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"Soldter, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Matter of Personal Pride.

problem that deserves the thoughtful con-sideration of the student body.

The Student Senate received at its last meeting reports of dissatisfaction from many people who object to the practice of some students' walking around the campus dressed only in gym shorts.

While wearing shorts is permissible during games such as softball and tennis, the senate felt that students should wear

Hot weather has brought with it a more than just gym shorts while walking to and from different sports.

> Since there are many women on the campus-students' wives, visitors, summer students, and others — it is only a matter of personal pride that students should also wear a T-shirt when not actually engaged in some sport.

> We offer this suggestion, based upon a resolution by the Student Senate, as the best way to recognize and remedy this situation.

The National Guard, The Draft, And You ...

All week long we have heard loud speakers blare forth with "Join the National Guard and avoid the draft."

We like the National Guard. Some of our best friends are members of the National Guard. But we don't like the appeal that is being used to get members for the guard.

First of all: We can't conceive of an efficient fighting force composed of national guardsmen who "joined up to keep out of the draft."

Second: Although we approve of the guard's efforts to help students continue their education, we believe that the guard has at times been guilty of beclouding the issue and adding to hysteria. On several occasions we have read statements made by National Guard officials stating that the basic course ROFC will not exempt a student from the draft. It is our belief that such statements are not only unfounded, but are actually untrue.

The Battalion has made a conscientious effort to study the 1948 draft bill in its entirety and our only conclusion is

advanced, in the senior division will be allowed to continue their study and in most cases will go on active duty upon graduation or upon completion of their ROTC training.

The whole matter of ROTC deferments for basic students will have to be clarified by the Secretary of Defense. The draft act plainly gives him the authority to determine the number of ROTC men who will be deferred.

It is impossible for us, in the light of present conditions, to imagine any other course being taken in the case of ROTC students than to defer them.

In conclusion, we would urge everyone to forget about this "avoid the draft" business. We feel that the training program as conducted in our own ROTC units last year was of such high caliber that membership in the National Guard would involve only a duplication and would result in a waste of the student's time. The most important service that any student can render his country at this time is to continue his studies. To paraphrase Milton, "They also serve who only study

Basic, Advance ROTC Cadets Exempt From Draft-U.S. News By C. C. MUNROE

Deferments for college men enrolled in ROTC will be granted for the student's full four years, according to an article published in today's issue of the U. S. News and World Report.

Although there has been no official interpretation of the clauses of the selective service act as it affects men in basic and advanced courses of ROTC, the U.S. News' article indicates that both classes of cadets

will be granted draft exemptions. "Reserve deferment," the article states, "good for the college student's full four years, may be obtained by enrolling in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Air Reserve Officer's Training Corps or the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps.'

U. S. News continues by stating, "In this case, the student must agree to accept a reserve commission upon graduation, if one is offered, and if called up, to serve a term of active duty later as a commissioned

"Youths planning to enter college next autumn, as a result, may be certain that their education will not be interrupted by a draft until mid-1949, may insure deferment from any draft after that by taking reserve training or by choice of studies.

A telegram to the Battalion from Congressman Olin Teague quoted passages from the final version of the selective service bill as it passed Congress and was sent to the president. A portion of the telegram stated that "Within such numbers as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense any person who (A) on or after the effective date of this title is selected for enrollment or continuance in the senior division, ROTC, or the air ROTC or the naval ROTC. . : . and (B) agrees in writing to accept a commission if tendered and to serve, subject to call of the Secretary of his service branch, not less than two years active duty, shall be deferred from induction for training and service under this title until the completion or termination of the course of instruction and so long as he continues in a regular or reserve status upon being commissioned, but shall not be exempt from registration. The provisions of the draft act further state that advanced students majoring chiefly in science, engineering, or medicine will be exempted. The president is also given power to defer necessary men. in the field of agriculture.

Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

Rudyard Kipling Proven Wrong. As East-West Get Together

Oh, the East is manpowered and the West is mechanized and when the twain meet, the results are rather startling. Manila, a meeting ground for twains, can show many a weird combination. For instance, there is the American educated Chinese who recently opened a supermarket in that city. The store is identical to its American counterpart except for the wire grocery carts. Each of the little buggies is equipped with a Chinese boy to push it around for the customer.

One of the larger buildings of the city has recently acquired a new type automatic elevator-but the old operator is still on duty punching the buttons for the patrons.

The latest object of civic pride in Manila is the first traffic light installed since the war. The only hitch is that it has never been turned on. As of yore a cop stands at its base to direct the traffic.

No doubt oriental toasters have little men inside to push up the toast when its sufficiently brown.

An ethics class in one of our Southwestern universities recently conducted a hit parade in reverse. The question asked the class was, "What is the greatest evil of mankind?" By and large the honored first place blue ribbon went to "excessive drinking." Tieing for a poor second were "profanity" and "stealing." No, the school in question was not A&M, but TCU, of course.

While on the subject of Texas schools, a story in TSCW's Lass-O about the new dining hall to be built at that institution leaves the reader lost at sea. In discussing the sound proof walls, the story states: "Loud speakers which will be placed over each separate counter will dercease noise and confusion through the room." If they want to really make it quiet, why not run a streetcar line through the building?

Faces were red around Senator Robert Taft's headquarters at the Philly convention of the Grand Old Party. The Senator's co-horts ordered 10,000 copies of "This Week in Philadephia"—a magazine providing in-fo on restuarants, theatres, and spots of in-terest in the City of Brotherly Loves Bob's idea around the backlets the backlets around idea was to distribute the booklet among delegates and visitors.

When the order arrived the front cover picture gave the Ohioan quite a jolt. It was a handsome portrait of Thomas E. Dewey.

At least one Texan will not have to add another initial for lack of a name as Harry S. Truman has done. He is Daniel Wisdom May I. Know Stephens Faith And Spirits Choose John's Devine Communion Field Moses' Meekness And Joshua's Zeal Win The Day And Conquer All Murphy, a negro of Grayson County. Dan says that he knows only one other person who has a longer name His youngest son is named Junior.

Medical science latest step forward came in the form of radar. Two medicos at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association demonstrated that the war-born invention can be used to cure any type of pain from Aggie Virus X to the perennial aching back. Is there a radar operator in the house?

Specialization is truly the fad of the day. LSU is now offering a course in artificial insemination of queen bees. That's going to complicate matters for the father of the future who will have to find a substitute for bees in the old explanation of birds and

Young Hopefuls Given All Requirements To Aid Them In Training For Presidential Race

speech making.



"WAIT'LL NEXT MONTH !"

The Growing Crisis In Germany . . .

While the eyes of the nation are cen-. plished, Clay said, "by any action short of tered on the political stage the Russians are busy launching what appears to be their greatest effort to force the Allies out of Berlin.

Yesterday, under Soviet direction, all rail food shipments from western Germany into Berlin were halted. Power plants stopped distribution of electric current to many places in the American zone. Water to all but hospitals and important public institutions was reported to have. been cut off for varying periods.

Perhaps the hardest blow struck by the Soviets was an order to the people of Berlin not to accept the new Allied sponsored currency. Germans who accept this currency are required to have their personal identification papers stamped by Allied authorities. To prevent conversion to allied money, the Soviet-sponsored radio warned the people: "Anyone who accepts that stamp will be marked as a person who violated the order of the Soviet Commander-In-Chief Marshal Sokolovsky." The Russians have issued their own new currency.

General Clay, American commander in Berlin, said that the Russians are "trying. to put on the final pressure to drive us out of Berlin." This could not be accom-

Maj. Gen. Albert M. Jones, chief of the United States advisory group to the Philippines, unveiled a plaque at the spot where General MacArthur stepped ashore in the re-invasion of Luzon. Somehow, we had the impression they grew automatically wherever he stepped.

The larcenous individual who istole at. Memphis a Mississippi Baptist minister's brief case containing a three years' collection of sermons may be sorry if he reads them.

war."

Once again the situation in Germany seems to be building up to a crisis after several weeks of comparative quiet. There is no doubt that this action is the first effort in a new Russian drive to extend Communism and make up for the political defeats they have suffered in the past.

This Russian action is another indication that the efforts of this country through the Marshal Plan are having their effect in halting the tide of Communism. The stone-wall stand of United States forces in Europe has thwarted the Soviet drive to conquer that continent. Now, with the opening of what appears to be a new Russian "cold war" offensive, the United States, England and France must continue in their firm stand to resist such offensives.

If we were to withdraw from Berlin, the prestige of our country would be irreparably damaged. Any retreat on our part would undo all the good of our past actions.

The Berlin situation will be another test for our foreign policy. We trust that American forces, backed by those of England and France, will once again be firm in their determination to stand by our unalterable committments.

A Michigan letter carrier confessed that he destroyed 100 pieces of political campaign literature "because there is too much of that stuff in the mails." We recommend leniency and the erection of an appropriate monument.

Some of the more or less distinguished people who receive honorary degrees from universities don't know any more about the subjects in which they got doctorates than some of the students who have those subjects in their courses.



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Random Thoughts . . . **One of History's Greatest Personalities – Churchill**

By CARROLL TRAIL

For a man who had nothing to offer his country but "blood, toil, tears and sweat," Winston Churchill has given as much or more to his fellow man than any of his contempor-

Taking the helm of the British government during its darkest hour, he personified the grim determination of the English people. With a bulldog persistance profiled by his jawbone and hunching shoulders, he rallied his people and led them from the dreary days when they fought alone to the time of victory at the side of the United States and Russia.

Solidly supported during the war years, Churchill's conservative party was resoundly defeated in an election following Germany's capitulation. This election-the first in ten years-of course, ousted Churchill from the prime ministry. He assumed the role he once liked bestleader of "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition," and immediately opened up a barrage of attacks on his successor, Attlee, whom he called "a sheep in sheep's clothing."

Somewhat inconsistant in his foreign policies, Churchill was one of the first to give orchids to Mussolini for his work in Italy. He later repudiated the II Duce by referring to him as "the crafty, cold-blooded, black-hearted Italian who had thought to gain an empire on the cheap by stabbing fallen France in the back."

Certainly Churchill has made some mistakes, he has made many. He has unfairly criticized his opposition; he has unduly praised his own party. Conservative to the point of being reactionary, he has even supported fascism.

Nevertheless, Winston Churchill has many qualities that are much to be desired in our present world leaders. His brilliant statesmanship is unparalled by anyone today. His leadership ability is unquestionable, and his diplomacy, although not of the best, is certainly far above average.

Undoubtedly, he will become one of history's great personalities. Writer, painter, soldier, statesman-man of destiny-Churchill will live forever in the hearts of the free peoples of the world.

Off to Europe · · ·

By MACK T. NOLEN

(Mack Nolen, former feature editor of The Battalion, is off to Europe this summer to study at Sarbonne, Paris, and later in Geneva, Switzerland. The following letter, received yesterday, was written during his last days of frenzied packing.)

But for Kismet and other manifestations of fate I had hoped to be several days on my way by this time. The last three-sevenths of the past week were nerve-wreckers par excellence in my books.

received word from Lykes Steamship Co. to be on hand in-New Orleans June 21, and the subsequent comparison between myself and a decapitated chicken was not even funny.

I packed in a trice (really in a trunk, but people are always packing or doing something in a trice and I try to be democratic about these things and conform) and was all set for the Grand Take-Off. Then I remembered that the

At length, after I had decimated my long, curved, and cerise fingernails in anxiety, another notice arrived stating that our boat would sail the 28th as per schedule.

I have been doing a spot of out-side reading between labours. First I got off several historical novels which I had heard a great deal -The Black Rose, The Moneyman, The Stone Tower-and then I set-

tled into something which has fascinated me a long while, an Islamic' history covering the period from the time of the Prophet up to the beginning of the Ottoman era (1500).

For a story of an advanced cul-

Nearly all mothers entertain the hope that their Junior will someday be the president of our country. The Batt has delved deeply into the current Republican Nominating Convention so that any Republican mothers may have a knowledge of what Junior will have to do in order to become a presidential nominee.

We naturally cannot insure success, but we maintain that if mothers will carefully read this article and follow religiously the program set forth within, Junior's chances for gaining a key to the White House through the GOP party will be increased immeasurably. As a primary qualification we find that the presidential hopeful should have tremendous physical stamina. The training for convention strains cannot start soon enough. An excellent gymnasium, of political type, can be had in a smoke filled room. Place Janior within and leave him in the smoky interior for periods up to eight hours. This will prepare him for the clear thinking needed in back room deals.

For those famiiles not fortunate enough to have access to a smoke house, a. satisfactory. substitute



By J. T. MILLER

younger non-veterans here

camp, but many of the cadets 24, 25, and 26 years old. They

would jolt the most.

Another week has passed at the Air Forces ROTC Camp at Kelly Field. And what a week! Classes all morning, carbine and pistol is a mechanized Air Force? marksmanship each afternoon. Saturday morning we wasted by posing for propaganda movies for dance thrown by the Ført

the Movietone News cameraman, Houston Army brats for the then goofed off the remainder of this weekend in various towns damn. . . before we got then Aggies had dates with all throughout the Southwest. For the cadets taking Adminis-Oklahoma cadet.)

tration, some form of condelence is in order. Those men are being exposed to some of the most uninspired pedagogy ever attempted by anyone. Dry, confusing, repetitive-that's all in a day's work for them. One consolation, many hours of much-needed sleep is gained in these classes.

However, we expect things to get better. On the Friday before the Fourth of July this unit will

Letters

Editor. The Battalion:

Would you please publish some information on the progress which has been made to the effect of establishing a curriculum in Industrial Relations here at A&M Col-

lege? I would greatly appreciate your printing such information as when

By FRANK CUSHING can be had by allowing Junior to the oni attend dad's poker session. (Do method, (For developing his dranot bother to plug up his ears with matic senses we strongly recomcotton; the jokes he might hear mend he be shown "We've Never will be of great aid to him later Bean Licked" several times.) When when he is making his name as a Jurior can sincerely and convincgular fellow.) ingly claim that "I am not only Junior should be the posses- for the common man but I am for "regular fellow.)

sor of great lungs. To build them muse heads per capita.." then his

up start him blowing pieces of career is well upon its way. paper around the house. When he Eleware of allowing Junio he Beware of allowing Junior to has attained sufficient power to come into contact with radical sustain a six foot kite in the art or ideas. For instance allow him to two hours then he will have the have no economics courses. The GDP communists teaching economics in necessary endurance for our school system will corrupt For speech training we further any presidential hopeful's mind. dvocate that Junior be well They have been known to state chooled in doubletalk. If, however that there should be no tariffs advocate that Junior be schooled in doubletalk. If, however that you are unfortunate enough to and that the United States econo-

have a son who articulates clearly my isn't all it should be. enough to be understood, then do Also history books would be bad not despair. Your road will be a

for junier as they give many facts more difficult one but it may still about the Republican party that be one leading to success. best should be ignored. In short, Merely make him memorize ev-ery platitude that is recorded. the least education Junior can have

and the least amount of thinking Have him learn to speak for hours he does, the better off he will be. without once using an original Anything he should think or know phrase. Teach him to wave his will be given to him later. arms and to throw his body into

Since this article is written to dramatic positions as he rants. aid the Republican fraction we do Have him master the ability to dry not have to instruct you mothers at an instant's notice. Note that in how to install musical and culionly rank amateur politicians use

nary skill in Junior. (The Democrat's sons, however, should be thoroughly instructed in fiddle playing and baking biscuits.) It might be well for Junior to learn how to keep step to a military piece though, so that he will appear alert if called upon to be in a parade.

Lastly in the basic training course for Republican presidential material, we feel that Junior should never be allowed to speak undertake a brief bivouac-a mere 16-mile roundtrip to the Bevar the whole truth. A particle of fact now and then is permissable, but County countryside. Who said this if it is found that he insists upon continually speaking the truth the

oil should not be spared for his One comment heard following own good. He should cultivate the Sam ability to lie with an angelic exdapression. Nothing would be more dets: "The dance wasn't worth letrimental to the lad's future chances than the inability to lie. with luck, puil, and careful girls " (This from a University of practice of these helpful hints you Republican mothers among our readers may realize your greatest The passage of the draft Satur

dream-Junior at the wheel of our day is causing quite a bit of athip of state. tention to be focused on that No order clarifying the position of

cadets in ROTC has been received **Renovated Music** and some of us are rather worried. Two years may not be much to the Room to Reopen the ones whom an active duty call In Library Soon The thing that makes one stop

to wonder is one obvious fact-there are very few second lieut-When the music room of the li-brary re-opens later in the sumenants to be seen on Kelly Air Force Base. They are as scarce as four-star generals around here. (And we've seen quite a few two-star generals around here!) Guess the only thing for us to do is to watch and wait.

the room in ivory and install crom-* A few of the cadets from the Dallas area are planning to charter a plane to take them home during the Fourth of July weekend (They

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10000	KENNETH BOND, LOUIS MORGAN	Mine own passport was at that time in Washington being visaed	It continues to amuse me, this great conceit our Western Euro-	rington School of Arts and	I. N. (Red) Miller of Orerige	record collection and phonograph turnstable and a desk will divide	
E. C. M.	Clark Munroe	y'know. I wired Washington (how-		mation on a curriculum in In-	has been appointed cadet colorel of the camp for the week of June	lounge. A staff member of the	
	C. C. Trail. Managing Chuck Maisel, Marvin Rice, Eddie Smith, and Frank Welch. Feature Frank D. Ayres, Dudley R. Burris, Barry Smith. Editors Writera	ever, he has been dead so long, no answer was immediately forth-		dustrial Relations. However, he said a joint study was being	21-June 28. Miller commanded C Troop Cavalry at A&M in the	supervise their playing.	1
	James Manarchev, Hendrix Harper, William 1	coming) and set snares such as the Batsubis in Africa set for	I am happy about one phase of the delay in my departure. I will		spring of 1947. Quite a jump from tank jockey (or should one say	The old record player will be	1
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