

New Club Members Will Make Social Debut Tonight

By Margaret Lair

Today, social club members are in a bustle of activity preparing for the Presentation Ball which is scheduled for tonight at the Nat in Amarillo. Slated to be the outstanding social function of the year, this dance will introduce 105 new club members to the campus.

New members of Delta Zeta Chi and their escorts are: Mary Gamble, E. W. Womble, Mollie Landrum, Mack Bush, Doris Baker, Lloyd Johnson, Sylvia Colwell, Harry Brown, Yvonne Painter, J. W. Goodnight, Joan Smith, Ray Benjamin.

Tri Tau will introduce: Jess Armstrong, Billie Gibbons, George Black, Leta Shook, Buddy Brockus, Bobbie Robertson, Purvey Burrows, Dorothy Smith, Rex Shearer.

Wayne Bagley, Charlene Giesecke, James Bates, Leverage Hutcherson, T. C. Brown, Madelle Beavers, David Bumpus, Jonnie Dunn, Armond Cardinal, Leta McNutt, Harold Hagemeier, LaNell Ekelund, Harley Hicks, Polly Cool, Ben Kellin, Marjetta Miller, Bob Morton, Clella Pearson, Ray Nickelson, Marie Williams, James Paul Ord, Ruby Ann Patton, D. I. Roberts, Beverly Burke,

Luther Self, Bonita Rector, Carl Small, Maxine Campbell, Charles Smith, Mrs. Charles Smith.

To be presented by Gamma Phi, new members and their escorts are: Lena Brillhart, Herb Brillhart, Virginia Bush, Boyce Box, Billie Byars, Don Leach, Catherine Hester, Metz LaFollette, Martha Kelly, Boyd Williams, Thelma Mercer, H. R. Fulton, Pat Miller, Clyde Ivey, Wilma Jean Miller, Marvin Bowman, Ruby Stevenson, Charles Head.

Epsilon Beta will present: J. W. Bishop, Avalon Smith, Bill Bogard, Evelyn Berry, James Lair, Ellen Sanders, Don Little, Janice Leggett, Gene Bowman, June Brown, Lee Roy Moreland, Mattie Moreland, Jim Ponder, Gertie Ponder, Don Standley, Mary Ann Bellah, Kenneth Vaughan, Melba Ruth Grady, Gordon Dickerson, Media See, Jack Ritchie, Forest Vaughn, Lillian Kelly, Ray Wise, Bernice Anderwald.

Pi Omega pledges and their escorts are: Kathryn Brooks, Charles Owens, Maxine Campbell, Carl Small, Sybil Ann Gillis, Bill Hutchinson, Maurine Medlen, Dana Persons, Billene Moseley, Jack Andrews, Ruth Patman, Bob Word, Ruby Ann Patton, James Paul Ord, Virginia

Reid, J. C. Jones, Ada Sue Smith, Douglas Lowe.

New members of Kapa Tau Phi and their escorts are: Marcella Blue, Bob Davis, Lavenia Boykin, Cecil Boykin, Gail Chapman, Charles McDonald, Jane Donaldson, Bob Helm, Mary Hutton, Howard Moore, Joyce Killingsworth, Bill Clayton, Georgia Beckner, Dee Rory Beasley, Johnnie Boykin, Dwayne Burrows, Jo Nell Coose, Kenneth Corder, Jo Crook, Elvin Lyons, Baby Hokit, Gene Skaggs, Juanita Williams, Dick Hall, Helen Jo Wilson, Bill Latson.

Fall and spring pledges and their dates of Alpha Sigma Xi are: James Harder, Glenna Winston, Vincent Huber, Mrs. Vincent Huber, Bill Robinson, Jo Ann Hill, Julius Walker, Trilzie Travis, Dee Roy Beasley, Georgia Beckner, Charles Bruce, Charline Miller, Bobby Harder, Jane Brooks, Bill Hutchinson, Sybil Ann Gillis, J. C. Jones, Virginia Reid, Roy Lyles, Nadyne Fields, Harold Meador, Ruth Fox, Joe Merri-man, Evelyn Black, Bill Miller, Winifred Hoskins, Richard Miller, Lloydene Crawford, Charles Owens, Kathryn Brooks, Howard Weatherly, Bea Clark, Bob Word, Ruth Patman.

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Aggies To Crown Rodeo Queen

Crowning the Queen, Mrs. Yvonne Little of Amarillo, at the Grand will start the Aggie Club's first annual T-Anchor rodeo here at West Texas.

The rodeo will be held only one day but two shows are to be given, one at 2:30 o'clock and another at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

One of the outstanding rodeo teams invited is Coloardo A&M

which won first prize at the Arizona University rodeo and second at New Mexico University. Texas Tech's team, which won first at the Hardin-Simmons rodeo has also been invited.

A hand-tooled belt will be presented to the person chosen as the best all-around cowboy. The runner-up for the prize will be awarded a pair of spurs. To be eligible, both

persons must take part in at least three events in both shows. One of the three events must be roping. The prizes will be awarded at the end of the second show.

The rodeo stock will be brought in Saturday morning along with the services of six horses donated by the calf roping club of McLean.

Prize money for each event will be figured on a 50, 30, and 20 per

cent basis of the entrance fees.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the following students: Red Weatherly, Billy Caperton, Jackie Bryan, Ruth Johnson, Delmo Williams, and Carrol Williams.

Howard Weatherly, Aggie president, urges everyone who plans entering to do so early as possible.

Price of admission to either show will be a dollar for adults, 50 cents for children.

Lethargy Grips College Political Scene

Honor Authors Thursday Night

Reception Starts At 8 O'clock In Cousins Lounge

Writers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all West Texas exes, have been invited to return to their alma mater Wednesday evening and be guests at a reception in their honor beginning at 8 o'clock in the lounge of Cousins Hall.

"Altogether, 45 honorees have been notified of the affair, and we are still receiving replies," says Mrs. Reeves, director of public relations in charge of planning the reception.

"Although it is impossible to estimate how many of them will attend, we do know that there will be representatives from almost every field of writing: scientific, historic, playwriting, mathematics, fiction, poetry and news."

In addition to faculty, people of other interested groups will attend, including students in journalism and creative writing classes and staff of school publications.

Forming a short reception line will be Pres. and Mrs. J. A. Hill, Dean and Mrs. D. A. Shirley and Regent and Mrs. Newton Harrell.

Tom Langston and Miss Dorinda Bond worked with Mrs. Reeves arranging for "Writers' Night."

Band To Make Good-Will Tour

M. J. Newman, director, has announced dates for two tours to be made in May by the West Texas State College All-Boy Band, sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

The band will assist in the two good-will tours similar to the four-day tour taken last fall by the same group.

May 19 and 20 the trip will take the 40 band members to Tucumcari, N. M., up to Liberal, Kansas, and back to Amarillo, with numerous stops along the way. The second tour, May 26 and 27, will take the troupe in a general path to Childress, Pampa, and back to Amarillo.

A more definite schedule will be announced at a later date.

Prexy To Attend Regents' Meeting

President J. A. Hill will leave for Austin next Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Regents May 8 and 9 where he will deliver his report on the school.

The Regents will discuss a plan to visit all the state teachers colleges next year. The election of faculty will also be on the agenda for the meeting.

Socially Scheduled

Tuesday, April 29—Presentation dance, at the "Nat," Amarillo, 8 to 12 p. m.

Thursday, May 1—Writer's Night, Cousins Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m.

Friday, May 2—Theta Kappa Psi dance, Cousins Hall, 8 to 11 p. m.

Saturday, May 3—College dance, Cousins Hall, beginning after the rodeo.

NOTICE

Those desiring teaching certificates based on completion of the spring semester's work should apply at once to Mrs. Dorothy Lawless in the Registrar's office.

WT May Receive Million Dollars As Result of Summer Polling

If voting citizens of Texas sanction the measure when they go to the polls August 23, West Texas State can launch a new building program next winter with proceeds from a bond issue based on repaying power stemming from approximately one million dollars this college will receive within the next ten years.

Of the total \$18,691,048.06 estimated as return from the bill, West Texas will get about 5.49 per cent, sharing the amount with 14 other state schools—all Texas colleges, in fact, except the University and A. & M.

Passed by the legislature during sessions Tuesday, the measure does not actually create a new tax. For several years, Texans have paid seven cents on every \$100 worth of taxable property toward pension of Confederate veterans.

Because of the decrease in number of living veterans, however, this provision has given a superfluous amount of money to the fund. The new measure would transfer the use of an already legal tax, taking five cents of the ratio for the schools and leaving two cents for Civil War pensioners.

The measure would last over a

period of 30 years, with re-allocation according to enrollment conducted every 10 years. West Texas' share during the first decade would be between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000, permitting contractors to proceed January 1 with the next building on the expansion blueprint, a library, Taxable values of the state amount to \$4,000,000,000.

Approved 110 to 38 in the House Tuesday after a conference committee had recommended minor changes satisfactory to both legislative groups, the proposed law had been up for legislative action for the past two months.

Prairie, Cresens Take Awards In State Journalism Contests

Second only to The Campus Chat of North Texas State, The Prairie placed high in Class A division according to judges for the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, whose decisions were announced at a formal banquet concluding the

organization's spring convention in Alpine Friday evening.

Johnnie Fay Cresens, editor, won first place in the news-story division, competing against entrants from 16 other colleges.

Graded on mechanical make-up,

editorials, scope, news atmosphere and general character publication, the newspapers were rated by Lloyd Gregory, vice-president of The Houston Post; Harry Quinn, editor of the Edinburg Review; and Joe Cook, editor of the Mission Post and past president of the Texas Press Association.

Judge Appraises Papers

"I am very favorably impressed with the papers. Those in Class A compare favorably with the Daily Texan which has long ranked one of the top half dozen in the country," commented Gregory.

Taking third and fourth places in the A group were The South Texan of A & I and The Prospector of Texas Mines. North Texas topped other competitors, amassing a total of five firsts, two seconds and two thirds.

Winning news article was the coverage of the twin coronation at the West Texas Personality Ball, a story appearing in both the college newspaper and the Amarillo Globe-News.

Abilene in 1948 With more than 150 students from 16 Texas Colleges attending, the conference convened on the campus at Sul Ross State Teachers College two days last week. Delegates voted to hold the 1948 spring meeting at McMurry College, Abilene.

Featured speaker at the Friday morning session was John McCarty of Amarillo, author, historian and West Texas graduate, who took his B. A. and M. A. here, retired recently from his position as assistant publisher of the Amarillo News-Globe and is devoting his time to writing on the Southwest.

WT representatives at the Alpine meeting were Miss Dorinda Bond, adviser, Norman Ely, Vaughn Vandergrieff, Polly Cool, Frank Stallings, J. W. Walker and Johnnie Fay Cresens.

Wimberleys Will Present Recital Thursday Afternoon

A piano recital will be given by Miss Carolyn Wimberley, junior, assisted by Miss June Wimberley, violinist, Thursday afternoon, May 1, 4:40 o'clock.

The program: Partia in B flat.....Bach Prelude Minuet Gigue Sonata op. 31, no. 1.....Beethoven Allegro vivace Adagio grazioso

Madrigal.....A. Simonetti Mazurka.....E. Mlynarski Romance op. 44.....A. Rubinstein

Miss June Wimberley Intermezzo op. 117 no. 1.....Brahms Intermezzo op. 119 no. 2.....Brahms Nocturne E flat.....Chopin Waltz C sharp minor.....Chopin General Valere, eccentric.....Debussy

Ambitious Race for Twelfth Of 24 Available Positions

Apparently nonchalant where their own government is concerned, students yesterday forfeited the right to hold the most important election of the year.

For a total of 24 offices in next year's structure of student leadership, two brave souls ventured forth into the political limelight, and had their petitions in to LeRoy Reeves, Student Association president, by the deadline at 11:30 Monday morning.

Candidate Reeves (Half of WT Politics)



"... What's the use in having elections," he opines.

Had It Happened—OFFICIAL BALLOT

Student Association Officers

President: Leroy Reeves
Vice-president: _____
Secretary: _____

Cass Officers

Sophomores
President: _____
Vice-president: _____
Secretary: _____

Juniors

President: _____
Vice-president: _____
Secretary: _____

Seniors

President: _____
Vice-president: _____

Secretary: _____

Senators

Sophomores
Post No. 1: _____
Post No. 2: _____
Post No. 3: Paula Frazier

Juniors

Post No. 1: _____
Post No. 2: _____
Post No. 3: _____

Seniors

Post No. 1: _____
Post No. 2: _____
Post No. 3: _____

Maybe There's a Reason But Poll-Taker Misses It

By Jess Terbert Pipkin

With all the talk about gambling, drinking, etc. going on around this college, I decided to try to find out the reasons for these habits.

So I went up to the favorite hang-out of the "Gallon Guzzlers." The "Gallon Guzzlers" are an informal social group for those able to drink a gallon and still live.

As I walked in the door I noticed a group of math majors practicing their next day's assignments. They had some little square marbles that they would roll on the floor and then add up the numbers.

"Can anybody play?" I asked.

One big bruiser looked up, got up and whammed me one in the mouth. However, he forgot to take the dice out of his hand. Every time I smile, you can see a big four-trey imprinted in my teeth. I've got what you might call a NATURAL smile.

Answer-Knower

Strolling over to the next table I heard a sociology bug explaining the whys and wherefores of life.

"This talk about drinking being harmful is the nuts," he burped. "I've been drinking since I was two years old and it never has bothered me."

Downing his last drink, he started

gibbering, swung up on the chandelier, and when I left he was still there throwing coconuts at everybody.

In the back of the place, they were giving final exams for entry into the club. (Gallon guzzlers, that is.) Testing one bright, young man, they gave him a glass of vodka, a quart of beer, a slug of gin, and a fifth of White Horse. (All in rapid succession.)

He's In

"Congratulations," the president blurted, "you're now an active member of the Gallon Guzzlers."

The newest addition to the big happy family smiled greenly. (Just before rigor mortis set in.)

But this was not my purpose in being there. I had to interview some of the students and find out why they drink and gamble.

Approaching one pretty, well-dressed co-ed I asked, "Why do you think so many college students

drink?"

"I don't know," she retorted, "unless it's because they want to."

Which to me sounded like a mighty reasonable explanation. So all of you who want to, meet me at the Mayfair next Saturday night. Don't forget, the first one there gets to buy me a beer.

Play Will Begin Senior Services

Commencement Day Will Be June 5; Baccalaureate June 1

When the curtain goes up on the speech department's commencement play May 30, it will inaugurate the last week at WT for graduating students. Degrees will be presented June 5.

Reviving the custom of presenting a commencement play, the speech department this year is offering, "Joan of Lorraine." W. A. Moore, director of dramatics is in charge of production. Curtain time is 8:15 o'clock.

Reverend William E. Wright of Borger will deliver the baccalaureate address June 1 at 11 a. m. On the same afternoon at 3:30 the students of the department of music will render a concert.

Following final examinations on June 2, 3 and 4, the spring convocation will be held at 10 a. m., June 5. Dr. J. G. Flowers, of San Marcos will be the guest speaker.

A list of the prospective graduates is not yet available.

WT Will Picnic Saturday, May 10

Definite plans are now formulating for the Senate-promised all-college picnic. Saturday, May 10, has been set as the day and Ceta Glen, the place. These are subject to change as to the weather.

Students who have cars or other means of transportation are asked to contribute these to the car pool headed by Dick Craig, picnic chairman. The Senate will arrange transportation for the entire student body.

Entrance fee into the canyons will be a minimum \$75. Therefore, each person will be asked to give a nominal amount to this fund which will be collected at some time next week.

On the morning of May 10, picnickers will gather in front of the Administration Building between 8:30 and 9:00 at which time the crowd will leave for Ceta Glen.

Albert Combs Wills Money to Museum

Because of a stipulation in the will of the late Albert Combs of Pampa, the museum building fund is \$2,000 richer this week.

Brother of G. B. Combs of Canyon, the banker and rancher died Sunday, April 20. Just three weeks before, Pampa had honored him with an all-day party celebrating his 90th birthday anniversary and his 80th year in Texas.

Once a rider of the Chisholm Trail, Mr. Combs was chairman of the board of directors of the National Bank of Pampa.

New Dorms Ready For Occupancy

Officials of the college have announced the near completion of two new men's dormitories, Tierra Blanca Dorm, which houses 103 men and Palo Duro Dorm, with a capacity of 64 men. The buildings are located north of the Home Management House.

Both dormitories are steam heated, with a combined floor area of 13,500 square feet for Tierra Blanca and 9,000 square feet for Palo Duro. In the near future both will be of stucco finish. Each room will have a study table, double deck beds, chest of drawers and individual buzzer systems. Approximately 30 men are now living in Terra Blanca.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Many people are of the impression that gambling is a No. 1 pastime among college students.

If playing "keeps" with marbles is considered gambling that might be true.

We haven't been privileged to witness any ringside marble game but gambling among students and faculty members is being carried on in most colleges throughout America.

It was only last week that Professor 's wife had a bridge party. She gave a Kewpie doll as first prize to the person with the highest score.

Is that gambling?

Some of the students pitch pennies at a line. If their arm holds out, they may win or lose a quarter over a period of three or four hours.

Is that gambling?

Under the law, both might be classified as such.

The point is this. In our emphatic renunciation of gambling, we are overlooking the most important feature, the cause of it. The petty gambling that goes on in colleges merely represents one of man's basic desires—the desire for social recognition or status.

If we would submit a program of cultural interests to both student and faculty members alike, such as the current radio feature, "Town Meeting of the Air",—something to capture and challenge the intellectual interests of everyone concerned—we predict the ugly head of gambling would soon sink from sight.—I. G.

IT MIGHT BE THE ANSWER

"Aw, he's got a pull with the faculty," analyzes one observer.

"Besides that, he's a book-worm," opines another.

But that isn't it. The so-called grind to whom they refer perhaps has discovered one asset valuable above all others in this process called education.

And strangely enough, his secret isn't a secret at all; his magic password, to success in grade-averages is one important achievement, the ability to express himself either orally or in written form.

A complete sentence, simple and lucid, forms the basis for "impressing" a teacher, and more incidentally, is the nucleus of all permanent learning.

Take for example that last examination—whether it be in history, sociology or even a science. Discussion, wasn't it? And you noticed, of course, it was the complete and explanatory papers that pulled the A's.

Acquisition of an easy flow of words from thought to pen to paper is nothing more than a matter of practice in writing. It takes time—and for some, the results are worth it.

Pity the poor freshman who does not know how to construct a simple sentence, with or without punctuation. And pity the poor graduate who has managed to skin through without learning, for self-expression is almost essential today, no matter how it is to be used. It's one of those inescapable things, retarding from the negative, but reassuring if you happen to be on the positive side of the skill.

A BETTER STUDENT, NOT A BETTER COLLEGE

One of the world's greatest physics teachers was Lord Kelvin. Students who worked with him in the University of Glasgow have carried to the ends of the earth a torch that he lighted, and have added to his credit not only in research and discovery, but in teaching. One of them, the president of a Canadian college, described to me that classroom. "The college was so poor," he said, "that Lord Kelvin had only handmade equipment of the crudest materials to illustrate many of the principles he taught. Spools and pieces of string might serve for pulleys and belts. The students, too, were poverty stricken, some of them hungry, and most of them ill clad. One morning he went into the classroom and saw that the teacher had hung two lumps of metal by long strings from the beam overhead. One was a piece of lead, the other brass. He swung these pendula and when they swung together and touched they clung. Kelvin stepped to the edge of the platform and said, 'Can any young man tell me what force operates to keep these pendula from resuming the perpendicular?'"

"We all sat mumbling the names of any forces we could think of, from magnetic to centripetal. We didn't know but we wanted to sound as though we knew. He stood there looking at us with a sort of quiet contempt, and then he said, 'If anyone used the sense God gave him, he would know there must be some sticky substance on one of them.'

"I have never forgotten what I learned in that classroom," said this Canadian scholar.

It was my own good fortune to attend a small college which was adequately equipped with teachers and books and chemicals and museum specimens and pictures and pianos. I remained there for four years and a less tender-hearted group of gentlemen on the faculty would have kept me there longer, or else not so long. Among the things I learned in that time were various ways to avoid learning. More books, more equipment, more elegant classrooms and more learned teachers would not have taught

Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely

Collegiately Speaking

This school should offer a course in practical politics. If we kids are going to leave good old WT fitted to make our mark in the world, we must have a knowledge of the fundamentals of political chicanery. Such a course could not be taught in classrooms, but instead, a senior conniver could take small groups of students to various conventions and interpret all the maneuvering and shouting that goes on.

For a second-year course in politics, the students would join several organizations and go out and conventioneer on their own.

This may sound a bit silly, but down at the press conference at Alpine last week there was a terrific abundance of eager collegiate politicians. True their knife work wasn't very deft, but at least it was bloody.

Incidentally, the vice-president of the TIPA sounded a warning which our Student Senate might do well to consider. Quoth she on being submitted a proposed constitutional amendment, "If we do this now, what will be left for next year's convention?"

Yes, the time has come for comprehensive courses in "How to Get Your Own Way." American colleges have turned out so many political game birds in the past several generations that there have developed unlimited opportunities for birds of political prey.

Besides all that, wouldn't it be nice to study baby-kissing techniques with some of these eager little 19-year-old babies? That is, if you have better luck than I do.

Noble M. Masters, blind veteran, will receive his degree in history and government in June at North Texas State at Denton. Masters was a victim of a premature hand grenade explosion while training with the 36th division. He lost his left eye entirely and, with the aid of heavy lensed glasses, can see only slightly with his right. His wife, who has helped him in his work, will also receive her degree in June.

Homecoming day, annual celebration to which ex-students from all over the state return to their Alma Mater to renew acquaintances and relive memories, will be held May 3 at East Texas State, Commerce.

At North Texas State, Denton, the college opera workshops recently presented the opera "Faust."

With the approach of final exams, the Syracuse Daily Orange ran an ominous article which may or may not have influenced the semester grade curve. It told how at the 700 year old University of Naples in Italy, a group of students recently beat their professor with an iron door handle because he had not given them passing marks in their examinations.

The students were all vets of the Italian army. The brawl forced authorities to close down the University, one of Europe's oldest institutions.

Floyd Golden Returns From Chicago Conference

President of Eastern New Mexico College, Floyd D. Golden recently returned from Chicago where he appeared with the dean of the college before the board of review for accrediting.

Golden received his B. S. in Industrial Arts in 1925 from W. T. S. C. His graduate work was done in the field of Education Administration at the University of Colorado and at Columbia University.

While at WT, he participated four years in football, basketball and baseball, one year in tennis, was a member of Alpha Chi, served as Business Manager of The Prairie one year and as Editor of Le Mirage one year.

Prior to his presidency, he served as superintendent of schools in Friona, Miami and Portales, and as dean of the college from 1934 until 1941.

A veteran of World War I, Dr. Golden was secretary of Roosevelt County Selective Service. He is Chairman of the Committee on Leadership Training for the eastern New Mexico Area of the Boy Scouts, has served as an officer in the New Mexico Association, President of the Portales Rotary Club, and Post Commander and District Commander of New Mexico American Legion.

His present hobbies include tennis, volleyball, and planning for the future of Eastern New Mexico College.

China's Government planners privately are reconciled to the idea that any large scale program for industrial development will have to be postponed at least a year and a half, probably two. The best they hope for is that China will be stabilized enough by the end of 1948 to permit a small start in industrialization.

Notice posted on the bulletin board in the Engineering Building at the University of Texas: "For sale, beautiful diamond engagement ring, 46-point, with six sided diamonds."

With a knowledge born of experience, some understanding student added the note, "My sympathies, Chum."

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A—Yes. You will be entitled to leave of absence not to exceed 30 days in any consecutive 12 months, and you will receive compensation and subsistence allowance during vacation periods.

Post Office Department officials will seek a Congressional Act to up air mail rates from 5c to 6c an ounce, because air mail increased only one third of volume when the rates were cut from 8c.

me any more than I acquired in those years. A better college was not needed in this case, but a better boy. . . .

A young man may sit down in the middle of all these assembled opportunities and do nothing about them; not even take the trouble to walk the hundred yards in one direction or another; while some unfortunate lad who cannot afford college and wants an education will go out after it, and fight for it, and question everyone and everything until he gets the answers to his questions; and he will become the better educated man.

Mr. Dent and Mr. Howells were quite right. There is a secret which all college graduates share among themselves and I am betraying my kind when I reveal it. The secret is that it is possible to spend four years at college and not learn anything at all. . . . Almost any college is a place where one may most easily acquire education if one happens to want it and will work for it; and it will be as good an education as one happens to want.—From "Campus Versus Classroom," by Burges Johnson. (New York: Ives Washburn, 1946.)—Reprinted from Christian Science Monitor.

Excerpts For Ex-es

Among WT exes who attended the national convention of the AAUW at Dallas were the following: Myrtle McCowan Stanley (Mrs. G. L.) of Fort Worth; Alma McGowan Thompson (Mrs. R. L.) of Amarillo; Miss Joyce Sheets, an English major who teaches in the Childress school system; and Miss Ruth Lowes of the college faculty.

The state AAUW poetry award was won by Allie Merle Wilson Dunaway (Mrs. Floyd) an English major, who now lives in Austin.

Frances Smith, an English major who teaches in the Quail Public Schools, has had a number of poems published.

Miss Emma Alice Green, an ex-student of WT, is now librarian at the Amarillo City Library. Her appointment follows several months' service as acting librarian.

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Maroon Scanties Eye Abilene Tourney; Will Meet McMurry and ACC Thursday

Next Year's Buff Basketeers To Play Exes Friday Night

Basketball fans of the Panhandle will receive a chance to see a 1947 preview of the 1948 Maroon and White cagers Friday night at 7 o'clock in Burton Gym when they meet a top-flight team of Buffalo exes.

This is the first of a proposed two or three spring clashes with groups of exes and it will serve as grounds whereby Coach Gus Miller can evaluate new players' performances. The next scheduled fray will take place in the gym May 16 and Price Brookfield, Charles Halbert and Jack Maddox are expected to be on hand for the exes then.

Forming the ex-Maroon for Friday night will be Joe Fortenberry,

six-time All-American, George Ray Colvin, twice named All-American, Borden Price, captain of last year's squad, Norman Trimble, Doug Groom, Earl Stagner, Ledru Jacobs, Chat Johnson, Deac Johnson, Veltan Sargee, Monk Ford and Hank Decker.

Expected to suit out for the '48 hopefuls are Metz LaFollette, Boyce Box, Cloyce Box, Glynn Braden, Jay Malone, Kenneth Simpson, Johnny Johnson, J. L. Houser, Neil Jackson, Bill Miller, Charles Kitchens, Hubert Kitchens, Ted Haberer, Sammy Malone, Charles Barnard, Bill Birdwell, and Bill Phillips.

Admission for the exhibition game will be 50 cents.

Huffman Begins Lobo Pigskin Drill

Albuquerque, N. M.—With the biggest turnout for spring football in the history of the University, and with Coach Berl Huffman and Line Coach Walter Nichols enthusiastic about the job of whipping together a winning Lobo football team, spring drills got underway last Monday at Zimmerman field.

Though it was more or less a get-acquainted session, Coach Huffman got down to brass tacks early, working with centers and backs on the intricacies of ball-handling from the T. Meantime, Coach Nichols was working the linemen, concentrating on fundamentals of line-play.

Seventy-four candidates have checked out gear, and a few more are expected to show up at the equipment room before the week is out.

A goodly selection of last year's crew is back in Lobo livery, among them such stalwarts in the backfield as Rudy Camunez, scat half-back who came up to the varsity in mid-season last year; Rudy Krall, a big guy who works well at either fullback or halfback; quarterbacks Bryan Brock and Bill Geter; half-

backs Benny Gibson, Curt Wimberly.

In the line are such remembered names as Ends Dick Milton and Dick Williford, Tackles Clyde Amerson, Bruce Ackerson, John Waddill; Guards George Hildebrandt, George Hughes, and Vince Florino; and Center Jim Clark.

Virgil (Bottles) Boetler, who last year was a standout at left end, has moved back into the center slot which he vacated after the 1943 season.

Also showing up for the spring session is a flock of promising freshmen and a bunch of sophomores who got their baptism in college ball as members of last year's freshman team and as sparring partners for last year's varsity.

Over at Las Cruces it seems as if the speculators are eyeing Tempe as the team to be in the Albuquerque championships.

J. W. Thompson heralded high school star has joined the ranks of Raider pigskin material.

Mrs. Frank R. Phillips, district deputy grand matron, Order of the Eastern Star, was honor guest at a dinner given by the Hereford chapter one night last week.

Loop Track Meet Starts May 9, 10 At N. M. U. Field

Albuquerque, N. M.—The Annual Border Conference Athletic Conference, with the annual conference meets in track, tennis, baseball, golf, and swimming, will be held at the University of New Mexico, May 8, 9 and 10.

Entries must be received at the University by Monday, May 5. Prof. W. C. Wagner, president of the conference, said today.

Thursday, May 8, at 7 p. m., tennis drawings will be held in the Student Union building, followed at 7:30 by an open meeting for all faculty representatives, athletic directors, publicity directors, and all coaches.

Coaches and athletic directors will meet at 8:30, and at the same time, there will be a separate meeting of Publicity directors, plus an executive meeting of faculty representatives in the Student Union building.

All business for the coming year in Border Conference sports will be transacted at the meeting, and a regional meeting of the American Collegiate Public Relations Association will be held in conjunction with the Border Conference meeting.

Keen Rafferty, director of the University of New Mexico news bureau, announced.

Faculty representatives will meet in executive session at the Student Union building at 9 a. m. Friday, and at 6:30 p. m. faculty representatives, athletic directors and coaches will meet at El Fidel hotel for the annual conference dinner.

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Red Cross Sends Teacher For Life-Saving School

A qualified representative from the St. Louis office of the American Red Cross will be on the campus May 5 to hold a week's school for water safety instructors.

Only senior life savers are eligible for this advanced training. Anyone wanting to take the course should contact Miss Ruth Cross in the PE office immediately.

The five day school will consist of three hours training each afternoon. For those unable to attend the day time classes, a similar three hour period will be conducted at night in the indoor pool.

Jarniganmen Receive Testing Before Conference Running

Beaten by Ole Man Weather in their scheduled track meet last Saturday night at Buffalo Field, the West Texas State thin-clads will journey to Abilene Thursday, May 1, for a triangular clash with McMurry and Abilene Christian College.

The gravel meet to be held at the McMurry oval will pit the Maroon and White against two seasoned track squads and especially against the always sprint-minded ACC aggregation.

While the Buffs have been mixing spring football training and track practice together this season, the two Abilene schools have been gaining experience at the wind-and-sun game.

ACC has participated in several duels so far and in two such engagements edged past the strong Red Raiders of Texas Tech. The Lubbock school has voiced that their squad is the greatest ever to don the shorts of the Red and Black.

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Following this clash the Thundering Herd will aim their speed efforts at Albuquerque where on May 9 and 10 they will compete in the Border Conference tourney. Seeded especially strong in that event are the teams of Arizona University, Arizona State of Tempe Texas Tech and New Mexico University.

Several of the longstanding loop records are expected to fall to the more potent aggregations.

Besides the track meets in Albuquerque, the day's festivities will include golf, baseball and tennis competition. West Texas is expect-

Buffalo Bill-ings - - By Vaughn Vandergriff

Having returned only Sunday from a pleasant three-day stay in Alpine at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Convention, time has rolled around once again to publish a Prairie and that necessarily or unnecessarily means another edition of Buffalo Bill-ings.

However, after having seen The Prairie carry away second place in the first class newspaper contest (beaten only by North Texas State with the Campus Chat) the spirit for writing is a little higher and words come a little easier. SO—back to work we go!

While at the convention it was my pleasure to attend an informal breakfast of college sports writers and directors in the Holland Hotel. There I met most of the people who hold the same responsibilities as myself and I gained much information as to their sports ideas, problems, and expectations. Most of them were unwilling to hazard a guess as to their football prospects in '48 while a few loudly acclaimed their possibilities upon the strength of spring practices.

Only one of the sports editors was from a school which we will play next year—that being Texas Mines of El Paso. They have completed their spring drill and believe themselves to have one of the best teams in Miner history in the offing. This was evidenced by their 72-18 drubbing of New Mexico A&M in their practice finale.

By the way, the gentleman from El Paso carried away first place in the sports column division so the Buffaloes are not the only ones determined to hand a Miner aggregation a defeat next year. Just as when the Buffs take the field against them next fall at Buffalo Stadium, this writer will be gunning for them when convention time at Abilene comes next spring.

I returned to the campus eager to write a follow-up story on the track meet which was scheduled for last Saturday night, but found to my disappointment that it was postponed. If something doesn't happen, The Prairie will get into the lying habit and become perpetual prevaricators.

First it was the rodeo, then Jo

Stafford and now the track meet. I am even afraid to mention anything about the Abilene duel slated for this week-end.

Whoever represents West Texas in tennis at the Border Conference clash at Albuquerque May 9 and 10 will have a tough customer to deal with in A. J. Broyles, freshman Tech netter from Lamesa.

Undeafated this year, Broyles has run through Harry Tansil, Abilene Christian, 6-1, 6-0; Frank Bounds, Hardin-Simmons, 6-1, 6-1; Frank Barger, Texas Mines, 6-1, 6-1; Jim Wood, New Mexico, 6-0, 6-0 and James Garner of Amarillo, 6-1, 6-3.

Reports from Lubbock give note that only four of last year's football starters will be missing next fall. They are Roger Smith, James Reed, Roy Williams and Ed Robinson.

G. B. Morris, coach of the Vernon Lions and former Red Raider star, has signed a contract to become head backfield coach at the South Plains school.

We are still looking forward to the official release of the 1948 football schedule which should make its appearance next week. This paper has been itching to print it and will just as soon as Coach Miller gives the little nod.

During basketball season I heard a story about a high school player down in Mississippi who used to get mad at his coach because he would never let him play more than a quarter or two in every game. He was pulling him because he was scoring too many points—maybe 40 or 50 in a half.

Well yesterday I was skimming through a sports book when I ran across his picture and now I know why he is such a point getter.

He is seven foot seven, six inches taller than any player in basketball today, and is only a freshman in Walnut high school. He can jump to reach a height of a foot over the basket.

Sorry coach—it seems as if he has his eye on the University of Arkansas.

The fair-haired sports boy at New Mexico University predicts the coming Border loop races to be the best in the circuit's history. He also predicts that the contest will be very close with Arizona, Tempe, Texas Tech and New Mexico pushing each other for the title.

Charlie Reynolds is said to be the sprinter to beat in the 100 yard dash at the meet. Reynolds has eclipsed the distance in 9.9 several times this season and is gunning for the 9.8 conference record.

Still speaking of the Sunshine State races, Texas Tech will have a mile relay team which has been burning the tracks so far this year. The quartet, made up of Kelly, Wilson, Allison, and Reynolds, paced off the mile in 3:22.8 at the Texas Relays. The Border record is 3:23.5.

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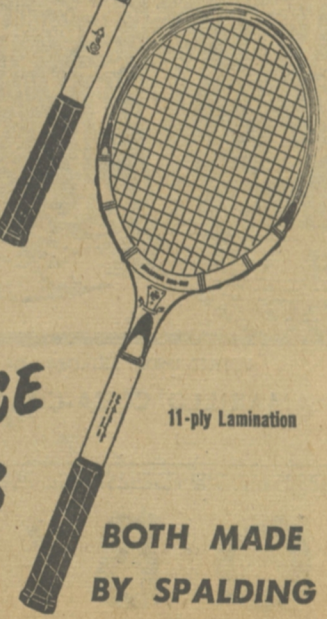
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Honor Organizations Conduct Recognition Meeting

One of the year's scholastic highlights was a meeting at Cousins Hall Friday night which gave recognition of members of honor groups on the campus, Alpha Chi, Who's Who, and Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society.

Main speaker on the program, which was planned by Alpha Chi, was Herschel Coffee, who spoke on the acquiring of deeper understanding through education.

To start the meeting, Dr. D. A. Shirley, gave a statement for the administration, and Miss Lois Franklin played a piano solo, Schumann's "Scene from Vienna Carnival." Miss Marcella Blue, president of Mary E. Hudspeth, gave a short talk on the organization and presented the members. Miss Helen White Moore is sponsor of this honor society for freshmen and sophomores.

Andrews Speaks

After Mr. Coffee's talk, Jack Andrews, president of Alpha Chi, introduced Dr. Mattie Mack, sponsor, who in turn presented membership shingles to new members of this national honor society for the upper

divisions. Junior members who were to receive shingles were Grace Aaron, Henry Bradford Black, Louise Coats, Sylvia Giesecke, Mary Joyce Hubbard, Marie Smotherman, Trixie Travis, Carlyn Wimberly, and Betty Young.

Senior members, either elected or promoted this year, were Jack Andrews, Lois Franklin, H. Weldon Greg, Mary Hodges, Georgia Faye Holt Blackwell, Fredda Mae Johnson, Jack McWhirter, Mary Louise Piehl, Wayne Thomas. Announcement was also made of those earning graduate membership this year: Ben Brotherton, Edith Boyd, Jean Edgar, H. Weldon Gregg, Fredda Mae Johnson, Mary Helen Mickey, Jack McWhirter, Bill Montgomery, and Wayne Thomas.

Certificates Given

Dr. B. F. Fronabarger was introduced and presented certificates to students who this year were elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. They are Mary Evelyn Foster Amquist, Jack Andrews, Frank Barrett, Georgia Faye Holt Blackwell, Louise Conatser, Hank Decker, Jean Edgar, Bruce C.

Poster, Sylvia Charlene Giesecke, J. T. Harp, Mary Hodges, Russell Jones, Robert Kilgore, Mary Helen Mickey, Mary Ruth Russell, Trixie Lee Travis, Carlyn Wimberly, and Betty Gene Young.

Special invitations to the meeting were given to friends and relatives of the honored student, faculty members, and members of departmental honor societies, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Omicron Phi, and Pi Beta Gamma.

VOICES IN THE DARK

"Has the feature begun? ... There's two, Mabel, let's just push through. ... Ow, my corn. ... This is too close, let's move back. ... I told you we saw this picture before. ... Why do all the big ones have to sit in front of me? ... Is there a Bugs Bunny tonight? ... I wanna drink of water. ... Oops, didn't see your hat. ... This is where we came in.

A radio-frequency hot dog cooker may be ready to serve baseball fans this summer. Franks ride a track around the heating element while a container inside the circle steams the rolls.

One thing the advent of spring taught people—you can't be sure winter is over till summer comes.

The recent cold wave accomplished some good. Several heated arguments were frozen stiff.

Educators Attend Austin Meeting

West Texas State was well represented at the annual conference for college teachers of education which met in Austin last week. F. E. Savage, head of the college education department, was elected vice-president of the conference for the coming year.

The theme stressed at the meeting was cooperation between faculty and students as a teaching device. That is, complete cooperation requires participation in all three stages of endeavor: planning, execution, evaluation.

Valuable experience was gained by the Canyon delegation in that several of them will be asked to appear on the program at the next meeting.

Comprising one of the largest groups at the meeting, those going from Canyon were: F. E. Savage, Dr. J. L. Russell, Dr. Donald B. Gragg, Mitchell Jones, Dr. Noble B. Armstrong.

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"Gee, it's good to be back in civilian clothes again," said the moth in the ex-soldier's closet.

Choirsters To Sing For Sig Program

The College Choir, under the direction of Glenn Truax will play a major role in the program to be given in the Administration Building auditorium, May 20, at 11 o'clock, for the mothers who have sons and daughters attending West Texas State.

An annual tradition, Mother's Day Assembly, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity in cooperation with other students and faculty of the college.

The program will include: numbers by the College Choir, a poetic reading, solos, and the highlight—a short address by an outstanding speaker. Preceding the assembly there will be refreshments served by the Home Economics Department on the third floor of the Administration Building from 10 to 11 a. m.

Each letter of invitation which is being sent to every WT mother states: "We hope that you will be able to be with us on May 10 for this program, that you will bring dad along, and that you will find some time to tour our campus and meet our fellow students."

Governor Jester Lets School Bill Become Law

Governor Jester announced Saturday evening that he was filing the two school bills to become law without his approval. The bills provide a per capita apportionment of \$55, and a minimum salary of \$2,000 per year for teachers, if the funds are available.

The Governor criticized the bills as being inadequate and that teachers deserve better than these bills offer.

"The children who attend the schools and those children who do not attend but who should attend, deserve better."

"The state of Texas with the large allocation of funds which it makes to the schools—the state of Texas deserves better than this stop-gap, inefficient legislation."

The bills provide for payment of a minimum per capita apportionment of \$55 and establishment of a minimum salary schedule of \$2,000 a year, when sufficient funds are available for such a schedule.

"I would not be honest to my convictions if I took any part in perpetuating or expanding this method of public school financing in Texas," Jester declared, adding: "I cannot conscientiously and, therefore, I will not sign the per capita bills."

Substation For Mail Delivery

Two local bids for the substation in the east part of Canyon have been sent to Washington where the post office department is considering the bids.

One of the bids was filed by West Texas State and the other by Ray Campbell and associates. Both were sealed bids.

When an inspection was made recently by the post office department regarding free delivery, it was pointed out that a substation could be established if a proper bid was made by citizens of the east part of Canyon. There is no indication as to when the department will announce its decision. The inspector made a complete survey regarding the substation while in Canyon.

Education Majors Hear Mae Simmons' Discussion

Miss Mae Simmons, who attended the national meeting of the Association for Childhood Education in Oklahoma City this month, discussed the convention with primary education majors Thursday afternoon. The group met at the home of Miss Ruth Lowes.

Special guests were Mrs. Mary Sligar, Mrs. Earline Moreman, and Mrs. Ocoee Warden.

LOOK RECORD REVIEW

TOPS IN WAX — Spike Jones debuts his "Other Orchestra" on the Victor label. On *Minka*, the "A" side, George Rock takes some Herbert L. Clark variations on the trumpet to show his technique and skill, then reverts to corn, a la Clyde McCoy, in a "Sugar Blues" style of wah-wah. George has been with Spike's City Slickers for the past three years and is a show-stopper wherever the Slickers perform. Eddie Kusby is the star of *Lassus Trombone*, the reverse, and plays with surprisingly fine technique and control. Spike's idea is to present some highly musical listening intermingled with subtle humor without fog-horn and cowbell panic.

EFFECT MUSIC — Jewel records makes another impressive series of Boyd Raeburn releases: *The Man With The Horn and Hip* Boyd's; *Prelude To The Dawn* and *Duck Waddle*. These four sides are all instrumentals and find Raeburn in still another groove. Raeburn collectors will search for adjectives, others who can take him or love him will be impressed, and the non-likers will shrug these off. The two "A" sides (*Man With The Horn and Prelude*) find big band performance of an extravagant nature, highly melodic and surprisingly arranged. Both arrangements for these titles were made by Johnny Richards and do justice to the great musical talent within the band. The "B" sides are purposely along the commercial vein, but interesting—and understandable.

DANCE — Count Basie goes Dizzy Gillespie: He opens up *Mutton Leg*, an instrumental, with a few be-bops that flank his work on the piano. This progresses to an excellent and outstanding trumpet ride by Snooky Young and some stratospheric sax harmonies by Illinois Jacquet. The record is

sparked by the great Basie drummer, Jo Jones. Here is heat enough to last all winter. On the reverse, the Count contrasts with a mild *Go-Go-La-Pa*, which songstress Ann Moore warbles (Columbia). Capitol's newest release offers the trumpet and orchestra of Billy Butterfield on *Stardust*. The opening is reminiscent of Billy's previous trumpeting of the famous Carmichael opus for Artie Shaw. The whole side contains the Butterfield horn, the first time he has really been heard since the formation of this new band. *Sooner Or Later*, the reverse, spots more of his Hackett-quality trumpet and a vocal by Pat O'Connor.

VOCAL STANDOUTS — Decca pairs Bing Crosby with the Jimmy Dorsey band to sing *Sweet Lorraine* and *The Things We Did Last Summer*. This offers a welcome relief having Bing do a stint with a name band rather than a studio group. Columbia also adopts this same policy to pair Dinah Shore with Rhumba King, Xavier Cugat. She sings, *I'll Never Love Again* and *You, So It's You*. Both sides exhibit good taste in singing and arranging without too many noise-makers to spoil the rhythm and atmosphere. Phil Brito makes a campus smash of *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*, with his own band, and reverses it with *Either It's Love Or It Isn't*. (Musicraft).

—Sam Rowland

NEW AND WORTHY IMPRESSIONS IN WAX

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