

Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1954

A Look at the TT's Record

The college is just about to officially close the TT investigation for this year.

They have names of 18 students, and "cooperation" from the local person or persons who have been encouraging the group, and they believe that will end the TT's, now and forever.

How right are they? Let's look at the immediate and removed past, and see what the case is.

First of all, the TT's have been around here for a long time. The picture below is a copy of a page in the 1937 A&M yearbook. It shows that the editor knew then that there was such a thing as the TT's, but he didn't have enough proof to go any further than acknowledging their existence. The 1938 yearbook also has a reference to the TT's. The Swastika sign is the emblem of another secret fraternity believed to have existed then.

So, because the organization is deeply ingrained in A&M, it is going to be difficult to eliminate.

The college thinks it is eliminated now. They are basing that on the word and signed, sworn statements of some students who have admitted to membership in the TT's.

Now let's look at the honor record of the TT's.

In April of 1952, during the last TT investigation, a group of students signed sworn statements saying that they would disband the organization. This is in an official statement from M. T. Harrington, then president. The statement is reprinted below in full.

The students obviously didn't do a very good job of disbanding. In less than two

years, it has sprung back strong enough to have at least 18 members. It is difficult to believe that they could start from scratch and do that.

Also in 1952, the students involved "stated to the college authorities that they were the only students involved." At least some of the students now charged with being members were enrolled in school in 1952. Purely circumstantial, but interesting.

When the current investigation started, five students signed notarized statements saying they were not members of the TT's. The faculty reviewing board convicted and assessed penalties on three of these for being active members.

The 14 students who told the board Tuesday they would disband the organization said they were the only active members. Yet four more students have been convicted as members since then, by the same reviewing board.

So now we have another set of signed, sworn statements, word of honor from the TT's. The only difference in 1954's sworn statements and 1952's sworn statements is this year the students said they would not "encourage" any other student in forming the organization.

And the college thinks its sworn statements are enough to completely eliminate the TT's.

In the light of the record of the TT's, the only thing that will even start to eliminate them is to completely and irrevocably dismiss the students involved, and also get rid of the local person or persons who are encouraging the group.

"Indefinite suspension" is not the answer.

Cadet Slouch



... by James Earle

J. R. JACKSON of the agricultural education department will be a member of the Executive committee of the Texas Future Farmers meeting in San Antonio June 7.

Graduation

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All candidates for degrees are required to attend the baccalaureate and commencement services unless officially excused by the Executive committee. Attendance will be checked.

Space will be provided in DeWane field house for donning of academic regalia, but it is preferable for candidates to report already robed.

Commissions and certificates of completion will be presented at 1 p.m. in the coliseum.

President and Mrs. David H. Morgan will hold a reception from 3-5 p.m. at their home for graduates and their guests.

A final ball will be held at 9:30 p.m. Friday in the Grove. It will be held in the MSC if it rains.

Final Review will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday on the main drill field in front of the MSC.

All bills owed to the college must be paid by 5 p.m. today at the fiscal office before a candidate will be cleared for graduation. The names of those cleared will be posted on the bulletin board of the registrar's office today and tomorrow.

The Convocation committee requests all who attend commencement exercises to remain throughout the service as a courtesy to the graduating class.

What's Cooking

7:15 p. m.—San Antonio club meeting, room 301, Goodwin hall.
7:15 p. m.—Panhandle club meeting, in front of AAA building. To go to function.

San Angelo hometown club meeting, meet at Ag building. Last social meeting of the year.

7:30 p. m.—Tyler Smith county hometown club meeting, room 2C, MSC. Golden State club meeting, room 3B, MSC.

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Official Statement

April 4, 1952

The investigation of a reported students' secret organization has revealed the existence of such an organization known as the "True Texans." A group of students have admitted their membership in this organization and have stated to the College authorities that they constitute the entire membership.

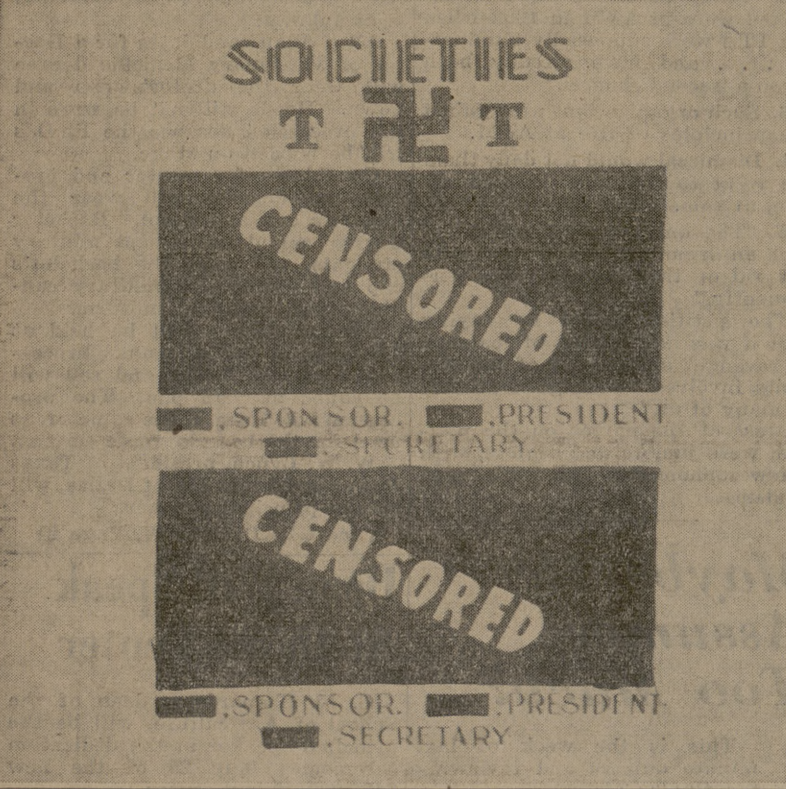
These students appeared in a group before the President of the College, the Commandant, and the Assistant Dean of Men and gave their word that they were disbanding their organization.

Our investigation reveals that this organization was for social and fellowship purposes. We cannot find any evidence of their having influenced student election or appointments in the Corps. The membership was composed of students who were popular and well known in student life and campus activities. We feel that because of their being members of the above organization was not the reason for their having obtained positions of leadership.

Because secret organizations are against the regulations and policies of the College appropriate disciplinary action is being taken. All members of the organization have been placed on conduct probation for the remainder of their school career. In addition to the foregoing, all members of the corps who were members of this organization have been administratively reduced to the grade of private.

For general information, effective this date, membership in secret organizations of this type will be just cause for dismissal.

M. T. Harrington
President



News Briefs

MEASLES is the most-prevalent disease in College Station, according to the weekly County Health unit report. There were 18 cases in College Station and eight in Bryan.

SOIL PHYSICS research here has been increased by a \$10,000 grant-in-aid from the Mathisson Chemical company of Little Rock. J. B. Page of the agronomy department heads the project.

SECOND LT. Donald K. Slocombe is taking part in Exercise Spearhead at Fort Hood this month. He

is a platoon leader in company D of the 81st reconnaissance battalion and a graduate of A&M.

D. F. MARTIN, of the entomology department, presented the program of the Kiwanis club Tuesday with 30 minute film entitled "500,000 to One."

E. V. WALTON, head of the agricultural education department, will lead a panel of newsmen during the agricultural education communications workshop in Houston July 16-17.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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JOHN (DIXIE) SOUTHERN and William G. Adkins will go to Fayetteville May 20 for the meeting of the land value subcommittee of the Southwest Land Tenure committee.

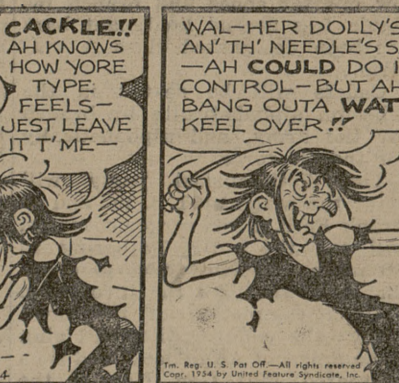
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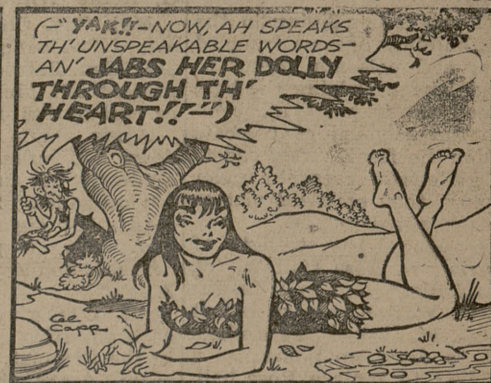
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