

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Carrying It A Little Too Far . . .

There is an old saw that says, "Two wrongs don't make a right." Like most expressions, it has survived because it makes a lot of sense.

As an expression, it pretty well sums up the recent rifling and burning of records from the Campus Security Office.

From time to time we have criticized the local Security Office for its policies and methods. We were quick to say that some of the things they have done were unwise and improper.

Now we want to be equally prompt in saying that looting offices and burning records is not the way to correct the situation.

For all their mistakes and inefficiencies, the Campus Security Office has done a pretty decent job. On a campus overcrowded with automobiles and indifferent (sometimes even reckless) drivers rushing to classes through droves of pre-occupied students, our accident rate is unbelievably

## The State Of the Union . . .

Everybody expected President Truman to say what he did to the Eighty-first Congress.

He merely packaged everything he has been plugging over the past four years.

Before the assembled houses of Congress he presented the aggregate program of the Executive Department of the federal government and the campaign platform of the Democratic Party.

Harry Truman learned during his campaign what the larger part of the American people want from their federal government. Its not laissez faire government that the people who cared enough about their government to vote want, but a benefactor government that acts as a Great White Father giving to the masses better education, more housing, more adequate medical care, and more goods for the dollars they spend.

Its a government that will give to the farmer price supports, storage facilities for his bumper crops, and extended rural electrification.

Its a government that will give labor

## The Passing Parade . . .

This is the account of the early December meeting of the state model government.

The second annual session of the Hi-Y model legislature today tackled problems of financing and school support—just like the 51st regular legislature will in Jan.

The model legislature, a feature of the YMCA's "Youth in Government" program to teach youngsters how American Democracy works by letting them work it, is sponsored this year by Gov. Jester, Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, W. O. Reed, speaker of the House, and a committee of educators and state

officials. Their one-day reign was a little less colorful than the one put on by some Ohio kids recently. They took over the city government of a medium sized Ohio town and went about their duties so diligently that they had raided two gambling houses and were headed for the red light district when the embarrassed city fathers stepped in.

If our northern neighbors can spare them, we'd like to borrow that set of kids for a week or two. They might turn their attentions to our state roads and schools and give the tidelands a rest for awhile.

Whether laudable or not the change is being made through orderly Democratic processes, and the voting public feels that our present direction is toward a truer form of government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Its a government that will take money from higher income brackets and large corporation profits and plow it back into the economy through its broadened education, its expanded defense program, and its waste.

Indeed, the national concept of government today has become what the liberals a generation ago would have fearfully termed "socialist." The New Deal with its TVA, its AAA, its NRA are today mildly conservative measures which prepared substantially the national attitude toward a strong, centralized, powerful, federal government. The war years contributed even further to the nation's relaxation of power to the national government.

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A LADY, says the *San Antonio* (Tex.) *Express* "told members her agenda is heavy for the next three weeks."

A writer wants to know what could be better than a cold shower before breakfast. No cold shower before breakfast.

## The Battalion

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## Letters To The Editor

### PRO AND CON

Editor, The Battalion:

It's all very fine of the Batt to allow two senators to write the points for both sides of the Longhorn question. However, it seems to me that, if you're going to be fair, you should have made the "Con" senator stick his arguments closer to the truth instead of the pack of outright lies he came out with which were calculated to arouse the students emotionally against the change.

For instance, Con says that there is good reason to believe that TU will grab off the name. He cites as his proof that the Daily Texan carried an article about the proposed change before our own paper did.

It happens that the man who wrote the original Letter to the Editor in the Batt proposing the switch had mentioned his intentions to a home-town friend of his on the Texas staff and the latter wrote a story about it in the TU paper. This had no more significance than if some Sip had told a Batt staffer that he planned to write a letter to his paper about some change there and the Aggie had written a story about it. We certainly know that an article in the Batt doesn't show the sentiments of our school. No, Mr. Con, you don't have reason one to believe that TU wants the name, do you?

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BILL BLEKER

### PESTER THE SIPS?

Editor, The Battalion:

In the editorial opposed to changing the name of the Longhorn in Tuesday's Batt, the writer makes much of a point that wouldn't it be great fun to pester "Staunch Sippers" with the fact that way back at the beginning of the century we beat them out by twelve years with the name Longhorn?

Frankly, I don't believe we make or change things at A&M to bother sippers but to please Aggies, and despite what happened in our grandfather's time, Longhorn isn't as pleasing a name to Aggies as others could be.

He also cracked that Aggies don't care what outsiders think. The h-- we don't. We're interested in the people knowing and understanding the traditions and names in our school. If we didn't care what outsiders think the Corps wouldn't bother to march miles down various Texas main streets nor would there be any talk of sportsmanship, et cetera.

LYNDON M. CURRY

### IS LONGHORN SUITABLE?

Editor, The Battalion:

There has been much talk on the campus and in your paper about changing the name of the school annual. To my mind, the people on both sides have lost sight of the real issue. They clutter up their talk with a lot of blow about 45 years, what TU will think, how many ex-Aggies can be depended upon to turn in their graves, how the name started, and who got what before whom.

When the air is cleared from talk by a lot of people trying to appear wise, the question comes down to this: Is the Longhorn a suitable name for A&M and could there be a more suitable one?

I pride myself on being able to form my own opinion without worrying about what the boys from TU think and that opinion is yes, there is not only one but many names which would be more of a credit to A&M than the name of the TU football team.

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### NO LONGHORN IN THEIR

Editor, The Battalion:

We, the undersigned, are members of various athletic teams at Aggeland.

We wish to have it known—for what it is worth—that we are very much opposed to the name Longhorn being associated with any phase of student activities at A&M and favor changing the name of our annual to some title more representative of the school for which we play.

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- Kenneth Huddleston
- Guy Wallace
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- Robert Shaeffer
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- Bill McPherson
- Joseph Savarino
- Donald Harrell

## Oil Company Seeks College Students From Middle East

Nationals of the Middle East countries studying in US colleges are being sought by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey for possible employment in Standard's Middle East affiliates, W. R. Horsley, A&M's Placement Office director, announced today.

"We do not expect any jobs to materialize for another year—maybe two or three years—but we should like to take advantage of the opportunity while these men are in the United States to become acquainted with their qualifications and to discuss the possibility of employment," Standard's Overseas Personnel Office stated in a letter to Horsley.

## Think of This

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8

It is one thing to desire to be a witness for Christ and another thing to have the sort of power needed to fulfill that desire. The beautiful thing about the spoken spiritual word is that both the speaker and the listener can be ended with power. When this is true, the spoken word in witnessing and the kindly deed in action become forces laden with seething possibilities. We will do well to remember that God desires to fill us with this kind of power. Yes, God will give the power to witness for him and will also give the reward for having been a witness for him.

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# Gent Warns About Easter Bunny, Santa, Birds & Bees

The annual meeting of the Southern Psychiatric Association was held in Dallas recently. (For the purpose of this column recently may be defined as any period with in the past six months.) To the assembled, learned gentlemen a paper was presented on the dangers arising from parents telling convenient lies to their children.

Using the theme of fighting frankness with frankness, the featured psychiatrist warned that the youngsters could be permanently affected by parental untruths. He advised a tactful explanation to the wee ones when they brought up such pertinent points as, "Where did I come from?"

Not only the birds and bees were under fire. The speaker also blasted Santa Clause and the Easter Bunny. As a concrete example resulting from lies to the children, he told about one of his neurotic patients. That one, up until her 10th birthday, had run under the

somewhat erroneous impression that her parents had gotten her at the local grocery store as a premium with a pound of coffee. That's enough to make a person swear off the caffeine-laden beverage.

All a gent in San Pedro, California wanted to do was to make a simple right turn in his automobile. The comparatively easy maneuver became highly complicated before he had finished it however.

Starting out with a wide sweep to avoid the curb he rubbed his auto against the side of a police car. Unnerved he continued his movement and banged into a second police car.

Then his vehicle bounced into a third police car and darted across the street to finish up the mess by smashing into the private car of another policeman.

The combined officers escorted

the unhappy one into the presence of the police sergeant who had been sitting in his office, an interested spectator to the proceedings. The driver was placed in a ready cell under the charge of drunk while driving.

The height of something or other was reached in the Portland office of Western-Airlines. The cashiers there had found that old money in large quantities has an unpleasant odor. (That, I have yet to discover.)

To combat the offending smell perfumed devices were installed. Now the cashiers' cages are constantly sweet smelling.

Notes can be too darned helpful is the regretful decision of a Milwaukee housewife. As a New Year resolution she will no longer leave informative messages upon her front door.

The woman, off for a shopping tour, jotted a note to an expected insurance man and hung it upon the door. It said, "There will be no one at home until 3 p. m."

Upon returning she found that her note had been replaced by another one which informed her, "Sorry you were out." So was she; the house had been ransacked during her absence.

## Sneak Preview . . .

## Venus Comes to Life, And Walker Loves It in Local Film

By ANDY DAVIS

One Touch of Venus (U.I.) starring Ava Gardner, Robert Walker, Olga San Juan, Dick Haymes, and Eve Arden (Guion)

When a gorgeous hunk of marble turns into a gorgeous hunk of femininity, you can start looking for trouble. Robert Walker, a window trimmer, kisses a statue of Venus, and she comes to life in the form of Ava Gardner. Walker is accused by the store of stealing the priceless statue, and accused by his girl, Olga San Juan, of two timing her, but in between the two, he and Venus find time for relaxation.

Miss Gardner as the Goddess of Love, exposes all her hidden charms, including her vocals, the gal can sing too. With a top musical comedy plot, a name heavy cast, and Venuses' torso, its a joke son, the film will move at a fast pace.

Rogues' Regiment (U.I.) starring Dick Powell, Marta Toren, Vincent Price, and Stephen McNally. (Campus)

At the wars end, the Nuernburg trials were held, bringing justice to Hitler's henchmen, that is all except one man. Brunner remained with the Furber until the end, and then disappeared. Army Intelligence had only a posterior picture of him to go by, and a few scattered clues.

Enlisting in the French Foreign Legion, in Indo China, Powell begins the hazardous man hunt. He tracks down one of Brunners associates, but is beaten to the punch by Brunner. In fact Powell is discovered before he discovers Who's

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on first. He and Brunner finally slug it out, and you can figure out the rest. Someone meets his Waterloo dangling from a ropes end, and it isn't Powell.

Romance comes to the far east, in the form of Marta Toren, a french agent with a hungry voice. There is nothing spectacular about the film, but it is fair entertainment.

## Veterans Leaving School to Get 15 Day Leave; Wilkins

Veteran students who leave school at the end of this semester will receive 15 days leave unless they notify the Veterans Administration at least 20 days in advance that the leave is not desired, Taylor Wilkins veterans' adviser, announced Wednesday.

The 15 days leave will deduct 15 days from the student's time allotted under the Servicemen's Aid Law, Wilkins said.

Veterans who do not want the leave should report to the Veterans Advisor's Office, Room 104, Goodwin Hall, before January 10, Wilkins said.

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