

College's Defense Measures Are Growing in Scope

Navy Is Seeking College's Men

Enlistments Asked Now
But Service Delayed
Until After Graduation

The United States Navy put in its bid for manpower from West Texas State College last week on terms that greatly impressed both students and faculty members.

C. M. Norman, CTM, came from the Navy Recruiting Substation in Amarillo Tuesday to outline conditions for enlistment. An itinerant recruiting party from the Dallas station will be at the College February 16 and 17 to enlist college juniors and seniors in the Naval Reserve, Class V-7. In the meantime, enlistments may be made at the Amarillo Substation and completed in Dallas.

Seniors may enlist in the Navy now but remain to complete work for their degrees. Juniors may enlist, take three months of naval training next summer, and return to West Texas State next fall to complete work for their degrees. Sophomores may enlist and remain here until June. Enlistment in the Navy severs relations of students with Army draft boards. The Navy recruits only by voluntary enlistments. Its policy is based on the need for well trained fliers and officers. Sixty hours of college work is the minimum. Naval reserves must have trigonometry, the prerequisite for which is college algebra, by the time they complete college work.

Pay Is Good

Enlistments are for four years and date from the day of signing. They include time spent in college after enlistment. End of the war would close most active service, and continuation of the war would extend the period of enlistment. The pay of a Navy reserve ensign after graduation plus four months training, is \$183 a month at present. Navy fliers draw up to \$245 a month plus allowances. Cadets draw \$75 a month and allowances while training. Failure to meet the requirement for trigonometry would end enlistment.

Candidates for flight training in the Naval Reserve are to be more than 19 but fewer than 27 years of age, unmarried, and of excellent physical condition. Candidates for the rank of ensign must be 20 years of age when graduated. Parental consent in notarized statements is necessary if the applicant is under 21 years of age.

May Become Marines

Aviation cadets of the Naval Reserve also may volunteer for commissions in the Marine Corps Reserve on graduation from naval flight training centers. Naval aviation training is regarded as an excellent background for later commercial aviation. Preliminary flight training is conducted at one of the 16 naval reserve aviation bases. After receiving this training, the student continues ground training until convening of an advanced flight training class. Then he is appointed an aviation cadet, a grade similar to that of midshipman in the Naval Academy, and commences full naval flight training at Pensacola, Jacksonville, or Corpus Christi. Upon completion of this flight training the rank of ensign in the Naval Reserve is attained.

Failure in a Navy course does not always mean discharge. The student may transfer to another branch for which he is more suited. This is one of the few times in the Navy's history when reserve officers have had the opportunity to qualify for commissions on the same basis as graduates of the Naval Academy. Aviation cadets are given a life insurance policy for \$10,000 by the government. When officers of the reserve are released from duty they are paid a lump sum of \$500 for each complete year of service.

Students who have completed Civilian Pilot Training courses are admitted to naval flight training at an advanced stage.

Norma Nix Wins Prize for Essay

West Texas received some unexpected publicity this week when an essay on Amarillo received first place in a University of Texas contest.

The contest was one annually conducted for students in a sophomore English course giving special instruction in writing. Winner of first place was Norma Nix, of Canyon, whose essay was entitled, "Amarillo, Queen City of the Plains."

Norma attended West Texas State her freshman year and was a member of Delta Zeta Chi sorority.

Spring Speaker



Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, has been chosen to make the baccalaureate address at the 11 o'clock hour May 31. He is a well known Baptist leader and is a son-in-law of Dr. L. R. Scarborough. His father is president of the Texas State Baptist Association.

Drill Drawing Men's Interest

Inspector Says Progress Is Good—Enrollment Hike Is Desired

Military drill at West Texas State is showing a steady enrollment increase and mounting interest.

The word from the men drilling is that—

"We like it."

The class started with 32 men but now has 60. No names have been dropped from the roll. An ROTC officer who made an informal inspection said that fine progress was being made. About two-thirds of the men are drilling for physical education credit. Lieut. A. R. Donnell hopes that the class may increase to one hundred or more. There is no charge for instruction.

"Seemingly many of the boys have the wrong conception of the course," said Lt. Donnell. "Some are afraid that taking of the course will cause them to be called into service sooner, but this is not true."

By taking this work, men may remain in school and receive national defense training at the same time.

"It's really worth a lot to the fellows," Donnell stated. "And I think their place is to stay here in school and continue their work until drafted."

"If they have finished their school work and taken the military course three months and then are called into service, they will be able to show up so much above the average recruit. Then they may be given opportunity to go to an officer's training school or to assume the duties of a non-commissioned officer."

Drill is held each Monday and Friday night at 7 o'clock in the gymnasium of the Education Building at the College. The south entrance to the building is left open.

Journalism Meet To Bring Many to WT February 7

Much interest is developing in the Panhandle High School Press meeting to be held at its general headquarters at West Texas State College on February 7.

The program will begin at 9 a. m. with registration in the Education Building.

Professor Joseph B. Cowan, of Texas Technological College will address the convention on "Purposes and Objectives of High School Journalism." Other distinguished guests and speakers will be Frank King, chief of bureau, the Associated Press, Dallas, who will speak to the group on "Covering a War," and Raymond Ramsey, manager of KFDD, Amarillo, who will speak on "Radio Journalism."

At 12 p. m. luncheons will be served, followed by guided trips through the Panhandle-Plains Museum. During the afternoon, business sessions and sectional meetings will be held.

At 5:15 a light lunch will be served at the College Cafeteria, a courtesy of Canyon Chamber of Commerce.

Lick the Japs by licking Defense Stamps.

Melvin Kiker Is Student Choice

Culp and Russell Are Named Senators in Election on Friday

Student politics stepped into the limelight again Friday when Melvin Kiker was elected vice-president of the Student Senate by a safe majority over Dick Kilgore. Kiker received 205 votes and Kilgore 157. Marion Miller was given one write-in vote.

Burton Culp won the election for Senior Senator No. 2 by having 50 votes. Ralph Bradley received five write-in votes and Frank Stockman two.

Senior Senator No. 1 went to Madeline Russell with 46 votes and Frank Stockman ran second with 11 votes. One write-in vote each was given to Mary Charlotte Word, Ethelyn Drennen, James Burroughs, Lynn Edwards, Henry Baker, Jerry Daniel, and Dorothy Picture.

Frequent elections for Senate vacancies are made necessary owing to the large number of members being called to the U. S. service.

War Department Manual Received For Course

The map reading section of the course in blueprint and map reading, Industrial Arts 282c, will have for its textbook next semester a War Department manual.

Immediately after the special course had been planned, Prof. W. Holmes Smith corresponded with the War Department in regard to the particular type of map information that is of military value. The office of the Chief of Engineers of the U. S. Army replied with recommendations and sent Mr. Smith a copy of the Army Manual on Map and Aerial Photograph Reading. The manual is available to students at small cost and will be purchased for the work next semester.

Teachers' Session This Year Will Be Held at Amarillo

District 9 of the Texas State Teachers Association will convene in Amarillo this year, the dates being March 20-21.

President W. B. Weathered of Pampa has announced that there will be no registration fee for members of the state association, but that others will pay one dollar.

As the Northwest Texas Conference for Education, the teachers meeting has been held for many years at Canyon. The removal to Amarillo was made to secure larger auditorium space.

Government to Refund Fees for Aviation Course

Nearly all expense involved in the CAA pilot training course offered college students was wiped out last week by a new ruling sent Dean R. P. Jarrett.

Refunds of fees for physical examinations and cost of life insurance will be made to those who are admitted to the course next semester. Unsuccessful applications will pay the fee for the physical examinations.

All men interested in the course will meet in Room 211 today at 3:30 o'clock to sign application blanks.

Faculty Speakers to Address Soldiers

Faculty members will be asked to prepare speeches for possible delivery at Army camps, it was learned by Dr. J. A. Hill last week.

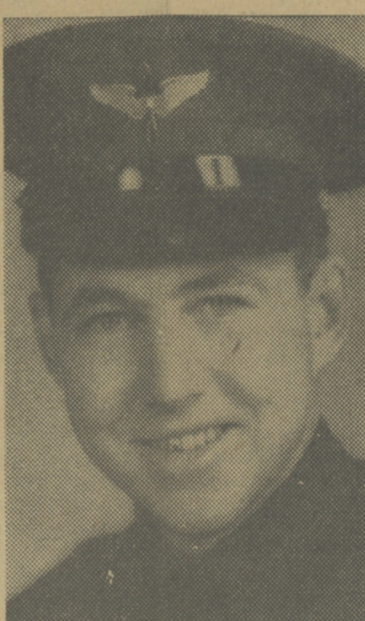
The government will pay for the service. But because of the long distance from the campus to nearest camps, few calls are likely.

ATTENTION FIRST AID STUDENTS

All students who have enrolled in one of the three first aid courses or wish to be enrolled in one course, please interview Miss Helen Hickman either by phone or in person today or tomorrow. (This includes those students who enrolled in College classes some two weeks ago.)

Maurine and Maxine Hoyle visited the campus this week.

Commissioned



SAM THOMAS

One of the youngest commissioned officers in the U. S. Army Air Corps photographic division is Lieut. Sam Thomas, Jr., now stationed at Spokane, Wash. He is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Thomas of Dalhart, formerly of Canyon.

Young Thomas was graduated here last spring. He took a course in photography and was photographer for Le Mirage last year.

On enlistment he was sent to the Army photographic school at Lowry Field, Denver. His progress was so good that he was one of twelve selected for staff officer training. On completion of this course he was commissioned and sent to his new post. He is 22 years old.

His father was a communications expert in World War I and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and other honors for outstanding service under fire.

Stamp Sales Force Needed

Student Volunteers Being Sought—Interest in Drive Still Strong

Beginning next semester, a new schedule will be necessary for the defense stamp sales force. Students who are willing to spend an hour or more each week in attendance at the stamp booth are asked to report the hours which they can serve to the stamp committee as soon after the new semester registration as possible.

Scheduling will be in charge of Stuart Condron at the stamp booth. The cooperation has been especially fine in staffing the defense stamp booth since the sales began in December. Because of general interest in defense stamps, this cooperation will probably continue through the next semester.

The stamp denominations went into the higher brackets last week as five dollar stamps were sold. All of the other sizes have been stocked and sold for some time.

Sales last week totaled \$208.05 and brought the grand total of sales since December 13 to \$668.50.

The thermometer of sales, maintained by Melba Jo Speer, has attracted considerable attention from the student body. It is thought that when the top of the present one is reached, a new one will have to be designed with larger sums along the graduations. The present thermometer has risen more than half way to its top.

Statehood Project Advertised Here By Austin Man

The stirring story of Texas history and assets was presented twice on the campus last week by A. Garland Adair of Austin, commissioner of the Texas Centennial of State-celebration.

Mr. Adair explained the scope of the centennial and showed a motion picture, "Cavalcade of Texas." He will return later to discuss plans for celebrations in this section in 1945-46, the date of the observance.

Mr. Adair is curator of the Texas Memorial Museum at Austin. While here he referred to the Panhandle-Plains Museum as the "father of museums" in the Southwest. It was the first located on state property. Today the museums of Texas are valued at more than \$3,000,000.

The slogan of the coming celebration is "To Know Texas Is to Love Texas."

Dr. Hill Voices Education's Aims

Broad Program Needed To Meet Normal Demands in Addition to Emergency

A deeper understanding of the American way of life—what it means, what it costs, and how it may be defended—is essential to the national welfare and this need is a challenge to education at this time, Dr. J. A. Hill said in assembly Saturday.

He described how England had organized its colleges for defense and the importance placed on expediting graduation of students. He declared Hitler's strength is the fanatical support of the young, who have been taught the Nazi ideologies almost from birth.

In reviewing more than a score of addresses he heard at defense conferences in Baltimore, Washington, and Austin, Dr. Hill warned that "general hysteria will help our enemies." In pointing out that only a small per cent of the nation's men can be in the front lines, he stressed that the government spokesmen urged college authorities to make sure that training for normal living continues. Aside from providing certain defense courses, the colleges are expected to train students to face post-war problems.

The Army is urging that thorough courses in physical education be made compulsory. It wishes enlisted men to have a historic approach to the present world situation. Millions of Americans must learn foreign languages. The stress right now is on Spanish and Latin-American history.

All colleges are being urged to speed up their programs as West Texas State is doing. Services must be greatly expanded. The Civil Service is taking 20,000 additional persons a month and asking for more. These must be trained in economics, statistics, accounting, cost accounting, meteorology, physics, chemistry, nursing, and stenography. Typists currently are in demand. The military services need technically trained men. There is much emphasis also on fire-fighting, first aid, safety, and rehabilitation of the wounded.

Need Adult Education

Spokesmen emphasized that a system of adult education is long overdue.

In many branches of the government, a college degree is the minimum requirement. For this reason, students are being urged to remain in college without a lapse until degrees are obtained. Dr. James W. Studebaker, U. S. commissioner of education, was quoted as follows:

"It is the patriotic duty of every American youth to get the best possible preparation both for the war and the post-war period."

Room and Board Will Rise Next Semester at W. T.

Room and board for Stafford, Cousins, and Randall Halls will be four dollars more beginning this semester due to the war situation. On February 2, Stafford and Cousins residents will pay \$34, then \$29 monthly for the rest of the term. The total for the semester was \$117, but is now \$121. If paid in advance the price will be \$114, instead of \$110.

Girls at Randall will pay \$22 on February 2 and \$17 each the remaining three months. The total price for advance payments will be \$73, instead of \$69.

Temporarily the other rooming houses will keep the same price, although they are subject to the \$4 raise if necessary.

The business office wishes the cooperation of faculty and students in cutting the expense of electricity.

Robert Hill's Book Is Received Here

Copies of "Under the Eagle's Wings," by Robert G. Hill, a former student, have been received here.

Mr. Hill, who lives at Groesbeck, has published a number of letters to his son Robert Lewis (Lanky), about his experience in a veterans' hospital, his philosophy of life, and the place of religion. He has been ill for many months. He is a former departmental chaplain of the American Legion of Texas.

The book was privately printed.

Harley Wright, '43, of Floydada, was accepted in the Army Air Corps recently and is now stationed at Shepherd Field, Wichita Falls. He was enrolled in W. T. this fall.

Exams to Start Wednesday and End on Friday

Days of reckoning are just ahead. Fall semester examinations will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday and continue through Friday.

Registration for the spring semester will take place on Monday, February 2, and recitations will begin on the day following. Monday, February 9, will be the last day for changing programs. An added fee of three dollars will be charged students enrolling after February 11.

The examination schedule for this week follows:

8 MWF classes—8-10, January 28.
9 MWF classes—10-12, January 28.
10 MWF classes—1-3, January 28.
All 11 o'clock classes—3-5, Jan. 28.
8 TTS classes—8-10, January 29.
9 TTS classes—10-12, January 29.
10 TTS classes—1-3, January 29.
1:30 TTS classes—3-5, January 29.
1:30 MWF classes—8-10, Jan. 30.
2:30 TTS classes—10-12, Jan. 30.
2:30 MWF classes—1-3, Jan. 30.
All 3:30 classes—3-5, Jan. 30.

Esquire Soon to Publish Article About Tall Team

An illustrated article on the Buffaloes will appear in Collier's of the issue of February 14, it was announced yesterday by the College News Service. The magazine will reach the news stands February 6.

Recognition of West Texas State's tall team is reaching tremendous proportions as the nation's sports writers strain for adjectives to describe the color and finesse of the Buffaloes.

Esquire magazine will devote most of two pages (pp. 65 and 101) in its March issue to an article entitled "The Buffaloes Are Coming." This will carry the by-line of James McQueeny, nationally known sports writer. McQueeny, a Kansas City man, became interested in the Buffaloes when they entered national tournament play. He gathered material on two trips here.

The article describes in great detail the building of Buffalo Courts, development of the tall team, and personalities of recent quintets. The magazine will go on sale February 13. Copies coming to Texas will have special wrappers referring to the article, according to Olin E. Hinkle, director of journalism.

Coach Al Baggett's recent airplane flight to New York City (paid for by Ned Irish, basketball promoter at the Garden) was a publicity smash, resulting in columns and articles in thousands of newspapers in all parts of the country. The current road trip is building upon this basis.

Life, Look, and Time previously noted the prowess of the tall team.

Dr. MacAlpin Discusses Oil Relation to Geology

Dr. A. J. MacAlpin, professor of geology, spoke to members of Pi Beta Gamma, science majors organization, recently.

He discussed oil extraction and shale and the free-flow familiar in the Panhandle fields.

Methods for determining the presence of oil were then discussed. Of these he discussed the study of the topographical structure, the use of the seismograph, the analysis of rock core as to both their rock age to possible paleontological classification.

Dr. MacAlpin stated that the organic explanation of oil production is generally given credence by geologists.

Class Hours to Be Changed Feb. 9 As Clocks Move

West Texas State and the Canyon Public Schools will do a double time shift February 9 when the nation's clocks are moved up an hour to save daylight by using more of it.

It is a good theory, but in this time belt the change would defeat its purpose. Accordingly, the College will start 8 o'clock classes at 9 a. m. and lunch time will be 1 p. m. In other words, classes will actually meet at the same sun time as now.

Sarah Thompson, Canyon, will teach primary work at Dimmitt the second semester and defer her degree until August.

Many Courses Are Announced

Business Department Has Pyramided Classes—Other Changes Are Numerous

More than 30 classes identified by federal departments as defense courses will be offered by West Texas State College in the spring semester opening February 2. These will be available to all students and to other persons desiring the instruction.

The business department, headed by Dr. Lee Johnson, will offer a pyramided program designed for students who wish to prepare quickly for government or business jobs. In some instances an entire year's instruction will be crowded into a subject during the spring semester. Starting and advanced courses will be offered in shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping. Machine bookkeeping, with practice on adding, calculating, and posting machines will be taught. Other classes will deal with an introduction to business, business English, accounting, business law, corporation finance, cost accounting, budgetary control, income tax procedure, and sales management.

College men are especially interested in courses in welding, sheet metal work, radio, map and blueprint reading, internal combustion engines, and mechanical drawing offered by the department of industrial arts.

Dealing with health and safety are courses in first aid, safety education, and home nursing. There will be a repetition of a chef's course for boys and another on preparation of food for the sick. The Red Cross will direct several of these courses. Conversational Spanish will be repeated, as also will be military drill taught by Lieut. A. R. Donnell of Amarillo. A course in dietetics and another for Nurses' Aides are being organized.

Men expecting draft calls and those already enlisted in the Navy but remaining in college to finish prescribed courses will take such courses as photography, trigonometry, analytic geometry, college algebra, physics, and chemistry. Such work is necessary to prepare them for technical positions and commissions in the military services.

Navy recruiting officers were here this week to enlist sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Some of these men will take three months of training next summer. Juniors will return next year to complete work for their degrees. Their Navy enlistment service dates from their acceptance and continues while they are in college. Many college men will avail themselves of this opportunity to complete their college work while preparing to become Navy fliers and officers.

Navy men must have trigonometry, and to be eligible for this they must have college algebra. The war has brought a rebirth of interest in mathematics.

The College will add other courses as the needs arise. On June 3 it will start a 12-week summer session on the quarter plan, instead of the semester system. There will be two 6-week terms. The quarter plan will be continued next fall and thereafter. This provides a more flexible system with more frequent graduations possible.

West Texas State is now fully geared to the war effort, with a complete program of "speed-up" courses requested by the federal government. Equipment for teaching technical and mechanical courses is valued at more than \$200,000. The regular faculty is being supplemented by special instructors as necessary.

New Water Well Lacks Only Pump

Work will be completed on the new water well as soon as a pump can be found. War priorities are making it difficult to obtain it. D. L. McDonald of Amarillo, contractor, has had charge of drilling the well which was dug just east of the NYA dormitory.

A rotary drill was used in digging the 496 foot well. The hole is 18 inches with a 12½ inch welded pipe casing. It has been cemented to shut off salt and other undesirable materials. The well will pump 150 gallons of water per minute on a twenty-four hour test. It will be piped into the present reservoir as soon as it is completed and run through a six inch flow line.

The well should be in operation by March 1, according to Virgil Henson, business manager.

Buy Defense Stamps for a rainy day—for the Rising Sun.

Today's
OVERTONES
. . . . Elucidate

By Joe Crisler
"Words are things . . ."—Byron.

Gazing at an untarnished sheet, receiving no inspiration from either the typewriter or the radio giving forth songs by Nelson Eddy and embellishments by Charley McCarty, we depend entirely upon the flow of vivacity from moving fingers and flashes of mental pictures to coin "Today's Overtones."

Indeed, we could be vitriolic and perhaps we shall. We could purloin the brain work of some great and near great. We could be catty and demeaning; but all these offer unattractive means and methods of tarnishing this corner with lines of type.

When, in compiling bits of this and that for a column, one must consider and avoid numerous things. (Attention: Eugene A. Mielcarek) Always of the utmost importance are names. Misspelled names are embarrassing to the persons in question, the editor and the writer. The student directory is not infallible. There are such things as typographical and printer's errors. One misspelled letter on the typewriter or the Linotype can give some names a curious and harmful meaning, and the result is someone is hurt, in a nasty mood, and to be avoided. Such was the case last week. One wrong letter caused us to fret and worry half a day, but luckily the mistake was caught by the proof-reader.

Then, one must be careful of hidden meanings put into words. One can not amuse half the people at the other half's expense. Then there is the danger of fabricating harmless event into malicious gossip. Danger lies in gossip . . . it approaches libel. There are countless books written about what not to do when writing columns and other items with journalistic taste.

AN APOLOGY

Is due to Eugene Mielcarek, Joe Hefner, Irwin Read, Creighton Lance, James Kelly, R. L. Roberts, and Leo Thorpe for not answering your kind letter. In attempting to endow your thoughts with a puerile taste, you certainly succeeded in defeating your purpose by making rash statements and asking questions, only to supply us with your answer, in your own words, in the very next sentence. Your letter only succeeded in puzzling us as how to answer you adequately. The best answer we can find is to quote your own words, "A man is yet to be born that will satisfy the desires of all."

You also state, "The Prairie is supposed to be a student paper but is it? Why do you fear to write as your conscience dictates? Is your column censored or are we mere quizzlings?"

The Prairie is student thought, written and edited by students. If anywhere in Texas, you can find a purer student newspaper, lead us to it. (But remember, there are still things, you simply don't do . . . similar to table and ball-room etiquette.) And gentlemen, if you can possibly know how my "conscience dictates," let's form a partnership and go into business . . . we could make millions!

CENSORSHIP OF THIS COLUMN?
Gentlemen, Webster defined the word "quizzings" as "state of being comical." Censorship of this column, or any other part of this STUDENT NEWSPAPER? Very quizzical!

Again you write, "After all, there does exist some degree of relative freedom of speech and we don't see why you fail to take advantage of it." Having read this far, dear sirs, you have found that we have answered this "quizzical" question, haven't we?

And now, gentlemen and "quizzlings" you have our answer perhaps not in what you so eloquently plea and cry for, but after all (we wonder if this was not the real reason?) you did get your name into print, did you not?

**Chapter Two
A CHANGE IN TEMPO**
NOTES BY GAL SAL: For a brief interlude of fun, frolic, humor, and wise-cracks, exchange a few words with the ever frequent four-some, Beth McCaslin, Ruth Cole, and the Word cousins, Charlotte and Jo. . . . For pep and vitality, Sal names Louise Roach, "The Lark of Paul's Valley." . . . That La Verne Berry is the cute, refined and demure type. . . . Sal's yearly contest, for the closest resemblance (not looks) to the immortal cat-titude of one of Disney's Seven Dwarfs, Gal Sal can but again nominate Virginia Giles. . . . Sal says, Gal of the Week, Nell Moore.

MUTTERINGS

At the ballroom: "He doesn't drink like a fish, only smells like one." . . . At the Buff: "Tell me, who shines your suits?" . . . "Watch out you don't fall into her deep blue eyes."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Defense bonds and defense stamps provide defense for America and America is you and you and you and you!

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Completion of College Training Vital

Undue importance has been placed on the question of whether it is patriotic or unpatriotic to remain in college until graduation. Individual cases differ, but in many instances it is not only patriotic to remain in college but the military forces virtually demand it.

Modern warfare is highly mechanized. It makes much use of technical skills, higher mathematics and the sciences. The Army and Navy must have engineers, navigators, pilots, mechanics, and other skilled personnel. There is no lack of ordinary manpower.

It would be tragic should either voluntary enlistment or the draft cut short vital training periods. Both on the battle lines and in the factories, America needs trained men and women. The range of this training is staggering. For wars cannot be fought as things apart; the necessary peacetime pursuits must be continued. America has a peace, as well as a war, to win. Post-war problems will be tremendous.

The Navy's program, as outlined by a spokesman here last week, is singularly well-gearred to college potentialities. In order that it may have fliers, navigators, and officers competent to sail the whole world, and meet conditions intelligently everywhere, the Navy is enlisting college men but calling upon them to complete their training on the nation's campuses.

This is no new idea, however. Modern wars cannot be fought on the old emotional basis, with tooth and claw. The totalitarian countries intensify and manipulate education on the young. Japan does not draft college men.

Every student should study his position and evaluate his possible service intelligently. He should seek information on the wishes of his government. At a time when many men must work in factories, on the railroads, and on the farm for every combatant, there can be no question of patriotism. He should realize that, unless special circumstances dictate differently, he should expedite his college training rather than terminate it.

West Texas State through its regular and summer sessions, its airport, its well-equipped machine shops, and its strong departments is well able to give the training which the government asks. Most of the defense training is, after all, merely a return to fundamentals—hard work in mechanics, the sciences, and mathematics.

And it should not be forgotten that continuation of training must be based upon the public free schools. Without teachers these must close. West Texas State is faced by a demand for teachers such as it has not known since World War I, although its graduates are in keen demand. There will be no shortage of opportunities to serve if the student prepares himself to serve with skill in the classroom, business, factory, or military branch.

At the close of another semester, West Texas State has many conflicts. Students are dropping out in growing numbers. Others do not plan to return next semester. A feeling of inertia toward meeting classes has invaded the campus, and many classes are not met regularly by all enrolled.

Students who are enrolled, who are paying tuition, should take stock of the situation and make several decisions. All classes should be met, for opportunity knocks through education now as it has never before.

Defense courses enrolled many persons at their start, but later enthusiasm was lost and the attendance dropped. These opportunities will not return again, and the one who attends the classes faithfully will profit later, when called to place his shoulder to the defense wheel.

When a nation is plunged into war, there is a noticeable slackening of the morale of its people. Students should take a firm grip on their actions, for habits formed now will last after the war has stopped.

This first semester has been a very successful one at W. T. The next one should be all the more so, for students should become accustomed to war conditions. A considerable number of new students should enroll to take advantage of opportunities offered here.

International President of Lions Club Visits Canyon After Long Absence

Rip Van Winkle has nothing on the recent visitor to the campus of W. T., Dr. George R. Jordan. Whereas Uncle Rip was only in a blackout for twenty years, Dr. Jordan has been away from what used to be the "one horse" town of Canyon for thirty-three years.

When Dr. Jordan, now famed lecturer and president of Lions International, left Canyon in 1908, there were but two houses between the court house, then a two story frame building, and where the College now stands. Formerly the campus was the stock yards as Canyon was a large shipping center.

"This being my first return visit for thirty-three years," remarked Dr. Jordan, "naturally, there has been a tremendous change. Although I was able to locate one or two of the old buildings, one I noticed especially was the old building on the west side of the square where Hart's Appliance is located today. I used to work in the drug store located there when I was 11 years old."

Dr. Jordan, or Boss Lion Jordan as his fellow club members call him, was very highly impressed with the general appearance of the present day Canyon.

"What impresses me so," he continued, "is the very fine and up to date church buildings. For a city

of this size, five beautiful church buildings is very commendable."

In reminiscing of the days of 1908, Dr. Jordan clearly remembers the first automobile brought to Randall county. It was purchased by the Keiser Land and Development company. At that time gasoline was bought in wholesale lots of five gallon containers.

Thompson Hardware Company, being a bit skeptical of the whole thing, built a shed some distance away from their place of business to "store the blamed fire water," because they were afraid it might "explode and exterminate the entire population."

From Canyon, Dr. Jordan moved to Forney, Texas and remained there until 1933, and then moved to Dallas. At present he is employed by the International Travelers Insurance Company, of which he is vice-president.

Pouring of the second floor slab at the museum was started last week despite freezing weather each night. Large stoves were placed and watched for several nights to prevent damage.

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By E. M. and J. H.
Human beings seem to display sincere love and devotion to the young of all animals; we'll take the rattlesnake's mother's word for it.

What appears to be the latest fashion on the campus of W. T.? Either clear plastic rimmed glasses or having your fortune told. Our advice to the lovelorn—if your grades give you misery we suggest you see the local fortune teller, or get a new pair of glasses.

Orchids to the Alpha Sigs on the success of their Red Cross benefit dance. Simplicity was the keynote! The marked absence of decorations coupled with music by records did not distract from the fun and frolic that was had by all. The affair was a good one and here's hoping other dances follow a similar pattern. The highlight of the evening was a popular Pi Omega wearing a beautiful engagement ring. Incidentally, congratulations Miss Day and Mr. Tout!

Things some see and others don't: Todd Cone collecting tin foil for national defense. Jerri Dromgoole wearing a brilliant pair of Army Air Corps wings. Cecil Ivester and Helen Studer in dual appearance around the Buff and campus. Joe Crisler and Arlene Gillespie enjoying themselves in one of the rear booths at the Buff. The regular Sunday appearance of Roger Barton at Randall Hall. Miss Muriel Faye Phegley's appearance on the campus after a recent illness.

Here 'n there: Sign in Oklahoma City barber shop—"Japs, come in for free shave; not responsible for accidents."

A toast from Walter Winchell to the Japanese Navy: "Bottoms Up!"

For every Nippon a defense coupon!

Yeah Buffs! If the Buffaloes' trip to the big city reveals success—and we know it shall—it may open an opportunity for a cage contest between the Buffs and Rice Institute at Austin as the feature bill of a Red Cross benefit. So, students, let's show those Buffaloes we're behind them, win, lose, or draw! Incidentally, has anyone found a Texas Techster who wishes to bet on the ball game? If so, let us know about it. Personally, we feel that only newcomers and fools would dare to bet against the Buffs. Congratulations Buffs, we're proud of you!

Things that pass through the night—(Some ideas expressed by Fish Thorpe) "I have been on the campus of W. T. for some four months and have never made a complaint or suggestion, so I feel free to express my opinion about some new courses that the campus (college) needs. My main observation is the lack of convenient laboratories for the following courses: Campusology 131; Necklogy 132; and Lounge Sparring (senior or graduate course.)

These subjects are prerequisites to better business and homemaking. The most desirable instructor would be Dr. Moon, head of the Department of Love, assisted by Professors Star and Cupid. The labs could be located in secluded spots on the campus and dimly lighted by moon-glow. A radio would be essential for all labs. I'm sure these courses would be well-attended, well enjoyed, and high grades earned.

Note: If he thinks he can remember when West Texas' last witnessed a "Dust Storm" he looks younger with his hat on.

One in a Million: I find it unnecessary to observe "Dead Week" because I have diligently studied throughout the semester.

How To Keep From Growing Old: Just walk nonchalantly across the road that lies adjacent to the west entrance of the Administration Building.

REMINISCENCE

Empty Coca Cola bottles standing in a row,
Bring memories of parties attended long, long ago.

Every week or month or so, the Coke man comes around, And collects those empty bottles of chasers long since downed. Epitaph for Dead Week: "The scholastic sun with its life giving heat had set" and students began to see the cold and distant stars. Civilization: "The Superman made the airplane; the Apeman Nazi's got hold of it."

Disturbing Sightings and Thoughts: Fred Hart, Elwin Ricketts, Eugene Brandon, in the college library. (Absorbing knowledge so very essential at this time of the year.)

Shirley Temple is back clever as ever in "KATHLEEN." Olympic, Saturday night only.

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Reorganization and expansion of the department has been going on for several years. Today it has class rolls totaling 457 students, and the department is the second largest on the campus, being exceeded only by Education. There are five instructors.

Dr. Lee Johnson, head of the department, two years ago supplemented the degree course with diploma courses of one and two years leading to certificates of proficiency. These short courses are for students wishing to begin earning at the earliest possible time. Four year courses lead to the Bachelor of Business Administration degree and, in some instances, to examinations for the rank of Certified Public Accountant.

Doubling of some courses in the spring semester opening February 2 will hasten the day when new students may qualify for defense jobs. Classes in shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping will meet six days a week and carry double credit. Other defense courses will include introduction to business, machine bookkeeping, and advanced work in shorthand and typing.

Other spring courses will include business English, business law, accounting, corporation finance, cost accounting, budgetary control, income tax procedure, and sales management.

Seeing Selves As Others Do Holds Value for Frosh

The ancients knew that only very wise men understand themselves.

Freshmen at West Texas State College are being asked by faculty counselors to see themselves as others see them. A self-evaluator chart has been prepared. It is filled out in the presence of instructors in order that the freshmen may record their traits more accurately.

The questions bear upon such factors as sleep, posture, alertness, friendliness, exercise, program for mental growth, influence of friends, personal appearance, manners, spirit of cooperation, habits, morals, charities, intelligent spending, study, and budgeting of time and money. Through these queries the first year folk get a picture of themselves and of the individuals they may become. The answers are filed. The same questions will be answered again on March 1 and May 30 in order that comparisons may be made.

"If I were an employer, would I hire myself?" is one thought-provoking question.

The guidance program for freshmen includes many phases, of which this self-evaluation is one.

Library Receives Many New Books

Several new books have been added to the library. They are: Louis Adamic, Two-Way Passage; George K. Anderson, This Generation; Mantle Burns, The Best Plays of 1940-1941; Vincent Sheehan, Bird of the Wilderness; Irvin S. Cobb, Exit Laughing; Eleanor Dark, The Timeless Land; Adolph Hitler, My New Order; Elizabeth Lee Wheaton, Mr. George's Joint; Mary O'Hara, My Friend Flicka; Richard Wright, Native Son; Lewis L. Sell, Pan-American Dictionary and Travel Guide.

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Buffaloes Open Tour With Stunning Victory in Buffalo, New York

New York Club Beaten 105-41

Stockman Brothers Get 19 Points Each; Maddox Is Able to Start Game

Come what may in the two games remaining in their eastern invasion, the Tall Men of West Texas State already have thrilled and shocked the Atlantic seaboard by defeating New York State at Buffalo.

The score was not a typographical error; it was 105 to 41.

Coach Al Baggett used his entire squad but the Buffaloes were blazing and hitting the basket for an amazing 41 per cent. Price Brookfield made 21 points but his performance was little more brilliant than that of the remarkable brother combination, Frank and Bill Stockman, who got 19 points each.

Local forwards were delighted to see the name of Jack Maddox in the box score, credited with 12 points. The speed forward injured a toe badly just before leaving, but no bones were broken.

The Buffs will play Long Island University in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night then will journey to Philadelphia to meet St. Joseph's College Saturday night. Hopes soared when De Paul University, previously beaten 60-41 by the Buffs, nosed out Long Island by a score of 44-43. Clair Bee's L. I. crew is rated as one of the top half dozen clubs in the nation.

At Buffalo, the West Texans demonstrated that their height was a mere incident as they flashed speed, accuracy, and a clever court game. It was the show for which the men of West Texas State are now famous, and for which thousands pay good money to see.

WEST TEXAS	G	F	T
Brookfield, rf	10	1	21
Jacobs	1	1	3
House	1	1	3
Maddox, lf	5	2	12
Groom	3	6	6
Halbert, c	3	4	10
Clark Johnson	1	0	2
F. Stockman, rg	9	1	19
Trimble	3	1	7
W. Stockman, lg	9	1	19
Chas. Johnson	3	0	6
Totals	47	11	105

BUFFALO STATE	G	F	T
Klingston, rf	7	1	15
Swier	0	0	0
Schaefer, lf	1	0	2
Cohen	2	4	8
Garelick	0	0	0
Swanson, c	3	0	6
Vastola, rg	4	0	8
Chiavaro	0	0	0
Murphy, lg	1	0	2
Halpert	0	0	0
Totals	18	5	41

Scoring at half-time—West Texas State 52, Buffalo State 20.

WANTS OLD YEARBOOKS

Editor, The Prairie:

I wonder if there are any 1922-23 Le Mirages which anyone would sell.

I would like two or three copies and would be willing to pay a little premium over cost for them if necessary.

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Van Meter Is New Grid Coach

Kentuckian Moves Up Into Position Left By His Teacher, Curtice

Leslie E. Van Meter, the man who was selected as the best all-around boy in the "1935 Students Hall of Fame" at Western Kentucky College, assumed head coaching responsibilities at West Texas State Wednesday night.

Coach Van Meter's election followed the resignation of Jack Curtice recently to take a position at the Texas College of Mines. Van Meter, a former protege of Curtice in Kentucky, came to West Texas as assistant football coach in 1940 when Curtice was elevated from the freshman position to the head job.

President Hill's announcement of the selection came after a meeting of the faculty on athletics.

"There was not a single dissenting vote," reported Dr. Hill, who also said that nothing would be done about an assistant for Van Meter until the newly elected coach had had time to go over the long list of applicants and make his own recommendations.

Van Meter was a high school player under Curtice and later starred at Western Kentucky State at Bowling Green. In college he was an outstanding athlete. Weighing 195 pounds he starred at end in football and was named by the Louisville Courier-Times, "the most versatile athlete ever to attend Western State," at the time of his biggest college year, 1935. He was considered one of the finest track men in the state and one of the five best weight men in the South. Van Meter was slated to coach varsity track this spring, but now his spring football practice will interfere and some one else will be given that responsibility.

In replying to congratulations from Dr. Hill and Baggett, Van Meter said, "I am happy to have been chosen head football coach at this college which has one of the brightest futures in the world. I shall continue along the same general lines that Coach Curtice and I used the past two years. In spite of the uncertainty of the football situation because of the war, I believe we will have back from eight to twelve lettermen from last year's fine team."

Both Dr. Hill and Baggett expressed full confidence in Van Meter's ability to get the job done.

In December of 1940, Van Meter married the former Jean Gropp of Owensboro, Ky. The couple has an apartment in the famous Buffalo Courts.

In addition to his football and track work, Van Meter is summer-time swimming supervisor, himself being an expert life guard and first aid worker. He also is sponsor of the T-Club, the lettermen's campus organization. In high school before coming to West Texas he was head of the biology department. He is something of a wit and showman, also, having played an end man in the Canyon Lion's Minstrel shows here.

Miss Zudie Mae Bible, '37, has accepted a position in the Borger Public Schools. She began work January 26.

Act like a true American! Relax—Go to a movie!

When Clark Johnson, popularly known as "The Deacon" became eligible with the completion of his first semester examinations, West Texas State had for the first time two sets of brothers on its basketball team.

The group shown above consists of, left to right, Chattie Johnson, Clark Johnson, Bill Stockman, and Frank Stockman. Clark and Chattie are from Turkey; both are sophomores. They both played freshman basketball last year, Clark coming the second semester. His varsity eligibility came after completion of a year's academic work. Chat is a guard and at present Clark is playing the center post.

Bill and Frank Stockman are from Malta Bend, Missouri. Frank is a senior, while the younger Bill is a junior. Both are starting guards.

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Birthday Jubilee To Be Held In Cousins Hall

Scores of West Texas students will participate in the President's Diamond Jubilee Birthday entertainment at Cousins Hall on Friday night, Jan. 30. Games will be played in the reception hall. There will be no dance this year.

Tickets are being sold by several clubs in Canyon for this event. The tickets are 50 cents per person.

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Freshmen Win More Victories

College Youngsters Are Maintaining Lead in Amarillo League

West Texas State's Freshmen cagers strengthened their hold on first place in the Amarillo College Independent Basketball League Tuesday night when they defeated Hereford 52 to 46. The Amarillo College Badgers managed to eke out a victory over Coca Cola 34 to 33.

The strength of the "Little Buffs" prevailed and they called upon only one substitute. Ford, guard, C. Kelley, center, and Crews, forward, accounted for 35 of the Frosh points with Ford leading the trio with a total of 14.

Barrett and Wilson, Hereford forwards, led the assault on the Texans with a combined bag of 30 points, scoring 14 and 16 respectively.

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Texas Tech Looms As Big Threat to Buffs' Cage Title

Texas Tech is coming forward as the strongest contender for West Texas State's leadership of the Border Conference in basketball.

The Red Raiders have won five games out of six starts, losing only to Arizona State of Tempe. The Buffs have won six straight. The W. T.-Tech game here February 12 will go a long way toward deciding the current campaign.

The present standings in the conference:

	W	L	Pct.
West Texas State	6	0	1.000
Texas Tech	5	1	.833
Arizona	2	2	.500
Tempe	2	2	.500
New Mexico	2	3	.400
Texas Miners	2	3	.400
Hardin - Simmons	2	4	.333
Flagstaff	1	2	.333
New Mexico Aggies	0	5	.000

LUBBOCK, Jan. 26.—Texas Technological College will expand, rather than diminish, its sports and physical education program during the war, according to President Clifford Jones.

TRAILIN' the Herd

By HUD PRICHARD

What kind of a shot is it? Stuart Condon thought it was a "crib-shot"—swore up and down that was what Jerry Mallin called it.

This little bit of merriment occurred in the Publications office Saturday when a two page proof of a story on the Buffs (which is to appear in Esquire in March) was brought in. The story mentioned a "crisp shot."

A story going the rounds in the East about Coach Al Baggett.

"Why," said the 6-foot, 4-inch 220-pound tutor, "two winters ago I got 87 Panhandle jack rabbits in less than 30 minutes with a stick because the animals were all busy rubbing the sand out of their eyes after a storm. My kids must grow big to curl up."

You Texans know Charlie Halbert. But did you ever imagine how he would go about making Pullman accommodations? One of Coach's biggest difficulties comes when he starts hunting sleeping places for 6-foot, 10-inch "Shorty." The trouble is usually eliminated by assigning him an upper berth, removing the footboard and allowing him to stretch out in a section and half. In hotels, Charlie gets a double bed by himself so as to have room to curl up.

Ned Irish: "A more perfect situation could not have been arranged deliberately"—in intimating what he expected when the West Texas Buffs clash with Long Island.

The game is expected to attract one of the largest basketball crowds of the season at Madison Square Garden.

WHERE THE BUFFS ARE:

They left Canyon Thursday morning at 5:30 for Chicago. Arriving in Chicago Friday morning, the team worked out in Chicago Stadium that night.

They left for Buffalo, New York via Detroit, arriving at their namesake town Saturday morning. Then, they defeated New York State College that night.

Sunday morning was spent in viewing Niagara Falls. They left that night for New York City, arriving at 8:30 Monday morning. Then at 11 that morning time was taken for pictures and other publicity gatherings. Monday afternoon the Tall Texans worked out in the gym at Fordham University.

Tuesday afternoon—ditto.

Tomorrow evening they play Long Island University in the second game of a double header. It's to be broadcast by an eastern Mutual hookup.

After arriving in Philadelphia Friday morning, the Buffs workout in Convention Hall in the afternoon. They play St. Joseph's College Saturday night.

The team will return home via Washington, D. C.—stopping in the capital between trains—arriving in Canyon Tuesday at midnight.

FLASH: Something you knew before, but the easterners are just waking up to find out. New York scribes are acclaiming the Buffaloes as the top team of the nation. But that's not the half of it. Copy on the Buffs' Buffalo State Teachers game stated that Price Brookfield was the best seen around those parts since Hank Lusetti. Some say he's better than the former ace Stanford Indian cager.

Fans pay \$4.40 to see the West Texas State Buffaloes play in Madison Square Garden. Think of it. Here some students are going to the same school with one of the recognized top basketball teams of all time and can't make it out to Burton Gym at no additional cost.

Donald Hawkins visited on the campus Thursday during a stop-over on his way to Oklahoma Air College in Oklahoma City. He enlisted in the air corps during the Christmas holidays and was sent to the Pilot Replacement Center at Kelly Field in San Antonio. His primary pilot training will begin at Oklahoma City. Donald will receive his degree under the new wartime system.

Olin Thornton, junior Business Administration major has been elected to teach commercial subjects at Fairview High School in Fairview, Texas for the following semester. He left for his new position last week. Olin was to have received his degree in 1943. His home is Lockney.

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Practice House Group Entertains

Do you remember that old saying, "The way to win a man's heart is through his stomach?" If that holds true—well, you'd better watch those girls over at the Home Management House. Last Friday evening Gloria Soto was hostess at a buffet dinner. The food was prepared by Tress Allen.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hinkle, Mr. Ardis Patman, Dr. B. F. Fronabarger, Miss Mary E. Hudspeth, Miss Hellen Hickman, Miss Anna Hibbits, Miss Mary Kate Fleming, Berdine Brunson, Frances Morris, and Joyce Thomas.

Foster-Weir Wedding Announcement Made

An announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruby Foster and Rev. Franklin Weir was made this week when Mrs. Harold Wright and Miss LaNelle Scheihagen entertained with a progressive reception at the home of Mrs. Wright.

Miss Foster, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster, pioneer residents of Canyon, received her B. A. degree at West Texas State and did graduate work at the University of Texas. For the past two years she has been assistant commercial instructor in Pampa High School.

Rev. Weir, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Sundown, was graduated by McMurry College and Southern Methodist University.

Dickenson-Wilbur Wed in California

Miss Dorothy Dickenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickenson of Silverton, and Earl L. Wilbur, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilbur of Canadian were married Friday, January 23 in Beverly Hills, California.

Miss Dickenson worked as an assistant to the registrar in W. T. during the last two years following her graduation. She was a member of Pi Omega.

Mr. Wilbur is a graduate of W. T. and was a member of Alpha Sigma Xi, and several college musical organizations. At present he is associated with the Columbia Broadcasting System in Hollywood.

The couple will be at home in Beverly Hills.

Six Pledges Initiated Into Home Ec Society

Six first semester pledges were initiated by a candlelight service last week into the Zeta Chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi, national honorary professional Home Economics fraternity. The occasion took place in the Home Economics dining room.

Vows were repeated by Marion Ruth Duren, Margaret Hellums, Avanelle Hill, Ruth Lutrick, Betty Jane Phillips, and Teaphene Stephens.

Kappa Phi officers are Merle Myers, president; Mary Isabelle Hanvey, vice-president; Euba Fae Hillis, recording secretary; Louise Novak, corresponding secretary; Kathryn Phillips, treasurer; Madeleine Russell, guard; and Kathleen Dixon, keeper of archives. Miss Elizabeth Cox is sponsor.

Chambers-Brown Wedding Announced

The approaching marriage on January 29, of Miss Lillian Chambers, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chambers of Canyon, to Elver Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown of Follett, was announced formally at a tea given recently in the home of Mrs. T. S. Maxwell. Assisting Mrs. Maxwell was Mrs. Elmer Patterson of Hereford, sister of the bride-elect.

Mrs. Jack Walker presided at the guest book, Mrs. Elmer Patterson at the tea service.

Miss Chambers is a senior in W. T. where she is to be graduated in June. She is employed by the Canyon News. Mr. Brown is also a senior, and is employed at Bob's Coffee Shop.

F. F. A. Sweethearts For Term Chosen

A custom of electing "sweethearts" is an old one in the realm of F. F. A. Chapters everywhere. So to keep up with the stride of this ever-predominating custom the Collegiate Chapter took the task as a matter of business at its last meeting.

The girls chosen for these honors were Wanda Harral and Freda Kelley. Wanda is a freshman who hails from Wayside, a home economics major, and very active in other campus activities. Freda is also a freshman and a home economics major. She calls Earth her home town. Both of these girls will be feted in various activities sponsored by the chapter.

Sally Olyne Cowart has accepted a position in the Vega schools to teach music and grade work. Miss Cowart is a senior at W. T. this year, and her home is in Amarillo.

Cake Fit for a-Private



Evidently pleased by his handiwork in the chef course started recently is Byron Campbell of Wildorado. Seventeen men and three co-eds enrolled for the class. The instructors are Miss Margaret Barrett and Prof. Frank R. Phillips.

Mental Meanderings Typical of Cram Week Discussed

So this is cram week, exam week! But I, for one, have been shamefully misled by the "cram" part of it.

The other night I decided to cram a little for Latin-American history. So with the woeful, resigned look of a martyr and a spirit of determined wilfulness, I sat down to study.

In the next room some boys were scuffling. Long periods of quiet, punctuated with unearthly, agonizing groans, were occasionally broken with blood-curdling yells. Furniture crashed and the floor trembled!

Outside, on the sidewalk, several girls slowly ambled along, shrieking and giggling in alternating spasms. In the back yard the neighbor's dog was leading the house cat—and I don't mean the house mother—a dog's life, and across the street a radio blared "Elmer's Tune." I looked at the clock and saw that I had been trying to concentrate for half an hour. Five minutes later, I read the first paragraph of the first page for the twentieth time and mumbled feverishly, "The hurdy gurdy, the birdie . . ." and—aw, shucks, you know the rest. I went to bed.

I slept well, unworried, for I still had the next afternoon to study. So it was that I blithely made my way to the library the next day. By 1:30 o'clock I was busily engaged in a scholarly system of taking notes from my reading.

Students came and went . . . and talked! I know they did for my notes, taken in the library, told me so. When I began to review them, here is what I read: "Columbus the great discoverer of America returned to THE COLLEGE FARM and reported to Queen Isabel that THE WEATHER HAS BEEN NICE, HASN'T IT? He was received with glory until power and political intrigue within Spain PUT THE SKIDS UNDER THAT ROMANCE. HE returned to America only to die poor and disgraced BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT, THAT'S WHY. Although Columbus died in poverty, SAY, WHERE DID HE SAY HE LIVED, STAFFORD HALL? historians, GIVE ME YOUR PENCIL A MINUTE like to praise him BECAUSE OF THAT AWFUL TEST in an untimed manner. His accomplishments are to be remembered BY GEORGE! all the succeeding generations of mankind. So the discovery of THAT BEAUTIFUL BRUNETTE rightfully belongs to Spain.

Lillian Chambers Honored at Shower

Mrs. Edwin Dutton and Mrs. Olin Huff were co-hostesses at a lingerie shower in honor of Miss Lillian Chambers, bride-elect of Elver Brown of Follett, Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Dutton and her mother, Mrs. T. W. Hart, at 2103 Sixth Avenue in Canyon.

A vocal trio composed of Miss Myrtle Frances Jones, Mrs. Leslie Hinds and Mrs. Dutton gave two numbers accompanied at the piano by Miss Frankie Deppen.

Mrs. Jack Walker was in charge of the guest book for the evening and recorded the gifts and givers as the packages were opened by the honoree.

Guests were invited to the dining room for refreshments of ribbon sandwiches, canapes, cookies and mints with Mrs. Elmer Patterson of Hereford, sister of the honoree, presiding at the coffee service. The table was centered with an arrangement of pansies and cream colored candles in crystal holders. Appointments were in keeping with the sweetheart Valentine theme.

A position as teacher in her own home town has been accepted by Leona Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong will teach in the Midland schools, her home town.

Dr. Swayne Finds Paradox Similar To Present One

Dr. Mattie Swayne of the English department is the author of a well-written article, "Shakespeare's King Henry IV, as a Pacifist," in the November issue of College English magazine.

Miss Swayne notes a paradox of our age: "the prevalence of a generous faith in humanity has made the most civilized nations dupes of violence." This may be an explanation of a former rather widespread belief in pacifism in the colleges. She cites a similar paradox as described by Shakespeare in the sixteenth century. Visionary failure was conspicuous in the impractical Henry VI, yet Shakespeare gave this king a set of values above those of the victors and produced sympathy, or even admiration, for him in defeat.

"Like Henry VI," Miss Swayne wrote in conclusion, "our liberal rulers have believed so heartily in the civilizing influences of our age and in the capacity of human nature to be regenerated that they have neglected to maintain strong guards against the enemies of civilization. Selfish forces have, nevertheless, been on the alert to take advantage of this faith in the ideal and to bewilder humanity with its own honest doubts and inarticulate hopes."

Assembly Checks To Be More Rigid—Penalty Named

Assembly attendance in wartime is even more important than normally, and will henceforth be enforced with more vigor, Dr. J. A. Hill announced Saturday.

Excuses for absences will be fewer. Leaving assembly during a program will constitute an absence which will be checked by representatives of the Registrar's office. Negative hours for absences will be assessed by the Dean.

Class attendance also will be diligently checked.

Hoskins-Kilgore To Wed Jan. 31

Miss Frances Hoskins, daughter of Fred J. Hoskins of Spearman, and G. Richard Kilgore, of Pampa, will exchange vows in a wedding ceremony at the home of the bride-elect, January 31, it was announced recently.

Miss Hoskins is a Junior in W. T. and a member of Gamma Phi sorority, and of Alpha Chi fraternity.

Mr. Kilgore is a senior here, and a member of Epsilon Beta fraternity.

The couple plan to continue school, and will be at home in Canyon.

Square Dancing Enjoyed on Friday

Dead week slipped a cog last week when approximately sixty persons turned out for the Friday night Square Dance. Fal-de-rals and hi-jinks from Put Your Little Foot to the Schottische reverberated from the walls of the Women's gym. Most popular of the dances are Ten Pretty Girls, New Shoes, Rye Waltz, Pop Goes the Weasel and plain waltzes. The regular four piece hill billy orchestra accompanies the dances with instructors as well as students taking part.

Cecil Hefley and Miss Dorothea Martin, of the Amarillo WPA recreation center, call and direct the dances.

Thoughts Of The Week

Dear Cobina:

If you can't read this writing readily, just put on your bifocals and read on, because I'm so sore this morning that I can hardly move a muscle. It all started yesterday when I was walking home from the Ad building. I was comin' down the steps and here were all these pretty men sitting there in the sun, so I accidentally tripped. The silliest thing; I fell harder than I meant to, in fact I about swallowed my teeth. Anyway, I lay there where I fell for at least five minutes. I even moaned a little. But those ignorant men just sat like they was glued to the spot. I finally had to pick my own self up, muster what dignity I could, and stalk off. Things have come to a pretty pass when chivalry is so dead the men can watch a girl break her leg without even a pause in their conversation!

You know, it's a funny thing though. Right after that Muriel Faye Phegley came by the same spot, dropped her pencil, and every one of 'em knocked each other down to pick it up for her! They musta been studyin' or something when I fell. Speakin' of Phegley, wonder where she buys her hair? I ain't never been able to find anything like it yet. And you know, her teeth look almost like they was her own! Well, so what? So what if she is a beautiful blond? So what if she did lose a lot of weight while she was in the hospital? "Beauty is only skin deep." Ain't that what you've always heard, Cobina?

And kin you imagine that cute Chatty Johnson askin' me fer a coke date th' other day? Oh, you don't believe it? Well just ask Ruby Dell Roberds, she was standing right behind me. But that ain't all! Somehow he didn't show up when he was s'posed to, so I went over to the Buff, and there he sat with Ruby Dell. Poor boy, she musta snagged onto him while I wasn't lookin'. Some girls just ain't got no pride.

Still on th' subject of couples (bein' at liberty makes you that way) I just can't understand how Lynn Edwards has gone and got that beautiful Jack Maddox to where he won't even look at another girl! He used to just look at me and smile. In fact, it'd make him so happy just to see me that I could hear him laughin' long after I was out of sight. But ever since that slinky critter walked onto the scene he ain't even looked at me. Oh well, they say that desperation'll make a girl do a lot of under-handed things.

I guess you know too, that Dopey Barnes, that other little blonde that ever-one's always ravin' about, has had her picture in all the big papers back East. Brooky and Maddox was tossin' her back and forth one day, so they made a publicity picture of it. All I got to say is, it pays to be little. I ain't so big that I kin see, but somehow none of these big han'some men around here never picked me up 'nd toss me in the air! I guess I just ain't the clingin' vine type. Never did like that kind of girl anyway. Don't trust 'em.

I really hated to see Gretchen Andrews leave. She was the only one up here that ain't done me dirt, and snatched a man out from under my nose. She had hers when I came. Not that I couldn't of got him. I just didn't wanta leave Gretchen out in the cold, she's such a trustin' soul.

And all these girls flashin' engagement rings around! Why it's downright disgustin'. A person'd think they were the only one's that had the chance! Not that I ain't had the opportunities. . . . I just ain't ready yet. And you don't need to make no cracks, Cobina. All you've ever had is ring-worm. Like I was sayin', Orvella Hill, Gretchen, Patsy Gutshall, Gloria Stanley, Athlee Goffinet, Violet Parish, Ruthie Cole, Daisy Lee Dotson, and I don't know how many others are all beamin' on everyone else like their's were the only men in the world! It's gettin' to the point where you just ain't in the four hundred unless you got a engagement ring! There's other things in life . . . ain't there?

Frankly though, now, I'm gettin' a little worried about my competition what with all the men leavin' and the few left bein' dazzled by such cute Freshmen as Anne Wofford, Betty Jo Gray, Troyce Stanbaugh and Neil Moore. But I guess I'd better forget it. Worry's what makes you lose your hair, ain't it, Cobina? It ain't as though I ain't just as cute as you understand. It's just that I don't go around all the time impressin' the men. (Can't understand it either.)

Well, Cobina. The way I figure it, I'm gonna have to move to somewhere where the women ain't so blood-thirsty. I merely spoke very nice to Frank Stockman the other day (so what if I did happen to sit on his lap by mistake?) and I thought Blue was gonna chew me up 'nd spit me out. So I just up and left. Gettin' to the point where a girl can't even be friendly anymore! I hear El Paso is actually seethin' with soldiers. They even say that it ain't safe fer a girl to walk on the street down there without bein' whistled at, so next time I write you, it may be from there.

By the way, I really told some smart guy off the other day. He

wanted to know if I knew that funny lookin' Cobina. So I just up and told him that he needn't be makin' cracks. When he'd lived as long as you have he'd be funny lookin' too! So don't say I never took up for you. Lovingly, Brenda.

Freshmen Offered Special Help but Many Avoid It

"Them that has, gits."

This is an ungrammatical but philosophical approach to one of the most acute problems of freshmen—help for those who are failing or threatening to do so. For the better students, unafraid and hoping to be even better, are glad to have conferences with their teachers and to attend extra class sessions. The freshmen for whom the help is designed seldom avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

Most college departments which enroll freshmen have a program of assisting faltering students. Office conferences are common, but some departments find it necessary to offer still more help. The English and mathematics departments, for example, work early and late in special classes. A few teachers have begun holding conferences in classrooms in late afternoons to provide greater privacy for timid students. In all cases, the drill classes are voluntary.

Students who consistently seek extra help have shown marked improvement. A few have expected miracles and have gained little. Many failing students avoid conferences for reasons known best by themselves. Instructors mention their disappointment when they fail to have callers after announcing classes or extra conferences.

Students of high standing habitually form close and often lifelong friendships with their instructors. They have no feeling of inferiority or embarrassment. But instructors often remark that poor students could, with easily made adjustments in their personal schedules, become good students. The special conferences and classes are offered to make these transitions possible.

They hope the freshmen will understand—and report.

Physicians Are to Teach First Aid -Nursing Offered

Courses in First Aid and Home Nursing were organized last week at the Red Cross headquarters with a large number of townspeople and college students in attendance, stated Miss Hellen Hickman, College nurse.

The courses to be offered are three classes in First Aid, taught by Drs. R. A. Neblett, R. P. Jarrett, and C. E. Donnell, and two classes in Home Nursing, taught by Miss Hickman. The First Aid classes will be held at the Red Cross headquarters situated on the west side of the square between the Canyon National Bank and the City Pharmacy. One class will be taught every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30, another every Wednesday night and the third every Thursday night. All of these classes will be at the same time and carry parallel work.

Both men and women of Canyon and West Texas students are eligible for the courses. They will be required to buy their individual textbooks at sixty cents a copy and contribute fifteen cents toward buying bandages and other equipment for the classes.

The classes in Home Nursing are for women only, both students and town residents. One class will be taught at the Red Cross headquarters, the other in the Home Economics department.

All courses will begin the first week in February.

Information Wanted From Senior Students

Seniors should come by the Publication Office within the next few days and fill out a senior information blank relative to their accomplishments and status while attending college. Miss Charlotte Buchanan stated this week.

The information desired is the number of clubs, choruses, and honorary societies that each senior has been a member of while in school. This will be used in identifying each student in the year-book.

"Twelfth Night" Will Be Presented Here By Chekhov Players

Shakespeare will come to the campus February 13 as the famed Chekhov Players present "Twelfth Night." It will be an all-American cast directed by Michael Chekhov in collaboration with George Shdanoff.

Admission will be by blanket tax or, to outsiders, one dollar for adults and 50 cents for high school students and children.

Lucille Thornton, finishing at the end of this semester, has been elected to teach in the intermediate grades at Parnell, Texas. She is replacing Viola Dooley, '41, who resigned to take a position in the Community Center School, Childress.

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Much Equipment Is Ready for Industrial Arts Defense Classes

Equipment valued at more than \$200,000, some of it placed by the federal government, will be used by the department of industrial arts in defense courses at West Texas State in the spring semester opening February 2.

Courses will carry regular college credit and regularly enrolled students will pay no extra fees. Out-of-college men and women may take the courses for a fee of \$7.50 for each class. Some courses are planned to me of specific use in the military services and others for work in defense plants.

The classes will include welding, internal combustion engines, radio, sheet metal, blue-print and map reading, mechanical drawing, bench work, printing, advanced millwork, and carpentry. Most subjects will be taught by Prof. John Gillis and Prof. W. Holmes Smith, but special instructions will be used in other courses.

Most of these classes have been under way for a month. Night classes are available in some instances.

In the course of engines, studies will include power plants of automobiles, tractors, stationary engines, and airplanes. Laboratory work will include tearing down, assembling and testing of various engines.

In radio, elementary principles will be studied and codes will be learned. There will be some repair and testing.

A course in photography will be taught by the instructor in journalism. This will include classwork, field trips, and laboratory experience.

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