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To Have or Have Not: Assembly

When first the staff began discussing possibilities for conducting a one-paper campaign recommending re-instatement of regular assemblies as soon as possible, it did so rather quakingly, fearing possible repercussions of student opinion.

Since last week, however, The Prairie has discovered a singularly amazing fact: some students actually agree with the policy. In fact, judging from the interviewees questioned concerning their viewpoints, pros outnumber cons.

As proof, we present a cross-section of the arguments given in answer to the query, "Would you favor beginning assemblies again whenever conditions permit?"

Glenn Smith: I can see a definite need for assemblies—if, however, they are conducted by students, to give something of enter-

tainment. Possibly these meetings should last no longer than 30 minutes, but they should be held regularly, at least once a week.

Jonnie Dunn: What we need is more assemblies of, by and for the students.

Betty Dromgoole: There is plenty of talent here in school and assemblies would be one outlet for letting everyone know about it.

Wayne Thomas: "Students have little opportunity to know what the school is, what various honorary organizations here stand for, or what is actually going on in the college without assemblies. I'm all for them."

Johnny Truelove: "I would be in favor of assemblies if they were of interest to the students—and not used to make prolonged announcements or sob stories, as they have in years past."

Ray Brickey: "Compulsory assemblies I am against. However, if the people assigned to be in charge of these assembly programs make them interesting, without the checking of seats for attendance, I would be for the assembly hour."

Ray Ramey: "I am in favor of assemblies because they are the only way to let you know more about the things going on in school. Of course, I don't want to listen to some long sermon, but if they can be made interesting for everyone, I say O. K."

J. W. Walker: "By all means assemblies should be reinstated on the campus. There is no other means of co-ordinating the activities of the student body and the spirit of the school. Assemblies could do more to enlarge the school than any other device."

Charges Indicate Need of Inquiry

Committee May Investigate VA in Lubbock

Complaints from ex-G. I.'s regarding the Lubbock Veteran's Administration Office, have led representatives from this state to promise an investigation, providing permission can be obtained from the House Veteran's Committee.

A story appearing in the Amarillo Globe last week revealed that the chief complaint from ex-soldiers is slowness in receiving subsistence checks.

"The Lubbock office is less than a year old, and a big backlog from the Waco office was transferred there. I feel that it is as efficient as any of the regional offices. I have no objection to an investigation," Representative Mahon told a reporter.

Reason given for delay in mailing allotment checks was that there is not a sufficient amount of help to take care of all the correspondence that must be handled by the Lubbock branch.

Five Dollars Needs New Owner, Says Contest Director

"If I could just get rid of this extra five dollars, I think I would be completely happy."

And with that startling statement to set a new case history in contrary-to-normal psychology, the unknown benefactor launched outline of a plan whereby he will award a prize to any student who can win his contest.

Requesting that his name be withheld, the director of competition announced these rules:

1. To enter, a contestant must explain, in 25 words or less, why he is attending college.

2. He will clip his name, typed on a separate sheet of paper, to his entry and turn both in at the Publications Office. A special box, located near the entrance has been installed for this purpose.

3. Replies need not be serious—as a matter of fact, no restrictions are placed on their content, and attempts at humor have an equal chance at winning.

4. Judging the contest will be the person originating the idea.

5. Deadline: Tuesday, March 24. Five dollars awaits some student whose wit equals the opportunity. Twenty cents a word is a fairly high rate of return, too.

IRC Extends Time For Hot Debate

Although their meeting was scheduled to adjourn at 8 o'clock, members of the International Relations Club became so entangled in heated discussion Thursday evening that their conference stretched on until 9:30.

Originally, subject for debate was the socialistic trend of British government, but later the internationalists detoured into theories of government and education.

"We still invite any interested students to sit in on our meetings," says group president David Kirk. "You don't have to be a government major; just a person wanting to get abreast of current world affairs."

When IRC meets for a district convention in Silver City, N. M., March 25 and 26, the WT chapter will send at least two delegates. Further plans for that trip will be forthcoming during the next meeting, beginning at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, March 25, in Cousins Red Room.

Camermen May Compete In Best Picture Contest

The second annual 50-print Collegiate Photography Exhibition, sponsored by Kappa Alpha Mu, national pictorial journalism honor fraternity, will be held at the University of Missouri during "Journalism Week." W. J. Bell, secretary, announced today.

Deadline for entries is April 30, 1947.

Prints will be judged by three outstanding judges, who will also select those for representation in the fourth annual "Fifty Print" professional show.

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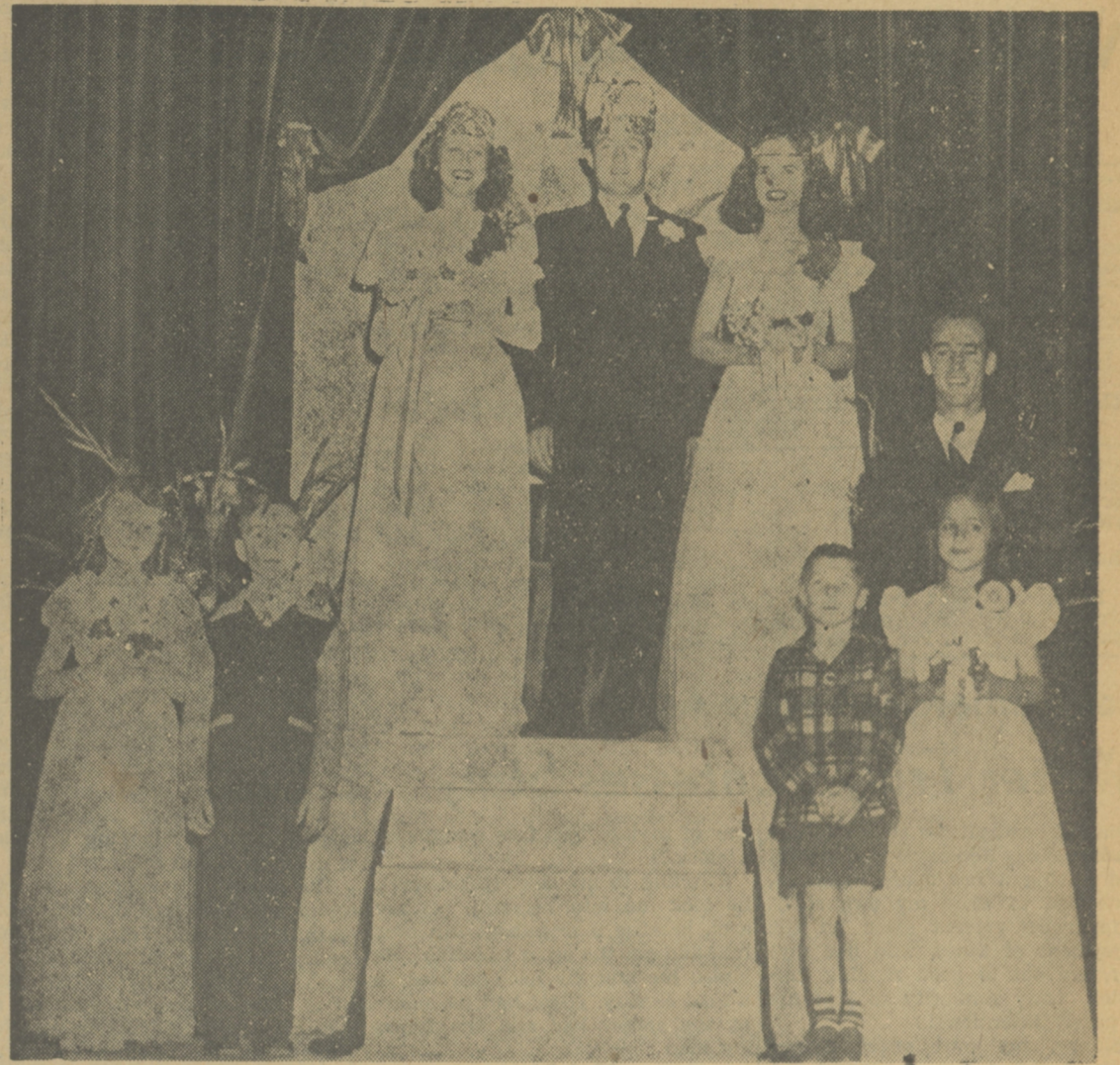
Any college or university student is eligible to enter one to eight prints, using news, features or pictorial subject matter. There is no entry fee, but pictures must be sent prepaid.

Prints may be any size, mounted on standard 16" x 20" boards.

Socially Scheduled

Because school will be dismissed Friday and Saturday, open house is the only social event slated this week. It will be held from 8 until 10 tonight in Cousins Ballroom.

Surprise Climax to Coronation



Cut Courtesy Amarillo Daily News.

It's a good thing the West Texas Personality kingdom is an imaginary one, commented duly amazed subjects Friday night as they viewed ascendancy of the throne of a king and two queens. This unintentionally bigamous situation is pictured above, with 1947 Personality King Carroll Doshier surrounded by Miss Ruth Patman, left, and Miss Mary Hanna, right. Just below the dais, right, is the new student president, Leroy Reeves, while younger members of the court, Deborah McDonald, Brian Lee Tolliver, Don Dickerson, and Nelda Coffee, stand in attendance.

Hail Two Queens, King

Election Results Show Tie Between Hanna, Patman

Twin crowns rested on the brows of two Personality Queens at West Texas State Friday night after an unprecedented tie in student votes forced election officials to tabulate ballots 24 times before declaring the dual title.

Mary Hanna, junior from Stinnett, and Ruth Patman, sophomore from Clarendon, each received support from 294 electors, to share throne honors with 1947 Personality King, Carroll Doshier, junior from Canyon.

Coronation honors were pronounced by Leroy Reeves, new Student Association president, who defeated his opponent, Fred Standley, in the same run-off as that used for the royalty.

The election polled a record display of interest from the West Texas balloters, surpassing even the previous high of the primary last week. Close on the heels of the victor, Rosie Bates, freshman from Childress, rated a high second in the race for King.

Even if the six senator-clerks overseeing the voting booth had counted ballots unidentified by student numbers, the queen competition would have ended in a draw, for the 22 ruled void were divided evenly, 11 for both candidates.

Adding still another confusing touch to the evening of twin events, Miss Hanna is establishing a dynasty by ascending to the throne won last spring by her twin sister, Martha. Both Speech majors and twirlers for the Buffalo Band, the Hannas are members of Gamma Phi sorority.

An honor student majoring in business administration courses, the blond, blue-eyed Miss Patman transferred here last semester from Clarendon Junior College. At the conclusion of rush activities last week, she chose to pledge Pi Omega sorority. Doshier belongs to Epsilon Beta fraternity.

Stellar quarterback for the Buffalo grid team last fall, Reeves is a married Army veteran, and member of the T-Club, organization for athletes.

Walker is MC

Announcer for the homage rituals, J. W. Walker introduced H. R. Fulton, pianist, and Thelma Mercer, vocalist, who provided entertainment for the court.

Not until the ceremonies were launched at 8 o'clock by J. T. Harp, Le Mirage business manager in charge of the year-book sponsored affair, did spectators learn which candidates emerged favorites as a result of the all-college vote conducted earlier during the day. Nor did they know until then the two top charmers selected from the school's most beautiful 25 co-eds nominated last fall.

Hollywood experts named Betty Dromgoole, senior from Dalhart, number-one beauty, and Peggy Head, sophomore from Canyon, the num-

bered last fall. Psychological tests will be repeated Wednesday afternoon in Room 116 of the Science Building. All freshmen and transfers are reminded that they must take both this examination and the one in English before their registration is considered complete.

A. K. Knott.

Senate Clears Election Mix-Up

Mistake Leads To Discovery Of Three Vacancies

No Supreme Court decisions, no strikes demanding action, not even any real excitement came as a result of the confusion when a new senior senator was elected to fill a vacancy that did not exist. The Senate, at the time the election was called, was under the impression that O. C. Rampley had graduated.

Marion Whitfield of Plainview who is the senior senator elected to replace Rampley was duly given that office at last week's regular meeting.

In reality, "Ramp" did graduate but remains in school as a graduate. By a simple reference to the constitution, which states that three graduate senators are to be seated each term, O. C. now will serve in the Graduate Senate Post No. 1.

In Friday's election, Dick Craig of Childress and Choppo Murphy of Clarendon were elected to the other Graduate Posts.

Reid Establishes New Job Service

To help any veteran who desires work find a part-time position, the Veterans Affairs office has initiated an employment agency.

"Any ex-GI who wants to secure a job should come by my office and fill out the necessary card," invites Co-Ordinator Ted Reid.

Modern Detective Discovers Infallible Clues to Publications Theft

By Ikey Gillespie

"Light-fingered" Louie is about 53 dollars richer this week at the expense of the Le Mirage and cheer leaders' funds.

February 3, between 1:30 and 2:30 the armed guard in the Prairie office relaxed his vigil and Louie walked in, helped himself to the ready cash and walked out again unmolested. Sheriff M. E. Cantrell of Canyon is working on the case.

Several other Sherlocks have voiced their opinions on just how he did it, but none of them has arrived at any definite conclusions.

Explains Clues

Now my theory is this: He is between four and eight feet tall, weighs between 50 and 350 pounds smokes cigarettes, is between the ages of seven and seventy, wore gloves, carried no gun and had previously "cased" the joint.

The explanation of the aforementioned character is easy after carefully studying how he operated.

First of all, he had to be between four and eight feet tall and weigh between 50 and 350 pounds or he couldn't have managed to walk in the door. Second, he smokes because ashes were strewn around the floor. (He must have been satisfied

with the haul, so I'd say they were Chesterfields.)

Narrows Suspects

Third, he must have been between the ages of seven and seventy because no one under seven smokes these days. Fourth, he wore gloves because no fingerprint were left lying around. (Not even in the junk room.)

Fifth, he didn't carry a gun since no discharged cartridges were found at the scene of the crime. And last, he must have previously "cased" the joint because otherwise it would have taken him longer to figure out that the money was kept in a file drawer.

No arrests have been made as yet, but Louie will be caught.

Sigs To Sponsor Minstrel Review

Wayne Thomas, president of Alpha Sigma Xi, announces a minstrel show and review to be presented in the main auditorium the evening of Wednesday, March 26.

Bill Robinson, junior speech major from South Gifford, Mo., has been selected as student director, with W. A. Moore as faculty adviser.

Talent for the show will be recruited from the entire student enrollment.

Yearbook Shows Progress Signs

Staff Has Sent Half of Copy To Printers

Le Mirage drudges reported today that some semblance of order is emerging from their chaos of pictures, layout sheets and order blanks.

The first shipment of copy went to the printers last week and a third shipment of pictures is being readied for the engravers.

As the situation now stands, the yearbook is well past the halfway mark. With the completion of most

Meet Brings Holiday Friday and Saturday

So you're tired, restless and run-down. You drag yourself out of bed each morning, practically dead on your feet? Are you mean to your wife and cross to the babies? Do you have to stagger to an eight

Type High Calls Meeting Today

Concluding plans for administering pledge vows tomorrow afternoon to seven eligible journalists, members of Type High will meet today at 12:45 in the publications office.

Later this spring, Sunday, April 12, official initiation ceremonies will be conducted in Palo Duro Park for both the new pledges and those beginning membership last fall.

Producers Divide Drama Research

Under the supervision of W. A. Moore, the play-direction class is completing research on the Crinoline Period for the speech department's production of "Little Women," scheduled for next month.

Members of the class include: Edith Boyd, whose project is dyeing materials for costumes; Joy Cain, hair styles; Shirley Byars, jewelry; Bill Robinson, furniture; Jo Maple, interior decoration; Phyllis Perkins, music.

Costumes for the play are being constructed by Mrs. Barney Williams and Mrs. Joe Crisler.

Marines Offer Training For Reserve Commissions

For physically fit men in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Amarillo is announcing a Platoon Leaders Program to train commissioned officers for the Marine Reserve.

"If you are interested in a commissioned officers' grade in the Marine Corps," reads the release sent here from Amarillo, "contact your recruiting officer Captain Leitner."

Leitner is on the campus today, concluding two days of interviews with applicants for the training.

Speakers Project Speech Festival For High Schools

Planned and staged by students from both the college and training school, a speech festival to be held here Saturday, May 3 will feature contests for representatives from high schools of the northwest part of the state.

Every school may enter two students in each of these divisions: oratorical declamation, original oratory, radio speaking, dramatic reading, humorous reading, poetry reading and extempore speaking.

Headquarters for the festival will be the Education Building, where guests will also attend a dramatic production presented by the West Texas hosts. Directors for the meet will be Crannell Tolliver, W. A. Moore, both of the college speech department, and Mrs. Tommie Montfort, teacher of speech in West Texas High School.

Craftsmen Create Jewelry In New Metal Arts Class

With the beginning of the second semester, the industrial arts department has increased the tempo of its activities to a torrid pace. The newest addition to the department, a class in art metal is producing some evil looking dagger-like letter openers as well as rings, bracelets and ash trays, all made of either copper, brass or nickel silver.

The new jewel grinding equipment is to be used for the first time by

students who are cutting their own stones for decoration of the projects. Other beauty treatments utilized for bracelets and rings are etching, vibrator carving, inlaying and metal carving.

Gillis Commends Students

John A. Gillis, instructor of the course and head of industrial arts, said that students are doing fine work, especially considering that the course is new to both students and each.

The 12 members of the class, all classified as juniors or above, will complete their metal projects the first six weeks of this semester. They will employ themselves with lathe turning for the second six weeks, turning out lamp bases and chair and table legs.

Furniture Work

During the last six weeks upholstery is to be the principal project. Chairs with worn or torn upholstery will be rejuvenated, or at least be made to look better.

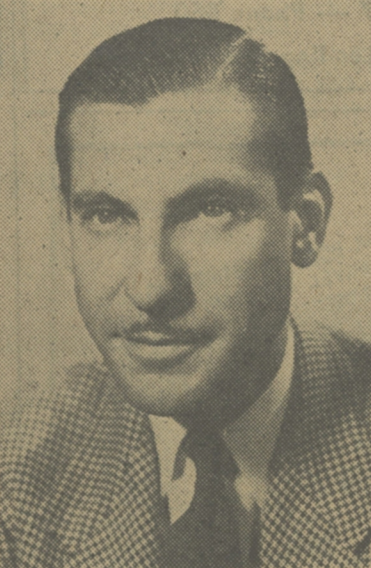
"As soon as the space can be allotted, we hope to begin classes in woodcarving and leatherwork," predicts Mr. Gillis.

Conference Visitors

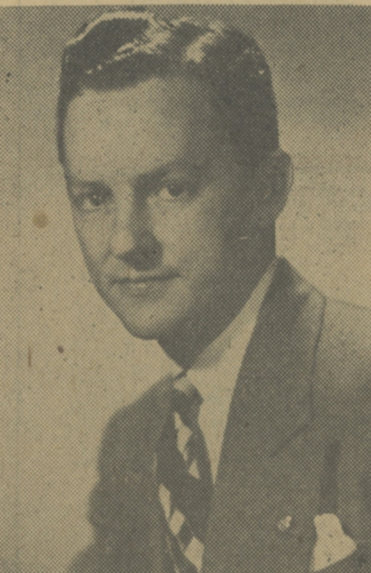
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DR. L. LINWOOD CHASE



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GEORGE HUTSON

"Among many graduates of WT who are attending the administrator's convention of the National Education Association at Atlantic City this week are: Superintendent E. A. Wooten of Canyon; Miss Ola Boyles and Miss Ethel Jackson, both of whom are principals of schools in Amarillo.

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Love Emerges Victor As

Writer Truly Confesses Story

Having read all the stories in the Mushy-Gushy Romances this month, and having a few spare moments, I decided to write my own story. I forthwith present same for the enjoyment of those, who like myself, are out of good reading material. (Any similarity to real life is purely intentional.)

Sidney, my own sweet Sidney came strolling into the room. A chill wave played up and down my spine. (He forgot to close the door and the wind blew in.) My beautiful Sidney, when I look into his eyes, time stood still. (That's another

Excerpts

For Ex-es

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dale Oetken are now living near Burlington, Iowa. Before her marriage March 3, Mrs. Oetken was Lorraine Henderson, a senior at WT.

James G. Blaine, Agriculture major of the class of '39, is now teaching agriculture in the Information and Education section of the Eighth Army of the United States in Kyoto, Japan. His wife, Mary Louise and their daughter, Gloria Louise, are living at 2219 Taylor, Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Lubbock, announce the birth of a daughter, Mr. Davis, now connected with the Veterans Administration, received both his B. S. and M. A. from West Texas State.

Reavis Kerr, WT ex now of Hereford, and Miss Ruth Holland of Lubbock, were married last week. They will live at Hereford.

Mary Frances Gidden, ex-student of WT, and Deene Donnell of Silvertown were married last week.

Fred Balderston, of the class of 1939, has recently been released from active duty in the United States Naval Reserve after having served five years. He is eager to get back into teaching. He writes from Lewisville, Texas, where he is visiting.

Mrs. Charles Weddle, the former Dorothy Gore, home economics graduate of WT, is now living at Paonia, Colorado, where her husband is identified with Pan-American Seeds, Inc. He handles the local retail florist trade, but spends much time in his field of special interest which is plant breeding.

Ben Ezzell, former Business Manager of the Prairie and WT graduate, was toastmaster at an Ex-student Association banquet at Hereford last week in which Coaches Kimbrough, Miller, and Jarnigan were introduced to the community. Ralph Smith, another WT Ex, directed group singing during the evening.

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way of saying, "His face would stop a clock.")

Strolling to my side, (blind side), he took me into his arm. (I say arm, because a steamboat ran over him and cut the other one off.) He kissed me and my head whirled in a mad ecstasy. (He'd had too many at the corner bar and the fumes got me.)

Mad Love
"Cheri," he breathed. (Cheri means Fatty in French.)

"What do you wish, my little yarrow?" I gasped. (No wonder she gasped. A yarrow is an evil smelling herb.)

"I want us to go to Igonomo," he lisped. (I know a better place for him to go, but he probably wouldn't take my hint.)

So off we went to Igonomo to live in complete harmony and happiness for five years. Then Percival entered my life. Sid brought him home with him one afternoon. How completely he was to change the course of our lives!

How different he was from Sidney. He was tall, broad-shouldered and handsome. At the corner of his mouth were two tiny dimples, (small-pox pits).

Unrestrained Passion

One day he came to see Sid. However, I happened to be alone at the time. He came close to me. I could see by the gleam in his eyes that he loved me. I loved him, too.

"What will Sid think?" he asked. (I think the guy will be glad to get rid of me.)

He held me close to his bosom and crushed me in his arms. (Sounds like he was trying to eat a grapefruit.) Suddenly I whirled to find Sid standing in the door. He looked old and tired.

I suddenly realized it was Sid I loved, not Percy. I ran to him and threw my arms about him. Together we were drowned in a whirlpool of delight. (Artificial respiration failed to bring us back, so that's the reason the story ends here.)

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Dear Editor:

To the students:

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the support given me in the recent elections, and while defeat may carry with it a measure of thwarted expectation yet I feel happy that it came at the hand of a man of steady character and fine personality.

The keenest disappointment I felt in these elections is in the apathy of the student body in their student government. There are 1150 students enrolled on the campus. Only 588 students voted in the first election, and a week later only 588 chose to exercise their voting privileges.

On the surface it appears practically the same students voted in both elections. This represents approximately 50% of the student body. Note that this election in the press has been hailed as a record vote!

Students of American Government and history have compiled statistics relative to the actual voting participation of the citizens of the different states of the union and have found in some states, particularly the South, that 50% or more do not vote. This indifference has been explained in part, as due to low standards of education, and to the reluctance in assuming the responsibilities of making a choice of candidates and measures.

The colleges are supposed to represent the vanguard of our democratic civilization. Yet in this particular institution, in which all students are required by law to study U. S. history and government as prerequisites to graduation and for preparation for intelligent citizenship, we took no more interest in the recent elections than characterizes the electorates of the states in the lower educational bracket.

This apathy and indifference in student government is a sad reflection upon the prospective citizenship of our student body. If they will not participate in their student government, it is not likely that their knowledge of history and government will be exercised when they are forced to become citizens of a community.

During the recent contest, I heard the frequent remark, "What's the use of voting in these student elections? We have no authority. It is only a make-believe set up. In any crisis in which the student body is involved, it is not consulted. So why kid ourselves?"

While these students may be partially justified in taking this attitude toward their student government, it remains a fact that this continued apathy will never secure them the responsibility of controlling those phases of college activity which rightfully belong to them. If they wish to increase their influence, they must exercise their responsibility for voting.

By not voting, they virtually proclaim to the administration of the college this plaintive note, "Lead me. My parents are not here to make decisions affecting my student life and thought. We will trust you to perform this duty for us."

Student government will work only if we make it work.

Fred Standley.

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HE NEEDS A MEDAL

Should there ever be a reward for conscientiousness, the WT share of it will go to Billy Airhart, freshman senator filling Post No. 3.

Except for the first two, when he had not yet been elected to office, Billy has not missed a single meeting of the Student Senate.

"Sometimes it makes the rest of us realize how lazy we really are," commens Sponsor S. H. Condon, "because we live right here in town, and still can't always be present for those Wednesday evening meetings."

The freshman senator has to drive over 30 miles from his residence near Dawn—and he is the only one of the college legislators who can claim an attendance record unmarred by absences.

BEHOLD THE EXODUS

Pied Piper, famous for his feat of luring all children from the hamlet Hamlin, could not do a more effective job.

Possibly, though, he was justified—seems as though in that story there was a moral, or at least a happy ending. This tale has neither of those helpful factors, for it pictures a scene of desertion more desolate than the frustrated piccolo player ever dreamed of.

We point, not with pride, to the barren wastes of this campus, which become more barren with each succeeding week-end. Where do the people go? Well, the answers to that are obvious; they go to some place offering more entertainment, either home or a larger city some 17 miles north of Canyon.

And why? Simply for lack of anything better to do, for lack of attractiveness in activities West Texas State offers its students. Naturally in a small school serving communities in so narrow a radius as this one, we cannot expect to keep every student here every week-end, and probably that would not be so desirable, anyway.

However, a mass exodus progressing steadily in its much-repeated seven-day cycle does not speak well for the general attitude and satisfaction of the students enrolled in a college. Nor does it contribute to the so-called "personality development" sometimes optimistically assumed to be one of the prime purposes of college life. The individual cannot avoid missing some important element of his complete adjustment when he continually has to piece together fragments of his life here, broken by the interruptions home-going acknowledgedly invokes.

Books seemingly do not offer the perfect solution for everything, much as we would like to think that every West Texan is going to utilize every week-end to catch up on back studying.

But—there must be some answer. And until we reach it, this college cannot become an institution complete for all its students. No school can continue on a five-day basis if it hopes to achieve status of a college, full-grown.

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Donn Byrne originally was a poet, and the effect of his poetic inclination is readily discovered in his prose. He speaks with a natural rhythm that is the envy of many poets.

A romanticist at heart, Byrne liked to impose the glamour of distance upon his characters. He wrote many stories against such backgrounds as Syria, China, Venice and Ireland.

His untimely death in 1928 deprived the world of an excellent story teller. Had he lived, I doubt that his works would have had any world-shaking effects but, I am sure that it would have furnished many hours of leisurely reading for many people.

Bolts 'n' Jolts

By Ely

It has long been my rather morbid ambition to meet one of the girls who start the fads which periodically sweep aside a college's previous mode of dress, set or morals, or personality traits.

At one time or another it has been socially mandatory for the girls of WT to dress in blue jeans and outside shirts, to assume the mannerisms of an idiot child, and to attempt interpretation of the personalities of Veronica Lake, Bette Davis, etc.

Latest and undoubtedly most heinous of this long list of social mechanisms is bubble gum.

The campus sophisticates, which now include a small group of spineless males, wander about classrooms and eating establishments emitting veritable streams of bubbles instead of their usual stream of chatter.

It is rumored that the leader of this clique attained her position by

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Speaking

"The South's Most Democratic College!"

Students at East Texas State have long associated this slogan with their college. To them it is as well known as the name of the school.

Texas Miners now have proof that men are more intelligent than women. At any rate, they are more eager.

This semester, the fraternities out-scholarshipped the women by almost one point, which, gentlemen, is something to brag about.

East Texas State soon will have a branch of KSST broadcasting station at Sulphur Springs.

Time changes everything, and that goes for styles in athletic apparel.

At Texas Christian University gridiron pictures displayed in the gym were taken when stocking caps were used as helmets.

Purchase of a new fire truck has been announced by New Mexico A&M. Personnel of the buildings and grounds department have been acting as firemen, but students will soon organize a voluntary fire department.

For an all-time high, there are more than 200 members on the TCU teaching staff, according to a faculty directory published recently.

Men outnumber women almost three to one at Texas A&I in Kingsville.

A nation-wide petition asking Congress to increase veterans' allotments is being supported by students at Texas College of Mines.

One of the men's social clubs at Texas Tech is forwarding plans to obtain their own house sometime this spring. Frat houses have been non-existent on the campus since 1943.

virtue of her ability to build a bubble to size of a regulation basketball. She now demonstrates her prowess only when it is necessary to discipline her flock, for invariably the thing bursts and gums up everything within a radius of 10 yards.

I would be willing to invest up 27 or 28 cents for the privilege of watching this performance, (from a safe distance), and up to 13 or 14 cents to shake the hand (while wearing gloves), of the performer.

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Intramural --ITEMS--

Play in the boys' intramural league has reached the mid-way point with teams scrambling for the all-important top four positions which will permit them to enter the double elimination tournament to be held at the close of conference play Friday, March 28.

In last week's competition, the hustling Ex-Eagles won three straight games to bound from the cellar position to a .500 mark and the WT Longhorns grabbed two out of three tilts to move into a threatening spot for the current BIG FOUR.

Hill Courts and the Ramblers continued to set a torrid pace and one of the highlight games this week will pit these two high-scoring quintets together. Other games of particular interest to the standings to be played this week match Spearman Exes and the Ex-Eagles, WT Longhorns and Burton Bombers and the Ramblers vs. Burton Bombers.

Standings as of March 6 are:

	W	L	Per.
Hill Courts	7	0	1.000
Ramblers	5	1	.833
Burton Gym	4	2	.666
Terrill Hall	4	2	.666
Aggies	4	2	.666
Buccaneers	3	2	.600
Spearman Exes	3	3	.500
Ex-Eagles	3	3	.500
WT Longhorns	3	3	.500
B. S. U.	3	5	.375
Termites	2	6	.250
V. A.'s	0	6	.000
B. A.'s	0	6	.000

Leaders in the league scoring are:	
Peggram, B. S. U.	102
Howard, Longhorns	63
Trieder, Buccaneers	55
Coker, Burton	45
Richmond, Hill Courts	44
Doyle, Hill Courts	42
Winters, Hill Courts	40
Deason, Terrill	39
Brewer, Ramblers	38
Lyons, Ramblers	38
Crawford, Aggies	38
Veazy, Aggies	36
Bonner, Burtons	34

The first schedules published have now been replaced with a new calendar of play and these may be picked up at the Prairie office, Bob's, Student Union and the Buffalo Drug.

Because school will be out Friday, Thursday's games will be played Wednesday night. Schedule for this week is:	
March 11	
5 p.m. Terrill vs. B. A.'s.	
6 Ex-Eagles vs. Spearman Exes	
7 Aggies vs. V. A.'s.	
8 Ramblers vs. Hill Courts	
9 Longhorns vs. Burton Gym	
March 12	
5 Ramblers vs. Burton Gym	
6 Termites vs. Aggies	
7 Longhorns vs. Ex-Eagles	
8 Hill Courts vs. B. A.'s.	
9 B. S. U. vs. Herrill	
March 17	
5 Open date	
6 B. S. U. vs. Buccaneers	

Dash Defender



LLOYD JOHNSON, West Texas State speedster will be defending his title in the 100-yard dash at the forthcoming Southwestern Exposition Track and Field Meet in Fort Worth, Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22.

Last year, Johnson clipped off the dash in 10.5 to help bring the meet title home to this campus.

Besides winning the 100-yard dash, this Wheeler lad took second place in the 220 and was a member of the winning 440 relay team. He also enters broad-jumping and when he is able to get off on a non-scratch leap—competitors better watch out.

All of these games will be played in Burton Gym and admission for one game or for the entire night's card of five games is ten cents. Admission money plus the entrance fee of fifty cents for each player will go toward buying awards to be presented upon completion of the play-offs.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

Any people interested in participating in intramural tennis please meet with Milton Morris at Burton Gym this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Outstanding players in this intramural meet will be put on the Varsity squad for inter-collegiate competition.

Notices for doubles and mixed-doubles will be issued soon.

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Jarnigan Pilots Cinder Squad In Seasonal Track Debut

West Texas State's initial appearance on the track oval this year will be made Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, when they travel to the Southwestern Exposition Track and Field Meet in Fort Worth where they will be defending champion in the college division.

Last year the Maroon cinder squad, paced by flashy Lloyd Johnson of Wheeler, racked up 31½ points to grab first place in the meet ahead of favored North Texas State and Abilene Christian College who counted 28 and 23 points respectively.

Johnson romped in ahead of the pack last year in the 100-yard dash which he ran in 10.5 and was a close second in the 220-yard run. Besides garnering points in those divisions, he was the key man on the speedy 440 relay team which also copped a blue ribbon.

Dwaine Lyon, weight and discus man from Olton, gathered in one first and one second place last year at the meet by winning the discus throw with a heave of 110 feet 8½ inches and pushed the shot 40 feet 9½ inches to wind up a scant three-fourths of an inch behind the first place contestant.

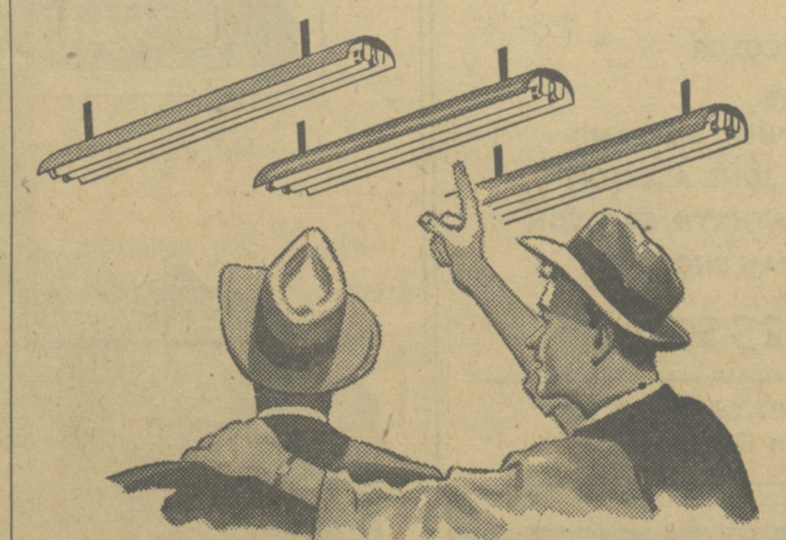
Another member of the crack 1946 oval-boys is Maurice Steen, broad-jump artist from Floydada, who soared 21 feet 1½ inches to bring a third place honor into the Buffalo point total at the Fort Worth show.

Berl Pruitt, flash-speedster from Panhandle, will also be back pounding the gravel this year and probably will run in the 100, 220 and become a member of the 440 relay squad. Berl was a member of that winning combination in the Cattle City last year.

Inside Practice
"So far," said Coach Clark Jarnigan, tutor of this year's prospects, "we have had to work inside quite a bit because of the bad weather and I really haven't had a fair opportunity to see just what each boy can do. They have all been working very well and I think with a little more training and time we can develop a good squad." Coach Jarnigan also asserted, "I do not know as yet just exactly who will form the team for the Fort Worth meet."

Definite prospects for the cinder squad are: Lloyd Johnson, Boyd Williams, Don Leach, R. A. Boyter, Bill Reimers, Kenneth Jones, Junior Melton, Jim Wilson, Cozell Foster, Jack Word, Bobby Helm, Bob Davis, Willis Hawkins, Ernest Kendrick, Willis Hedges, Harold Lummus, Melvin Robertson, Joe Cobb, Charles Riley, Maurice Steen, Berl Pruitt, Elvin Lyon, Dwaine Lyon and Cloyce Box.

Superintendent Lawrence Brotherton of Gruver is riding in a new Oldsmobile presented to him by the community in appreciation of his adding high school coaching to his other duties during the teacher shortage this year. "Zeke," as he is known, is twice a graduate of WT.

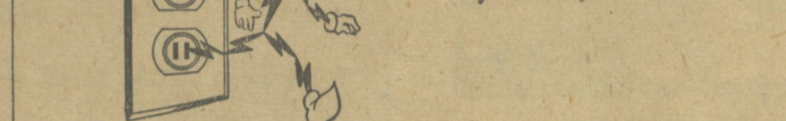


A STITCH IN TIME -

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Sensational Freshmen Place Second in AAU

Junior Buffs Down Two Foes Before Falling to SMU

The speed-to-spare West Texas State Freshmen basketball team stunned everyone connected with the State AAU play last week-end when they ripped through two highly-touted opponents to gain the finals before stumbling before the Southern Methodist University Varsity 72-54 in the Dallas tournament.

Paced by sizzling Sammy Malone, 1946 all-state guard, and forward Charles Kitchens, the Junior Buffaloes tripped Sledge Brothers Auto in first round play to advance into the semi-finals against the Baylor Bears playing under the name of L. Fred and Son of Waco.

The powerful Sledge Brothers team was the recent winner of the strong Dallas independent league which made them eligible for the State tourney action.

Going into the Baylor game definitely the underdog, the Frosh pulled into a first period lead of 14-6 but by halftime the Baylor crew and clipped the West Texans' lead to a scant 20-18 margin. Chuck Barnard, 6 foot 7 inch center and Glynn Braden, 6 foot 5 inch forward, got their shooting eye to working in the second half and after leading 28-27 at the end of the third quarter, they led their team in a point spurge which ended in a 46-35 victory over the Bears.

SMU Foe
Southern Methodist University Mustangs, playing in the upper bracket and led by towering All-Southwest Conference player, Tommy Tomlinson, downed North Texas State in the semi-finals 66-59 to become the opponent in the finals for the Frosh.

Again playing under the banner of the underdog, the Little Maroon kept pace with their big time foe in early minutes of action and at the close of the first period was knotted 14-14.

However, the stellar play of the big loop team began to take effect in the second period and they led 34-21 at halftime. Although keeping in the ballgame throughout the second half, the Frosh could not get going against their powerful opponents and bowed in defeat 72-54.

Receive Trophy
Besides being the sensation of the tournament, the Freshmen carried off the second place trophy and each member of the squad received a silver basketball. Charles Kitchens and Sammy Malone displayed their abilities in a form so acceptable that they were placed on the all-tournament team and each received a gold basketball.

This wound up the season for the Price men with a record of 28 wins and 3 defeats. Southern Methodist University will represent this state in the National AAU tourney to be played in Denver the latter part of this month.

Conference Team Picked by Staff

After a careful review of the basketball season and competitors in the Border Conference league, The Prairie wishes to present its choice of All-Border Conference players:

First Team
Forward—Link Richmond, University of Arizona.
Forward—Mike Izquierdo, Texas Mines.
Center—Wayne See, Flagstaff.
Guard—Garland Head, Texas Tech.
Guard—J. W. Malone, West Texas State.

Second Team
Forward—Verl Heap, Tempe.
Forward—Gene O'Dell, Flagstaff.
Center—Hank Decker, West Texas State.
Guard—Dick Apodaca, New Mexico A&M.
Guard—Morris Udall, Arizona University.

Receiving honorable mention were: forwards, Bill Hamm, New Mexico A&M; George Cozzens, New Mexico University and Ledru Jacobs, West Texas State. Guards, Santos Perez, Texas Mines; Jim Frealy, Flagstaff and Fred Enke of Arizona University. Centers, Preston Hardin-Simmons; Groves, Texas Tech and Ballantyne, Arizona University.

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Friday is a general holiday for students throughout the Panhandle, including West Texas State, as all the approximately 2,300 members of the Texas State Teachers Association, District IX, will gather in Amarillo for their annual Northwest Texas Conference for Education.

Among the noted educators who will address the convention are: Dr. W. Linwood Chase, Boston University, Boston, Mass., an expert on social studies curricula; Dr. John H. Furbay, head of Air-World Education, Trans-World Airlines, Kansas City, Kansas; George Hutson, public relations department, Bell Telephone Co., Dallas; J. L. McCaskill, assistant, Division of Education-Federal Relations, National Education Association, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mildred Monk, elementary expert, The Steck Co., publishers, Austin; and B. B. Cobb, executive secretary, Texas State Teachers Association, Fort Worth.

Wooten Presides

E. A. Wooten, superintendent of Canyon city schools, is president, and Miss Dorinda Bond, director of publicity and teacher of journalism, is vice-president.

West Texas State personnel who will have part on the program include: M. J. Newman, band director, who will address the band and orchestra section; Dr. Ples Harper, head of the modern language department, who will address the foreign language section; Dr. A. K. Knott, dean of the lower division, who will preside at the guidance section meeting; William Brune, head of the guidance center for veterans, who is to deliver the speech at the guidance meeting.

Babston to Speak

Miss Linnie Babston, librarian, who is president of the Caprock Library Association; Mrs. Tommie Montfort, teacher of speech in West Texas Demonstration High School, who is chairman of the speech section; and Crannell Tolliver, head of the speech department, who will give a discussion of the projected West Texas Speech Festival, 1947, before the speech section.

Miss Loula Grace Erdman, pro-

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fessor of English, will be introduced at the evening session in recognition of her winning national renown for her novel "The Years of the Locust" and her services to education.

Sextets Vie for Position in Girls' Intramurals

The past week saw further action in the Physical Education basketball tournament for girls with three games played.

Monday night, the Buffettes defeated Business Administration 54-27, while Tuesday night the Buffettes eked out a close 28-26 victory over the aggressive Jellybeans. In another game that night, the Flatfooters downed Business Administration 41-15.

Team standings as of Monday, March 10 are:

	W	L
Buffettes	2	0
Flatfooters	1	0
Jellybeans	1	1
Business Ad	0	2
Tumbleweeds	0	0

Scheduled play for March 17 will find the Jellybeans tackling the Business Ad team while the Tumbleweeds make their initial appearance against the Flatfooters.

March 20 schedule shows the Tumbleweeds meeting the Business Ad and the Buffettes tangling with the Flatfooters.

The biggest sale of surplus property in Europe begins this month. American equipment worth \$1,000,000,000 is to be sold "over the counter" on a fixed-price basis in the U. S. zone of Germany. Locomotives and railway equipment, aircraft and parts, motor vehicles, industrial machinery, electrical and photographic

Haupt Will Wed Lee Roy Moreland



Mr. and Mrs. Otis Haupt of Tucumcari, New Mexico, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mattie, to Lee Roy Moreland of Canyon, Sunday, April 6, in the First Christian Church in Tucumcari.

supplies are included in the 60-day offering.

Carrie Jo Heare, who is teaching Home Economics at Perryton, is having the fun of working in a newly furnished and decorated department. She is enthusiastic about her work.

As a result of last week's rushing and the issuance of bids, there are seventy-three new potential club members on the campus. This semester's pledges have brought almost all the clubs up to their capacity membership.

Pledges of Alpha Sigma Xi are: Dee Roy Beasley, Charles Bruce, Bill Hutchinson, J. C. Jones, Roy Lyles, Harold Meador, Joe Merri-man, Richard Miller, Bill Miller, Charles Owens, Red Weatherly and Bob Word.

Delta Zeta Chi is pledging: Doris Baker, Sylvia Colwell, Yvonne Painter, and Joan Smith.

The thirteen pledges of Epsilon Beta are: J. W. Bishop, Billy Bogard, James Lair, Don Little, Raymond Lowman, Jack Richey, Don Standley, Forrest Vaughn, Kenneth Vaughn, Jim Ponder, Ray Wise, Lee Roy Moreland and Gordon Dickerson.

Novices of Gamma Phi are: Lena Brillhart, Catherine Hester, Virginia Bush, Wilma Jean Miller, Billie Byars, Ruby Stevenson, La Juana Earnest, Pat Miller, Martha Kelly, Thelma Gene Mercer and Jean McManigal.

Spring semester pledges of Kappa Tau Phi are: Georgia Beckner, Juanita Williams, Jo Nell Coose, Jo Crook, Baby Hokit, Helen Jo Wilson and Johnnie Boykin.

Those who will serve pledgeship under Pi Omega are: Ann Bogan, Kathryn Brooks, Maxine Campbell, Sybil Ann Gillis, Maureen Medlen, Billene Moseley, Ruth Patman, Ruby Ann Patton, Sue Smith and Virginia Reid.

Largest group of pledges are those of Tau Tau Tau. They are: Wayne Bagley, T. C. Brown, David Bumpus, Armand Cardinal, Harold Hagemeier, Ben Kelln, Harley Hicks, Robert Morton, Ray Nickelson, Haskel

Phelps, Francis Records, Daniel Roberts, Luther Self, Carl Small, James Bates and James Ord.

Books left in the windows in the halls of the Administration Building after tomorrow, March 12, will be turned in to the Bookstore and students will have to check out new books.

LOST: A silver chain bracelet about one inch wide, with blue stones on either side lining a row of lavender stones mounted through the center. Please return to:

Ruth Anne Blesser
Randall Hall.

Laura Gerner Noble, home economics graduate of WT, and Willard Huckabey, Dalhart businessman, were married recently at Clayton, New Mexico. They will live at Dalhart and Mrs. Huckabey will continue teaching in the high school.

Marriage Unites Holt - Blackwell

Mr. A. B. Holt of Canyon has announced the engagement and marriage of his daughter, Georgia Faye, to George Blackwell, Tuesday, March 11, in the First Baptist Church of Canyon.

Meet another Home Economics major who has made good in the magazine field: She is Arlean Pattison, who is on the equipment staff of the "Woman's Home Companion." An article, largely pictorial, may be seen on page 60 of the magazine for February, and on page 102 Miss Pattison is shown as she helps a housewife select kitchen equipment. Miss Pattison's hometown was Perryton.

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