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All Fools Day

# Faculty Stars Will Outshine Hollywood

## They Even Borrow "Stupidous" To Describe Thursday Show

"CRUDE FANTASY," faculty all-star production featuring Frank Kimbrough, the crooning-coach, will be presented Thursday night in the Auditorium of an eagerly awaiting West Texas State student body. Tickets for the show are on sale at Bob's at five dollars per person.

Mr. Kimbrough, nationally known for his basso-profundo renditions of semi-classical and classical works of gridiron strategists, is the only singing mentor in the world and will give his famous version of Clark Shaughnessy's lovely "Tea Formation."

Among the numbers to be presented by the Golden Voice of Pigskin Alley are Alonzo Stagg's "Lament to a Tiring Athlete," Knute Rockne's "Coming in on a Single-wing and a Back," and Dana Bible's "Longhorn Serenade." The guest artist will present Mr. Bible's song in the classic form and also the popular ballad version which bares the name of "An Moo To You Too."

Accompanying Mr. Kimbrough on the piano will be an equally accomplished virtuoso, Clark (Little Fat Fingers) Jarnigan. He will also be presented in two piano solos, Cornelius Warmerdam's "Fifteen Feet in the Sky" and Kiteopa Yasasuyasu's "Tantanta" which when translated means "Blatz for Two."

**Jumpin' Joe**  
Dr. Joe Duflot, the rage of last year's show, will again present his soft-shoe dance "The Mexican Jumping Bean Jumps." And if passed on by the show censor, Dr. L. F. Sheffy, Mr. Duflot will present the scintillating rhythm of Gezell's "A Wolf-child Finds A Mate Too Late."

A between act pantomime will be given by Dr. Hattie M. Anderson entitled "What One Sees On A History Room Ceiling."

Boasting one of the most highly-promising, crowd-pleasing quintets in the history of the show, the English Department group composed of Dr. Mattie Mack, Dr. A. Kirk Knott, Miss Loula Grace Erdman, Mrs. Ethel Shaw, and Miss Helen White Moore will present three original compositions.

The numbers will be "Past, Present and Will the Future Be Imperfect," "All Alone With A Comma Blunder Under Participial Skies," and "The Train Was Derailed As It Passed Through the Conjunction But."

**Faux Pas Duo**  
Agnes Charlton and Dr. Ples Harner will combine in a duet to lend a

foreign tinge to the production with "Bon-bon J' appelle Mon Sucre Bon-bon."

Other outstanding stars of the program will be:

Dr. Darthula Walker, song, "Do I Need A New Map, Perhaps?"

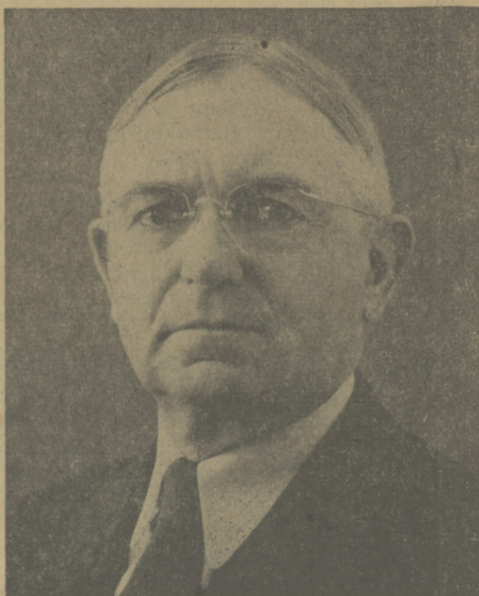
Dr. C. A. Pierle, poem, "Test-tubes Are Higher in China."

Dr. S. H. Condron, song and dance, "Who Stole the Brains from Mr. Truman's Cabinet?"

Dorinda Bond, acrobatic dance, "Hot Presses."

As a show finale, the Home Economics Department will present a

### Duflot Does Dance



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### Critic Condemns Robinson Art

Disappointment, bitter despairing disappointment reigned supreme this week in the home of at least one disillusioned member of the college faculty.

Miss Isabel Robinson, head of the art department, has received word of the rejection of her work by a well known eastern art gallery.

"We are shocked," read the note from the Boston Puritanical Society, "to think that a painting so suggestive could come from the brush of a lady. Not since the days of 'September Morn,' have we been startled into writing a censure so total and so scathing."

But Miss Robinson took the news calmly, if in a sad and tearful manner.

"All I can do is quote the ancient philosopher who said, 'If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again,' she wept."

### Frosh Seeds Suffers Nervous Frustration From Study Fatigue

From Neblett Hospital in downtown Canyon this week comes warning that surely will be taken to heart by many of the more studious of the college intelligensia.

"Poor Charlie," sympathized Dr. Neblett. "He is a case in point of what can happen when a student takes his studies too seriously to the exclusions of the lighter things in life."

Charles Seeds, freshman from Pampa, probably will be forced to miss at least two months of the spring semester due to a complete nervous breakdown.

"A class here, class there: tests, notes, professors—the strain was just too much for him, that's all," whispered the worried medical adviser.

### Just an Incident In Class History

A few years ago, there was a course in short-story writing offered here. Came the first class period, the instructor told his fledgling writers:

"There are four requisites for a short story. It must be brief, contain a reference to religion, an association with royalty, and an instance of modesty. Now you have the rest of the hour in which to write a short story."

After about 15 minutes, a hand went up.

"Finished so soon, Jones?" asked the professor. "Very well, suppose you read your story for the rest of the class. Perhaps they will get some ideas."

And Jones read. "My God," said the queen, 'take your hand off my knee.'"

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## Officials Outline Plan Designating Management House As Location

Answering a need long the battle-cry of fun-starved West Texas students, administration officials announced today their intention to redesign the home management house, thereby converting it into a first-rate night club by April 15.

"Students go to Amarillo, anyway. Why not keep Canyon trade in Canyon and offer them here in their own back alley the things for which they usually must make a tiring 18-mile jaunt," they hiccoughed.

Owner and operator of the new establishment will be Miss Margaret Barrett.

"Just so they use the right fork at the right time, I have no objection to any form of recreation with which the patrons choose to amuse themselves," she smiled.

Although Randall County is dry, Bartender D. A. Shirley assured Prairie representatives that through special ordinance of the City Commission, liquor can now be (legally) sold on the campus. However, any bootlegger with hard beverages in Bob's will be declared off-limits and fined.

### Getting Ideas

So that "Margaret's Tavern" will provide a comfortable and familiar atmosphere for its customers, a committee headed by Virgil Henson is touring Amarillo hot-spots this week in search of usable features to incorporate into the WT structure.

Tentatively, the faculty has outlined a blue print for the place faintly reminiscent of the old Antelope-Speakeasy Colonial type of architecture.

Downstairs, they reveal, (Thank God for commas), will be utilized for a softly-lighted bar and cocktail lounge. A still more softly lighted portion of the first floor will be made into a dance floor for those in the primary stage of inebriation.

A third division upstairs—this one so doggone softly lighted that people have to order drinks by Braille—will be reserved for hilarious dancers and sissies who can't take their whiskey standing up.

In charge of the game room located in the basement will be C. A. "Lucky" Pierle. At the time of the interview, his Chinese gibberings were rather unintelligible, but later reports indicate that he muttered, "This will be a strictly high-class joint. No cheatin', see?"

A brief glance at the prospective beverage lists suffices to convince the reader of the dawn of a new era in Concoctions Potent: "Mint Germaine," "Hattie and Frankie," "Salty Herschel," and "J. A. Martini."

The management has hired two bouncers to work alternate shifts: B. F. Fronabarger and Mitch "Tough Boy" Jones. Toni Gaume and Pifi Charlton will be cigarette girls and Lora Bond has been engaged as official hat checker. Also chess of unofficial hats.

"Oh, boy," screamed typical student Leroy Reeves. "It's just like the senate has been chippin' their teeth about for years now: 'What this school doesn't need more of is spirit. After all, it's the spirits of thing that count.'"

Only discordant note concerning the projected rumpus came from denizens of Stafford Hall, who growled, "If they're gonna do something constructive, why can't they be original?"

Joint presentation, joint presentation—it's the rage among conversational topics current on the campus. But for heaven's sake, with seven clubs, whose joint are they going to present?

### Club Proprietor



MARGARET BARRETT

### Dialogue's Familiar But Guessing Game Proves Difficult

Student: "Professor, why do people say that the United States is the most progressive nation in the world?"

Professor: "Will you define 'progressive'?"

Student: "Well professor, just exactly what do you mean by 'define'?" Do you mean what I think; what you think; what I think you think; or what Webster says?"

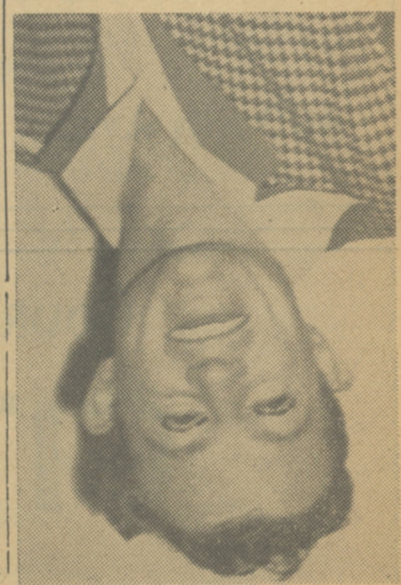
Professor: "Who is this Webster?"

Student: "I don't know."

Professor: "Are there any other questions before we go on with the lesson?"

2nd Student: "Professor, What course is this?"

Professor: "In this course we attempt to convey knowledge into the cerebral mass of the students who have completed their freshman year of matriculation."



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Excerpts

For Ex-es

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCarty of Amarillo have announced the birth of a daughter March 21.

Miss Frances Phillips, M. A. 1946, is now critic teacher in English at the Demonstration School of Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska.

Lorna Rae, born March 20, is the daughter of Ray and Dorothy Jean Jennings Dunnagan, who now live at Fresno, California.

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Controversial

Corner

By Ikey Gillespie

Are colleges becoming America's No. 1 playground?

This might also bring up the age-old question of "What are we going to college for?"

In answer to the latter, most of us will leap to the fore with a dynamic "I'm here to get an education." Now aren't we all, but just what do we deem an education? (It's up to the individual to answer this question.)

There is one outstanding example that certainly belittles the "I'm here to get an education" statement. Where were the rest of us while this was going on? Out playing?

Through an unofficial survey, a goodly number of us are going to school because it's the current thing, and besides, "Where could we have more fun with kids our own age?"

"Certainly not at home, and I doubt at Miami Beach."

"Besides, daddy wouldn't let me waste the money it would cost to go to Miami."

All I can think of to say to this is, "Oh yeah! and what makes you think you would waste it any easier there than here?"

Statistics prove that more money is spent on incomplete educations per annum than goes over the hilarious highways to America's favorite playground.

I'm not attempting to help anyone discover an answer but only to make you stop long enough to think and draw a conclusion of your own.

If colleges are becoming America's No. 1 playground it must be our fault; therefore, it must also be up to us to do something about it.

Collegiately

Speaking

Students from 47 states and 16 foreign countries are among the 3,533 students attending second semester classes at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Every state in the Union is represented except Rhode Island. Illinois leads the states with 130, New York next with 121 and California third with 112.

Reporters can make their own news, according to the best journalism text books, and one North Texas student believes it literally.

Assigned a society story to write for journalism this week he soberly asked a coed in the class to marry him so that he would have a story to meet the deadline.

But the girl would only risk an engagement—to be broken at 5 o'clock when the assignment had to be turned in.

Thirty-one New Mexico students and faculty members recently spent a week-end in Chihuahua, Mexico. In a return visit, 60 Mexican students will journey to New Mexico in April.

Members of the A & I Student

Council at Kingsville and their sponsor, spent two days recently visiting the campuses of San Marcos State Teachers College and Trinity University.

Since 1933 about 31 graduates of Texas Tech have received Ph. D. degrees, according to information gathered by the editor of ex-student news. Approximately one-third of them received both their Bachelors and Masters degrees from Tech.

At New Mexico University men outnumber women students, as in prewar days, 2,624 to 909.

The final drive for funds for the construction of a new memorial stadium at East Texas State has been launched.

With a seating capacity of 10,000 fans this new project is expected to be completed by Homecoming Day next fall.

A new zinc recovery plant is being constructed in El Paso marking the beginning of a new industry. The plant is expected to be ready for operation by the spring semester in 1948.

At the University of Texas, a student in one beginners reporting class struggled with a wedding story. He didn't know much about it and when the story was returned to him

The answer to what's cooking in Russia may never be specific, but it's pretty certain to come under the head of pressure-cooking.

Nylons went on public sale in Cincinnati only 18 months after the war's end. Maybe, in 10 years, there will be vacant houses.

A circuit court in Chicago ruled that calling a man a Communist is libelous. Apparently that makes color blindness a civil offense.

Global pump-priming wouldn't be so bad if it didn't leave so many leaking gaskets in the Treasury here at home.

Wonderful idea! Let each man pay his share of the public debt and escape paying interest on the remainder.

The Army Air Forces plan to increase regular officer strength during 1947 from 7,000 to 18,000.

Trouble with a budget is, it's so hard to budge it.

with a grade of F-, the student decided it was time for a conference with the instructor.

"Mr. French," he started, "This is terrible. I have never made an F- like this before, I'm ashamed of myself — isn't there something I can do to bring it up to an F?"

ALMANAC



The first years of man must make provision for the last.

MARCH

- 28—Seven Allied armies advance east of the Rhine river, 1945.
- 27—Washington signed act creating the U. S. navy, 1794.
- 28—"Phoebe," "Cherub" and "Essex" naval battle, 1814.
- 29—John Tyler, 10th president, born, 1790.
- 30—Seward's Day, marking purchase from Russia, 1867.
- 31—Commodore Perry negotiated treaty with Japan, 1854.



APRIL

1—All Fools' Day.

Wives of the veterans at H. S. U., Abilene, are organizing to participate in common interests and ideas. The veterans' wives of A. & M. in New Mexico are also organizing into a club.

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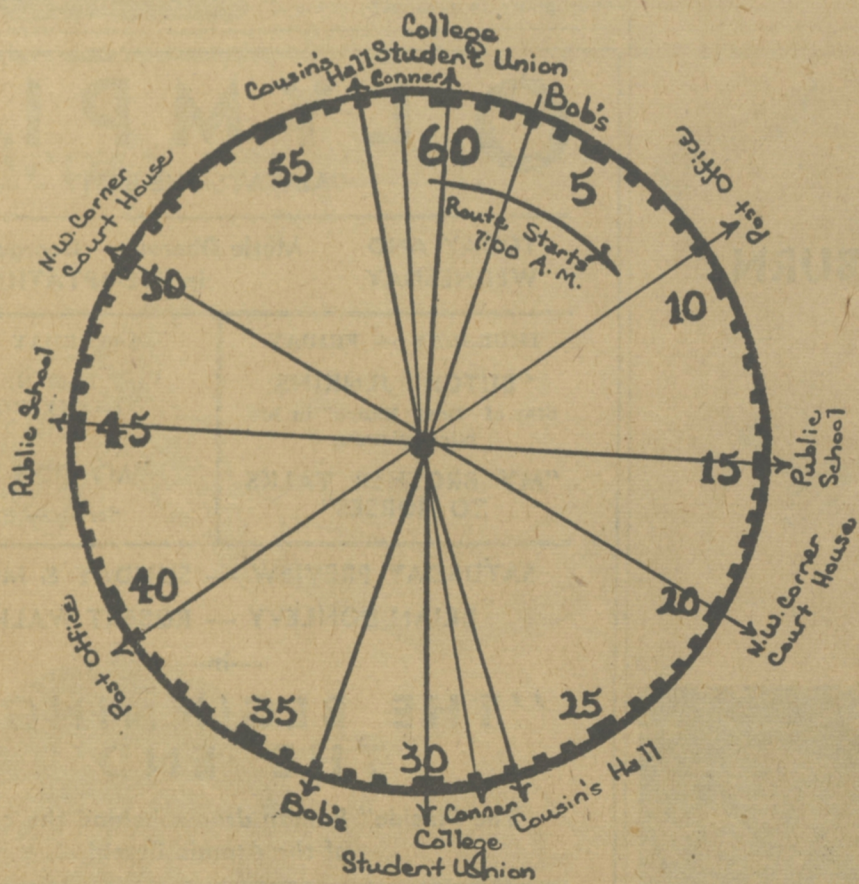
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# Boys' Intramural Enters Play-off Round

## Championship Bracket Filled; Eight Teams in Consolation

Three teams emerged into the play-offs of the boys' intramural basketball league with clear-cut ratings last week while two teams battled last night for the right to represent themselves in the championship bracket.

The top-four bracket play, the winner of which will be decided in a double-elimination affair starting Tuesday night, consists of Hill Courts, Ramblers, Burton Gym, and the winner of the Aggie-Terrill Hall match. The latter two teams ended regular season play with a tied .666 percentage.

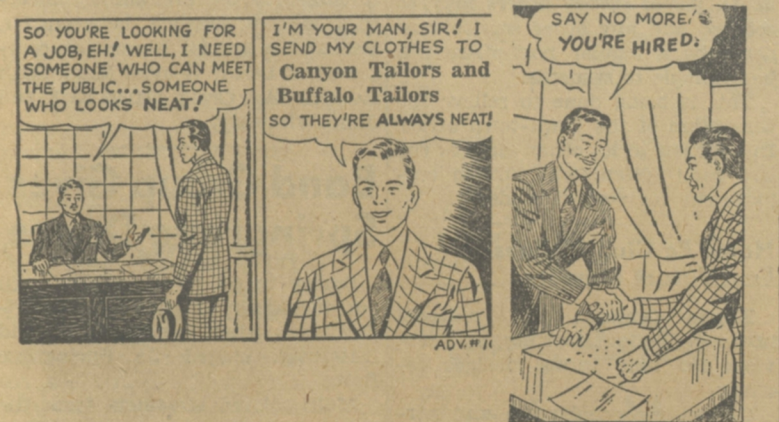
Besides the championship tourney between the high clubs, there will also be a consolation tournament in which the bottom eight squads in the league will clash. Play in the conference has been exceptionally close and many upsets are predicted. "Fans who wish to see some good basketball should come to see these final games," stated Milton Morris, tournament director. "Some of these teams are so evenly matched that anything can and probably will happen."

Action in the championship bracket will get underway tonight in the gymnasium when the Ramblers meet Burton Gym at 8 o'clock followed by a clash between the undefeated Hill Court five and the winners of the Terrill Hall-Aggie contest. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, the two losers in the Tuesday night games will meet as will the winners of the previous night's games. Thursday at noon, the winner of the losers tilt and the loser of the winners clash will meet to decide who will go into the finals.

Consolation play began last night and will continue through Thursday with the consolation finals and the championship finals being played Thursday night.

Basketball fans on Thursday night, besides seeing the two final games in the boys' division, will view a game between the first and second all-tournament teams in the recent girls' intramural meet completed last week. In that league, the Flatfooters won the championship by edging past the Buffettes 33-31 in the finals. Admission for Thursday night's round of basketball performances will be twenty-five cents while regular tourney sessions will only cost ten cents. First action Thursday night will get underway at 7 o'clock.

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Hill Courts	12	0	1000
Ramblers	9	3	.750
Burton Gym	9	3	.750
Terrill Hall	8	4	.666
Aggies	8	4	.666
Buccaneers	7	5	.583
Spearman	7	5	.583
Ex-Eagles	6	6	.500
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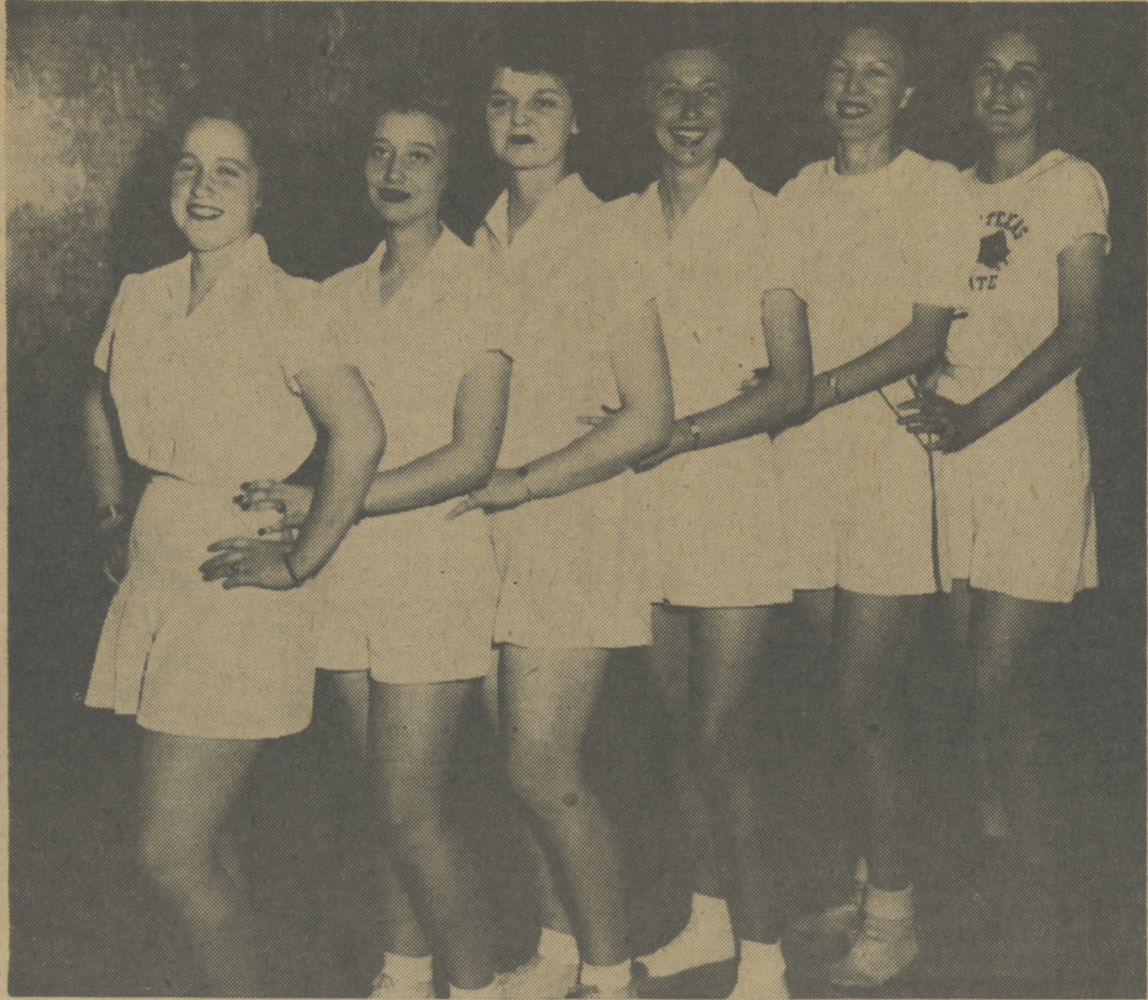
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## These Made All-Tournament Squad



Pictured above are the members of the girls' All-Tournament basketball team. They are, left to right: Nadine Fields, Littlefield; M. E. Burgess, Dumas; Inell Elliott, Bovina; Margie Bauer, Boise City, Okla.; Paula Frazier, Waco; and Loyce Lowe, Hollis, Okla.

## Flatfooters Win Girls' Tourney

### 33-31 Score Edges Buffettes in Finals Of Cage Action

Climaxing play in the girls' intramural basketball league, the Flatfooters, captained by Paula Frazier, and the Buffettes, led by M. E. Burgess, met Monday night with the Flatfooters grabbing a hard-earned 33-31 victory and the championship.

Both teams went into the finals undefeated and with high-scoring records. The game, bitterly contested all the way, was not decided until the last few seconds

of play. Each of the two finalists placed two girls on the All-Tournament team; they were Paula Frazier and Nadine Fields of the Flatfooters and M. E. Burgess and Inell Elliott of the Buffettes. The Jellybeans were represented on the all-star squad with Margie Bauer while the Tumbleweeds placed Loyce Lowe on the choice team. Girls participating in the tournament selected these players for the squad.

A second string all-star sextet was composed of Clara Treider, Joy Felts, Grace Aaron, Mary Lee Reid, Sylvia Morgan and Margie Oglesby. Other players on the championship Flatfooters team besides the two placed on the all-tournament roster were Frankie Richardson, Sylvia Morgan, Nell Golden, Pat Lytle and Connie LeMond.

Those making up the Buffettes

were Clara Treider, Louise Knutson, Marjorie Oglesby, Dorothy Gresset and Charley Whitt.

Final team standings were:			
	W	L	
Flatfooters	4	0	
Buffettes	3	1	
Jellybeans	2	2	
Tumbleweeds	1	3	
Business Ad	0	4	
High scorers in league play were:			
Paula Frazier			73
M. E. Burgess			60
Margie Bauer			56
Clara Treider			41
Grace Aaron			40

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# Buffalo Bill-ings - -

By Vaughn Vandergriff

This morning, while in History class, I dreamed of picking up an edition of the Amarillo News and in a big headline emblazoned across the top of the front page were these words: WEST TEXAS DEFEATS HARDIN-SIMMONS 31 TO 0.

Following this rather startling headline were words in not much smaller print which told of the game in which West Texas State used reserves for three quarters of the game and that the Abilene team just wasn't any match for the powerful Buffaloes. Leroy Reeves scored on the opening kick-off by returning the ball 103 yards for a touchdown which was followed by a conversion from the toe of Junior Melton. Reserves played the rest of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Billy Greenfield loped 99 yards after Cozell Foster lateraled to him behind his own goal line. This touchdown was also followed by a point from Melton. Reserves played the rest of the quarter.

Using reserves throughout the last half, Coach Frank Kimbrough's boys plowed to another touchdown with Weldon Bates carrying the last 15 yards with 10 men hanging on him. The 11th man was having a tete-a-tete with Charles Kitchens. Melton again scored the extra point.

Kenneth Jones, big West Texas end, scored the fourth tally when he stole the ball from Preston Johnson and scampered across the double stripe. Melton converted to make it four straight.

In the waning minutes of the game, Noel Cudd trotted onto the field and calmly kicked a 79 yard field goal to wind up the game 31-0, in favor of West Texas State.

I was very disappointed, however, when I looked at the last paragraph in the story—it read: This is only to be read by fools on April Fool's Day.

Oh well, maybe someday that kind of story will blossom out on a fall morning and everyone will know it is the truth. Maybe it will be so in another year or two—let's hope.

Many students probably will greet the announcement of a baseball team for West Texas State with much appreciation. The grand old game of America should certainly be a part of the athletic program in all colleges and universities.

Last summer a renegade team performed under the West Texas

banner but did not receive much attention or notice. Metz LaFollette turned in some fine performances as pitcher and should even be better this year. Anyone interested in playing should report to the baseball diamond now being made at the northeast corner of the athletic field.

Harry Gilstrap, Globe-News Sports Editor, came up with a fine suggestion last week when he told of the baseball course taught in a certain Arkansas college. He suggested that West Texas State officials incorporate the course into their curriculum and that full credit be given.

A few practice games with the Amarillo Gold Sox are on the warm-up agenda and seasonal play with members of the Red River Valley League.

It would be nice if Coach Miller could squeeze in a game with HSU, McMurry, ACC or Tech.

Some few years ago there happened to be a victory bell adorning the top of Burton Gym. The sound of that bell was eagerly awaited by many students for the outcome of Buffalo games. And, by the way, Freshmen had the PRIVILEGE of ringing it. I know because I rang it from midnight to three in the morning after one particular 7-6 victory over Fresno State in California.

Incidentally, that night the girls in all halls were turned loose and an early morning snake-dance to town (band and all) was held. Those were the good old days of abundant West Texas spirit.

Sometime, while the majority of students were off in the service, someone conceived the not so brilliant idea of transferring the bell to the top of Buffalo Stadium. Since then I have heard numerous gripes over its present location and not enough significance is being attached to its mellow metal sounds of victory.

So here is an idea, an appeal, a hint or whatever you wish to call it to some constructive-minded and patriotic organization. What could be better than to build a tower for the bell and have it stationed at a revered and strategic spot on the campus. About a 20-foot tower would be sufficient and would belong to that worthy organization. Also FRESHMEN should be the only ones given the HONOR of ringing it and caring for it. What you say someone, please!

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Sunday Morning

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Scenes from Bible

The Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Christ will be told by scripture and song at the Easter sunrise service to be held in Buffalo Stadium at 6:30 o'clock April 6, according to Phyllis Foreman, chairman of the program committee.

Sponsored by the Pastor's Association and the international youth council, the service is community wide and the committee invites everyone to attend.

Tri Taus Honor  
College Athletes

Second in a series of monthly parties staged to promote greater friendship on the campus, a chicken dinner given by Tri Tau fraternity in the Methodist church entertained 25 club members and their guests from the athletic department.

Main speaker of the evening, Coach Frank Kimbrough, talked on ways of furthering the campaign which the Taus are sponsoring for better co-operation among various groups in the college. Concluding feature of the program was M. D. Shepherd's presentation of moving pictures of the Baylor-Texas football game.

Attending were: Gene Adams, Steve Self, J. P. McMahan, Leo Steinkoenig, Don Buchanan, T. C. Brown, Neil Jackson, Purvey Bprrows, D. Roberts Burl D. Clinton, Carl Small, Johnny Johnson, Harley Hicks, James Paul Ord, Don Leach, Ray Nickelson, Charles Mprphy.

Kenneth R. Simpson, George Black, Charles Hutchinson, Ples Harper, Clark Jarnigan, Rex Lovelady, Lloyd Johnson, Buddy Brackus, Cloyce Box, Hank Decker, Bill Miller, Metz LaFollette, Boyce Box, Ray Moore, Harold Hagemeier, Jake Jacobs.

Bob Morton, M. D. Shepherd, J. L. Houser, Rex Sherer, Luther Self, Charles McDonald, David Bumpus, Rufus Bradford, James Bates, Ben Kelln.

Socially Scheduled

Tuesday, April 1: 10, Room 208S, Rabbi Soskin, "The American Tradition." 11, Main Auditorium, "Our Common Heritage." Open house, Cousins Hall, 8-9.

Wednesday, April 2: Band Concert, 8.

Thursday, April 3: Mary E. Hudspeth Society meeting, 7-8.

Friday, April 4: Kappa Tau Phi Birthday Dinner, Amarillo, Longchamps, 7. WT-Canyon High Senior Dance, Cousins Hall 8-11.

Saturday, April 5: College Dance, Cousins Hall 8-11:30.

Two Art Classes Display  
Costume Designs, Charts

In addition to the art work already on exhibit, two other classes have contributed exercises to the display cases in the hall. Costume designs were done by the Art 231 class and color charts by Design 202. Students also are welcome to visit both art rooms.

Latest exhibitors are: Joan Ward, Gene Clardy, Walter Clayton, Ellen Root, Billy Bond, Wilton Lillard, Betty June Euler, Margie Hazlett, Virginia Hunter, Pat Wiley, Elmer Shultz, Joy Crooks, Mary Frances McDaniels and Della Endres.

For all college students of this area, the Panhandle Club of the University of Texas is giving a dance Friday night from 8 until 12 at the Aviatrix in Amarillo. Bill Andis, president of the organization writes that admission is a dollar per person.

Senior Members, Fooey!

Pledge Exposes Sadistic Rites

By Jess Herbert Pipkin

Greetings: You are hereby invited to join Type High. So went the invitation received by yours truly.

So with high hope and innocent anticipation I entered the pledge room. I was thrown to the ground, hog-tied and blind-folded.

A lighted candle was thrust into my hand and I was led from place to place, bumping my head on every door I came to.

The Wolf Woman

Appearing first before some character that sounded like Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother, I was given the background of Type High. "Type High," the voice explained, "is one of the oldest and richest organizations on the campus. In fact, it was founded by Martin Luther in 1412. Some claim it even goes back to prehistoric times when a cave-man, captured by a dinosaur, accidentally gave him the Type High wink and was thereby saved."

Hot Time

Bumping my head again and spill-

BIG PRIZES  
Watch for Date  
Of Stunt Night

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Easter Greetings

From The Prairie



Contractors Predict  
Rapid Completion  
Of Museum Wing

With completion of the new wing in time for the annual meeting of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society, Thursday, May 8, as their goal, college contractors disclose that the entire construction crew will be transferred to the museum building as soon as the cafeteria is finished.

Only factor holding up immediate conclusion of the museum project is lack of labor. Except for material for the stairs, all building supplies have been secured.

"Considerably better than that for last year is the attendance record to date," says Boone McClure, assistant curator. "The museum registration books shows a total of 8000 visitors, including 30 school groups."

From New Guinea comes a collection of native wood carvings recently given the museum by Jimmie Richmond. Included among the 60 items is a wooden club containing a flint-like stone in the head—a weapon that has brought several inquiries from the Smithsonian Institute.

Dr. Pleas Harper has donated a Peruvian blow gun with poison darts.

Through Millard Word and his son Bob, a sophomore in West Texas, the museum has obtained two Longhorn steers which will be slaughtered by Pinkney Packing Company and mounted by Zimmerman of Amarillo.

Bufs To Meet Gold Sox

West Texas State's 1947 baseball season, the first in a number of years, gets underway here Thursday afternoon when they battle the Amarillo Gold Sox of the West Texas-New Mexico league. Game time has been set for 3 o'clock on the Buffalo Field diamond and admission will be 50 cents.

Amarillo opened pre-season play Sunday by dropping a 11-5 encounter to the Borger Gassers at Gold Sox park. This game will be the initial test for the Buffalo club and it will be a chance to iron out weaknesses.

Practice for the local nine has been underway for about two weeks but much progress has been made and several players are turning in praise - gathering performances. Chief among the outstanding base-

Rabbi To Make  
Two Talks Today

Soskin Will Speak  
To Audiences  
At Ten, Eleven

As part of a movement in scope, the Jewish Chatauqua Society is sending a speaker here today, Rabbi Samuel D. Soskin, who will address two audiences, one at 10 in Room 208S, the other at 11 in the main auditorium.

For his first talk, given especially for a government class and a limited few other students, Rabbi Soskin will discuss "Our American Tradition." In the second scheduled speech, which will be open to any wishing to attend, his topic will be "Our American Heritage."

Not a project of the Iyecum committee, the Jewish speakers have been regular visitors to the campus for several years. Their appearances stem from a plan to further understanding among people of varying backgrounds and cultures.

After nearly three years in the chaplaincy Rabbi Soskin returned last year to Beth El Congregation in Fort Worth where he is serving now.

Thespians Join  
Alpha Psi Omega

Three prospective members of the Eta Iota branch of Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatics fraternity, were conducted through candlelight pledge ceremonies Tuesday evening on the stage of the Education Building Auditorium.

Mr. W. A. Moore, faculty adviser, pinned amber and blue pledge ribbons on: Phyllis Perkins, junior from Pampa; Sada Ruth Hoskins, senior from Spearman; and Charles "Choppo" Murphy, graduate from Clarendon.

Pledge vows were given by Wayne Thomas, director; pledge instructions were given by Shirley Byars, business manager; and pledges were led through the rituals by Sue Sheffy, stage manager.

Mrs. Ola Link Rowley, director of the Amarillo Little Theater and former West Texas speech instructor, was guest speaker at a dinner given by the dramatists March 20 in the home economics dining room.

Attending were members, sponsors and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Crannell Tolliver, and two former members: Mrs. Linnie Harter and Mrs. Tommy Lair.

ballers is Metz LaFollette, towering McKinney pitcher, who has developed a lightning-fast ball with plenty of control. Metz pitched last summer with the renegade team which performed under the West Texas State banner.

"We are trying to create more interest in baseball here," asserted LaFollette, "and we would appreciate the support and enthusiasm of the students. We would appreciate a big turn-out for the Gold Sox game."

Candidates for positions are: Glynn Braden, 1st base; Boyce Box, center field; Ledru Jacobs, left field; Metz LaFollette, pitcher; Velton Sogree, 3rd base; Monk Ford, 2nd Bill Henry, right field; Weldon Trice, shortstop; Milton Deason, pitcher; Wayne Funston, pitcher; and Sid Levy, 3rd base.

fold over your eyes. The blue represents how you'll feel after today, because we'll never speak to you again after we get hold of your 50 cents pledge fee."

"Last but not least we come to the white candle. This represents fear, because every time some guy you've slighted in the paper sees you, he'll knock your teeth out."

In The Brotherhood  
Passing to the final stop, I was ordered to kneel.  
"I christen thee,  
One, two, three."

A gruff male voice chortled, and then he proceeded to lam me in the head with a hammer.

I was out only a minute or two, but this gave them plenty of time to go through my pockets.

Then they jerked off the blind-fold.

"You're now one of us," a sympathetic moron explained. "Your first duty is to lie down outside the door, so we can wipe our feet as we go in and out."

That's where I've been ever since.

'Bring on Riders' -- Aggie Slogan

By Ikey Gillespie

"Everything goes and no holds barred" easily could be the slogan of the Aggie rodeo April 19.

That is, everything goes from a beard and Rodeo Queen contest to a MYSTERY band.

And if you think there are any holds barred, just try wrasslin' a 600 pound steer with the object of depriving him of his only piece of wearing apparel—a ribbon tied to his tail.

I can just hear that announcer

bawling over the loudspeaker "In this corner, weighing in at 160 pounds, in purple trunks, the challenger, Ikey Gillespie. And coming out of chute No. 4, weighing in at 600 pounds with a pink ribbon tied to his tail, the champion, Sammy Steak (well done)."

Since today is April fool's Day, I trust the aforementioned bout is permissible.

The ribbon roping event is the only change in the program and it is to take the place of wild cow milking. Weatherly explained this

by saying cows would be too hard to get.

Judges for the rodeo will be old-timers who have been cowboys all their lives and the pickup men will be furnished by the ranchers who supply the stock.

Plans are in progress for a Rodeo Queen to be crowned with a big white stetson. Weatherly mentioned she would be a typical West Texas girl chosen by the Aggie Club.

The queen will not be alone in her stetson wearing; the man who has the most beautiful beard gets a stetson as compensation for his

weeks of cultivated growth.

The following colleges have been invited to take part in the rodeo: All colleges in the Border Conference, Amarillo Junior College, Texas A & I, Clarendon Junior College, Southwest Texas State, Wayland College, East Texas, Sul Ross Teachers College, Sam Houston State, Northwestern State, Alva, Okla.

Texas Wesleyan, McMurray College, Hardin-Simmons, North Texas Agricultural College, Abilene Christian College, and Altus Junior College, Altus, Okla.

Two Students Hurt  
As Car Overtakes  
Thursday Evening

Seriously injured late Thursday afternoon when the convertible coupe in which they were riding struck soft dirt and overturned six miles southeast of Canyon, two West Texas students are still in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo this week.

Herschel Faulkner, freshman from Amarillo, suffered a brain concussion and has been conscious only intermittently since the accident. Attendants have not yet determined the extent of his injuries.

With his hip dislocated and fractured, Cal Applewhite, sophomore from Plainview, will be confined to the hospital several weeks.

Driver of the car, Harry Brown of Canyon, escaped with minor cuts and bruises and was released after receiving treatment.

According to Brown, the accident occurred as the car topped a hill and encountered a tractor and plow which blocked the road. When he swerved to avoid hitting the tractor, the car struck a soft shoulder and turned over. Both Faulkner and Applewhite were thrown from the car.

Greek Clubs Plan  
Joint Presentation

For the first time in the history of the school, the seven Greek-letter social clubs will combine their efforts to stage one large presentation dance this spring instead of seven consecutive individual presentations.

The decision resulted from a meeting of the interclub council Thursday, presided over by Shirley Byars substituting for Chairman Dick Craig, who was attending an IRC convention in Silver City, N. M.

To be given sometime during the first part of May, the invitation affair will be at a location in Amarillo, probably the Nat. A committee headed by Gene Adams is investigating clubs and ballrooms where the dance might be held.

It is necessary to take the dance off the campus, agreed the Council, because of inadequate facilities here to care for a crowd as large as will attend a joint presentation.

IRC Delegates Will Tell  
Of Convention Thursday

To hear reports from members who attend the International Relations Club conventions in Silver City, N. M., last week, IRC will convene in Room 211 of the Administration Building Thursday Evening at 7 o'clock.

Representatives who made the trip are: Dick Craig, Mary Hodges, Wayne Thomas, Jack Andrews and Billene Mosley.

Major Robert L. Hite, WT ex who participated in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, and Mrs. Portia Wallace Keath of Enid, Oklahoma, married recently in New York City. Major Hite's home is at Earth.

"Benny," said his mother, (helping him with his home work), "tell me how many is seven and four." "Twelve," replied Benny. "Not bad for a little shaver," volunteered papa. "He only missed it by two."

All those who have reservations at Tierra Blanca should see Buff Morris as soon as possible. Plans have been completed for students to begin moving in immediately.

Harry Eustace of Dallas, who works with the Farm Relations Board, will speak to members of the Business Administration Majors club when they meet in the auditorium of the Education Building Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

John L. McCarty has resigned as assistant publisher of the Amarillo News to devote his entire time to writing. He expects to do much research in southwestern history.

Department Lists  
Production Staff

Dramatists To Give  
Their Version  
Of "Little Women"

Names of behind-the-scenes men—the little-publicized but hard-working members of the production staff—for the children's theater guild production "Little Women" to be presented April 10 were announced in a release from the office of the speech department.

Selected to serve as technical director, according to W. A. Moore, is Bill Robinson, who also designed costumes for the play.

Other technicians include: George Kendall, stage manager; Ray Brickley, Lynn Welch, Duane Byers, Don West, Burl Clinton and Bill Miller, in charge of stage settings; Edith Boyd, Jean Smith and Bob Caldwell, in charge of furniture.

Phyllis Perkins, Jody Marsh and Virginia Smith, properties; Shirley Byars, assisted by Norma O'Neil, make-up; Joy Cain, assisted by Dorothy Rushing and Sada Ruth Hoskins, hair-styles; Mary Hanna, assisted by Mary Frances Colwell, wardrobe mistress; Martha Hanna, Charles Owens and Bill Hutchinson, lighting.

Sue Sheffy and J. T. Harp, publicity; Del Belflower, assisted by Ruth Ann Blessen, LaNell Ekelund, Frances Harp and Eda Rost, hospitality; Crannell Tolliver and Billy Greenfield, business management.

Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely

Suppose we consider Culture and some of its peculiar manifestations.

I refer, of course, to Panhandle Culture, ever triumph over the educated bores and the illiterate bores. (If your classification is the converse of the above, why, you're cultured!)

The latest opportunity to sophisticates had to indulge our highly developed aesthetic tastes was in the form of a concert recently presented in Amarillo by a nationally known artist.

No sacrifice being too great for Art, we tramped into the auditorium only ten minutes late and jackknifed ourselves into bucket seats suspended from the ceiling. We passed out the chewing gum, rifled through the program a couple of times, kicked our shoes off, and settled down to enjoy some good music.

Being connoisseurs of fine music, we thrilled to the Kern medley but were too distracted by the heat from the chandelier to be able to derive the full meaning of some of the schmalitz.

Since we too can tell a good voice when we see one, we were moved to whistle loudly on the appearance of the prima donnas.

All considered it was an extremely successful evening but as we left the concert hall, one sour note crept into the scene when we overheard a man saying in heavy Yankee accents, "We shoulda gone to the show."

Marie Hobbs Whisler (Mrs. C. E. Whisler), Spanish major who formerly lived in Childress, now resides in Brentwood, Missouri where she is teaching.

Jacqueline Rodgers, Cactus Lodge, will keep small children from 3:45 until 10:30 in the evening during the week. Phone 135.

"Good morning, Jimmy," said the neighbor to the small boy sweeping off the porch. "Is your mother in?" "Would I be doing this if she wasn't?"

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Essay Contest Ends  
April 10, Cautions  
Director Sheffy

April 10 is the deadline to be kept in mind by entrants in the annual Vandale Historical Essay Contest in Plains History, reminds Dr. L. F. Sheffy, director.

The contest, sponsored by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, was established by Mr. Earl Vandale of Amarillo, to stimulate interest in research, and writing on plains history.

Papers may be written upon any historical subject of the Southern Plains area, including reminiscences, diaries, letters, or historical documents of all kinds.

Slight preference will be given to amateurs, although the contest is judging will be placed on human interest and general historical value. Judges will be competent authorities on plains history.

Those interested in the contest may see Dr. Sheffy, secretary of the Historical Society, for more specific directions.

Campus May Get  
New Post Office

Prospects are very good for a contract post-office to be on or near the WT campus, according to members of the Student Senate.

It has not been decided whether the school or some business firm will have charge of the postal firm.

Boxes will be available for students, postal money orders may be secured and any other service rendered by a regular post-office will be available to students.

This is being done to relieve the congestion of the down-town office. In addition to its other services the new mail system will furnish employment for several students.

Home Ec Club Pledges  
Four Future Members

Kappa Omicron Phi, national home economics fraternity, held services for four spring pledges recently.

Chosen for scholarship and personality, pledges are: Louise Cheatham, senior; Jane Donaldson, sophomore; Willa Mae Freeman, sophomore; and Catherine Williams, senior.

New officers for 1947-48 are: Margie Bauer, president; Juanita Williams, vice-president; Nell Latham, corresponding secretary; Willa Mae Freeman, recording secretary; Mary Candle, treasurer; Jane Donaldson, guard and keeper of archives.

ON AVOIDING BLIND JUMPS

Perhaps too much has been said already.

But for the lack of subject matter more timely, The Prairie takes this opportunity to throw its hat into the ring, offer its two cents—and once again stick out a journalistic neck battered from the blows of many weighty factions.

We think students should be on faculty committees concerned with problems affecting students. We think the student has the right to a voice in affairs which govern his life in this college.

So far, so good. However, it must be admitted that we can see something of the other side—enough to add a capital IF. That is, we favor such a plan only IF a means can be devised to choose student officers representative of the real leadership in the school, the ones with the stick-to-itiveness and the ability to make a real success of the venture.

For here is an opportunity to prove a point—that the West Texas student is capable of fulfilling responsibility with the dependability so rare anywhere there is a job to be done.

Otherwise, unless we can go into the project with an understanding of the real work it will involve, there is no use going any further with attempts to secure student posts on the four committees.

Don't misunderstand, please. We are supporting the campaign fully, because we believe that the plan will be a step forward in instructor-instructed relationships. Also, we agree with the Senate argument that for any measure of improvement, the matter of student vote within committees must be approved.

All we say is: consider the system of selecting committee members some time before arriving at a method. As we preached a few paragraphs ago, this is a genuine chance to prove a point.

We can't afford to muff it.

Senate To Talk  
With Hill Today

Liaison Group  
Will Ask Answer  
To Student Problems

Postponed from last week, a meeting today between Pres. J. A. Hill and members of the Student Senate should result in some solution for the various problems class representatives will present to the administration.

As collected from students by their senators, suggestions to be aired in the conference include:

1. Securing posts for students on faculty committees governing assemblies, lycums, student welfare and promotion.

2. Obtaining improvements for the student union and opening the building Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

3. Scheduling an earlier date for commencement exercises.

4. Establishing a Student Association fund.

5. Getting a separate post office for the campus.

6. Transferring certain little-used volumes from the rental to the loan section of the library.

7. Organizing a uniform system for absences and cuts.

8. Re-instating assemblies, on a non-compulsory basis.

These and other questions will be discussed, after preliminary meetings week-before-last between Dr. Hill and a special committee comprised of LeRoy Reeves, Mary Ruth Russell, Dick Craig, David Kirk and June Wimberly.

Band Group Gives  
Springtime Dance

Spring in all its glory blossomed out in Cousins Hall ballroom Friday night when Omega Tau, band fraternity, staged its Springtime Ball.

Multi-colored streamers from the lights gave the dancers the effect of being in the spot light. Musical and fraternity emblems were featured on the bright curtains throughout the ballroom and Red Room.

Music was furnished by the Collegians, campus dance band. Bill Latson of Amarillo is president of the club and Jerry Newman is faculty sponsor.

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