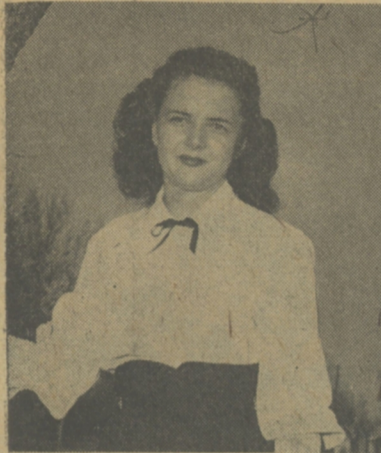


WTexans Choose Top Six Beauties Today



Rosemary Phillips



Wilma Jean Jacobs



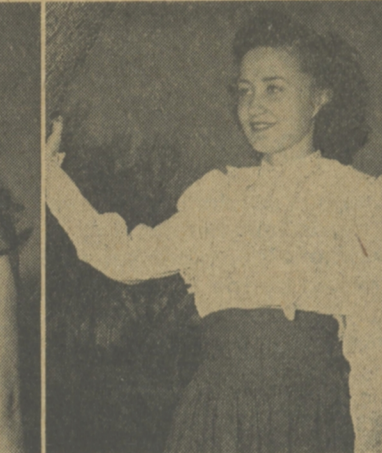
Rosemary Holt



Pat Sutton



Lora Hall



Willie Francis



Jean Morgan

Time was when the first thing students did after getting their annuals in the spring was to turn to the beauty section to see who the winners were.

In keeping with a more recent trend, this year's favorite lovelies will be presented with pomp and circumstance at the annual Le Mir-

age ball next Tuesday night, December 7. The 13 West Texas State girls who will grace the pages of Le Mirage's beauty section for 1949 will be introduced and winners of the top six positions announced.

An election to determine the first six beauties from the list of 13 chosen this week is being conducted

today. The poll will be open in the main hall of the Administration Building today from 8 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 o'clock until 2:30 in the afternoon. Students are to choose only one beauty on the ballot. Candidates are Martha Bailey, Polly Caperton, Mary Frances Colwell, Willie Francis, Lora Hall, Rose-

mary Holt, Wilma Jean Jacobs, Jean Morgan, Ruth Patman, Rosemary Phillips, Dorothy Rushing, Pat Sutton and June Wimberly.

The dance will be held from 8:30 until 12 o'clock in the Education Building gymnasium. Music will be furnished by the Collegians. Tariff for the hop will be one dollar a cou-

ple with evening gowns for the girls and Sunday bests for the boys as required dress. Dormitory girls will have late permission.

Introduction of the beauties will start at 9:30 with William A. Moore, of the speech department, emceeing the program. Eight-foot drawings of boys and girls in formal attire will

decorate the presentation stand. As each beauty mounts the platform steps, she will be spotlighted in pastel colors and framed by a shell of pastel tinted tumbleweeds. She will meet her escort in the center of the gymnasium floor and pass through an improvised aisle of satin ribbon and colored posts. Mr. Moore will

introduce each of the 13 girls and the top six winners will be announced after they are all seated on the dias.

The dance, an annual affair, is not an invitation or program ball and all students on the campus are eligible to attend. The number one beauty will lead off the dancing after the presentation.



Martha Bailey



Polly Caperton



Mary Frances Colwell



June Wimberly



Dorothy Rushing



Ruth Patman

Amarillo Music Concert Praised

Tuesday night's concert by the Amarillo Philharmonic Orchestra was a success if the response of the audience was any indication. Under the capable direction of A. Clyde Roller, the 70-piece orchestra held the attention of the audience from the first number to the last.

For the first number the orchestra played a fast moving number titled "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss.

Next was a piano solo by Miss Matilda Gaume. Miss Gaume played the difficult number "Concerto in A Minor" by Greig. The soloist is a member of the West Texas State Piano Department and this was her initial appearance with the Amarillo Philharmonic. As an encore, she played "Nocturne in F Sharp" by Chopin.

The Philharmonic then played the "Ballet Egyptian" by Luigine.

"Marche Hungroise" by Berlioz was a spirited number.

The next number was the ever beautiful "Valse Triste" by Sibelius.

As the closing number the orchestra did the "Bolero" by Ravel.

Vocational Arts Host to Meeting

West Texas State was host to over 270 high school students and their teachers of the West Texas District of the Vocational-Industrial Club of Texas, Friday, November 19.

The conference opened at 9 o'clock Friday morning and convened at 5 that afternoon.

Students were divided into two groups for the day's events. One group visited the museum while the other inspected the shops on the campus. Later in the day the groups changed inspection tours.

Visiting students met in the college cafeteria at 11 o'clock for a special luncheon.

The meeting was arranged by W. T. McGregor, director of vocational education at WT. He was assisted by Hugh T. Greiner, metal trades professor here in the college.

Officials from the state department who attended the meeting were John Curd from the University of Texas, Tip Allen, teacher-trainer also from the University of Texas, H. L. Bearden, teacher-trainer from Texas A&M, and Joe T. Reed, district supervisor of trade and industrial education from Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Homecoming Financial Statement Prepared by WT Business Office

HOMECOMING 1948 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
Balance from previous year	\$379.35
INCOME:	
Balance from previous year	\$ 379.35
Donations by WTSC	500.00
Donation by Canyon Chamber of Commerce	230.00
Sale of Cokes and Bar-B-Q	184.00
T-Club (1/2 of concession at football game)	174.22
Square Dance	165.65
Cafeteria Dance	426.85
	\$2,088.07
EXPENDITURES:	
Bar-B-Q	
Beef	\$1,290.42
Hamlin Bros. (Services)	150.00
Cooper's Market (pickles, beans, apricots and Coffee	149.31
Burket Paper Co. (paper plates and cups)	76.69
Mann's Bakery (bread)	52.50
Thompson Hardware Co. (Equipment)	48.56
Kress Var. Store (Equipment)	29.98
Canyon Joe Company	9.45
Hardaway (Hauling wood)	20.00
Taylor & Sons (Lunch for woodcutters)	5.66
Bookstore (Posters, etc.)	8.10
Warwick's (Tickets)	20.75
Miscellaneous Expense	20.00
	\$3,770.75
Square Dance	63.70
Cafeteria Dance	148.63
	\$5.68
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1948 Homecoming Dances	
SQUARE DANCE	
Income:	
Gate Receipts	\$139.70
Sale of Cokes	24.75
Hat Check concession	1.20
	\$165.65
Expenditures:	
String Orchestra	50.00
Cokes	11.40
Expenditures:	
Stamping equipment	2.30
	63.70
	\$101.95
PROFIT	
CAFETERIA DANCE	
Income:	
Gate Receipts	375.05
Cokes	34.20
Hat Check concession	17.60
	426.85
Expenditures:	
W. T. Collegians Orchestra	130.00
Cokes	16.33
Stamping equipment	2.30
	148.63
	\$278.22

THE PRAIRIE

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Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones Addresses Four Large Willson Lecture Audiences Here

"I have been living with the American scene and history for a great many years."

Thus, Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, minister, author, and lecturer, opened the first of four lectures at West Texas State College Tuesday. He is

Christmas Play Set December 8

"The Doctor of Lonesome Folk," a Christmas pantomime, will be given by the Department of Speech before the Canyon Book Club on Wednesday, December 8 at 3 o'clock. The program will highlight the club's guest day.

The play carries out the good will spirit of Christmas. Special musical background is arranged and played by Matilda Gaume, Music Department.

William A. Moore, director of dramatics, is in charge of the play production.

Others of the directing staff include Billy Greenfield, Dumas, setting design; Dorothy Jean Rushing, Floydada, stage manager; Sybil Ann Gillis, Canyon, make-up; Mary Harrison, Jacksonville, hair stylist; P. J. Neff, Mountain View, Arkansas, and Frances Alice Harp, Canyon, lighting technicians; Helen Jo Willson, Hereford, programs; Beth Kimbrough, Canyon, costumes; Lynette Hutchins, Harrold, property manager and Harold Mayfield, Childress, publicity.

Members of the cast are Pat Sutton, Pampa; Rosie Bates, Childress; Jim Caldwell, Miami; Harold Pool, Plainview; Gayle Stilwell, Memphis; Mary Allen, Miami; Bob Sweny, Stratford; Mary Scott, Lubbock; Juanita Hamilton, Littlefield; Bill Galloway, Clovis, New Mexico; Wayne Rankin, Plainview; Brian Tolliver, Canyon; Harold Mayfield, Childress and Dorothy Gafford, Canyon.

In addition to the performance for the Canyon Book Club, the play will be presented as the Christmas assembly program before the student body.

Dr. James Russell Returns From Trip to Memphis Meet

Dr. J. L. Russell, Education Department, returns today from Memphis, Tennessee where he has been attending a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He left for the meeting last Sunday.

Leather Work Exhibits Shown In Room 3 of Basement

Leather work done by the Industrial Arts 311 class will be on display this week in the windows of Room 3 in the basement of the Administration Building.

Interested students are invited to inspect the exhibit.

speaker for the Willson lectures for 1948.

Minister emeritus of the Central Woodward Christian Church in Detroit, Dr. Jones was pastor of that congregation for 26 years. He is now publishing his fifteenth book, "Lincoln and the Preachers." Widely recognized are two of his books, "Lords of Speech" and "American Preachers of Today."

Dr. Jones discussed as his first topic, "Faith of Our Fathers," in

Production Class Hear Rowley Talk

Oma Link Rowley, director of the Amarillo Little Theatre productions, presented a talk before the play production class on Monday, November 29. The topic discussed by Mrs. Rowley was the forthcoming A. L. T. production of the current Broadway smash, "John Loves Mary." The Amarillo production will be the sole performance this year by a little theatre group of this play.

Mrs. Rowley showed the students a model set for the show and explained in detail her plans for the production. She issued an invitation to all speech students of West Texas State to visit the play in rehearsal. Rehearsals are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the A. L. T. Workshop, 304 Bowlie, in Amarillo.

The play will be presented February 1-2-3 in Municipal Auditorium.

which he gave a descriptive history of the founding of America and its struggle for freedom. To preserve the essence of their faith in God, the Pilgrims begin the famous Mayflower Compact with "In the Name of God, Amen."

Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln, with this same faith, helped to create a country of religious freedom. "They gave their all that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people might not perish from the earth," concluded Dr. Jones.

"Exploring Certain Biographies" was the title of Dr. Jones' second address. He quoted William Carllie,

WT Ex Named In Rotary Group

Floyd D. Golden, 1925 graduate and present president of Eastern New Mexico College, has been appointed an officer of Rotary International for the fiscal year 1948-49.

As Governor of District 115, he is coordinating the activities of 38 Rotary Clubs in portions of New Mexico and Texas. During his term of office, he will visit each of these Rotary Clubs to offer advice and assistance on Rotary service activities and administration.

Mr. Golden has been continuously active in the field of education for over 25 years. His name is listed in "Who's Who in America" and in "Who's Who in American Education."

Veteran Transfers Should Notify VA

Veterans studying under the GI Bill who want to transfer to another school at the end of the fall semester should notify the Veterans Administration at least 30 days before they intend to make the change.

To enroll at a new school, VA explained, the student-veteran needs a supplemental certificate of eligibility. He also needs a statement from his present school showing that his progress there is satisfactory.

A student-veteran may obtain a

WTexas Student Injured in Wreck

Mack Bush, West Texas State senior, and his younger brother Roy were injured slightly in a car accident near Estelline last Saturday morning.

The accident occurred when the Bush car and one driven by John Edward Imel of Parnell collided two miles west of Estelline on the Turkey highway. Mrs. Imel suffered a broken hip.

Mack and his brother were on their way to Canyon for the West Texas-New Mexico football game. Mack has returned to school.

supplemental certificate of eligibility by applying to the VA regional office which has his file.

Speech Festival Lists Contests, Radio Speaking and Defect Aid

"There has been an excellent response to the invitations issued for the Speech Conference and Festival scheduled for this campus December 11," announced Crannell Tolliver, Speech Head, "and it appears as though we will have a large group here for the meeting."

The above announcement came as the result of invitations sent out to high school speech teachers and students throughout the Panhandle and South Plains as well as western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico to participate or observe the planned speech gathering.

Features of the meet will include speech contests in various phases of public address, conferences on aid to children having speech or hearing difficulties and "live" radio appearances by speech students.

Dr. Ernest H. Ralston, Education Consultant of the Texas State Health Services Division, will be at the conference to conduct special

students.

All school administrators are invited to this conference and are urged to take the opportunity to discuss individual problems.

Radio speaking during the Conference and Festival is to be unique in that participants will be aired on a "live" broadcast over KAMQ. This was arranged by the Speech Department in the belief that an actual broadcast will be of greater benefit to participants than just an ordinary contest.

Another unique feature of the radio presentations is the nature of the material to be presented. The event will be divided into two divisions. The first will be a two minute character sketch of someone in the participant's home town. Students will prepare their scripts in advance and be timed to broadcast stan-

dards.

The second division of the radio event will be sports announcing. Entrants will be shown a movie of a football game and will announce that over a public address system. Jack Walker, radio director, will be assisted by Coach Frank Kimbrough in evaluating this phase of the meeting.

Of special interest to many West Texas State students will be the appearance of a 25-student choral speaking group under the direction of ex-student Patricia Smith. Miss Smith is presently teaching in Portales Junior High School.

Loula Grace Erdman, English Department, will hold the book review section of the conference. Special emphasis will be placed on the personal analysis given by each entrant.

# New Student Union Begg For A Visit From You---Now!

More Furniture, Games, Music and Fun --  
Make the SU a Good Place for Relaxation

West Texas State's new Student Union is developing into one of the nicest campus projects but it needs your help! Far better than the crowded conditions prevalent when it was in the Book Store, the SU is financed by the Student Senate and is operated for your benefit.

However, too few students are taking advantage of its services.

Located in the remodeled part of Cousins Hall, the new student-hangout opened for student use early in the semester. In its confines are the Student Association office, a big lounge, a play-room and a store-room.

"We have been out nearly \$2,000 in fixing up this place," states George Black, student president, "and we sincerely invite and urge all students to make it the center of their activities. We will have additional money each semester to spend on it but we want to find out what the students want."

In the last two weeks more than \$500 worth of new furniture have been purchased and moved into the lounge; the game room has been separated from the lounge and new card tables, cards, dominoes, lamps, checkers, and miscellaneous items have been purchased. This adds to the ping-pong tables, juke-box, game machines, drinking machine and furniture already there.

"We want this property taken care of," appeals Black, "but we also want students to use the facilities. Any suggestions as to how we could improve the situation are welcomed by the Senate. So far there has been only a small crowd using the SU."

I have never been there." Kathryn Brooks, senior, McLean: "They need some pool tables."

Jim Adams, sophomore, Amarillo: "The SU is too far out of the way for most people. I think they need to have something to eat and different kinds of machines. When you go there, there is nothing to do or no one to see."

Bruce Womack, sophomore, Floydada: "The SU needs people and they need to have some place to snack."

Carroll Doshier, senior, Claude: "I think they should serve coffee at the SU, especially in the morning so students could go there between classes."

Janet Schick, sophomore, Plainview: "The place needs more people."

Bob Sweny, junior, Stratford: "I believe the place needs more atmosphere. This could be aided by decorations. More parties and dances should be held there to acquaint the students with the facilities."

Keith Baten, sophomore, Follett: "The SU is too barren. They need magazines and a reading room."

Jackie Rodgers, sophomore, Tulia: "They certainly need a new dance floor. The present one is too rough."

Gert Rushmer, sophomore, Amarillo: "I think the SU will be just fine when they get the rest of the fixtures in. I don't go now because there is never anyone there."

Bob Word, senior, Clarendon: "It is out of the way but nice."

Glenn Records, senior, Hereford: "The senate should get some decent records and a record player. The dance floor is too rough."

Vera Daugherty, sophomore, Hood

In an effort to determine what students thought of the new center, The Prairie interviewed numerous students and wishes to print their reactions.

Ray Bricker, junior, Dalhart: "I have been to the new SU and think it is very nice. The big objection is that it is out of the way for students."

Earl Burnam, freshman, Chilton: "Why don't they have a free-juke box?"

Del Belflower, sophomore, Pampa: "I have been there but the place needs more fixtures such as a snack bar, fountain, pool tables and such. It isn't centrally located for the most advantage."

Rosemary Phillips, senior, Hereford: "It is too far out of the way. I live at Randall and am very seldom on that side of the campus."

James Harder, junior, Plainview: "I think it is very nice. Maybe they should have pool tables."

Jack Drake, senior, Memphis: "Too far out of the way."

Joel Plunk, junior, Hedley: "It is too far out of the way for most students."

Arletta Williams, sophomore, Amarillo: "I think it needs more atmosphere."

Virginia Reid, junior, Canyon: "The SU is too far out of the way."



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## Bates, Bates, Bates, Bates, 4 More Bates and bates, bates, bates

By Vaughn Vandergriff

As Rosie Bates, head cheerleader, would say—"Let's give a cheer for the largest family on the WT campus—O.K.—let's go—

"B-A-T-E-S—Bates That's the way you spell it, Here's the way you yell it—ELEVEN."

Yes, the Bates family continues to hold the title of having the largest clan living on the West Texas State College campus. During the past year they have added two staunch members to the group of nine here last year, making a total of eleven. Latest additions are Lary Weldon, age 4 months, and Roger Warren Simmons, age 4 days.

It all began shortly after the end of the war when the Thomas Victor Bates family of Childress moved to Canyon where Vic enrolled in school and started playing football. Other members of the family included his wife Mary and small son Tommy, who is now 4 years old.

Robert Weldon Bates soon followed his brother to West Texas. Also like his brother he began playing football. After having been here about 6 months, Weldon, commonly known as "Doc", married Louise Price. Four months ago they became the parents of Lary Weldon.

James "Rosie" Bates matriculated at West Texas nearly two-and-a-half years ago. Rosie lacked the football finesse of his brothers but readily gained fame and recognition by dancing into the limelight of the College Variety Show and into the attraction of the Buffalo Band shows at football games. In his spare time he leads yells for the student body.

Margaret Bates married Roy Simmons and soon the two moved to Canyon to join the growing Bates-bunch on the campus. Roy enrolled in school while his wife kept up with the household duties in their barracks apartment.

Down at Childress, in a modest little home once crowded with boys and girls, sat Mrs. Bates, the mother of Vic, Doc, Rosie and Margaret. You can guess the answer—although up in years, she decided to 'pack the things' and move to college.

In a few weeks she was comfortably settled with her single son Rosie, in one of the converted Army barracks.

Since then the Bates have been just one big happy college family with 'swap-outs' on taking care of the children; family gatherings to 'eat the vittles'; family cheering sections at athletic contests; first-nighters at play productions; and just general typical citizenry.

Everyone knows and likes the Bates family and in turn the Bates clan can come close to calling the name of everyone in school.

Vic plans to stay another year and play football and do speech work. Doc will stay for two more years in the football game and get his degree.

## - - Calendar - -

Friday, December 3  
6:30 p. m.—SCA meeting at Randall Hall.  
7:30 p. m.—Baptist Training Union Social.  
8:00 p. m.—West Texas-Phillips 66 Game at Sports Arena, Amarillo.  
Tuesday, December 7  
8:00 p. m.—Lions Club presentation of play, "Sinister House" in Administration Auditorium.  
8:30 p. m.—Le Mirage Formal Beauty Presentation Dance, Education Gym.  
Thursday, December 9  
7-10:45 p. m.—Theta Kappa Psi Dance at Cousins.



All mail for Buffaloney must have got stuck in a snow drift because very little dribbled in over the holidays, but, a columnist is never caught under-arms, so we will continue.

Here is a new one: The new long skirts are heavenly bliss, to girls with legs like ) ( or ( ).

Dear Buff:  
Water is the best of drinks And fit for prince or king, But who am I that I should take The best of everything. Let princes revel at the pump And kings with taps make free. Champagne or gin or even beer Is good enough for me.

Anon.  
Girls are like newspapers: They have forms, they always have the last word, back numbers are not in demand, they have great influence, you can't believe everything they say, they're thinner than they used to be, and every man should have his own and not try to borrow his neighbor's.

Proth  
Try this one on the company sometime: I shot an arrow in the air, and got Pop right in the underwear. (That's what he gets for not keeping his trap shut.)

We wonder where the couple who used to court back of the Art Lab has gone to these cold wintry nights?

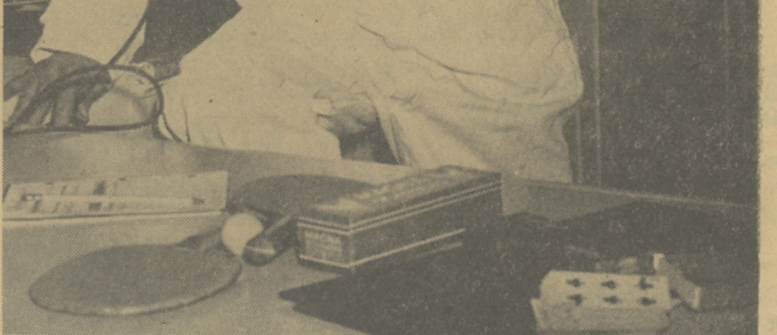
Dear Buff:  
Blue eyes gaze at mine—vexation.  
Soft hands closed in mine—palpitation.  
Fair hair brushing mine—expectation.  
Red lips close to mine—temptation.  
Footsteps—damnation.

TeeBee  
Then there was the announcer last Saturday afternoon who kept saying: "Now New Mexico is defending the south side and West Texas is defending the north pole." This one will do to sign off with and we hope it will not completely stop the mail—"Oh, darling," she exclaimed, "I've missed you so much!" Then she raised the revolver and fired again.

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"Pops" Funston is the manager of the new SU and is available for your service. He takes care of the building, refills the drink machines, checks out playing equipment and it is rumored that if you are hankerin' to dance and no partner is available, he'll fill in on that duty also.

## Milton-Good Man With a Gun! Are You Good With a Pen?

Attracting the attention of several students of West Texas State is the Vandale Historical Essay Contest now in progress.

Papers for this event which may be written on any phase of Plains and Southwest history are due May 1, 1949. A number of students have already selected their subjects and have begun their research.

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate a more general interest in research and writing of the history of Texas and the Southwest. Cash awards are presented winners at the annual spring banquet of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

It is the hope of directors of the Society that this year's contest will contribute much toward recreating the interest that had gained considerable momentum in the 1920's and 1930's.

In that period West Texas State contributed several historians who made valuable advances in the field of history of this section.

Among those outstanding in this work is J. Evetts Haley, Canyon rancher and West Texas State student.

Haley became interested in Plains history while a student here and while working with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

After his graduation he pursued

## Troubled Readers Should See Knott

If you don't know how to read correctly, then Dr. A. K. Knott and Dr. Ruth Lowes of the English and Psychology departments invite you to make appointments with them for reading lessons.

We are eager to help any student in West Texas State who has reading problems," assures Dr. Knott, English professor who has charge of this phase of remedial reading.

The Iowa Silent Reading Tests were given freshmen at the start of the semester and by scores the poor readers were singled out for help if they so desired. Over 25 students, not all freshmen, are now in the process of increasing their reading ability.

Included in the course are practices designed to increase reading comprehension, speed, vocabulary and methods of overcoming reading errors caused by physical difficulties.

"Colleges throughout the country are now giving aid of this type to their students," announced Dr. Knott. "Schools such as Cornell, Iowa and Michigan State have employed this system very effectively.

Even Harvard has just announced a non-compulsory course designed to aid readers in any level of study." Anyone who recognizes reading problems may come to Dr. Knott or to Dr. Lowes and make appointments to take individual lessons with the aim of making them better readers.

## Students Should Have Two-Week Christmas Vacation Scheduled

What has happened to the usual 14-day Christmas vacation West Texas State students are in the habit of receiving?

Why are the holidays cut to 10 days this year? Is there a possibility of getting out on the 18th?

The above are only a few of the questions heard asked about the campus this past week.

The Prairie has no answers for any of them, much to our sorrow.

We are in favor of getting out on the 18th and we hereby ask the Administration to explain the possibilities or the impossibilities.

Students say that most of the home town functions and parties are held before Christmas and not afterward. They also say that it is burdensome to do last minute shopping which otherwise could be done a bit

earlier if they were out of school.

We do not believe our students want out for some minor reasons. Rather we believe they have a legitimate excuse in asking that Christmas vacations begin on December 18 instead of December 22.

It is troublesome to go home on the prior week-end and then return to Canyon for the three days. Also, it would be difficult to buy things here and have to transport them home for Christmas.

How about it Administration? Is there a hard and fast rule setting the number of days or could the situation be remedied?

## Don't Quote Me

By Duane Burrows

The Gallup Poll has been the subject of numerous puns since its mistake in the recent presidential election. Among the best of these jokes was undoubtedly one on Jack Benny's program. The program depicted Gallup at the psychiatrists office sonorously counting 1 and 1 is 2, 2 and 2 is 4, etc. The error in the statistics has been boiled down now to the interviewing of undecided voters. That is, potential voters should have been polled upon their intention to vote or not.

Billy Conn, whom Joe Louis has floored twice, wants another chance at the heavy-weight title. His recent victory over Jackie Lyons in Dallas sets him up as an able contender. Louis, however, has not been idle in practice. He has been doing exhibition boxing, and recently bested Billy Smith in one of his famous first round rushes.

Maybe more people will become interested in art in the Panhandle, now that an Amarillo resident has created a new form of painting. Emilio Cabellero calls his process "evocative painting." The picture is begun by putting blobs of paint on a canvas without regard to rhyme or reason. When the canvas is sufficiently smeared, the artist looks at it and gets an inspiration from suggested forms there. The suggested picture then is painted on a separate canvas. Mr. Cabellero is gaining national prestige from some of his creations.

Draw your own conclusion. Some Washington journalist recently found that the country's biggest comic book collection was located in the Library of Congress.

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## The Time Is Right For a Library Clock

What am I? Well, to be truthful you couldn't tell it, but I'm a beat-up, banged-around library clock.

I go ticking away all right but I say 4:00 o'clock when I should say 10:30.

Don't you think I'm being mistreated? I could be a lot of help to guys and gals laboring away in the library if I only had a chance.

Just think, they wouldn't have to elbow their neighbor and ask the time or they wouldn't have to pull out the trusty little brother of mine and figure up the minutes. I could help—but alas and alack, how can I when my timing is all fouled up, my glass covering is broken and my face is so dirty.

As I play peek-a-boo with the cobwebs and look down at all those laboring and eager faces, I wonder and ask—

Do I deserve this treatment—can't something be done?

# Buffaloes' Cage Season Opens

## Get Cage Tickets At Book Store

Students wishing tickets to any Buffalo home basketball games this season, will use the same procedure as was used for getting ducats to football games.

Tickets to games must be obtained before noon on the day the game is to be played and will require that the student have his activity ticket to present when receiving the ticket.

This year, as was the case last season, students will occupy sections D and E on the east side of Burton Gym.

Tickets for the game in Amarillo Monday night against the Phillips "66" Oilers will be sold at the book store, also, costing 75 cents plus a punch on activity tickets. They must also be obtained before noon Monday.

Those having passes to the games played in Burton Gym must go by the book store prior to each game to pay the federal tax on the ticket, announces Clark Jarnagin, manager and chief ticket salesman.

## Girls' Basketball Tourney Begins

Ten teams have entered the Girls' Intramural Basketball Tournament and the first game of the tourney was played yesterday.

Over 100 girls have signed up to participate in the sports events.

Among the teams listed as entries are two clubs, Pi Omega and Baptist Student Union. Captains of individual teams not representing any particular organization and yet unnamed are Dorothy Rook, Belya Gregory, Paula Frazier, Bill Evans, Minnie Burgess, Sylvia Morgan, Helen Summers, Janie Fulcher, Leatrice West and Martha Fleming.

Games are to be played each Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8:45 in the Women's Gym.

Everyone is invited to attend and there is no admission.

## BUFF BASKETBALL CAPTAIN



Glynn Braden, colorful Buff center, was elected captain of the basketball squad a few days ago. He has been a member of the Towering Herd since he played freshman ball here in 1943, with a spell in between when he served in the armed forces. Glynn is a senior from Sherman and stands 6 feet, 5 inches tall. He is a constant threat to any basket and last year divided high scoring honors with Charles Barnard with 177 points for the season. This will be the last year of play with the Buffs for Braden.

## Play Phillips 66 Monday Night

Crowds, cheers, the screech of tennis shoes on a wooden floor and the thump of the ball, all herald the beginning of another season of basketball, one day before the end of football season, at least for the Buffs. The first game, against the Hardin College Indians, was played last night in Burton Gym.

And with a squad composed mostly of men who played last year for the original "World's Tallest Basketball Team," Coach W. A. Miller is looking forward to a season of thrills and victories.

The team is also confident of themselves and filled with the spirit that should make them once again one of the teams to be feared and respected by all opponents. In practices they have showed a sort of teamwork that every coach looks for and hopes for, and maybe this year the Buffs will have.

With only three days before their next game, Monday night at the Sports Arena in Amarillo, the Buffs will have little time to correct faults found in the game last night.

Monday night they will tussle with giants and Olympic stars as they meet the fabulous Phillips 66 team of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in Amarillo. The West Texans have twice before met the National Champions, losing both times.

Among the stars who will appear in the Amarillo game will be the seven foot giant, Bob Kurland from Oklahoma A&M, who was one of the high scorers in the nation while in college.

Another Olympic player, an alternate, is Gerald Tucker, formerly of Oklahoma University.

But the flash of the team is no giant. Lew Beck, the speedy product of Oregon State, was the sparkplug of the fast-break for Phillips last season and is expected to be in the same position this year. He was selected on two All-American teams while playing for the Oregon college.

Phillips has won five consecutive AAU championships, besides the numerous other titles, including the mythical world champions.

But the Buffs are not to be caught with a little spark of their own. J. W. Malone, who made All-America here in 1945 will be back in the line-up after having taught a year at Morse High School.

Others on the squad this year, who were not members of the team last season are Kenneth Simpson, who was out last year because of an arm operation; and Charles Richardson, towering six foot center from Phillips, who was on the freshman quint last year.

There's a tough schedule ahead and one which would try any team in this section of the country, but the Buffs are primed and will make a showing the school can be proud of.

with the schedules being completed soon after the first of the year and play beginning soon thereafter.

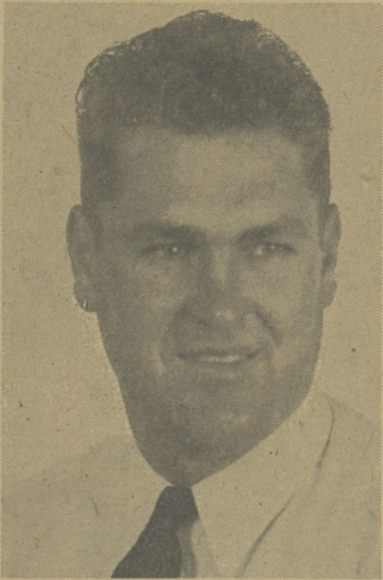
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## Teams Chosen for Enid, Okla. Tourney; Buffs To Participate

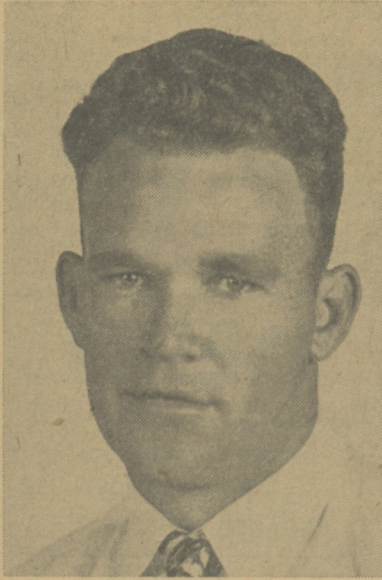
Teams have been released which will participate in the tournament played at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, during the Christmas holidays. The Buffs will play in the tourney.

Other teams entered are from Northwestern State of Alva, Oklahoma; Southwestern State, Winfield, Kansas; Northwestern State, Natchitoches, Louisiana; North Texas State, Denton; Adams State, Alamosa, Colorado; Maryville College, Maryville, Missouri and Phillips University of Enid.

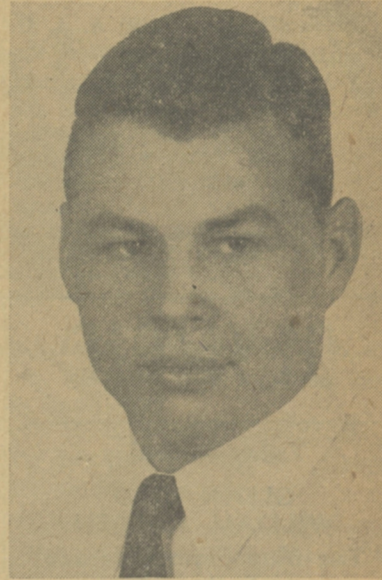
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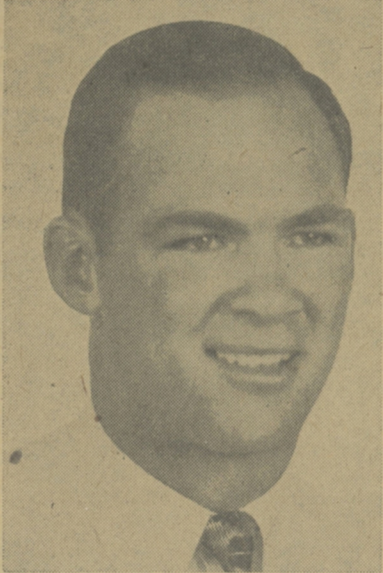
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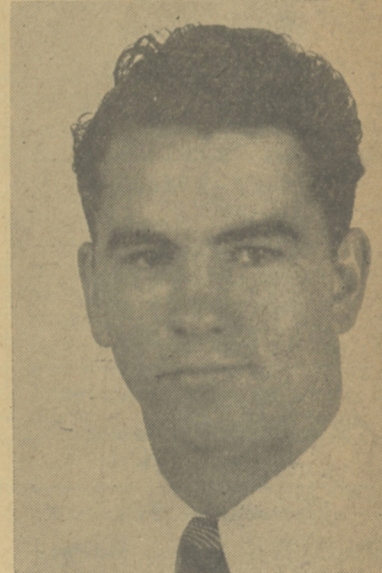
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## Eight Buffs End Grid Careers Tonight in Corpus Christi

When the Buffaloes meet the Corpus Christi University Tarpons tomorrow in Corpus, they will be facing an opponent much tougher than they had anticipated at the beginning of the 1948 grid season.

The team, which has just jumped up from the ranks of a junior college into big-time, four-year football, has an enviable record for their first season in their new status.

They have tossed defeats to Daniel Baker, who used to be a perpetual Buff opponent, Texas A&I and

Austin College. They lost to Trinity University of San Antonio in the first game of the season and later were swamped by McMurry. Then they nearly upset the Sul Ross Lobos, who boast the only unbeaten record in Texas this season. Stephen F. Austin State College nosed them out and St. Ambrose College from Davenport, Iowa squeezed by the Tarpons in the last minutes of the game.

They have been without games since November 19. But they have had that much time to recuperate from possible injuries and be in the

best shape ever for the tussle with the Buffs. And they will be keyed high for the contest, too, since the whole town and country-side around Corpus will be out to show them how much they appreciate their fine showing for their first season in the big week.

Buff coaches are mum as usual on the physical deficiency of their players, but it is expected that they will probably be in better shape than for any other game, save the opener. However, Conner will still be out and undoubtedly there will be others who will be unable to play their usual game, still nursing bruises and frost-bitten hands obtained in the University of New Mexico game last week.

This will be an important game, also, to eight Buff players, who have completed their four year stints with the WT team and will be playing their last game for West Texas State. The game last Saturday was dedicated to them, but weather conditions prevented any formal recognition of them. Those players, Homer Buck Garrett, Cloyce Box, Lloyd Johnson, Boyd Williams, R. A. 'Butch' Boyter, Harold Dalton, and Elvin Lyons, will be out to win in their last college football game.

And another reason the Buffs particularly want to come out on top in this contest is that they would naturally like to come out with more wins than losses. Thus far they have barely maintained a .500 average by beating New Mexico, making a win at Corpus more than just another game to play.

So when the team left Thursday morning, by plane, for their last game of the season, they left with the hope that they can come back and be proud of a well-earned rest until the next training period starts.

# Intramural Basketball Changes Announced; Play Starts Soon

Bigger and better than ever before, is the goal of intramural basketball, according to Milton 'Buff' Morris, supervisor and director of intramural sports on the campus. And they will begin shooting before Christmas, if at all possible to have everything organized by that time.

This year, due to increased interest and the fact of the difference between teams, basketball is being divided into two divisions, Classes A and B, Mr. Morris reported.

This split into two leagues was brought about by the fact that some teams last year dropped out because of the superior competition they had to play. The B league this year

will be solely for those who wish to play for the fun of playing. Bronze basketballs will be awarded to winners in Class B, and no admission charged to see their games. An entry fee of 25 cents per player will be charged.

However, in the stiffer division, Class A, jackets will be awarded to players on the winning team, and gold basketballs given to those playing on the runner-up team in that division. An entry fee of \$1.00 per player will be charged to cover expenses of officials and awards, Morris added. A charge of 10 cents will be made to see games in this league.

All games are to be played in Burton Gym, unless a conflict arises with the varsity team, in which case, they will be played in the Education Building Gym.

The top four teams, after the regular season is completed, will play a double elimination tournament to decide the winner.

Men from dormitories, organizations and independent teams may enter into the competition in either league. No limit has been placed on the number of men representing organizations or dormitories, but independent teams may have no more than 10 members, a coach and a manager.

Awards will also be made in the Class A league to the man selected as the best coach and the best manager.

Last year competition was stiff and the games were well attended. This year, with more men on the campus, even more interest should be aroused in this form of entertainment and relaxation, Morris concluded.

Practice games will start between

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# Amid the Wind and Blowing Snow Our Herd Defeats New Mexico

Whoever made that famous statement about the blasts of wintry winds, must have been from the Panhandle, and more specifically, from Canyon.

But really, the weather last Saturday afternoon, when the Buffs plowed their way through all sorts of snow drifts and the University of New Mexico Lobos, was no worse than usual for winter here, it was just a little odd to be playing football in the worst blizzard of the year, so far. The Thundering Herd, which could hardly be heard above the wind, finally came through with a victory, though, and a conference win at that, 19-0.

Seriously, it was a game that will probably be remembered for many years to come for the reason that there were frozen fingers, toes and noses after the game which will serve as reminders to those who played and those who witnessed the tilt.

Cloyce Box, big quarterback and man-under for the T-formation, scored two of the three Buff counters on short plunges through the line, and passed for another to Ernest Kendrick.

Frank Wise, who is a sophomore left halfback, aided the Canyon men materially in the second period when he quick-kicked for some 63 yards, the only long punt of the day. This set up the first score as Box then passed to Kendrick for the score. Melton added the extra point, which

was the only one he made during the game.

Rudy Krall was the main spark of life in the Lobos as he ran for almost all of their long runs, which

may have been of five and six yards during the day. But he, like most of the other players in the game, was severely hindered by the cold and wind.

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