A prep and his Lit. book, and tears
in his eye.

M. HALL.

THE LEECH-GATHERER

By the banks of Derwent Water,
By the muddy bubbling water,
Stood the gatherer of leeches,
Staff in hand and net beside him.
Closer to him wandered Wordsworth,
Nearer, nearer to him drew he;
Thoughts of Burns his head did
puzzle,
Thought he of him as he wandered—
How in gladness he did flourish,
But in madness he did perish.
Glorious day the morning promised,
Promised to them brilliant sunshine;
Fair the day it was they met there,
Met beside the Derwent Water.
Thoughts of earth's distress he
studied,
As the old man gathered leeches.
Wordsworth stood and thought more
deeply,—
"I will make firm resolution—
Since this toiler is so happy,
Well content to gather leeches,
Why can't I, a man of culture,
Learn from him faith, hope, and
patience?"

FRANK LEWIS.

"WITH APOLOGIES TO WORDSWORTH"

They dwelt among the untrodden
ways,
Those men of letters—queer!
Old Bacon, Browning, that whole
gang,
If only they were clear!

As needles in a stack of hay,
Whole-hidden from the eyes,
So these Elysian singers are
Just bunk to college guys.

They lived and died, and few can
know
What they were jingling 'bout;
Saint Peter, lo! if you want peace,
Just keep those jokers out.

L. T. CALDWELL.

JOKES

Arnold: Merely me, I can't get this
crazy example.
Kemp: No wonder. You've got
to divide (Pie) by seven.
Arnold: Huh?
Kemp: Here, why don't you try
it?
Arnold: I'm just so crazy about
pie, I even hate to divide it in
math.

NOTHING, SYDNEY

Sydney surprised his teacher as
he was about to go home.
"What have I learned today,
teacher?" he asked.
"What a curious question," the
teacher replied. "Why do you ask?"
"Well," said Sydney, "They'll
need to know at home."

ADVICE TO FRESHIES

Sophomore: Freshies, you had bet-
ter keep your eyes open around
here.
Freshies (innocently): Why?
Sophomore: Because people will
think you are crazy if you go around
with them closed.

B. KECK.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

Man: You don't know nobody
who wants nobody to do nothing for
them this morning, does you?
Lady: Then, you don't want a
job?

THE COLLEGE FORUM

The many changes that have
taken place on the campus of St.
Augustine's have caused the student
body to be more interested in many
school activities. This interest is
shown in one way by the organiza-
tion of the College Forum.

This club was organized by men
of the College Department for the
purpose of making improvements in
their expression and in their know-
ledge of current problems. Expe-
rience by open discussion among the
members is the main object of each
of our open forum meetings.

The Forum started, for the first
time, a debate between the College
Forum and the Ferguson Club. The
question for debate was "Resolved,
That Immigration Into the United
States Should Be Further Restricted
By Law."

The Forum took the negative side
and won by a decision of two to one.

One of the topics for open discus-
sions last month was, "The value of
one's preparing himself for his life-
work." The members of the faculty
present were Mr. Goold, President
of the College, and Mr. Mitchell.

OLIVER RICHARDSON.

THE COLLEGE CLUB

The College Club met in the
Hunter Building March 26 at
7:45 p.m. Mr. P. Young gave an
interesting lecture to the members
of the club, after which he was made
an honorary member. President
Goold was also present and made a
few interesting remarks.

We are hoping and planning to
launch an interesting and helpful
program in the near future.

FRANK LEWIS.