

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

An Opportunity in Entertainment . . .

Monday the season's last formal sales program of Town Hall tickets began. Now is the time to take a closer look at this year's Town Hall program.

Never before has such an array of proven nationally famous performers been contracted to appear here. Previously a few standout artists have been supported by less published performers, some of which turned in hit "sleeper" programs. But at no time in the past has there been an early assurance of each program being an individual smash hit.

Here in our geographic position, well off the beaten theatre circuit, an opportunity to see and hear Spitalny, Templeton, The Don Cossacks, and Swarthout is not to be taken lightly. For the same price we pay for a season ticket here, we would be fortunate to get a third balcony seat on the Eastern Music Hall circuit.

With many of us this type music has never played a large part in our lives, principally because we haven't had the opportunity of being exposed to it. But it's value can't be overemphasized. In later

business contacts there is no better common field for ice breaking than a general knowledge of music and concert artists. And for sheer personal pleasure, music of this caliber has universal appeal, even if you were reared on a strict diet of hill-billy ballads. Good music needs only to be heard once to be appreciated, and this will be good music, in every sense of the word.

The Town Hall managerial staff and student Activities Office have literally out done themselves in effort and expense to bring these artists to us. The Spitalny orchestra alone costs \$3,500 for one appearance, and a solo artist of Miss Swarthout's position alone commands \$1850.

Many of us may never have the chance to see these people again. However we should do everything in our power to assure those following us an equal opportunity.

By our attendance and actions during the Town Hall concert series let's improve ourselves musically and encourage these stellar performers to make A&M an annual date.

Save That Two Cent Bottle! . . .

That coke machine in your dorm which takes all your nickels is your friend. For each case of cokes sold in your dormitory there is a profit of eighteen cents, or sixty percent of the profit from one case. From that sixty percent breakage, at the rate of two cents a bottle, is subtracted. So, when you hear someone breaking bottles, he is costing you money.

It's your money because the dollars that go into the outfit or dorm accounts can be better spent buying dorm athletic equipment, or records and magazines for the lounges. Out of the coke fund Puryear Hall has bought "T" shirts with Puryear across the front and back for the intramural teams.

Last year, \$10,000 was deposited in the coke accounts, and business is good this year. The money from last year is carried over into this year's accounts.

If your dorm or outfit wants to have a barbecue or picnic, the coke fund may

be tapped, but no beer can be tapped and paid for out of the coke fund.

It is the responsibility of the commanding officer or Senator in your dorm to determine in advance the legality of any questionable expenditure. He is the man to see when you have a suggestion on how to spend the money.

With the remaining forty percent of the profits, the Student Life Committee (who last year set the policy on coke machines and their profits) established a "general welfare fund in the Student Activities Office to be used for student welfare and recreation." In the past such things as travel of judging teams, club speakers, purchase of lounge furniture, military insignia for cadet helmets, purchase of miscellaneous items for use in the intramural program, and many other items have been financed through Student Activities with the "general welfare fund."

So, that coke machine is a pretty good friend of yours.

Peace In Our Time . . .

"Whether we look at India, China, Palestine, Korea, Greece or Germany, the stage seems set for bloodshed. For months we have been hovering on the brink of war. It may not come this year, but apparently it is coming as certainly as night." Thus spoke the Chancellor of Syracuse College in his welcoming address to the class of 1952.

Are these just the observations of a pessimist?

Or do those words have an essence of truth?

Look at today's newspaper, or listen to a news cast. The forces of war are feeding on the laxities of peace and are growing strong.

War in the near future is not just a

long shot chance but a definite possibility. It's something to ponder, it's something to fear.

Another war will catch many Aggies a second time; another war will take others into combat for their first time. Casualties will come back to fill our newspapers, and the glory of war will be a living hell for those at home, and for those fighting.

The way that the commentators talk and write about it is not a war that anyone else will fight but *you*. It gets to be a personal war in a fox hole or dogfighting with an enemy plane.

True, we are living in an era of peace, but that peace is like a rubber balloon that may blow up anytime, with a mushroom of smoke over an American city.

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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: I reside in Puryear and would like to know how long it will be before furniture will be placed in the student lounge here.

I had my girl here to visit last week-end and being anti-Jap, she refused to sit on the floor. Can you pull a few strings and get the furniture in the lounge? Sincerely, S. W.

Answer: Well, S. W., I don't like to brag, but I do throw quite a bit of weight around. I would help you get the equipment if I thought you needed it, but down deep in your heart, I don't think you want it. Governor Jester, when asked for a similar appropriation several months ago, said (and I paraphrase), "Anyone who wants furniture in a lounge is un-Texan. I should think he would prefer the wide open spaces, symbolic of this great state."

Dear Sir: I have it! I have an idea that will revolutionize the football sport, and more specifically, the cheering section at A&M. Why not have a THIRTEENTH MAN? This cheering section would be

made up solely of the faculty. I believe the idea, if presented properly, would catch on, and the thirteenth man could be as famous as the 12th man. The only trouble is that there is no one to act as cheer leader, and organize the profs.

What do you think of my idea, and what can be done about a leader? Sincerely, R. B.

Answer: The idea is swell, R. B., but I'm afraid that someone has beaten you to it. The Batt had the inspiration three weeks ago and began to organize the teachers. The first thing that was done was to circulate a petition for nomination of the cheerleaders. Nominations were taken, and an election was held.

Of the 492 votes cast, Al B. Nelson received 491. The only dissenting vote came from Ernest Langford, Langford, who heads the architect department, was afraid that success would go to Nelson's head and he would quit teaching.

As Langford put it, "Nelson has a history class in room 105 of the Academic building, at the same time I hold class in room 403. If it weren't for Nelson, my students couldn't stay awake. I'd hate to lose him."

Sneak Preview . . .

Murder by Phone Keynote In 'Sorry, Wrong Number'

By ANDY DAVIS
Sorry, Wrong Number. (Paranoiac) starring Barbara Stanwyck, Burt Lancaster and Ann Richards.

If you ever hear a murder being plotted over the phone, make sure it isn't your own. You never can tell who wants you out of the picture.

With this as a basis for "Sorry, Wrong Number" get ready for ninety minutes of suspenseful anticipation while watching a beautiful woman crumble as death awaits her.

Left alone in her mansion, Barbara Stanwyck, a neurotic helpess, is confronted with a strange situation. While trying to call her husband's office, the telephone operator gets her lines crossed (she needs glasses) and in doing so, Miss Stanwyck over hears the conversation of two men, who are plotting the death of some woman who is to take place that night.

Miss Stanwyck tries to report the incident to the police, but they pay no attention to her. Then a

series of events take place which finally convince her that the conversation she overheard, was the plotting of her own death, by her husband (Burt Lancaster).

Unable to move, she tries in vain to summon someone to her aid (she really keeps that phone hot), but finally gives up. Lancaster calls and warns her, she has only three minutes in which to live. He pleads with her to get out of bed, to crawl to the window and scream for help, but Miss Stanwyck is so terrified, she is unable to budge from the bed. The murderer's shadow is seen coming up the stairs and finally into her room and bedside, where the light of her life is slowly extinguished. The phone still ringing, is answered by the murderer, "Sorry, Wrong Number."

Barbara Stanwyck is tops in her performance, but who would not be after spending twelve days in bed filming one scene. The entire cast are excellent, with special mention going to Burt Lancaster, for a job well done.

Journalists Will Send Aggie News To Texas Papers

A "home town" news service is being provided for Texas newspapers by students in the new Texas A&M College journalism department.

Each week journalism students will send news about boys from their home area to their home town newspapers. A total of 135 papers are served in this way.

"This is an important part of our program of training students for work on the community papers of the state," Prof. Donald D. Burchard, journalism department head, says. "We feel that it is important for students to have something to write about as well as to understand the problems and techniques of newspaper work."

Thirteen fields of agriculture are represented by the students enrolled in journalism courses. In addition, all of the students take courses in business, science and sociology.

Built on a foundation of nearly 20 years instruction in agricultural journalism, the new department has a dual objective. It trains students for work on community newspapers of the state and for careers in agricultural and technical journalism.

190 Schools Make Army Honor List

More than 190 high schools in twenty-nine states and the Territory of Hawaii have been designated as "honor high schools" by the Department of the Army, according to a news release received from the Texas Military District.

Of this figure, twenty-six of the schools are located in Texas. These schools, each maintaining a junior unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, were reported by the Army area commanders as having attained exceptionally high standards of military training and discipline.

Think of This

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day." Ephes. 6-13.

It may be said with assurance that no one has ever lived among people without making friends. Some of your friends will incarnate God's armor. One is strong to speak a good word, another strong in faith and still another in doing the right thing at the right time. Associate yourself with these and acquire their good habits. As you gain in strength, you can more readily stand. (Read Rom. 8:28-39)

Medical History of Students Recommended By Committee Appointed to Inspect A&M Hospital

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

On March 12 of this year a committee of seven prominent Texas medical men inspected the College Hospital and subsequently presented their findings and recommendations in a formal report.

Members of the committee were Dr. E. W. Bertner, President of the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Dr. A. C. Scott of Scott and White Clinic at Temple, Dr. C. Leake, Vice-President and Dean of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.

Other members were Mr. Lawrence Payne, Administrator of the Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, and Drs. P. I. Nixon, San Antonio, A. Klefgen, Houston, and W. A. Hill, Houston.

The report, released this week through the President Bolton's office, praised the hospital facilities of the college and suggested that the medical fee (presently \$7.50 per school year) be raised to \$8.

Beginning with a survey of the whole community around the college, the forward sections of the report are devoted to an analysis of housing, health, population, and the large group of children in the vicinity "in the most susceptible age groups as regard childhood diseases."

Under "Population Trends" the committee points toward the

day when the veteran, his family, and their accompanying health problems will disappear from A&M.

However, the report continues, "There seems to be no doubt that as the veteran population drops during the next few years that they will be replaced in part by younger, more susceptible males from rural and semi-rural areas of the state."

Bryan, the report pointed out, is extremely short on hospital space. Only forty-eight beds are available in the two hospitals. With forty thousand people in this vicinity the facilities of Bryan are "impossibly meager."

Next, the report turns to the college hospital. Architecturally, it says the hospital is ideal. Southern exposure and the prevailing south winds give to the hospital a condition "particularly pleasing."

The hospital's greatest disadvantage "is (that it is) located at the north-west end of the campus proper, and on the opposite side of the academic structures from the area the bulk of students are housed."

"The tendency therefore is for the students to rise in the morning, and if not acutely ill, to attend one or more early classes while making his way across the campus to the hospital outpatient department. By such action

it is apparent that the hazard of exposure of others is increased enormously."

Concluding the report these salient recommendations are made: 1. That the college require a personal medical history as part of admission requirements, and as many physical and dental defects as possible be corrected before matriculation.

2. That the present faculty-student hospital council (Hospital Committee of the Student Senate) be continued.

3. That a program be undertaken in student and parent education as to the scope, value and limitations of the medical services furnished by the college.

Attached to the report was correspondence relative to the committee's investigation. Gilchrist requested the committee to act after the Board of Directors deemed that an investigation should be held.

The committee came on a warm Friday and was amazed that so few patients were in the hospital.

"It seems that everyone that can walk leaves over the week-end and almost empties the hospital," one doctor commented.

Dr. White, of the Scott and White Clinic at Temple, wrote "I have no hesitancy in saying that I was astonished that so much good medical care could be furnished for so small an expenditure on the part of the students. I feel that your medical administrator and the others responsible are to be congratulated on furnishing so much for so little to so many. Over the years they have certainly done a splendid job."

Dr. Chaucey Leake, Vice-President of the Texas University Medical Center in Galveston, expressed the feeling of the committee by writing "We are greatly impressed by the splendid service that is being rendered."

Letters

A FRIEND, INDEED!

Editor, The Battalion:

When your team played in Philadelphia against Villanova, I ushered at the game. I found a wallet which I estimated to contain several hundred dollars. Also the name of a "Mr. Francis."

I inquired through my section of the grandstand for "Mr. Francis," and upon meeting him I asked, "Did you lose anything?" He immediately felt his hip pocket and said, "My wallet." I handed him the same and he thanked me. About 5 minutes later, he came back and gave me a reward of two dollars.

I am now a senior at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia. I hope to enter Villanova. However, it is not too easy to get into Villanova and any recommendation helps.

If you or your "Mr. Francis" (with whom you may verify this story—I believe he is a student at Texas A&M) think I am deserving of a recommendation to Villanova, would you be so kind as to see to it that same is written? Very gratefully yours,

FRANK D. RAFFERTY
5940 Washington Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

TOO LATE!

Editor, The Battalion:

Due to the circumstances that prevail, I am requesting that the "Ugly Man" contest be extended at least a day or more longer.

The fact that someone has stolen all of the "Batts" out of dormitory five and cut the ballots out are what I consider very unfair to the contestants in the contest who were not responsible for the incident.

Your cooperation in helping to get this situation straightened out will be greatly acknowledged.

HUZZ PARKHILL, 10

Sheep and Goat Rascals Plan Meet

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, will be held here October 14, 15 and 16, Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton, president of the association, has announced.

Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, is general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the meeting.

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