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THE BATTALION

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TT's Sing Familiar Story To College Officials

Yesterday a group of students who say they are the only active members of a secret fraternity called the TT's promised the college officials they would disband.

The college seems to believe them. The college seems to believe the TT's will be gone for good, never to come back, because these students say they won't.

It all sounds very familiar. In April of 1952, a similar group of students appeared before a similar group of college officials. These students too, said they were only members of a secret fraternity called the TT's.

To quote from an official release from M. T. Harrington, president of the college then, "These students appeared in a group before the president of the college, the commandant, and the assistant dean of men and gave their word that they were disbanding their organization." The release is dated April 4, 1952.

Below is a copy of the Battalion's front page of April 4, 1952, including a story saying the TT's have promised to disband and Harrington's official statement. It should serve as a reminder to the college.

The confessed TT's in 1952 were put on conduct probation "for the remainder of their school career." This was also in the official statement, which ended, "For general information, effective this date, membership in secret organizations of this type will be just cause for dismissal."

It certainly is just cause for dismissal. If these students, sworn statements notwithstanding, are allowed to stay here, or even given indefinite suspension, which will allow them to come back eventually, the college is going to have to have another TT investigation, and another, and so on.

Unless the college permanently dismisses these students, and weeds out the local people who are "sponsoring" the organization, April or May of 1956 will see another TT investigation.

The organization will continue to exist until it is jerked out by the roots, and thrown far away.

The past has proved that you can't trust a TT.

New Hazing Rule Is Step Forward

Last Friday The Battalion asked editorially, "Just what is the college's attitude toward hazing?"

Yesterday the Academic council answered by approving a college regulation that makes it mandatory that physical hazing be punished by indefinite suspension.

This concrete policy is a step forward; now a student contemplating use of the board will know what is going to happen to him, and the threat of indefinite suspension will be a deterrent to him.

The Academic council took another long-needed step yesterday—a complete study of the disciplinary system here, including inequalities of punishment.

This study will show that there is a great amount of inequality in punishment here, both in different punishment for the same offense, and in different punishment for corps and non-corps students committing the same offense.

These moves will clear things for both the students and the administration.

Cadet Slouch

... by James Earle



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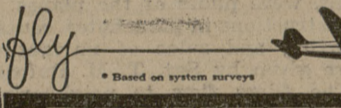
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CHS Plans Sports Banquet

By George Manitzas
Battalion City Editor

Assistant coach Phil Cutchin will be the main speaker at the annual A&M Consolidated sports banquet in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center Thursday at 6:30 p. m.

Fifty-nine athletes will be honored with nine receiving special awards, said Wayne Stark, member of the boys and girls committee of Kiwanis club and acting chairman for the banquet.

Working with Stark is C. A. Bonnen of the agricultural economics department.

"We are expecting 135 students, athletes, parents and guests at

this banquet," said Stark.

CHS has had by far its best season in all-round athletics winning district in almost all, regional in two, and going to state in two sports, Stark said.

W. N. (Flop) Colson will be the master of ceremonies at the banquet.

The program will begin with the singing of the school's songs, followed by the invocation.

L. S. Richardson, superintendent of the schools, will speak on the "Review of Athletic Achievements".

The presentation of the letters to the individual athletes will then be made by Coach Jim Bevans.

Tennis letters will be presented

by Coach Horace Schaffer.

Nine special awards will be given to athletes including the co-captains of the football team and the captain of the basketball squad.

Following the awards will be the address by Cutchin on the "Value of Athletics".

A dance will follow the banquet. The CHS football team won class A district play with a 10-1 seasonal record.

The Tigers took the class A basketball district title with a record of 22-5.

In class B baseball, the Tigers, at present, hold a record of 13-0.

The Tiger tennis squad took class B district and went to state.

The CHS track team went all the way to state and took second place at state.

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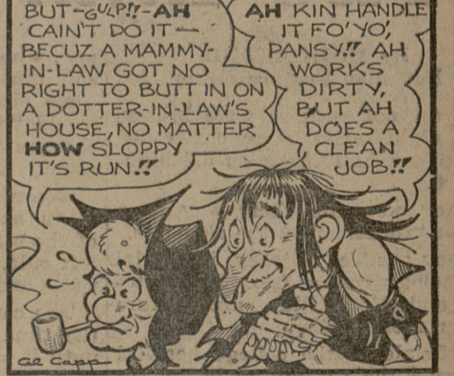
Editors, The Battalion

In your editorial of Friday, May 18, you stated that the college did not punish the three students charged with hazing severely enough. As we recall, some students were charged with a theft which amounts to GRAND LARCENY last fall. Just what was their punishment? They were suspended. Do you want to put these three students charged with so-called hazing on the same level as those students charged with theft? This may seem like a ridiculous comparison, but no more ridiculous than your comparison to traffic violations. We believe that A&M is only as big as the bigness of the heart of those associated with the school, and by lessening the punishment, the school (the faculty that is) has shown itself to be great.

Charles J. Tracy '54
James De Lee '55

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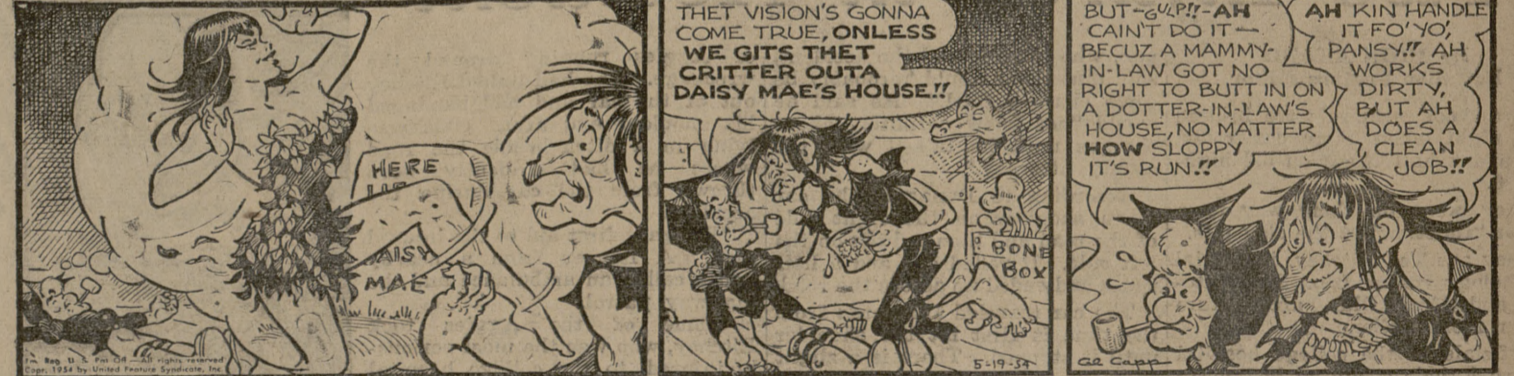
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