

To Avoid the Rush
Start Studying
Before Dead Week

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Don't Miss—
Final Cage Game
Friday Night

Regents Re-Elect Faculty for Next Year

Agency Starts Gym Program

FWA Grants \$13,450
For Blueprints
Of Building

To complete plans for the construction of the new 400 thousand dollar physical education building, the Federal Works Agency has awarded West Texas State \$13,450.

According to the story appearing in the Amarillo News Wednesday, two complete gyms will be installed in the building, as well as facilities for handball, wrestling, boxing and other athletic activities.

Location for the new structure has not yet been decided.

Plans were drawn by Macon O. Carder, Amarillo architect, and call for an inter-collegiate gymnasium with a seating capacity of 4,000. The playing court will be 94 feet long and 50 feet wide. The intramural court will be 52 by 95 feet.

In addition two handball courts, boxing and wrestling rooms, physical education classrooms, shower and locker facilities and office space for coaches will be provided.

College plans for financing the construction are dependent upon a proposed Texas constitutional amendment which would authorize state institutions to borrow against anticipated tax income.

Committees Ask Job Applicants

Seniors are urged by the Vocational and Teacher Placement Committees to enroll with one of these agencies, so that information will be assembled for use when needed.

The Vocational Placement Committee is headed by Dr. Lee Johnson, and serves people who are interested in positions in business and industry. Dr. Johnson states that enrollment forms may be secured any afternoon from two-thirty to five and at other hours when members of his office force are in the room.

Enrollees pay the registration fee of \$1.00 at the Business office and present their receipts in exchange for the forms to fill out. Other members of the Vocational Placement Committee are S. H. Condrion, Margaret Barrett, Frank R. Phillips, C. A. Pierle, Mrs. T. V. Reeves and D. A. Shirley.

Reeves Chairman
The Teacher Placement Committee is headed by Mrs. T. V. Reeves. The procedure in enrolling is the same as for the Vocational Committee, except that receipts are presented at the Bureau of Public Service. Other members of the committee are Ruth Lowes, F. E. Savage, C. A. Murray, and S. H. Condrion.

Both committees work with all other members of the faculty in the matter of helping ex-students and graduates.

It is highly important that seniors have information assembled while they are still remembered distinctly by those who have been their instructors. Often reference material is found valuable five or ten years after it was collected. Persons who have enrolled can always re-enroll and have their records brought up-to-date by the addition of references. Records are kept and continue to be available to employers.

Surplus Positions

Both committees are now receiving far more notices of vacancies than they have persons to recommend. This is not always the case, however, and the committee chairmen point out that the more severe the competition, the more important it is to have information available to employers.

Records are valuable also when the college has opportunities to suggest people for positions which would be promotions to them.

Museum Exhibits Nebraska Prints

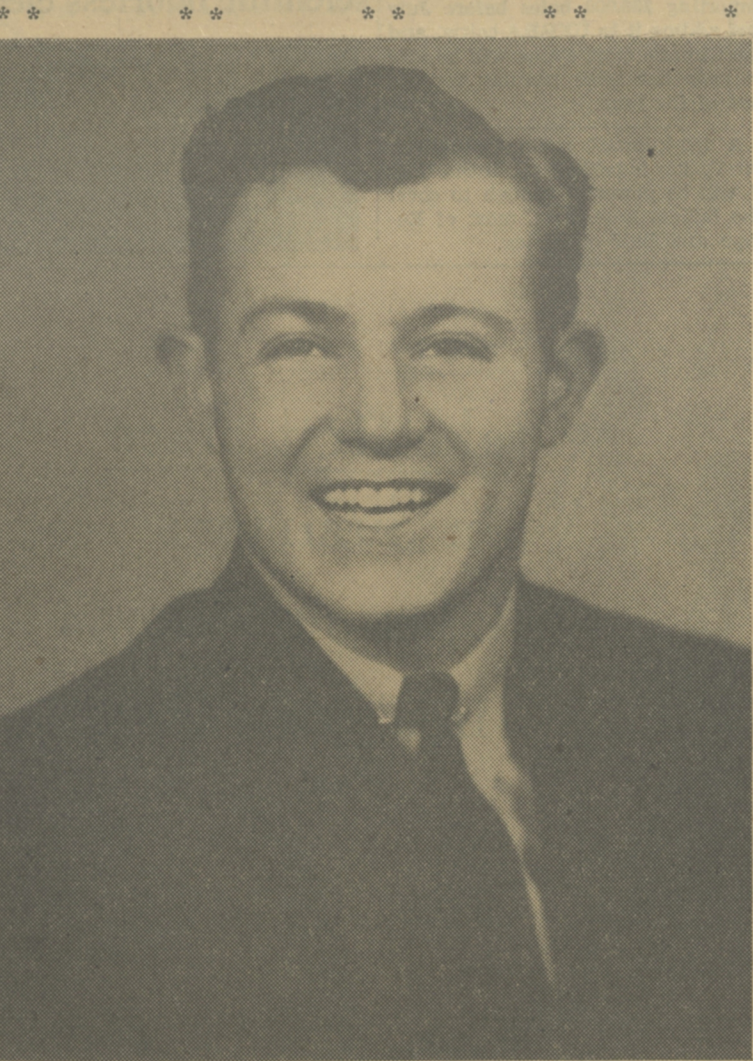
On display until next Tuesday in the Mary E. Hudspeth Room at the Museum is an exhibit of silk screen prints by six members of the teaching staff in the art department at the University of Nebraska.

Obtained by Miss Isabel Robinson, head of the WT art department, the show, which also includes a few lithographs, etchings and drawings, was set up Saturday. Having made a tour of the South, the art collection will be shipped from here back to Nebraska.

Jacobs and Doshier Win Vandale Essay Contest



PAT HILL JACOBS



CARROLL DOSHIER

Mishaps Destroy Native Carpenter Instincts

By Jess Herbert Pipkin

A few days back, the little lady and I decided we needed a bookshelf. So, we dug out the brace and bit, hammer, nails, saw, and the bandages. (When I do something it's always a bloody mess.)

After I got the boards sawed, (something on the order of a Chinese puzzle) I started to nail them. About the third lick I smashed my thumb. Now it's as big as a tomato and twice as red. (However, it sure is handy for hitch-hiking.)

With all my talent for electronics, I even had an electric drill. One of the girls who lives next door tried it out. We finally got the drill stopped, but not the fair damsel. The last time we heard from her she was making a fortune as a hoochie-koochie dancer in a carnival.

Equalizer

When we got the two ends together, we found out that one was too short. Grabbing my trusty rip-saw, I cut part of it off. Then, the other end was too short. So forth and so on, far into the night. We did manage to salvage something out of it however. We sold a big

pile of saw-dust to the local butcher. Finally we were ready to box it in and our job would be complete. One of the neighbors dropped in, gave it a quizzical eye and then got huffy about the whole matter. It seemed that we had sealed one of his kids inside.

Easily Satisfied

Most of our materials were now expended, so we thought we would settle for a magazine rack. More sawdust, more busted fingers and shorter tempers were the result.

We're still going to christen it in spite of what people think. It's stacked out in the front yard and a big wienie roast is scheduled for tomorrow night. WE'RE SICK AND TIRED OF IT AND WE'RE GOING TO BURN THE D... THING UP.

Social Schedule

Tuesday, May 13—Open House, Cousins Hall, 8-9 p. m.

Friday, May 16—Canyon High Senior Dance, Cousins Hall.

Saturday, May 17—College Dance, Cousins Hall, 8-11 p. m.

Top prize winners in the Earl Vandale Historical Essay Contest, two West Texas students, Pat Hill Jacobs and Carroll Doshier, took cash awards of \$100 and 75 when judges' decision were announced at the Historical Association banquet Friday evening.

In the closing meeting of their 1947 spring convention, members of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society rewarded third and fourth places to Mrs. Susie Pierce Dacus and Mrs. H. M. Timmons, both of Amarillo.

Edited Prairie

A junior, Pat wrote her paper on "The Texas Lapse-Lease Case." Originally from Tahoka, she was editor of The Prairie last year and is the wife of Ledru Jacobs, captain of the 1947 basketball team.

Carroll's essay was on "Camp Life of a Cowboy." Last year when he was a sophomore he placed third in the contest.

During the afternoon sessions of the association, Boone McClure was named director of the Museum. He has been assistant director for the past several years.

Bugbee To Preside

Harold Bugbee of Clarendon was elected president for the coming year, succeeding Hamlin Overstreet of Farwell.

Other officers chosen were David M. Warren, Panhandle, first vice-president; O. H. Finch, Dalhart, second vice-president; Dr. L. F. Sheffy, secretary; W. L. Vaughan, treasurer; and Dr. Hattie M. Anderson, recording secretary.

More than 170 members attended conferences of the Society in Cousins Hall.

And Some People Knew Better

"Maybe my watch is fast," whispered one worried back-seater to another as they waited in the administration auditorium last week for Mary Lee Abbott to appear for her recital.

"Maybe she got nervous and decided to stay at home. Maybe they postponed it because of the weather." Altogether, the "maybe" speculations occupied about 15 minutes past the scheduled beginning time before a music-lover with an inquiring mind decided to investigate.

Finally, he returned. Wearing a fashionable crushed expression on his countenance, he announced to the fast-growing group: "The recital is in the Education Building auditorium."

And about 50 abashed people migrated en masse to hear the last half of Mary Lee's program.

Terrill Hall Begins Recreation Business In New Play Room

Terrill Recreational Hall, complete with snack shop and game room, is now open, Milton Morris, supervisor of Conner Hall announced Friday.

First used as a dining hall by Terrill Hall, the space was used this year as a boys' dormitory until Conner, Tierra Blanca and Palo Duro Halls were completed.

The Hall, to be used by men in these dormitories, has game facilities including ping pong, pool tables and numerous card tables. A washing machine and an iron have been installed for the men who wish to do their own washing.

A feature of the hall is the snack bar in which sandwiches, cold drinks, candy and ice cream will be sold. Tentative hours of the hall are from 1 to 5 p. m. and 9 to 11 p. m.

Mr. Morris discloses that there will be an open house in the recreation hall when all the fixtures are finished. The whole northeast corner of the campus, including all dormitories and Buffalo Courts, is invited to the party. The date of the affair has not yet been set.

Here Is Calendar Of 1947-48 Dates

Fall Session
September 16-17—Registration

Nov. 27, 28, 29—Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec. 20-Jan. 4—Christmas Holidays

Jan. 24—Fall term ends.

Spring Session
Jan. 27—Spring semester begins

March 12-13—Northwest Texas Conference

March 27-29—Easter Vacation

May 27—Commencement

June 1—Summer Session

Although their salaries will not be established until June, after action by the legislature, the entire faculty was re-elected last week when the Board of Regents met in Austin.

Four vacancies in the summer staff remain unfilled: positions in the art, education and home economics departments and one secretarial position in the journalism department.

As a result of controversy over the book situation, common to all teachers colleges, the Regents passed a new ruling giving each school an option on whether the texts will be rented or sold. The choice is up to the individual college—it may use either or both plans.

Until he can check with the Veterans Administration office in Lubbock, Pres. J. A. Hill cannot set the policy for West Texas State.

Because of recent legislation making the activity fee compulsory, the college can collect money for that fund from the V. A. During the current school year, W. T. has been the only college in the state paying for veterans' activity tickets—and has lost a total of twenty thousand dollars.

The same bill provides that a maximum of 15 dollars be set on activity charges.

West Texas State College Thirty-Seventh Commencement

June 1-5, 1947

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1, 11 o'clock.....Baccalaureate Services

Speaker—Rev. William E. Wright, Borger, Texas

Sunday, June 1, 3:30 o'clock.....Commencement Concert

Sunday, June 1, 8:15 o'clock.....High School Commencement Sermon

Monday, June 2, 7 o'clock p. m.....Outdoor Band Concert

Wednesday, June 4, 8:15 o'clock.....High School Graduating Exercises

Thursday, June 5, 10 o'clock.....Graduating Exercises

Address—President John Garland Flowers

Southwestern State Teachers College

Tuesday, June 10.....Summer School Enrollment

We Need Radio Show For Quiz Kids of Campus

By Jess Herbert Pipkin

All year long we've batted our gums about why is it that a buttercup doesn't have any butter or why does a paramcium wiggle its flagella; but never once have we mentioned anything about the younger generation on the campus.

I refer of course, to the small children belonging to students who go to school here. At this time I'd like to pause to pay tribute to these youngsters for the many enjoyable moments and the enlightening conversations I have had with them.

For instance there's a little girl who lives near me and our conversation always goes something like this.

I say, "Good morning, how are you?"

Come the Questions

Then she answers, "Fine. I've got a baby rabbit. You need a shave. Where are you going? Why? Did you get your garden planted? I pulled some of it up. Is your dog sick? It doesn't look very well. Why don't you kill it? I heard you play baseball. You're not very good, are you? My daddy can beat up on you. Do you ever catch any frogs? I've got some warts."

Adding insult to injury she ends the conversation with, "I'm going now. You talk too much."

Of course I prefer this type to the shy ones who always cry, run to their mothers and tell her that the mean man tried to scare them again.

Invariably these little characters always have a father that used to

be a heavy-weight wrestler. (No wonder I look like a pretzel).

College Roustabouts

We need say very little about the mischievous group. They always lam you with a rock, leaving you unable to say anything for or about them.

I like kids in spite of all this. If it weren't for them what excuse would we have for buying electric trains and other toys that we like to play with.

Reserve May 24 For College Picnic

Realizing a need for relaxation and vacation, the Student Senate has planned the biggest all-college picnic ever for May 24, a week from Saturday. To be held at Ceta Glen Canyon, the picnic will begin at 9:30 in the morning and end with a dance back on the campus that night.

With their lunches prepared at the halls, transportation arranged by the Senate, and no school the next day, students should be ready for the play-day.

Pianists Will Play Recitals This Week

Two piano recitals will be presented by the music department on Thursday evening, May 15 and Monday evening, May 19. Time for both presentations is 8:15 o'clock.

Mary Helen Mickey will have her recital on Thursday evening and Nell Green's program will be on Monday. Both will be in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Miss Mickey's program will consist of:

Prelude and Fugue a minor.....Bach
Sonata Op. 31 No. 2.....Beethoven
Allegro
Adagio
Allegretto

Rhapsody b minor.....Brahms
Le Vent dans la Plaine.....Debussy
Fantasy Impromptu.....Chopin
Etude g flat.....Chopin
Miss Green's program will consist of:

Prelude No. 21.....Bach
Pavane b flat.....Bach
Prelude
Allemonde

Fantasia and Allegro C minor.....Mozart
Edward Ballade.....Brahms
Intermezzo a minor.....Brahms
Intermezzo e flat minor.....Brahms

Two Preludes.....Chopin
Two Etudes.....Chopin
Interrupted Serenade.....Debussy
Minuet.....Ravel

Simons To Head Library Staff

Will Replace Baker
As Biology Teacher
During Summer



BENNIE P. SIMONS

Selected to fill the position of head librarian, Bennie P. Simons will begin his new duties in that capacity at the beginning of the fall semester.

During the summer session he will be an instructor in the biology department.

A native Texan, he has spent the last year studying for his doctor's degree at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Simons holds a B. S. degree from Sam Houston State, a B. S. in Library Science from George Peabody and an M. A. in Education Administration from the same school. He also served as assistant librarian at Huntsville, Texas.

The new instructor is married and during the war served three years in the armed forces.

Moore Cancels Joan of Lorraine

"With extreme regret we must announce the postponement of 'Joan of Lorraine,' because I feel it such a beautiful and worthwhile play I would want to give it the best possible production; but since we have had such numerous requests to present 'Little Women' in the communities of this area, I feel we should bring 'Little Women' to the children and schedule 'Joan of Lorraine' as the opening show of the fall dramatic season."

W. A. Moore, director of dramatics.

Play Cast Slates Pampa Production

Increasing in popularity, "Little Women" will be presented for the seventh time in Pampa, May 16.

Sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club, headed by Mrs. Mildred Lafferty, the production will be staged in the Pampa High School auditorium.

Phyllis Perkins, junior speech major from Pampa, is in charge of all arrangements for the cast.

Mrs. Green's Mother, Sister Visit in White House

In Washington this week, where they were guests at a White House reception given by Mrs. Truman yesterday, are the mother and sister of Mrs. Geraldine Green, dean of women.

Prominent worker in the Colonial Dames, Mrs. Green's mother is Mrs. Eva C. Robinson of Chensancrest, Harrisville, W. Va. Her sister is Mrs. Nell Robinson, who is superintendent of the East Liverpool City Hospital in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Calling Stray Journalists

Type High members and fall and spring pledges are urged to attend a special meeting today at 12:45 in the Publications Office.

Definite plans must be made for initiation of the pledges. Previous plans for initiation trips have been postponed due to weather conditions.

Any members or pledges who have not paid their dues of 50 cents should do so at this meeting.

Dr. S. H. Condrion contracted a very severe sinus infection this past weekend, but his daughter says that he plans to be back in school before the week is over. His condition at present is considered to be good and he is improving rapidly.

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FROM THE SIDELINES

Having enough worries of our own inimitable brand, we were rather hesitant about becoming involved in the free-for-all which raged last week between Band and Student Senate.

The thing seemed to work out fairly well without a referee, anyway. However, for the benefit of that minority of 1100 or so students outside the inside circle, we could act, perhaps, as interpreter explaining who was mad at whom about what. The situation is rather complicated, but this is what it amounts to:

Short on funds, social clubs objected to paying \$65, or most of their proceeds from a dance, to the Collegians. Apparently they took a "better-late-than-never" attitude about the business (this in May). At any rate, the Senate wrote a resolution condemning the swingers for piracy on the high C's, and that document was published last week in the form of a letter to the editor. After a stormy two-and-a-half hours at meeting Wednesday night, the Senators retracted one statement from their denunciation—and that appears in this week's "Letters" column.

But there's another side to the story. Although Mr. Newman and his musicians decline to make a public reply to the attack, we think the readers should know the arguments they presented.

In the first place, they assert, they are not charging wages equivalent to those charged by professionals; a similar band booked from Amarillo would cost the dance-givers around \$200. Furthermore, says, Mr. Newman, accounts prove that boys have never earned over 49 cents an hour, which would be low enough in any other form of hard labor. And usually their pay checks for the month do not exceed \$18 or \$20.

So that's the case, without an opinion one way or the other. After all, as attorney for both prosecution and the defense, we couldn't be judge, too.

IN THE NAME OF MORALE

At this time of year, even the more un-poetic of us cannot avoid stopping occasionally to observe and to comment:

This is a beautiful campus.
That West Texas has its faults we cannot deny, but landscaping is not one of them. To the caretakers goes a large share of the credit for maintaining for the college a well-put-together appearance in freshly mowed lawn, carefully tended flowers and lovely trees.

Possibly this sounds a little overdone, a little too braggart. If you believe we have exaggerated, or become dangerously close to chamber-of-commerce-isms, take time out to take a second look at the campus.

Then form your own branch of the West Texas C. of C.
And just try to find school grounds that look better than ours!

CONCERNING DOODLING, LARGE-SCALE

Reminds us of the good old days—
Rivalry, that is. Probably most people missed the beginning of a good paint-slinging last week when custodians so eagerly removed traces of an earlier visit by brush wielders from Tech.

"Yea, Texas Tech. To H—with W. T.," read the more re-printable portions of the labels which adorned front entrances to the Administration and Science Buildings.

It makes little difference, because the artists, we feel, do not reflect most of the Tech maturity rating. Really, stuff like that belongs to the grade school era.

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor,
The Student Senate wishes to delete from its resolution in last week's Prairie the statement that a faculty committee exists which is prepared to organize an independent band on the campus. This group refuses to identify itself; therefore it is declared nonexistent.
The Senate.

Dear Editor:
Since the closest cooperation between the members of the faculty and the student body is desired, and since such cooperation is practically impossible without mutual recognition of problems, suggestions, and action on the part of both faculty and students, it occurs to me that a regularly scheduled and properly conducted student-faculty forum discussion could be instituted profitably at this school.

At such a meeting, differences of opinion, suggestions for resolution of such differences and just plain "beefs" could be discussed, made public.

Contacts between students and faculty members at present are of necessity (you know why) strained meetings consisting of guarded conversational remarks. If both parties felt that they might speak their piece under conditions resembling order, I am sure that a great service to the faculty, student body and the institution as a whole would be rendered.

The organization and execution of such a program must of necessity be left to those with administrative ability and knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

It is not my purpose to outline such a move. I only think that at least no harm would come of it—possibly great good.

Sincerely,
H. M. Faulkner.

Here's That Gardener Again

Aided greatly by recent rains and abundance of sun, the Hill Court vegetable gardens are thriving. Nearly all the seeds that were planted only a few weeks ago are now small plants peeking out from the ground.

All the gardens have radishes and onions if nothing else, and they seem to be nearly full-size. However, in some of the larger plots, beans and corn are growing rapidly.

Vegetables are not the only plants that are beautifying the Courts, for grass has covered what two weeks ago was bare ground. In fact some of it has reached the long-hair stage, ready for the murderous blades of a mowing machine.

Although not quite ready to bloom, the flowers are sprouting and some are already budding.

Cotton production in Japan is setting a postwar record. In March, 32,714,507 pounds of yarn were processed. Cotton cloth production totaled 28,130,196 square yards. First postwar exports of 140,000,000 linear yards now are being made. A shipment of 35,000,000 yards is en route to Britain. Turkey is to get 45,000,000 yards and Burma 10,000,000 yards.

Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely
When the rains came last week, several unprepared families in the trailer courts found themselves living in houseboats instead of trailers. Residents of the courts are discussing whether to ask the college to provide each trailer with an anchor or to build a levee around the area in preparation for the day we receive the other half of our annual precipitation.

Dog owners had best lock up their Rovers and Pals at night hereafter—a Conner resident was attacked by an unidentified cur the other night and has sworn a terrible revenge. Each night, now, he skulks about the hall and its precincts with a lethal weapon, waiting for a chance to work over the first mutt that happens by.

I hope he gets the one that cavors just outside my window.

When Nature devised Mankind, she slipped up on one important detail. This matter of sleeping every night has become downright obsolete—in principle, anyway.

Ask any student how much sleep he got the night before and nine times out of ten, you are answered with a yawn and an estimate of from two to six hours. Irregular hours don't seem to harm some people, however. There are the lucky dogs who can sit through classes erect and with eyes open, yet dead to the world.

There are also a few people who can go for days without sleep, and then refresh themselves with a couple of days in bed.

Most of us, however, have to take our cussing from irate professors for looking a bit bleary when really, we couldn't help it if the bus was late, or we had to do three term themes, or Joe wouldn't go away.

Good old Science is making attempts to bring Nature around to the demands of modern living, though. I read an article some time ago about several doctors who moved into a cave and adjusted themselves to a 28-hour day. Of course, if the public ever accepts a revamped calendar, the same low characters who badger us now will think up more demands to make on our time.

What's the use?

A boom in transatlantic air travel, is expected to continue through the summer. Three U. S. air lines, which carried about 77 per cent of the 67,135 passengers entering and leaving the U. S. by air in the last half of 1946, are now carrying some 1,500 passengers to Europe each week. They are doing two and one half to three times the business they did during the winter with 50 eastbound flights a week and plans for 15 additional flights in June. The average load per plane is 30 to 32 passengers. Four European lines sharing the business with U. S. carriers provide 650 seats a week to Europe. A fifth European line is to begin operation next month.

Not only are movies worse than they used to be. One might say that now they are no good at all—Adolphe Menjou, film star.

Collegiately Speaking

Recently elected Dean of Amarillo College was Joseph B. Davis, who for the past nine years, has served in the same capacity at Itasca Junior College at Coleraine, Minn. Mr. Davis is expected to arrive in Amarillo in June.

A new student constitution was ratified at the University of New Mexico. Only five per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the election.

Preliminary plans for the biggest water pageant in the history of Southwest Texas College to be staged this summer were outlined recently by the Ex-Students Association.

North Texas State's new \$75,000 recreation building on the N. T. S. C. golf course was opened officially Tuesday, May 6.

A portable public address system will be purchased for Trinity University by the Spur Club.

North Texas Students production of the opera "Faust" go on the road after a successful college performance before two thousand persons.

After repeating a question seven times in his government class, a prof in a midwest college asked the same of another student.

"I pass," replied the victim.
"Well, I don't know whether you do or not," said the instructor.
"You're going to have to study a little more."

A seismological station may be installed in New Mexico at the University in the next few years. The station planned for the University would be financed by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and would include two seismographs to register horizontal movements, a third to register vertical movements, and other necessary equipment.

A definition of a frosh, taken from the New Mexico Lobo, student paper of the University of New Mexico, states he is a fellow who, when invited to a coed's home, and the light fuse blows out, spends the remainder of the evening trying to fix it.

A New York bank is to finance China's purchase of \$40,000,000 worth of American raw cotton. By importing 230,000 bales before July and adding it to UNRRA cotton and the Chinese crop, China will be able to keep her mills running for the rest of the year.

A 150-kilowatt radio transmitter for Turkey is being built in the U. S. It will be powerful enough to cover the Middle East, Asia, most of Europe and half of Africa.

Excerpts for Exes

Sibyl and Preston Mitchell are living in Boulder this year and Preston expects to receive his M. A. from the University of Colorado at the end of the summer.

George and Helen Robinson Gordon, who are living at Corvallis, Oregon, have announced the birth of a son, David Eric, on April 12. George is enrolled in college at Corvallis.

Vincent M. Lockhart, editor of the Canadian Record, has just received his pilot's license.

Dr. L. W. Blau of the Humble Oil Company, Houston, Texas, now has more than 50 patents to his credit. Blau, who was a member of the class of 1925, is a Geo-Physicist.

R. D. Ford has recently been re-elected principal of the Central School at Hereford. Superintendent George Graham, also a graduate of WT, will continue his services at Hereford under a two-year contract.

H. M. Baggarly, WT graduate, is now one-third owner of the Tulia Herald of which he has been news editor since last August. During the school year that is closing, he has also been head of the Commerce Department of the Tulia High School, which position he has now resigned.

Miss Virginia Good, who has been identified with the Amarillo YWCA for some time, was honored by the young business women's clubs of that organization last week. She

has recently resigned her position in Amarillo.

Ann Mohler, who teaches home economics in Plainview, is soon to be married to Cecil Watson. Fredice Mires presided at the tea table, and Mrs. Willie Merle Hathcock was one of the hostesses at the announcement party. All are ex-students of WT.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lockhart and son of Canadian spent Thursday night at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. E. Lockhart.

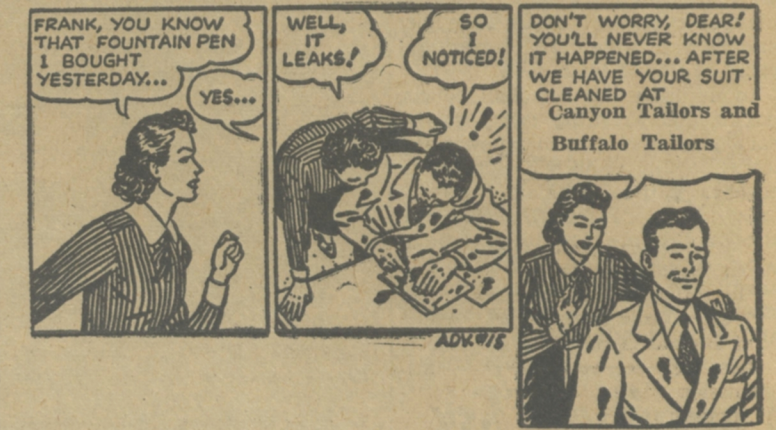
Miss Mildred Gill returned Friday to her work in Dallas after a ten-day visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Cone of Pampa are guests this week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cone.

Fern Zimmer visited with her father, Anton Zimmer, in Pleasant Valley, Sunday.

Mrs. Lemore Hill of Borger was a guest last week in the home of her parents, President and Mrs. J. A. Hill.

Under a new trade agreement, for the next 11 months, Sweden is to receive \$7,560,000 worth of Yugoslav products and will deliver \$2,800,000 worth of goods to Yugoslavia. In addition, Yugoslavia will get a \$1,400,000 credit and, during the next seven years, \$36,400,000 worth of industrial equipment.



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League Begins Softball Play

Night Games Slated Under Lighting Plan

Play has begun among the 14 teams entered in the softball league with 10 games already played and 10 more contests scheduled for this week.

The league is composed of teams representing business firms of Canyon, dormitories, clubs and an independent squad. The business firms represented are Bellah's Market, Thompson Hardware, Buffalo Drug, Radio Appliance, The Gas Company, Myers Implement Company, Bob's Coffee Shop, Southwestern Public Service and the White Way Service Station.

College organizations in the league are Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity, Terrill Hall, Baptist Student Union, and West Texas High School. The Jaybirds is the only independent team.

Lights are being installed on the softball diamond to instate night games, Hank Decker, secretary of the league, announced Friday. About \$225 has been raised for the erection of the lights by business firms and each player in the league has consented to contribute a dollar toward this end. The Canyon Chamber of Commerce will make up the rest in the expense.

Decker said he expected the lights to be ready for use Wednesday and after that three games will be played each night.

John Hunter of the Gas Company team was elected president of the league.

Another similar league is expected to be organized during the summer months.

Revengeful Exes Play Buffs Again

In a return game which will close out basketball play for the spring, the future Buffaloes will tangle with Westex Exes Friday night, May 16, at Burton Gym. Time for the fray has been set at 8 o'clock and admission will be 50 cents per person. Sponsor of the event is the West Texas State T-Club and the proceeds will go toward furnishing the Recreation Hall at Buffalo Courts.

On May 3 the flashy hoop-artists who will pound the hardwood of Burton Gym next year rambled over a string of strong Exes 73-38. The Exes' line-up for the Friday night encounter will be approximately the same as the previous cagers with the addition of Charles Halbert, Chicago professional, who was a stand-out for the Maroon and White in 1939 and '40.

Price Brookfield, who led the Exes scoring in the last encounter and also a Chicago professional, will couple with Jack Maddox, Halbert, Hank Decker, Ledru Jacobs, Doug Groom, Norman Trimble, Earl Stagner, Doyle Ford, Chat Johnson, Borden Price, George Colvin and Joe Fortenberry for the Exes. Maddox has just completed the basketball season with the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, professionals.

All the future Buffs who participated in the first clash will be back for this engagement.

O. C. Rampley will be assistant coach at Las Cruces, N. M. next year.

James Love will be coach at Lefors next year.

Buffalo Bill-ings - -

By Vaughn Vandergriff

Another track season for West Texas State has been concluded. Although no great honors were won, the team must receive its due share of credit. They tried. Handicaps of every kind and at all times loomed up to thwart their attempts. If it was not weather it was injuries and the squad never really had a chance to develop all their possibilities.

So until next year we say farewell to the thin-clad sport and only hope for a better break in the 1948 season.

A quote from Kimbrough—"If plans go as expected, the seating capacity of Buffalo Stadium will be doubled by the time football rolls around at WT next fall!"

With only a few minor points standing in the way of official announcement of next year's 11 game pigskin schedule, Coach Kimbrough when approached as to our possibilities only ducked his head and growled, "Gee, they are going to be tough—specially the first ones."

Reports drifting back from Albuquerque and the track squads visit there give note to the sleeping situation. It seems that a couple of West Texas State coaches upon emerging from their sleeping quarters one morning said, "Gosh, they must have made those beds up for children because those sheets didn't come down to the foot of the bed."

Of course none of the Maroon tracksters knew anything about it even if they had picked up the art of short-sheeting in the service!

"Shorty" Halbert, ex-Buff cager, was seen strolling nonchalantly around the halls of WT the other morning. If he went over to the Courts I imagine he felt rather out of place. After all the guys over there only range up to 6 foot 6.

Current talk on the campus is the question of the activity ticket now in use here at this college. Some want it changed with the argument of they don't get their money's worth while others loudly applaud the present set-up as a student-money-saver.

This column would like to take the liberty of saying that it heartily approves of the ticket as far as it affects athletics. Where else could a student see athletic contests at a cheaper rate than he does here and I sincerely believe that a person gets his money's worth along that line.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of five dollars is set aside each semester for the said ticket which is supposed to provide admission for the student into all sports games and lyceum numbers presented. In the fall we had five home football games which every student had the opportunity to attend. If they did not attend that was their own fault.

In the spring semester we had ten home basketball games. Enough for anyone's enjoyment and it averages out to a very small admittance paid for each game.

This column would like to say that as far as lyceum programs are concerned, this school is way behind times and that those few and far between engagements are not of the highest and most desirable type.

On those I do not believe a student gets his money's worth!

Our athletic teams put on as good a show and of as good a quality as any school in this section but our lyceum programs have not kept up with those presented at other schools.

To cite examples—North Texas State has had Xavier Cugat and the Ingrid Bergman-Cary Grant duo as part of their entertainment. New Mexico University has had Jascha Heifitz and Marian Anderson on their entertainment agenda.

In comparison we have had the STRAWBRIDGE PLAYERS and VIRGINIA SALE. The latter was fairly entertaining but the former was anything but entertaining. It did not appeal to the artistic savour of the intelligensia of this institution.

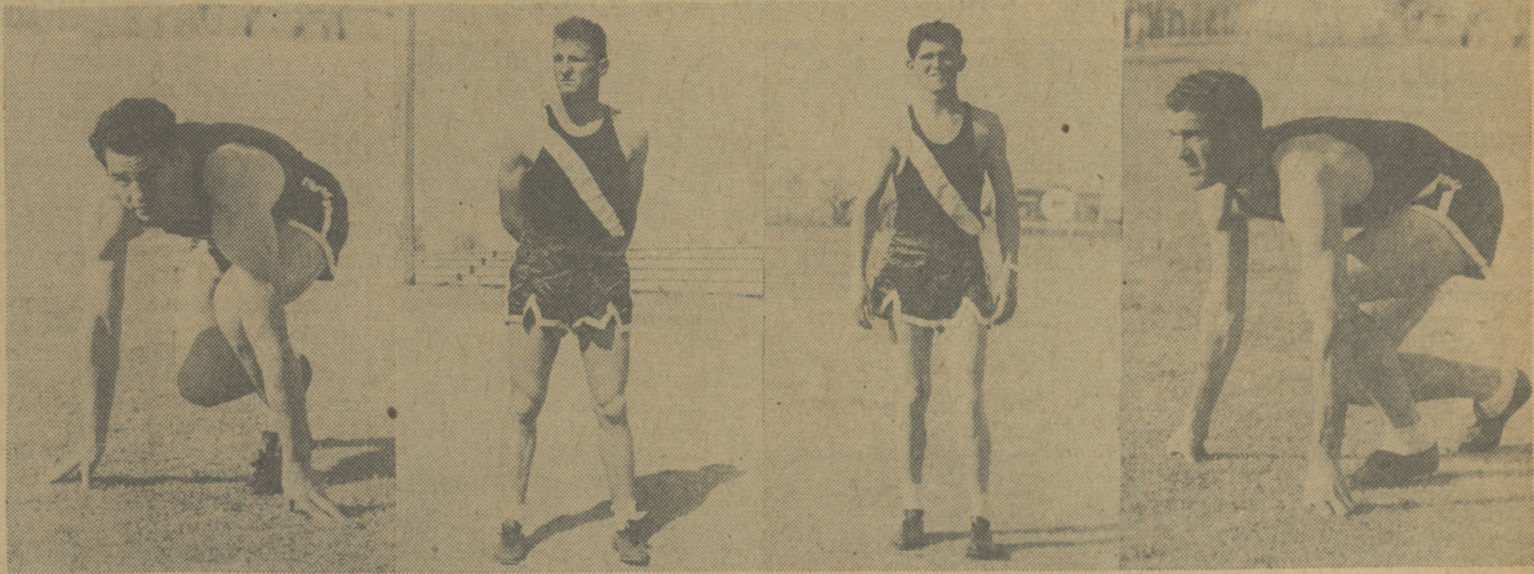
Who dreams up and signs up such social duds!

No, the activity system does not need revising but the lyceum part is in line for a complete overhauling. Let us hope that the Student Senate will insist on such a change!

Agriculture Department's spring planting review of 16 major crops plus near-record winter wheat crop indicates 1947 U. S. food supply will reach an all time high.

There are women who still insist that the bad men are always chasing the girls.

THESE THIN-CLADS Captured Four Places at Albuquerque



Pictured above are the four West Texas State stalwarts who copped positions in the Border Conference Track Championships held at Albuquerque last Friday and Saturday. From left to right are Lloyd Johnson, fourth in the broad jump; Dwaine Lyon, fourth in the javelin throw; Jim Wilson, fourth in the 880 yard run; and Boyce Box, fourth in the discus throw. Only Lyon will not be back for participation in the cinder game next year. Box has one more year of eligibility, Johnson and Wilson have two more years.

Tempe Takes Border Meet Title

Gridsters Toughen for Tilt As They Resume Daily Drill

The sound of thumping pads and the trod of cleats on the grass of Buffalo Field once more marks the renewal of spring football practice. To last through the 23 of May, the resumption of drill is the second part of the program which saw the first half of practice wind up two weeks ago.

Practice sessions for the grid aspirants will begin at 2:30 o'clock each afternoon and numerous phases of training will be inculcated into the hardening-up program. One of the new items in the program will be the showing of games at least twice a week.

First of two intra-squad tilts will be played at the Stadium Saturday afternoon, May 17, at 3 o'clock. This will just be the warm-up to all activity scheduled for Friday, May 23, when drill will cease until the fall session September 1.

On the May 23 date, a full day of athletic events have been scheduled. Football fans and coaches will be invited to the campus to partake in the activities. Highlights of the day's program will be an interpretation of the rules session with all football coaches in this area cordially invited to attend. At that time it is hoped that the film of last year's Rose Bowl game will be available for showing.

The Council of Economic Advisers, frankly alarmed at the large volume of profits being earned today, is warning industry heads that unless they share some profits with their consumers a crash and depression like the 1929 fiasco is a strong possibility.

\$17 million worth of radio receivers will be exported from the U. S. to Latin-American countries this year, chiefly Mexico, Chile, Cuba, and Brazil.

At 7 o'clock a buffet supper at Buffalo Courts will be held for all members of the West Texas Activity Club and any other interested persons.

Climax of the day will come at 8:45 o'clock at Buffalo Stadium when the football candidates of Coaches Frank Kimbrough and Clark Jarnigan will display their prowess in a regulation contest which will close out the drill until next fall.

The Buffalo Band will take part in the program and will offer game-time and half-time entertainment.

All persons interested in intramural tennis doubles, mixed doubles and those who are still playing in the singles tournament are asked to meet in the Graduate reading room tonight at 7:00, Milton Morris, sponsor, announced.

Administration spokesmen are quietly pressuring big business leaders to follow Ford, the Plymouth division of Chrysler Corp., and International Harvester in reducing prices. They feel a few more outstanding cuts will cause a general downward readjustment.

Pilfering from grocery store counters and shelves is on the increase because of h. c. l., though it's still lower than during wartime rationing.

Wilson, Johnson, D. Lyon, C. Box Win WT Points

Four of West Texas State's thin-clads grabbed a fourth place each in the hotly-contested Border Conference track meet held in Albuquerque last Friday and Saturday. The meet, attended by a large number of participants, was one of the best in the history of the Cactus Loop and a new champion was crowned when Arizona State of Tempe grabbed top total points to unseat Arizona who had held the pennant for the past 17 years.

The Westex crew, small in number, was no threat to the powers of Tempe and Texas Tech who battled all the way for the top post. Not until the last event was completed did the Tempe squad securely annex the flag.

Going into the final event which was the javelin throw, Tempe had 42½ points while Tech had racked up 42 and 5-6 tallies. Al Van Hazel and Joe Batiste came through for Tempe in that event with a first and a third to boost their total to 49½ and the meet championship.

Charles Reynolds of Texas Tech captured individual scoring honors by taking a first in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and by running the anchor on the victorious mile relay team. He totaled 11¼ points.

Scoring for West Texas was Jim Wilson in the 880 yard run, Cloyce Box in the discus, Dwaine Lyon in the javelin and Lloyd Johnson in the broadjump.

All these events in which the Maroon placed men were contests where no preliminaries were held. In the prelims held on Friday, all other Buffalo aspirants failed to qualify for the finals on Saturday.

Highlight of the meeting was the running of Hardin-Simmons' J. C. (Bullet) Cook who upset touted Joe Batiste of Tempe in the high hurdles. He won by only a stride over the colored cinder flash.

Teams in the order of finishing in point totals were: Tempe 49½, Texas Tech 42 5-6, Arizona University 39 5-6, Hardin-Simmons 11, New

Mexico University 10 1-3, Texas Mines 6½, West Texas State 4, and New Mexico A&M 1. Arizona State of Flagstaff did not compete this year.

Speakers Utilize Recording Machine

Latest development in recording devices is the magnetic tape recorder now on demonstration by Crannell Tolliver, head of the speech department. Speech classes, education classes, and foreign languages groups have used this new recorder.

Other recordings have been made by members of the Speech 102 classes with the R. C. A. disk recorder. The projection booth of the Education Building auditorium has been turned into a recording studio.

After the recording is made, the student is scheduled to confer with Mr. Tolliver and analyze his recording, after which another recording is made with fewer mistakes than the first.

"Facilities for more and better recordings will be available next fall when the speech building will have a regular recording studio," assures Mr. Tolliver.

H. J. Heinz Co.'s profit margin is lower than ever before because Heinz is absorbing price increases on raw materials. Examples: Raw beans cost 350% more than in 1941, but baked beans are up only 49%; tomatoes cost 87% more, but ketchup is up only 20.9%.

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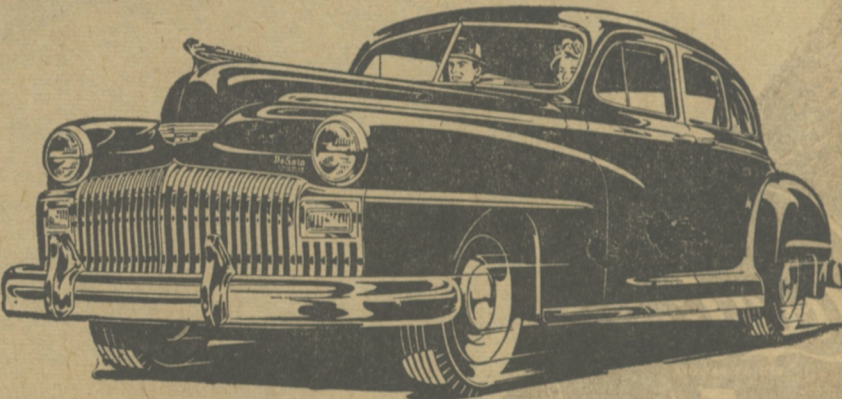
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Speaker Views Family Import

Climaxing the special assembly for Mother's Day sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity Saturday at 11 o'clock, Dr. Francis Pritchard, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, spoke to students and their mothers on the importance and basis of the Christian marriage and family in modern life.

Dr. Pritchard was introduced by Crannell Tolliver, head of the West Texas State department of speech and co-sponsor of the fraternity with W. A. Moore, member of the department of speech. Wayne Thomas, president of the host organization, opened the program with a speech of welcome to the mothers, which was followed with a response by Mrs. J. W. Walker of Plainview, mother of J. Waring Walker, sophomore student and member of Alpha Sigma Xi.

Three numbers, "Adoramus Te Christe" by Palestrina, "Finlandia" by Sibelius, and the "Troyes Chant," were sung by the West Texas State A Cappella Choir, directed by Glenn Truax.

Virginia Smith, sophomore student from Amarillo, gave several poetic readings in relation to Mother's Day. Other numbers on the program were vocal solos by Thelma Gean Mercer and Bill Hutchinson, who sang "Ave Maria" by Bach-Gounod and "That Wonderful Mother of Mine," respectively. Thelma Mercer was accompanied at the piano by H. R. Fulton and Hutchinson by Mary Hodges.

Domitories Fete Graduating Girls

Graduating seniors of Cousins and Randall Halls were honor guests at formal dinners held in the hall dining rooms last Tuesday evening.

Musical programs preceded both dinners after which Mrs. McCaslin, hall supervisor gave a short farewell memento to the Randall seniors, and Mrs. June Malone, junior, bade the Cousins graduates farewell. Lois Franklin, senior from Happy, responded for the Cousins honorees.

Faculty members and their wives attended both functions to add to the occasion.

Graduating seniors from the Halls are: Hollis Altendorf, Iris Brown, Frances Norwood, Maurice Frost, Marie Smotherman, Mary Hodges, Beatrice Clark, Anna Lee Hill, Lou Britt, Fern Cunningham, Betty Dromgoole, Marcy Lee Lary, Ruth Robinson, Bertha Mae Thomas, Phillis Foreman, Mary Lee Abbott, Mary Evelyn Almquist, Lois Franklin, Freeda Johnson, Alma Grace Schneider, Sue Sheffy, Fayrene Bolton and Betty Lee.

The Norwegian whaling industry will produce more than 1,000,000 barrels of sperm oil this year, double the 1946 output. During the four month fishing period ending last month, Norwegian whalers in the Antarctic processed 988,800 barrels. Domestic output will reach about 10,000 barrels. Total output is worth more than \$70,000,000. A record production of cod liver oil also is expected this year, with production running 100 per cent ahead of last year's.

Parcels to U. S. Army Post offices abroad may be sent as frequently as desired. It no longer is necessary to present a written request from the person to whom the parcel is addressed. Until this month there had been a limit of one package a week, which could be sent only on request.

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Campus Queen and Prince



A new wrinkle in the campus queen industry is introduced by the University of Detroit—so here's Judith K. Brunton, 15 months, "Campus Queen," and her Prince, Dickie Dunbar, 4 months, chosen in a contest open only to children of former servicemen.

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No, Printing It Wasn't a Slip, Ikey; Seems We're Desperate for Copy

By Ikey Gillespie

Karl A. Bickel once said, "If you think the editor sometimes makes a mistake in what he gives you to read, you ought to see the mass of stuff from which he saves you."

I managed to slip this past the editor so the only way you can save yourself from it is to stop reading now.

Don't get me wrong. The editor and I get along swell. After all, I don't REALLY blame her much for not recognizing a true journalistic genius when she sees one. It's just that I have so much trouble getting things past her to get them printed in their true form.

It seems like the longer I write the shorter I make my articles. I remember my first assignment for The Prairie. One day one of our senators was in town and the editor sent me over to interview him. When I got back to the office the editor says,

"Well, did you interview the senator?"

"Yes," I says.

"What did he have to say?" she says.

"Nothin'."

"Well, go ahead and write up the interview, but try to hold it down to a column and a half," she replies. (Any similarity to the aforementioned and something Bob Burns said is purely intentional.)

And so it goes. One time the editor told me to rewrite a lead. I really wanted to do a good job so I got a huge inspiration from Robert Southey who said,

"Words are like sunbeams; the more they are condensed the deeper they burn." Mine must have been really condensed because they had a burning good time in the trash barrel.

I'm not discouraged though. Maybe if I keep trying I'll catch the editor off guard again.

Couple Married In Home Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. John Gamble announce the marriage of their daughter, Vesta, to M. E. Cantrell, May 4, at 8:30 p. m. Nuptial vows were exchanged in a single ring ceremony performed in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O'Neal, with Justice of the Peace B. F. Machen, officiating.

Witnessing the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble and family, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hix.

Hutchison Will Lead Tri Tau Fraternity

For presiding officer next year, Tri Tau members last week chose Charles Hutchison of Canyon.

New vice-president is Rex Shearer, McCamey, and James (Rosy) Bates of Childress will serve as secretary-treasurer.

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Zetas Name Officers; Landrum Will Preside

To direct the activities of the club for the next year, the Delta Zeta Chi sorority has elected these officers: Mollie Landrum, president; Peggy Head, vice-president; Doris Baker, secretary; Frances Harp, treasurer; Wilma Francis, pledge captain; Joan Smith, reporter.

Mrs. L. P. Sheffy is the Zeta sponsor.

Pi Omegas Elect Travis Next-Year President

To head their organization during the school year 1947-48, Pi Omega Sorority Monday evening chose Trixie Lee Travis, junior from Follett, as new president.

Other officers elected were Mary Jo Gallemore, vice-president; Willa Mae Freeman, recording secretary; Johnnie Fay Cresens, corresponding secretary; Alice Billy Cortis, treasurer; Kate McCulloch, reporter; and Ciella Pearson, pledge captain.

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