



MAIN BUILDING—Old College Main Building, as it stood prior to burning May 17, 1912, played an important part in early student life. One of the first two buildings on the campus built in 1876, at the time it burned Main Building housed the commandant's office, the college treasurer, faculty mail exchange, mathematics department, English department, history department, library and armory.

Are Cadets Infants

Aggie Maturity Questioned By Professor Here in 1935

People have always wondered if A&M students are so terribly different from college students at coed institutions. Their seemingly erratic conduct at times has left room for much consideration along this line, many people say.

The same problem plagued students in 1935, when a Battalion editor wrote an editorial on the subject.

In his editorial he mentioned several problems that confront many people about A&M students, even today.

"Recently a faculty contributor to this publication in one of his articles broached the question 'are

Aggies Infants?' and then proceeded to answer it, as is his usual custom. Citing the A&M student appreciative qualities as evidenced at a recent entertainment attractions as exemplary, he answered his own interrogation with an emphatic 'No!'

"And we heartily agree with him for we believe the students here to be just as mature in their likes, dislikes, actions and thoughts as those in any university. For all their seeming boisterous enthusiasm, they do know the time and the place for giving vent to such conduct that seems generally classified as mature.

"But evidently there is someone here that heartily disagrees with friend professor's opinion. That someone is the person responsible for the placing of two enlisted men in front of the orchestra stand at the recent Ina Ray Hutton affair. (This was an All-College dance.)

"These two trusty long arms of militant law patrolled the dance floor in front of the pavillion all during the dance, evidently ready to refuse, either politely or otherwise, anyone who might become so enraptured with the 'white heat' of the Hutton aggregation that he would attempt to scale the platform and join that select group.

"Just a minute, Mr. Protector, whoever you may be. Don't you think that's carrying the thing a trifle far? As foreign as this new mode of 'truckin' may be to this campus, we Aggies are not so fresh out of the country as to go completely ga-ga and forget all propriety when one of its exponents, even if it be the best, demonstrates the innovation before us.

"Heretofore, officers-of-the-day, selected from the senior class, have always been given the duty to see that proper conduct is at all times maintained during sports and dances. Just why should this recent occasion be considered to be beyond their control and two enlisted men, a sergeant and a private, as it were, be called in for that purpose?

"Remember, Mr. Protector, that this is a college and not a kindergarten; that the students here are not infants, and that their maturity has reached that stage when they know to 'look-ee' and not 'touch-ee' public performers."

Publications Print Football Programs

Football programs sold at the games are published by A&M's Student Publications.

Under the direction of Manager Roland Bing, the programs are made up and printed at the A&M Press.

A staff of students is paid for selling the programs. Profits are split between Student Publications and the athletic department.

Eisenhower Visited A&M in Nov., 1950

Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, visited A&M Nov. 8, 1950, to speak at the formal inauguration of Dr. Marion T. Harrington as president of the college.

Snake Lost, Then Found

Persistent rumors of a snake weighing 126 pounds brought numerous visitors in 1941 to the A&M Museum, which supposedly had the reptile on display.

In its September 16, 1941, edition, The Battalion reported that several visitors claimed to have seen an article in a Houston paper concerning a huge snake which has been found in Navasota.

According to one visitor's story, the snake had allegedly been discovered by a Mexican who had died as a result of a bite. Continuing the visitor stated that the snake was a water moccasin weighing 126 pounds and had been killed with dynamite.

No apparent source for the stories could be offered by the majority of the visitors to the museum. A check of files of Houston papers failed to disclose the story.



CROPS TRIP MOVEMENT—The Corps of Cadets, back in the old days, awaits the train which will take them to one of its corps trips held each year.

Kala Kinasis Gave Parties, Ran Corps

A&M's first socially minded organizers were known as the KKs (The Kala Kinasis) who later were disbanded then reorganized and recognized today as the TTs.

The Kala Kinasis, which means graceful motion, started as a dancing club in 1904-05. Its purpose was to foster a fraternal spirit among its members and give lavish

social entertainment in the forms of "hops" and "Germans." Several other dancing clubs, the Swatsikas being the most import-

ant, were organized during the period. In addition to their social functions, these organizations have influenced student elections and selection of cadet rank.

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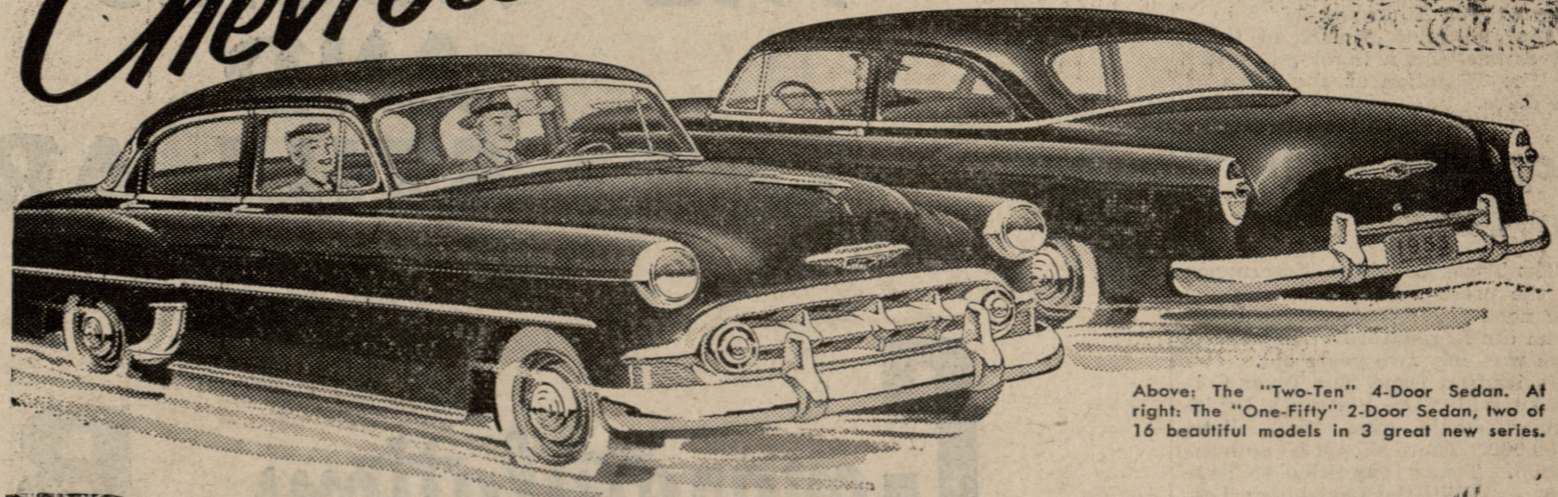
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