

SUMMER '96
Study Abroad in Italy



Informational Meetings
Oct. 31 (Tue) 4:45 p.m.
or
Nov. 1 (Wed) 5:00 p.m.
in
358 Bizzell Hall West

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Sully SIGHTINGS

A&M gains a ghost

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Halloween has lost some of its magic. These days, it's only about parties and cool costumes.

The loss of magic is a small price to pay for good parties, but that doesn't do the day justice. Halloween should be scary and filled with spooky stories.

Maybe we're too old to get scared anymore, but a story fell in my lap recently that certainly spooked me. The odd thing is that this ghost story was sent to me as an inspirational story, not as a ghost story at all.

K.G. lives in St. Croix and graduated from A&M this year. In his story, "How I Got Through College Using Someone Else's Head," he stands by the truth of his tale — literally.

"You will notice that the photo isn't some clever computer composite, but ... the real thing, as is the story — truth remains stranger than fiction," he said.

His story starts with his doubts about his future at A&M. One night, he was the last person to leave the library, but he couldn't go home. He sat on a bench amidst a very thick fog.

As he sat there questioning if he had the stamina to press on with his degree program, "an elderly gentleman in a long formal overcoat approached silently from

the mist and sat on the bench without speaking."

This gentleman had clothes "from a different era," but our hero barely noticed him until he spoke.

"I was startled when he said, 'Young man, I have come to offer you an unusual opportunity. I can guarantee that you will successfully complete your master's work if you will carry out one simple daily task in return for this favor.'

"The task is that each day, without fail until you have graduated, you must come to the center of the campus at sunrise and make an offering at the statue of Sullivan Ross.

"That ol' statue is real tired of those freshmen making dumb little offerings of pennies at its feet and rubbing all the polish off its boots, so put your head to work and come up with something a little more creative, or the deal is off."

K.G. was a little more than curious, especially since he had never seen the statue or heard of the man it honored. After a few hours of stumbling around in the fog, he found what he was looking for.

"There, frozen in bronze and glistening wet with evening dew, was the elderly gentleman who, only two hours before, had sat and spoken to me on the bench as a living, breathing, flesh-and-bone person. I couldn't believe it, but then I also couldn't disbelieve it."

K.G. decided to spend the rest of the night thinking of a creative pilgrimage that would satisfy his end of the bargain. He contemplated countless ideas, including



K.G., a 1995 graduate of A&M, demonstrates his daily ritual atop the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

a daily chicken offering. But he wasn't satisfied.

"How would I dispose of all those dead chickens, and how would my housemates take to a chicken-holding pen on the back steps of our apartment? There would just be too much explaining to do."

He thumbed through a magazine searching for ideas. Finally, he found inspiration in the magazine's pages — the hood ornament from a 1934 Rolls Royce coupe.

"The ornament's form was that of a graceful angel standing on one foot, wings and arms held back, leaning forward into the wind, and praying for speed."

Having found the proper metaphor for his dilemma, he perched on Sully's head to pray for his academic deliverance.

"As I mounted ol' Ross's head for the first time that morning, a

prayer — divinely inspired doubt — miraculously formed my lips, 'Oh Great Spirit, stand here on ol' Ross' head, stow deep sleep and sweet dreams upon our blessed members of the Corps of Cadets, them at rest in their beds, seech thee, for should this witness surely will I be dead.

K.G. went back every day around 4 a.m. to make his pilgrimage until he graduated. He says he was never spotted on his pilgrimage nor did he ever fail.

Whether we find this story to be a source of inspiration or complete farce, our Halloween story came with one statement we can all agree with — "Truth remains stranger than fiction."

Michael Landauer is a journalist.

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Dancer Registration meeting Tues., Oct. 31, at 5:15 p.m.
110/111 Koldus Building
For more info. call the Department of Student Activities at 845-1133.