

footprints but which will make more sublime, in the mind of the student who attends their Alma Mater, the life of this institution.

To the new students the FREE LANCE tenders a most hearty welcome and, as usual, has its words of advice to offer. You have been brought into a new microcosm, so to speak; the laws of this new universe are many; perhaps a few are unwritten; of all, you are more or less ignorant. Many of these unwritten laws are for the purpose of grinding off the peculiar edges of your personality and numerous are the agencies which will work the changes; you may make up your mind that there will be a change in yourself before the session is over. Watch the process closely. Silence is golden, surely in this case. Base your opinions of college life and its duties and corresponding rights not upon the whims and fancies of others who have become prejudiced, but upon the solid rock of enthusiasm and patriotism for your adopted Alma Mater.

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MANY improvements have been made in and about the college library during the past year. Books are now carefully and well catalogued for the use of the students. Papers and magazines are nicely arranged and the leading articles of interest properly bulletined—all for the benefit of the students. But how many students are benefited by these improvements? Very few. Why? Because during the hours which the library is now open the students are supposed to be at work at recitation, at the laboratories, or at drill.

Let us look more closely into the hours. Suppose we have a vacant period during the morning hours and we repair to the reading room, what do we find? We find that the sub-Freshmen have converted it into a study room and that every available chair is occupied. Again, let us suppose we have a half-hour after dinner or a half-hour after supper, and we think we will look up a few pointers for an essay, an oration, or a thesis and we go to the library. Do we find it open? No! nay! "nit!" And so on a careful examination discloses the fact that a very few minutes may be spent in access to the privileges of the college library unless one wishes to violate some of the rules and regulations pertaining to absences from recitations, practicums, rhetorical, drill, and study hours.

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