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Truth *does* hurt some people.

The HESPERIAN subscription list continues to grow.

Some one has been mean enough to suggest that our 'esteemed' contemporary received its common appellation the "Rag" from the threadbareness of its contents.

One week S. U. I. students break up the "Cherry Sister's" show; a riot occurs; the fire company disperses them by turning a hose on the crowd. A few are arrested, one is fined. The next week the Sophs. interfere with a Fresh. banquet. Several of the former are kidnapped, one young lady is crippled for life, and twenty-three ambitious kidnapers are suspended for the remainder of the year. Yes, Quill, you are rapidly sinking to the level of schools "more nearly your own caliber."

The librarian complains that books bearing on the subjects to be discussed in the final preliminaries are rapidly disappearing from the library. The ethical standard of the student who swipes books in this way is too low

to be discussed in the columns of a college paper. He is unfit to represent the University in any inter-collegiate debate. Severe measures should be resorted to and the guilty parties apprehended. And when this is done they should be deprived of library privileges or at least debarred from participating in the debates.

A University paper is for the University and its students; it should reflect student sentiment, further student enterprise and advocate student interest. It is not a mere 'rooster' or a scribe endorser of 'all that is.' Its columns, while open to all, are not open to be filled with mere 'bilge-water' and loose word combinations. It should bow to rightful regulations and upright authority, foster the good and better, condemn the servile, puncture pretenses, and strive to reform the wrong. No college publication is worth the reading which is not fearless and outspoken in its advocacy of what is wise and right. As long as the HESPERIAN is published it will stand for the correction of abuses, the betterment of morality, the upbuilding of uprightness, the upholding of equality and fairness in all University affairs.

The "Rag" is in its element. The organ of filth, 'official notices,' obituary poetry and resolutions of condolence has ranted. To it the pugnacious professional footballist is a hero; to it inconsistency and hypocrisy are virtues; to it an officious censorship of the college press is a blessing. Unmindful of the rules of decency or fairness this receptacle of calumny and evil has forced its offensive self once more into the presence of the public. Having hopelessly failed to gain recognition on merit it has apparently resolved to increase its demerits until so odious that it must be noticed if only to be spurned. Lacking in fairness and intelligence it has based its claim to recognition on epithets below the bowery, and a display of bad rhetoric and orthography that would put to shame the budding freshman. Not content with being nobody it has decided to be so low as to attract attention by its very depth of depravity. Decency is forgotten, honesty is lost sight of, fairness and self respect never belonged to it. It never

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