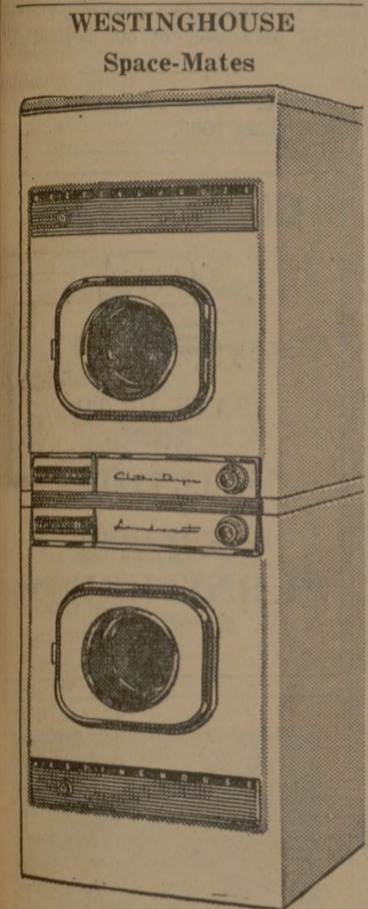


# Sully's Death Was Mourned Here 54 Years Ago Today

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of articles dealing with the third president of A&M, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, who brought



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A&M from a failing young college to a thriving institution for young Texans.)

It is Jan. 15, 1898. Everywhere on the campus, Aggies salute every half hour. A&M is in mourning at the death of its beloved president, Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

Ross, father of A&M's "golden age," died after serving as A&M president for only seven years, 1891-1898.

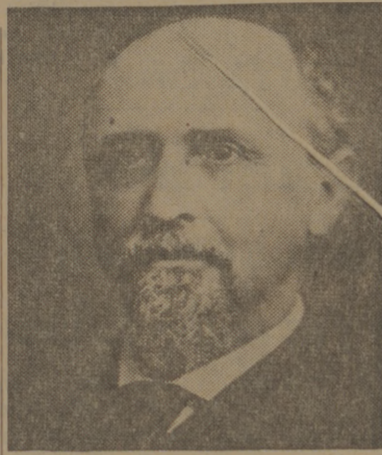
While he had been governor, Ross had noticed the dying indications of A&M and had agreed to take its presidency.

With the beginning of his administration, Ross limited the number of students to no more than the college could decently accommodate. His widespread admiration and respect soon prompted students to promise to quit hazing freshmen.

Ross held brilliant forms of entertainments for students in the new presidential residence which had been constructed for him. It is the same house which is still occupied by presidents and their families.

On Oct. 1, 1893, "The Battalion" proudly issued its first volume. This then small magazine appeared twice a month during the school year.

In the third year of Ross' administration, 1894, the first col-



Lawrence Sullivan Ross  
... father of 'golden age'

lege natatorium was built. The natatorium, to be used "in the use of necessary baths for students," was designed to avoid wasting money on luxury.

Also during his administration, the first college yearbook, called the "Olio," made its first appearance.

A story in the February issue of "The Battalion" in 1894, lists the additions to the school made during the early years of "the golden age."

Included was an electric-light plant "with a capacity of 750 lights, taking 50 volts to the light." An ice plant was constructed "with a capacity of two tons every 24 hours, to be used exclusively for benefit of the college."

A new steam laundry with a "capacity of 600 bundles a week, allowing 16 pieces to the bundle" and manned by student labor was constructed.

A significant outgrowth of the pride and good feeling existing at A&M during Ross' administration was the founding of the Alpha Phi fraternity in 1896. This was the forerunner to A&M's present Association of Former Students.

The following year, 1897, A&M got its first football coach and finished its season with losses in two of three attempts.

But just when the college seemed to be growing most in prestige and ability, its "golden age" founder became ill on a hunting trip on the Navasota River and died on Jan. 3, 1898.

## Purdue Prof Speaks Today During Series

Dr. R. L. Kohls, agricultural economist at Purdue University, will speak to the Agricultural Experiment Station staff, today at 3:30 p.m. in the Biological Science Lecture Room, Dr. W. F. Krueger, chairman of the Monthly Staff Conference Program Committee, announced yesterday.

Kohls will speak on "Integration, Automation and Quality Control in Agriculture." Krueger said the committee feels that the subject is a timely one and would be of interest to any college staff member or graduate student in agriculture.

Kohls is in charge of the studies on farmer purchasing motives and activities for Purdue.

There will also be a pre-conference coffee at 3:15 p.m. in the lecture room.

## THE BATTALION

# Lawyers Ask For Dismissal Of Dormitory Suit At U of T

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of Austin and Houston lawyers asked federal court yesterday to dismiss a suit aimed at full racial desegregation of University of Texas dormitories.

Atty. Gen. Will Wilson, who filed a similar motion last Saturday, presented the court a brief answering the original desegregation petition.

In a statement Saturday, Wilson criticized Thornton Hardie of El Paso, chairman of the University Board of Regents, for hiring private attorneys to represent the university in the suit. He said his department was legally obligated to handle the case.

The specially hired lawyers, Leon Jaworski, Houston; Edward Clark, Austin, and Franklin W.

Denius, Austin, asked the court to hear its motion at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 25.

Their 10-point petition said the three Negro students who brought the suit "have not alleged and cannot allege as a fact that student life in dormitories owned and operated by the University of Texas is a part of the educational process of the students attending the University of Texas."

The attorney general and the private lawyers both alleged that the students have not exhausted all the administrative remedies open to them. They contended the students had not appealed formally to the president, chancellor and regents of the university.

The suit was brought against university officials and regents by three Negro students, Leroy Sanders, Sherryl Griffin and Maudie Ates. They are represented by Sam Houston Clinton.

The private attorneys said depositions filed by the students "affirmatively show that there has been good faith compliance in desegregation with all deliberate speed at the University of Texas."

They said Sanders now lives in a dormitory open for use by both white and Negro students. Their petition alleges none of the students applied for a room in any

segregated dormitory.

The regents answered Wilson Saturday, saying they hired the private attorneys because the suit probably would run longer than Wilson's term as attorney general. Wilson is a candidate for governor.



**Why some college basketball players cheat!**  
Basketball fixes, says Kentucky's Coach Rupp, are the fault of a few bad eggs. But, according to a former NCAA president, athletes "have learned to be dishonest... from the very men who recruited them." In this week's Post, you'll read a hot debate between these two experts.

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research will center on chemistry and metabolism of fats and fatty acids.

The funds are a part of grants amounting to \$1,148,000 destined for Texas colleges and universities. Ten of the total number of grants are new and 23 are renewals.

Daniel R. Bullard, senior trustee of the Welch Foundation, said the organization has now approved more than \$6.6 million "to foster and encourage fundamental chemical research within the state of Texas."

Lester Settegast, general counsel for the Mound Company, said

the funds are an effective aid in promoting and maintaining the high quality of scientific research now being conducted by the foundation's grantees.

Other trustees of the foundation are W. T. Doherty, president of the Mound Company, and the late Jesse Andrews, Houston attorney who died less than a month ago.

The Welch Foundation was established in 1954 by the will of Robert Alonzo Welch of Houston, who died in 1952. Assets of the organization exceed \$50 million, and it now ranks as the 20th largest foundation in the United States, according to Dr. W. O. Milligan, research director for the foundation and a professor of chemistry at Rice University.

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All candidates are urged to check an official list which will be posted in the lobby of the Richard Coke Building verifying those who are clear for graduation January 29, 1952. A red dot at the left of the candidate's name will indicate he is clear academically only. This list will be posted Thursday, January 18, 1952 at 8 A. M. 5913

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