

# Cash Dispute, Physical Hazing Top Campus Stories

By TOMMY DeFRANK

Cancellation of the Johnny Cash Town Hall appearance and last week's outbreak of physical hazing share the top spot in The Battalion's yearly listing of the major campus news stories for the 1966-67 school year.

The rhubarb which erupted after Cash was refused permission to perform here after being charged with smuggling drugs across the border was selected the number one story of the year, barely nosing out the hazing incident which resulted in the suspension of 29 upperclassmen for striking freshmen with brooms.

**THIRD-RANKED STORY** was the long-simmering dispute over admission of political clubs to the campus and the administration's counterproposal of political forums.

The top 10 also included:  
4. A one-year probation levied by the Southwest Conference for alleged violation of scholarship regulations and illegal football practices by Coach Gene Stallings' football squad.

5. Developments in the coeducation question which resulted in the Board of Directors authorizing President Earl Rudder to scrutinize all female enrollment applications and decide if applicants could be admitted.

6. Poor Corps-civilian relations, particularly in the north dorm area, including the flooding of Dorm 20, the May 9 water fight and minor Corps-civilian confrontations throughout the year.

7. **CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION** projects — like the \$6 million cyclotron, the long-delayed library expansion and the \$2.25 million Space Research Center — which

will increase the value of the physical plant by \$26.5 million by the end of 1967.

8. Adoption of a resolution by the Student Senate urging adoption of a system for faculty evaluation of professors by students. The university Executive Committee is currently drawing up plans for the project.

9. The death of Ranger on Dec. 9 after President Rudder's pet bulldog had been considered by some students as a possible replacement for an ailing Reveille as campus mascot.

10. The eleventh Student Conference on National Affairs which concentrated on the challenges of Southeast Asia.

**OTHER STORIES** receiving votes were the proposed renovation program for Kyle Field; painting of the campus by students from Baylor and Rice on two football weekends; student apathy in campus elections; the dropping out of the non-compulsory Corps of Cadets by 300 freshmen at mid-term, and the scientific discoveries and experiments of senior Forrest Mims.

The Cash squabble was touched off Oct. 4, when the country-and-western singer was arrested in El Paso and charged with illegal possession of illicit drugs. Prior to his arrest Cash had been signed to appear as a special Town Hall attraction Bonfire Night.

The Memorial Student Council and Directorate decided Nov. 8 to let Cash appear as originally scheduled, but A&M President Earl Rudder canceled the contract Nov. 12 on the grounds that to have permitted Cash to perform would have reflected discredit upon the university.

A Committee for Johnny Cash was quickly established by a student-faculty group, and more than 2,000 signatures were collected on a petition expressing disapproval of the administration's action.

**THE CJC BEGAN** negotiations with Saul Holiff, Cash's manager, and the singer appeared on Bonfire Night as planned — but off-campus and without university sanction.

One of the perennial problems of the Corps — physical hazing — was revived last Wednesday when an anonymous source tipped the Commandant's Office about some freshmen with severe bruises in an ROTC unit.

After a unit inspection by military officers, 18 upperclassmen, including the commanding officer, were suspended from the university and dismissed from the Corps. The action varied in severity, with juniors punished more harshly than sophomores and seniors.

However (even as 11 more students were suspended over the weekend, nine of the original 18 had their sentences lightened and in some cases suspensions were lifted.

At the present time several students have appeals pending with the University Appeals Committee.

**POLITICAL CLUBS**, a campus hot spot for the last two years, became a controversial issue anew in November, when the Student Senate considered a resolution urging that clubs be permitted to operate on campus.

Texas A&M System regulations specify that "no property will be used for political campaigns, meetings, speeches or in the furtherance of any political campaign

nor used in any way for any political office."

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan told the Senate Nov. 18 political clubs would be sanctioned like all other student organizations if they operated as study groups, refrained from active campaigning for political candidates on campus and abided by university policies regarding student organizations.

The Senate then authorized the Issues Committee to work with the administration and draw up guidelines under which political clubs could operate.

A **TENTATIVE PLAN** was adopted and a Senate resolution sent to the Board of Directors in January. But the Board refused to pass on the matter, explaining that the Executive Committee disapproved of political jurisdiction.

The Senate passed another resolution April 21 reaffirming approval of political clubs and urging the Executive Committee to act on the proposal.

President Rudder told student leaders in late April that the Executive Committee disapproval of political clubs, but he offered an alternative in political forums — whereby the Department of History and Government would sponsor programs of outstanding speakers in the field of politics.

The issue was rekindled last week, when the newly-elected Senate for 1966-67 expressed unanimous approval of political forums but stressed that forums are not the only alternative to political clubs.

And the Executive Committee Monday upheld the present university policy that prohibits political clubs from operating on campus.

## A Look Ahead

### Fearless Picks For Coming Year

By JOHN FULLER  
Battalion Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when college newspapers across the nation begin looking back nostalgically and reliving the high points of the year in columns like these. We would like to offer a new twist on this tried and true theme by looking forward to next year and making reasonably safe predictions based on past experience.

Here, then, are the Batt Picks for Sixty-Six. And the spring of Sixty-Seven, too . . .

Coach Gene Stallings will issue a statement describing the football team as undersized, slow, mentally deficient and morally decadent, but "a great bunch of kids." Although he won't predict any Aggie victories, he will soothe everybody's fears by promising that "nobody's going to embarrass us any."

The famous "sheep trails" across the grass will be renamed "the ruts" due to continued use. Eventually, the Board of Directors will vote to cover the eight-foot-deep impressions and install a subway system. As a result, Mole Men chapters will come back into the limelight.

A new pressure group, the Greater Apathy Society (G.A.S.), will arrange a special election to abolish the Student Senate in view of the fantastically low number of votes which the senators received in the 1966 spring elections. The results of the plebiscite will be: for abolition, 0; against, 0.

The administration will finally hit upon a sure-fire method to eliminate all traces of Corps-civilian friction: a checker tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament will erupt into a bloody gang war when a civilian accuses a cadet of using loaded checkers.

Vandals from another Southwest Conference school will paint the entire A&M campus with their colors, and will be rewarded by seeing the Sportsmanship Trophy go to their college.

Corps leaders, alarmed by the prospect of losing hundreds of fish from the Corps at mid-term, will call a meeting in an attempt to convince the freshmen what a mistake they'd be making by getting out. They will make impassioned speeches, ending with that stirring call-to-arms: "Remember—Highway 6 runs both ways."

## Hazing Probe Now Complete

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan announced Wednesday that the current investigation into reports of physical hazing is "complete."

"We have no more reports of hazing and we consider the case closed," Hannigan said.

Meanwhile, 11 students suspended earlier brought appeals before a committee headed by Dr. Richard C. Potts in a session lasting all afternoon Wednesday. Potts would not release committee decisions to The Battalion Wednesday night.

The cadets are the last of 29 upperclassmen charged with beating freshmen with brooms. All were suspended but will be permitted to take final examinations next week.

Nine students had earlier received lightened punishment from the committee.

"We are bound and determined to eliminate and keep eliminating physical hazing from the student body," Hannigan declared Wednesday.

Hannigan endorsed the actions of the University Appeals Committee, saying that "any action that the committee chooses to take, whether it be upholding the punishment recommended by this office, lessening it, or in some cases, increasing it, is completely up to them."

He commented on the growing publicity over the investigation, saying that "A&M has so many good things that should be making the headlines. It's too bad that the acts of the minority can be so detrimental to the school's reputation."

Hannigan said a letter in the "Sound Off" column of Tuesday's Battalion was "the most ridiculous thing I've ever read." The letter expressed pride in having been beaten bloody by a saber.

"A letter recommending dueling again would be just about as inappropriate," he added.

## YMCA Offers Versatile Program

By DANI PRESSWOOD  
Battalion Managing Editor  
Editor's note: The following is the concluding segment of a two-part series concerning the YMCA. Today: The overall program.

Engaged in a never-ending quest for improvement, General Secretary J. Gordon Gay is constantly striving to keep the YMCA program up-to-date.

In his 38th season of service with the YMCA Gay is currently developing a 10-point addition to his already extensive program.

"We want to try to present an overall program that is challenging," he said, and will answer problems students will face as they leave here.

But this is a difficult endeavor and one which 38 years of experience cannot handle without assistance.

"THE WHOLE program is centered around a hub — the YMCA cabinet," Gay explained. "They determine the speed and direction that the whole YMCA travels."

A group of students chosen YMCA officers, the cabinet meets

weekly to plan and discuss activities.

In addition to the multitude of services currently rendered for the benefit of students, Gay and his cabinet are outlining the initiation of five new series presentations, two original clubs, a high school tutoring program, a number of current events groups and a faculty-student-industry weekend conference.

All are proposed for the upcoming school year.

The series presentations include a program with representatives from six of the world's religions and their comparison to Christianity.

**ANOTHER SERIES** will discuss the God Is Dead theory beginning in the fall and a third proposal calls for an Executive Roundtable, with businessmen speaking on topics of a business nature.

The Changing Role of Men and Women will be inaugurated to add another viewpoint to the current Marriage Forums.

The last proposed program calls for the presentation of a series

of state leaders in various fields of discuss topics of interest.

The Triangle Club will obtain speakers to discuss civic, political, moral and religious topics.

Another newcomer the Gavel Club will provide students with an opportunity to speak before groups and conduct meetings.

The majority of YMCA activities can be classified in five general areas: series presentations, students organizations, promotion of group get-togethers, YMCA-sponsored services and facilities.

**GAY FEELS** that his program has been quite effective in aiding students.

"I am certain that every student has been touched in some way or another," he commented. "By our count a total of more than 22,000 students have participated in our programs this year."

Lectures series programs include the My Last Lecture presentations, where a faculty or staff member addresses students as if

Also available are the Freshman Handbook, denominational preference lists, listings of tem-

it was to be their last speech.

The Educated Man series brings in outstanding personalities with varying points of view and the Chapel Series considers moral, ethical and religious topics.

Spring lectures and panels consist of the Marriage Forums exposing students to marriage experts and the Man Your Man program presented by coeds from Texas Woman's University.

**THE APOLLO** Club meets four times each semester with supper and lectures by educators while the Sphinx Club and Polaris Council are organizations geared toward outstanding freshmen.

International Clubs are sponsored for students from foreign nations and Christmas and New Year parties are given in their honor.

Each summer the YMCA sponsors and maintains the Freshman Camp in Palestine for incoming first-year students. This acquaints them with their fellow freshmen and answers many of their questions concerning col-

## Final Review, Boot Dance Set

Commencement, commissioning ceremonies, Final Review and the Boot Dance will be this weekend's highlights as the year draws to a close.

Over 900 degrees and 133 commissions will be conferred Saturday in White Coliseum. The 9 a.m. commencement exercises will include the granting of 679 baccalaureate, 50 master's and 170 doctoral degrees.

Main speaker will be W. B. Murphy, president of the Campbell Soup Company.

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 93 Army cadets, 37 Air Force cadets and three members of other branches will receive second lieutenants' bars.

Fourth Army Commander Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Dunn will speak before the newly commissioned officers.

Murphy, in addition to heading Campbell's, is a trustee of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin, which later honored him with a doctor of laws degree. Gen. Dunn, a Fort Worth

native, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1930. His World War II service included tours in Brisbane, Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, and Japan.

His last assignment before moving to San Antonio was commander of the 1st U. S. Army and senior Army representative to the United Nation's Military Staff.

Dunn will also review the Cadet Corps at 3 p.m. Saturday at Final Review on the drill field. A formal review will be followed by the traditional second passby, in which graduating seniors will take the salute from junior officers.

The Boot Dance, set for 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, will mark the first wearing of senior boots at a social function for members of the class of 1967.

The dance will be held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom and Terrace. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are available, at \$3 per couple, from class officers, at the cashier's window in the lower level of the MSC or at the door.

## Texas Students Caught Passing Anti-war Material

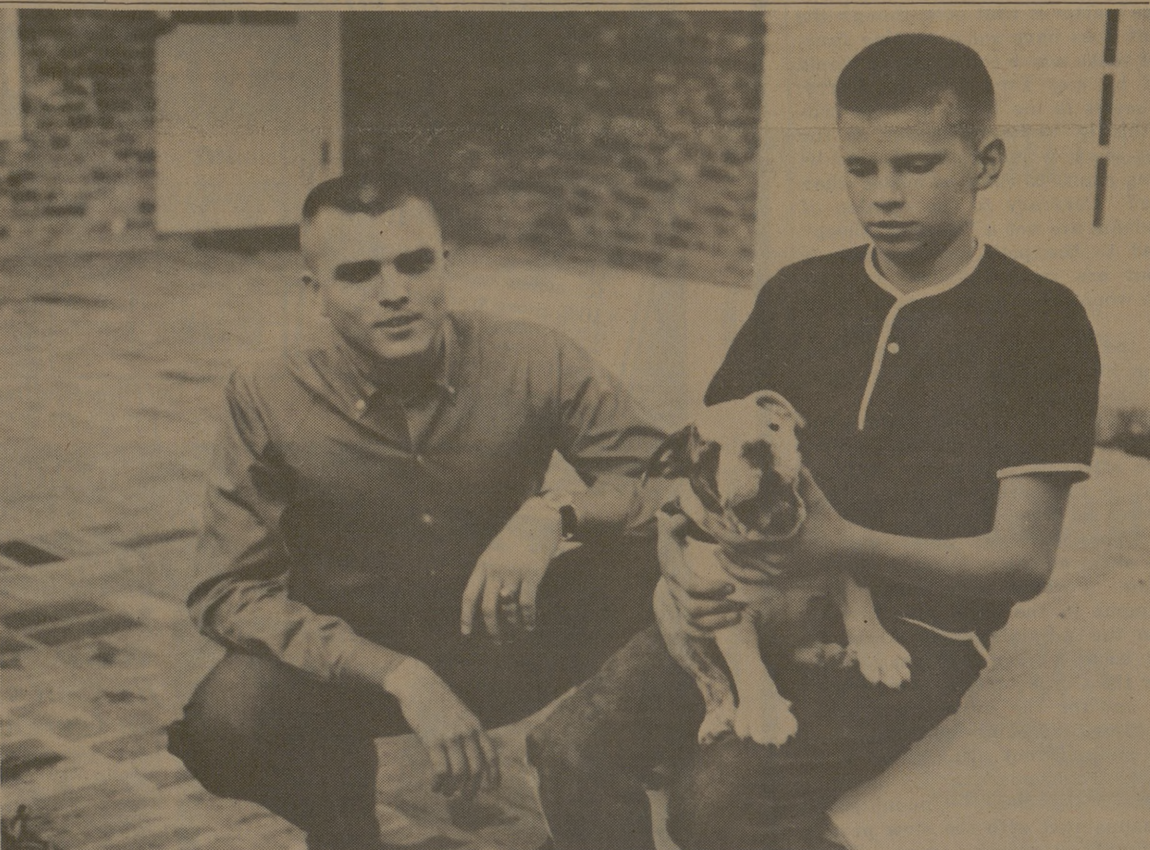
Five Austin youths, three claiming to be University of Texas students, were caught distributing anti-Vietnam war literature on the Texas A&M campus Thursday.

Campus Security Sergeant Morris A. Maddox nabbed one of the "peaceniks" as he stuffed leaflets into student cars. Four companions were picked up in an automobile loaded with literature from the "Vietnam Day Committee 2407 Fulton Street, Berkeley, Calif." A sixth youth escaped when patrolmen approached the car.

The five were described by Maddox as "in real need of a bath, a shave and a haircut."

The group was escorted to the county line Thursday morning by Campus Security officials after their literature was confiscated.

First Bank & Trust now pays 4½% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.



ANOTHER RANGER

President Rudder's son Bob holds the English bulldog given to the Rudders by seniors at Saturday night's Ring Dance. Named Ranger III, the eight-week old puppy was presented by senior class vice president Tom Hargrove, left. Ranger II, who bore a resemblance to the new pet, died earlier in the year of a kidney ailment.