# Battalion EDITORIAL

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

#### Is This A Campus or A Maze? . .

Do you remember the first day you came on the campus? Confusing, wasn't

A sprawling mass of buildings strewn around with very little apparent reason or logical organization. It took you quite a while to get everything oriented-how to go from the Assembly Hall to the Chemistry building, to Goodwin Hall, and down to the Administration Building without asking somebody of at least getting lost

But things have deared up now. After being here two years, or in some cases up to seven, you know right where everything is and can even navigate to that 8 a.m. class in the Petroleum Building without a

But some people come on the Campus who don't have two years to spare. They have to look up their brother, son, or friend that day and then be on their way. This can be a bit of a problem.

They must first get directions to Anchor Hall or Building J and then try to jungle?

to practice the theoretical discoveries of

others but short on making those discover-

ies for ourselves, according to the Presi-

dent of Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

The idea has been advanced by educa

tors that our students do not receive train-

ing in imaginative and creative thinking

about basic materials. Instead they are

Mastering a technique requires memor

izing facts and learning how to use tools.

Creative, critical thinking is not required.

Specialization in a particular field

tends to close the specialist's mind to oth-

er subjects or even related fields. Of course

there are specialists plus who compose the

creative minority in our society. They do

not exist in anything like the proportion

Too many students accept the scholas

Seven Doctors Say "O.K." . . .

The report of the hospital investigat-

ing committee of seven prominent Texas

medical men has only confirmed what

people familiar with the A&M Hospital

have known for a long time. In detail the

facilities available were approved and the

whole program of medical care available

But we wonder just how well acquain-

Do you know what the hospital has to

It would be a good idea to find out. At

offer you in case of sickness or emer-

the hospital you are welcome either as a

patient or a sight-eer. You pay \$7.50 a

school year for medical care. This includes

hospitalization, medicine, ambulance ser-

to Aggie students was complimented.

ted you are with those facilities.

tic respect for conventional ideas and es-

tablished names. Questioning the works

busy mastering techniques.

they should.

Why So Little Creativeness . . .

We in America are long on putting in presented to them and analyzing them

follow them. The resulting confusion is something akin to a laboratory rat trying to solve a maze problem.

Many dead ends and "U" turns later they have run through several sets of student directions and a couple of years off their life expectancy span and are probably near enough to their objective to find it in a couple more casts.

But why put our visitors through a commando course?

Street signs and an occasional "To Anchor Hall" military type road marker sign are inexpensive, easily installed and would probably do more to alleviate visitor confusion than equipping each one with an on-the-ball freshman.

Every year our volume of cars and yisitors on the campus increases. The size of our outlying residential districts and new class areas is mushrooming. Let's give the perplexed people a hand.

Why not blaze a few trees in this

would enable students to gain more than

in fact, generally, results in even the bet-

ter students utilizing education to pro-

vide arguments for what one already be-

lieves. They automatically reject all points

can be understood and improved upon only

in closing men's minds to ideas contrary

to their present political and economic

doctrines capitalism, fascism, Marxism.

Change for the sake of change is absurd,

but investigation to determine the correc-

tness of your position and the positions of

and technology. Let us become leaders in

vice, and doctor's treatment for all nor-

mal illnesses and emergencies. X-ray and

flouroscope facilities are available in an-

We know that we have a good hospital

the best college hospital in the South-

west. Unfortunately, too many times the

hospital has been the scapegoat for dis-

gruntled people desiring to vent their dis-

Student Senators, Company Command-

When you spend money, you want to

ers, and dorm masters should consider it

their duty to investigate the facilities of

see what it buys. Why not go over and

find out what your Medical Fee buys?

swer to reasonable requests.

pleasures on something.

America leads the world in business

The full, broad scope of man's culture

Isms are today the greatest offender

Having strong sectarian biases often,

mere acceptance ever would.

of view contrary to their own.

by honestly examining it.

others is common sense.

creative fields also.

### Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

I notice on your editorial page masthead that one Buddy Luce is listed as a feature writer. As a matter of fact, I have read a number of Luce's features, and think that they're quite good.

I was wondering whether or not Buddy was in any way related to Henry R. Luce of Time and Life fame. Do you know? Sncerely.

Answer: No, Fletch, Buddy is not related to Henry Luce. While the latter's family has always been north of the Mason-Dixon Line, Buddy's folks have resided in the

Buddy's family tree has its roots in the cotton plantations of the old southern aristocracy. His forefathers were pioneers in

every sense. In addition to opening new frontiers, they fostered American folk music. Budd's great grandfather, Elijah Luce, was a crackerjack on the fiddle, and his grandfather, a member of the Class of '88, organized the first A&M songsters. Calling themselves the Aggie Wanderers, they were the forerunners of the present day Aggie Ramblers.

Like his grandpappies Buddy is an accomplished musician. He plays and sings with the Ramblers for many of the college dances.

Unlike his fathers, however, Buddy is a noted journalist. His works have met world-wide ac-claim and he has been mentioned for the Nobel Prize.

In short, Buddy is the excep-tion to the rule, "No Luce is good

#### Between the Bookends .

## "The Harder They Fall" Tells Story Behind the Fight Game

Two people must have been quite perturbed with Budd Schullberg after reading "The Harder They Fall," his book concerning the less attractive side of the fight game.

Primo Carner, Argentinan hyper-pituitary pugilist who became heavyweight champion of the world no doubt blushed considerably doubt blushed considerably main character-El Toro Molina, Argentinan giant who falls prexy to Nick Latka, the boxing emperor, and his press agent Eddie Lewis is none other than him-

And Uncle Mike Jacobs, Czar of the boxing kingdom, must have swallowed that one dollar eigar he is always pictured chewing when he noticed the similarity between Latka the East side hoodlum who mixed brutality and chicanery in-to a potion which made him boss of several rackets, namely boxing-and himself.

Schullberg probably intended Eddie Lewis, the press agent whose need for a buck squelched any compunctions he might have had towards making Molina the "fall guy", to be a facsimile of himfor he was at one time actually associated with the fight game as a reporter, press agent, and boon companion of the gladia-

tors themselves.
"The Harder They Fall", is as exciting as a championship fight, and worth more than a ringside

and should help to destroy any illusions anyone may have about the glory and glorious sport of

Budd Schullberg, "destroyer" of illusions, is at it again, this time

conquer the world by use of hook

none other than a woman.

By MACK NOLEN

road system so disillusioned him and frayed his psyche that he drowned himself rather than face the ordeal again.

There are three classes of railroad carriages in Europe (appropr.ately called first, second, and
third). In Italy the first class is
not unpleasant, the second is terribly crowded, the third class trayels in boxcars! In most places I
missed two trains and finished by
taking a bas

taking a bus.

Sunny Italy, I thought when packing my suitcase before starting the trip, will be the last place in the world I will need a raincoat, but I took it anyway. As things worked out, Sunny Italy was the only place I did need it.

With raincoat on, I left Milan after seeing (1) Leonardo Di Vinci's "Last Supper," (2) a mummified saint, and (3) "Aida" at La Scala Opera House, I'll remember "Aida" longest. I had more trouble with her than with Leonardo ble with her than with Leonardo or the mummy. I tried to get in without a coat and found that it can't be done. A kind-hearted hat-

didn't ride in a gondole! I believe I am one of the few visitors who didn't Instead of going around by gondola, the easy way, I walked. Venice boasts three hundred and sixty five briges across its canals, and I boast that I crossed every one at least twice hanting a hotel. The Venetians were in the big middle of their annua lregatta with a parade of gondolas on the Grand Canal when I got there, and hotel space was scarcer than in Jeru-salem two thousand years ago. For a while it looked as if I would have to sleep treading water.

Next after railroads, Italian currency is most impressive. It is a paper imitation of the Easter Island stone currency and quite as bulky. A thousand lire note is the size of a roll of wall paper and worth less. An extra suitcase is handier than a billfold in Italy.

My bicycle in Venice was about as much good to me as cuff-links to a T-shirt. Consequently, it got checked again. It's probably the most widely-traveled bike in Chris-

#### Think of This

"In your patience ye shall win "In your patience ye shall win your souls." Luke 21:19.

The tendency with most of us to get all out of patience with God and to feel that he needs us in the running of the world. The road to ideal life takes longer than we are proned to think. It takes time to bring worthy things to pass. God will need longer still to bring us to what he would have us to be. Be ye patient. (Read Col. 3:12-17) Be ye patient. (Read Col. 3:12-17)

Trampling Out the Vintage

# Bungling Burglars Lack In Brains But Lots of Brawn

By FRANK CUSHING
Four would-be safe crackers in Newark,
New Jersey, put on a good demonstration
of how not to commit a crime the other night.
About the only thing the boys didn't do was to warn the cops that they were off to pull

The amateurs started out with few tools and no skill. They believed that brute force would win out in the end and a minor thing

would win out in the end and a minor thing like brains was just so much dead weight.

The outside door of the place they were going to rob happened to be locked so that necessitated kicking the door down. The bungling burglars then proceeded to happily batter on the safe with no apparent effect.

Morning was drawing near so they conferred and decided to move the safe elsewhere for a more leisurely smashing. Two went out and stole a convenient car and then

went out and stole a convenient car and then they pushed and wheezed the 800-pound safe into the automobile. During the process one wheel came off the safe making it a bit more difficult to maneuver.

The car broke down within a block. Un-

daunted, the persevering lads borrowed another car and attempted to start the stalled car by pushing. Failing in this, they started to change the safe to the second car.

They made just too much noise for a sleeper in a neighboring house, and he called the police to complain of "some drunks"

raising cain. The cops arrived and caught two of the four. The two at large are pre-sumably brushing up on techniques of crime.

President Truman didn't know how lucky he was to schedule a train-stop in Temple, Texas. If the special hadn't paused there

Harry would have been a law breaker. In 1904 the people of Temple were in-formed that a presidential train bearing Teddy Roosevelt was going straight through with no stop. The city council promptly held a meeting and passed a law requiring all Presidential trains to halt for at least five minutes there.

The train came and was flagged down by the City Marshal who climbed aboard and served the engineer with the papers. Teddy made a brief address to the town

complimenting it upon its nerve.

Although the ordinance has not been needed since, it still hasn't been repealed.

The Pennsylvania Board of Pardons re-ceived a plea for commutation of a sentence that was at least unusual. The prisoner gave out no sob story; he just put forth facts. The letter said, "Frankly, gentlemen, I

am homesick. Give me a crack at the outside world and if I fail you, I'll be more sur-prised than anybody."

The younger generation turns up with some new twists ever so often. The latest original exploit occurred in Cincinnati Ohio Schoolboys there have organized a Black Gang and demand "protection" money from class mates.

One mother received a crudely written note ordering her to "give Billy 15 cents by Monday—or else." The "or else" worried the mother so she kept Billy at home and informed police of the threatening letter.

The boy stayed at home three days while the cops sleuthed. At last they discovered the note's author. Yup, it was Billy.

#### Letters

The normal time for planting

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in the fountain are all broken out tober. and the water is not even running. Italian Rye grass is a very hardy n the triangle there is not a blade of grass growing. The trophy case is not the only eyesore on the

Name Withheld by Request be green again.

#### Sun-Burned Lawn Gets Face Lifted

be replaced by a covering of American-grown Italian Rye grass—if MID-NITE SHOW EVERY SAT

Editor, The Battalion:

Many time I have walked by ready been planted and it is hoped. The green covering of grass a sorry condition it is in. The lights will be there by the end of Occinity the founts in the fou

plant, can withstand cold weather well, but dies out about the latter part of April or early May By that time the Bermuda grass will

Low places in the lawn were filled in with a soil mixture of sandy loam and compost. Before the lawn was seeded, the soil was well watered to furnish plenty of moisture for the seeds to sprout.

By R. C. HEATON

A "new look" for the lawn in acre. Annually, the college uses front of the Agricultural Engi- about 2,000 pounds of Italian Rya neering Building is in the offing grass seed for seeding lawns on The sun-burned Bermuda sod will various parts of the campus.

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in his vitriolic novel concerning the film industry, "What Makes Sammy Run?" The author once more draws from actual experience for his material, being associated at one time with the movies in ome capacity. Following the same style as he used in "The Harder They Fall,"

Schullberg tells his story in the first person. The "person" this time is Al Manheim, newspaper reporter turned script writer, Al, throughout the duration of the book, is concerned with one ques-tion: "What Makes Sammy Run?" Sammy Glick, a product of New York's East Side, was one of the copy boys for the paper Al used to work for. Denied those things which a teen-aged youth should normally have from life, Sammy becomes embittered and sets out to

or frook. "What Makes Sammy Run" deals with his ruthless rise to what every person considers success-money, cars, position, beautiful home, etc. -and of the people he exploited and stepped on, of the underhand-ed devices he used, and of his subsequent downfall at the hands of

# Mummies & Italian Drown Outs Add Spice to Reporter's Trip

(Batt Correspondent in France). Shelley was a suicide. The profs won't tell you this, but I'm sure it's true. The textbooks say he died accidentally in an Italian lake; however, I think the Italian rail-

My experiences with the Italian railroads were hardly less unnerving, but I have survived to tell

check man finally came through with his old, tattered, heirloom coat, and I entered looking like warmed over death to rub unequal elbows with the best Milan had to

offer. In Venice I set a precedent-I