

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## What Is The College Attitude Toward Hazing?

The faculty panel that yesterday decided the three men charged with use of the board shouldn't be severely punished has broken faith with the rest of the students.

They have broken faith with those students who want to see the board eliminated at A&M, and who know that the only way to do it is to catch and punish offenders.

These three men were not punished at all. Their "punishment" will consist of being required to do school work, and then waiting three months to get their degrees.

The panel, with its membership surrounded in secrecy, may have thought that it was doing the three seniors a favor. "It's so close to graduation."

But what about the hundreds of other students of all classifications who have worked for years to prepare for corps consolidation and a better school? Is it better to favor these three men than to discourage use of the board at A&M?

College Regulations say that the use of the board can be punished by dismissal. In

reality, dismissal is rarely used here as a punishment. The term "indefinite suspension," which means the student can eventually come back, is used.

But no punishment lighter than indefinite suspension should ever be given for hazing. Otherwise, students will continue to use the board, knowing that the college is going to let them get away with it.

Next week, if a senior cuts a class, he can be punished by having his degree retained. Yesterday, three men who used the board had their degrees retained. In other words, cutting a class and hazing are of equal seriousness.

But several students in the past have been indefinitely suspended for traffic violations. So hazing is not quite as bad as traffic violations.

The opinion of the state of Texas toward hazing is clearly outlined in its Penal Code. Hazing is punishable by a fine and/or jail sentence.

Just exactly what is the college attitude toward hazing?

## News of the World

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN—Two F84 jet Thunderstreaks collided and crashed in Bastrop county yesterday, killing one pilot. The other pilot, Lt. Ivan Yopp, parachuted safely, suffering only minor injuries, a Bergstrom air force base spokesman said.

PARIS—The French National assembly last night gave Premier Joseph Laniel a slim vote of confidence, 289 to 287. The closeness of the vote left Laniel's prestige and position sharply reduced despite the nominal victory. The vote came on Laniel's plea to the assembly to defer a debate on his government's Indochina policy and to continue him in office. The vote came a week after the fall of the Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

MIAMI, Fla.—Gar Wood, 73-year-old noted speedboat racer, and eight other persons were rescued yesterday after Wood's "unsinkable" twin-hulled yacht Venturi broke up in heavy seas and sank in the Bahamas near Great Isaac Light. The veteran boat builder and designer, his secretary, Jean Berry, 24, and his housekeeper, Jodie Rodriguez, were brought to Miami by a Coast Guard helicopter which lifted them out of a lifeboat wallowing in the rough water.

HANOI, Indochina—Vietminh troops yesterday hurled their heaviest attack of the year in the vital Red River Delta against French forces near Phuly, 30 miles south of Hanoi. The French said their battalions smashed the assault but suffered "serious losses."

NEW YORK—Frank Costello, once the king of gamblers was convicted last night on three counts of federal income tax evasion. The 63-year-old Costello, dressed as conservatively as any banker, bowed his head into his trembling hands as the foreman of the jury announced the verdict.

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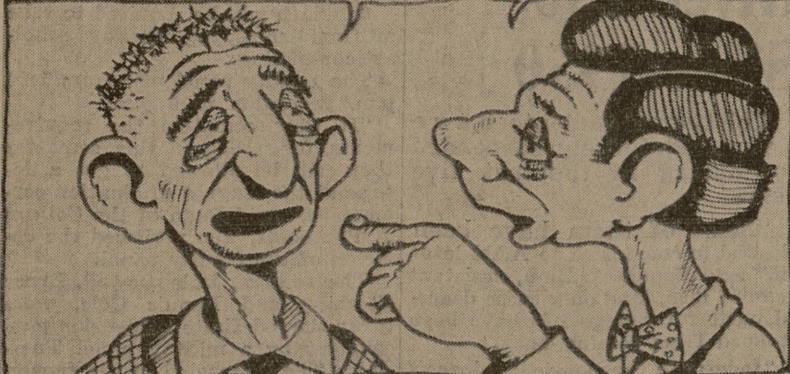
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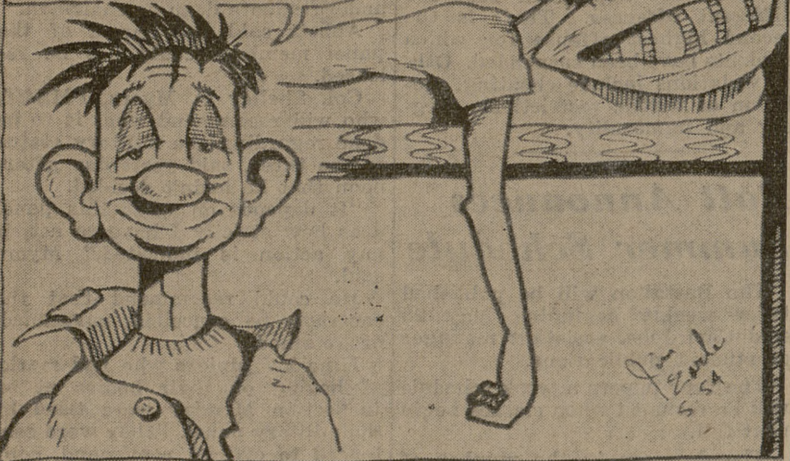
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HOW'LL I EXPLAIN MY THINGS THAN,  
GRADES BACK HOME? PASSING GRADES.



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MY GRADES ARE TERRIBLE THIS  
SEMESTER, BUT GETTIN' PLENTY  
O' SAC AN' THAT'S  
WHAT COUNTS!  
KNOCK IT OFF!  
I DIDN'T CUT  
CLASS TA' TALK!



## The Battalion

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BOB BORISKIE, HARRI BAKER Co-Editors

## Students Are Invited

during the month of May to place their requests for guest-room reservations with the Memorial Student Center for all major events from September 1954 thru May 1955.

## Dornbush Named Band Drum Major

John Dornbush was named head drum major of the consolidated band for next year after tryouts yesterday.

White band drum major will be Dave Ashcroft, and Maroon band drum major will be Earle Pike.

The drum majors were picked from 12 contestants, judged on a basis of appearance, posture, attitude, signals, music directing, band response, and direction of the national anthem.

The selection committee was composed of three present drum majors, the three band commanders, the two first sergeants, the two outstanding sophomores, the freshman band drum major, and Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, band director.

## LETTERS

Editors, The Battalion:  
In place of questioning the courage of those R. V. juniors who allowed a board to be used on themselves, why do you not say a few words about the courage of he who chose to inform the college officials of the incident? Who so proudly shouts his own name from the housetops? It is hard to believe that such a person was motivated solely by his desire to benefit the College through the exposure of malefactors (so-called). Would not the chances for Corps consolidation have been better served if the incident had not been treated in the sensationalistic manner which has characterized the Battalion's handling of the situation?

We hope that the Battalion and the informer are proud of themselves. It is difficult to understand in what manner they have benefited the College.

Sincerely,  
William L. Walton '53  
Bruno C. Homeyer, Jr. '53

## Four To Attend Meeting In Waco

Four A&M students will attend the spring meeting of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship committee tomorrow in Waco.

The students are Jerry Ramsey, next year's student senate president; Glenn Langford, next year's head yell leader; and Bob Boriskie and Harri Baker, Battalion co-editors. Baker is executive secretary of the committee.

The Sportsmanship committee, composed of student representatives from all Southwest conference schools, gives the Sportsmanship trophy each year.

## Agriculture Agents Meet Here May 17

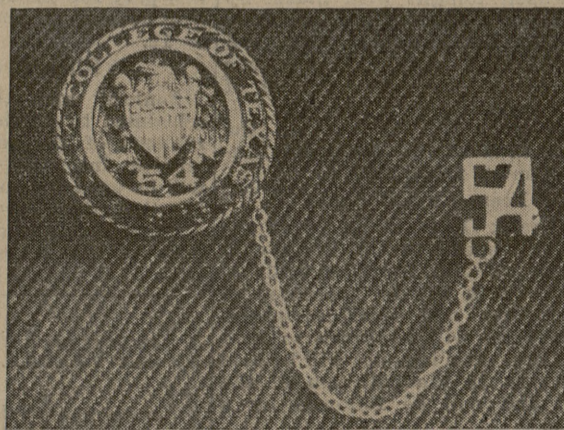
The district agricultural agents of the Extension service will meet in the south solarium of the YMCA at 7 p. m., May 17.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss employment possibilities with senior agricultural students.

There are twelve Extension service districts in Texas and anyone interested in working in a certain district will be able to meet the agent from that district and discuss the matter with him.

## Senior Favors . . .

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RING DANCE

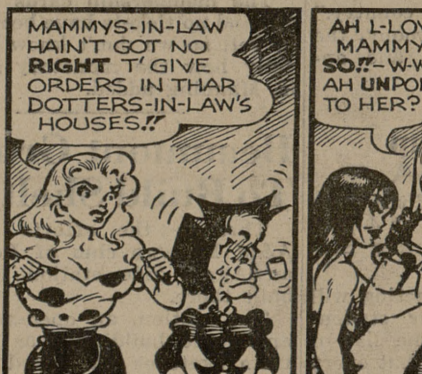
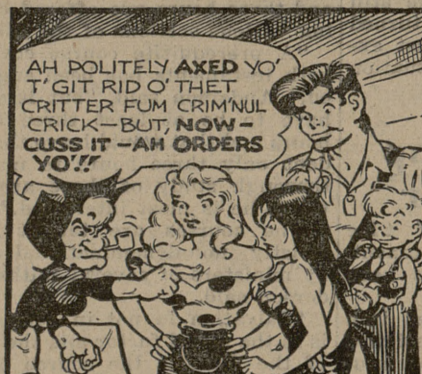
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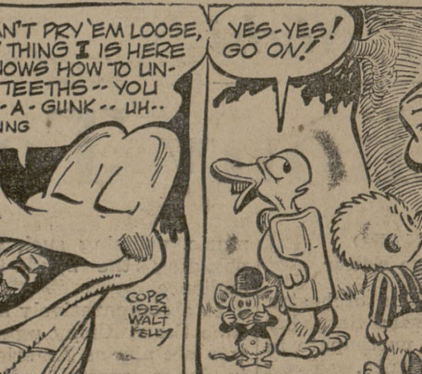
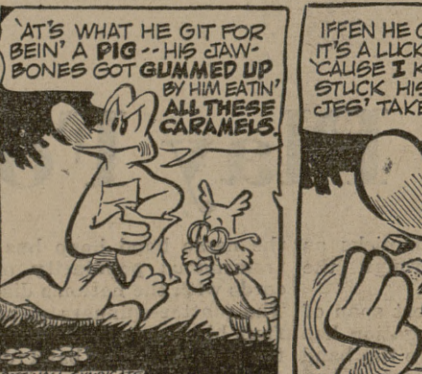
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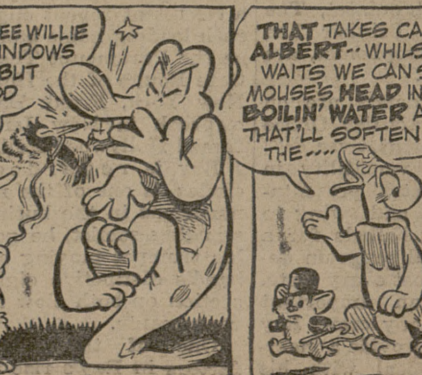
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