



Newest building on the campus, Conner Hall is also the most attractive in the opinion of its first occupants. The 98-man dormitory has been in use since students began the moving-in procedure Sunday, February 2.

Incorporating the latest developments in design, structure and supervision, Conner contains 49 rooms, each equipped with a buzzer, night light, steam heat and ample accommodations for two men. To save Central at least a small portion of the worries inherent with the campus telephone system, the Conner number, as yet unlisted, is 584.

Pictures above portraying life in the new hall show: roommates Frank Stallings and Dick McCune, both freshmen from Pampa, unpacking the last suitcases; T. C. Brown and Bill Latson, freshmen from Amarillo, catching up in their studies, (or a reasonable facsimile thereof); and five Conner residents indulging in some kind of unnamed activity. Having no way of designating which type of activity, the staff finally concluded that the boys were just standing. Milton Morris is supervisor of Conner Hall.

HERE'S OFFICIAL ANSWER

To Much-Debated Gym Query

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Dah . . .

Fellow students, and faculty members, this is your campus commentator, Ikey Gillespie, bringing you the latest developments about the much looked-forward-to new gymnasium for West Texas.

**F-L-A-S-H!** Pres. J. A. Hill sees new gym started sometime in 1948 if present plans are fulfilled.

By present plans, I feel he means that even though it takes a constitutional amendment, WT will get its gym. It seems that all 14 of the state colleges have joined forces with a proposed amendment of 13 million dollars, which if passed next August, will be divided among the colleges according to enrollment.

WT's share would be approximately \$700,000, of which \$300,000 would go to the gymnasium. An additional \$100,000 through private contributions would be sufficient to see Dr. Hill's dream gym completed.

**F-L-A-S-H!** Pres. Hill sees West Texas as Basketball Capitol of the Southwest.

With the proposed seating capacity of the new gym at nearly 5,000 and the tournaments Dr. Hill plans for WT to sponsor, I see no reason why this dream could not be realized. Dr. Hill plans for the new gym to be the most modern and fully equipped of any gym in the state, with all types of athletics plus classroom for physical education classes and complete facilities for health examinations.

**F-L-A-S-H!** Pres. Hill denies any

such rumor as that of a private individual offering to build a gym for WT.

The rumor was that an individual offered to build a gymnasium for WT providing he could hold professional basketball tournaments in the gym when he wanted to.

Pres. Hill says no such proposition has ever been brought to his attention.

**F-L-A-S-H!** During the presidency of Dr. Hill, the legislature has appropriated \$20,000 for the West Texas athletic fund.

Twenty thousand dollars would be a precious small amount toward the athletic building on our campus. In 1924, Burton Gym alone cost more than that, not to mention two other gyms, two swimming pools, a (See "New Gym" on page two)

THE PRAIRIE

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Sponsors Plan Personality Vote

Tentative plans for the traditional election of the West Texas State Personality King and Queen were announced yesterday by J. T. Harp, business manager of Le Mirage.

The plan released by him calls for the primary nomination of a couple from each class. Presidents of the classes will call special meetings of their respective groups at

some time within the next week.

After freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors have named their choices to contend for the crowns, students will vote in an all college election to select winners from the eight candidates. If possible, the run-off will be held on the same ballot with that used in the forthcoming election to fill vacancies in the Student Senate and Student

Association leadership.

Besides coronation of the personality royalty, the Le Mirage Ball to be staged in Burton Gymnasium the evening of Friday, March 7, will feature presentation of the 12 top beauties chosen through an election last November and the connoisseur selection of Roy Rogers, official contest judge.

Yearbook editors obtained Rogers' services as part of the western motif emphasized in this year's edition of the annual.

Dates of the various elections and details of plans for the Le Mirage Ball will be published in The Prairie next week, but meanwhile students can check with the bulletin boards for time of class meetings.

Writers To Visit Campus March 1

High School Group Will Confer Here For Press Study

Young journalists of the area will convene in an all-day meeting here Saturday, March 1, when Cherry Anne Forrest of Hereford, presiding officer, directs the twelfth annual assembly of Panhandle High School Press Association.

Project of the journalism and publicity department of West Texas State College, PHSPA originated in 1934, but was canceled once during war years of gasoline and transportation scarcity. Miss Dorinda Bond, in charge of West Texas publications and news service, sponsors work of the Association.

After registration, which lasts from 9 until 10, representatives from member schools will attend the beginning business session in the auditorium of the Education Building. Featured speaker for the morning meeting will be Charley Guy of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and for the afternoon, Wesley Izzard of the Amarillo News-Globe.

**Good Crowd**

"Judging from the reservations we have received already, we can expect between two and three hundred students," estimates Miss Bond.

Plaques will be awarded to winners in seven writing divisions, features, news stories, editorials, advertising, sports column, sports story and general column. In addition, two schools will merit plaques for service given either by mimeographed or commercially printed newspapers.

Furnishing a short program for entertainment will be the Varsity Variety Show, directed by M. J. Newman. Special section meetings will attempt solution of the various problems encountered by staffs of high school newspapers and annuals.

**Plan Luncheon**

Demonstration High School journalist and sponsor, Mrs. Chas. Harter, will stage a noon meal for the group, and a light luncheon and fun session will be conducted in the student union, with Canyon High School students overseeing arrangements.

As the final item of business during the afternoon, PHSPA will elect officers for the coming year. Present officials include Merthadene Duesterhaus of Phillips, vice-president; Beverly Baker of Pampa, secretary; and Frances Gooch of Canyon, treasurer.

Mathis Returns To Snap Pictures Of New Students

New students of WT who wish to have their pictures in this year's Le Mirage can have their pictures taken February 13-15. Hugh Mathis, photographer, will be located in room 201 of the science building or at Autry Studio in Amarillo.

A fee of 50 cents will be charged for each picture made and will be collected at the time of the sitting. In addition to the picture fee, a space fee consisting of 75 cents for freshmen, 90 cents for sophomores and juniors, and \$1 for seniors and faculty members will be charged.

Space fees may be paid in the publications office, ground floor of the administration building. According to Le Mirage editors, Jack Armstrong and Norman Ely, the pictures of all persons, both students and teachers, who do not pay their space fees will not be printed.

Approximately one-third of the annual has been placed in the hands of the engravers while another third is scheduled to be delivered February 15.

Though formerly far behind schedule, Armstrong and Ely assert that the bulk of the work has been completed and that the next consignment of pictures will be on schedule.

There is still room for a few informal snapshots, according to the editors; pictures may be left in the Prairie Office anytime this week.

Swimmers May Use Pool Monday Afternoons

For any 40 college students who wish to attend, open plunge in the swimming pool located in the basement of the Administration Building is scheduled for an hour each Monday afternoon, from 4:30 to 5:30.

Walker To Take Male Lead In 'Soldier's Wife' Next Week

INTRODUCE INTIMATE THEATRE



Sharing the spotlight focused upon them by the speech department in anticipation of their presentation next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of "Soldier's Wife," the quintet of West Texas thespians pictured above were snapped in a pre-rehearsal pose. They are Bill Robinson and Jack Walker, standing, and Margaret Miller, Joy Cain and Shirley Byars, seated.

Deans Post Final Word On Registration Process

Registration for new students only on February 11. Students in school during the Fall Semester who did not finish pre-enrollment by the 31st as scheduled, should enroll on February 12. Enrollment will continue in Room 10 through the 12th. From the 12th to the 18th the Department Heads and advisors may be seen in the various offices. Freshman students will see Dean Knott or a member of the freshman committee in Room 114. February 18 is the last day to change programs and the last day that a new student may enroll for a full load.

Signed, D. A. Shirley, A. K. Knott.

Newman Cites 35 Extra Uniforms; Lists Spring Activities for Band

"Any person interested in becoming a member in the Buffalo Band should see me immediately," invited M. J. Newman, director, Saturday as he outlined the semester program of entertainment to be presented by his musicians.

"We have 65 members at present, but we have uniforms to suit out 100 people," Mr. Newman asserted.

"New members are needed and are welcome, especially clarinet and saxophone players," said Mr. Newman. "There are many students in school, former high school musicians, who feel they are not good enough to play in the college band. Those people should, at least try out and I am sure we can develop them into adequate players with a little time and practice."

**Sixty Bands Here**

In announcing spring plans for the band, Mr. Newman disclosed final schedule for the Panhandle High School Band Clinic to be held on the campus, Friday, February 28.

Sixty bands have been invited to this annual meet and from these musicians, a 90-piece all-star band will be selected to perform in an evening concert in the auditorium.

March 8, the Maroon and White musicians will be guests of the Borger Chamber of Commerce at the city's birthday 21st celebration. The band will march in the parade and play a concert in the afternoon while the West Texas Collegians will play for a dance that night.

**State Concerts**

Two spring concerts for campus presentation are now in planning and a concert in Amarillo is a

Five Will Give Subtle Comedy

Dramatists To Stage Show at Cousins Three Evenings

Wednesday evening, one week from tomorrow, exactly a year after his own return home, February 19, 1946, Jack Walker will celebrate the anniversary by acting the lead part in a play depicting a similar situation—"Soldier's Wife," story of the domestic rehabilitation of a young war veteran.

Jack, whose real wife is the former Martha Jo Newlin of Canyon, will play opposite Joy Cain as stage wife in Rose Franken's sophisticated three-act comedy. All members of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity, the cast includes five advanced speech majors.

Bill Robinson, as a newspaper columnist, Margaret Miller as the mannish, independent Peter Gray, and Shirley Byars, as the sister of a wife turned career woman, complete the company.

"For those who welcome the opportunity to dress up, we have decided to make the opening night a formal long-dress occasion," announces W. A. Moore, director, but the other two productions on the following evenings, Thursday and Friday, will be semi-formal."

**Broadway Performance**

Classed as one of the ten best plays of 1945, "Soldier's Wife," given on Broadway and written by the author of the famed David and Claudia series, is a sparklingly modern drama, so new it was difficult to obtain right of production here.

Limited to an audience capacity of 100, the play will be given in the ballroom at Cousins Hall, in the intimate theatre fashion. This, explains Mr. Moore, implies that the spectator will feel as though he is observing the living-room of the play family, and must imagine much of the usual stage scenery.

Curtain-time has been announced at 8:15, and admission prices at 60 cents per person.

**Precedent in Method**

Actually an outgrowth of the play production class study of Stanislavsky and the Moscow theatre methods whereby each character interprets his lines and stage business according to the way he understands his role, "Soldier's Wife" is under the direction of the Hanna twins, Mary and Martha.

"Because each actor does just what he thinks is best, rehearsals take extra time," they comment. "The directors never really direct; they merely explain the story and circumstances."

On the various committees comprising the behind-the-scenes staff are: Phillis Perkins, Kathryn Brooks, Jody Marsh, Norma Coker, June Brown, setting; Kay Collard, Charles Murphy, Marjetta Miller, Bob Caldwell, properties.

Charles Owens, Bill Hutchinson, lighting; Sue Shetty, programs; Gene Adams, business manager; Avenet Lair, Mary Frances Colwell, Ruth Anne Blessen, Doris Jean Veatch, Betty Yearwood, hospitality; Wayne Thomas, Jo Maple, publicity; Peggy Frost, costumes; and Beth Daniel, stage manager.

**To Check Grades, First Eliminate Overdue Payments**

Not until they clear their records with the business office, library and book store can students learn final results from last semester's bout with scholasticism and grade averages.

Although brown books are ready today, the registrar's office will withhold them from students whose names are on the "stop" order.

All texts used during the first in to the book store in the basement of the term must be checked ment of the Administration Building before new texts can be issued. Library fines and any other payments should be made to facilitate completion of grade reports.



OFFICIAL STAND-IN-THE-CORNER INJUNCTION

All right, so it's a trite expression.

Admittedly, the term has been both overworked and overemphasized—

But that it necessarily be overruled as well is not logical, even at West Texas State College.

For although "good sportsmanship" may be a phrase outdated, it need not be discarded. Possibly, a few of the idealistic standards once drilled during the grade-school period might actually become the semblance of something new in higher education. Perhaps a course should be innovated to review earlier-learned differences between loyalty and misguided enthusiasm: Common Sense 101, this elementary class could be christened.

Of course, the eventual goal of foregoing moralizing centers around spectator reaction to basketball games at Burton Gymnasium. The Dodger fans of Brooklyn have nothing on us. As a matter of fact, their mild "Moider the Bum" is but a whisper in comparison with the varied and vociferous epithets WT rooters hurl toward the Buffs' opponents.

To say that the current trend of jeering is unfair would be an understatement—probably a more appropriate description for the chaos of taunts and boos would be a label called "egregiously moronic juvenility." Rather strong name-calling? Well, perhaps; not nearly so disgusting, however, as hearing supposedly intelligent and mentally balanced collegians deride opposing players because of racial or other physical characteristics.

Once, just once, (and the next home game would furnish excellent opportunity), why don't we cheer for our quintet, wholeheartedly, without wasting time yelling against everyone else. That is not sissy stuff, either; taking the positive viewpoint rather than the negative is just sound reasoning.

Because if good sportsmanship is trite everywhere else, it certainly is not during the typical tilt in the Gym. Here it would be the essence of originality, the dawn of things yet unknown.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Subtle stories with allegorical double-talk seem to go unheeded today in this age of literal thinking.

Likewise fables,

And gentle proddings,

And hints,

And even jokes.

We know, because we have tried any and all methods.

Consequently, now that we are a staff, we have determined to put away the more classic forms of preaching and resort to truth, bitter as will be the fall to journalistic imagination.

Clothed in plain language, the truth is this: fault-finding is becoming, quite rapidly, not so much a chronic and pleasant hobby as a full-time occupation. Perpetual complaining stems not so much from offer of something better as from discontent with the status quo. Discontent, some much wiser philosopher has said, is a step-child of idleness.

So far, so good—but. There is a little more to the idea. In the first place, we are 101 per cent for student opinion, just as we believe in the value of student criticism. This is, after all, a student publication, and we have done all in our power to maintain it in that name.

Criticism, however, must be built on more than prejudice or politics or narrow viewpoints. To offer that of the conservative category, one must look into matters with other evidence than is forthcoming from Roommate or the fellow across the aisle at Bob's.

Considered in terms of long-run possibilities, there are matters more important than What's-Wrong with Everyone and Everything-Else Especially-Faculty-Administration-Dormitories-Campus - Meals - Classes Athletics-Other Social Cliques-Publications-Student Government-and West Texas State College.

That is, there are more important topics unless the critic himself knows the full story and feels that he can do a better job in a more efficient manner. In that case, he has every right in the world to censure—and to substitute his method.

This is a new semester.

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New Gym

(Continued from page one)

football stadium and several tennis courts.

Most of these were paid for through donations by private citizens, faculty members and students, that is with the exception of the swimming pool south of Buffalo Courts. Whether we knew it or not, the students are paying for that one through the gate receipts and \$2.50 per semester from our enrollment fees.

Each year athletic activities cost thousands more than they take in but without them Dr. Hill figures the loss of enrollment would more than equalize the athletic loss.

F-L-A-S-H! WT is the only school in Texas that has three gyms and two swimming pools.

Furthermore it seems to me that Dr. Hill plans to lead the other schools in the number of tennis courts in the near future. He plans six to eight additions to the ones at the present site, one at Randall, one at Conner, and one at Stafford.

That about winds things up for now so this is station WTS signing off with this reminder. . .

"Right now our gym may seem far in the future, but dim fires, if fanned, make burning flames."

I Read It Last Night

By Jack Armstrong

The Razor's Edge, Somerset Maugham

After seeing the picture show, I cannot help commenting on the novel, for the screen treatment of "The Razor's Edge" is the most honest treatment that any book has received at the hands of the Hollywood mangers in years. No portion of the power that the book has or the story that the book tells is lost in the screen presentation.

The narrative is of a young World War I veteran and his search for the one thing that so many seek yet which so few find: inner peace. The veteran, Larry, a bitter young man, rejects opportunities for wealth and love in his search for the answer to questions which haunt him and permit him no peace.

Forsaking the woman he loved, the young man spent years in search of a philosophy, finding it at last within himself. Tyrone Power's portrayal of the cynical youth is deeply stirring.

Maugham has a rare talent for creating characters of violently contrasting personalities. Against the ponderous background of his novel, he paints a picture of human frivolity that is unique in its singularity of effect. Poppish, effeminate Elliot Templeton wanders through the pages of the book as a symbol of all that is futile and pointless in human behavior.

Gene Tierney, as the frustrated female whose love was refused by Larry, gives a very convincing performance in the screenplay. The slight difference between love and hate is made realistically clear by the actions of the woman who has so loved Larry that she is willing to kill to possess him.

The story, shortened a bit for the screen, is essentially the same as the story in the book. Bothersome details are omitted and a great deal of the unnecessary dialog is left out.

Both the book and the screenplay stress the development of a set of artificial values among the wealthy postwar set and the inability of these people to apply their set of values to the events which followed the stock market crash of the late twenties.

Socially Scheduled

Tuesday, February 11 — Open House, Cousins Hall, 8-10:15.

Wednesday, February 12—Demonstration High School Seniors, Cousins Hall, 7:30-10, by invitation.

Thursday, February 13—Tri Tau Dinner, Methodist Church, 6:30, by invitation.

Friday, February 14—Kappa Tau Phi Annual Sweetheart Dance, Cousins Hall, 8-11.

Saturday, February 15 — College Dance, Cousins Hall, 8-11:30.

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Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely

Anyone who thinks that the world has gone completely sour and that society has become a highly organized, unbeatable racket would get quite a lift out of reading a weekly pamphlet published in Austin and called "The Texas Spectator."

With refreshing invective, this self-styled liberal newspaper charges bullishly into the ancient corals of Texas prejudices and traditions, doing its darndest to curdle the milk of the sacred cows within.

The publishers probably would be sued every week were it not obvious that they operate on a shoestring. In a recent issue, they went so far as to run a full page ad soliciting funds from the "rich, old, and feeble" whom "morticians eye as a schoolboy eyes his first love in the spring."

I wonder how many people passed their exams purely on the strength of the advice broadcast by the B. S. U. poster which appeared in the hall last week. High pressure advertising seems to have unlimited possibilities.

Amarillo's champion booster and newspaper columnist came up with a weird theory about dust storms after our latest bout with the elements. He seems to think that our dust is charged with health giving agents which kill colds, build children's bones, and enable the sick to get up and walk.

It's nice to find something worthwhile in an unavoidable evil, of course, but Mr. Taek's remarks about the general improvements in the humor and health of Plains residents after a dust storm are reminiscent of a cartoon which shows a man hitting himself on the head with a hammer. The man explains, "It feels so good when I stop."

Bill and Josephine Dawes of Big Spring have just welcomed their third son. Mr. Dawes, who is connected with radio, was a Music major of the class of '31, and Mrs. Dawes was the former Josephine Duflot, music major of the class of '28.

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Library Acquires Books from Holland

Gifts from the Netherlands Information Bureau, "Three Witnesses" and "Harvest of the Lowlands" have been presented to the library, discloses Miss Linnie Babst, librarian.

The first, written by Sjoerd Leiker, "is a psychological novel of subtlety and accumulative suspense, whose power derives from the author's skill in the use of understatement and objective detail. The character is presented through the evidence of "Three Witnesses," whose lives are violently shaped by the fascination he exerts and the dominion he imposes upon them."

"Harvest of the Lowlands" is a selection representative of the writers from 1880 to the present day. "In these stories and essays may be found reflections of every artistic trend of the period—naturalism, impressionism, realism—yet always with the flavor and color of the Netherlands."

John F. Randolph, Mathematics graduate of WT and now professor of mathematics at Oberlin College, Ohio, is one of the authors of a new analytic geometry and calculus book.

Miss Edna Graham, of the Mathematics Department, has just received a copy of the book with this inscription, "To Miss Graham, a most inspiring teacher, from one of her former students."

Harold R. Barnett, M. A. '46 and now Superintendent of Schools at Hamlin, Kansas, was a business visitor on the campus February 1.

Excepts for Exes

Alvin Redden, Art major of the class of 1940, is working on his master's degree in Art at the University of Colorado. He reports that he has been learning to ski and is enjoying it, and that his art work is very satisfactory.

Recently a member of the class of 1940, who is now living in a eastern city, wrote one of her instructors as follows: "As I write, I am listening to the Saturday afternoon opera, a custom to which you introduced me long ago. As a matter of fact, you were responsible for my first real interest in most things I enjoy today—art, music, and increased discrimination in reading. I believe I even felt my first great desire for good silver, china, linens, etc., when you showed me some of your things. . . I often wonder what kind of a person I would have been without the benefit of your influence. I owe you a great deal and I am grateful for it."

The writer was a student prominent in campus and church activities.

President Floyd Golden of Eastern New Mexico State College and member of the class of 1925, WT, was among the representatives of colleges of seven states invited to attend a meeting of the Federal

Housing authority at Fort Worth last week.

Jim Metcalf and his wife, Eva, both of whom are graduates of WT and their son visited the campus last week in a search for a teacher for the River Road school near Amarillo.

Robert George Holston is a new grandchild of WT. His grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Foster, his mother the former Robbie Foster and his father, Jimmy Holston, are all exes of WT.

Evelyn Jean McCarty of the class of '45 is now living in Washington, D. C. and is spending much of her time writing.

Ulane Zeeck now lives in Washington, D. C. where her position requires that she cover congressional committee hearings and then prepare the summaries which are distributed to members of Congress. She finds the work hard and fascinating. She is called a press reporter for The Library of Congress and for Congress.

Lydia Whitaker, who is now teaching commercial subjects at Elida, New Mexico, has added another A to her record through correspondence work from WT.

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# Buffalo Bill-ings - -

By Vaughn Vandergriff

Greetings to Clark Jarnigan! May your work here be both pleasurable and profitable. You are welcome!

Along with the high winds and sand which usually arrive about this time each year, a new sport has also arrived on the campus of West Texas State. The sport is track—it isn't new in the exact sense of that word but it is new in the sense that the athletes move again into the open after a long seige of indoor sports, namely basketball.

A number of compliments, farewells and encouragements need to be handed out this week.

First—a deserving note to Duane Byars who made the all-opponent football team picked by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys. He played for only one quarter in that game but gave out with enough spirit and brawn to warrant their utmost attentions. Congratulations!

Second—a sad farewell to Deac Johnson who is leaving the basketball squad and the campus to accept a position with a Plainview business firm. Deac, a veteran of the Burton hardwood for four years, can undoubtedly be placed in the same class as other Buffalo greats. His sportsmanship, his personality, his colorful play and his point-getting ability will be long remembered in the annals of West Texas State athletics. We hate to see you go, Deac!

Third—a note of encouragement and good luck to Willis Hawkins and Kenneth Jones who left this morning for Fort Worth to represent this district and this school in the State Golden Gloves tournament beginning tomorrow night. To both of you we wish a happy journey and lucky slugging!

A story is printed on page 1 concerning the gymnasium situation. Thanks to Ikey Gillespie for obtaining the information from President Hill.

The plan as outlined by President Hill sounds mighty good—in fact maybe too good. Nevertheless it is a start. My only hope is that it will be up in at least two years—not ten years as some of the present building projects has taken for completion.

Here is a letter this department received concerning the gym. It is reprinted below:

Dear Editor,

I suppose that much has been said and written about the dire need of a new gymnasium at West Texas State College but I don't think that too much has been offered in the way of helpful suggestions as to raising the necessary funds.

This year's schedule should be a fair example of games that are played annually at Burton Gym. The ten games offered are with Texas Wesleyan (two games), Flagstaff, Tempe, Hardin - Simmons, Texas Tech, Texas Mines, Arizona U., New Mexico A&M, and New Mexico U. This is a pretty fair exhibition of the teams in this area and none of these teams are so weak as to give a poor exhibition of basketball from the fans' standpoint. In addition to games of this calibre in the future with a decent gym I see no reason why outstanding teams of the East, South, North, and West couldn't be invited to play here on their way to and from playing other inter-sectional games.

To thoroughly cover the subject of a new house for the "Tall Tex-

ans" in the future one must consider cost, location, size, and how it could be promoted and paid for. Since many things worthwhile in the past have, almost without fail, been brought about by public contribution, I would propose that John Q. Public be excluded from this as far as bearing the expense is concerned. I do believe that public purchase of bonds would be necessary but they would have a maturity value and would be redeemed as rapidly as possible.

If West Texas State had a gym that would hold 6,000 people I don't profess to think that it would be filled every time that a home game was provided, but I do think that for 10 attractive home games a year it would average 4,000 paying customers. This figure could be exaggerated some what, it's just a guess and that's all we have to go on. However, if it is exaggerated an allowance should be made for such. 4,000 paying customers at \$1 a head minus federal tax would run \$3,000 a game which, when multiplied by the ten games would be \$32,000 a year. A certain sum, say 60 per cent, should be set aside to redeem bonds levied to construct the gym, and the other 40 per cent could be used to realize profit, and also to pay for the maintenance.

Many influential men in Canyon, Amarillo, and the Panhandle in general would be concerned enough to help promote this affair. Pres. Hill of West Texas State has raised almost enough to build a \$50,000 chapel for the college and the Panhandle and he certainly should be able to help with this.

Aside from the benefits derived from varsity basketball, intramural athletics at the school would finally have an adequate building in which to conduct their activities. Physical education could be conducted on a satisfactory basis for a change.

Everyone knows that all schools all over the United States are going into serious competition with each other. I know also that this money could be used for library, or other necessary buildings. My only answer to this is that in most of the prosperous schools of America the athletic system has contributed richly to the academic need. West Texas State need be no exception.

Hank Decker.

Has everyone in school seen all the trophies belonging to West Texas State? I suppose not, but do you know why they haven't?

It is because we have no suitable trophy case in which to display them. Why haven't we?

If a West Texas team is good enough and puts out the necessary skill and effort to win medals and honors, then the school should surely be willing and able to have a place for them to be displayed.

Over in the athletic office there are dozens of trophies on top of tables and shelves. I am sure that the athletic department is not so selfish as to want to keep them hidden from the public eye. After all they should be proud of them.

I do not imagine it is the athletic department's desire to keep them there, but yet what can they do with them. They can't place them out on the ground or on the floor in the Administration hall.

We need a trophy case! Why haven't we had one before this time? When are we going to get one?

## Bufs Trounce Two Opponents

Abilene Cowboys Beat Buffaloes in 52-50 Upset Friday Night

During the past week the West Texas Buffaloes emerged victorious in two basketball tilts only to succumb to Hardin-Simmons Friday night in a shocking 52-50 upset game played in Abilene.

Monday night the tall Texans took on the powerful Texas Tech Red Raiders in the 55th renewal of basketball rivalry between the two schools and proceeded to whack out a 41-36 victory.

An overflow crowd saw Metz LaFollette star for the Maroon and White by holding sharpshooting Garland Head of Tech to one point while he collected scoring honors for the local crew with 11 tallies. Texas Tech made a gallant fight of it the entire game and at one point midway in the third period they led by two points.

Fresh on the heels of the Tech triumph, the Buffaloes entertained the Texas Mines quintet in Burton Gym Thursday night and likewise drubbed them 62-38 in a conference game.

Speed was the theme of the encounter with Santos Perez and Mike Izquierdo leading the Miner attack with nine points while reserve forward Bill Miller bagged 14 tallies for the Miller men. Highlight of the game was the rejuvenated play of J. W. Malone who brought the crowd to their feet by sinking several long left-handed shots for which he is famous. J. W. has apparently been in a scoring slump, but his performance of that night brought hope to the fans that he had found his shooting-eye again.

Friday night the tree-top cagers traveled to Abilene where they collided with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys in a game which everyone had hoped to be a set-up for the Buffaloes. After leading throughout the clash, the Buffaloes were tied in the last 40 seconds by Wayne Prescott's two free throws and seconds later Jack Martin bagged a two-pointer for the Cowboys. After this goal the Buffaloes did not have time to get the ball back down in a scoring position.

Out of 60 ballgames between the

## Two Boxers Leave Today

Willis Hawkins and Kenneth Jones, recent winners in the Amarillo district Golden Gloves meet and representing the middleweight and heavyweight divisions respectively, left this morning for Fort Worth where they will compete in the state tournament.

Hawkins, diminutive slugger, won his weight in Amarillo by taking three boxers into camp including Ed Gill, fiery Helium City fighter.

Jones won his championship in the finals via a forfeit after he soundly whipped veteran Tommy Parks in an earlier match.

The state meet, to be held in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, opens with weighing in Wednesday morning. Shortly afterward pairings will be made for the five night boxing show which runs from Wednesday through Monday.

## Bill Hamm

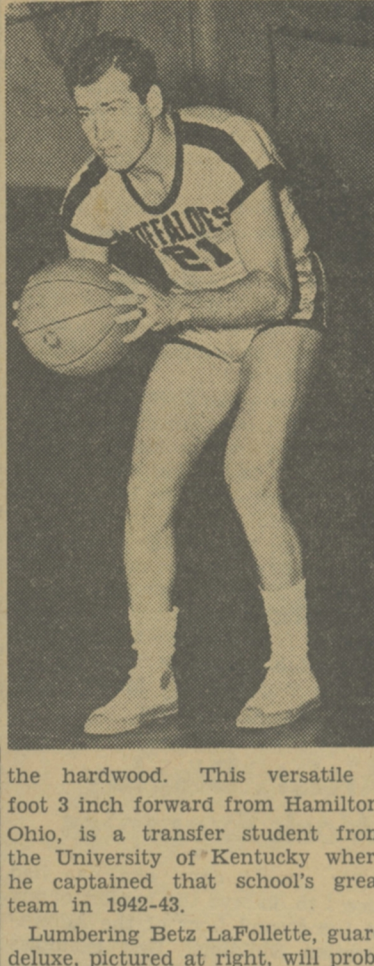


Bill Hamm, pictured at left, playing his first year for the New Mexico Aggies, is a constant threat on

the hardwood. This versatile 6 foot 3 inch forward from Hamilton, Ohio, is a transfer student from the University of Kentucky where he captained that school's great team in 1942-43.

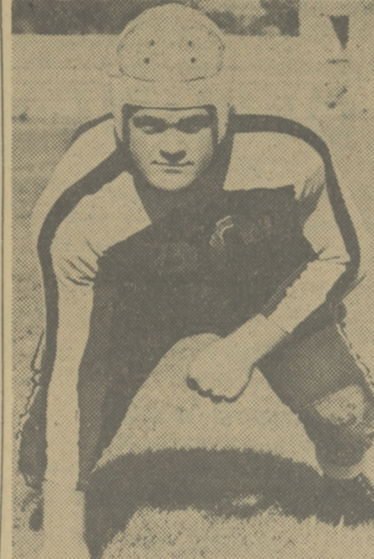
Lumbering Betz LaFollette, guard deluxe, pictured at right, will probably get the nod to ward off the scoring blows of this Aggie star when they clash in Las Cruces Thursday night.

## LaFollette



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## Honored



Special recognition honoring Duane Byars, right tackle of the 1946 Buffalo football team, has just been announced.

Duane, 6 foot 1 inch, 213 pound sophomore from Lockney, was the only West Texas gridster to make the all-opponent team of any foe the past season and he did it the hard way by being placed on the all-star team selected by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys.

In the Hardin-Simmons clash, which the Cowboys won 28-7, Duane only played the last quarter but in that time he repeatedly broke through the Abilene defense to dump ball carriers. This was especially true each time Little Doc Mobley tried to pierce the Maroon and White line.

Duane served in the Army and spent 12 months overseas in the European theater. He has two more years of eligibility left and great things are expected of him on the 1947 eleven.

## Basketeers Depart on Long Road Trip To Three Schools

Texas Mines, Aggies, New Mexico Hosts To Traveling Cagers

Fresh on the heels of a stunning 52-50 upset at the hands of Hardin-Simmons, the West Texas State Buffalo basketball squad left yesterday on a road-trip which will lead into the home grounds of Texas Mines Wednesday night, New Mexico Aggies Thursday night, and a trip finale with New Mexico University in Albuquerque on Friday night.

Plenty of excitement and a fast game are assured El Paso fans tomorrow night when the towering Bufs clash with the speed-to-spare Miners. Only last week the Maroon and White had to come from behind to defeat the Izpiero led border quintet 62-38 in Burton Gym.

W. A. Miller, West Texas tutor, will probably give the starting assignment for this game to his "little six-foot team" rather than his "big six-foot-four team."

Thursday night the traveling Bufs will hop over to Las Cruces, New Mexico for a series opening tilt with the Aggies of that State College. As yet the Aggies have only had a fair season in out of league play and a disastrous season in conference play.

### First Clash

However, anything can happen in the Border Conference and the Buffaloes will not be taking the Jerry Hines coached five lightly. The Aggies will repay the Texas visit February 28 when they invade Burton Gym.

Traveling to Albuquerque Friday, the Canyon crew will tangle with the second-place Lobos of New Mexico University in Carlisle Gym on the same night. The Lobos have dropped only one conference fray and that to the powerful Arizona Wildcats early in January.

The Lobos will travel to Canyon March 1 for a return engagement which will also end the Buffaloes 1946-47 season.

## Frosh Tackle Top Team in Amarillo

Wednesday night the West Texas State Frosh will tangle with the powerful Hereford Implement basketball team in a game which will settle the first place rating in the Amarillo AAU basketball league.

At present the freshmen occupy the second place slot in conference play but still go under the banner of not having been defeated. They had to forfeit a game to the Seeds Sporting Goods five in December because of the student strike and this gave them an automatic loss.

Play in the AAU league will end this week and after that the top four teams will begin a Shaughnessy play-off. A berth in the play-off has already been clinched by the Junior Buffaloes.

Besides being a top contender for the title, the freshmen cagers are leading the field in points per game average with a startling 73.2 while holding their opponents to a mere 34 tallies a game.

The important Wednesday night clash will occur at 9 o'clock in the Amarillo College Gymnasium.

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## Farewell—Johnson



Deacon Johnson, tall 6 foot 4 inch senior basketball player for the Buffaloes, has left the campus for this semester to accept a position with a Plainview business firm.

Deac, along with his brother Chat, formed one of the most colorful and well-known brother acts ever to play on the local hardwood. Besides earning a freshman letter, Deac has received three varsity letters.

In 1943 he made the All Border Conference team and in 1945 secured a place on the All-American second team at Kansas City. Also in 1945 he averaged 18 points a game for 26 contests.

Considered one of the best pivot men in the southwest, this willowy Turkey basketeer has an almost unguardable jumping-jack shot which has offered past Buffalo opponents considerable trouble.

Deac is married and has one child. He plans to become a minister and each Sunday will find him in the pulpit of some Church of Christ.

## Decker Parades Scoring Attack

Torrid play in the recent Border Conference clashes played by the Buffaloes has resulted in the changing of positions among the leading five scorers on the Maroon and White machine.

As of February 11, the following players find themselves in the leading scorers group:

Hank Decker	119
Ledru Jacobs	116
Chat Johnson	90
J. W. Malone	86
Cloyce Box	72

Deacon Johnson, who concluded basketball play at mid-term and who will accept a position with a business firm in Plainview, had a total point score of 80.

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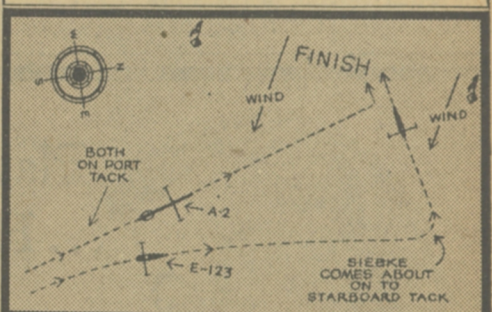
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## New Head Mentor Arrives; Takes Over Football Helm

Genial, husky Frank Kimbrough strode into his new home in the athletic office at West Texas State Thursday morning, glanced at a shelf of trophies, hung his hat in a locker and said, "I'm mighty glad to be here!"

He was immediately engaged by an eager photographer and an equally eager reporter. Amid the flash of bulbs and barrage of questions, Coach Kimbrough came through with the following statement:

"I am looking forward to pleasant work here at West Texas State. I want to emphasize the point that coaches are not the big factor in a successful athletic program. We need help from a lot of people. Mr. Jarnigan and I need everyone's help and I think we are going to get it."

### Meets Friends

At this time, Coach Kimbrough took time out from the interview and went into the front office to meet some old friends who dropped by to see him.

Upon resumption of the interview, the former Baylor head coach said, "I have met a great many of my friends already in my brief time here and I expect to meet a great many more."

"In fact," he said as he ambled over to a swivel-back chair he will occupy while working in the office, "One of the present Buffaloes, Buck

Garrett, is an old Baylor player. He played freshman ball at Waco in '41 and some varsity ball in '42."

Two football players came in to speak to the new mentor which reminded him of another point of interest.

"I am issuing a call now for all boys who wish to play football to report for track training next week. As soon as possible we will begin regular spring training."

### No Optimist

When approached as to next year's possibilities, the jovial grid commander asserted, "I am not an optimist. In fact, I am rather a pessimist. I will never predict that we will win a game but I WILL say that we will play a REAL FOOTBALL GAME every time we take the field. Our schedule, at present, is incomplete but it will be completed soon."

Coach Kimbrough concluded his interview by saying, as he walked to the door of his office and looked out at some of his prospective players who had come to get a glimpse of their new boss, "I haven't had a chance to meet any high school players as yet but I expect to in the next few weeks."

"I will say this, I want players who come here to be satisfied and enjoy their work but I also want them to come here with the idea of playing football—good football, that is what counts in my part of this set-up."

## Jarnigan Issues Cindermen Call

Track hopefuls are being issued a call today from Clark Jarnigan, new cinder coach, to report for the first practice session to be held Wednesday.

"Any student in school will be welcome to come out for track," invited Mr. Jarnigan. "We will try to have an attractive schedule this year and we hope to annex a few meets to add to last year's total of four championships out of five meets entered."

Although a complete track calendar has not been finished, Mr. Jarnigan plans to take his speed-and-jump team to the Fat Stock Exposition Meet held in Fort Worth March 14-15.

Plans are being made to take the team to a few outside meets and to have at least two or three track duels here. The season will be terminated May 9-10 when the Buffalo hopefuls enter the Border Conference test at New Mexico University in Albuquerque.

## Artists Display Work Examples

For several days, one has had access to observe the exhibit of art on the second floor of the Administration Building. Best examples of life drawings, costume designs, crafts, and paintings are on display. The 221 oil painting class have completed a number of paintings which are hung in room 206.

Both art rooms, 203 and 206, have numerous works of art, and students and faculty are welcomed to the informal atmosphere within.

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## Arizona Firmly Set In Loop First Place

The University of Arizona Wildcats has practically tacked the 1947 Border Conference basketball championship pennant to their flagpole after winning 11 straight conference wins to no defeats.

Last week the Wildcats took victories from the University of New Mexico and the New Mexico Aggies.

The two New Mexico schools took a three game tour through the Grand Canyon state and lost all three of them to the Wildcats, Tempe and Flagstaff.

West Texas State jumped into undisputed possession of fourth place early in the week by trimming Texas Tech and Texas Mines only to drop back into a tie for that position when Hardin-Simmons upset them 52-50 Friday night.

Standings as of February 11 are:

	W	L
Arizona	11	0
Flagstaff	6	3
New Mexico	5	4
Tempe	5	4
West Texas	4	5

## ANNOUNCEMENT

During the spring semester the library will be open every night except Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Miss Linnie Babston, Librarian.

Texas Mines	4	5
Texas Tech	3	6
Hardin - Simmons	3	7
New Mexico A&M	1	8

## Actors Prepare Play For Buffalo Masquers

To view an acting class presentation of "The Tenth Word," Buffalo Masquers, organization of students interested in speech work, will meet in the Education Building auditorium next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in accordance with their regular first and third Tuesday meeting date.

Dues should be paid, club executives reveal, sometime before then.

Well, anyway, let's hope the 80th Congress won't have a coalition 5 strike.

## Backers Promise Early Installment

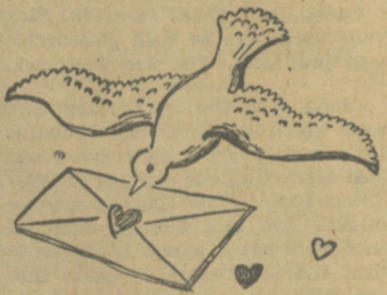
Stiffened necks and dampened spirits, the result of keeping up with the score at Buffalo basketball games, will soon be of the past.

Yes, over \$300, approximately enough for a new electric scoreboard, has been raised, according to J. T. Harp, business manager of WT publications, and Bob Clark, who has cooperated with the cheerleaders, Bob Copeland, Clarence Kincaid, James Bates, Peggy Head, LaNelle Ekelund, and Fayrene Bolton, in a campaign to raise the money.

By means of a school-wide dance at Burton Gym several weeks ago sponsored by Type High, the journalism fraternity, \$172.25 was raised toward the scoreboard. The remainder of the money has been donated by interested townspeople.

The scoreboard has already been ordered by Hank Decker, representative of equipment in the athletics department.

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