

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Junior Colleges: Good or Bad? ...

Two-year junior colleges are now playing an important part in the scholastic set-up of Texas, and it seems probable that they will play an increasing part in the future. This is a matter of great interest to A. & M., for it means that we are receiving more transfers and fewer freshmen than previously. It is even possible that within a few years transfers from junior colleges will outnumber freshmen direct from high school. We may have more juniors and seniors than freshmen and sophomores.

Dallas Morning News, in a recent editorial, points out that the quality of junior college education is still on trial. Some JCs are merely high school extensions and fail to accomplish their purposes. Others are equal in most respects to the first two years of regular colleges. Says the Post:

"The junior college offers the obvious economic advantage of allowing the student to live at home for two additional years. In the eyes of some students and parents, this economy is more than offset by the disadvantage of foregoing the independence and self-reliance that come with cutting parental apron strings. University educators favor junior colleges as a means of relieving their own overcrowding but deplore the poor training offered in some of the junior schools."

"Some junior colleges suffer from having been established by shortsighted enthusiasts who supposed that all that was needed was to add two years to the local high school, giving extra work to the high school teachers and using the existing laboratories, library and athletic facilities. That kind of junior college is little more than a fraud. College teaching calls for qualified teachers, different techniques, special equipment, col-

legiate surroundings and extracurricular activities. Only the junior college that provides these can offer training comparable to that of a good four-year school.

"The present overcrowding of four-year colleges by veterans will only partially subside. There will be opportunities for the establishment of some new junior colleges, but their sites should be chosen after thorough study. In other instances, it would be wise to convert a weak four-year college into a strong junior college. Sending a son or a daughter to a local junior college is a false economy unless the two-year school meets high academic standards and offers surrounded campus social life.

We learn from Aviation Week that the airlines, long accused of running a baggage-loading operation, have finally been needed to a reply. The Air Transport Assn. came up with statistical proof that the airlines take better care of their passengers' luggage than the passengers do themselves or, put another way, "the number of bags checked on the scheduled airlines but never claimed by the passengers is greater than the number of bags reported lost."

The placing of a certain ad in Ogden (Utah) Standard-Examiner society section met with objections—when it landed below some pictures of brides. It was for Diaper Service.

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On The Screen ...

## She Craved Love, Wealth, Power; What a Woman—Amber

by DAVE SELIGMAN

FOREVER AMBER (Queen, TW ThFS). Here is the movie from the famous book that created the furor of 1947. It is the story of an unwhipped woman who gambles everything for wealth and position only to lose the one love of her life and her son. It is a blend of personal drama and action, but to avoid censor troubles, many of the raw, brash scenes are deftly left to the imagination.

The magnificent backgrounds of the Charles II reign in England, filled with conflict, sudden death, plagues, and a spectacular fire, are done in subdued Technicolor of outstanding beauty.

Many had their own Amber picked out, from the available in Hollywood, as they read the book; and they were somewhat disappointed at the selection of Linda Darnell. Much of the criticism of her portrayal of the role can be attributed to this. Nevertheless Darnell handles the part quite well.

Two naturals for their parts were Correll Wilde as the dashing true-love, Lord Carlton, and George Sanders as King Charles. Go, looking for a "clean" movie, and you won't be sorry.

HENRY V (Campus, TW). Definitely a classic, this is Shakespeare transported from the page to the film. We admit one thing at the beginning; this movie caters to the intelligencia, and coal miners will not appreciate it. With a script lifted from the play itself, the dialogue is spoken in the metered iambic pentameter of the Shakespearean style. This plus the scenes with backgrounds of the old Elizabethan period stage give the personal touch of the master to the whole production.

Not distracting from Shakespeare in the least is the touch of J. Arthur Rank, who has put in scenes filmed in grandiose style with backdrops of beautiful countrysides. One gasps at the scope of the Battle of Agincourt with thousands of horsemen, the splendor of medieval costuming, the mass movements across the terrain. The principals are Lawrence Olivier as King Henry, Renee At-

## Holmgreen to Lead Brazos Aggie Club

Dick Holmgreen, business and accounting student from Bryan, was elected president of the newly organized Bryan-College Station A&M Club last Thursday night at the club's first meeting.

Other officers of the club will assist Holmgreen are Milton Sorrels, vice-president; Charlie Hohn, secretary-treasurer; Dick Harrison social chairman; and Doug Lancaster, reporter.

All men attending A&M from the Bryan-College area are eligible for membership in the club. The next meeting will be held in December.

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## : Letters to the Editor :

PALESTINE TO THE ARABS Editor, The Battalion: I would like to answer Mr. Bob Rosenthal's letter (Palestine?) in The Battalion of November 12. First question raised by Mr. Rosenthal was that my letter in the November 10 issue was "void of any consideration of facts." It was based on facts to the persons who know the Middle East and who know what was going on there, especially during the war.

As an example, I would like to mention the following incident to show Mr. Rosenthal that much of the trouble in the Arabic land, the Middle East, is caused by refugees (Jews). Three Jews killed Lord Moeen, the English representative in the Middle East, while he was entering his home. They tried to escape but were captured by the Egyptian police. Is this what my friend Mr. Rosenthal called "Jews maintaining a strong force only in case of attack on their civil liberties, killing unarmed, calm, honest Englishmen? This is just one of several incidents—space will not permit more.

Now that the Arabic people are receiving adequate food, they are no longer suffering from the eye disease. Arabs gave their food and continued with one incomplete meal a day (perhaps that high scoured eye disease was caused by the nutritional deficiency) under the bombs of Hitler and Mussolini which damaged Cairo and Alexandria more than London. These disease-suffering people stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States and protected democracy from Nazism and Fascism. And they are still standing against Communism.

I wish to remind my friend that during the North African battle, Arabian armies protected the Suez Canal. This was a vital point in the armies' transportation lifeline, especially during the Battle of Stalingrad. These Arabian armies were composed mainly of the Egyptian Anti-Aircraft units. I AM ONE OF THEM.

Mr. Rosenthal stated that: 1. The Arabs are "afraid for the western culture to move into their Iron Curtain." Did he forget that I am one of more than 1,000 representatives from Beirut and Cairo and other cities in the Middle East? These universities approved by the Arabs are certainly introducing western civilization behind the "Arabic Iron Curtain."

2. Let me tell my friend that the little part of Palestine would not be satisfactory to large Jewish populations, but would be only a step, to be followed by other steps, to defeat European, as well as American, economic friendship in the Middle East.

3. My friend stated the Jews WILL BE a strong fortress of Democratic security. We are not sure of this because of present and

## PROFESSORS?

Editor, The Battalion: The young lady who wrote the article on antagonistic professors in last Monday's Battalion touched upon a situation that has existed here for many years—both before the war and after. Many, many times have I heard a student say, "Don't get Professor so and so for that subject. He's unreasonable. You won't learn a thing." Professors who provoke comments such as this from students are in the minority, but even this minority should not exist in A. & M.

I know of numerous instances where two or three boys have taken the same course under different professors. The boys being taught by the understanding teacher who properly presents and transmits an interest in his subject enables his students to complete the course with better grades and a profound interest in the subject. The pupils under the antagonistic professor learn next to nothing. Oh, perhaps they learn new curse words to mutter at him under their breath, but there is no interest, no cooperation, and, worst of all, no learning. The students even refrain from asking questions of this type of professor because the answers are never satisfying, never clear, and hardly ever listened to. This might be so because 90% of the time the student is thinking how much he would like to cram his fist down the eminent professor's throat.

Unreasonable quizzes are another (See LETTERS, Page 4)

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