

Now We Know

Perhaps something can be gained after all from the recent turmoil experienced by "C" Infantry.

According to cadets in the company, the lone junior receiving punishment for one count of personal service was a "victim of the system."

Story is the junior came into the dorm from the mess hall and was rushed to get in a fresh uniform to have his picture made. In an effort to save time, he supposedly went down the hall of the dorm asking if any freshman wanted to earn a quarter.

When a freshman offered, the junior told him to shine his shoes while he was changing into his fresh uniform, and the "fish" would be paid a quarter.

Anyway, he was reduced in rank, campused until April 1, 1957 and placed on conduct probation for the remainder of the semester. (It isn't known at this time if the "fish" was one of the nine freshmen punished for performing personal service.)

As an outcome, it is now learned that regardless of monetary payment, freshmen cannot shine upperclassmen's shoes. This rule was known by most Infantry cadets but after bouncing across the campus for two days, it is being received as a surprise by many Corps members.

Even some of the members of the classes of '56 and '55 still on the campus were under the impression that as long as a freshman was not forced and was paid, it was okay for him to shine shoes.

Though it was costly for the junior involved, maybe his case has brought the problem to light to the extent that no one in the future will fall victim because of not knowing the full implication of article 12 which covers personal service but mentions nothing about payment for services rendered.

Unity For Survival

There are many varied reactions to the recent disciplinary action taken against 22 Infantry cadets.

But after the shock, indignation and disappointment, there remains one prominent question.

How to stop further incidents of this kind? Conscientious members of the Cadet Corps should be searching for a way or ways to stop any future outbreaks.

Logically we can assume that a continuance of these outbreaks will eventually bring the ruination of A&M's famous Corps of Cadets.

Experience has shown there is no effective remedy from the outside to stop these violations.

So this leaves only one alternative. The prevention will have to come from within. Since the Corps no longer is compulsory, its members must enjoy it or they would leave.

If we really enjoy it and want it to continue, we will work to save it.

In addition to juniors and seniors, freshmen and sophomores too must share the responsibility of building and preserving the Corps of Cadets.



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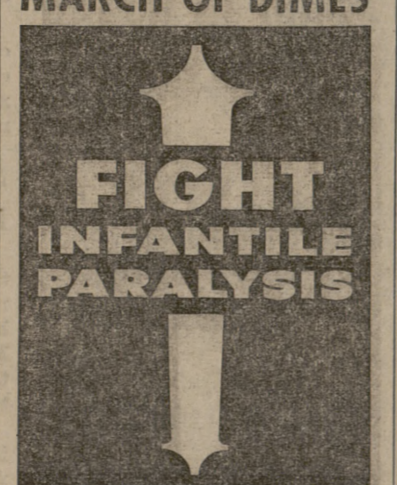
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THE DRESS PARADE

What will the American college student wear this spring? Gather round, you rascals, and light a good Philip Morris Cigarette, and puff that rich, natural tobacco, and possess your souls in sweet content, and listen.

As we know, college fashions have always been casual. This spring, however, they have become makeshift.

The object is to look madly improvised, gaily spur-of-the-moment! For example, girls, try a peasant skirt with a dinner jacket. Or matador pants with a bridal veil. Or Bermuda shorts with bronze breastplates. Be rakish! Be impromptu! Be devil-take-the-hindmost!

And, men, you be the same. Try an opera cape with sweat pants. Or a letter-sweater with kilts. Or a strait-jacket with hip boots. Be bold! Be daring! Be a tourist attraction!



But all is not innovation in college fashions this spring. In fact, one of the highlights of the season turns time backward in its flight. I refer to the comeback of the powdered wig.

This charming accoutrement, too long neglected, has already caught on with style-conscious students all over the country. On hundreds of campuses rock-and-roll is giving way to the minuet, and patriotic undergraduates are dumping British tea into the nearest harbor. This, of course, does not sit well with old King George. For that matter, a lot of our own people are steamed up too, and there has even been some talk of revolution. But I hardly think it will come to that. I mean, how can we break with the mother country when we are dependent on her for so many things — linsey-woolsey, minie balls, taper snuffers, and all like that? She, on the other hand, relies on us for turkeys, Philip Morris, Cinemascope, and other valuable exports. So I say, if Molly Pitcher and those other Bryn Mawr hotheads will calm down, we may yet find an amicable solution for our differences. But let not our British cousins mistake this willingness to negotiate for weakness. If fight we must, then fight we will! Paul Revere is saddled up, the rude bridge arches the flood, and the ROTC is ready!

But I digress. We were smoking a Philip Morris Cigarette — O, darlin' cigarette! O, happy smoke! O, firm! O, fresh! O, fragrant! O, long-size! O, regular! O, get some! — and talking of new spring fashions, let us turn now to the season's most striking new feature: pneumatic underdrawers. These inflatable rubber garments make every chair an easy chair. Think how welcome they will be when you sit through a long lecture! They are not, however, without certain dangers. Last week, for example, Rimbaud Sigafos, a University of Pittsburgh sophomore, fell out of an 18th story window in the Tower of Learning. Thanks to his pneumatic underdrawers, he suffered no injury when he struck the sidewalk, but the poor fellow is still bouncing and it is feared that he will starve to death.

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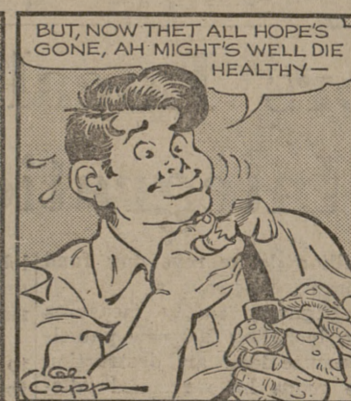
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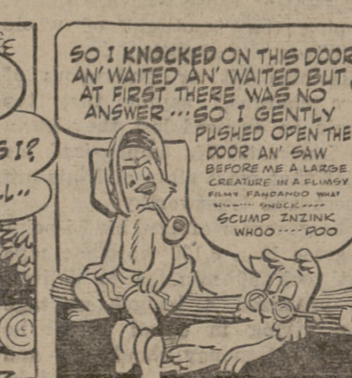
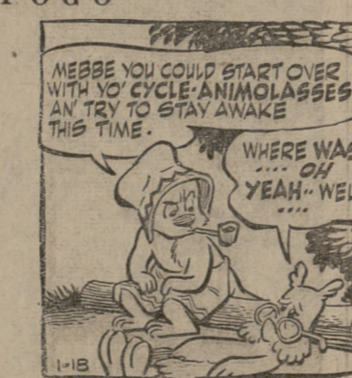
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