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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1948 "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Friendly Rivalry Is Real..

Vandalistic tricks in the name of "school spirit" are not even "high school stuff" anymore, to judge by reports from two North Texas cities, Sherman and Denison. Only eight miles apart, these attes are intense rivals. Time was when fortball rivalry was bitter, and there were numerous incidents. But today they get along so well that they have their annual football banquet together.

Discussing this amiability, Harold Ratliff sports writer of the Associated Press. says: "I attended the second annual banquet meeting of the Lions Club. Everybody knew everybody else and they spent most of the time renewing acquaintances. No one was miffed because somebody from the other town occupied the spotlight. Everyone hastened to see that his friend from the other place got the credit due him.

"Sherman folks even give Denison credit for originating the plan.'

If high school students and partisans can behave decently, certainly college students the other night. You'd have thought it was a should be able to.

Standards Gone Communist.

Engineering students awoke the other in the wheel of chaos, the Bureau was chosen morning, scanned the front pages of their newspapers, then cast dark suspicious glances at their slide rules. Arriculture students stared uncomprehendingly at their hands all the day long, like men betraved.

And betrayed they were. The tools of their trades, the objects of their greatest trust were worthless, treatherous fiat. No longer could a slide rule be depended on to give the right answer nor a hand measure a horse's height accurately!

With an evil thought for Dr. Edward V. Condon, head of the Weights and Standards Bureau, who, everyone knows, consorts with Communists, the student body saw its many years of degree-seeking crimble into nothingness by defect of all measuring standards.

The Bureau of Weights and Standards, operating from its dark vaults in Washing-ton, was naturally the first object of the Communists' assault because it was already of hands. Some other use founderground. Admirably suited to be a cog ities may yet be discovered.

by the Red Front because it formulates all American values. Without its otherwise stating, a pound could be eight ounces, as it already is in many stones.

Representative J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, purred all this startling information from his bed in Walter Reed Hospital in the approved Machiavellian fashion. cerning the Southern "revolt" and that this is the same person that His committee had discovered that Dr. Con-State Democratic Chairman Hobert puts up the loudest bleed whenever don's wife was of Czech extraction, and everyone knows what that means!

The Commerce Department, which signs checks for the Bureau of Standards, allowed Yet, the only remedy that he can done for the school. Most of the as how it didn't think Dr. Condon was "dis- think of is "remaining in the Demo- underclassmen here work pretty loyal" to the government, but once a con- cratic party and fighting agressive hard trying to develop themgressman finds a way to get his name in the paper in an election year, there's just no the solution of the requirements and approval of an A&M squad Being a good athered paper in an election year, there's just no the South." stopping him. Thus Thomas's actions.

But let there be no mass throwing away of slide rules or indiscriminate cutting off of hands. Some other use for those commod-

World Order Come and Gone ...

We almost got a new world organization author of a proposal for the United States cratic party is the South's only solution. Well, it's prety late in over a cup of coffee. It was demolished as -berg declared: quickly by a couple of other Senators.

Is this frantic, last-milite thinking (or lack of thinking) the United States contribution toward world leadership and world peace?

The proposal to set up a Supreme Council was offered to the Senate by four Republican senators as an amendment to the \$5,300,-000,000 European recovery program.

Senator Vandenberg said it was drawn up by Senator Ball (R-Mins) and his friends "in the last few minutes."

What overwhelms he is the asking of Congress, on 24 hours natice, to accept a formula which would commit the United States to war on the vote of foreign countries," Vandenberg declared.

"I can't contemplate attempting to hold back the European recovery plan which has been donsidered for eight months to develop a military defense program.

In a debate with Senator Ball (R-Minn), in Congress.

We've all heard the lifty 'I came to college, to get some knowledge,' etc. . . Well,

ODE TO THE CO-ED

Here's to her blue-jeans of tight Navy blue,

Here's to her sweaters, all sloppy as heck, Here's to her "saddles" that look like a wreck,

Here's to her tresses that hang like a rope,

Here's to her boy friends for whom there's

Here's to the pictures she has on the wall Of Jimmy and Tommy and Lenny and Paul,

Here's to those blue eyes, that innocent look

That catches the fellows like a fish on a hook,

Here's to that chassis, those wonderful legs, Here's to the beer that she downs by the kegs

Here's to those red lips that cute little pout

That comes when the house mother won't

It's just that "the professors are so hard to

Here's to her liquor, her long cigarettes,

Here's to her grades the F's and the D's,

Here's to the co-eds all over the nation, Who says they're not gettin' an education?

"I Came to College . . . "

Here's to the co-ed loval and true,

no hope,

let her dut.

please!"

in a few minutes vesterday. It was whipped to take the lead in setting up a supreme counthe day now for this particular and the day now for the day now for this particular and the day now for this particular and the day now for the day now for this particular and the day now for the da

"I don't think I agree with it."
Ball urged Congress to ask the president to invite other nations to join the United States in a "pledge of armed forces" to halt the "steady Russian Communist aggression."

He was joined by three other Republicans. Their plan asked establishment of a supreme council, to be created outside the been and was not so solidly Demo- member of the squad to write an Let's continue to make that line United Nations, to defend all members nacratic, ten to one Harry would article after each meet? This work, Let's keep at least one tractions against "aggression" or "subversion." never have even dreamed of promight do well for every sport.

It was put before the senate by Senators posing his program And guess Ball (Minn), Wherry (Neb), Hawkes (NJ), what—just suppose that in the past and Cain (Wash). It did not mention Russia strongly toward the Republican by name, but there was no doubt as to its party. It's then quite likely (don't intent.

No doubt the senators' action was the re- these Anti-South proposals. sult of incidents during the past week in Here's what I'm trying to get which Russia swallowed up Czechoslovakia over. The states that have two and started grabbing for Finland. But these equally strong political parties and Russian encroachments could have been are therefore as liable to go one way in an election as the other and were foreseen months ago. Meanwhile these are the states that get the the Marshall plan was-and is still-stalled utmost consideration from both

Whose Slogan?

Rexall's Owl-Sontag stores and the Thrif- served for others who are not so closely scrutinized the effects of ty Drug Co., two Los Angeles chains, are a it seems that Mornings de College in Sioux City, Iowa, has given it a lik. They call theirs: feudin' and a fussin's in ways that might Democrats who read this, I would bring peace to the Hatfields and the McCoys. like to say here that we'ung have disgust with me As usual, the furor centers around the question of who sells stuff at the lowest prices. pa put away his shooting iron back and their disgusting behavior to-The only amusing thing is that both chains no damn yankee talking. are using big size newspaper ads and radio spots with exactly the same slogan. But the slogan—'No one, but no one, sells for less"— been blindly staying with him ever learn that this person occupied a actually belongs to neither. If we remember since. Seems, though, that in the room in Hart Hall and was supright, its first user was no one but dear old last few years somebody has posedly a member of one of our switched animals on us. They still athletic teams—the one place in dependable, buckere, thrifty Gimbel's.

While reading thru' the Westminster College Holcad, my eye was caught by a cartoon that depicted a scene familiar to many of us around G. W. A group of girls are sitting in various booths. looking as mad as wet-hens; while all the fellows are grouped smilingly around, you guessed it, a pin-ball machine. No caption is necessary for that one.

Just what may I inquire, is so fascinating about a pin-ball machine??? If only someone would enlighten me on the subject.

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THE DOOR IS OPEN



: Letters to the Editor:

ATHLETE'S PRIVILEGES

This is in reply to a letter ap-

Although unsigned, I daresay

the underclassmen in Hart Hall.

knock heads for a while.

Editor, The Battalion:

TEXAS NEEDS GOP Editor, The Battalion:

I read your article upon the Electoral College and agreed with you pearing in your column on March

110%. That system is so obsolete 2. The subject was concerning the that it makes a stagecoach look questionable privileges taken by like a '48 Packard. Now for your second article con-

W. Calvert. You quote Mr. Calvert A&M loses an athletic contest. I as saying that he was tired of the would like to congratulate him on South being "ignored, taken for his fine show of school spirit and granted and kicked in the teeth," ask just what in blazes he has ever

No wonder Truman feels se confident that regardless of what he says and does, Clem and Si will maybe not like the taste of it but. come election time, they'll walk right up to the booth and vote that good old straight Democratic tic-Mr. Calvert further goes on to

say that staying with the Demoso maybe he's right—this time.

If everybody is in earnest about this matter, I have very little hope that the South can win out. Also, I personally think that the chances of Harry being our next president are about as slim as a snowball in hell,

However, if the South had not what-just suppose that in the past you think?) that the Republicans wouldn't be so strongly in favor of

parties. It's the old boy-girl theme. The party says to the state, "Honey I'll do anything for you if you'll just be nice to me." We're nice anyhow so the orchids age re- For a good many months I have

co-operative. been democrats since great grand-

horse in the old days and we've surprising thing to me was to call him a horse but the truth is all A&M where sportsmanship -Tide that he's a jackass and can he should be fostered. kick!

Yores truly, MELVIN MARTIN, '46

Texas would be better for a Real two-party system. But the Southern "revolt" attempts to make Texas 100% Republican-for a year.)

For the benefit of any ned-hot tal" traditions at A&M, and up to

Editor, The Battalion:

the abolition of certain "detrimennow it has registered nothing but I have read of the two-percenters

Sincerely yours,

P. S .- If this fails to impress

Mr. Name-Withheld-By-Request,

please ask him to bring his board

over to room 3-F. Hart Hall, and

we will carry this discussion a little

(Ed. Note: We have tried ath-

letic-correspondents in the past

and found them unsatisfactory.

Coaches do better. But we hope

to get a good man on track cover-

age and keep him there this

GOOD TRADITIONS GONE

E. G. BILDERBACK, '43

I have never, until this past week-I'll stop with these remarks. The end, run across the two-percenter Democratic party was a faithful of the two-percenters. The most

School authorities or student leaders cannot expect the general student body to be the perfect host to others when some of our OWN (Ed. Note: We, too, think that athletes show atter disregard for some of the finest Aggie traditions that are based upon common de-

> The incident to which I am about to refer happened this past

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Ideal Freshman' Found in Charleston, South Carolina - Running From Policeman

By TOM CARTER

The ideal freshman—a first class cleaner of coms—has been found, but not on the campus of The party concerned resides in Charleston, S. and is currently on the run from the local police

officers. This latter fact, while not necessarily one of his qualifying points as an "ideal freshman" nevertheless is interesting in that it is concerned with his ability to clean rooms.

His name is Woodrow and, like Goldilocks, feels perfectly at home in other people's houses. The man entered a Younges Island home this week while the family was away.

He helped himself to a full meal, washed the dishes, set the table, then went to bed. Discovered by a neighbor's boy, the intruder departed with a pistol

"Just say Woodrow was here and that I'll be back," he told the lad. Charleston Police are still looking for "Wood-

INTOXICATION: PARTS ONE AND TWO

The evils of intoxication were brought out once again last week by two separate events in different

In Plymouth, Mass., policeman George Cowdery ran to the historic First Unitarian Church when he heard the carillon bells pealing "The St. Louis Blues" Mr. Cowdrey arrested the church organist, Edward Ward, 42, who later drew a year's probation for in-

And in Galesburgh, Ill., a 27-year old man tarried in a cell because he insisted on chasing a love rival into a police station.

Police seized Harold F. Smith as he pursued R. L. Bone into the station. Bone complained that Smith tried to wreck his

automobile because Bone was riding with Smith's Bone asserted he had to go directly to the police protection as Smith, driving another car, tried several more times to force him from the highway.

Police also held Smith on an intoxication charge,

THE GUY WAS RED HOT

As one who has suffered severe neck and eye strains myself, I can believe most any of the stories they tell about awe-stricken first-time visitors to

Saturday morning about 9:30 at QUEEN the East Gate Aggie line: The line had formed in its usual

manner as it had for years in the the line and plenty of it. If he doubts this, let him report to the past, each man awaiting his turn cinder path some afternoon and for a ride to Houston. At that time tag along with some of the boys an automobile pulled up and the who are taking a little workout driver offered rides for four to or go over to the football field and which the first four in line responded. Before the car could leave, a I certainly hate to think that fifth "Aggie" (??), who was just there are still Aggies who bleed getting out to the East Gate walkbecause some guy gets a break or ed up and succeeded in "forcing" two-but I guess there always will his way in with the other four.

Is this an example of A & M season is approaching. It would be a revival of the traditions we sincerely appreciated if you would dropped in order to preserve the assign someone to cover track ones "we" decided to keep.

meets and track activities who was Hitch-hiking is the main mode on a little more intimate terms of transportation for a great many with the men on the track squad Aggies and the Aggie line is the and had a wider knowledge of qual- only practical solution to traveling ity of track events. We are not this way. If the line is too slow or complaining, but last year the track too long, there is no objection from articles were butchered terribly the majority if an individual wishes As a suggestion, why not ask a to downstream.

> line is one of the best we have. GEORGE S. HALPIN, '44 P. S .- Upstreaming and crashing the line used to be a senior court

> > DR. R. B. McNUTT DENTIST

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Midway On College Avenue

the magic land that is New York City. That's why I took as gospel truth this story.

Early in January, the Western State Teachers College basketball team played three games in the East, one of them in New York. The troupe included several freshmen who never had been in New York before. The stay there included one meal at the Automat. That mechanical restaurant when a college references. mat, that mechanical restaurant where coins are fed into slots and the food pops right out in your face.

One player was awed completely. Armed with a fistful of coins, he was working overtime at the pie slot. After he'd been delivered four or five pieces, a man standing behind him in line asked:

"Don't you think you've about gotten enough

"Wot," said the boy, inserting another coin, "while I'm hitting like this."

BY THE HANKIES YOU'LL KNOW THEM

Dr. S. L. Stealey, professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, soun-ded a word of warning to one of his classes against pompous display of newly found knowledge in his

"Don't give me a lot of details just to show that you've been places," he said "You can wear a hand-kerchief in your coat pocket to show me that!"

DEFINITION WITH A MORAL

The following definition of dice packs a moral that even Aesop would be proud of:
"Dice are something you shoot. Something you shoot is an elegity. An enemy is a foe. However, if you can't shedt anything but a fo' when you're shooting dice you'd better quit."

DIDN'T KNOW THE WAR WAS OVER

Anthony Slacy, 48, complained to Chicago police that Marie Bochantine, 33, a waitress, serves pie like

a tennis professional. Stacy signed an assault charge against Mrs.

"I walked into the restaurant and ordered pine-

apple pie. But she threw it at me as though I were across the street," Stacy told police. "The plate broke on the counter and cut my face."

In the women's lockup, Mrs. Bochantine said: "I just got fed up with irritable customers."

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