

# Battalion Editorials

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## Panel Decision Clears Air Around Hazing Case

It's still not over, but the air around the hazing case is much clearer now.

Punishment has been given all parties, and the punishment is equal to the act on both sides. The seniors, who broke a state and college law, as well as their cadet officer's oath, have been indefinitely suspended.

The recipients of the hazing, the juniors who really had no alternative except to submit, have not been made ineligible for cadet rank. They have been punished, but their value to the college and the cadet corps has been retained.

The seniors are now appealing the case. If the appeal is unsuccessful, they can still come back to school and finish as soon as

the college approves them. They will have to take one semester over, at the most.

These juniors, and the other juniors in the Ross Volunteers, will probably be the leaders next year in the fight to rid A&M completely of the board.

The best thing about the whole case is the speed with which the college has handled it. This could have been bad for the college, and it still isn't particularly good, but by getting it over with quickly, the college has shown that it will not tolerate hazing.

When it is all over, it will not be forgotten. It will serve as a reminder. Some day the board, and all other forms of hazing, will be gone from A&M, and this is a big step toward that day.

### By Accident Group

## Safety Proposals Made

By BOB HENDRY  
Battalion Feature Writer

The A&M Accident Prevention committee has recommended that the college hire a full- or half-time safety coordinator.

This was one of several recommendations presented to president David H. Morgan in the committee's accident prevention report.

The committee suggested that the coordinator serve in that position half of the time and teach safety the other half. His job would be to inspect facilities for hazards, meet with staff and student groups, and to coordinate work of the accident prevention committee with that of other agencies.

Howard Badgett, manager of physical plants, is studying the advisability of establishing such a position.

### Recommends Course

A short school in safety for staff members also was recommended. The committee said it believes too few people realize safety problems exist.

The committee asked to be placed on a rotational basis, with half the present members going off in August, 1954. After that date, all men except student members would serve two years.

Members also asked that students studying industrial education for the purpose of becoming safety supervisors in schools and industry be placed on the committee along with a representative from the building and college utilities department.

### Accident Causes

The committee said many students were in accidents due to carelessness and lack of discipline. Many men have been injured while playing in unauthorized areas in inadequate protective clothing and by failure to play by the rules of the sport, the committee said.

Work that the committee has done this year is as follows:  
Low-hanging limbs have been removed; low-hanging electrical wires were raised; holes were filled; walks were repaired and the ground leveled with the walks; traffic signs were installed.

Manholes were closed; broken bottles were picked up and unbroken ones raked; loose stairs were repaired; loose hand rails were tightened; floors are better cared

for; poles, rods and other obstructions were removed.

Trash and garbage cans with

## News of the World

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower said yesterday the free world should not write off Indochina to the Communists and he warned against long faces and defeatism in dealing with the conflict.

HANOI, Indochina—Big squadrons of French manned Privateers and B-26 bombers yesterday again blasted Vietminh troops in the Red River Delta, which a French general called "the route to all of Southeast Asia."

WICHITA FALLS — A wrecker was dispatched yesterday to pull out a wrecker that got stuck while trying to pull out another wrecker that got stuck while trying to pull out a car that got stuck. They finally made it.

AUSTIN — Texas' nine major reservoirs held 14 per cent more water at the end of April than a year ago, the State Board of Water Engineers said. The lakes were 68 per cent full compared with 64 per cent at the end of March and 54 per cent a year ago.

AUSTIN — Two appellate court justices charged yesterday "fraudulent and corrupt abuse" and negligent enforcement of Texas insurance laws which they said enabled a company to operate more than three years before going into receivership.

cutting edges were repaired or removed and new ones purchased; poor electrical wiring and appliances were removed and repaired; metal trash cans were utilized in storerooms, shops, etc. for oily rags and paper.

Poisons were labeled, and locked up; bottle breakage in the dormitories was reduced; loose bricks and plaster were replaced; rickety chairs were replaced and lights were added in extremely dark places.

### Recommended Action

Other actions recommended by the committee are to treat shower floor surfaces to avoid slipping; install soap trays in showers; do away with make-shift extension cords; use care in moving furniture and equipment.

Protect property from weather, fire and chemicals; provide better lighting in the Academic parking lot; install one-way traffic patterns on Hubbard and Roberts streets and on Houston street from Sbisahall to Sulphur Springs road; install concrete walks to parking areas at dormitories 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Remove shrubbery obstructing the view at intersection of Spence and Lamar streets; require all bicycles to use lights at night; reduce wax on slippery stairs and floors; remove broken bottles from dormitories, class buildings and grounds.

### Adequate Parking

Provide adequate parking facilities; level all grounds; have rigid enforcement of traffic regulations; conduct periodic inspections of all facilities by all departments; and have accidents reported to the Accident Prevention committee.

President Morgan complimented committee members on the report, and has turned it over to two staff members for further study.

"I think the report is excellent," Morgan said. "I believe the committee has made much progress toward accident prevention."

Committee members are Bennie A. Zinn, chairman, Howard Badgett, A. A. Price, Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, Welcome Wright, Roy Garrett, Carl Tishler, E. B. Middleton, C. M. Simmang, Harri Baker and Fred Mitchell.

### Holt Elected President Of Brazoria A&M Club

Bob Holt was elected president of the Brazoria County A&M club at a meeting recently.

Other officers are Don Schneider, vice president; Everett Bryant, secretary and treasurer; John Trotman, reporter; and John Cozad, social chairman.

### Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



### Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion

Is Texas A&M a military school? After observing a few of "Old Army's" treatments of the flag of the United States of America, we are somewhat in doubt.

For instance, even if our school does not respect the flag enough to blow colors when raising and lowering "Old Glory," it seems the least they could do is care for it properly during the procedure. Have they ever heard that there is a proper and respectful way to handle the American flag? Hasn't the military department ever thought of teaching proper respect for the flag, such as correct folding when taking it down.

We are sure that almost everyone has noticed the procedure now used in raising and lowering the flag. Someone bubbles suit, ties it on and pulls it up. In the evening it is carelessly lowered by a couple of guys as they shoot the breeze. One catches it, sometimes it touches the ground other times it doesn't. Then he simply bundles it up, stuffs it under his arm and strolls casually off having made no attempt to fold it.

Another thing we noticed. As the corps passed in review the other day, a corps reviewing officer leaned casually against a tree with his hands in his pockets as the color guard passed by with the flag. We wonder, is it a new senior privilege not to come to attention and salute the American flag as it passes?

It seems to us that if military science included, if they don't now, a history of the American flag, showing what the flag should mean to each and everyone of us, and how for generations Americans have fought and died to keep it flying, then perhaps students would realize they are not playing with a "piece of cloth."

We are not writing this letter to criticize anyone in particular, but we think that Texas A&M with its outstanding reputation as a military school, should at least learn proper respect for the American flag.

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## ATTENTION!

### Freshmen — Sophomores

Our company has openings for several college men to work full time during the summer months in North Central Texas and Houston area.

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For personal interview see—

MR. MOORE

Thursday, May 13—Room 234 MSC

Friday, May 14—Room 3-D MSC

Interviews at 1, 3, 5, or 7 p.m.

## Squadron Ten Wins For Fourth Time

Squadron 10 received the Gen. George F. Moore trophy again for the fourth consecutive year at the annual Mothers Day ceremonies Sunday.

The award is given each year for the outfit attaining the highest overall proficiency in academic, military, intramural and extra-curricular activities.

The winning outfit, commanded by Burt C. Holdsworth, won over A quartermaster by 95 points.

Squadron 10 placed fourth in scholarship, fourth in drill, twelfth in intramurals, and sixth in extra-curricular activities.

The award entitles the winning organization to wear the white citation cord.

A quartermaster squeezed squad-

ron 7 out of second place by 25 points. Fourth place went to A Antiaircraft artillery and A Ordnance placed fifth.

The final tally of points were squadron 10, 2970; A quartermaster, 2875; squadron 7, 2850; A AAA, 2520; and A ordnance, 2435.

The actual rating of the outfits was given by percentages. Scholarship made up 50%, military proficiency - 25%, intramural proficiency - 15%, and extra-curricular participation - 10%.

THE FISH BAND will participate in the annual Brenham mailfest Saturday. After the parade at 10:30 a.m. the band will be given a barbecue dinner by the Brenham Chamber of Commerce.

### GRADUATING SENIORS

U. S. AIR FORCE & U. S. ARMY OFFICERS  
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## Professor Funt Retires!

E. L. Funt, known to his students as Packy, announced his retirement as Pachydermatology Professor. But when asked if he were sensitive about his age, he chortled, "I'm thick skinned, and besides, Dr. Pepper keeps me happy! I drink it at 10, 2 and 4 and it always sparks up my day!"

"All my years of study have left me but one positive conclusion," E. L. said. "That is, you can't beat the wonderful Wake-Up taste of frosty cold Dr. Pepper. It's truly delicious when you have it at just the right temperature—with tiny flakes of ice floating in it! I urge all



my friends to Wake Up their Taste with delicious Dr. Pepper. Wake Up Your Taste... Drink DR. PEPPER!

Wake Up your Taste Drink Dr Pepper

## The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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