

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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## A Dangerous Stretch...

After having seen another wreck on Highway 6 last Wednesday evening, we were once again reminded of the need for reducing traffic hazards on this busy road.

The main difficulty seems to lie in the "neutral" atmosphere surrounding that stretch. Parts of it are near the corporate limits of Bryan; a long portion is included within the limits of College Station. That fact alone appears to produce a stalemate in the minds of both city's police force. Neither the Bryan nor the College Station police patrol the "in-between" stretch of some three miles.

Of course, we must admit that many of the accidents which take place on Highway 6 involve Aggies. And many of those students have been drinking beer or liquor before setting out for their dormitories. From watching cars on Highway 6 one might conclude (particularly on Saturday night) that perhaps one-half the drivers had had one too

many. However, to moralize or to attempt to change the habits of young men is one thing, and to apply preventative methods beneficial to all drivers is another.

On this one subject alone the police forces of the two cities should reach a definite agreement. There should be no doubtful traffic zones between Bryan and College Station... doubtful to the mind's of either the police or motorists.

Why not co-operate? Why don't the two chiefs of police arrange an equitable division of time to be spent by members of each police force on the most dangerous part of Highway 6? It might take a little more money, a little more time, a bit more effort to the police force of each city. But won't it pay off in the long run?

After all, the expenditure of thousands of dollars to save the life of one person is certainly a worthy investment.

## Avoiding the Dean's

Spain had her Inquisition, China had her wall, and A&M has the Dean's Team. The Inquisition ended, the wall crumbled, but the Dean's Team goes on forever.

We sit idly by and watch while a certain percentage of each freshman class drops out in the infamous "one-way Corps Trips." Many others make their way onto the Dean's Team at the end of each semester.

Without doubt, many students are flunking out because they are studying in fields foreign to their interests and abilities. Adequate testing, counseling, and guidance facilities at A&M, especially for the beginning students, would obviously be less wasteful of the abilities of our youth, and much more constructive than our out-moded Dean's Team which does little more to motivate the student than hang a 12-12 probation over his head.

Every year more students are entering institutions of higher learning, and many of these come without definite goals or ambitions in life. But a system of democratic education cannot fail to recognize and make adjustments for these individual differences among students. Also to be considered is the resultant effect flunking out will have on the individual student in later life. A "One-

way Corps Trips" by any other name would still reek of failure to the individual student, when proper counseling and guidance could have put him on the right track to useful citizenship.

Interest among A&M students in some plan of guidance has been aptly demonstrated at the Veteran's Appraisal Service under the direction of R. H. Hughes. Since its establishment by the Veterans Administration in September, 1945, as a part of the education and psychology department, more than 1,000 students have reported for testing and counseling in choosing courses of study.

Although handicapped by inadequate facilities and personnel to satisfactorily serve the complete student body, the Appraisal Service personnel have attempted to help all students who ask for help. Enlargement of this service to accommodate the whole student body, particularly the freshmen, is a situation much to be desired at A&M.

Loss of even a large percentage of incoming college students may not appear to be a serious problem during these days of overcrowded campuses, but the long-run effect on the nation as a whole will not only be wasteful of youthful potentialities, but downright criminal as well.

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## Col. Andy's Helping Hand...

That good old American custom of generosity presented itself on the A&M campus last week in the form of some extra-curricular activities by track coach Col. Frank Anderson.

"Col. Andy," like any good track coach, can usually be seen scurrying around Kyle Field in the afternoon with a big frown creasing his forehead, worrying about the status of his prized protégés. Said scurrying and worrying is a rather time-consuming factor. But, the Colonel still has time to help out the other fellow as shown this week.

It all began when someone commented on the amazing track ability shown by young Wendell Davis, 17-year-old Bryan Negro. Running under the colors of Bryan's Kemp High School, Davis has been setting state and national sprint circles on fire with his brilliant running. He capped a long series

of triumphs last season by taking the National Boys championship in the 100-yard dash at the annual Negro meet in St. Louis.

*It was certainly a crime, someone commented, that such an athlete couldn't avail himself of the best instruction possible.*

So Col. Andy lent a hand and invited the youngster out to Kyle Field to work out with the Aggie trackmen. Davis, whose greatest faults are not in his natural ability but in his form, has been taking tips from Col. Anderson.

Thus the Aggie mentor has spent long hours helping a boy along who can't possibly help Anderson win the SWC track title. That is real generosity in its truest form. To Col. Andy, we say, "hats off!"

But we can't help questioning at the same time—that to right such an injustice, must generosity be relied on?

According to scientists, on the basis of animal life expectancy, man should live to be 150 years old. The way prices are going up, it would be much cheaper to die at the average mortality age of 68.

—University Daily Kansan

Tuscon (Ariz.) Arizona Daily Star carried an ad in which Tom Breneman, the Tucson Garden Club and KOPO thanked "the following business concerns for their generous co-operation in donating poor prizes."

Finland's prime minister, who left suddenly for Moscow in a plane the Russians sent for him, was in a hospital with a serious ear trouble. We feel sure that he will be able to hear the Russians.

A small politician is one who correctly anticipates which way the voters are going, rushes to the front, and pretends he has been there all the time.

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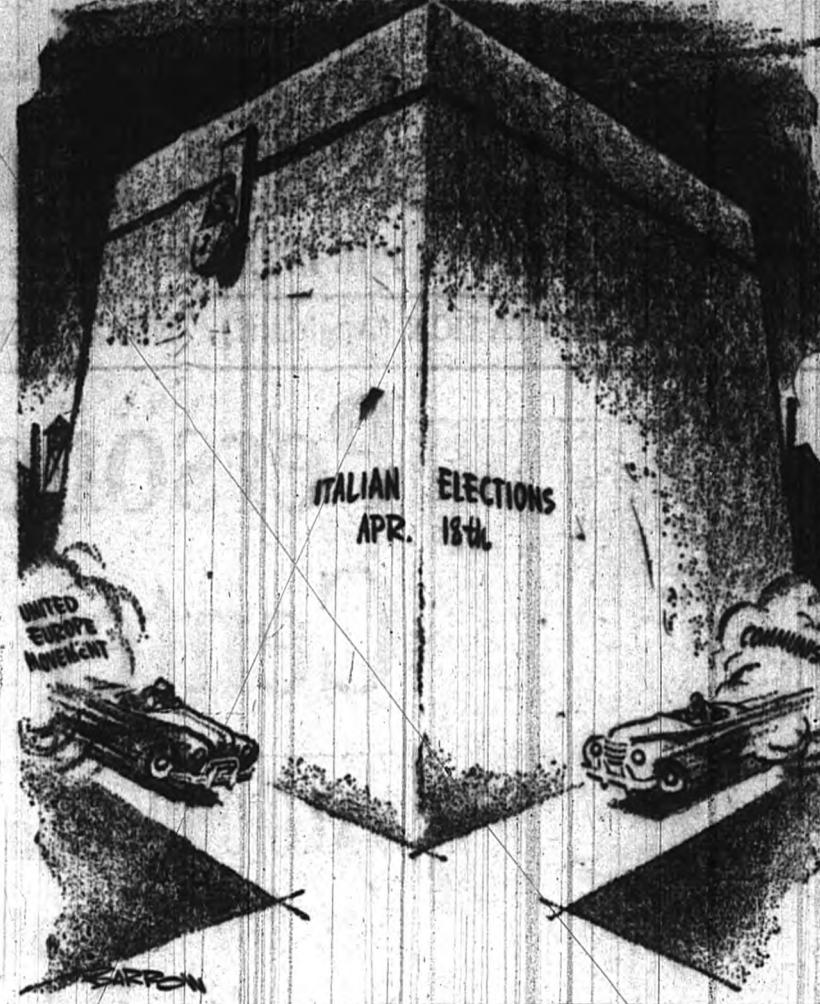
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DANGEROUS INTERSECTION



cramping out the vintage...

## "Nothing Like Good, Clean Necking, If Not Left Alone With Temptation" Says Professor

By LARRY GOODWIN

There's nothing "as wholesome as good clean necking" in the opinion of a Springfield, Mass. psychologist.

Dr. Dorothy T. Spoerl, a member of the psychology department of American International College, advised students, however, to "be relatively careful where and when you do it."

"You don't have to travel 100 miles into the woods where you'll be alone with temptation," she added.

Dr. Spoerl offered the advice to about 100 students attending the first of a series of three lectures on preparation for marriage.

She warned couples not to "spend so much time in wooing that on the day you walk to the altar the only thing you know about your spouse-to-be is that he or she is a facile necker."

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