



Just What We Wanted . . .

. . . to fill our campus stocking—or a student need—is this three-story \$1 million structure. Architect Preston M. Geren released a sketch of the building this week. Geren and Thomas F. Richardson, dean of students and chairman of the Student Union Building Coordinating Committee, returned from the University of Wisconsin

campus Wednesday after consulting with Porter Butts, director of the Wisconsin student union building. Recognized as the leading advisor on student center projects in the nation, Butts studied the plans and made several minor suggestions for improvements. None of the changes, if adopted, would change this sketch.

The Skiff

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'53 Campus Chest Drive May Be Held March 2-7

March 2-7 has been set as the tentative date for the 1953 Campus Chest Drive.

Planning was under way this week after the chest governing committee's initial meeting.

The organization is similar to the United Fund in that money is collected and allocated on behalf of several organizations which formerly solicited separately.

Beneficiaries for the 1953 drive have not been determined, said Jimmy Suggs, Joinerville junior and co-chairman of the group.

Last year's \$1300 was allotted to Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins; the International Christian University in Japan; World Student Service Fund; and Dae Sook Suh, Korean freshman.

Student suggestions on organizations worthy of this aid are welcomed, Suggs said. Letters should be addressed to TCU Campus Chest, Box 561, TCU Station.

Miss Eloise Mayo, Santa Paula, Calif., senior, who headed the 1952 drive, is the other co-chairman.

Other officers are: chairman of special events, Bill Harrison, Dallas sophomore; treasurer, Melvin Shupp, San

Antonio senior; and co-chairman of solicitation, Miss Peggy Dyche, Fort Stockton sophomore, and Cliff Dowell, McKinney sophomore.

Also included are secretary, Miss Nell Estes, Athens sophomore; and co-chairman of publicity, Miss Carolyn Monroe, Waycross, Ga., senior, and David Allred, Corpus Christi sophomore.

Two Professors Ill, Granted Sick Leave

Conditions of Mrs. Mirth W. Sherer, assistant professor of social science, and Ralph Garrett, associate professor of history, have been reported improved.

Both Mrs. Sherer and Prof. Garrett became ill last week. They have been granted sick leave and are now in Harris Hospital.

R. L. Eaves, former chairman of the department of social science at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, is teaching Mr. Garrett's classes. Mrs. Sherer's classes are being taught by members of the history department.

Dr. William J. Hammond, chairman of the history department, said he did not know when either would be able to resume their teaching duties.

Students to Study, Rest, Play, Hunt, Travel During Holidays

The holiday season will find TCU students scattered to the winds, or at least the far corners of the country.

Both women's dormitories will be closed, only one of the men's will remain open—to harbor the few, lonely residents with no place to go.

The Cafeteria will operate for the benefit of working staff members and a practicing basketball team; the Infirmary will keep to its vigil, but with a skeleton staff, and the Library will close for two days, Christmas and New Year's.

Class schedules will not be available this year until a few days before Christmas; inhibited students may want to postpone the holidays; others may pick up schedules Jan. 5, when classes start again.

Pre-counseling, in '53, will run from Jan. 12 to 16.

There will be two weeks of regular classes before "dead week"—the time when social activities are suppressed and books are gleaned for last scraps of information which may or may not mean a passing grade.

Exams — an ever-present frown on holiday spirits—will begin Jan. 22, last through Jan. 28.

While students are boarding planes and trains, busses and stage coaches, the administrative work horses will be holding to their desks. All offices, the Library, book store and the work shops will not close until noon Dec. 24. They will open again at 8 a.m. Dec. 26.

To celebrate the New Year, TCU's working people will have Jan. 1 to themselves.

Ideas for the holidays are as varied as are the students. Some will travel, some will hunt, others want to rest or visit friends, a few women will tear up their diets, one man will try his hand at vivisection, another—on defiance of all tradition—plans to study.

Miss Joan Balajka, Houston sophomore, will become Mrs. Bob Painter today. She is going on her honeymoon.

Dr. Henry B. Hardt of the chemistry department will invade Southwest Texas to hunt deer—the kind with antlers—then return to Fort Worth and his family for the big day. Later, the Cotton Bowl classic will find him in Dallas.

Pat Whelan, a junior from Lena, Wis., will also take up arms. "I'm going fox hunting." Then he will

try his skill at ice fishing. Lena is that close to the North Pole.

Sophomore Patty Lynes of Amarillo, prosaic in her tastes, is "going home to eat."

Not to be outdone in that department, Miss Sylvia Bokor, junior from Mission, is "going to eat all the rest of the time," after she finishes writing "about religion."

Kent Henderson, Phillips senior, is the diehard who will spend his time studying. He will put aside his books only for the sportsmanship meeting in Dallas.

Sam Eppler of Terrell, a junior, has a surprise in store for his cat and his shark: he plans to bring them here "to cut them up"—something to do with his studies. Anybody missing a cat?

Seniors Joyce Rogers and Ronnie Dieb, juniors Ellis Am-burn and Bob Sweeney, all of Fort Worth, will hie them-

selves to the Anna home of English professor Miss Lorraine Sherley.

Dae Sook Suh, freshman from Seoul, Korea, remembering an American friend he met over there, will visit the friend's home in Harrisburg, Pa.

Many other students and professors were contacted as to their holiday plans.

And most of them had the same solution to the problem of celebrating: with few exceptions, they are going home to eat, and rest, and enjoy themselves, and maybe even work and study a little (?).

Skiff staffers also will rest, and eat—and eat.

This is the last issue of 1952.

Come Jan. 9 of the New Year, we'll see you again—fat and satisfied.

Until then, happy holidays . . .

Five Will Represent School At Cotton Bowl Activities

Five students will represent TCU at activities during Cotton Bowl week in Dallas.

The TCU Sweetheart, Miss Pansy Kidwell, will be presented as one of the Southwest Conference princesses at the Cotton Bowl classic between the University of Texas and the University of Tennessee on New Year's Day.

The queen and princesses will enter the bowl arena in a stage-coach.

Ren Kent, TCU student body president and chairman of the SWC sportsmanship committee, will crown Miss Ellie Luckett of the University of Texas as 1953 Cotton Bowl Queen.

Kent also will present the SWC sportsmanship trophy to the still unannounced winner.

Kent Henderson, Horned Frog editor; Ken Jones, head cheerleader; Kent; and Jim Suggs, representing Miss Irene Rountree, Skiff editor, will be delegates to

three days of events planned for the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee.

The following activities are scheduled for Dec. 30-Jan. 1:

1) Tuesday night, the Danny Kaye show at Fair Park Auditorium.

2) Wednesday at 12 noon, luncheon given by the Optimist Club in the Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel.

3) Wednesday night, the Cotton Bowl dance, for students of all Southwest Conference schools in the SMU Student Union Building.

4) Thursday at 9 a.m., the Sportsmanship Committee breakfast and meeting at the Stoneleigh Hotel, where the winner of the Sportsmanship Trophy will be announced.

5) Thursday at 1 p.m., the Cotton Bowl game.

All events will be sponsored by the Cotton Bowl Association.

No Week-Old Posters Here

Bulletin Board Nears Completion

The structure going up near the south door of the Administration Building is not a memorial to L. R. "Dutch" Meyer, a public whipping post or the Student Union Building.

It is a huge bulletin board that soon will hold the dozens of posters normally tacked and taped on the Administration Building.

Suggested by Vigilante Club and financed by a congress appropriation from the Student Association's permanent improvement fund, the redwood and glass case probably will be the only posting place for signs—except for elections, all-campus dances and major campaigns.

Congress has not set up regulations for the bulletin board, but Ren Kent says he expects Murray Ferguson, president of the Vigilantes, to suggest a list of regulations to Student Congress in its first meeting in January.

Ferguson says the rules he will submit will not only regulate matters such as the size and quality of signs to be posted but will also govern procedures of the Vigilantes, responsible for putting up and taking down posters daily.

Organizations may deposit posters in Jarvis 127, Vigilante Club office, according to Ferguson.

"Posters will be changed every day," says Kent. "There won't be any week-old posters up."

'What Should You Know?'

Dean Smith Seeking Answers On Value of College Education

After spending 32 years at TCU, Dean Emeritus Raymond A. Smith of the School of Education, is still searching for an answer to this question:

"What should a college student know?"

The dean, since retiring as a faculty member this year, has begun extensive research to determine just what a college student should learn while in school.

Dean Smith reads an average of two books a week from his library on general education, trying to work out a curriculum for general education in University training.

He takes information from noted educational writers and from other school schedules and compares them with TCU's curriculum.

Such a plan must be worked out by many, he believes, so that the specialist in each field can contribute his ideas of what a person should study in that field for a broad general education.

"As soon as I can find, or someone can tell me, just what courses should be taken in history, the sciences, business, literature and the other fields, then my problem is solved," he noted.

"TCU is in good shape right now, even if the curriculum has been made up cafeteria style, where a student just goes through and takes what he wants."

Emphasis is being changed from the attitude of specialization to a more broadening field of knowledge to be "big enough and wide enough" to prepare for any specialty, he added.

Such a plan comes by evolution, he emphasized, and at the present there is a move to

speed up this evolution. Educators feel that a student must acquire an ability to express himself so that others can understand him, said Dean Smith. Once a person receives his degree he should be able to stand on his own two feet, he stated.

KTCU Makes Changes In Staff, Two Programs

Appointment of a new staff member and two major program changes were announced by KTCU station manager John West, Albuquerque, N. M., junior.

Miss Joyce Hammett, Tulsa, Okla., sophomore, a transfer student from Oklahoma A&M, was named to head the station's copy, traffic and continuity section. She replaces Miss Martha Reppeto, Fort Worth senior, who resigned to go to work for a downtown advertising agency.

"I Love A Mystery," the Mutual Broadcasting System's daily adventure serial, has been moved to 9:30 p.m., West said.

"Piano Moonbeams," which features Monte Hancock on the piano, has been moved to 9:45 p.m. and will be presented each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

English Department Planning Literary Pilgrimage to Europe

A literary pilgrimage to Europe next summer will be sponsored by the English department, announces the chairman, Dr. Troy C. Crenshaw.

The group will leave New York on July 13 and visit principal literary shrines in the British Isles, spend a week in Paris and have short stays in Switzerland and northern Italy, returning on Aug. 28.

Cost of the tour will be less than \$1000, unless a student desires a more extended tour, which

Student Models Needed For Horned Frog Ads

By signing a piece of paper and spending a few minutes before a camera, students may get their pictures in the advertising section of the 1953 Horned Frog.

"Several students have registered as models but we want more," says business manager Billy Jack Kiser.

"The book will be more representative if we can use different models in each ad."

Students who wish to volunteer as models may contact Kiser at the Horned Frog office or Miss Dorothy Arnim, room 262, Foster.

can be arranged if applications are received early enough.

Arrangements may be made to receive six semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit, said Dr. Crenshaw.

The groups will sail on all-student vessels of the Holland American Lines.

The American Trave Company is general supervisor of the tour.

Science Building Gets 300 Plants

More than 300 plants were set in the Science Building area this week, announced M. A. Doss, superintendent of the grounds.

Included in the beautification project are 80 assorted rose bushes, 77 waxleaf ligustras, 42 pyracantha landirs and 33 elaeagnus.

Other plantings are 23 cherry laurels, 7 jasmine humilec and 25 Texas hollies.

This concludes landscaping in the area until the completion of the Library addition, said Mr. Doss.

Yearbook Post Goes to Kiser; Taylor Thanked

A Korean veteran and industrial relations major was selected as business manager for the Horned Frog at a meeting of the Publications Committee Tuesday.

Billy Jack Kiser, Denver City sophomore, will replace Elyson Taylor, Stephenville senior who withdrew from classes last week.

A transfer from Central State College in Edmond, Okla., the new manager worked in connection with the advertising department of the yearbook there, and has had experience in photography.

The committee also gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Taylor for the progress he made during his three months as business manager.

Kiser's appointment is effective immediately. He will complete the advertising section of the annual and will handle distribution.

Just wondering: If Geoffrey Chaucer had had a friend named Cup, then 14th century friends could have said "Here come Cup and Chaucer."

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Speeches, Readings and One-Act Plays Offered by Student Speakers Bureau

The fifth annual Student Speakers Bureau offers to organizations in this region a variety of programs, ranging from a speech on the two-party system in the South to a humorous reading on cats.

The bureau, sponsored by the speech-drama-radio department, is designed to provide entertainment for off-campus groups and, at the same time, to give public speaking and dramatic training to interested students.

Three one-act plays are offered by the bureau.

Organizations may secure a program by writing or calling Dr. E. L. Pross, chairman of the speech-drama-radio department, in the School of Fine Arts.

Twenty to 30-minute speeches are offered by Thorp Andrews, Fort Worth senior, on "The Two-Party System and the South"; Earl Richards, Fort Worth freshman, on "Getting More From Life"; Miss Glenna Wilson, Nona senior and speech therapist, on "Tongues That Tangle"; Miss Ramona Maher, Fort Worth sophomore, on "The Muse and I"; and David Rudkin, Birmingham, England, graduate student, on "Post-War England."

Fifteen to 20-minute readings are given by Miss Linda Williams, Fort Worth junior, on "Cats for Laughs"; Miss Janet Soles, Snyder freshman, on "Laughs and Tears"; Miss Judy Moritz, San Angelo freshman, on "Poetry I Love"; and Miss Jackie McClellan, Fort Worth freshman on "Humorous and Serious Readings."

One-act plays, presented without scenery and running from 10 to 20 minutes, include George S. Kaufman's "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," Aurland Harris' "Ladies of the Mop," and Peter West's adaptation of "The Telltale Heart," by Edgar Allen Poe.

Time Slips Due Jan. 13

Jan. 13 will be the next date for student employment time slips to be turned into the business office, L. A. Dunagan, cashier, announced Tuesday.

The first student "pay day" after classes are resumed will be Jan. 18, he added.

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The Kaufman satire, designed especially for men's groups, is presented by a group of freshmen including Robert Frost, Eastland; Jerry Gardner, Amarillo; Martin Haag, Columbia, Mo.; and Robert Tait, Fort Worth.

Guaranteed for laughs, the

Aurland Harris comedy stars Hugh Low, Fort Worth sophomore; and Misses Suzanne McKean, Glade-water sophomore; LaZelle Perry, Abilene graduate student; and Fran Moore, Fort Worth freshman.

"The Telltale Heart" is performed by Toler Brannon, Fort Worth freshman; Jimmy Breeding, Corpus Christi sophomore; and Monte Hancock, Dallas sophomore.

String Marionettes Will Enact 'Christmas Carol' Tomorrow

Elementary students in the speech-drama preparatory workshop will present a string-marionette adaptation of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at 5:30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Little Theater.

Separate casts will be used in each performance.

The presentations highlight the fall semester of the workshop.

Since September, the emphasis of the children's work has been placed on developing clear, understandable speech, as well as vocal interpretation, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bell, assistant instructor in speech.

"In the marionette shows, the children are hidden from the audience and the shy child feels more at ease to express himself," Mrs. Bell stated. "To put life into the marionettes, a child must talk forcibly

and clearly, and with imagination."

According to Mrs. Bell, this training paves the way for subsequent appearances in dramatic productions when stage training will be given.

Skits will be presented on the program by the older students in the workshop. Admission to the plays will be free and anyone interested is invited, she said.

The spring program of the workshop will include training in stage behavior, using skits and one-act plays to prepare the children for roles in the Little Theater's April presentation of "Little Women."

The marionette show will be televised at noon tomorrow from a WBAP-TV studio as a part of the "Bobby Peters Show."

Cast Is Named For Feb. 6 Play

Cast for Phillip King's farce comedy, "See How They Run," was announced this week by Prof. William J. Noltner, director.

Performances are scheduled for Feb. 6, 7 and 10-14 in the Little Theater.

Members of the cast are Misses Peggy Meade, Fort Worth junior; Marylyn Walker, Lufkin junior; and Druscilla Greenhaw, Fort Worth freshman; and George Ayers, Fort Worth senior; Kent Burkhart, Bay City freshman; Rex Miller, Cleburne sophomore; Dan Morgan, Texarkana junior; and Jerry Dulin, Dallas senior.

Other plays to be presented next semester are "Stampede Bluff," March 13, 14 and 17-21, and "Little Women," April 17, 18 and 21-25.

4000 at Festival; Play Sets Record

More than 4000 persons attended the 12th annual Fine Arts Festival Dec. 3 through Sunday, and 2000 more were expected for ballet programs Wednesday and yesterday, announced Dean T. Smith McCorkle's office.

"The Cradle Song" attendance of 1600 set a record for a seven-day Little Theater run.

"King David" in Ed Landreth Auditorium Sunday drew the largest number, 900, for a single musical program.

Total attendance for the musical programs was about 2400.

Volbach to Talk in Ohio

Dr. Walther R. Volbach, professor of speech-drama, will lecture on "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Director in Operatic Production" Dec. 30 at an American Educational Theater Association convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

And Bring Us

Dear Santa Claus,

It may seem a little funny to you to get a letter from college students. I guess we're supposed to outgrow you in the sixth grade. But deep down inside I guess none of us really wants to outgrow you. Just like I guess none of us really wants to grow up. We're all Peter Pans.

I'm writing to ask you for a lot of things I and a lot of others want for our school. I hope the list isn't too long.

First we'd like an honor system here. We could have one because I think most of us here are honest. We've all taken tests at one time or another and the teacher's left the room. We haven't cheated either. It means a lot to students to know your teacher trusts you.

Secondly, we'd like some sort of student set-up to keep the dormitories livable. We'd like to be able to study at night without resorting to cotton in the ears to keep out the miscellaneous noises.

Third, we'd like more teachers who teach. So many of them do little more than take their lessons from the book. We'd like to kind of evaluate our teachers so we'd get more of what we want to learn.

And fourth, and I hope this doesn't sound too silly, we want a green campus.

Maybe the list is a little long but a lot of the things I mentioned wouldn't be too hard to give. I hope not. They'd all do our school so much good.

Thanks an awful lot, Santa, for listening to all this. I'll appreciate all you can do. And Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
TCU Students.

P. S.—If you have an extra journalism building around we could use that too!

How to Fly UN Flag

ROTC officials this week enlightened The Skiff about an editorial which it ran Dec. 5 entitled, "Should the UN Flag Fly?"

A special army regulation, SR 840-10-1, Oct. 28, 1952, provides that the United Nations flag must be flown at the left and on the same level as the United States flag, and only when a representative of the UN is on the campus or on special occasions.

Before Oct. 28 there was no regulation specifically referring to the UN flag; therefore, flying the flag daily as has been done here in past years was no breach of flag etiquette.

But the fact remains, TCU still has no way to recognize the organization which has been called the last hope for peace.

Please Answer!

Ever try calling a male dormitory student? This torture routine goes something like this:

- 1) You need perseverance to wait for a telephone.
- 2) You surmount the switchboard hurdle.
- 3) After the telephone rings at least several hundred times, someone answers.

Now the real adventure begins.

Someone's answering thrills you with a sense of accomplishment.

"Johnny Skiffstaffer, please." This establishes the call as a business call, an important one, not just a how-are-you conversation.

The someone says, "Just a moment please."

Now any one of several things may happen. "Someone" may scream madly for Johnny, holding the receiver only three inches away from its original position, then report innocently to you, "I hollered."

This is said as if that single act was not only significant but also deserved praiseworthy recognition. Maybe he hasn't heard that men's dormitories have buzzer systems.

He may buzz blindly for a time, returning to the line to ask if you're sure Johnny lives on first floor. (Of course, you've been calling Johnny at that extension for the past three months).

Or you may never even get this far. He may inquire in a surprised tone, "Who? Do we have a Johnny Skiffstaffer in this dorm? Do you know what room?"

Now it isn't that we don't appreciate people who answer telephones. Our point is that answering them shouldn't be left to just any kind soul who wanders into the office. The monitor or some specific person who knows how to handle calls should be at the desk at all times in the interest of speed and efficiency.

Is True Meaning of Christmas Forgotten? Commercialism Reigns

By JIMMY BROWDER

As the Christmas season rolls around once again, everyone's thoughts turn to purchasing gifts, sending greeting cards, baking cakes and cooking the turkey.

Students are dismissed from school; families gather at grandma's house; and throughout the holiday, spirits, liquid and otherwise, run high.

But how many persons remember Christ on Christmas day? Not many.

No doubt a stranger to our country would have a difficult time trying to figure out what we were doing. Chances are he would never guess that we were celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

Sure, Christmas is the most magnificent of all our holidays and we celebrate it in many ways, but we Americans are too busy to stop and give thanks to Him who gave everything for us.

We have so highly commercialized Christmas today that many of the churches do not even try to compete with the modern Christmas celebration trends. When Christmas falls on Sunday, many churches do not hold evening worship services because they are afraid the attendance will be embarrassing.

As long as this trend exists our churches will lose more and more prestige in what should be the greatest religious observance of the year.

It is up to our churches to take the lead in teaching us how to observe Christmas in a Christian manner. Yes, the pastor tells us of the evils of commercialization but then he goes out and buys a tree, sends cards and purchases gifts for his family and friends.

We are not saying that this is wrong, nor are we against the idea. However, it can be carried too far. Our churches are the only hope we have to keep Christmas from wandering farther from its true significance.

In many of our homes today, children are taught that Christmas is a time to give and receive gifts before they are taught that it is the birthday of God's gift to humanity.

Because it is a religious holiday, the church should take the lead in the celebration of the Christmas season. Commercial interests seem to be the leader now.

Perhaps if the churches would unite and really give the people a well planned Christmas program each year, the birth of Christ could be emphasized in a better way.

The people take the best that is offered them; if the churches offer something good the people will accept it. Some movements are now under way and perhaps they will spread over our nation and bring us closer to the true meaning of Christmas — a religious holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Now is the time to put "Christ" back into "Christmas."

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Speaking of Christmas always reminds people of the old fellow with the long white beard and red coat.

Each Christmas season this gay old chap becomes the idol of children under ten years of age.

Then comes the time when the parent thinks it is time to tell the child the "truth" about Santa Clause. Of course the child has been hearing rumors for quite a while that there was no Santa.

But when his father or mother tells him, it nearly breaks his heart whether or not he physically shows it.

"What is wrong with this," you ask? "It happens all the time."

Well, only one thing is wrong—there IS a Santa Claus.

No, the ones standing on the street corners ringing a bell and those in the department stores are not the real St. Nick. The real

The Night Before Christmas, Revised, TCU, December, 1952

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the dorm
All the creatures had left—back to the farm;

Their stockings were strewn on the floor without care,

With hopes that no one would see them there;

The students were home and having a big time,

With visions of the cafeteria far from their mind;

And mamma and I had already hit the sack

When all the gang came in for a snack;

Then out on the lawn there rose such a clatter

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter!

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Stumped on my toe and crashed through the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,

Gave lustre of midday on my aching toe;

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a beat up Ford with no low gear;

With a little old driver so full of joy,

I knew in a moment it must be Cowboy.

More rapid than turtles chugged the old car,

At the rate it was going it couldn't go far.

He whistled and shouted and called them a name,

"Keep off the grass or it'll never be the same!"

Oh, move on, yes you, move on,

You know you can't park in that yellow zone."

From Fine Arts to Brite, he patrols it all,

Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the hurricane fly,

He left without even saying goodbye.

So back to the house I went to quench my thirst,

But alas, the boys had got there first.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of a tiny hoof.

As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney he came, with a terrific bound.

He was covered in soot from his head to his foot

And his clothes in a washing machine, needed to be put.

A bundle of tools he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled when he looked at my wife,

I would have fixed him if I'd had a knife.

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

I wish he'd get through and hastily go;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke smelled like a burning fig leaf;

He had a broad face and was a chubby fellow,

He shook when he laughed like a jowly old Jello.

He was short and plump, a right jolly old guy,

'And I laughed when I watched him 'til I thought I would cry;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And installed the TV set; then turned with a jerk,

Laying his finger aside of his nose he concluded:

"That will be \$400, antenna included."

He sprang to his truck and gave a loud whistle,

And away he flew like the down of a thistle.

By this time, you may be bored stiff,

But here's wishing you a "Merry Christmas" from the staff

of The Skiff.

—Jimmy Browder

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
The Skiff contained three editorials Dec. 5. I noted that two of them showed a flagrant lack of investigation on the part of The Skiff. Both could have been clarified by the simple process of inquiry. The editorial entitled "Congressional Committees" imputed to me personally the inactivity of the Records Committee. While that may be true, the editorial neglected to report the significant circumstances surrounding my appointment.
I didn't ask for the job; in fact, I refused it. In spite of the fact that I didn't think I would have time to do a job of such magnitude, the President insisted that I take it, basing his action on the probably erroneous premise that having had two previous years in the Congress I was the only one familiar enough with the records to do an efficient job. I finally accepted, but with the understanding that I was under no obligation if my studies did not allow the time to do it. The latter has been the case.

As a solution I have proposed to spend the first few days of the Christmas holidays working from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the records. (Any clerical assistance offered by any of the Skiff staff will be appreciated.)

"Should the UN Flag Fly" was the title of the other editorial. I marvel that The Skiff is so concerned about the flag of a moribund organization. . . . The rules concerning the flying of the United Nations Flag is covered by a pamphlet published by the Department of State: Special Regulation SR 840-10-1, paragraph 70, sub-paragraph A, the regulation being dated Oct. 28, 1952: "The United Nations Flag will be displayed . . . only upon occasion of visits of high dignitaries of the United Nations while in performance of their official duties with the United Nations, or on other special occasions in honor of the United Nations."

I doubt that any officials of the United Nations have recently paid TCU an official call.

Probing further . . . no other flag or pennant shall fly on the same flag pole with the Flag of the United States. . . .

I found the above information in about ten minutes; The Skiff might have done the same.

With best wishes for a happy new year,

Carl Graner.

Dear Editor,

Two letters to the editor advocating the establishment of national chapters of fraternities and sororities at TCU were printed last Friday.

One of those letters was mine. Above those letters was a column written by you stating your objections to the establishment of fraternal organizations here.

I have no objection to your objections. Both sides of any controversial question should be aired fully and FAIRLY.

I do object, however, to the editorializing nature of the three column headline which your story carried and its position on the page, virtually burying and obscuring the two letters.

The headline read as follows: Some Say "Yes," Skiff Says No TO TCU Fraternities and Sororities. I take issue with the use of the word Skiff in the headline.

Use of the name of the newspaper gives the connotation that all members of The Skiff staff as a unified body objected to the establishment of fraternal organizations.

Such is not the case and students should be aware that what the editor writes is the editor's opinion and not necessarily the opinion of even one other member of the staff.

The editor is chosen by student votes in fair contest with other candidates and should strive continually not to abuse privileges received by virtue of election.

Any college editor should avoid being put in the position of speaking for even a small segment of students without first ascertaining whether or not his opinions are actually and definitely the same as those of the group.

Even then, that group should be carefully defined before any arbitrary position is taken. As a matter of record, I know that no poll of Skiff staffers and editorial writers was taken and it is for this reason that I strenuously object to the article as written.

The article should have been qualified as the opinion of one person and not to be understood as the policy of the Skiff.

Bill Wiesehahn

Editor's note: The editor of any publication has the right to determine policy, whether or not the policy is agreed upon by all members of the staff.

Shamrock Gang Loco Over Gifts For Fellow Men

By HORACE T. CRAIG

A snake, toy gun, a tin badge and marbles were among the gifts when Shamrock (Barracks Z) boys held their Christmas tree Monday night.

"You are small in sizer, so we bring you a equalizer," read the card to barracks monitor, Buddy Rascoe; San Antonio junior who received a gun and badge.

"We heard you lost some. Don't worry boy, more have come" was the advice to Gorden Melden, Wortham freshman; as his gift, a bag of marbles, was presented.

And so it went for an hour as each of the 25 present received gifts—among howls of laughter.

Head monitor Pat Whalen, who likes to hunt, was guest of honor. He was given a mouse trap and made an "ornery" member of the mythical Shamrock Association.

The Christmas spirit hit Z when Lou Green, Athens freshman brought in a tree from East Texas. An unorganized move sprang up. Voluntary contributions paid for decorations and work was done in spare time by all hands, according to a resident identifying himself as Frank Gasoline, Watsonville, Calif., senior, vice-president in charge of Christmas.

"Bang, bang," said Rascoe, pointing to his badge and aiming his gun. "It's bed-time. Christmas is concluded."

Ike Victory Top Story of '52, Say Students; War, Death, Strikes, Sports Rate High Places

The election of a Republican president and congress has been named the top news story of 1952 by TCU sophomore journalism students.

Second place went to the "Police Action" in Korea, complete with peace talks and prison riots.

The death of King George and the succession of Queen Elizabeth was chosen as third-place story.

In fourth place was the steel strike which enveloped the nation last April. Fifth place went to the Olympic games last summer in Helsinki, Finland.

The heroism of Captain Kurt Carlsen who tried to stay with his sinking ship, "The Flying Enterprise," was rated sixth.

Listed in seventh place was the bus crash near Waco, in which 28 persons died. The wreck has been called the worst bus crash in the nation's history.

The death of Eva Peron and the wobbling dictatorship of her husband in Argentina rated eighth place; and the ninth selection was the floods which covered the Missouri-Kansas area last spring.

The flying saucers which puzzled and amused or frightened the nation last summer were given tenth place.

Runners up were the airliner crashes in New Jersey; the national drought; General Eisenhow-



By FRANCES BRUMMERHOP

Miss Glenna Lehr . . .

. . . Canton, Ill., sophomore, is wearing a diamond engagement ring presented to her by Airman 2nd Class William Sipes of Carswell Air Base. Wedding plans will be announced later.

Holiday wedding . . .

. . . is planned by Miss Jacquelyn Rust, Shreveport, La., junior, and Bill McAuley, Las Vegas, Nev., sophomore. The couple will repeat marriage vows in a double-ring ceremony at 5 p.m. Dec. 27 in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd of University Christian Church.

Sophomores . . .

. . . Miss Patricia Ann Oxley of Fort Worth and Robert Hartwell of Weatherford were married in the First Methodist Church of Waco Dec. 5.

To marry in Sundown . . .

. . . are Miss Zenovia Inez Akin and Jerry D. Dublin, B.A. '52. The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 in First Methodist Church. Dublin is now working in Brownfield.

New Orleans . . .

. . . was the site of a honeymoon taken by Miss Helen Leah Kerr and Clarence Joseph Stinson Jr., ex '52. The couple were wed Saturday in Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. They will live at 4402 Nolan.

Miss Margaret Helen Hayes . . .

. . . B.A. '52 and Staff Sgt. Francis Alfred Johnston of Carswell Air Base, have set Dec. 29 as the date for their wedding in St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. Miss Letitia Beard, B.A. '52, will be maid-of-honor.

Engagement . . .

. . . of Miss Joy Hancock, ex '52, and 2nd Lt. Charles A. Perry, has been announced. A midwinter wedding is planned.

er's recent flight to Korea; ex-King Farouk's "abdication" in Egypt; and the "bribe" scandals in athletics and government.

In a tie for sixteenth place were the stories on "City of San Francisco," the train which was snowed in at Donner Pass, and the investigations on Communists in the United Nations and the national government.

In a three-way tie in seventeenth place was resignation of U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie; governmental crime investigations, and the deaths of CIO leader Phillip Murray, and AF of L head, William Green.

Other stories listed were the governmental meetings in Russia; Eisenhower's choices for member-

ship in the presidential cabinet; the Texas tidelands controversy, and Governor Shivers' successful leadership of the "Texas Democrats"; President Truman's foreign policy; the B-36's which were damaged by high winds at Carswell Air Force Base, and the Batista revolution in Latin America.

Also listed were the Anglo-Egyptian and Anglo-Iranian disputes; the national coal strike; the decision of the president not to seek re-election; South African race relations problems, and the high cost of living.

Fliers Present Orr \$100 Gift

Christmas greetings came to M/Sgt. William C. Orr, Air Force instructor, in the form of a \$100 bill at the annual Air ROTC Christmas dance last week.

Orr, sponsor of the TCU Air ROTC Flying Club, was given the crisp, new \$100 bill by members of the club.

Cadet Major Reece C. Coppenger, Godley senior and vice-president of the flying club, made the informal presentation, ". . . for the endless hours Sgt. Orr has spent at the airport teaching us to fly."

Around 500 Air ROTC cadets and their dates attended the informal dance on Dec. 11 in the Hilton Hotel.

Santa Signs In For ROTC Party

Santa Claus greeted children of the Air and TC ROTC staffs yesterday at the annual staff Christmas party.

Approximately 60 military officers, enlisted men and their families attended the party in Building 5.

Presents were given from beneath a candy-decorated Christmas tree. Refreshments were served during the showing of a film, "Merry Christmas."

Sorry, No Goat's Milk—Yet

Animal Husbandry Is New Fad Of Goode, Clark Residents

Without official directions from the city, men dormitory residents have established specialized branches of the Forest Park Zoo in their rooms.

Most of the campus animal-keepers admit they have little interest in zoology. They are just looking for companionship.

One Goode Hall lodger has a three-foot alligator chum. As a precaution, residents lock their doors more frequently now.

In spite of friends' protests that chicken smells are not pleasing dormitory odors, another Goode inmate clucks in delight to two pet chickens.

In Clark Hall a semi-Persian cat and a canary live in the same room. Actually, the bird is a parakeet, but cats haven't been known to puzzle long about fowl pedigrees.

Flying Frogs Have Party

After a business meeting at TCU Wednesday night, the Flying Frogs went to the home of Dick Sanders, Fort Worth sophomore, for a Christmas party.

Troy A. Stimson, assistant professor of aviation, was presented an engraved cigaret lighter.

grees.

Another Clark room is a tropical fish aquarium. Room-mate of the fish-lover says he intends to house an ant colony in one of the empty fish tanks.

Unless some man develops a craving for goat's milk or adopts a chimpanzee, neighbors to the animal cages are not expected to raise serious objections to the trend toward animal husbandry.



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Women Rate Early Edge On Faculty

A tin drinking cup is the prize that will prompt the basketball battle between the faculty men and the Women's Sports Association, Jan. 8.

The faculty team will be defending its rights to possess the tin-cup trophy which it won from the WSA team last year.

Dr. Otto R. Nielsen, dean of the School of Education, will captain the faculty six-man team. Players, to represent the various University departments, will be announced on posters immediately after the Christmas holidays.

Basket sharpshooters for the coeds will be Misses Laine Nell Musch, McAllen freshman; Martha Enloe, Fort Worth senior; and Billie Sue Anderson, McKinney junior. Starting guards will include Misses Marilyn and Carolyn Rogers, Shreveport freshmen, and Miss Rena Reynolds, Killen junior.

The women will have a slight pregame edge on their masculine opponents. The rules of the National Section on Women's Athletics (which the coeds hope, will confuse the men quite thoroughly) will prevail.

Physical education teachers, Miss JuLaine Hale of Paschal High School and Miss Aggie Tally of Elder Junior High School, will referee the game.

Coaching and managing the women's team are WSA sponsors, Misses Maybelle Tinkle and Betty Padon.

The tif-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Field House. Admission is 25 cents per person, and 10 cents for children under 12.

Miss Billie Sue Anderson, vice-president, urges students to come and see their favorite professors display their skills at more than mere classroom dribbling.



Pretty Good for a Dean . . .

. . . is the flying layup executed with precision by Dr. Otto R. Nielsen, dean of the School of Education and captain of the faculty men's basketball team. Ready to catch the rebound or watch the ball swish through the basket, as the case may be, is Clifford E. Murphy, assistant professor of biology. The faculty men are working out for their big game with Women's Sports Association Jan. 8.

In Midwestern Finale

Swift Offense Faces Frogs

TCU cagers take on St. Louis University tomorrow night in St. Louis for the Frogs' Midwestern tour finale.

Coach Buster Brannon's towering squad will be confronted by a lightning-fast offense as the Christians make their fifth showing of the season.

The Frogs dropped a game to Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., Tuesday. The Bradley Braves blazed to a 89-76 victory to spoil the Purple warriors' two-game winning streak.

In the Bradley contest, the Frogs lost 6-7 Henry "Hank" Ohlen and 6-6 Ray "Shag" Warren on fouls in the third period. Ohlen managed to share TCU scoring honors through aggressiveness in the first three quarters. He matched Chuck Brown's 17 points.

The Christians managed only hits out of 91 shots.

Optimism rode high among TCU cagers before they left the three-game tour. The Frogs registered two triumphs in games to open the season's slate.

TCU knocked off Abilene Christian College, 65-55, last Friday night, exhibiting creamy smoothness in both offensive and defensive play. In this tangle, center Ohlen dominated play.

"Hank" equaled the entire rebound effort by snagging 25 attempts from the boards. Ohlen proved to be a hawk on offense, netting 27 points to top individual scoring.

The Frogs will return home after tomorrow's clash to take a short breather before they plunge into the Southwest Conference Tournament in Dallas Dec. 26.

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SPORTS SHRDLU

BY BUD SHRAKE

Richard Hugh Growald, an amateur wild man who used to draw cartoons for The Skiff when he wasn't stomping on the business manager, has come out with a new book of impressionistic drawings about winter sports.

It may be some time before the book is available for general distribution because Growald is having publisher trouble.

The drawings are all done in Growald's style, which gets a lot said with a few lines, and the text is written with erratic brilliance.

The foreward begins: "Christmas tinsel, Judge Crater said, 'is a shoddy thing. Quite transitory.' Shortly afterwards Crater vanished and the New York Rangers won the Stanley cup."

From there the book plunges into a fantasia of wierd hockey and basketball players with a light sprinkling of idiotic marshmallow roasters.

Growald's latest effort completes a trilogy. The first two books, which were not designed for publication, are named "How to Be an English Major" and "Grunwald Grist, Boy Pantheist."

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The TCU basketball team, as you may have noticed, is on a cosmopolitan tour designed to lend maturity and a worldly air to Byron Brannon's young men.

Judging from the first game they played here last week, the basketball team can use all that plus a few nips of adrenalin.

But, like that novel on the rack at the drug said, there's world enough and time.

A local reporter, who prefers to sulk behind a barrier of anonymity, picks the Frogs to finish no lower

than second in the conference this year.

A more cautious reporter just picks the Frogs to finish—this year.

★ ★ ★

And Don Matheson, a brash golfer who transferred to TCU from the University of Oklahoma, has a story to tell about the time the OU swingers competed in a tournament at Broadmoor, Colorado.

"We played in a blizzard," Matheson shouted. "The wind swept down from whatever those mountains are up there and we froze to death."

"It started snowing on the sixth hole and by the time we reached the 12th my caddy was frozen solid and I had to carry him back to the clubhouse.

"You had to kick the ice off your cleats before you could hit a shot. On No. 16 the snow was about three inches deep and I had a 20 foot putt.

"I knocked it up to the hole and it stopped on top of the cup. I had to take my putter and beat it into the hole, which was filled with snow."

Women Exes to Meet

Officers and committee chairmen of the TCU Women Exes will meet Jan. 10 to discuss spring plans and projects for making money, Mrs. A. L. Strother, president, announced.

Coeds Collide In Hot Fight On Gym Court

Women's Sports Association volleyball championship will be decided Jan. 6 when Business and Professional Women and Foster No. 1 meet for the title match.

The Foster Hall team dealt the business coeds their first defeat in a withering 72 to 12 outcome in the Gymnasium Tuesday night.

Miss Cherry Hatten, Fort Worth freshman, won the table tennis title by defeating Miss Carolyn Rogers, Shreveport, La., freshman in a two-of-three game series.

Vols to Test Steer T In Cotton Bowl Thriller

The 1953 Cotton Bowl classic will pit the potent split-T of the Texas Longhorns against the equally power-laden Tennessee Vols' single wing.

Two officials from the Southeastern Conference and two from the Southwest Conference will govern the game.

Presentation of the Cotton Bowl queen, Tennessee queen and the Southwest Conference princesses will start pre-game activities. High school bands from over Texas will play after the presentation.

Game time will be 1 p.m. and the National Broadcasting Company will air the contest.

Wogs Unveil Power Tonight

Freshman basketball mentor Bruce Craig will unveil TCU's first year men at 8 p.m. today, when the Wogs take on the Carswell Bombers at Carswell Air Force Base.

Local roundball talent dominates the 13-man roster. Paschal, Poly, and Arlington Heights each have two graduates on the squad.

Forward E. E. Carlton and pivot man Bob Wilson represent Paschal and are both due to see much action.

Poly's all state Bill Estill

will be at one guard spot with team-mate Don Leaman at the other.

John Grimes, center, and guard Lewis Gillespie make up the Arlington Heights twosome.

Guards Max Gentry, Gulfport, Miss., and Walt O'Roark, Shreveport, La., are the only out-of-state products on the team.

Bert Franks, forward of Dallas Sunset, is the only Big "D" man among the hopefuls.

Also due to play are forwards Don Sanford, Beaumont, (French), Teddy Maxwell, St. Jo, and guard Jim McCord of Corpus Christi (Ray).

Happy Jenkins, guard from Waxahachie, completes the small squad.

The young Christians will play host to the Baylor Cubs Jan. 10 at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium in an event before the TCU-Baylor varsity conference opener.

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How About a Compact, T-shirt or Stuffed Chihuahua?

Here Are Tips for That Last-Minute Gift, TCU Style

For brain-twisters on your Christmas shopping list try a new approach this year. Give presents with a TCU-touch.

You can pick up some last-minute gifts on and around the campus before you begin the trip home.

The Book Store has a variety of selections. For that little brother or sister, Horned Frog T-shirts with the date 19?? can fill the need for \$1 in sizes from 2 to 14.

The children on your list will probably give you a big hug if they find one of the stuffed animals in their packages. A chihuahua or a small droopy dog can be purchased for \$2.25, and \$3.50 can buy a dashund, black cocker, kangaroo, donkey, elephant or a large droopy dog.

Men's T-shirts with the purple school emblem come in small, medium or large for \$1.25.

Perhaps you'd like to drop a hint to the folks back home to write more often. Choose the always-appropriate box of stationery. You may select from 12 different kinds of engraved paper in appealing whites, creams, blues and pastels. Book Store boxes are priced at \$1.25 and \$1.35.

Two dollars will buy an attrac-

tive gift of a pen and pencil set in purple and white pearl finish. They may be purchased separately for \$1 each.

For the music lover on your list, you may buy "Saga of a Prairie School," by the TCU graduate Don Gillis. The album of three 12-inch records (78 rpm) may be purchased in the dean's office of the Fine Arts Building for \$5.

If you happen to be on the Drag, drop into some of the stores and you'll find presents to fit a number of your "musts" for Christmas.

For the man in your life, how about a cigarette lighter? They are available with the school seal or the fighting frog in prices from \$4.75 to \$10. A gold cigarette case decorated with a tiny University seal sells for \$7.50.

Key chains are a handy addition to any man's possessions. For about three dollars you can put a white or yellow gold one under his tree. Or if he likes to dress up, get him a fashionable-looking tie clasp. There is one with a purple map of Texas, jeweled to point out the location of TCU, for \$2.19.

Got an extra large fellow to buy a present for? Check him off with a TCU sweat-shirt in gray or white for

about \$3. Sizes range from small up to 44 which should be roomy enough for the largest male on your list.

White sweaters trimmed in froggie purple come in the turtle neck and v-neck styles for \$4.98. Tan or gray windbreakers for \$6.98 display a fuzzy TCU frog and come in sizes of small, medium and large.

And how about that girl back home? A compact would probably be "just what she wanted." One eye-catcher is heart-shaped in mother-of-pearl finish with a delicate seal in the center. You can buy that one for \$4.50, or others for \$2.50 to \$7.50.

If she's earwise as well as eye-wise, present her with a musical powder box priced at \$5.95. Just lift the life-sized horned frog on the top of the metallic purple box and strains of the Fight Song come floating out.

The key to her heart is a novel key-shaped pin priced at \$2. Scatter pins, popular with the coeds this season, are available in prices from \$1.98 to \$4.50.

More along the jewelry line are bracelets and earrings. Arm decorations come in chain, expansion and charm styles dangling everything from footballs to letters

spelling out TCU Horned Frogs. They are priced from \$2 to \$17.50.

Earrings sell for about \$2.50, and are seen in a variety of styles including engraved gold discs and purple fighting frogs.

Now let's decide on something for Aunt Minnie or Uncle John. And of course we can't forget Grandmother.

A white scarf accentuated with the purple insignia for about \$1.50 would make an appreciated gift. Or perhaps you would like to give a scrapbook or picture album; they are priced at \$2.49.

You are sure to get a hearty thanks for a set of TCU tumblers. The set of eight can be bought for \$1.95. Maybe someone on your list can use a purple suede utility bag. Small ones are priced at

\$3.95, and the large size, \$5.95.

A ceramic ashtray with a tiny purple frog climbing up the side is an excellent small gift for 49 cents. Why not buy up some extras in case you think of someone you have forgotten when the stores close-up on Christmas eve.

And don't put off that shopping 'til the last minute, or you are liable to find yourself with a red face on Christmas morn.

Dr. Huber to Address Club

Dr. Irene Huber, professor of German will speak to the Rotar Club at a luncheon Dec. 26. She will discuss "Pages from a Day of Swiss Life."

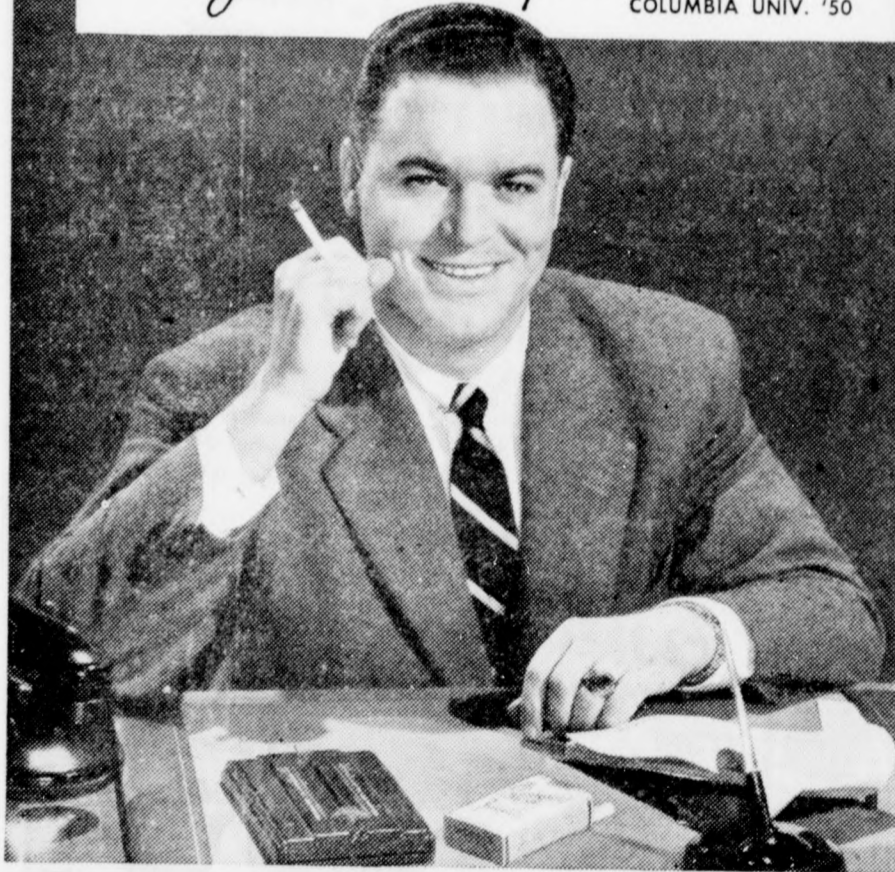
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