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AN EXPLANATION

In a communication to Dean Boyd, College of Arts and Sciences, Colonel George D. Freeman, head of the Department of Military Science, calls attention to an editorial in last week's Kernel, in which communication appears the following:

I desire to call your attention to an editorial "Vanity or Publicity" in the Kentucky Kernel of November 24, 1922.

The subject matter of this editorial is based on a controversy between the students taking military science, and the management of the 1923 Kentuckian

The attack on the military department is unwarranted, and certain false accusations and insinuations have been made against it without any attempt to investigate or interview this department as to the truth.

The last paragraph of the editorial also shows a lack of information on the part of the writer as the students taking the advanced courses do not receive a salary for services to the military department.

What they do receive is a certain compensation, which can practically be considered as a scholarship for taking the advanced course in military science and preparing themselves to serve their country in case of emergency.

I feel that an apology is due the Military department for the insulting attack made on it by the Kentucky Kernel.

The Kernel hastens to assure Colonel Freeman that his observations that the editorial addressed itself to a controversy between students taking military science and the management of the 1923 Kentuckian is quite correct. It takes pleasure also in reassuring the heads and instructors of that excellent department that the editorial stricture complained of was in no sense intended to reflect upon such instructors or heads, but was directed primarily at the discouraging of a boycott by students against the Annual, which, the Kernel had been reliably informed, had been threatened in case demands for free space made upon the Annual were not complied with.

The Kernel agrees that the use of the word "salary" instead of the word "compensation" intended for scholarship purposes was a desperate and damning error, for which it craves pardon.

Although the Kernel regrets deeply that any part of its observation was

construed to reflect on the instructional staff of the Military Department, nevertheless, it insists that it shall guard jealously its right to discourage at any time and in any department of this institution the use of so crude an instrument as the boycott by students upon fellow students to punish either fancied or actual offenses upon this campus.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Kernel there appears a statement written by students of the department of Military Science, which not only sets forth that department's viewpoint in this controversy in an admirable and dignified way, but recognizes apparently throughout its tenure, that the controversy is a student affair and does not refer to departmental heads.

The Kernel finds it difficult to refrain at this time, however, from expressing regret that the threatened embarrassment of the Annual was not taken in hand promptly by leaders in the Military Department and stopped. We are satisfied that if the heads of that department were really aware of the gravity of the proposed step they would have used their good offices to discourage it.

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"THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."

Reports persistent that a certain element of young men performing the self-imposed "duty" of critics have taken it upon themselves to criticize adversely, and from our point of view harshly and unjustly certain activities of the Su-Ky Circle of the University.

Some years ago when the student body was suffering from the oft repeated and generally just charge that the University student body was without "pep," that it didn't back up its athletic teams and other representative bodies; that it was lapsing into the lackadaisical habit of just letting things run at loose ends, a number of outstanding men and women, jealous of the University's reputation and taking this criticism frankly to heart organized what is now known as the Su-Ky Circle. It is the writer's positive observation that from that hour to this the University has participated in no public function, athletic or otherwise that has invited rivalry, that this splendid body of young students has not come to the fore and supplied ample evidence of college spirit, enthusiasm and backing, the absence of which had hitherto been so noticeable.

Upon what ground these dearable gentlemen, resting upon their lofty perch of superciliousness and gratuitous criticism, not to say more or less innocuous desecration, assume to read moral lectures from their eyrie perch, is not quite clear at this moment.

In season or out of season, in sunshine or rain, night or day, whenever necessity for co-operation and the presenting of an enthusiastic front to the enemy has arisen, this body has not been wanting. It has sold peanuts and ice cream in slop and slush of football sidelines; it has dragged out its friends for bonfires, "pep" meetings and parades on eves of football games; it has made and bought flags and banners and carried them in parades intending to emphasize their faith and their loyalty to their comrades and this institution; and it has gone down in its own in its own pocket times without number for the wherewith to meet expenses of these efforts.

Rumor has it—that the latest offense of the Su-Ky folk have committed in the eyes of these exotic puritan brothers is that the members used some of the funds of the Circle to finance a rooting trip to Knoxville. The Kernel is in position to state that this is not true. But suppose they had so used them, ye gods: for what is a Su-Ky Circle if it is not for the purpose of appearing upon the sidelines and rooting for their football champions; and what mortal offense would have been in this organization using the funds collected by hard knocks to do the very things that supply reason for its being?

May not the Kernel here inform these captious critics that the funds with which the band was sent to Knoxville were raised through the efforts of the Su-Ky Circle, and the

public as well as students contributed, and we have yet to hear a word of complaint or censure from these contributors. Every cent that the student body has given to the Circle they have received in exchange its equivalent in peanuts, popcorn and ice cream, God bless 'em.

Criticism is always valuable for its is constructive, generally potent when it comes from our friends, but the doubtful loyalty of the source of this particular complaint excites rather our risibilities than our serious concern. Some fine day it is just barely possible that the Kernel may publish the names of a few of these blavertous critics and allow the student body to trace for themselves the inspiration of their attitude. When that day arrives we shall not hesitate to give publicity to the names of these leaders.

It would be asking the impossible to expect persons imbued with the love of another Alma Mater, especially if it be a rival institution to uphold to the limit the traditions and ideals that long have characterized students of the University of Kentucky—but it does expect, and if necessary demands that while these students are under the protection of its foster mother they pretend loyalty in athletics even though they be not so at heart.

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ATTRACTIVE RAMBLER

The Kernel is in receipt of the "home-coming" issue of the Crimson Rambler, of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., published by the students of that college. The publication is printed in red ink, which gives it a unique appearance. The stories are well written, neatly head-lined, and the general make-up is deserving of high comment.

The editorials, stories and comments are dignified and reflects credit upon that excellent college, and the Kernel congratulates the staff of the Rambler in welcoming home the alumni with such a splendid publication.

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PLANS LAID FOR STOLL FIELD

(Continued from first page.)

The Kentucky-Centre freshman game netted to the alumni organization approximately \$3,500 with which it was proposed to build a club house on Stoll Field. Since that time the bigger idea of a stadium has been born and it was said that the proceeds of the freshman game could be used as a "nest egg" to start the campaign for a stadium.

In preliminary discussion of the project it has been proposed that a stadium be built to enclose the two sides and the western end of the football field, leaving the eastern end open for an extension of the stadium in later years. It has been suggested also that boxes be sold to former students who desire them with owner's name and class number placed on the front.

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