

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## TCU Students and Followers, Welcome Aboard...

TCU students, we welcome you to our campus.

Its not just a halfhearted welcome that dies on our lips as soon as we have said it. We are sincere.

Last week about six hundred of us got a taste of what it means to be "kings for a day" on somebody else's campus. At LSU they went all out for us.

And now we have the opportunity to show the same spirit of hospitality and sportsmanship that we enjoyed last week.

However, this is not a welcome that springs solely from the motive of reciprocation.

Between TCU and A&M there is need of friendship and cooperation. Our relations during years past have been strained

## We Can Improve on The Past...

The Southwest Conference has some highly colorful past history.

Our wide open brand of football, rugged athletes, and showman minded bands and yell groups have made the SWC justifiably famous throughout the nation.

Our past in sportsmanship has been equally colorful, but in some cases hasn't been wholly desirable.

Because of the keen competition and "gunning for the top dog" that has branded the conference as one with few undefeated - untied teams, we sometimes forget ourselves and overdo the heat of competition angle.

The past is filled with campus painting raids, mascot stealings, bonfire burnings, and enough shaved heads to fill a score of billiard tables.

Spirited competition in itself is an excellent thing, but when it advances into the broken arm and property damage stage, then it is time to call a halt.

The most recent and noticeable strides in the sportsmanship field have been taken by the student leaders of each conference school, of which our own annual sportsmanship award is a major factor. Tomorrow representatives of the seven schools will draw plans for this year's basis of the award and discuss general sportsmanship plans.

Although these are tremendously important portions of the program and we pride ourselves on their development they

## A Fine Time for A Water Shortage...

Mayhem is likely to befall the Aggie yell leaders Saturday afternoon if College authorities do not take the necessary steps to have water in the fountain at Prexy's Triangle.

At present the fountain is as empty as the Maroon's victory column. But the way the gridmen wiped their cleats on the "Tiger Rag" causes us to contemplate the actions which follow an A&M win.

Our yell leaders are vigorous, spirited young men, but they might not enjoy the spectacle of being scraped off the bottom of the bone dry pond at Prexy's Triangle.

Undoubtedly the architect who designed Prexy's Fountain intended for water to be in the fountain. Everyone knows

ed by isolated incidents detestable to both student bodies.

Relations could be allowed to grow cumulatively worse, or our energies could be directed into channels of good will.

We prefer the latter course. Our Student Body, both through its leaders and through individual comments has expressed its endorsement of this policy of friendship and welcome.

Not only are you welcome for this weekend, but anytime you are on this campus.

And we want to feel the same at TCU.

One of our students who addressed your assembly this past Tuesday caught our feelings when he said,

"Regardless of what you think of us, we want to be your friends."

aren't the full story. While the student leaders are formulating the basic plans, it is our job to demonstrate the actual acts of genuine sportsmanship.

A letter now being circulated to the Organization Commanders and Housemasters from the Student Senate, offers a good thought for a beginning.

"It is suggested that you use your influence to bring about an active—rather than a passive—participation in the policy of welcoming football visitors to the A&M campus. Your men can do a lot of good by many small acts toward the visitors.

Such things as having your men invite visitors who are their old friends into the dorms possibly to spend the night, taking them into the chow hall, going out of your way to speak on the campus would help A&M win the Sportsmanship Trophy this year.

Also you might take them to class with you and show them what we have around Aggield. We are famous for the way we can make friends and get along with people."

To us this sounds like good logic. There is scarcely anything we would rather see than A&M winning its own Sportsmanship Award.

If it is done, we will be the direct cause of it. Let's get off to a flying start by making the TCU people genuinely feel at home on our campus over the weekend.

that any respectable fountain wouldn't be seen without water.

The hordes of visitors who will be on our campus this weekend will judge our school by its appearance, not by what the College publicity service has told them before they came here. College grounds will be much more impressive if a clean-up campaign is held and the extra things, such as having water at Prexy's Fountain are taken care of.

Only in this manner can we make a favorable impression on visitors to the A&M Campus.

Shouldn't we impress all the visitors before the game? After all, we don't expect to please a certain segment of them during that encounter.



## Sneak Preview . . .

### British Action, Blazing Color Offered in "The Smugglers"

By ANDY DAVIS

The Smugglers (Eagle Lion-Rank) starring Michael Redgrave, Joan Greenwood, and Richard Attenborough. (Guion) As most British films, "The Smugglers" goes to some length to achieve realism, and with the aid of a very capable cast and some excellent photography, they succeed.

The story begins with the torturing of a young lad (Attenborough) who refuses to relate certain information to the police. He tells in flashback all the blood-curdling incidents, of his flight from the smugglers, that led to his present whereabouts.

Forced to sail on a smuggling ship, the lad betrays its crew as well as its master (his guardian) after being lashed for a crime of which he was innocent. Redgrave escapes when the smugglers are ambushed by the

police, and although he is fond of the boy, he now believes him a coward, and hunts him down.

The boy seeks refuge in the cottage of Joan Greenwood, who urges him to give testimony against the smugglers in court. (Her father had been killed by the smugglers in the skirmish). The lad gives in, realizing it may be his doom, and testifies at the trial. Redgrave catches up with him but recognizes this as an act of courage, and doesn't revenge himself. Later Redgrave is captured, but even though the boy is tortured he refuses to identify him. At the end the lad goes free while his guardian faces the gallows.

This picture is well worth seeing, and should be enjoyed by all.



**Think of This**

"Let us go up at once, and possess it: for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers 13:30b.

Are you waiting until later to begin living the Christian life? Do you hope to devote more time to "the things you know to be right and worthwhile" after graduation? If so, you are just kidding yourself. A man does not become good after college if he has not tried to live his Christianity in college. The children of Israel delayed, and those who did so died without ever entering the promised land. Will you wait too long? Read Romans 8:32-39.

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## Trampling Out the Vintage

### Aggie Boots Still Rate Tops With Most Tessie Freshmen

By CHUCK MAISEL  
Catch this, all you booted ones. You are not forgotten at dear old Tesseland. An inquiring reporter of the Lass-O took a poll on what some of the girls would do if they were asked for a date by an Aggie Senior.

Pat Runyan of Austin Hall (room number 318, boys) perked up with the answer "I'd faint! I mean GOLLY! with those boots, what could I say? Anyway, who could refuse to date a nice Senior Aggie?"

Edna Pearl Chappell interrupted the reporter before the question was complete. "How long have I got to get dressed?" Carl Lohmberg hoarsely inquired if such a thing as a pre-med Aggie could be found. (Authors note: Speaking.)

Beverly Gadberry wouldn't consider a date with a senior, however. "I'd feel funny dating a senior—but do you know where I can find a good looking frosh or soph?" (Author's note II: Take it from me, there aren't such things.)

And Jacquie James had this to say about we wearers of the ring: "AGGIES! Oh, I love those boots! Be sure to say I live in Sayers 305."

Don't pack your bags yet. There is a devil in the midst of those angels. Joy Simp-

son had the gall to say, "I might go if he were really handsome and an honor student. I only go with honor students. Besides, I prefer Texas University."

I wonder if Tessies ever pull down outs. We've had a definition of a gentleman at Aggield for some time. At last, here's a man who can make the grade.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that Kathleen Winsor's novel "Forever Amber" is not obscene, indecent, or impure.

In giving the ruling, Judge Donahue reported he fell asleep while reading about Amber's love affairs.

See what I mean? A Los Angeles woman sued her spouse for divorce saying that hubby liked to impress friends by giving her expensive jewelry or an occasional \$1,000 check at dinner parties.

"What's cruel about that?" asked the court.

"As soon as our guests were gone," replied the woman, "my husband would take the jewelry back and destroy the checks."

Sounds like cuss, freshmen, sophomores and tactical officers.

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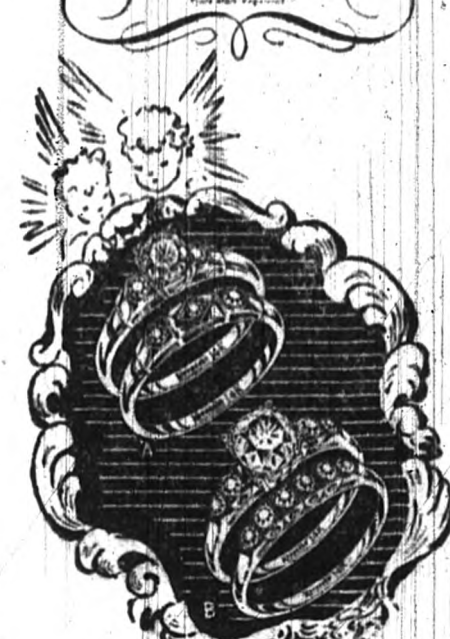
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