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18 Suspended For Hazing

Upperclassmen Charged With Freshmen Beatings

Eighteen upperclassmen from Company E-1 were suspended from Texas A&M Thursday after violating university regulations regarding physical hazing.

Seven seniors, including the commanding officer, four juniors and seven sophomores were dismissed after they admitted beating freshmen in the unit with brooms.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan announced the suspensions after consultation with Col. D. L. Baker, Commandant of the Corps.

Cadets affected include George L. Eastman, James A. Dimock, Louis S. Trapolino, William J. Singleton, Miro A. Pavelka, Angel Saenz Jr. and Oscar E. Pena, seniors, and juniors Olin V. Harvey, Eloy Garcia, George B. Davis and Joel Aldape.

Sophomores suspended are

Daniel L. Bailey, Matthew Dikeman, Michael C. Feehan, George J. Kacal, Roger D. Payne, Link E. Summers and Sanford T. Ward.

The disciplinary action is effective at once but all students will be permitted to complete this semester's course work.

SOME OF the students involved were expected to file appeals today with the University Appeals Committee.

THE SUSPENSION order carries with it automatic dismissal from the Corps of Cadets, and all students were to have moved into civilian dormitories immediately.

"We are extremely disappointed with this outbreak of hazing in the Cadet Corps," Hannigan said. "The university cannot and will not whitewash illegal activities on the part of irrespons-

ible groups.

"The more responsible leadership element in the student body, both Corps and civilians, must exert their influence to eliminate these practices which hurt A&M far more than they imagine at present."

The suspensions vary in severity, with juniors receiving the harshest punishment and sophomores the lightest.

SENIORS eligible for graduation May 28 will not be permitted to receive their diplomas but may apply for reinstatement and enrollment in absentia no earlier than the second summer session. If their applications are approved they may receive degrees in August 1966.

Juniors will not be permitted to apply for readmission until the spring semester of 1967, while sophomores cannot attend summer sessions and must reapply for admission in the fall. Each case will be judged on its own merits.

All students under advanced ROTC contract had their contracts terminated but may reapply for a contract upon their acceptance for readmission into the university.

The hazing incident was brought to the attention of Department of Military Science officials through an anonymous source Wednesday. Baker and two other officers went to the unit's dorm and inspected freshmen and found several with severe bruises.

First Brigade unit commanders were ordered late Wednesday to turn in to the Commandant's office lists of all freshmen with bruises apparently received from brooms. Some units in the brigade did report cases of beatings.

SEVERAL other units, including the combined band and some Air Force squadrons, conducted freshman inspections Thursday night with similar results as those found in the First Brigade.

Company E-1 is housed in the north dormitory area, the scene of water fights and friction between Corps and civilian segments of the student body earlier this semester.

University regulations call for suspension or dismissal of students who participate in acts of physical hazing, including the use of a board or other instruments.

AN EDITORIAL

A Good Time For Fairness

The perpetual plague of the Corps of Cadets has once again reared its ugly head for the state's inspection.

The latest outbreak of physical hazing and the swift manner in which offenders were dealt with should make it painfully and perfectly clear that those charged with the responsibility of enforcing regulations intend to do just that.

The application of justice, however, oftentimes is not administered in the most equitable manner possible, and the case in point is no exception.

There can be no disputing the fact that the accused individuals are in fact guilty of physical hazing, and The Battalion cannot defend their actions.

The regulations concerning physical hazing are well known by every individual in the Corps. The punishment for violation of the rules is spelled out in detail. And every cadet, even before he picks up a broomhandle or curtain rod or coat hanger, knows the consequences of his action if he is ever caught.

There can be no place in the Corps of Cadets for persons who thrive on physical hazing as an integral part of the ritual of Corps life, and such individuals should be punished when apprehended.

But if punishment is to be rendered, it must be meted out to all offenders in proportion to the offense.

The article to the left of this editorial lists the names of 18 cadets suspended for physical hazing. Some of these individuals are guilty to a disgusting extent and should be punished accordingly.

Others have indulged in hazing to a small degree and still others are "first offenders," yet regardless of the frequency of their actions all are technically guilty.

Still certain inconsistencies cannot be overlooked.

Many seniors will walk across the stage of G. Rollie White Coliseum a week from Saturday who have violated the hazing statute more flagrantly than any of the 18. Yet they will graduate on time while three seniors will not be permitted to join them.

Many seniors-to-be, including some in command positions, will retain their rank although some would be dismissed from school at once if their actions were discovered.

And if the Administration desired to rid the Corps of all upperclassmen who have practiced or condoned hazing this year, there would be no shortage of dormitory space next fall.

Those who are being made to bear the brunt of an evil much too prevalent throughout the Corps are those who have had the dignity and decency to admit they are wrong. Many offenders will remain unscathed at the expense of these honest 18.

Yesterday's action leads us to believe that a rash of hazing has erupted on campus, but it is no secret that similar occurrences have been fairly regular at other times and in other units this year.

Remaining pockets of hazing proponents must be eliminated if the Corps is to ever realize its potential, but this will take more than making examples of 18 cadets.

In some units hazing is still considered an accepted principle and occupational hazard of life at Aggieland. Sophomores who were beaten as freshmen have been brainwashed into believing such action is standard operating procedure. By their junior year they are encouraged by seniors who support hazing and participate with them. Each subsequent class of freshman follows the example of the upperclassmen and thus physical hazing is perpetuated.

The Corps has enjoyed a fine year thus far. Conduct at athletic events has been unusually good and the Corps has even been complimented by student bodies of other schools for its outstanding behavior at times this year. But the respect and good will engendered this year are now wiped out as media carry the story of another unfortunate incident to the people of Texas and the nation.

There must emerge in the Corps more leaders with enough maturity, responsibility and plain common sense to realize that the lingering remnants of physical hazing must be destroyed, whatever the cost.

The battle must be won from within, and the victory is yet to come.

Senate Passes Political Groups

By JOHN B. FULLER
Battalion Staff Writer

The newly-elected Student Senate, meeting for the first time Thursday, unanimously passed a motion indicating support for the admission of political clubs on campus.

The measure was introduced by Parliamentarian Dan Fischer who called for a stand by the new body "in order to keep this matter before the administration."

"There are thousands of students in this University who want political clubs on campus," said senior senator Dick Franklin in support of the measure. "We owe it to these people to represent their views here."

The motion endorses the administration-proposed political forum "as a step forward in the interest of student education," but stresses that the Senate does not consider it "the only alternative to political clubs."

Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the water fight situation. Terry Aglietti reminded that the Senate Executive Committee had earlier discussed the problem at great length and were unable to reach a decision on what action might be taken.

"I'm sure there's a solution," he said. "We just couldn't come up with it. We need your ideas." Dean of Students James P.

Hannigan said the drownouts caused the largest amounts of damage suffered in the spring vandalism.

"When expenses run to three or four thousand dollars for dormitory repairs, these activities cease to be fun," he said. "I'm sure there will be objections when we hand the student body a bill for that amount, but I'm afraid it's likely."

Commenting on proposals to reduce Corps-civilian tension through intramural playoffs or administration-backed water fights, Aglietti said "any sort of planned activity would accomplish nothing."

"Water fights are purely spontaneous actions," he went on. "A student doesn't stop to consider the effects of what he's doing; logic never enters into it. It just seems that people get these momentary urges during this part of the year."

Suggestions from several senate members generally favored reduction of the rivalry through persuading incoming students that "we're all Aggies—Corps and civilians alike," as Aglietti pointed out. Speeches to this effect by Senate President Barney Fudge and other campus leaders on All-College Night in addition to direction from unit commanders and civilian counselors, were named as possible methods of influencing the new freshmen.



KAY ARNOLD
... David Miller



BEVERLEY BROWN
... Charles Kluge



ROSEMARY MAUK
... William Galloway



CAROL CATER
... John Gay



NANCY RHODES
... Frank H. Markey



DONNA LEBLANC
... Butch Pavelka



JANNA DURARD
... Roland Smith



PATTI DYE
... Rick Graham



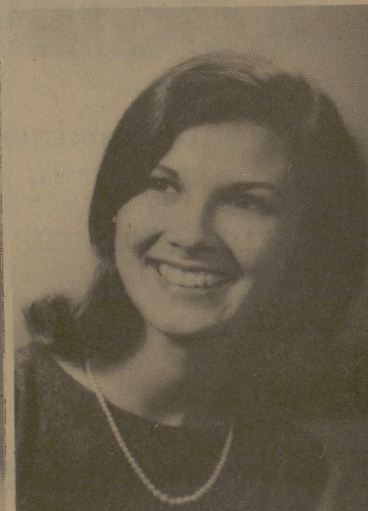
JANE RAMSEY
... Don E. Allen



NORENE DALTON
... James Dalton



SHARON ANN LANE
... James E. Neely



WHITNEY VICKERS
... John S. McMath

Senior Ring Dance, Vanity Fair Top Weekend Activity

By ROBERT SOLOVEY
Battalion Sports Writer

Two weeks before finals and all through the campus not a creature was stirring — except graduating seniors, who are preparing to celebrate their last big weekend of activities at A&M.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Friday with the annual Press Club Banquet and continue at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet.

The Press Club will select six finalists and six runner-ups in the Vanity Fair competition in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center to highlight the smorgasbord and special appreciation awards.

Semi-finalists from which A&M journalists will make their selections will include Kay Arnold, Beverley Brown, Carol Cater, Norene Dalton, Patti Dye, Janna DuRard, Sharon Ann Lane, Donna LeBlanc, Rosemary N. Mauk, Jane Ramsey, Nancy Rhodes and Whitney Vickers.

The 1965-66 student publications editors will be awarded watches for their service during the past year. Keys and citations will also be presented to staff members.

Humorist Newt Hielscher will be the guest speaker at the Senior Banquet preceding the 8:30 p.m. Senior Ring Dance in Sbis Hall Saturday. The banquet will be in Duncan Dining Hall.

For more than 15 years Hielscher has appeared as guest speaker or master of ceremonies before various conventions, banquets, and sports and service meetings.

He spoke at a recent A&M football banquet and has entertained audiences throughout Texas and Louisiana. Hielscher has been billed as a comedian with "an enjoyable pace" and "the humorist with a message."

After appearing before a group in Louisiana an official remarked: "The best performance I've seen by an after dinner speaker" When a man can command the attention and interest of that size group, after an already long program, he has something to be proud of."

Seniors will reverse their rings and allow the year to face outward at the Senior Ring Dance.

Buddy Brock and a 24-piece orchestra with a female vocalist

will provide the music. The theme of the dance is "Our Years at A&M."

The ballroom will be decorated in the Aggie tradition, with representations of such symbols as bonfire, senior boots and Sully.

The dance will end at 12:30 a.m. Pictures will cost \$10.50 with \$1 for extra prints.

The Vanity Fair finalists will appear in the 1966 Aggieland and will be presented at the Senior Ring Dance.

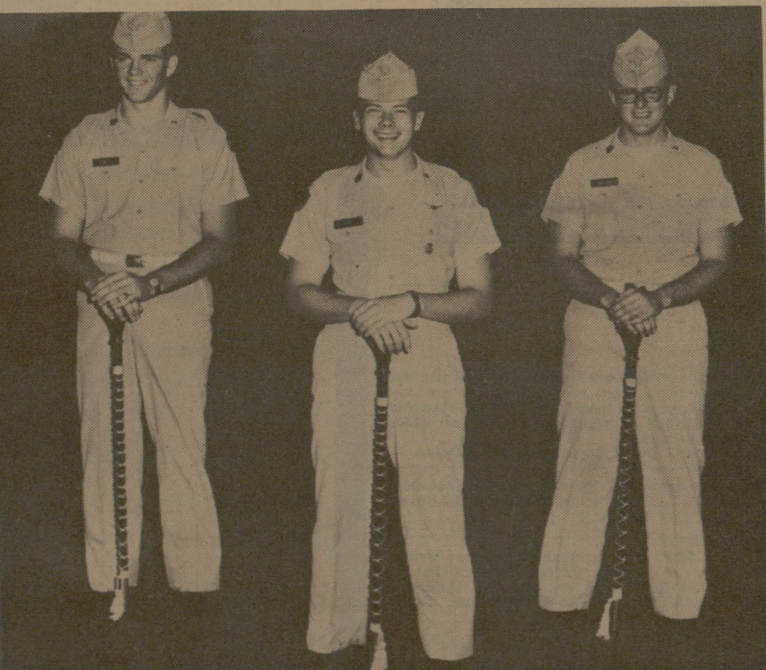
Seniors can also take advantage of the Senior A-Go Goad which will be at the Bryan Country Club at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are available at the door.

Battalion Presses Honor Dead Week

The presses will slow down next week as the Battalion comes out only two times.

Giving staff members an opportunity to rest and study for finals, papers will be produced Tuesday and Thursday of dead week.

During Final Week the Battalion will come out but one time, June 2, and the first summer issue will roll out June 9.



1966-67 DRUM MAJORS

Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director of the Texas Aggie Band, has named as drum majors for next year head William M. Hensley, center, Maroon Band Freeman J. Jarrell, left, and White Band Donald C. Burleson Jr.

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