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THE BATTALION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1955

Texas Is Lacking

Even if the recommendations of the Texas Commission on Higher Education are completely lost in the Legislature, which is highly improbable, the commission will have accomplished some good.

Its report to the governor and the Legislature points out some places where Texas is lacking in its higher education system. Both the research within the state and the comparison with other states' schools, schools like A&M and the University of Texas, showed that Texas needs much improvement.

Some excerpts from the committee's report, in its own words: "The expenditures of Texas state-supported colleges are well below those of representative state-support-

ed colleges of the first-rank in other states."

"A major task confronting public higher education in Texas is to improve the quality of instruction for an increasing number of students in all teaching programs, especially the arts and sciences."

The committee report also said a new unit-cost appropriation formula would be needed, "if Texas is to approximate 'first-class' teaching."

All of this means that in the representative committee's opinion, Texas does not have "first-class" education.

It's up to Legislature now; they have the power to decide whether or not Texas is going to invest in its future.

Cadet Slouch

... by James Earle



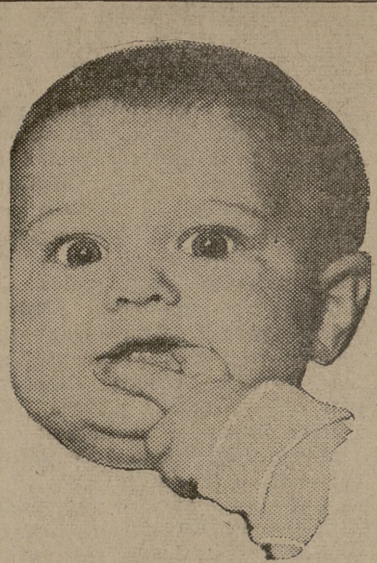
LETTERS

Editors, The Battalion
Dear Sirs:

In the past four years I have read many letters published in the Battalion, and in each case it seems that the author wanted sympathy for himself or for some other student whom he felt had been mistreated. In the course of expressing themselves the authors have criticized our school as a whole. Is that the way that they really felt? How does one suddenly forget everything that A&M stands for and everything that it means? Why does an unhappy student torture himself by staying here? Why does a person try to adapt a school to his selfish desires? These and other such typical questions run through my mind when I read many of the letters to the Battalion.

In the summer of '52 I attended summer school here and roomed with a boy who was here for his first time. In the second week of that summer session we held Silver Taps for a student who had passed away. My roommate was so impressed by this ceremony that he wrote a seven-page letter to his parents describing this event. How often do we stop and realize what this ceremony means to us who have been here for more than two weeks? What other school would offer so much assistance to a fellow student who had been involved in an accident, one who was critically ill in a hospital, one who suffered financial loss due to fire? A very long list of such examples as these could be made with very little effort, if a person just stops to remember. Is such a school not worthy of attending?

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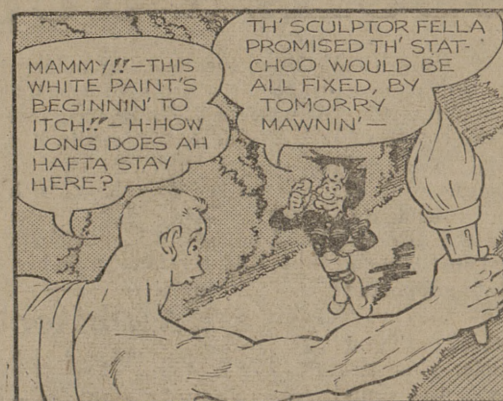
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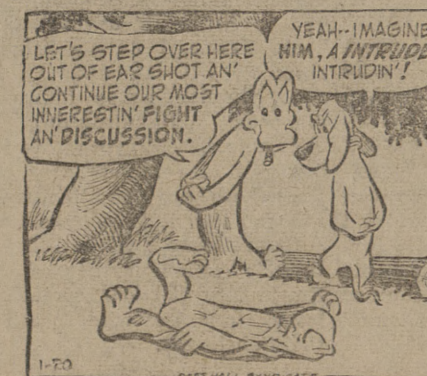
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