

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

A Study in Human Behavior . . .

Today our front page carried a summation of the accomplishments of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee, which met on our campus last week.

It was a group representative of all the seven conference schools. Each of these schools and individuals have gone to great length and effort to improve the sportsmanship condition in our conference.

To illustrate the opposite extremes of sportsmanship, we offer the following news service stories:

From Atlanta, Georgia:

"A 300-man battle royal among players and spectators was the big moment on Grant Field today as Georgia Tech defeated Auburn, 27-0. It was Tech's fourth straight football victory.

Game officials rushed into the melee of flying fists and feet late in the fourth quarter but could not even slow down the battle which gained in size by the moment."

And from Madison, Wisconsin:

"An investigation into what was termed a 'disgraceful' banner-waving incident at the Wisconsin-Yale football game Saturday was promised today as a Badger varsity back spoke up loudly in defense of his coach.

The banner, about ten feet long and inscribed "goodbye Harry" in large letters, appeared in the student section at Camp Randall Stadium as Yale was beating Wisconsin 17-7. It was aimed at Harry Stuhldreher, Wisconsin head coach and athletic director.

Fullback T. A. Cox, 27, of Texarkana, Tex., denounced the incident as a "sickening display of sportsmanship."

"The university is rapidly on the road to ruin," Cox declared in a statement.

How Misunderstood Can a Nation Be?

Our dear Russian brothers are grossly misunderstood—Vishinsky says so.

The Russians don't want war. They're peace-loving and brimming over with brotherly love. They try to be cooperative but we won't let them. When U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin rashly challenged the Russians with duplicity and with frightening the world with the battle cry "break and destroy," Vishinsky replied with the injured dignity of a true martyr.

Vishinsky complained that the western nations "believe that whatever we do, is wrong. . . and that the communists are yearning for cooperation." Warren ought

"Why? Because several of its students are making it that way. And it is being done through no real reason at all. It is getting to be known all over the country as a school with no sense of sportsmanship."

And now turn to a recent issue of the Daily Reveille, student newspaper of LSU. Over half of the entire issue was devoted to a description of the excellent relations between their own students and the visiting Aggies.

The front page lead story described a joint yell practice, and lauded the Aggie conduct and spirit.

A front page feature on two corps students was an apex in pro-Aggie propaganda. The sports page, society page, and editorial page had nothing but praise for our school and students.

To quote one news story, "The friendly spirit that has characterized LSU-A&M gatherings in the past was dominant. No friction between students of the two schools was reported."

We do not cite these examples with a smug-satisfaction because we were right and another group was wrong. It has been only too recent that the situation was reversed.

We use these illustration to show two conditions. They are black and white. The first is the bickering, brawling, unwholesome spirit that can only bring unpleasantness. The second is one of friendliness that establishes something fine and lasting.

In the final analysis we will determine the level of sportsmanship.

It will be those of us who fill the stands, round out the yell practices, and rub elbows with our fellow students from other schools. We, personally, will shape the impression.

What shall we be—large or small?

to be more careful! We don't want to hurt comrade Vishinsky's feelings. We should not be narrow minded and vindictical.

We ought to appreciate our Russian brothers good intentions. Vishinsky said that "if both sides try to understand the other side" we could live together in the same world. Sounds reasonable doesn't it, maybe our diplomats are too crude to understand the sensitive nature of the oriental Russian mind.

Secretary Marshall is an army man and can't be expected to understand the finer niceties of diplomacy.

been excluded from the policy under the revision. However, policy holders may restore such coverage on property in custody of laundries, cleaners, dyers, tailors and pressers to loss caused by robbery at their place of business." —The Associated Press.

Someone observed that they evidently aren't very familiar with our laundry or they wouldn't be so reckless!

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Between the Bookends . . .

Italian Prisoner of War Tells Harrowing Youth Experiences

By T. NANNEY
"THE SKY IS RED," by Giuseppe Berto, New Directions, 1948.

The Sky Is Red is a strange book. It is a war book that presents no battles, a sociological study that presents no theories, a prose poem that sings no song. It was written in a Texas prisoner of war camp by an Italian soldier, Giuseppe Berto. Berto taught himself to write and his lack of formal guidance reveals itself in his unsophisticated, unpolished prose.

His untutored pen tells a story of violence and degradation, of a patched up creaking civilization, of slow death and swift death, but it tells it with sympathy and understanding. It creates beauty where there is no beauty. The book is a simple story of civilians in the path of war.

These civilians are drawn primarily from a class that is called adolescent in America, but called adults in Italy. The inordinate burdens placed on Italian youth have forced mature responsibility when maturity of age was lacking.

Berto is successful in presenting a small segment of Italy's cursed and unfortunate youth. He shows us the energetic Tullio, leader of a Partisan band and his girl friend Carla who becomes a prostitute; he tells us of another pair, Daniele and Giulia, who lean on them for strength.

The struggle of these four with the problems of survival and with

the problems of their inherent morality is the main theme of the book.

Berto presents some very profound problems, but he can not answer them himself. He is too deeply involved with his characters to give them the objective treatment which they require. When he eventually overcomes this difficulty he will be able to write a truly great book . . . not until then.

New Directions is bringing out his second novel next year. I look forward to reading it and I think that you will too after you read "The Sky Is Red."

Think of This

Few of us pray as often as we should and many times our prayers are spoken in a way that is displeasing to God. Many of our prayers are from a selfish and greedy heart and seek for things that we do not need. When we pray, we should be unselfish as Jesus taught. When we let God have His way in our lives; then He will teach us to pray. (Read Luke 11:1-2).

... he was little of stature and he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him. . . Luke 19:3-4.

Dew is condensed water vapor, and there is always some vapor in the atmosphere.

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Letters To The Editor

REPLIES TO BOWERS
Editor, The Battalion:
As a member of the Executive Committee of the Student Senate, I wish to use your paper to reply to the charges made against that body by Charles Bowers in Monday's Batt. This answer is not necessarily intended for Bowers alone, but also the many students who have questioned the Committee's action regarding seating arrangements on Kyle Field.

The first accusation—that the group of only seven men had no right to decide the seating arrangements of 8,000—is a bit groundless. If Bowers and the others had bothered to glance over the Senate Constitution, they would find that power and like powers are delegated to the Executive Committee. Would they have the 8,000 decide the issue? I'm afraid that would prove impractical.

Then Bowers made some statements concerning the possibility of Corps underclassmen not moving out of the Senior section after picking up their dates. I noticed that Bowers is in the Class of '46, so it has probably been a long time since he was in the Corps. To refresh his memory somewhat, Corps "fish" and "wetheds" just don't take senior privileges. As for your fear, Bowers, that half of the student body went unrepresented at the meeting, the veterans on the Executive Committee agreed that the non-military occupied the choice section almost exclusively all last year. One of the vet members recalled that when vets were asked to move out of the section by Senior O.D.s on Corps days, they would pop back some remark like "Look, bub, I was on Okinawa" (Just for the record, I was across the pond, myself). The decision was unanimous. The chief reason for the action was that Corps dates often get lost in the shuffle and a centralized place was needed to keep them while the Cadets march in. I presume that the non-military students are proud of the Corps and want to see them continue to march.

If we undergo this extra effort to make our school look good, it stands to reason that we should have the assurance that our dates won't have to see the game minus our company.

However, the Executive Committee held an emergency session Saturday morning and voted to split the special section, the non-military to get the top half and Corps seniors the bottom half.

This action was taken for one reason only and that was because reports had reached us that some petty people were planning a demonstration at the TCU game which would reflect on A&M. No, they weren't going to start a fight with TCU, they were going to have it out with the Corps at the game. The vets and Corps at A&M have gotten along better than at any other campus. They have realized that their interests lie along different paths. Yes, Bowers, a Corps senior does work harder to get where he is than a vet senior. For that reason, most vets have been big enough not to cause trouble the FEW TIMES when corpsmen were rewarded for their extra effort.

CHUCK MAISEL '48

Editor, The Battalion:

We have a complaint!!! With frenzied haste and baited breath, we, the undersigned, raced downstairs Monday afternoon to the old Batt box, and with trembling fingers we grabbed up a Battalion and eagerly scanned the pages for the writup of the Artillery Ball. But alas and alack, it was not there.

"Western Style Ball Opens Fall Social Season." THESE were the words that flashed out at us from the first page of the Batt. At whose door may we lay the blame for this floatout to the Artillery Regiment? Had you FORGOTTEN the Artillery Ball?

We acknowledge the burden that rests upon the editors—but how

could an error of such magnitude go unnoticed?

GENHEIM BAKER, '50
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Campus

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Cary Grant
Myrna Loy
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THURSDAY
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ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL
JOHN WAYNE
RED RIVER

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SPECIAL PREVUE
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