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New Field House 'Must Wait'



'This Parking Situation Is Terrible' . . .

. . . exclaims Ray Keith Monaghan, Wichita Falls senior. His car was among six damaged by the Field House fire. He usually parked near the structure because of crowded conditions elsewhere. Inspecting the car with Monaghan is Bill Frick, Fort Worth junior, whose car was totally ruined. (See story, p. 2.)

Monday's Fire Costs May Reach \$100,000

(See other stories, pictures, p. 2-5)

By HORACE CRAIG

TCU will have a new Field House, but it must wait its turn in the overall building program.

Opinion is that the disastrous fire which destroyed the old Field House Monday will have little effect on building program priorities.

President M. E. Sadler announced Wednesday that Library expansion and School of Business construction still are planned before erection of a new field house.

Trustee M. J. Neeley said funds for such a structure would have to come from "outside sources."

"It's a question of money," he said. "TCU doesn't have any."

Thousands of persons watched the spectacular, three-alarm fire that leveled TCU's colorful, though inadequate, Field House Monday night.

Two students were slightly injured by the \$100,000 fire.

Suffering first-degree burns were Edward Anderson, Fort Worth and Robert Clemmer, Nash, both sophomores.

They were injured while moving cars away from the searing heat which broke windows in nearby Tom Brown Hall and set fire to a neighboring barracks.

Commonly known as "The Barn," the Field House was of frame construction. The 27-year-old building was reduced to ashes in a matter of minutes.

Eleven fire engines answered the alarms. Some hoses were connected to hydrants three blocks away.

The first alarm was called in at 9:28 p.m. The fire was tapped out about three hours later. One fire company remained at the scene until 9 a.m. Tuesday as a precautionary measure.

Fire Marshall C. C. Killian located the point of origin on the northwest side of the building. "Any number of things could have started the fire," he said.

Killian set a preliminary

estimate of damage at \$75,000, but said the figure might go above \$100,000. Insurance coverage on the building amounts to only \$25,000, not including small amounts on a damaged bus and a destroyed jeep and tractor.

Amos Melton, director of Information Services, said replacement cost would probably run to \$200,000.

Vice-President D. Ray Lindley said the executive committee of the Board of Trustees will meet "immediately" to determine implications of the fire. Among other things, the committee must decide how soon a new, long-planned field house will be erected.

Plans were drawn up for a new building in 1948, but those plans now seem inadequate. Administration leaders hope for a building containing a swimming pool and bowling lanes. The proposed structure would have a seating capacity of 10,000.

Such a building would cost about \$2,000,000.

Meanwhile TCU's basketball team, "Brannon's Brats," are homeless. Plans are for them to work out at the new Fort Worth Public Schools Field House.

The freshman team will use various high school gymnasiums.

A basketball court in the Gymnasium is unfit for tournament practice because of its small size and non-regulation backboards.

The maintenance department will move into Barracks W.

Ralph Martiere Band to Play At Spring Formal, April 9

Ralph Martiere's Orchestra will play for the Spring Formal in the New Casino on April 9. Student Congress decided Monday.

In a motion passed by a voice vote, congressmen voted, with only one negative, to allow DeLair to sign a \$1500 contract with the band leader.

In answer to queries about the success of name bands on the campus, DeLair said he expected 650 couples to attend. "It's the weekend before the Easter holidays," he explained, "and we expect almost everyone to be on the campus."

Russ Morgan, who played for the Freshman Prom in 1951, cost \$1750 and the school lost more than \$1055.25 on the affair. Freshmen were admitted free if they wore their caps, however, and student leaders of that year accredited part of the loss to this. Skiff files reveal.

"We are in no way looking for a loss of more than \$250," said President Pat Whelan. "We are supposed to provide the students with entertainment and we are trying to do what we believe we should."

"We're getting the top col-

legiate band of the nation at a price \$600 lower than other schools in the area," remarked Dance Manager DeLair.

"Martiere has played at the Waldorf Astoria in New York," DeLair added, "and also The Blue Note in Chicago, and The Chase Hotel in St. Louis."

The contract had not been signed Wednesday, and Whelan reported that congress plans to decide on admission prices, decorations theme and other details after the agreement is completed.

Students Evacuate, Office Forces Stay

Most students welcome the holidays, which begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow, with thoughts of "resting up" before they have to tackle this business of final exams. Classes will resume at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Spring class schedules should be available the first week in January, the Registrar's Office said. Time for pre-counseling has been set for Jan. 5-8.

Then there will be a lapse of ten days before social activities come to a standstill for "dead week."

Examinations will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25 and run through Friday, Jan. 29.

Returning students will register for the Spring semester Feb. 1-3, and new students will register the afternoon of the 3rd.

All Administrative offices, the Fine Arts Library, Mary

Couts Burnett, Library, the Bookstore and the Post Office will remain open during the holidays except for Christmas day; Saturday, Dec. 26; New Year's day and Saturday, Jan. 2.

The Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the week and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The Evening College Office opened advanced registration Wednesday for Evening College students only.

First student-employee time slips for next year are due in the Business Office two weeks after classes resume.

The Infirmary will close Sunday and re-open about noon Sunday, Jan. 3, Mrs. Lucille Steers, Infirmary nurse said. The few patients now in the

(See HOLIDAYS, p. 3)



-Skiff Photo by GEORGE SMITH.

Only Ashes Remain . . .

. . . of what was once the Field House. The ramshackle building was 27 years old—drafty, creaky and rough. It was the scene of much campus social activity and was called "The Barn." The TCU landmark was destroyed by a \$100,000 fire Monday night.

New Bids Being Taken For Lighting Courts

New bids are being taken for construction of tennis court lights. President Pat Whelan told Student Congress Monday. The project has been narrowed, he said, by excluding lights for the softball diamond.

The report was given in connection with a statement by Treasurer Betty Jean Smith that the permanent improvement fund contained \$1,833.53, of which \$1,000 is delegated to the tennis court lights project. A total of \$606.88 remains in the general fund, and after all outstanding bills are paid, Whelan expects a \$200 surplus for the fall semester.

An authorized person also is needed to supervise use of

the courts and lights, Whelan added.

The project, started by the 1952-53 Congress, was almost dropped over the summer vacation. Skiff files show, because of the "excessive cost." Administration officials are now seeking ways of paring installation bills, but say they are determined to have permanent fixtures put in.

C of C Carries Food to Needy

Members of the TCU Chamber of Commerce will deliver boxes of food to the needy today. Bill Perryman, Nocona sophomore, announced.

Fifty clubs received letters last week asking for food contributions for a list of needy persons secured from the Fort Worth Press and the county welfare office.

Prof. Agee to Attend Seminar Next Month

Prof. Warren K. Agee, chairman of the department of journalism, will attend the fifth semi-annual seminar on newspaper problems sponsored by the Texas Daily Newspaper Association.

The meeting will be held in the new School of Journalism building on the University of Texas campus Jan. 11-13.

Debate Series To Be Presented

The function of a university in the "present age of crisis" will be the first topic in a series of debate programs sponsored by Alpha Chi beginning Jan. 12 in Weatherly Hall.

Dr. Robert E. Robertson, assistant professor of philosophy; Dr. Willis G. Hewatt, professor of biology; and a third speaker will present views and debate them.


Dr. Merrill Rippy, associate professor of history, will be moderator.

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Freshman Finds Lost and Found Sorta 'Phoney'

It probably hasn't occurred to Miss Pauline Jones, TCU's telephone switchboard operator, but she is lost.

At least Fred Herren, Childress freshman, thought so after reading a notice recently issued from Mr. Firkins office: "A pair of glasses were found on campus recently," the typed notification read, "and were put in the APO lost and found with the TCU telephone operator."

Field House Flames Cook Cars As Brave Boys Burn In Rescue

"My car probably looks better now than it did before the fire."

So quipped Billy Frick, Fort Worth junior, looking at his '40 Ford damaged in the Field House blaze.

Others were not quite so gay. At least six boys suffered heavy car losses as heat melted and charred their cars parked behind the Field House.

When flames were first sighted, several dormitory men raced to remove endangered autos in spite of heat and smoke.

However, flames did their damage. Frick's car was described by him as a "total wreck"—with all windows broken and the paint burned completely off.

A blue Dodge, owned by Eugene Raleigh, Fort Worth senior, will require some real work to bring its appearance back to normal. Broken windows, blistered paint, a crack-

ed windshield, a charred inner roof, ruined upholstery and a dashboard now in need of refinishing, shows the car wasn't moved in time to escape the fire's intensity.

John Nickens, Sikeston, Mo., junior, was attempting to get into Raleigh's locked car in order to move it, cut his hand, thought not severely, on broken window glass.

Ray Keith Monaghan, Wichita Falls senior, owner of a '51 white Chevrolet, managed to get his car moved before damages reached beyond blistered paint on the roof and side of his car. His insurance will cover repairs.

Cars belonging to Edward Anderson, Fort Worth sophomore, Don Easterling, Pine Bluff, Ark., junior, and Rusty McCulloch, Aransas Pass jun-

1,200 See 'Millionaires' As Festival Continues

Approximately 1,200 persons attended the Little Theatre production, "The Millionaires," according to Dr. Walther Volbach, director.

"Attendance at all Fine Arts Festival events has been extremely good," said Dr. Michael Winesanker, festival chairman.

The extended festival will continue through March.

'Cup of Fury' Is Cast

Cast members for "Cup of Fury," next Little Theatre production, were announced this week.

Scheduled to begin Feb. 19, the George Savage drama, for technical reasons, changed places with "Charley's Aunt," originally scheduled for February.

The leading role of Cecily will be played by Diane McMurray, Decatur freshman.

"Outwardly Cecily is a perfect picture of gentility," said

S. Walker James, director, "but inwardly she will stop at nothing to maintain her dominance over her family."

Other members of the cast are: Miss Carol Andrews, Joan; Jerry Wallace, Dave; Miss Jackie Hicks, Christine; David Combs, Warren; Edmund De Latte, Roger; Miss Marilyn Walker, Martha; Miss Lois Ewalt, Rachel; Harry Lee, Charles; Miss Hilda Cohen, Grace; Miss Marci Martin, Caryl; and Bob Long, James.

Miss Sylvia Bokor is stage manager.

"We were glad to see so many here for tryouts," added Mr. James. "De Latte, Lee, Long and Miss Ewalt are from other departments."

\$1,000 Is Given To Ridings Fund

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Prescott of California have presented the department of journalism a gift of \$1,000.

Mrs. Prescott is the former Miss Helen Verheyden, B. A. '41 in journalism.

The gift was to be applied on a J. Willard Ridings Memorial Journalism exes hope the memorial will be in the form of a printing plant on the campus.

TCU's famous Ranch Week began in 1939. This year's celebration in March will mark the 15th anniversary of the event.

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Holidays to Begin Tomorrow

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Infirmary are expected to be fully recovered by the time the recess begins, she said.
The switchboard will remain open all through the holidays including Christmas day.
Waits, Foster, Goode and Jarvis Halls will close their doors Sunday and re-open early Sunday, Jan. 3. Clark and Tom Brown Halls and the Barracks will remain open for men students who will be on the campus over the holidays.
Christmas convocation was held at 10 a.m. today.
Students and professors will change everyday routines for holiday travels, jobs, hunting, visiting and resting until classes resume.
Bill Howerton, Abilene sophomore, is planning to spend Christmas in Monterrey, Mex-

ico, with his family and then go deer hunting on his London lease.
Harry Bellardini, Cortland, N. Y., sophomore, has a job delivering mail in Cortland.
Miss Nancy Miller, Fort Worth junior, will address wedding invitations. She is to become Mrs. Frank Goessling at a ceremony in Robert Carr Chapel in February.
Frank LaRue, Athens junior, will hunt in Arkansas.
Miss Rosemary Weipert, Fort Worth freshman, will divide her time between working in the Dean of Men's office and resting at home.
Morgan Williams, Fort Worth senior, will leave Sunday for San Francisco to begin work-outs for the East-West Shrine football game Jan. 2.
Going to the valley for the

holidays and maybe for a visit with her aunt in Mexico will be Miss Nell Estes, Athens junior.
A flying trip to Kansas City to visit relatives will be taken by Francis Flory, Dallas senior.
George Petrovitch, Galveston junior, will enjoy Galveston social life during the Christmas recess.
"Only ten more days and I'll be married," replied Miss Rosemary Evans, Austin, Minn. senior, when asked what her holiday plans were.
Dean Jerome Moore, of the College of Arts and Sciences, will work on school catalogs during the vacation period.
A holiday haberdasher will be Roy Cummins, Bellaire freshman, as he works in his father's clothing store in Houston.
"I'm going home to hunt, fish, eat and sleep," said E. A. "Frog" Kennedy, Chillicothe senior.
Thomas Grant, Niagra Falls, N. Y., freshman, will diligently carry mail for the Post Office.
"Guess I'll go up and see my new home," Clarence King said, after he received a letter from his folks telling him his home is now Waverly, Ohio, instead of Kentucky.
Sonny Burt, Waco junior, plans to work in a clothing store in Waco.
It looks like students won't have much trouble finding something, or nothing, to do until the new year.

Students Will Attend Cotton Bowl Events

Five TCU students will officially attend festivities and meetings in connection with the Cotton Bowl football game, Jan. 1. Rice Institute, Southwest Conference champions will open play at 2 p.m. against the University of Alabama.
Miss Peggy Dyché, TCU Sweetheart, will represent the school at the annual New Year's Eve dance to be held in the SMU Student Union Building at 9 p.m. Dec. 31. Norman Voyksdorf, Paris junior, will be her escort.

All students of Southwest Conference schools and the University of Alabama have been invited to attend.
Music will be provided by an aggregation of SMU students, "The Cell Block Seven," and other collegiate talent will be featured in the floor show.
Marshall Harris, Leland, Fla., senior, Ellis Amburn, Fort Worth senior, and Pat Whelan, Milwaukee, Wis., senior, will attend a sportsmanship meeting in conjunction with the gathering of the Southwest Conference schools.

Prof. Fowler To Get Ph.D.

George P. Fowler, assistant professor of religion, has received formal announcement of his acceptance to the doctorate ranks. He will receive his Ph.D. at the Yale University commencement exercises June 7.
An expert in the field of languages in which the Bible was written, Mr. Fowler wrote his dissertation on the meaning of the word, "Torah," in the prophetic books of the Old Testament.
Mr. Fowler's doctorate will bring the number of Ph.D. de-

grees on the TCU staff above the 60 mark. Some 20 other faculty members are now working toward their doctorates.
Mr. Fowler took his B.S.L. degree from Butler and his B.D. from Vanderbilt. He has been at TCU since 1947 after doing residence work on his Ph.D. at Yale from 1943-46.

"I Go Pogo" buttons were in style last fall as cartoonist Walt Kelly spoke to a furl house in the Little Theatre. "Ike" won.

Dr. Polk to Be Guide For European Journey

Dr. Estus C. Polk, associate professor of English, has been chosen to lead TCU's "Literary Pilgrimage to Europe" next summer.

The itinerary includes England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France.

Students may obtain six hours credit on the trip for English 347b, "The Victorian Poets," and English 349, "the English Romantic Poets."
Total estimated expense of the tour is \$1,100.
The group will sail from New York June 28 for the nine-week trip. Enrollment is limited to 25.
For further information, interested students should contact Dr. Polk in his office, Room 327, Administration Building.

Firkins Taking Loan Payments

Debts to the Student Congress loan fund should be paid in Dean C. J. Firkins' office on the first floor of the Administration Building. Miss Peggy Dyché, welfare committee chairman, said.
Four more persons paid their loans this week, leaving 27 students still on the campus who owe money to the fund, she reported.
Collection letters are still being sent to ex-students who have not paid their loans.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Library expansion and a School of Business Building, top items in the University's long-range building program, will not be sidetracked in favor of a new field house, Dr. M. E. Sadler said this week.

Cool Head After Fire

"If funds are not available from additional sources for the field house," the president said, "we shall have to make some other plans for our basketball until these other buildings which are so desperately needed in our academic work are constructed."

President Sadler, who for the past 13 years has poured all of his energy into building a better University, weighed the objectives and purposes of our institution against the need for a building to replace a fire-razed "Barn."

We must agree with the president's conclusion:

"We should not lose sight of the fact that we are primarily an educational institution."

Because we are an educational institution, Library expansion, a School of Business Building and permanent structures for housing departments now in the temporary "shacks" must take priority over a costly field house.

Everyone, President Sadler included, would welcome funds from an outside source for building a field house. Amos Melton, director of Information Services, says the plant the University needs—area that would seat 8,000—would cost approximately \$2,000,000.

But until a gift horse comes along, we had better concentrate on other needs.

The first need is that of more room in cramped Mary Coats Burnett Library. When Amon G. Carter Foundation handed TCU the rare Lewis Collection last month, there was no place to put the 1,500 volumes.

A valuable library of law books, too bulky for the bulging Library, is stored at the Stadium. And other gift books and periodicals are stacked in one of the old temporary classroom buildings.

The School of Business, which had a 27 per cent increase in enrollment this semester, is outgrowing its elongated frame building. If its present "Splinter Village" building were to burn, the University would lose thousands of dollars of valuable equipment and faculty members would lose their professional libraries and research materials.

Other departments—ballet, journalism, engineering, and economics—are also housed in buildings students jokingly but accurately term "shacks."

Fifty men live in the barracks. Another men's dormitory is already in the University long-range development plan.

TCU needs a field house, "desperately," the president said Wednesday. But other needs—Library expansion, School of Business Building, permanent housing for all departments and another dormitory—are as great or greater.

'Do Unto Others . . .'

Amid students who vigorously shopped, decorated and partied this week were some who prepared for Christmas in another way. They tried to do something for unfortunate people.

Club members and womens dormitory residents have been at the heart of charitable activities here.

The Chamber of Commerce has made up and collected boxes of food from other clubs. These boxes will be distributed today to needy families in Fort Worth.

Sunday the women's dormitories held their annual "white gifts" program. Women brought gifts for the Juliet Fowler Foundation in Dallas.

And one group of dormitory women took toys and refreshments to a children's ward in City-County Hospital.

These and other students have helped make TCU's Christmas really big. As important to the Christmas season as merry-making is the creative pause during which students do things to make other people happy too.

We Abstain

One congressman said "no" and several abstained Monday when Student Congress voted to allow Dance Manager LeRoy DeLair to sign a \$1500 contract with Band Leader Ralph Martiere for the Spring Formal.

We join the legislators who abstained in the voice vote. Before we agree or disagree with the congressional decision to hire another "name" band, we want to "think it over."

If congress has discovered some way to coax students out to the Casino, the dance will be a huge success. If the usual 400 or 500 dancers attend the Spring Formal, congress will use up a large amount of its useable funds for the benefit of only about one-fifth of the student body.

If Martiere's name is really well known to students, the short deliberation before Monday's vote was long enough and the resulting instructions to DeLair were wise. If students decide a down payment on a new Easter suit sounds better than an evening of Martiere music, congress acted hastily.

There are too many "if's" for a quick appraisal of Monday's action. We abstain until more facts are on the table.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"When he hands back your term paper—watch out for the mistletoe!"

the purple pulse

"What do you think was the most important world event in 1953?"

Three students and one faculty member were asked this question this week and answers ranged from the tidelands of Texas to the death of Stalin.

March Coffield, Alpine junior, replied:

"I think Stalin's death was the most important event. I thought it brought about a change in Russian foreign policy, temporarily at least. It seemed at first they were more favorable to American foreign policy, and suggestions.

"I think Stalin had a tighter rein on the Russian government and people than Malenkov. I think Malenkov is less experienced in foreign policy because he has not been out of Russia and has never met with foreign leaders. I also think he has less influence as a leader than Stalin had."

Miss Ellen Rotsch, Austin sophomore, answered:

"I think the return of the tidelands to Texas was an important event. Since the money coming from off-shore oil helps support the Texas public school system, I think we should all be vitally interested. I also think this starts a trend toward more states' rights.

"I believe the tidelands oil belongs to Texas as much as the natural resources of any other state, timber for example. I think other states were selfish in contesting this right."

Lewis Gillis, band director, said: "I believe the Korean Armistice was the most important news event.

Letter

To the Students:

We want to take this opportunity to extend to you our very sincere wishes for a truly merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

In these, our greatest hours, when the hopes and dreams of all mankind everywhere in the world stand teetering on that treacherous bridge between total destruction or the establishing of a better way of life, we, too, shall pray that this Christmas shall bring to all of us, and to our fellow man, a greater mean-



It was a war being fought which not very many people knew was being fought for. It was a strange war. I am thankful that we can have hopes of spending this Christmas without having our boys overseas being shot at."

Miss Betty Jane Harsh, Galena Park senior commented:

"I think Stalin's death was most important on the world scene. I feel that it weakened Russia because it was a surprise to the common people of that country. They felt let down and didn't know where to turn.

"I believe Malenkov has less power over the Russian people than Stalin had. I think this will affect the world by putting off a possible war. I don't think the Russian government is stable enough now to wage a war."



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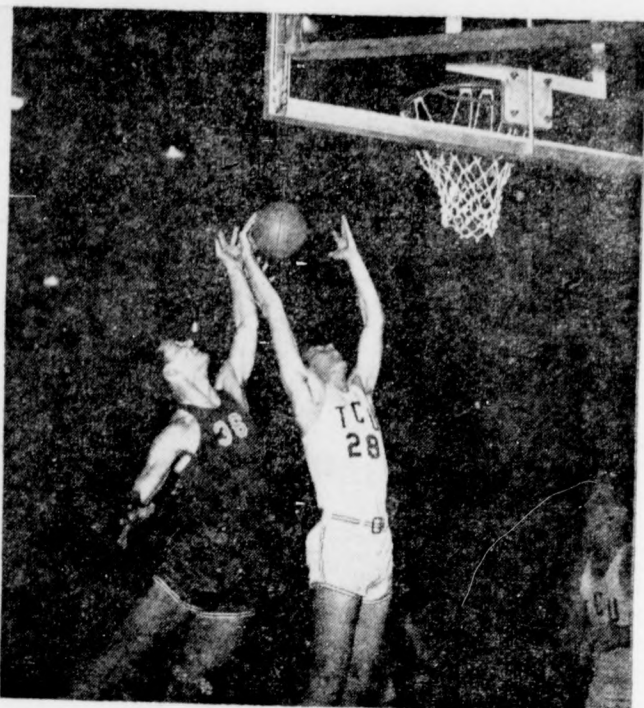
ing, a chasmic insight of peace on earth, good will toward man that we have never known before.

We shall strive that men cease to hate men, that men begin to love. For without love there could be no God or Christmas.

Your Council shall, with your support and with the help of a greater Being, move forward and strive to achieve that important goal in the years to come.

Merry Christmas, friend, and happy New Year!

Roger Ansley McInnes
For the Evening College Student Council



'Barn' Was Scene Of Varied Events

By TED JACKSON

In less than 40 minutes, Monday night the Field House, scene of some of the most storied campus activities over a quarter of a century, was destroyed.

Many said there would be much joy and jubilation the day the old ugly building, constructed in 1926, met its inevitable fate.

Senior classes in the past have jokingly said that the coming down of the Field House would be their gift to the University.

But an air of nostalgia seemed to drift over the scene as the rapacious flames spent their destructive force. Students of yore and yesteryear may recall with fondness the Howdy Week activities unreel in the 'Barn' and the glitter of the Howdy Week carnivals of 1950 through 1953.

They will remember the spirit which shook the rafters of the drafty structure during pep rallies and election rallies held there through 1950.

Other activities in the sagging building included intramural open houses, ROTC drills during bad weather, the Freshmen Proms of 1949 and '50, university basketball teams playing their non-conference basketball games in the Barn and the conference games were played

there until 1949. They have been played at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum since then.

The bi-district basketball playoffs between Fort Worth Polytechnic and Dallas' Sunset found their setting in the Field House.

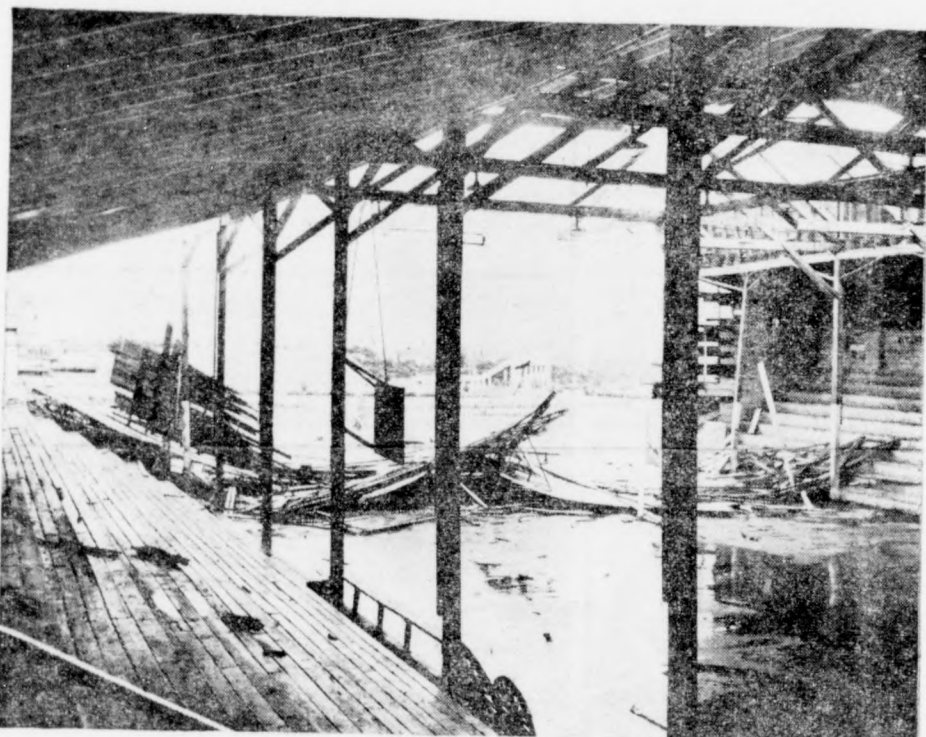
Nature made its first attempt at destruction of the venerable building during the summer of 1951 when a wind storm blew out the west end. It was repaired at a cost of \$7,000.

During its unappreciated life the Field House was never photographed individually for publication in the Horned Frog or The Skiff because of its shameful appearance.

With its remains, a heap of rubble, ashes and smoke-smear-ed earth, the only permanent records of the old Barn are the indelible memories imprinted in the minds of students and faculty members who have frequented the TCU campus for the past quarter century.

Politicians and Athletes . . .

. . . got in licks in the drafty "Barn," as Bill Hamilton (left), Fort Worth graduate student, spoke to students at an election rally in his campaign for student body president in 1949 (he won). The Wogs (right) show how TCU athletes made use of the Field House in a 1951 game. All home non-conference games and all Wog games were played in the structure.



-Skiff Photo by JIMMY PASCHAL.

Summer Storm . . .

. . . in 1951 blew out the west end of the Field House. Repair costs were \$7,000.

No Fiddlers Handy When 'Barn' Burned

Some students cheered as the Field House walls wilted to the ground during Monday's disastrous fire. Not so Harold Rose, Temple senior.

"I had a full scholarship just keeping it clean," he moaned.

C. B. Redwine, long-time TCU employe, lost a collection of tools that he valued as a book collector might value his first editions.

Among the \$25,000 worth of destroyed equipment was all of Redwine's collection, which he had been accumulating since coming to TCU 35 years ago.

Louis (C o w b o y) Monroe wailed at his misfortune as he vented about his work Tuesday picking up paper with a pointed stick.

"Everybody's tools were burned but mine," he said. "I hid my sack and stick in Goode Hall."

Men of Barracks Z, the Shamrock, took up a collection to purchase new dominoes for The Dutchman's Luncheon Club, a group of faculty members who have played domino games daily since the Field House was constructed 26 years

"The move restored one of TCU's oldest social institutions," commented Dean of Men C. J. Firkins.

"Look," one person cried at the height of the fire. "Congress finally got the tennis courts lighted."

"Hurrah!" yelled Dick Powers, resident of Barracks Z. "At last we've got heat in the barracks."

Two men who aided in fighting the fire were presented awards by men of Barracks Y, the "Casbah."

Cited for bravery were Robert Clemmer and Bob Bradbury. Bradbury received the "Royal Casbahite Medal" for "risking his life." Clemmer, who was slightly injured by the fire, received the "Purple Casbahite Heart."

"Those fine arts majors are never around when you need them," one spectator grumbled. "What we need now is someone with a fiddle."

At the scene of the fire Jim Croslin, Fort Worth junior said, "It's the biggest crowd the Field House has ever drawn."



-Skiff Photo by GEORGE SMITH.

Back in Business . . .

. . . the Field House became the center of activity during Howdy Week festivities and many similar events, as shown in the above photograph, taken at this year's Howdy Week dance.

Unbeaten Thursday Vigilantes Win Intramural Grid Crown



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Touchdown-Saver . . .

. . . was Vigilante Al Paschal's end-zone interception of a Do-Righter pass, tossed by Charles Quick. The intended receiver, end John White, successful grab. Vigilante Pat Whelan backs up Paschal, while Do-Righter Tommy Gordon rushes to White's aid.

The No. 2 Vigilantes, showing power through the air and on the ground, rolled over the Do-Right Boys Monday afternoon, 19-7, and became the intramural football champions of 1953.

Moving smoothly on the passing of Alfred Paschal and the running of Pat Henderson and Mickey Bozarth, the Vigilantes came from a one-point, 7-6 deficit in the last quarter to win the contest.

This threesome has led the Vigilantes to an undefeated season.

A hard-charging Do-Right forward wall hampered Paschal's passing all afternoon, and it was not until the fourth quarter that the problem was solved.

Max Aldredge set up the first Vigilante touchdown, intercepting a Do-Right pass. Paschal flipped to Henderson for the touchdown, but the same combination failed on the extra point try.

There was no more scoring until early in the fourth period when Charles Quick passed to Bill Hall for a Do-Right score. John White, the intramural scoring leader with 107 points, booted the extra point and gave his team a temporary one point lead, 7-6.

The Vigilantes' last two touchdowns came during the final six minutes of the game. Paschal passed 22 yards to Bozarth for one and ran the other over from the 20.

Alvis Starr and LeRoy De-

Lair were defensive stars for the Vigilantes. Quick and Clarence shone offensively for the Righters.

Printer Given Four Of Horned Frog

The Horned Frog annual has turned 91 pages over to the printer, Jim editor, announced this. This represents one for the total amount of copy. Next deadline for the is Jan. 15.

Women Bowlers Needed In Club

It seems that bowling leagues, like men, can't get along without women.

"We need many more women for the TCU Bowling Club," explained Secretary Mickey Rose.

Regular competition will begin the first Monday and Wednesday after the holidays. Seventy-two students have expressed interest in playing, said Rose.

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Frogs, ACC Collide

The Frogs' touring basketball team returned home yesterday to find themselves not only homeless after the Utah trip, but also "homeless" on the Hill. Monday night's Field House left the squad with both a problem of finding a workable place for the remainder of the year and a court for tonight's game with Abilene Christian and Wednesday's game with Howard Payne. Athletic Director L. R. (Shag) Meyer met with Herb Clark, athletic director of Worth public schools, today morning to discuss the

problem. Meyer said, there are no high school games scheduled either tonight or Wednesday night, so the Purple basketball team will play ACC at 7:30 today in the new Fort Worth Public Schools' Field House.

Howard Payne game also will be played there. Meyer said all Frog workouts also will be held at the Public Schools' field house. The structure is located just east of Farrington Field facing Easter St.

Purple men were treated roughly on the Utah tour. Friday night in Provo, Brigham Young crew slip by, 59-48. Henry Ohlen, Frog star on the trip, dropped 26. Bill Estill, reserve, scored nine. He filled in for Buddy Brumley, who had an injured back during the game.

Monday Brigham Young stripped up the Christians. Ohlen made 33 that time. Today the Frogs traveled to Lake City to fight with the University of Utah, and shipped, 72-55. The Purple

ple battlers led almost all the way, but a terrific fourth quarter offensive spurt by Utah and some close guarding of the Frogs' point making machine, Ohlen, cinched the victory for the Utes.

A return engagement is planned for Jan. 25 in Abilene. Even though the Christians have lost five straight games, things are looking up just a bit. It won't be long before Ray (Shag) Warren will be ready for duty again. When Warren's right index finger heals, the Frogs will be at least 10 or 15 points stronger.

After the Howard Payne encounter, next on the Frog ball-bouncers' agenda will be the Southwest Conference Tourney at Houston Jan. 28-30.

SMU won the tourney last year.

Strong Poly Methodist Meets Frosh Tonight

TCU's Wogs and Poly Methodist's cagers will tip off at 6 p.m. today for the first Purple game in the shiny new Fort Worth Public School Field House near Farrington Field.

The freshman game will precede a varsity encounter with Abilene Christian College. Both

games had been scheduled for the extinct "Barn."

Poly Methodist, winner of a city church tournament Monday, is expected to provide strong opposition for Coach Bruce Craig's "loaded" Wogs. The first-year men stomped Ranger Junior College Dec. 1, 87-54, in their first game.

Craig probably will start a lineup of Richard O'Neal, center; Johnny Betts and Delbert Tucker, forwards; and Jim O'Bannon and Jim McCullough, guards. James Swink may break in at a guard post, however.

The Wogs' first encounter after the holidays will be against Tyler Junior College Jan. 5, before the varsity's conference clash with Texas.

As Timbers Crackle, Frog Coaches Cackle

"All I need to do now is cackle the wrong train home," lamented Coach Buster Brannon, ulcers twitching from a five-game losing streak, as he learned of TCU's Great Field House Fire.

Brannon was contacted in Salt Lake City by a Star-Telegram reporter.

The fire was as much a topic of conversation among sports "brass" as the Purple's downhill trend.

Athletic Director "Dutch" Meyer cracked:

"Now we can economize by firing two basketball coaches."

Then he added, thoughtfully, "And maybe an athletic director, too."

Tom Prouse, director of intramural athletics, came into the Gymnasium holding a shapeless glob of blackened glass, and tossed it to freshman basketball coach Bruce Craig.

"That," he said, "is a sample of what is left of two glass backboards."

Craig turned the remains of a Field House over in his hands and commented:

"You know, you can cuss the old Barn, but you kind of miss it when it's gone."

Blaze Largest Since 1910 Disaster

The fire which destroyed the Field House Monday night was the second one of such proportion in TCU's history.

According to L. W. Ramsey, buildings and grounds director, it was the only one of any consequence since the main building burned in 1910, when the school was still at Waco.

After that fire, interested Fort Worth residents offered the University money and grounds if it would rebuild here, and the offer was accepted.

"Since that time and up until Friday night we hadn't had any large fires," said Mr. Ram-

sey. "Unless you want to count those in the men's dormitories which are set by students who pile brush up in front of each other's doors and then light it."

Handball Intramurals Will Begin in January

Intramural handball activity will begin the first week after the Christmas holidays. Pat Whelan, student intramural director, has announced.

Both singles and doubles will be held. Anyone interested should sign up at the Gymnasium.

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Seven cases of dynamite were necessary to remove a two-foot layer of rock that halted Student Center construction this week.

Bulldozers and a dragline were unable to dent the stubborn limestone shelf in a basement excavation. More than 100 charges of dynamite were used

to blast the rock into workable chunks.

Confident that this was the last major obstacle, E. E. Strahan, construction foreman, says he will begin pouring basement concrete in about two weeks.

"They just have a few feet more to dig out," he said, "but I'm afraid to go look."

The lower Quadrangle has been pressed into service as a dirt fill storage area. On completion of foundations, the dirt will be used to fill under the Student Center's first floor.

Large concrete conduits are being installed to carry air conditioning to the building.

Chest Drive March 1-7

The 1954 Campus Chest drive has been set for the first week in March, Jimmy Suggs, co-chairman, announced.

The Campus Chest committee, to be organized in January, will include representatives from organizations which desire to participate. The goal for this year and the beneficiaries are undecided.

Beneficiaries last year were the Gonzales Polio Foundation, World Student Service Fund and Aristides Charalampous, student from Aeyjos, Greece. Each year the Chest drive contributes to the education of a foreign student.

Miss Peggy Dyche, Fort Stockton senior, is co-chairman with Suggs.

Dr. Huber to Speak

Dr. Irene Huber, professor of German, will speak to the Torch Club of Fort Worth at the YWCA at 6:30 p.m. today. S. W. Hutton, register, is secretary.

New Scholarship Will Be Offered

A new Ford scholarship to study the Soviet or East European situation is now being offered to graduating college students, Dr. T. F. Richardson, dean of students, announced. The scholarship, emphasizing

Experienced 'Balletomane' Smith Has Lead in Tonight's Ballet Finale

By MARTHA LOGAN

A danseur of considerable technical skill and experience is one of the outstanding features of this year's fine arts ballet.

Raymond Smith, Fort Worth sophomore, portrays Ralph, the young lover, in "H. M. S. Pinafore," a percussion instrument in "Theme and Variations" and is a member of the "Pas de Six."

The last performance of the ballet will be at 8:15 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from ballet students.

Smith, whose mother also was a dancer and choreographer, has taught at the Reeder Children's School. He taught both ballet and fencing.

"I'm taking business courses, because dancers don't get paid too much," the agile artist

said, "but, of course, I really want to dance."

Having done choreography for his mother's dancing school and the Reeder School, Raymond was well equipped to collaborate with Miss Gloria Martin, Ennis junior, on dances for the recent student musical.

Some of his roles at TCU include Lancelot in "Francesca da Rimini," the prince in "L'Amour Versus D'Or," and the S. P. in "Shore Leave."

The young "balletomane" executes various beats with brilliance and precision and displays good elevation.

Most of the cast for the ballet are Preparatory Workshop students. For the first time this year, TCU also has

a group of students majoring in ballet.

Tonight's performance present one classic offering, "Pas de Six," and two new performances. Tickets are cents for students and \$1.00 for non-students.

The unusual costumes of this year's productions are Mrs. W. E. Allen.

Dwyer Will Represent TCU Club at Meeting

Tom Verne Dwyer, Fort Worth junior, will act as spokesman of the Rodeo Association group from TCU attending National Intercollegiate Association convention.

The annual meeting will be held in Fort Worth Dec. 29 at the Worth Hotel.

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