

Dude Declines Spurs and Saddle

By Ikey Gillespie
So you wanta be a cowboy?
Well, brothers and sisters of the West Texas institution of higher learning, the opportunity has at last presented itself in the form of a good old-fashioned rodeo to be staged here Saturday, April 19 and sponsored by WT's future farmers

and ranchers, the Aggie Club. Although the exact source of the rodeo stock cannot as yet be disclosed, the Aggie Club promises plenty of salty little dogies, (the get-a-long kind) and ring-tailed cayuses.
Personally, mama's boy plans to take his little stick horse and canter right up into the bleachers where

the atmosphere is more friendly. You see, my narrow little conception of broadening our education is that it should have something to do with the head, rather than the seat of a saddle on a mass of unyielding horseflesh.
Doubtless, though, many of our red-blooded, fearless sons and daughters of the Texas plainsmen

will leap at the chance to compete in the contest and show they are made of the same stuff as their forefathers.
Leap? Huh! the only leaping this lad intends to do is up to about the top row to keep some red-blooded bull from exposing what he is made of by spreading it all over the arena.

Board Re-Elects Hill; Authorizes Assistant

Rounding out 30 years of service as president of West Texas College, Dr. J. A. Hill will continue in office next fall as the result of his re-election at the meeting of the Board of Regents in Austin Saturday, February 22.

In announcing their decision, V. A. Collins of Houston, Board president also revealed the creation of a new administrative position for the College: an executive aide to assist Dr. Hill in his duties. Not until his official acceptance of the office, however, will the appointee be identified.

Other presidents either appointed or re-appointed to head Texas colleges are:
Dr. W. J. McConnell, North Texas State Teachers, Denton; Dr. Harmon Lowman, Sam Houston State

Teachers, Huntsville; Dr. Paul Boynton, Stephen F. Austin State Teachers, Nacogdoches; Dr. J. C. Flowers, Southwestern State Teachers, San Marcos; and Dr. Richard Hawkins, Sul Ross State Teachers, Alpine.

Groups Conduct Two Conferences

Musicians, Journalists Visit WT Campus Friday and Saturday

For two conventions of high school students who conferred here last week, the campus of West Texas State formed a popular meeting ground. Young bandsters of the Panhandle region studied in a clinic Friday, and student writers were guests of the college journalism department Saturday.

"With approximately 500 bandsters from 21 high-schools gathered at WT last Friday, the band clinic was a huge success," comments M. J. Newman, band director.

From the 500 musicians, a 95-piece all-star band was chosen, with from three to 10 being selected from each school, depending on its size. They were conducted by Max A. Mitchell, band director of Oklahoma A&M, in a special concert. The WT band gave a special concert and Miss Matilda Gaume, music instructor, rendered a solo for the group.

Popular Show

"The Variety Show was the high light of the entertainment," Mr. Newman added, "playing to a full house, including full aisles."

Saturday, the 8th of March, the WT band will lead the parade at Berger, in celebration of the oil town's 21st birthday. They will also entertain with a street concert at 1:30. The Collegians will play for the dance in the evening.

More than 200 were registered for the meeting for the Panhandle High School Press Association, according to Miss Dorinda Bond, director.

Pampa Boy Presides

To succeed Cherry Anne Forrest of Hereford, Don Lane of Pampa was elected president. Other new officers are George Bob Vick, Amarillo, vice-president; Marliou Williams, Plainview, secretary; and Mitchell Jones, Canyon (WT High) treasurer.

In the contest division, plaque winners were: news story, Billie Roberson, Amarillo; feature story, Nanee Campbell, Pampa; sports column and sports story, Stony Wall, Jr., Lubbock; general column, Betty Smith, Amarillo; and editorial, Joyce Cummings, Panhandle.

Awards for service rendered to their schools were given to the Carson County News-Review, published by the students of White Deer high school, for the best printed newspaper; and for the second consecutive year the Phil Echoes of Phillips High School won for mimeographed papers.

Info From the V. A.

Q—If I am eligible for three years of schooling under the GI Bill, does that mean three school years or three calendar years?

A—If you are entitled to three years of education or training under the Servicemen's Act (GI Bill) you are eligible to three calendar years (36 months) of education or training. This may be used up in four ordinary school years of nine months each.

Q—Does Veteran's Administration have to approve my course or education under the GI Bill?

A—No. An eligible veteran may elect his course and choose any state-approved educational institution in which he is able to enroll.

Georgia Has Nothing on Us



MARION WHITFIELD



O. C. RAMPLEY

When the Student Senate called an election to fill a vacant post in the senior section, they really thought there was a vacancy—

But as the situation now stands, the senior class has four representatives in the West Texas governing group, instead of the required three.

Somewhere along the line, someone mistakenly assumed that O. C. Rampley had been graduated at mid-term; actually, however, he will be in school until May. Meanwhile, Marion Whitfield ran for the position and won his race Friday unopposed.

So, in a near-duplication of the Georgia governorship mix-up, the Senate is faced with the problem of determining which senior senator has more right to the office. Their decision will be forthcoming at the regular weekly meeting Wednesday evening.

Talmadge and Thompson have no priority on confusing the rule of succession. College students can do almost as well.

No more space fees will be taken until Wednesday, March 12, says J. T. Harp, business manager for Le Mirage. From 9 to 11 that day, he will take the final fees in a booth in the main hall to conclude the space proposition.

Baptists Choose Officers from WT

Two West Texas students merited election to office in the Plains Baptist Student Union Saturday when they attended a two-day meeting called to order at Wayland Junior College in Plainview.

They are Billy Bonifield, junior, named publicity chairman of the regional BSU, and Mary Lou Reid, sophomore, made secretary for the organization.

Approximately 150 students from 4 colleges were present at the sessions, which began Friday and continued through Saturday afternoon.

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Two of These Will Be Crowned



RUTH PATMAN



CARROLL DOSHIER



MARY HANNA



ROSIE BATES

By One of These



FRED STANDLEY



LEROY REEVES

After an election in which student votes were divided almost mathematically three ways, Leroy Reeves and Fred Standley remain in the race for executive position of the West Texas Student Association.

Name of the third candidate in the first contest, Billy Joe Pegram of Canyon, will not appear on the ballot when Reeves and Standley

OFFICIAL BALLOT

President of the Student Association:

Leroy Reeves
Fred Standley

Personality Queen:

Mary Hanna
Ruth Patman

Personality King:

Rosie Bates
Carroll Doshier

Actors To Stage Alcott Favorite

With their own version of Louisa May Alcott's children's classic, the acting class taught by W. A. Moore, will present the immortal story of "Little Women" Thursday, April 10, especially for the students of WT training school.

Brack Garrison has been selected to direct the play; he will be assisted by Jo Maple.

Included in the cast are: Marjetta Miller as Jo; Norma Coker as Amy; Doris Jean Veatch as Beth; Betty Yearwood as Meg; Inell Brotherton as Mama; Virginia Hunter as Aunt March; Kathryn Broows as Hannah; Brack Garrison as Laurie; Charles Murphy as Mr. March; and Jody Marsh, Ruth Ann Blesser and Virginia Smith as party guests.

Original costumes will be designed by Bill Robinson.

Socially Scheduled

Tuesday, March 4: Open House, Cousins Hall, 8-9.

Wednesday, March 5: Mary E. Hudspeth Honorary Society initiation.

Friday, March 7: Personality King and Queen Coronation, 8-11.

Saturday, March 8: All-College Dance, Cousins Hall, 8-11:30.

Not until 8 o'clock Friday evening will students know final winners in the contest for Personality King and Queen.

Their choices will be acclaimed rulers of the West Texas State Personality Court by a third person still unknown—the as-yet-unselected president of the Student Association.

And with the disclosure of these three mystery characters, Le Mirage will continue the surprise party—and the annual Personality Ball—by introducing the two top beauties as selected for the yearbook by experts in Hollywood.

Thrown into a run-off race after last Friday's balloting, the personality election will be incorporated with that for the presidency in another vote Friday.

Other girls nominated for the throne were Mary Lee Abbott, Maurine Johnson and Phyllis Perkins. The three remaining king nominees were Jack Andrews, Ray Benjamin and Pinky Jackson.

Mary, named to candidacy by the junior class, is a speech major from Stinnett, and the blonde half of the Hanna twin team. If she wins the honor, she will succeed her sister Martha, who was West Texas Personality Queen last spring.

A transfer from Clarendon Junior College, Ruth majors in business courses. She was nominated for the position by members of the sophomore class.

Carroll Doshier of Canyon is a junior, and his opponent, Rosie Bates of Childress is a freshman and one of the college yell-leaders.

From among 25 charmers elected most beautiful last fall, only the duo rating highest mention will be announced.

Forming the royal court for the personality royalty will be the girls and their escorts: Mary Lee Abbott, Doris Baker, Virginia Bush, Shirley Byars, Fern Cunningham, Betty Dromgoole, LaNelle Ekelund, Mary Hanna, Peggy Head, Catherine Hester.

Mary Gamble, Betty Lee, Jody Marsh, Wilma Jean Miller, Billene Mosley, Kate McCulloch, Yvonne Painter, Rosemary Phillips, Marie Sellers and June Wimberly.

Also listed in the yearbook beauty section, but unable to attend the dance, will be Willene Johnson, Peggy Lawrence, Media Mae See, Jessie Wolf, and Mary Ruth Russell.

Mary Ruth will be in Huntsville, for the personality queen coronation at Sam Houston State College.

"Beauties scheduled for presentation Friday night should meet for a short time in the publications office at 1:30 today," requests J. T. Sharp, business manager handling arrangements for the ball.

Featuring the music of the West Texas Collegians, the dance will be held in Burton Gym from 8 until 11. Although the Personality Ball is nominally a formal event in that girls will wear long dresses, boys will not wear tuxes unless they desire to do so.

Tickets, sold at the door, will be priced one dollar, stag or drag.

Freshmen To Report For Entrance Tests

For all freshmen who have not yet taken them, either because they are new or because they failed to do so last semester, psychological and English examinations will be given in room 116 of the Science Building Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30.

Since registration is not considered complete until individual scores are on record, it is compulsory that all freshmen take the tests, says Dr. A. K. Knott, dean of the lower division.

Ruth Patman, Mary Phillips, James Scott, Lynn Shurbet, John Stoneman, William Stout, George Tiery, Curtis Babcock, Buford Bagwell, Thomas Brown, Glenn Bunch, James Colley, Jack Craig, Loraine Davidson, Herschel Faulkner.

Keith Willson, Frances Findley, John Frisby, Carl McElroy, Ruth Moreman, Elmer Schultz, D. H. Shurbet, Carl Small, Ruby Stevens, Darlene Stout, Carl Turner, George Turner, Mary J. Wright, and William Zoller.

Agency Offers Program Service

Bureau Lists Speakers, Plays For Entertainment

Ever need some entertainment for a party and then be compelled to rush around madly at the last minutes in an effort to find a program?

These unfortunate situations can be eliminated now, thanks to the speech department, which has organized an Entertainment Bureau to provide appropriate performances on short notice.

Their repertoire includes readings, one-act plays and speakers to make addresses on almost any subject. All entertainers are members of the department.

The bureau is now in operation, and may be contacted through either Crannell Tolliver or W. A. Moore in the speech office in the Education Building, second floor.

Society Invites New Eligibles

Approximately forty new members will join the ranks of Mary E. Hudspeth Society, honor organization for the lower division, tomorrow night when the club's spring initiation will be held in Cousins Hall at 6:30.

Speaker for the occasion is to be Dr. A. K. Knott, dean of the lower division, who will talk on the question, "Are Students Being Educated?"

Eligibility for membership in Mary E. Hudspeth is attained by any freshman or sophomore who made the honor roll the preceding semester, say Miss Helen White Moore, sponsor, and Marcella Blue, president.

Invited to join are Elva Jean Anderson, Earline Eustace, Leonard Gerhardt, Theima Mercer, Edwin Pettitt, Bobbie Hodge, Robert Dunaway, Mary Alice Foster, John B. Garrison, Naomi Harvey, Martha Kelley, William Latson, James Linn, Hubert McDade, Jean McManigal, Bert Masters.

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Captain Proclaims Buffalo Queenship Of Virginia Bush

Capturing the spotlight Friday night at the Buff-New Mexico Aggies basketball game, Virginia Bush, 1947 Basketball Queen, was crowned amid the popping of flash bulbs and uproarious applause of the spectators.

Captain of the Buffs, Ledru Jacobs, did the honors of the crowning and traditional kissing.

Attendants of Queen Virginia were: Peggy Head and escort, Glynn Braden; Fern Cunningham and escort, Cloyce Box; Ruth Price and escort, Boyce Box; Catherine Hester and escort, Metz LaFollette.

The Queen wore an aqua crepe afternoon dress and carried a basketball covered with roses and carnations. All of the attendants wore shades of blue with corsages of gardenias and split carnations.

Virginia, daughter of Mrs. A. A. Bush, is an eighteen-year-old sophomore who enrolled here last summer after graduation from Childress High School, where she was elected both Bobcat Football Queen and DAR representative during her senior year.

All They Ask Is That You Claim Them

The following announcement comes from the office of the Registrar, D. A. Shirley:

Lost and Found

Have you lost an Eversharp fountain pen?

Have you lost a pair of glasses in a leather case?

Have you lost a pair of lined gloves? (For men only.)

Have you lost a scarf? Ditto, ditto, ditto? All colors and designs.

Have you lost a black kid glove for the right hand?

Have you lost a black kid glove for the left hand?

Have you lost a jersey belt and buckle, floral design?

Have you lost a white suede glove for the left hand, size 7?

Have you lost a pair of black kid gloves (for women only), size 6 1/2, "Boyce Lazarus Washable"?

If you have, please see Mrs. Dorothy Lawless, Mrs. Inez Smith or any of the people in the Registrar's office, and they will be glad to help you recover them.

Veterans Should Note New Insurance Ruling

Of interest to many ex-GI's who have allowed their National Service Life Insurance to lapse is a bill approved by President Truman to reinstate lapsed insurance policies.

The new deadline for reinstating NSLI is August 1, 1947, extended from February 1. All veterans need to sign a comparative health statement and pay two premiums. Veterans who have never had insurance may make original applications for policies up to \$10,000.

All people interested in intramural or intercollegiate tennis should meet with Buff Morris in Burton Gym this afternoon at 3:30.

No Run-Off; They Won Friday



DAVID KIRK

Showing more interest than in any election this year, 562 voters went to the polls last Friday to elect candidates for five vacant senate positions.

David Kirk, senior government major from Floydada, soundly defeated Paul "Tiny" Teague for vice-

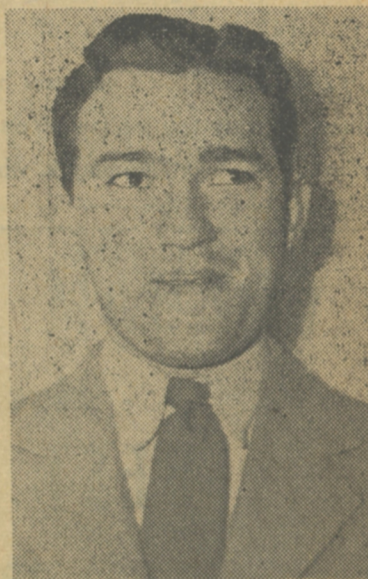


EARLENE EUSTACE

president of the Student Association, polling 371 votes to Teague's 186.

In the only "all women election," for Freshman Senate Post No. 3, Earlene Eustace of McLean was victor over Martha Kelly of Pampa, 186 to 120.

Mack Stallings of Canyon, candi-



MACK STALLINGS

date for freshman vice-president, was unopposed for the office and will serve in this capacity throughout the rest of the school year.

The run-off for the presidency, as well as the election of Personality Queen and King, will be held on Friday of this week.

The Prairie Favors: More Co-Operation and Assemblies

EVEN THE ROMAN WALL—

First, let be understood that we advocate no acts of vandalism.

And that if it were a real, tangible fence we wanted to tear down, we should find methods other than an editorial in a school newspaper to accomplish said liquidation of property.

But the fence to which we refer is not so visible nor would it be so easily destroyed. So far as purposes of separation are concerned, however, it accomplishes the same result, in this case a rather sad and lamentable one.

The barrier we bemoan evolves from the lack of common meeting ground and understanding between two groups. Sometimes the situation could be summarized thus:

“And in this corner, ladies and gentlemen, we have the faculty. Directly opposite, in the other corner, we have the students of this school.”

Obviously, this is not applicable in all cases, for occasionally some brave soul ventures to cross the line of distinction, and in doing so, discovers at least one amazing fact: the opposition is human. Furthermore, the opposition doesn't really remain opposition once it sees how the other half lives.

It is one of those illusory things that grows in the mind, this imagined difference. It is an illusion, and yet, allowed to increase, it frequently gets out of control, to become the fighting equipment of those who would gain power for their own selfish interests. Such, on a larger scale, is the underlying theory of demagogues and mob leaders.

Well, that is actually beside the principal point we intended to stress, for we fear no power-grabbing dictatorships in West Texas State College.

What we do fear is an ever-spreading absence of unity that will eventually defeat the real goal in any school. What we favor is an introducing device wherein someone would say:

“Mr. Faculty, please meet Mr. Student. See—look carefully, both of you—you haven't so many differences as you may have thought.”

We do not believe that either side is at fault. We wholeheartedly (and wholeheadedly) support more meetings like the ones begun last fall by the Promotion Committee and the Student Senate. Perhaps these could be used more frequently, and with a varied, rotating attendance from both instructors and students.

At any rate, one faculty reception each fall is not sufficient to cover the need for intra-college co-operation on mutual problems.

RE: THE LOST ASSEMBLY

And while speaking from the reform platform, moralizing on things wrong, we hereby outline another of our pet policies.

When compelled to attend them, students will complain—and complain—and complain about assemblies. Even so, we think that one of the gravest mistakes made here in lo these many years was the total elimination of some plan whereby there can be a means of regular meeting.

Call it what you will—assembly, chapel, nuisance—those weekly gatherings in the auditorium had an effect that no other medium can attain: a feeling of oneness. School Spirit? Yes, and no amount of bulletin board material, school paper, cheer rallies, strikes or any other system can replace the entity thus realized.

Of course, we know that assemblies were impossible this year, with the difficulties caused by an over-crowded schedule and an above-normal enrollment. As soon as they can be re-instated, however, we propose that all-college meetings once more be an unalterable part of the school agenda.

That is the only way to offer something bigger than individual cliques, something to substitute for the My-Bunch-Is-Exclusive-And-Better-Than-Yours attitude. In every project of merit, there must be an ultimate goal to work toward, a goal that will require the attention of every member.

Assemblies are the most feasible method to usher in a more widespread feeling of belonging.

Holier Than Thou Complexes have no place in West Texas State College, but they will continue to establish their tenacious foothold unless students have a worthier unity in which to invest their loyalty.

Co-Ed Learns Lesson in Realism As First-Sight Theory Fails

The sky was cold blue-gray and the soft cottony snow-flakes floated downward from heaven. My toes were freezing, and my face was a violent blushing red, as I stood shivering on the street corner, waiting impatiently for my roommate. Through the fuzzy haze I noted the darkness of the trees contrasted with the brightness of passing winter-clad figures. Cars roared and chugged so loudly that I wished my ear muffs were heavier to muffle

out the sounds forever. Then I heard a voice say hello. It was the voice that satisfies, for it was welcomed as light to darkness. Staring upward, I gulped, “Hello.” There stood that divine tall male that sat way across the room in English. He had such searching brown eyes and the most mischievous grin.

Sweet Youth

The bitterness of the cold became tantalizing and shadows were no longer a dull black, but glowed in a lovely hue of rose. I was sure I saw glittering flecks of gold on a snow-flake.

Finally he asked if John, his GI buddy were my cousin. So we talked about John. Then we talked about the various school activities, the ball games, the food we had to eat, the beautiful girls, (he said I was cute with snow on my eye-lashes), and oh, well, just everything.

He kept his hands in his pockets and looked so super. I guess he was cold, but I was warm. Anyway, we commented on the weather.

Young Hope

After we discussed English, we were really getting on the beam. I was thinking silently how nice it would be if more men stepped for such friendly chats. He was different from the other campus stags—clean-cut, mannerly, interesting and just plain friendly. Oh, my little heart was fluttering, and I panted to myself he was a dream and the hopes of all the years.

Roomie tripped up, and she was goggle-eyed. Swoon-bait (his name was Bill) reached up to adjust his coat collar. Ohhhhhh, I knew no single man on earth existed like him. He wore a gold band on a finger which signified that he was chained for life. A snowball nudged my cheek—I was out.

Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely

When Bob (of Bob's) had the booths and counters in his place moved around, he provided the campus with the first excitement it has seen in quite some time. Comments of the habitués ranged from, “This was worth coming to see” to a beery, “Gad, I'm lost!”

Speaking of excitement, the runoff candidates for the Student Association offices would do well to hold mass rallies, torch-light parades, and the like. Brass bands and refreshments are notorious as potent flytraps for the voters.

And—speaking of refreshments, congratulations to the high priest of the Amarillo drive-in trade, Father Jordan, of course, on his new place.

Collegiately Speaking

After considerable worry, North Texas State co-eds conducted a poll to determine whether students from nearby Texas State College for Women were giving them a great deal of competition with male admirers.

Armed with the question, “Which girls of the two campuses do you prefer to date, and why,” the NTS faction found that they need lose no sleep over the situation—yet. Perhaps all the men felt as one heartless and blase creature did—“Women are women,” he opined.

Because we are familiar with the playful little habits of editorial staffs, we were not too surprised last week to read what most obviously (we hope) was an omission in copyreading in the New Mexico Lobo of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Probably some jolly young journalist added his own opinion to the copy to go beneath the impressive picture of a most impressive male student participating in the count of March of Dimes contributions.

Parenthetically, he added at the end of the caption, “Ed.: He looks like a ape.” Most ungrammatical, anyway.

For students who cannot adjust their schedules to regular daytime courses, East Texas State Teachers College is offering classes at night and on Saturday afternoons.

Crowded, did you say? Students at the University of New Mexico have circulated a petition to have the city management install a traffic light at the main entrance of the University. The petition was granted.

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Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

The mats in the hall of the second floor are a disgrace to West Texas State! With the holes and jagged edges it looks as if some student took his revenge for some over due book, or some rats got hungry.

Dull and dirty, they present a dismal appearance as one mounts the stairs to their presence. As far as I can see, they do little or no good on the floor. One hears a dull sound instead of a sharp click as a student walks down the hall.

I do not know how long they have been on the floor, but it has been a long time. Why not throw them out and replace them or just throw them out? The hall would look a lot better if they were discarded.

Sincerely,
Joyce Hill.

Bill Cone Joins Perryton Herald

According to announcement in the Ochiltree County Herald, Perryton, C. E. “Bill” Cone has accepted a position as advertising manager of this newspaper which is owned by Van W. Stewart.

The Herald is the largest weekly on the North Plains and enjoys a very large patronage.

Bill Cone was editor of The Prairie while in West Texas State. After serving in the Army Air Corps, with the rank of Captain, he went to the Dodge City Journal where he has served as advertising manager.

Miss Floy Rowe, Spanish major and graduate of WT, is teaching at Quanah.

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Excerpts for Exes

Miss Jessie Vick, History major, is teaching Printer's English in the Southwest School of Printing in Dallas. She writes, “We have an all-veteran student body since the war and I find the work challenging. My two classes are divided according to shifts on the composing machines and in each group I have men with no high school background and men with two to four years of college.”

Miss Vick received her Master's degree from the University of Texas in 1940.

J. W. Dillard, now Hutchinson County Superintendent, made scouting the theme of his address before the annual father and son banquet of the Borger Methodist Church. The banquet was a part of the observance of National Boy Scout Week. Dillard is a graduate of WT.

Archie L. Acker, a WT graduate, is principal of the New Deal Independent School near Lubbock.

Virginia Frank Hardin, English major of the class of '39, and Everett Wayne De Biew were married February 14 at Lubbock where they will make their home.

Swingtime Is
Shoe Time
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Spring Colors of
Tan, Brown, Red
and White

WARREN'S

Buffalo Bill-ings - - Brief Glance at Buff Season

By Vaughn Vandergriff

Sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery are hereby extended Chat Johnson, Buffalo basketball player, who underwent an appendectomy last week in Nebbett Hospital.

Because of the sudden illness, Chat did not get to finish the regular season play with the team and I am sure I speak for the team and Coach Gus Miller when I say he was sorely missed.

It will be great when we can see his smiling face around the campus again.

Especially recognition should be given to one particular member of the New Mexico A&M cage squad who played here Friday night. Just before game time, this player received a death message but went on to carry out his part in the team's bid for victory.

Not too many years ago, West Texas State was the high school sports center of the Plains. At least once in each year every high school athlete in this section came to this campus to participate in some activity.

In the fall, teams were invited to attend Maroon and White football games. In the spring, the district and regional basketball tournaments were held in Burton Gym and also the district and regional track meets were carried on at the West Texas State oval.

West Texas State coaches had a fine opportunity to view the best in schoolboy material and had an excellent chance to contact outstanding boys with the idea of playing ball later at this college.

Besides offering the coaches a chance to seek players, these meets offered the high school players themselves an opportunity to become familiar with West Texas State. It provided the athletes a chance to receive the traditional Buffalo athletic spirit and it made a great many of them want to come here to play ball or to run on the Herd's cinder team.

I started by saying this occurred 'not too many years ago.' Sometime during the war West Texas let another school slip up and gain the nod of officials to hold most of these sports events. That other school is Texas Tech.

Now I do not know just exactly who was responsible for this switch. However, I have heard it said, and I deem it a likely account, that officials here just did not take the time or the energy to bother about preparing adequately for such meetings. If that is so then I am sure they have regretted this "nest-egg of athletic material" slipping into game ended in a deadlock and an

the hands and coach range of another school.

Maybe times and high school boys are changing but the impression of a "first-visited college" holds some place in the mind of an athlete I am sure.

As far as I can see the athletic facilities of Texas Tech are no better than ours. Their gymnasium is not as good and their track course is not much better than ours. Surely our location—right in the middle of the plains—is more advantageous to high schools.

Schools from the North Plains have to travel two and three hundred miles to Lubbock whereas they would only need travel 100 miles to Canyon. South Plains schools would only need travel about 100 miles also.

As it now stands, West Texas State is host to only one high school athletic event each year and that is the District 1A Track and Field Meet held in the spring.

With the planning for a new \$400,000 gymnasium and additional tennis courts, West Texas State could once again take over as the center of athletic attraction. Uresident Hill said in his report on the gymnasium that they wanted to make this "the basketball capital of the Southwest." I would make a suggestion, and say that before any of this BIG-TIME stuff is attempted, they should make West Texas State "THE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CENTER OF THE PLAINS."

If anyone has any information on this subject—PRO OR CON—please send it in and it will be published next week.

Noticed where another boxing meet is being planned in Amarillo whereby the winners will go to a national meet in Kansas City.

This gives boxing fans of the college and Panhandle another chance to see Willis Hawkins in action. Are you going to enter, Willis? You might as well win another trophy and anyway they say the girls in Kansas City are much prettier than in Fort Worth!

I will close this column this week with a little basketball oddity I just read.

It all happened February 15, 1930 in tournament play in the Illinois high school basketball race when a extra period was needed.

At the end of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth extra periods, the teams were still tied at 17-17, but finally after ten extra periods Wenona High beat Toluca High 28-23!

Despite a near disastrous early start in the year wherein they dropped five of their initial six games, the West Texas State Buffalo cagers of 1947 came through with two campaign finale wins over New Mexico A&M and New Mexico University to boost their victory figures to 13 as against 11 defeats.

These two wins came just as the hardwood sport crept back into the athletic shelf until next December and enabled the Maroon-clad roundball artists to keep in stride with past West Texas quintets by hanging up a .541 schedule record.

This .541 percentage marks the 23rd year in 25 years of competition that a Tall Texan team has soared over the .500 per cent level. Only twice, once in 1934 when the school cagers racked up a mere .368 total and in 1937 when the basketball representatives hit the win-loss column to net a .433 average, has a local squad failed to win at least half their tilts.

To off-set that duo of below-par years, the 1932 team grabbed the victory flag in 19 out of 20 matches and the stalwarts of 1942 made the national headlines by throwing defeat in the face of 28 foes while they succumbed to the shots of only 3 opponents.

Although the 1947 team did not win as much recognition as other W. A. Miller-coached fives and did not bring in the Border Conference basketball pennant, a combination of set-backs such as lack of practice, sickness, and player graduation hampered their attempts.

Late Practice

An early semester housing shortage made it necessary to use Burton Gym, playing home of the young better-than-six-foot giants, as a temporary dormitory for 200 male students and real practice sessions were delayed at least three weeks. Almost at the time Burton Gym was cleared of students, the Panhandle hoopsters left on a long road tour through Arizona where they met and lost to Arizona University, Arizona State at Tempe and Arizona State at Flagstaff on successive nights.

Returning to the midwest area during the Christmas holidays, the Maroon and White entered the Emporia Invitational tournament at Emporia, Kansas, and swept over three opponents to win the first place trophy.

In preparation for an Orange Bowl visit to Miami, Florida, to tackle undefeated Furman University of Greenville, South Carolina, the Buffaloes entertained the two Arizona State schools of Flagstaff and Tempe, along with Hardin-

Simmons, dropping a heart-breaking 45-44 decision to the former and bouncing back to shellac Tempe 56-39 and their traditional rivals from Hardin-Simmons 57-31.

Miami Trip

Traveling by train, the Canyon cord-swishers visited Loyola University of New Orleans to play a first - leg - of - journey game and boarded the train for Miami with a 54-47 Loyola defeat tacked on their season hopes.

Satisfaction of big-time victory came to the tree-top Buffaloes in the Orange Bowl stadium in Miami where they knocked the Purple Hurricane Carolinians out of the undefeated spotlight 45-43. Along with being the first team of the year to top the southern cagers, the Miller-men added another first to their laurels as the Vacation State game was the first every played outdoors on an especially built movable court.

Returning home to do battle with Border loop contenders, the Plains rim-experts, subdued the winning attitudes of Texas Tech and Texas Mines 41-36 and 62-38 respectively.

Four-Day Trip

A final four - day four - game road trip through enemy territory proved almost fatal as the Buffaloes fell before the Cowboys of Hardin-Simmons 52-50, Texas Mines 56-46 and New Mexico University 51-47. Sole victory-soother of the trip was a 63-51 lacing handed New Mexico A&M in Las Cruces in which Jay Malone, stocky Maroon All-American guard, sent 21 tallies through the steel target.

Arizona University's mighty Wild-cats, league leaders and ultimate winners, stormed into Burton Gym but left with a surprising 62-57 Buffalo-inflicted defeat branded on them.

However, three days later the jinx of West Texas on Texas Tech was broken as the Lubbock quintet pounced on the local crew to whip them soundly 57-41 for their 8th win in 56 meetings between the two

schools. This loss to their bitter rivals did not dampen the scoring ability of the hot-and-cold Buffaloes and they warded off the blows of New Mexico A&M and New Mexico University last Friday and Saturday nights 63-55 and 62-54 to wind up a not-good-but-not-bad season.

In the 24 games comprising the year's play, West Texas State amassed 1229 points for a per game average of 51.5 points while opponents slipped in 1138 tallies to account for a 47.5 per game average.

Individual scoring honors were: Hank Decker, 171; Jay Malone, 165; Ledru Jacobs, 153; Glynn Braden, 119; Metz LaFollette 107; Chat Johnson, 101; Cloyce Box, 97; Boyce Box, 96; Deac Johnson, 80; Bill Miller, 55; Ken Simpson, 35; Johnny Johnson, 19; J. L. Houser, 12; and Neil Jackson, 9.

Of these 14 basketball performers, Coach Miller will have 10 returning next year and will have in addition a quintet of high-scoring freshmen for his 1948 squad.

Deac Johnson graduated at mid-term and Chat Johnson, Ledru Jacobs and Hank Decker receive their diplomas this spring.

Maroon Outscores Aggies And New Mexico Loboes

Tech Red Raiders Down Buffaloes at Lubbock Times.

Following a Tuesday night defeat at the hands of Texas Tech 57-41 in Lubbock, the Buffaloes of West Texas State played host Friday and Saturday night to New Mexico A&M and New Mexico University respectively and came out on top in both encounters.

Friday night's game, a sluggish, slow-moving battle, found the Maroon running up an early 31-13 lead before idling down when reserves took command midway in the period. New Mexico A&M, paced by Dick Hynes and Bill Hamm, rallied quickly and by halftime cut the hosts lead to a scant 34-24 margin.

Upon resumption of play in the second frame, Coach W. A. Miller started his first five and again they spurred into a scoring spree only to be matched almost point-by-point by the Aggies.

12 Points

With four minutes playing time remaining, West Texas held a 51-46 advantage but Boyce Box combined with J. W. Malone to rack up 12 fast points while the Sunshine boys looped in 9 to end the engagement with a 63-55 score in favor of the Buffs.

Box led the Canyon scoring parade with 18 points and was followed by Dick Hynes who counted up 14 tallies for the losers.

Saturday night the tall Texans entertained the University of New Mexico Loboes in Burton Gym and gained revenge for an earlier loss in Albuquerque by outscoring their rivals 62-54.

Never threatened, except for an early 3-0 lead held by the Lobos, the Miller-men spurred into the winning form and led their opponents 35-22 at the intermission.

Bouncing back after a halftime rest, the New Mexico cagers poured in six points to throw a scare into

the bounding Buffaloes but after that they were never really in the race.

Braden Scores

Holding a 60-54 margin with forty seconds remaining, Glynn Braden, towering left-hander for West Texas, crammed in a crisp shot to definitely ice away the match.

Pacing the point-attempt for Canyon was Metz LaFollette with 14 counters while Dick Apodaca zip-ped in 15 for the losers.

These two victories pulled West Texas over the 500 mark for the season to a .541 with 13 wins and 11 losses and deadlocked them with 8 wins and losses with Texas Tech in the Border circuit race.

Play Started in Physical Education Tourney for Girls

Meeting in order to make further plans for the girls' intramural basketball tourney, the Physical Education Majors Club met in the gymnasium last Monday night, February 24. President Paula Frazier was in charge of the meeting.

The first game of the scheduled tilts was played between the Jellybeans and the Tumbleweeds with the former edging out a thrilling 19-17 victory. Frazier and Grace Aaron officiated in the game.

Journalists Call Meeting For Tomorrow Afternoon

So that they can consider prospective pledges for the spring semester, members of Type High will meet in the publications office tomorrow afternoon at 12:45.

Discussion of changing the name of the club and posing for Le Mirage pictures will constitute the remainder of the brief business session for the journalists, announces Johnnie Cresens, president.

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Junior Buffaloes Cop First Place in Play-off Of Amarillo AAU League

After neatly sewing up the Amarillo AAU league last week with a convincing 57-47 victory over the strong Hereford Implement five, West Texas State's Frosh leave this morning for Dallas where they will engage in tourney play starting Wednesday and lasting through Saturday.

The Junior Buffaloes won the right to represent this section of country in the State AAU meet by taking the victory crown of the Plains AAU show in Amarillo early in January. Considered one of the most promising freshmen teams in the history of West Texas State, the Frosh are one of the favored teams in the State play-off and carry a record of 26 wins and 2 defeats into the cage classic.

In preparation for the Dallas event, the Freshmen threw back the challenge of Hereford Implement in the finals of the Amarillo AAU meet last week and won by a 57-47 count.

Bill Birdwell, ex-Dimmitt star, rallied the winning form of the little Maroon with 14 points and was closely followed by big Charles Kitchens of Childress with 13 tallies. Earl Stagner paced the losers with 14 points.

The trip to Dallas for the games to be played in the Joe Perkins Gym on the campus of Southern Methodist University will be made by Charles Kitchens, Hubert Kitchens, Charlie Barnard, Sammy Malone, Bill Birdwell, Bill Phillips, Ted Haberer, and Coach Borden Price.

Coach Price also will take three sophomore standouts to bolster his reserve strength and they will be Glynn Braden, Bill Miller and Pinky Jackson.

Positions Clear In Border Loop

With only one more game scheduled for Border Conference play, top places in the loop were more clearly outlined after last week's hectic play. Arizona State of Tempe meets Arizona State of Flagstaff tonight in a game which will determine whether Flagstaff will occupy the second place slot alone or whether they will share it with New Mexico University.

Near final standings are:

	W.	L.	Per
Arizona	15	2	.875
Flagstaff	10	5	.667
New Mexico	10	6	.625
Texas Mines	9	7	.563
West Texas	8	8	.500
Texas Tech	8	8	.500
Tempe	5	10	.333
Hardin-Simmons	5	11	.313
N. M. A&M	2	14	.125

Decker Tops Basketball Scoring Campaign

Final play Friday and Saturday brought the West Texas State basketball season to a close and also affixed players in their permanent positions in the scoring department.

Standings at season end show these in the top five slots:

Hank Decker	171
J. W. Malone	165
Ledru Jacobs	153
Glynn Braden	119
Metz LaFollette	107

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Clubs Conclude Rushing As Bid Time Approaches

Final note in the socializing leading to pledgship for future members of the seven campus Greek-letter organizations, yesterday marked the close of the week-long series of rush events.

Rushes will have until tomorrow to decide their choice of club, rules Mrs. Geraldine Green, dean of women, who is in charge of bidding activities. At that time, prospective pledges will be called into her office for notification of their places on bid lists.

Parties given during the last week include:

ALPHA SIGMA XI

A smoker was given Wednesday by the Sigs in Buffalo Courts Recreation room. Picnic supper was enjoyed by: Roy Lyles, Red Weatherly, Bill Hutchinson, Ben Kellin, Bob Word, Charlie Owens, Guy Hazlett, Charles Bruce, J. C. Jones, Richard Miller, Bill "Super" Miller, Bob Harder, DeRoy Beasley, Joe Merriman, Harold Meador, Bill Lattson, Cecil Boykin, Joe Page, Randy Tregoe, Tom Knighton.

Sunday night guests and their dates to dine and dance in the Serape Room of the Mexican Inn were: Red Weatherly, Bea Clark; Bill Hutchinson, Pat Frost; Ben Kellin, Ruby Patton; Bob Word, Ruth Patton; Charlie Owens, Jo Crooks; Charles Bruce, Polly Cool; Richard Miller, Bernie Ehrlick; Bill Miller, Freddie Hoskins; Joe Harder, Katherine Brooks; Joe Merriman, Evelyn Black; Harold Meador, Ruth Fox; DeRoy Beasley, Georgia Beckner; Roy Lyles, Nadene Fields.

Besides members of Alpha Sigma Xi and their dates, Sponsor and Mrs. W. A. Moore were present.

DELTA ZETA CHI

Delta Zeta Chi feted its rushees with a dinner at the Amarillo Coun-

try Club on Thursday night. The guests were given rose bud corsages. Iris, daffodils, carnations, and sweet peas were featured on the table. The menu included baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, and sundaes.

Rushes were: Billie Byars, Wilma Jean Miller, Katie Hester, Virginia Bush, Yvonne Painter, Ruby Ann Patton, Sybil Ann Gillis, Sylvia Colwell, Doris Baker, Mary Buster, Lena Brillhart, Jo Ann Smith, Thelma Mercer.

EPSILON BETA

A smoker in the Red Room of Cousins Hall on Tuesday night feted Epsilon Beta rushees. Assorted pastries and coffee were the refreshments.

Men who attended were: Kenneth Vaughan, Bob Word, Charles Owens, Gordon Dickerson, Lee Roy Moreland, J. W. Bishop, Ray Wise, Raymond Loman, Jack Ritchey, Bryan Collins, John Younger, O'Dell Davis, James Lair, George Doshier, Forrest Vaughn, Billy Bogard, Don Little, Jim Ponder, Don Standley.

To further entertain rushees, Epsilon Beta fraternity invited its rushees to a dinner-dance at Buffalo Lake on Monday night. Fried chicken with all the trimmings was served to the Betas and their guests.

Attending with dates were: Rosie Bates, Tom Knighton, Billy Bogard, George Doshier, J. W. Bishop, Jim Ponder, James Lair, John Younger, Bob Word, Jack Ritchey, Ray Wise, Kenneth Vaughan, Charles Owens, Lee Roy Moreland, Raymond Loman, O'Dell Davis, Gordon Lynn Dickerson, Don Standley, Forrest Vaughn, Don Little.

GAMMA PHI

In colorful Coronado Lodge overlooking Palo Duro Canyon, Gamma Phi staged its annual western buffet supper for rushees Wednesday night.

Impromptu musicians furnished the evening's entertainment for singing and dancing. Instead of removing their guns at the door, the guests strapped new holsters on their belts.

Traditional chuck wagon grub of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, tomatoes doughnuts, cokes, and coffee were served to: Sybil Ann Gillis, Martha Kelly, Billene Moseley, Lena Brillhart, Wilma Jean Miller, Katie Hester, La Juana Earnest, Maureen Medlen, Barbara Dally, Patsy Wiley, Billie Byars, Virginia Bush, Billie Gibbons, Glenna Winston, Ruby Stevenson, Leona and Louise Knutson, and Jean McManigal.

Gamma Phi entertained fifteen guests with a dinner held at the Country Club in Amarillo on Saturday night. Each girl was given a split carnation corsage upon arrival.

The table was centered with an arrangement of blue iris and white carnations—the Gamma club colors. Barbecued chicken, the club's specialty, was featured on the menu.

Rushes served were: Martha Kelly, Pat Miller, Billie Byars, Wilma Jean Miller, Billie Gibbons, La Juana Earnest, Thelma Mercer, Barbara Dally, Pat Wiley, Glenna Winston, Ruby Stevenson, Jean McManigal, Katie Hester, Virginia Bush, and Lena Brillhart.

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KAPPA TAU PHI

T-Anchor Ranch was the scene of the first rush-party given by Kappa Tau Phi sorority this spring semester. Ranch style food was served, and corn-cob pipes were given as favors. Dancing, games and singing lasted from 7 to 10 Tuesday night. Miss Darland, of the P. E. department, was a guest.

Officers of the club are: Betty Cox, president; Lou Britt, vice-president; Lavena Davis, secretary-treasurer. Nell Green is sponsor.

The second party was a waffle breakfast in Cousins Hall Redroom Sunday morning. Those who wished to go attended church later in the morning. Corsages were presented to each guest.

Rushes attending both parties were: Georgia Beckner, Juanita Bell, Pat Bennett, Johnnie Boykin, Vickie Buster, Betty Ruth Byrd, Jo Nell Coose, Jo Crook, Sue Cummings, Baby Hokit, Martha Kelly, Yvonne Painter, Mary Jo Tomlinson, Juanita Williams, Helen Jo Wilson, Glenna Winston and Joan Smith.

PI OMEGA

Final rushees of the Pi Omega sorority were guests at an evening coffee, Saturday, in the home of Herschel Coffee, club sponsor. Music was featured during the hour.

Cakes, coffee, mints, and sandwiches were served to: Ann Bogan, Kathryn Brooks, Ruby Ann Patton, Ruth Patton, Maureen Medlen, Sue Smith, Billene Moseley, Thelma Mercer and Sybil Ann Gillis.

TRI TAU

Tri Tau fraternity was host to a steak supper and dance at the Buffalo Lake last Thursday night. Rushees, their dates, and ex-members of the club were present.

The guest list included: Wayne Bagley, David Bumpus, Armand Cardinal, Harold Hagemeyer, Bill Hutchinson, Benn Kellin, J. P. McMahan, Harley Hicks, Harold Meador, Joe Merriman, Ray Nickelson, Francis Records, Luther Self and T. C. Brown.

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Uncle of Mary, Martha Hanna Owns Family Castle in Tipperary, Ireland

Though most castles are built in the air, Mrs. Harry Hanna, mother of Mary and Martha, coeds here at WT, always thinks of a particular castle, according to a story published last week in the Amarillo Times.

Located in Nenah, Tipperary County, Ireland, and owned at the present time by Mrs. Hanna's brother, it is occupied by her aunt. The family are direct descendants of the Duke of Wellington.

The Hannas are pioneers of Borger, where they lived before moving to Stinnett. Harry Hanna helped supervise the drilling of Borger's second oil well in 1926.

Mary and Martha are both Juniors and speech majors. Keeping

things in pairs, they are drum majorettes in the band and together directed the intimate theater play "Soldier's Wife," recently presented.

To talk on communism and socialism in the United States, J. Herschel Coffee, economics professor, appeared before the Amarillo chapter of the American Association of University women at their meeting yesterday evening.

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Intramural ITEMS

Torrid play last week in the boys' intramural basketball race sent team standings into a scramble whereby crucial games will be on the slate for this week.

Already two weeks deep in action and a total of some 30 games already completed, the squad standings of February 27 are:

	W.	L.	Per
Hill Courts	5	0	1000
Ramblers	4	1	.800
Spearman Exes	3	1	.750
Terrill Hall	3	1	.750
Aggies	3	1	.750
Burton Gym	3	1	.750
Buccaneers	2	2	.500
Termites	2	3	.400
WT Longhorns	1	2	.333
B. S. U.	1	4	.250
Ex-Eagles	0	3	.000
V. A.'s	0	4	.000
Business Ad.	0	4	.000

Schedule for the next three days of competition is:

March 4, 1947
Ramblers vs. Spearman Exes
Termites vs. Burton Gym
WT Longhorns vs. V. A.'s
Hill Courts vs. Aggies
B. S. U. vs. Ex-Eagles

March 6, 1947
Ex-Eagles vs. Business Ad.
Aggies vs. Terrill Hall
Termites vs. WT Longhorns
B. S. U. vs. V. A.'s
Hill Courts vs. Spearman Exes

March 10, 1947
Spearman Exes vs. Business Ad.
Aggies vs. Buccaneers
Ex-Eagles vs. V. A.'s
Ramblers vs. Termites

All games in the league are played in Burton Gym except when they conflict with previously slated occasions there and ten cents is being charged for admission. This money, along with entrance fees, will go toward buying team and individual awards to be presented at the close of the contest.

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