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WE'RE SWC 'BEST SPORTS'

The Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy, presented to TCU last Friday for the first time in school history, was locked up in the Student Congress office this week.

President Pat Whelan, who accepted the trophy during half-time activities at the Cotton Bowl, reported that present awards cases are already full and no appropriate place can be found to exhibit the new cup.

TCU retains possession of the trophy until next year, and will be given a permanent plaque for exhibition after that.

Southern Methodist University was voted into second place; Rice, third; Arkansas, fourth; Texas, fifth; A&M, sixth; and Baylor, seventh.

Voting is done during December and the ballots of 66 persons decide the recipient of the trophy. Voters include newspaper sports-writers from the home towns of the conference schools; Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the conference; 14 officials; and four students and a faculty member from each of the seven Southwest Conference Schools.

Representatives from TCU were Whelan, student body president;

Ellis Amburn, editor of the student newspaper; March Coffield, head cheerleader; Marshall Harris, athletic representative; and Dr. Thomas F. Richardson, faculty representative.

The group also discussed such subjects as sportsmanship at basketball games during the Sportsmanship Committee meetings in Dallas, Whelan said.

The group's next meeting will be at Baylor University in Waco May 14 and 15. Following the procedure adopted at the last meeting for alphabetical chairmanship assignments, Arkansas will be chairman school.

Since its presentation to the con-

ference in 1947-48 by the Battalion, Texas A&M's student newspaper, the trophy has been presented twice to SMU, twice to Rice, and once each to A&M and Arkansas.

Special recognition of sportsmanship exhibited by representatives of TCU will be given by the University of Arkansas when the two schools meet in basketball Feb. 13.

Whelan said he was informed of the action by Arkansas student body leaders during Sportsmanship Committee conferences in Dallas preceding the Cotton Bowl game last Friday.

TCU and Arkansas meet in Fort Worth Feb. 6, but the award is to be made in Fayetteville.



Skiffoto by George Smith

Has Anybody Seen That Trophy?

Three foot, two—almost new—it's first time here at TCU—and there's no place to exhibit the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy. Pat Whelan, student body president, and Miss Peggy Dyche, TCU sweetheart, who represented the school at Cotton Bowl activities, smile with pride and try to figure out a suitable place to exhibit the large trophy.

School's Function Is Topic

Public Invited To Symposium

"In the atomic era, what is the function of the university?" This question will be the topic of a symposium at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Weatherly Hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

The panel will include Dr. William J. Hammond, professor of history; Dr. Robert E. Robertson, assistant professor of philosophy; and Dr. Willis G. Hewatt, professor of biology. Dr. Merrill Rippey, associate professor of history, will moderate.

This is the first in a projected series of symposia sponsored by Alpha Chi.

"The purpose is to stimulate discussion between students and faculty members on topics of current interest to the thinking person," stated Dr. Louise Cowan, associate professor of English and Alpha Chi sponsor.

Each speaker will present his point of view in a 10-minute talk. A panel discussion and questions from the floor will follow.

Some questions that may be discussed are:

Must survival rather than right ethical values be our aim? What value can the study of literature and philosophy be to a society in crisis? Is the university to be a tool of the state, or must it have its own autonomy?

Can we afford the luxury of a classical education in an age of specialization?

Should the university be as much like life as possible, or should it attempt to create an artificial four-year period of peace in which the student can experiment?

These questions should bring out two schools of thought: Whether the university should offer a "liberal" education, one that is not limited to specific use, or a "practical" course of study, one that can be applied to the immediate functions of living.

Coffee will be served by Alpha Chi.

Equipment On Order

The maintenance department, almost completely destroyed by the Field House fire, is making a rapid recovery, Carl Tyler, assistant building superintendent, announced.

The work shop has temporarily moved to Barracks W, which had been used for storage.

A new tractor and a number of work tools such as hoes, picks and shovels have been provided. C. B. Redwine, carpenter, has replaced some of his tools.

Other equipment lost in the fire is on order and should arrive soon, said Tyler.

Ministers' Week Will Bring Top Scholars to Speak Here

(See PICTURES, p. 2)

The Ministers' Week program, beginning Monday, will give students an opportunity to hear three of the nation's top scholars of religion. They come from different faiths, varied backgrounds, but with essentially the same message, that of Christ and His church. Dr. Cleveland Klihauer, pastor of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church of California, will speak at a campus-wide convocation at 11 a.m. Thursday.

His subject for the convocation and for the Oreon E. Scott lectures will be, "A Church to Meet the Challenge of the Modern Age."

Dr. J. Phillip Hyatt, director of graduate studies at Vanderbilt University, will give the McFadin lectures on "Jeremiah's Personality," "Jeremiah's Theology" and "Jeremiah's Hope."

Bishop Richard C. Raines of

Indiana will complete the trio of speakers with the Wells lectures entitled "The Right to Be Heard," "The Work of the Ministry," "And Jesus Grew," and "Power in Prayer."

Aside from formal worship services and lectures, many discussion groups and forums on churchmanship will be held.

Visiting wives of ministers will be entertained by a fash-

Vigilante Dance Tonight Is Free

A free record dance is scheduled for the Study Lounge tonight.

Sponsored by the Vigilante Club, the dance is under the direction of Austin Bond, Dallas junior.

Dancing will be from 8 to 11:30 p.m. and refreshments will be on sale.

ion show from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Weatherly Hall. Professional models, ministers' wives and children of visiting clerical families will present clothes sponsored by Cheryl's Dress Shop. A tea sponsored by the Ministers' Wives Club of TCU will be held in conjunction with the show.

Brite College exes will have a banquet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Arthur Wenger, TCU publicity chairman, will speak.

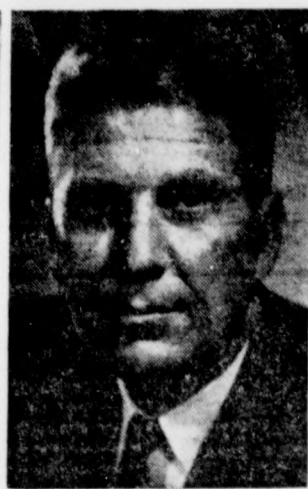
Admission will be \$1. The Rev. Richard Crews of Pampa is association president and will preside over the program, which will include songs by the Brite College Quartet.

All luncheons will be held in the banquet room at Colonial Cafeteria.

Sessions will be held in the sanctuary of University Christian Church except for the convocation in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Examination Schedule

Class Hour	Exam Hour	Date
8 MWF	8-10	January 25
9 MWF	10:30-12:30	January 25
10 MWF	8-10	January 27
11 MWF	10:30-12:30	January 27
12 MWF	10:30-12:30	January 29
1:30 & 2 MWF	1:30-3:30	January 25
3 & 4 MWF	1:30-3:30	January 27
8 TTS	8-10	January 26
9 TTS	10:30-12:30	January 26
10 TTS	8-10	January 28
11 TTS	10:30-12:30	January 28
12 TTS	1:30-3:30	January 28
1:30 & 2 TTS	1:30-3:30	January 26
3 & 3:30 TTS	1:30-3:30	January 28
Special Examinations		
Eco. 321, 323, 335a	4-6	January 26
Eng. 311a (Ed Landreth)	4-6	January 25
B. A. 312a and 339a	4-6	January 28
Acct. 422a	4-6	January 27
B. A. 338	4-6	January 25
Mkt. 335a	8-10	January 29



Ministers' Week Speakers . . .

. . . include (left to right) Dr. Cleveland Klihauer, who will speak at a campus-wide convocation at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dr. Phillip J. Hyatt, who will deliver the McFadin lectures, and Bishop Richard C. Raines, who will present the Wells lectures.

Fine Arts Festival Presents 3 Keyboard, Vocal Programs

Three programs of keyboard day's concert are pianists Joe Bratcher, John Payne and James Robinson, and Misses Thirteenth Annual Fine Arts Festival.

The programs will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of Steinway & Sons, who will furnish the grand piano, the programs also will include several instrumental ensemble selections.

Students involved in Tues-

day's concert are pianists Joe Bratcher, John Payne and James Robinson, and Misses Martha Stewart, Elizabeth Coale and Helene Taylor, and organists Miss Joan Fitts, Mrs. Sue Smith and Sidney Boner.

Vocal selections on Wednesday night's program will be performed by Robert Sheets, R. G. Webb and Walter Holmes, and Misses Damaris Porter, Diana Stout, Gwendolyn Kennedy, Suzanne Stuck and Helen McClaskey, and Mesdames Marschula Renkel and Nancy Eppler.

Instrumentalists will include Marshall Williamson, Bratcher, Joe Cleveland, Vernon Hendrix and George Studdard, and Misses Ann Adams, Doris Schneider and Martha Stewart and Mrs. Jean Graham.

Another program of keyboard music on Friday will feature pianists Howard Barr, Bratcher and Misses Margaret

Lindsey, Jean Haigler, Kay Hartman and Mary White, and organists Lonnie Schreiber and Misses Quita Crow and Charlotte Allston.

Adviser's Guide Is Distributed

A handbook for advisers, compiled by C. J. Firkins, director of the TCU Testing Bureau, has been distributed to faculty counsellors.

Published by the TCU printing and mailing office, the book explains the workings of various tests with particular emphasis on the profile examinations given to freshmen.

The book is designed to help guide the adviser during counselling periods.

Debaters to Practice For TCU Tournament

The debate squad will hold its last meeting Wednesday in preparation for a TCU invitational debate tournament here Jan. 16.

Only five members from last year's squad have returned. They are Harry Lee and Ted Jackson, Fort Worth seniors; and Misses Ramona Maher, Clayton, N. M.; senior; Ellen Rotsch, Austin sophomore; and Ann Fowler, Harrison, Ark. sophomore.

Voting Ends Feb. 1 For Campus Queen

Feb. 1 is the deadline for ballots in the Sport Magazine "Campus Football Queen Contest," Bob Gilleran, circulation manager, announced this week.

Miss Nancy Stevens, Tyler junior, is pictured on page 8 of the February issue.

The winning candidate, one of a group nominated by Vaughn Monroe, will be given a chance to appear on the orchestra leader's radio show, reported LeRoy DeLair, dance manager. The show presumably will originate from the coed's home campus.

Voting is done by post cards

Dead Week to Bring Usual Lull to Campus

A general quiet will prevail over the campus Jan. 18-22 as another traditional Dead Week steps in to replace a week of normal student activity.

The customary procedure in past years has been for all student organizations to participate voluntarily in an agreement not to have club meetings or social activities during the week before examinations.

Reminders have been sent to each organization asking for co-operation.

Plays, Broadway Parts To Be Presented Here

Scenes from three recent Broadway productions will be included in evenings of student drama at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Little Theatre.

The free studio productions will begin with scenes from "Detective Story," "Biography" and "The Glass Menagerie." Otis Caskey and James Littlejohn will present the first scene. Miss Sylvia Bokor and David Combs will portray two characters from "Biography," and Miss Fran Moore and Raymond Smith are cast in "The Glass Menagerie."

Also on the Tuesday program are two one-act plays, "Darkness Falls on Laughter" and "Happy Journey." Miss Peggy Meade will direct the first play, whose cast includes: Miss Marci Martin, Rex Miller, Misses Joyce Gordon, Gail Pate, Trisha Reeder, Carolyn Rogers and Dana Roper.

"Happy Journey" will be directed by Miss Carol Andrews. In the cast are: Charles Williams, Don Strandtmann, Greg McCrary and Misses Doris Nolan, Shirley Coulter and Rose Marie Stafford.

Thursday four one-act plays, "Minnie Field," "Romance In-

corporated," "Small Town Girl" and "The Marriage Proposal," will be presented. Student directors for the plays are: Bill Garber and Misses Sylvia Bokor, Betty Faith Daniel and Peggy Meade.

Casts for the four plays are from beginning acting classes.

Dr. Sowell Will Leave On Feb. 1

Dr. Ellis M. Sowell, dean of the school of Business, will leave TCU Feb. 1 to join the staff of Haskins & Sells Co. in New York City.

Sowell, who has been here almost 10 years, will become administrator of staff relations for the accounting firm.

"I will travel over the United States visiting colleges and recruiting people for our offices," the dean said.

President M. E. Sadler said Dean Sowell's resignation was accepted with regret, but the Administration did not feel it could stand in the way of larger opportunities.

A replacement is being sought.

James H. Key, associate professor of business administration, is serving a acting dean this month.

Dr. Sowell has been in his office about an hour each day this week. He underwent a major operation Dec. 17 at Pennsylvania Avenue Hospital.

Israelian to Talk To Political Club

Yehuda Harry Leven, a member of the Israelian Embassy in Washington, D. C., will speak to members of the Government Club and other interested students at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Weatherly Hall.

A question and answer period will follow Leven's speech. He will answer questions concerning the newly created state of Israel.

Dr. Reed to Lecture At Kentucky Meeting

Dr. William L. Reed, distinguished professor of Old Testament at Brite College of the Bible, will deliver a series of lectures on archeological findings in the Holy Land at Lexington, Ky. beginning Tuesday.

He will speak at a midwinter pastors' conference of Disciples of Christ churches in Kentucky.

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TCU SPUDNUT SHOP

New Schedules Now Available

Examination and registration schedules are available now in the registrar's office. Class schedules for the Spring semester may also be obtained there for use in pre-counseling, which officially ends tomorrow.

Evening College schedules may be picked up in front of the Evening College office.

Longer Hours Due For Study Lounge

The Study Lounge will remain open until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday during Dead Week and examination week.

Alpha Phi Omega, campus service fraternity, will be in charge of the lounge, available for students desiring a quiet place to study.

The service may be offered again at selected times during the spring term, Student President Pat Whelan said.

Loan of \$750 Is Made For Dance Contract

Student Congress borrowed \$750 from the Permanent Improvement Fund Monday evening so Dance Manager LeRoy DeLair could sign a \$1500 contract with Ralph Martiere's Orchestra.

Martiere, who is to play for the Spring Formal at the Casino, April 9, had to be guaranteed that much before the contract could be signed.

The general fund did not contain sufficient uncommitted cash so the loan was made, to be paid back next semester.

Plans Are Progressing For The Pyle Collection

Plans for the establishment of an Ernie Pyle Memorial Library were progressing this week.

A committee to select the books was named and a space in the reading room of the journalism building was designated for the library this week.

C. L. Douglas, assistant editor of the Fort Worth Press; David Hall, managing editor of the Press; Amos Melton, Director of Information Services; Prof. Warren K. Agee, chairman of the department of journalism; and Claud G. Sparks, librarian, will select books for the new collection.

A check for \$4,000 was presented to the department Dec. 30 by the Scripps-Howard Ernie Pyle Memorial Fund. President M. E. Sad-

ler received the gift from Walter Humphrey, editor of the Press.

The books will be housed in a 14 x 14-foot room to be constructed in the northwest corner of the reading room in Building 5.

The University of New Mexico received the first award last year. Up to this time that school has purchased about 700 of the possible 1,000 books.

"Ordering of books will begin immediately," Prof. Agee said. "The work will be slow because so many of the desired books are out of print.

"We want to build a functional library within easy reach of journalism students. We hope in time to have the best collection of religious journalism books."

Besides a few basic reference books, the selection will cover such fields in American and foreign journalism as editorial, advertising, photography, business and mechanical magazines.

Humphrey and Douglas have added to the library from their personal collections. "Other

newspapermen have expressed intentions of doing the same," Prof. Agee said.

The memorial fund was established as a tribute to the reporter whose stories from the front lines of World War II made him one of the best loved writers in recent history.

Pyle was killed on Iwo Jima, an isle in the Pacific, near the end of World War II.

President Sadler Resumes Duties

President M. E. Sadler was in his office this week after a two-month absence due to illness.

Mrs. H. H. Beard, his secretary, reported the president is allowed only one hour per day at his desk.

"He seems to be feeling fine and is spending his daily hour catching up on important work," she said.

The president is recovering from a heart disturbance. He had been restricted from all duties since Nov. 1.

Campus Thief Found With Car Of TCU Student

A professional campus thief was caught Dec. 11 in Levittown, N. Y., driving a car he stole from the TCU campus last April, John W. Prine, chief security officer, announced.

Eugene Carroll, alias John Wells, alias Rodney Halpren, took a student's car here last April and drove to New York. Name of the student was not learned.

The campus prowler said he did not recall any additional thefts while here. He has visited other college towns in Texas, including Dallas, Waco and Houston.

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Editorial Comment

A guessing game played by professors and students around examination time each semester has become outmoded.

We're Tired of Guessing Games

Assigning review material for a quiz, many professors announce: "Know your text; consider the bibliography and your lecture notes."

To a brave student's request for more specific information concerning the examination the professor often replies with Ph.D.-ish sarcasm:

"Surely you must be aware of what has been covered in this course. You will be held responsible only for that material."

Students are tired of the guessing game. Students do not want easier examinations; they would welcome testing methods that would inspire serious students to further achievement.

Students want exams that show more careful preparation on the part of the instructor. Students want questions that are really pertinent to important issues in a semester's study. Students want examinations pitched above the traditional "trick" question.

Some professors with fresh ideas are fed up with the guessing game also. Some professors have an aversion to the conformity that withered tradition and the maintenance of status quo require.

Some teachers provide for their students a brief list of problems requiring thorough research and select from this list questions for the examination.

Cramming under such a system is practically an impossibility. The questions require hours of research, creative effort and sound, logical thinking. Final presentation of materials learned must be done with speed, neat organization and expositional prowess.

The Skiff would find it gratifying if more educators would realize the classroom is no place for mystery.

Welcome Back, Dr. Sadler

Tuesday, President M. E. Sadler, who literally worked himself into a hospital last October, spent a little more than an hour at his office in the Administration Building.

The President is officially "back on the job."

But his schedule will not be like the one he had before his illness. For the rest of this month Dr. Sadler will be in his office only an hour a day and will make few if any speaking appearances. He will handle the most pressing chores.

Vice-President D. Ray Lindley, who assumed most of the president's duties during his illness, will continue to take care of many matters which ordinarily would flow through the busy president's office.

And the grind of trip after trip across Texas will just have to wait.

Gradually President Sadler's calendar will become filled again. A speech here. A conference with church leaders there. Educators meeting somewhere else. Dr. Sadler's schedule will be heavy again—too heavy too soon.

The University is happy to have its president back on the campus.

Welcome back, President Sadler!

Business School Builder

Dr. Ellis M. Sowell, dean of a School of Business he organized, will leave TCU on Feb. 1.

Comparison of statistics on the School of Business in 1944, when the school was organized, and in 1953 shows its growth under Dr. Sowell's leadership.

In 1944, when Dr. Sowell came to TCU and started his school-building task, the School of Business had one part-time instructor in addition to Dr. Sowell and there were only 65 business majors.

This semester the school has 12 full-time teachers and 572 majors. A 27 per cent increase in enrollment this semester indicates its snowballing growth.

Much of the School of Business' success should be attributed to the organizational and administrative abilities of its dean.

But the University will lose an active lay church leader as well as a top administrator next month.

Dr. Sowell, a member of the University Christian Church, has made significant contributions to church projects in Fort Worth and in Texas.

In the University Christian Church he is an elder and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Also active in the state program of the Disciples of Christ, Dr. Sowell is president of the Texas Christian Missionary Society, board member for the Disciples Pension Fund and board member for the Texas Missionary Permanent Fund.

TCU, fortunate to have had the services of Dr. Sowell, will miss the dean—educator and churchman.

Campus Potpourri

Questioning Dubious Omniscience Of the Sportsmanship Committee

By ELLIS AMBURN

We rarely have occasion to laud the entire student body. Usually we're trying to inspire support of certain campus activities or complaining about imperfections in our Student Association.

But this week we're eager to commend students for the roles they played in securing for TCU the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy.

The sportsmanlike conduct of students before, during and after athletic contests; evidence of fair competition among participants on the field, court and diamond; and co-operation between cheer-leading squads, supposedly were positive points that placed TCU in the No. 1 spot.

Now this may seem a strange time for The Skiff to question the dubious omniscience of the group which dictates the recipient of the trophy each year, but we nonetheless intend to register a few minor reservations regarding the operations of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee.

We have been wanting to approach this issue for some time but hesitated because of the possibility that our criticism of the system might be construed as sour grapes resulting from TCU's previous failures to cop the trophy. But now that it's in our Congress office we feel in a more secure position to cast a skeptical eye at certain aspects of questioning the ideals which prompted the creation of the award.

A few weeks ago Larry Wrightsman, editor of the SMU Campus, published in his column the reason he voted against TCU was because a sports column appearing in The Skiff seemed to him discourteous to the Ponies. His negative reaction to Baylor also was based on student newspaper comment.

Wrightsman gave no indication there were other reasons motivating his selection of the University of Texas over TCU or Baylor.

The content of a collegiate newspaper should be only one item considered before casting the sportsmanship ballot. It certainly should not be the sole criterion upon which a final decision is based. The three points outlined several paragraphs above seem to us far more important as factors determining the degree of sportsmanship displayed by Southwest Conference schools.

We are glad Wrightsman revealed why he voted as he did. The unsubstantial reasons he gave shed much light on the inadequacy of the current use of the Sportsmanship Committee's evaluation system.

As a member of that committee, we are less satisfied than Wrightsman with resources available for reaching a valid decision. We are unwilling to draw flimsy conclusions based on one comment from a student newspaper, which could not possibly be sufficiently representative of a year's activity pertinent to sportsmanship.

Frankly, we do not feel qualified to offer an authoritative comment on sportsmanship ratings of the various SWC constituents. Nor do we sanction the committee's assumption that its members know enough about the relationships of seven schools throughout an entire year to judge wisely.

We attended no conference

games last year in which TCU was not involved. We have no idea of what went on in the stands during meetings between arch-rivals Texas A. & M. and the University of Texas, between SMU and Rice, Baylor and Arkansas, and so on.

It is doubted that any student member of the committee saw a sufficient number of games between schools other than his own to reach a really valid conclusion. Nor do newsmen and officials find it possible to attend each game.

Even Wrightsman refrained from rating Arkansas for the reason that he had not received copies of The Arkansas Traveler in 1953. Even if he had read every copy, we still maintain more evidence is needed in order to evaluate fairly and comprehensively even one aspect of a total student body's behavior.

At its next meeting the Sportsmanship Committee could well afford to take a more realistic view of its total operation.

A better method is needed for the execution of its present system and the attainment of its lofty goals.

We are deeply grateful to the Scripps-Howard organization and, in particular, to one of its finest editors, Walter R. Humphrey of The Fort Worth Press. It was Mr. Humphrey who nominated the Department of Journalism as a candidate for the Ernie Pyle Memorial Library.

The \$4,000 gift will enable us to enlarge our present library considerably. Right now we have several well-worn dictionaries, a telephone directory, a Texas Almanac and a Roget's Thesaurus.

It's surprising how many good reference books are severely needed around a newspaper office. Even on a publication the size of The Skiff, we need to deal accurately with subjects ranging from non-representational sculpture to digging the basement for a Student Center.

the purple pulse

By TED JACKSON

What improvements would be most timely and beneficial to TCU during the new year?

You, no doubt, have your own opinion on the subject, but here is a sampling of opinion from students in various departments.

Four persons were asked, "What one thing does TCU need most in 1954?"

Miss Betty Sue Rollins, Lampasas junior, a nursing major, answered:

"I'm afraid I'm not being very original, but I think TCU needs school spirit most in 1954. I think good school spirit would make TCU a better university, and would attract more students."

Bob Beals, Fort Worth senior, a business administration major, replied:

"I think TCU needs most in 1954 more social events and better student participa-

We discovered the embarrassment of a lack of ready reference last summer when we returned to the office of the San Antonio Light to report on a medical luncheon we'd just covered.

The speaker, an obstetrician from Dallas, had used scores of terms common to his fellow specialists but Latin to us. We had to telephone him and obtain layman translations, which he provided with marked misgiving.

The Pyle Library also will create facilities for students who wish to conduct graduate studies in communication media.

It will increase the department's prestige, possibly drawing more students, who would make a semi-weekly or perhaps a daily Skiff possible.

Mr. Humphrey's welcome interest in the department in the past has been indicated by the Press' willingness to make its plant available for one day each year to Skiff reporters, giving them some knowledge of the operations of a large city daily.

The Press also awards \$25 prizes each year to the man and woman who do the best reporting for The Skiff, a practice which has helped stimulate a high quality of writing.

One of the most interesting programs of the year is a store for students planning to be in the audience at Weatherly Hall Tuesday night for Alpha Chi's symposium dealing with the critical issue: "What is the function of a university in the present age of crisis?"

This undertaking, which could become a series if the initial effort is a success, is a most encouraging step toward worthwhile, stimulating student activity.

Alpha Chi could hardly have chosen a more pertinent, timely or provocative question for campus digestion, which has been somewhat clogged since the regrettable abandonment of the Lectures and Concerts series.

tion in those affairs. I would also like students to take more interest in student government in 1954. A combination of the two would give TCU the school spirit which it needs so badly. This is nothing new with me. I have been saying it for three years."

Miss Jo Anne Tough, E. Dorado Springs, Mo., junior, an international affairs major, said:

"I think TCU needs most in 1954 more people of intellectual merit. I have always wanted to see TCU produce an outstanding spiritual leader. I think 1954 would be an ideal time."

Rex Miller, Cleburne junior, a radio major, remarked:

"I think TCU needs most in 1954 a winning football team. I believe this would help school spirit and it would also be good publicity for the school."



MISS ROLLINS



BEALS



MISS TOUGH



MILLER



-Skiff Photo by GEORGE SMITH.

Opera Principals . . .

. . . Miss Jarvis Esenwein and Miss Sara Rhodes, who will portray Hansel and Gretel in the forthcoming civic opera production, are familiar to TCU music enthusiasts. Both have appeared in opera workshop productions. The English version of Humperdinck's opera will be presented tonight at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

'Hansel, Gretel' Opens Season; TCU Students, Exes in Lead Roles

By MARTHA LOGAN

"Hansel and Gretel," an opera familiar to many TCU students, is being presented by the Fort Worth Civic Opera Association at 8:15 p.m. today in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

Cast of the Humperdinck opera includes several TCU students and exes. Miss Sara Rhodes and Miss Jarvis Esenwein will play the title roles of Gretel and Hansel, respectively.

Miss Rhodes is a student at Juilliard School of Music in New York and is a former TCU student. Miss Esenwein is a member of the TCU Opera Workshop.

Also singing in the production, which opens the eighth season of the opera group, will be Miss Dorothee Manski, former Metropolitan Opera singer. She will portray the Witch.

Two TCU students, Miss Damaris (Dee) Porter, Vernon senior, and Miss Helen McClaskey, Marion, Pa., junior, will portray the Sandman and the Dew Fairy.

Melvin Dacus, former TCU student, will be the father, and Mrs. Helen McKnight, pupil of Prof. Ar-

thur Faguy-Cote, is cast as the mother.

This will be the first Fort Worth production of the entire opera. Several scenes from the show were presented at TCU and on television last year by opera workshop students. Misses Esenwein and Rhodes portrayed the title roles in the TCU production also, and Miss McClaskey took over the role

of Gretel for the television performance.

David Preston, ballet instructor, is in charge of choreography. Dances will be executed by TCU ballet students.

Prof. Geoffrey Hobday will conduct.

Tickets may be purchased at the Central Ticket Office in the Hotel Texas lobby for \$1.25.

Teachers Active Elsewhere

Traveling Art Exhibit Here Through Jan. 15

Seventeen paintings, three ceramic pieces and one bronze sculpture are in the traveling art exhibit currently on display in the Art Gallery of the Fine Arts Building.

Executed by members of the University of Texas faculty, the works will be shown through next Friday. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily except Sundays.

Several TCU art professors have works on exhibit in other current shows. Prof. John Erickson has a painting in a rental exhibit at the Dallas Art Museum.

Prof. Erickson and Prof. James A. Sterritt have submitted paintings to the annual iron and steel exhibit in Bir-

ingham, Ala. The show is entitled "Iron, Steel and Man." Prof. Leonard L. Logan recently presented his prize-winning cast aluminum sculpture, "Counterpoise," to the School of Fine Arts permanent collection. The abstract creation has taken awards in shows in Denver, New Orleans and Oklahoma. It was exhibited at the Texas State Fair last year.

On Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. Prof. Logan and Dr. Carleton C. Calkin, chairman of the art department, will take part in a forum at the Fort Worth Art Association Gallery in the public library.

Conducted in conjunction with a showing of Chinese sculpture, the discussion will be on "Ornament, Decoration and Form in Sculpture." It is open to the public.

During the last two weeks in January the TCU art faculty will present its annual show in the Art Gallery.

BSU Center to Have Morning Book Reviews

Dr. W. Ray Watson of University Baptist Church will lead a discussion of the book, "Church Loyalty" from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. daily next week. The discussion will be held at the BSU center, 2712 Washburn St. Former TCU student Billy Heath, will speak Tuesday night.

English Club to Meet At Snyder Residence

Sigma Tau Delta will meet at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Karl Snyder, 2567 Waits, 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Short stories and poetry written by club members will be read and criticized.

CAMPUS CAROUSEL

By ARLINE OAKLEY

TCU Sweetheart . . .

. . . Miss Peggy Dyche, Fort Stockton senior, received a diamond ring New Year's Day from Gorman Wiseman, Smithfield senior. A summer wedding date is tentatively planned.

Mrs. Neil Lindley . . .

. . . Miss Mary Louise Carlson, San Antonio sophomore, before her marriage Dec. 19 in University Christian Church. Lindley is a Fort Worth senior. Bridesmaids included Miss Margaret Harrington, San Antonio sophomore, and Miss Mary Lou Smith, Athens sophomore. Tom Rousseau, Athens first-year student of Brite School of the Bible, was among the groomsmen. K. Layton Miller, San Antonio junior, provided nuptial music.

Before the Holidays . . .

. . . Emile Denke, Galveston sophomore, presented an engagement ring to Miss Johanna Kilpatrick, Fort Worth junior. An August 14 wedding date has been set.

Dec. 18 . . .

. . . in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in the University Christian Church, Miss Rozann Carlock, Dallas senior, became the bride of Jeffrey Hassel, first-year student at Brite College of the Bible.

Frog Basketball Player

. . . Charles Brown, Texas City senior, and Miss Janet Ann Harvey, Tyler senior, are engaged. Miss Harvey was a transfer student last fall from Tyler Junior College. Brown transferred here in his junior year from Wharton Junior College.

Miss Jo Anne Tough

. . . El Dorado Springs, Mo., junior, and Bill Harrison, Dallas junior, became engaged Dec. 15.

Dec. 15 . . .

. . . was also diamond ring day for Miss Carolyn Etheredge, Nona sophomore, who became engaged to Don Boswell, ex '53, of Dallas.

Mrs. Harvey King . . .

. . . was Miss Barbara Head, Fort Worth senior, before her wedding Dec. 21 in Boulevard Methodist Church. King, also of Fort Worth, received a B. A. degree in '53.

Vernon Juniors . . .

. . . Miss Daris Frost and Darrell Simmonds became engaged Dec. 18. Miss Frost was a candidate for junior favorite, and Simmonds is a member of the Frog football team.

Miss Jan Cunningham . . .

. . . Fort Stockton freshman, has left school to plan her wedding Jan. 24 which will be at her home in Fort Stockton. Miss Cunningham became engaged to Jimmy Loyd, a junior student at Sul Ross College, during the Christmas holidays.

Another Fort Stocktonite . . .

. . . Miss Connie Russell, a sophomore here, received a diamond ring from Gene Harial, a senior student at Texas Tech.

A June Wedding . . .

. . . is being planned by Miss Margaret Lindsey, Royalty senior, and Harold Eudaly, North Texas State College senior. The couple became engaged recently.

Senior Favorite Candidate . . .

. . . Miss Patsy Cowden, of Vernon, is engaged to Don Jones, a University of Texas football player.

Miss Pat Baxter . . .

. . . New Orleans, La., junior, and Charles M. Whitson, Hickman Mills, Mo., junior, joined the ranks of engaged couples over the Christmas holidays.

St. Louis Sophomore . . .

. . . Miss Jo Zirwes and Johnny Quick, Albuquerque first-year student at Brite College of the Bible, became engaged at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29. An August wedding date is tentatively planned.

The Dumas Dandy . . .

. . . Ray McKown, Dumas senior, and Miss Lois Ann Ward, Fort Worth senior, are engaged.

Miss Jackie Jackson . . .

. . . Tyler junior, left school Monday to become married late this month or early in February, to Buddy McDonald of Tyler. McDonald is employed by the Holley Motor Company there.

A Lampasas Couple

. . . Miss Nancy McGuire, a freshman here, and Dexter Bassinger, B. S. '50, became engaged recently. Bassinger coaches football at Lampasas High School. The couple are planning an early February wedding.

Skiff Reporter . . .

. . . Miss Jean Callaway, Fort Worth junior, received a diamond ring Dec. 18 from Harry Lister, of Fort Worth. The couple will repeat vows June 5, in Matthews Memorial Methodist Church.

December Weddings . . .

. . . in Abilene and Vernon united Miss Nancy Sweeny, Abilene junior, and Sammy Eppler, Tyrell senior; and Miss Katherine Hill, B. A. '53, of Vernon, and R. C. Harris, Vernon senior. Both couples are residing in Fort Worth.

An Engagement Ring . . .

. . . was given Miss Alane Willingham, Wichita Falls freshman, during the holidays by Gene Leach, freshman at Schreiner Institute, also from Wichita Falls.

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Six to Be Given Honors May 30

Six students who will complete requirements for graduation this month will receive honors at spring commencement May 30.

Miss Patty Coleman of Vernon and Robert Smith, of Fort Worth will receive summa cum laude honors.

Magna cum laude will go to Misses Margaret Kepple of Pabellon, Mexico, and Dorothy Carey and Peggy Meade of Fort Worth.

Cum laude honors will go to Miss Dora Mae Turner of Waxahachie.

Medical School Dean To Talk Monday Night

Dr. G. N. Aagaard, dean of Southwestern Medical College of the University of Texas, Dallas, will speak to the Natural Science Club at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Room 338 of the Science Bldg.

Dr. Willis G. Hewatt, pre-medical adviser, has urged that all pre-medical students attend.



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SPORTSHOP

BY ROSS HOYT

After three afternoons of frantic ball-bouncing our faltering Froggies wrapped up seventh place in the 1953 Southwest Conference pre-season basketball tournament in Houston during the holidays.

Things were rather dismal around the Hill in the days preceding the tourney. Almost everyone had retired to Hometown with visions of costly presents squirming between his ears.

Each night the roundballers retired to the sack, eyes bleary from viewing too many cinemas and hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs. They were awaiting the gala festivities down in the Bayou City.

Yeah, things were bad in Fort Worth all right, but if the Froggies had known what was in store for them in Houston they would have remained in the peaceful deadness of Tom Brown.

The impending disaster was preceded by a swell banquet in Houston's College Inn. The feed was complete with four courses, lots of rolls and butter and a roving master of ceremonies.

Morris Franks, the after-dinner speaker who refused to wait until after dinner, kept everyone spitting soup and salad throughout the meal with hilarious quips about Houstonians, past and present, Coach Buster Brannon included.

Franks pointed out that the Frogs must mean business this year since Brannon had borrowed President M. E. Sadler's blue suit for the event. Well, the suit wasn't Sadler's and the tourney wasn't the Frogs' cup of tea.

After dinner the outlook of the trip was altered for the Frogs from a rosy red to a downright blue hue. The Christians went down in their first two games in a most inglorious fashion.

A bunch of lean, raw-boned men, eight feet tall, from Arkansas, were to have been the Froggies' first victims. Well, during the ensuing battle the Horned Toads got squashed, 60-50.

For the first time this season the boys were out-rebounded. They were about as smooth as crunchy peanut butter. The first four occasions the Frogs had the ball they handed it to the Hogs via the bad pass route. This carried graciousness a bit too far.

Buddy Brumley, the Frogs beetle-browed junior guard, had this to say about the encounter:

"We'd have won if we had scored 11 more points."

This seemed to be the opinion of all present.

Things picked up in the next game. The Frogs helped set a record while losing to Alabama, 68-58. Bama center Joe Harper scored 27 points for a new individual mark. Even this brief splurge of glory was erased, for the very same night Rice center Gene Schwinger poked in 38 for Coach Don Summan's Owls.

Then the big moment came. The time was 4:30 p.m. (All the Frog's games were in the afternoon; only the big boys got to play at night under the lights.)

The place was the Rice Fieldhouse. (The Owls were horrible hosts. They staged the affair and ingraciously annihilated all comers to win the thing.)

The opponents were the Aggies. (They were the whipping boys of the tourney. They lost all three of their games.) Anyway, the Frogs beat A&M, 69-41, and brought home seventh place.

One bright spot in the three-day fiasco was the play of TCU forward "Shag" Warren. The lanky, sore-fingered fellow averaged 17 points a game.

Even with the Aggie defeat for a cushion it sure took a long time for the train to get to Fort Worth. Houston was a mighty cold place to the boys even though the big city put on a typical display of its quaint contemporary scene.

The events followed in this manner. First night—a race riot at a negro jam-session, involving the jailing of 55 white teen-agers. Second night—a \$32,000 jewelry store holdup. Third night—a \$57,000 bank robbery.

Even with these festivities to warm up the foggy atmosphere the Christian damper was definitely down on the way home.

According to the SWC schedule, the Froggies had better overcome their dislike of the Bayou Burg, and in a hurry, for Tuesday they invade once more to meet the voracious Rice Owls.

It sure would be nice if the Frogs would change their menu from chicken salad to Owl fricasse.

Rice "Hot" With 10-1 Record

Frogs Show Hustle in Losing; Meet Potent Owls Tuesday

By JIM STAPLETON

After Tuesday's encouraging though losing performance against the University of Texas, TCU's basketball people may have a good chance in a battle with Rice Institute Tuesday night.

The game will be played at Houston.

Coach Buster Brannon and his fellows have one huge problem in the Rice Owls. The Owlmen have been defeated only once this year. That loss came Tuesday when SMU ran over the supposedly invincible squad, 79-66.

The Owls had been coasting along on a 10-game winning streak.

Blond Gene Schwinger looped in 35 points in the SMU game. When a reporter asked Brannon what he was going to do to stop Schwinger, the Point Machine, he said:

"Humm, we might do what the Mustangs did. Just turn old Schwinger loose and try to outscore the others."

Don Lance, Rice forward, usually takes over when the Owl attack falters, but the Mustangs handled him easily

and he scored only six points. He fouled out in the fourth period.

Tuesday night the Frogs looked a lot more like a basketball team. They led the tall, skinny Longhorns at the half, 28-21.

The Frogs made their mistake by not quitting there. When play resumed, Texas used a mid-court press, following Frogs around like leeches. Before the Purple could score, Texas had dropped in eight points in one minute and 55 seconds and led 29-28. The Orange was never headed from that point on.

Ironically, the Purple men had been confusing the Longhorns in the first half with the same tactic—a mid-court press.

Twice, late in the game, Ross Hoyt led spirited charges to bring the Christians within three points, but each time, huge persons, such as 6-7's Fred Saunders and Bob Waggener would stop the Frogs.

Texas came out on top, 54-47, but the game was closer than that. The Longhorns played cautiously in the final min-

utes, "freezing" the ball several times.

A sagging defense and the rebounding work of Saunders and Waggener in the second half held TCU's usually high scoring Henry Ohlen to eight points.

Forward Ray Warren had to be satisfied with seven points all of them coming in the first half.

Texas outscored TCU in the third quarter, 22-6.

High point honors went to Al Lampkin, the recently converted guard. Playing from a forward position, Lampkin tallied 11 points, most of them coming on long shots.

The Frogs opened with Buddy Brumley and Bill Estill at guard spots, Lampkin and Warren at forward posts and Ohlen at center. Tommy Hill filled in creditably at guard later in the game.

During the Christmas holidays the Frogs wound up seventh in an eight team conference tournament at Houston. They won one and lost two. Arkansas beat the Christians, 60-50, Abalama slipped by 68-58, but the Purple trampled Texas A&M 69-41.

Wogs Nip Tyler 60-58, Look For Cubs Jan. 18

Rolling along undefeated, TCU's sharp-shooting Wogs trimmed Tyler Junior College Tuesday in the Public Schools Gymnasium, 60-58.

The Wogs had to come from behind to nab their third straight victory, and at one point in the fourth quarter the tough Apaches led by 10 points.

Center Richard O'Neal dunked the winning basket just before time ran out in the final period, after free-throws had pulled the Wogs into a deadlock. Guard Will Spradling set up the tally with a short pass.

O'Neal led team scoring with 19 points. He has 61 for the season to runner-up Johnny Betts' 52. O'Neal also played a smooth game defensively, as did guard Jim O'Bannon.

Forward Jimmy Edelen led Tyler scoring with 15 points. Tom Sawyer, a Birdville graduate, scored 11 points and played well defensively for the visitors.

Coach Bruce Craig's team has averaged 75 points a game, to their opponent's 50. They'll

be out to hike that margin Jan. 18, when the Baylor Cubs furnish opposition here in a preliminary to the TCU-Baylor varsity clash. The Cubs also were undefeated, as of the end of Christmas holidays.

Bowling Leagues Competing Now

Competitive play has begun in TCU's new Bowling Club, as Monday and Wednesday afternoon teams swung into action this week.

Club secretary Mickey Rose said each league has been organized into 10 teams. Competition for an as yet undetermined prize will be on a handicap basis.

Rose said the club has grown at a satisfyingly fast pace, but there are still many places open for students who wish to bowl. The leagues will be expanded, he said, as more teams enter.

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Cage Intramurals Due in February 25 Players Are Given '53 Letters

Intramural basketball activity will begin the second week in February, Pat Whelan, student intramural director, has announced.

Gymnasium lobby," Whelan added. Ten men is the team limit. Monday is the deadline for entries.

Whelan says he plans to have four leagues: Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday night and Thursday night.

Traveler Williams In Hawaii Today; Returns Monday

The land of leis and sunshine plays host tonight to Morgan Williams, as the Frog football star and teammates encounter an all-star Hawaiian squad in Honolulu.

Twenty-five TCU football players soon will be sporting new letter jackets, symbolic of their hard work on the gridiron during 1953.

Three also are showing off special awards they have received.

Handball Play to Begin

Ren Kent, Fort Worth senior, gets a chance to defend his singles title in intramural handball next week. Handball play begins Monday, although entries are still being accepted at the Gymnasium.

Williams, picked as a guard on the Associated Press all-American second team, flew to the island of Oahu Sunday, after participating in the East-West Shrine game the day before.

Morgan Williams, who is playing in the Hula Bowl at Hawaii today, owns the Dan D. Rogers Award as most valuable player of 1953 and also the Houston Post Award, annually given to the outstanding lineman in the conference.

Individuals will arrange times for all matches, said Pat Whelan, student intramural director.

Starting, left guard for the West, Williams played almost half the game in his team's 31-7 victory. He is expecting to start for the mainland all-stars, most of whom are East-West teammates.

Ray McKown has the J. W. (Grassy) Hinton Award, for the most conscientious player, and Mal Fowler won an award for being the Frogs' best blocker of the year.

Riggins Will Announce

Bob Riggins, Dallas freshman, has been added to the announcing staff of KTCU.

The much-traveled senior is scheduled to return Monday.

Lettermen include: Bill Alexander, Ronald Clinkscale, Johnny Crouch, Bill Curtis, Bryan Engram, Ronald Fraley, Danny Hallmark, Marshall Harris, Ray Hill, Hal Lambert, Sammy Morrow, Hugh Pitts, Claude Roach, David Finney, Marshall Robinson, Bob White, Don Sanford, Bill Sikes, Guy Thompson, Malcolm Wallace, Bill Yung, R. C. Harris, Williams, McKown and Fowler.

He will announce the "Rhythm at Random" program from 12 noon to 1 p.m. daily.

The Bulletin Board, located outside the Administration Building, was built last fall by Student Congress at a cost of \$694.



Former Students Mourn Death Of Prof. Frank E. Billington

Hundreds of former students and faculty members this week mourned the death of the Rev. Frank E. Billington, 81, former professor in Brite College, who died Dec. 31 after a heart attack.

The funeral was held Saturday in University Christian Church. S. W. Hutton, registrar and long-time friend of the Rev. Mr. Billington, read the ceremony. He was assisted by Dean Colby D. Hall.

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April 7 Will Be Deadline For Creative Writing Events

Entries in the annual creative writing contests, open to all undergraduates, must be submitted to members of the English faculty by April 7.

Cash awards will be made at a creative writing assembly in May and winning entries will be printed in a special publication.

Freshmen may enter as many of four contests as they desire: narrative of fact or fiction (1000-2000 words); sketch or incident (500-1000 words); essay, article, or book review (750-2000 words); and research paper (1000-2000 words). Each carries a prize of \$5 offered by the Dallas TCU Women's Club.

All undergraduates may enter six divisions: the Walter E. Bryson poetry contest, short story (1000-2500 words), drama, Southwest literature, non-

fiction prose (1000-2500 words) and the Lena Agnes Johnson literature contest for children. A \$10 prize is offered for each.

Students should submit only one entry in any given contest. All entries must be original and must not have previously been published except in campus publications.

Three copies of each manuscript must be submitted. Judges chosen by the English faculty will decide the winners

in each class. Judges will not know the identity of the authors. The winner of a contest may not enter that contest the following year.

Regulations may be secured from the English department or from Miss Mabel Major, chairman of the contests. Undergraduates not enrolled in English courses may submit their entries to Miss Major, Room 217, Administration Building.

McInness to Be Editor Of E. C. Publication

Roger McInness, Bellaire marketing senior, who attends both day and night school, was elected editor of the reorganized Evening College News at a recent meeting of the Evening College Council.

The 21-year-old council member was the first-prize winner in creative writing contests of 1952 and 1953 sponsored by the English department.

The first issue of the Evening College News, a weekly, was distributed Monday, but

future issues may be picked up every Wednesday at several places on the campus, the new editor said.

"The News is a mimeographed paper," the Tom Brown Hall resident said, "and therefore, it is not limited in space because costs can be held to a minimum."

McInness said the News will emphasize creative writing.

"Original essays, poems, short stories, jokes and letters of any length from both night and day students will be printed," McInness announced.

Committee Ends Study

TCU's Role in World Affairs Reported to Peace Endowment

An extensive report on the role of TCU in formal and informal spheres of international affairs has been submitted to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The survey included a study of work done by students and faculty after visits abroad, and of research made in the international field.

Dr. A. O. Spain, chairman of a committee making the report, said the inventory is being taken by the Carnegie Endowment in 50 or more universities in the United States to provide a descriptive picture of what is being done in this field and for possible improvement.

Other members of the committee were Dr. E. L. Pross,

chairman of the department of speech-drama-radio; Dr. William J. Hammond, chairman of the history department; and James H. Key, associate professor of business administration.

AF ROTC to Compete At Triangular Meet

The Air ROTC drill team will compete in a triangular meet in Denton Monday.

North Texas State College and East Texas State College also will participate in the event, to be held in NTSC's football stadium.

Cadet Maj. Arnold M. Gurley is drill team commander.

Dr. Spain on Council

Dr. A. O. Spain, chairman of the government department, has been appointed to serve on the national advisory council of the American Association for Public Information, Education and Research.

The appointment became effective Jan. 1.

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