

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Two Types of Behavior . . .

Charity, we are told, should begin at home. From the combination of events that occurred this weekend we are now convinced that sportsmanship should follow suit.

We refer, of course, to the activity in the band's Dormitory Saturday night as compared to the weekend in San Antonio. From the Alamo city we heard nothing but pleasant and friendly reports. Tech students, San Antonio citizens, and Aggies mingled together, enjoyed the contacts, and not one word of unpleasantness did we hear. But not here on the campus.

Sometime Saturday night unknown persons entered the band's Dormitory and opened a hot water line on the top floor. The escaping steam and water ruined instruments, radios, uniforms, and other personal effects to an estimated value of one thousand dollars. The personal im-

portance of some of the lost articles can't be termed in dollars.

It would appear that we have been directing our pleas in the wrong direction. Maybe we should have been talking to the juveniles with wrenches who stayed here rather than to the Aggies with diplomacy who went to San Antonio.

Even the favorite term of two percent fails us here. Optimistically we don't believe there is a two per cent of our entire student body so thoughtless or intentionally destructive.

So to the two groups we say this. Thanks a million fellows for the show of sportsmanship in San Antonio. Your actions and the credit they have brought our school won't be forgotten.

And to the people who did the thousand dollars worth of damage to the million dollar band—you won't be forgotten either.

## Marlow On Politics and Russia . . .

Here are the views of the Associated Press' James Marlow on the Presidential Campaign and it's tie-in with Russia. Since his coverage is far more complete and erudite than any we could offer, we offer it here in our columns.

Russia and Communism provide the big "IF" in the presidential campaign.

1. Will there be war with Russia?
2. Will the nations of western Europe become prosperous and steady enough to stop the spread of Communism?

So far the two top candidates, President Truman and Governor Dewey, have kept our foreign policy out of the political campaign.

That's because both parties, Democrats and Republicans, have helped shape our foreign policy toward Russia and Europe.

In that field, at least, they've been able to work together for the good of the country.

So, with foreign affairs out of the argument, the big issue in the campaign is what happens here at home in the next four years.

In short, do you think the country will be better under the Republicans or the Democrats.

So far Mr. Truman has made few promises. He's spent most of his time denouncing the Republicans.

Governor Dewey has said quite a bit about bringing down prices and cutting government spending and taxes.

In spite of a lot of wailing, things are better now than in the past 40 years. Just think over the numbers of folks who are making long trips to visit relatives they haven't seen for that long.

One out of every six adults in the nation are receiving some sort of government checks. And four of the remaining five are waiting their chance to sign up.

"Father of 10 Shot; Mistaken for Rabbit."

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## Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir:

I am a history major and as such I have a special interest in the history of this college.

In my spare time I have studied the school's past, extensively, and have uncovered many interesting facts. But that is neither here nor there. I want to ask about the naming of Goodwin Hall. I have been able to find the origins of most of the other building's names but I cannot find a thing on Goodwin.

From all that I can gather, I presume that it was named for Larry Goodwin, assistant editor of the Commentator. However, there is a slight fault in this hypothesis: Goodwin is around 20, while Goodwin Hall is 40 years old.

Can you throw any light on the situation?

Con much gusto.

J. T. M.

Answer: You probably read the sentence wrong, C. M. It should read, "Being 3.6 per cent salt, Robert Louis Stevenson called more salty than the average of all oceans."

Then too, the Eagle is guilty of the same thing which many papers are guilty. That is, they use too much journalistic jargon. Actually the sentence should read "Being 3.6 percent salt, Robert Louis Stevenson called more (people) salty than the average of all oceans (called people salty)."

I imagine that you can understand it now. Perhaps a little of Stevenson's life will throw more light on it for you.

The first phrase "Being 3.6 per cent salt," might seem a little odd at first. Perhaps you don't think Bob was so constituted. But he was, for Stevenson was raised on the coast and the sea was in his blood.

Now in the locality where he lived, it was the custom to refer to everyone who made his living on the sea as "salty." The habit became so firmly embedded in him that Stevenson continued to refer to his acquaintances in later life as "salty."

Answer: No, J. T., Goodwin Hall was not named after the Commentator assistant editor. The board considered Larry, but they were reminded of Public Law 564389 which states, "No A&M College building may be named for someone not born."

This radical piece of legislation was passed in 1892 when there was a strong Republican faction in the Texas House.

Actually the Hall was named in honor of G. I. Goodwin, author of the act creating the College. He fostered the nationwide agricultural colleges. Besides Larry spells

leins pushing baby carriages flying the stars and stripes. When she is separated from her party, she is picked up by two Americans, mistaking her for a German girl, and winds up in the cafe where Miss Dietrich is singing. The chocolate cake turns up being served to the patrons, and so does Captain Lund, to explain matters.

Being strictly a business woman, Miss Arthur takes it upon herself to find out why Miss Dietrich is allowed to run loose, when she was such a prominent figure in Adolph's social circle, and also closely related with one of his right hand men, now in hiding.

Miss Dietrich and Miss Arthur meet more than once in the picture, and it looks like our American Congressman gets insulted every time. Naturally Captain Lund doesn't want anything to happen to his Franklin and finally has to make love to Miss Arthur to keep her out of the files. He bargains for more than expected, because things happen in reverse and they become engaged. (This file room scene is one of the best in the movie).

## Sneak Preview . . .

## Life in Berlin Isn't So Dull As Seen in A Foreign Affair

By ANDY DAVIS

A Foreign Affair (Paramount) starring Jean Arthur, John Lund, and Marlene Dietrich. (Campus).

Life in Berlin may not be so bad for some American G.I.'s after all, but it's easy to see that Russia isn't causing all the excitement in Germany.

Jean Arthur, as the love-shunned Congresswoman, returns to the screen with a bang, and Marlene Dietrich (grandmother) gives evidence that she still has controlling interest in her original make-up (herself). John Lund, who portrays the American Army Officer, turns in his best performance as to date.

The story takes hold when a chocolate cake, flown all the way from America, is delivered to a certain Captain John Lund, by Congresswoman Arthur, and is exchanged by the former for a beat-up mattress. The mattress finds its resting place in the bomb-scarred apartments of Fraulein Dietrich, a torch singer in an off-limits cafe, and also Lund's "girl friend" during off hours.

Miss Arthur and the delegates investigating the morale of American G.I.'s in occupied Germany, are taken on a tour of Berlin to see the conditions that exist for themselves. Miss Arthur sees more than desired (German Frau-

## Groneman to Serve With National Committees of AVA

Chris H. Groneman, acting head of the Industrial Arts Policy and Planning Group which has for its function the establishment and promotion of the general over-all program for industrial arts teachers. He serves with twelve other members from various parts of the United States.

The second committee to which Groneman has been appointed is concerned with the Affiliation of State Groups. He is one of five members on this committee.

## "Greetings"? . . . Pessimists Abound at A&M; Majority Think War Close

By JOHN HALICK and FRANK CUSHING

"Do you expect the United States to go to war?"

According to a poll conducted on the campus Monday the majority of those students interviewed had nothing but gloomy forecasts for the future.

Although the poll was not large enough to make any definite conclusions, the following opinions may be summarized in this manner:

War eventually	22%
War, near future	39%
War, maybe	22%
No war	17%

H. R. Blakmore, senior, believes that war will not come in the near future, despite the present, tense situation in Berlin.

His companion, A. L. Williamson junior, expects war to come within two years. He added, "It will be caused by the chain of events now occurring in Berlin."

Kenneth Voss, junior, expressed the opinion that "War will be caused by the Communists in their bid for world domination. However it is not eminent."

"An accumulation of small events might possibly bring conflict about but not in the near future," remarked Senior D. S. Franklin.

Z. K. Wells, senior, said that "War may be expected in the next five years and that it will come from within the United States itself through the activities of the American Communist Party."

D. G. Winfrey, senior, held a similar opinion to that expressed by Wells although he shortened the expected period to two years. "There is a vast integration of Communists within the United States schools, labor unions, and government positions," he added.

"War is a definite expectation," thinks Roy Liley, junior. "The present Berlin crisis could easily set it off."

"Two years will do it," believes D. W. Garrett, junior. "The war can actually start in a number of ways." He bantered the guess of "Communists uprisings all over the world" might be the stimulus needed.

G. T. Miller, junior, was not sure of how the war would come about, although he expects it within the next two years.

"No," declared J. L. Everett, sophomore. "I doubt whether either country is ready to fight. They both lack the essential supplies."

E. S. Broussard, senior, stated "That's difficult to say. I hope not. The Berlin situation more than anything else could easily bring war about."

"It seems impossible for us to stay out of war forever," mourned W. W. Heaton, senior. "It's bound to come sooner or later."

D. G. Campbell was of a negative opinion. "In spite of politicians, public opinion—properly applied—is all prevent."

"Highly possible, but not probable," thinks D. M. Britt, "they are both carrying on a big bluff."

L. E. Hill, sophomore, considers that "war could start very easily in the next five or six years. It will probably begin over the fight for the control of Germany."

"There's a possibility but I don't believe it will happen," said E. O. Sims, junior. "I believe that the Soviets are a menace to the world and should be squelched before they go too far."

"I don't expect it in the near future, if at all," was the optimistic answer of T. W. Camstock, freshman. "I have the utmost confidence in the abilities of our diplomats, especially General Marshall."

"Not for the next few years," thought E. E. Neal, junior. "Russia is just trying to bluff us."

If Aggie predictions are any indication of things to come, uniforms will soon be in style again.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We ask you mainly for our own satisfaction and that of the so-called Aggies who precipitated this letter to print this. It can be most properly named "Ode on Intestinal Fortitude" or, "It Took Guts."

Thanks a lot "Ole Army" (That is, if two percenters can be classified as such). Congratulations on a job well done! While the Aggie Band was gone to San Antonio for the game with Texas Tech, some of the braver of the "men" on the campus who, for reasons best known to themselves, did not go to the game and who, for other reasons known only to themselves and guessed at by us, entered dorm eleven and removed a connection on a pipe on the fourth floor, flooding the dorm in a "typical" dorm out. This in itself is not unusual, but by ordinary standards it is done as a more or less sporting proposition when the dorm is occupied, not when it is a known fact that everyone is away for an entire weekend. Aggies are known all over as a rough, yet sporting, bunch. Obviously, then, the "men" who carried out such a plan were not Aggies, as Aggies would not stoop so low.

AS A RESULT OF THE DORM BEING UNOCCUPIED SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND BOOKS WERE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

This letter is not a bid by anyone for sympathy from anyone else. Rather it is a notice to these strong, brave men who are doubt-

less so very proud of this brilliant accomplishment that we are perfectly willing to give and take with any individual or outfit on the campus provided we are given a chance to defend ourselves. If anyone thinks these accusations are too steep, then let him speak to us—and preferably face to face or by a signed letter, not when our backs are turned with two hundred miles separating us. In case you don't believe that several hundred dollars worth of damage was done, a partial list of damaged property is enclosed:

Band instruments whose total value is \$1500.00 or more damaged to an unknown extent.

Uniforms, too numerous to mention, completely ruined by fading and shrinkage.

Books, completely water-soaked to a point where are unusable.

At least six radios wetted to an unplayable condition.

Two typewriters damaged unknown.

Several footlockers soaked: beyond repair.

Other small items too numerous to mention.

(Signed)

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## Lou Burgess Wins Homemaker Award

Miss Lou Burgess is one of the outstanding Future Homemakers of Texas who will receive honor award medals from the State Fair of Texas on October 6, James W. Ashton, chairman of the Rural Youth committee, has announced.

Miss Burgess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burgess of College Station.

Presentation of the medal will take place at the Honor Award Luncheon, one of the highlights of Rural Youth Day at the fair.

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