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Which One Is Sweetheart of TCU ???

Committee Will Consider 5-Day Week

Classless Saturdays still are an unsettled issue.

At a meeting of the dean's council last Friday, Vice President D. Ray Lindley appointed a committee to "study all factors involved in a five-day and a six-day school week."

The action came after a Skiff editorial and a Congress petition, signed by 18 faculty members, urged abolition of Saturday classes.

Dean Jerome A. Moore, chairman of the committee, said he plans to call a meeting early next week. He wasn't sure how long the committee's job would take, he said.

Dr. Lindley said action must be taken before the end of this semester so that fall class schedules may be arranged.

Other committee members are Dean T. Smith McCorkle, Dean Otto R. Nielsen, Acting Dean James H. Key and Dr. Lindley.

Six to Compete In Flying Meet Here Tomorrow

Six Flying Frogs will compete against air teams from SMU and the University of Oklahoma tomorrow at Eagle Mountain Air Base.

The contest was arranged to provide practice for the three teams prior to a National Intercollegiate Flying Association meet at Urbana, Ill., May 6-8.

TCU's Flying Frogs placed third in the national contests last year and came home from Minneapolis loaded with awards, including the Grover Loening trophy recognizing the most active flying club in the nation.

Six men will represent TCU in tomorrow's competition and in the national air meet. They are James Haynes, Alexis, Ill., junior; Danny Powell, Archer City junior; Bill Patton, J. F. Knight and Dick Kjellander, Fort Worth freshmen; and Herbert Hamilton, Pittsburg, Pa., sophomore.

SKIFF AWARD

By JEAN CALLAWAY

It's a gold plaque for Ren Kent.

Kent will receive the fifth annual Skiff Award for "outstanding service to the student body." The Skiff announced today.

The ex-Student Congress president, who in October said, "I feel useless," will wind up his TCU career by claiming the service award.

Although he felt "useless," he has had a busy year. The senior is serving as Chief Justice of the Student Court, and attending all Congress meetings as legal advisor.

Kent, who has a high grade point average, is one of two TCU candidates for the Danforth Fellowship.

The Skiff staff chose Kent because of his work on the Student Center. Skiff Editor Ellis Amburn summed up the award by saying:

"The Skiff award will be presented to Kent mainly in recognition for his work as chief spokesman for the student body during the significant period when plans for the Student Center were being formulated.

"His numerous suggestions to the Student Union Committee always were characterized by a thorough knowledge of the needs of the student body. That many of his proposals were accepted and incorporated in the building plans is evidence that the work he did last year as Student Body president is of a lasting nature and will benefit those students who will enjoy the Center when it is complete."

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Skiff Photo by GEORGE SMITH

Ren Kent

Surveying progress of Student Center construction is Ren Kent, winner of this year's Skiff Award. Kent presented the students' view point while serving on the Student Union Committee last year.

Graduates to Hear Anderson, Rev. Mr. Gentry at Exercises

Dillon Anderson of Houston will be the commencement speaker and the Rev. Sloan Gentry of Longview will deliver the baccalaureate address at graduation exercises May 30 when three honorary degrees will be awarded.

Anderson will receive an LL. D. degree and the Rev. Gentry a D. D. The third degree, a D. D., will be awarded the Rev. Lawrence Bash, pastor of the University Christian Church of Austin and last year's baccalaureate speaker.

His mother, Mrs. Floyd Allan Bash, is a Waits Hall hostess.

The speakers were selected by the senior class and the Administration.

Anderson is a prominent Houston attorney, businessman and writer. He is a director of nine organizations, a trustee of two and trustee and president of another.

He is the author of "I and Claudie," published in 1951, and has contributed to Atlantic Monthly, Collier's, Saturday Review of Literature,

Southwest Review and other magazines.

The Rev. Mr. Gentry is pastor of the First Christian Church of Longview and is well-known in religious and other fields throughout Texas.

An honorary LL. D. will be conferred upon Dr. W. T. White of Dallas next fall.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 30 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Commencement exercises will be at 8 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium.

Winner Will Be Named, Honored At Ball April 9

One of the five finalists named in this week's election will be announced as TCU's Sweetheart at the Spring Formal next Friday at the Casino.

Finalists are: Misses Cleo Neal, Olney sophomore; Nancy Stevens, Tyler junior; Ann Reed, Ennis junior; Leona Gillette, Fort Stockton junior; and Kay Moeckly, Britton, S. D., sophomore.

The finalists were elected in an unusually heavy vote Tuesday and Wednesday.

The candidate receiving the largest share of the 508 votes cast will be named Sweetheart after all five candidates have stepped through a giant heart on the stage.

The annual Spring event is expected to draw a "larger than average" crowd of around 700, according to dance manager Leroy DeLair, who added "We expect to save a little money on it this year."

Congress sets aside \$600 each year as a potential "loss" on the Spring Formal. DeLair said some of this money may be saved if this year's ticket sales boost the attendance above its average of about 600, as they are expected to do.

Ralph Marterie and his band will play for the dance. The Marterie band, selected as "The most promising swing" (See SWEETHEART p. 2)



DILLON ANDERSON

5,000 Expected at TCU • SWEETHEART For Disciples Meeting

More than 5,000 delegates are expected to be on the TCU campus May 8-12 for the 67th annual convention of Disciples of Christ in Texas.

It will be the first weekend convention ever slated by the Christian church leaders. The purpose is to allow a larger number of laymen to attend.

Dedication of Robert Orr Chapel and the new Religion Center will be May 9.

The program calls for a mass meeting in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum Sunday night, May 9.

The Rev. W. A. Welsh, pastor of the East Dallas Christian Church and president of the convention, said he expects more than 3,000 delegates from

the Fort Worth-Dallas area alone.

Several national leaders of the Disciples of Christ will participate in the convention program. They include A. Dale Fiers, president of the Christian Board of Publication; Dr. Curtis Jones, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Cleo Blackburn, president of Jarvis Christian College; and Edna Poole, noted Disciple missionary to the Congo.

Students, Faculty Participate

Opinions On Absolutism Vary Widely at Session

"There is only one absolute—that is God," Dr. Noel Keith, chairman of the department of religion, told Alpha Chi symposium listeners Thursday night.

Dr. Keith's "all things are relative to God" theme differed sharply a few times with the views of his two symposium colleagues, Dr. Louise Cowan, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Cyrus W. LaGrone, chairman of the department of

psychology. They termed themselves "absolutists."

"When I call myself an absolutist," said Dr. LaGrone, "I speak not as a psychologist but as a man."

Although the symposium was handicapped by semantic barriers, large numbers of students brought questions from the floor.

"Everyone should have his own sets of absolutes," said Dr. Cowan.

"In a nation where everyone is an absolutist," Dr. Cowan told the audience, "there is less chance of a dictatorship than in a nation where there are no voiced beliefs, no contrast and clash of ideals and only flimsy relativists. This nothingness is conducive to totalitarianism."

Miss Kastle Named

Miss Donna Kastle, Fort Worth sophomore, was named Monday by Student Congress to represent TCU at SMU's annual "Manada" festival next Friday and Saturday.

Nine Students Prepare to Edit Paper at Mexia

TCU journalism students will "learn to do by doing" tomorrow when they edit the Mexia Daily News in Mexia.

The students will do all editorial work on the daily paper under the direction of Ernie Deane, editor and general manager.

Staff for the paper will be Clyde Moore, editor; Ted Jackson, wire editor; Miss Jean Callaway, society editor; Preston Figley, sports editor; and reporters James Lamb, Jim Croslin, Miss Barbara Bobo, Ray Streig and Jerre Todd.

The excursion is one of the annual field trips made by journalism students. Other trips will be made to Hillsboro, Cleburne, Gainesville and the Fort Worth Press.

Five Part-Time Jobs Available to Students

Five jobs are offered by the student employment office this week.

Openings include those for a saleswoman, fountain boy, two delivery boys and a package wrapper and carton packer.

Full information can be obtained at the employment office.

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Graduation List Grows As Three Are Added

Four students have been added to the list of tentative May graduates by Registrar S. W. Hutton.

They are Delora Catherine Hathaway, B. A.; Samuel Cooke Cooper, B. D.; Mary Carolyn Miracle, B. F. A.; Walter Charles Potempa, B. A.

Through an error in last week's Skiff, the last 13 names in the list of graduates were listed under "Bachelor of Divinity." They should have been headed "Certificate of Graduate Nursing."

Volbach to Be Speaker

Dr. Walther Volbach will speak to the MENC club on "Opera and the USA" Monday at 6 p.m. at Claris Stovall Tea Room, 2300 Hemphill.

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Instructor's Infant Son Dies of Strangulation

Three-month-old Alan McCleery Jr. died Tuesday, apparently from strangling on milk while asleep. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan McCleery Sr., 3520 South Drive. Mr. McCleery is an Evening College instructor in business administration.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Burial was in Rose Hill.

Fine Arts Gallery Has Indian Painting Exhibit

Paintings of American Indians and examples of Indian symbolgram art are on display this week in the art gallery of the Fine Arts Building.

Theatre Festival Will Include Plays, Opera, Panel Discussion

A schedule of events for the annual Fort Worth Theatre Council festival was announced this week by Dr. Walther R. Volbach, professor of speech-drama.

The May 1 program will begin with a panel discussion at 2 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Prof. Josh Roach of TSCW will conduct the discussion.

At 6 p.m. a dinner will be held at River Crest Country Club. John Ray Young will speak on "American Theatre—Survey and Forecast."

An opera by Julia Smith, "Cockrow," and two one-act

Gold Lettering, McInnes' Bill Places Provided Flares Tempers at Meeting For Handicapped

A \$24 bill for gold lettering on the Evening College Council office touched off explosive tempers at a council meeting last Friday.

It seems the council's executive committee had authorized councilman Roger McInnes to have the lettering done, believing there would be no cost involved.

Then the bill arrived. President Bob Wilson said

the \$24 expenditure was unauthorized by the council but that the bill would have to be paid.

Spirited argument ended in a close vote favoring payment of the bill.

More fireworks began after McInnes made a motion that the council pay him \$95 for expenses incurred as publications committee chairman.

Seemingly angry, Wilson ruled McInnes out of order.

"I don't know if I can rule you out or not, but I am," Wilson said.

McInnes maintains his publication committee had been appropriated \$300 by last semester's council. He has actually spent, he said, \$330. The \$95 in question is included in the \$330, he stated.

"It's been appropriated," McInnes said, "and they won't pay me."

Wilson said that old records contain nothing of the organization of a publication committee, or McInnes as chairman, or of a \$300 appropriation.

Last fall's council secretary, Miss Peggy Daugherty, said

she remembered the action but that her shorthand notes had been misplaced before she could type them into the minutes.

President Wilson appointed a four-man fact-finding committee to investigate records of debts and contracts and their constitutionality.

Members are R. C. Corbyn, Steve LaDue, Jim Fitz and Kenneth Grinstead.

Reimbursement of McInnes apparently must await the report of this fact-finding committee.

Disabled students who desire special parking places should report to the security office for assignments.

Chief Security Officer John W. Prine, in making the announcement, said the office, located in Room 107, Administration Bldg., is open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Saturday.

Mr. Prine said disabled dormitory students are being assigned permanent parking places near their dormitories, and other handicapped students places near their classes.

Wolf Named New Sadler Aide

From Tulane head football coach to TCU Presidential assistant—that was the jump made yesterday by Raymond (Bear) Wolf.

Wolf, who received his B. A. degree from TCU in 1928, will assume duties as assistant to President M. E. Sadler May 1. He will act in a general advisory capacity.

Head coach at Tulane since 1950, Wolf was a visitor on the campus Wednesday. He is a Fort Worth native.

Wolf was athletic director and assistant football coach at TCU from 1928 to 1935, and has also coached at the universities of North Carolina and Florida.

He is married to the former Martha Morris, also a TCU graduate.

New head coach at Tulane is Anton Pilney, former backfield coach under Wolf.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"It stinks!" This is the sage comment of one Joe College, coffee drinker, Coke addict and licker of ice cream cones, concerning the way affairs are running in the Student Lounge.

Is Something Rotten Here?

The above bit of folderol is all too true in many instances, and Joe's words express the sentiments of more than a few TCU students. Professors—maybe not.

During the morning hours, when the lounge is flourishing most heavily, more often than not there is only one man behind the counter. It's a physical and moral victory to get service, and still make it to class on time.

Dr. A. O. Spain, chairman of the lounge committee, says as long as the snack bar does not lose money the committee will sanction any improvement in service.

Mr. College had another beef about the lounge: "Say now—I've been wondering why I can't get anything before 9 in the morning. There's always a guy behind the counter; and after he gets the coffee brewed and the change in the register he just stands there, leering through the grill."

Perhaps there is a logical, economical reason why the lounge cannot open a little before 9, but the reason is well hidden—if it exists.

Ken Jones, manager of the lounge, says there are several reasons why 9 a.m. is the earliest possible opening time. Among them are the following:

- 1) Jones and his part-time helpers also have classes to meet.
- 2) A student helper goes to work at 8:30 a.m., but it takes about 30 minutes to prepare for opening.
- 3) When the lounge opened before 9 in the past, there were not enough customers to pay operating expenses.

Joe had other complaints. He said: "Java's a dime. At the Drug it's a nickel, at the cafeteria—a nickel—in the lounge—10 cents, one tenth of a potato."

With the added revenue produced by night school patrons, who also are doing some complaining about service, it seems the lounge could not only serve five-cent coffee but also see to it that there are enough attendants to serve hurried students during rush hours.

Irate Joe, still bubbling over with caustic remarks, had one last thing to say:

"Many times, this guy who hands me my double dip has such a fishy look on his puss that I am thinking twice before buying another cone. He doesn't say thank you, kiss my foot or anything. Maybe some of the kids give him a bad time, but I wonder if he ever realizes that he might bring it on himself?"

Maybe Joe has something there. It looks as if some of the boys behind the aprons have forgotten the good old Golden Rule.

Saturday on Their Hands

Once declared dead, later resurrected and pumped with life by a demanding student body and faculty, the issue of classless Saturdays is hanging limn again.

Last week the Deans' Council relegated it to a committee which will "study all factors involved in a five-day and six-day school week."

Vice President D. Rav Lindley said the committee, headed by Dr. Jerome A. Moore, dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, will study problems involved in a five-day week and make a decision before the spring semester is over.

Dean Moore declined comment about the issue until after his committee has met. He said the primary duty of his group was to recommend a schedule for next fall.

Classless Saturdays, finally discussed in a meeting of the Deans' Council last Friday, had been on and off the council's agenda since last summer. Opinion at the deans' meeting was divided, Dr. Lindley said.

Now the matter of classless Saturdays has been shuttled off to a committee, which could do anything—or perhaps nothing—with it.

The Skiff hopes the few deans who still oppose a five-day week have not brought death to a cause for which students and faculty members have been clamoring.

McCarthy Out of Place?

Senator Joe McCarthy has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual San Jacinto Day address on April 21. In a letter to the editor of The Skiff, Bob Kenney, editor of The Daily Texan, University of Texas newspaper, commented:

"To a great many of us here at the University of Texas Senator McCarthy does not quite represent our idea of the Texas heritage of freedom and liberty . . . we see him as the outstanding threat to liberalism and the American heritage of freedom of thought that this century has experienced."

Editor Kenney is one of many University of Texas students who have formed a loose society to protest the choice of McCarthy as a speaker for the Texas Independence Day celebration.

The Skiff agrees that McCarthy is a menace and that the Sons of the Republic of Texas made a bad choice.

But rather than stoop to the senator's own infamous methods for squashing ideas and people he does not like, perhaps we Texans should allow McCarthy all of his freedoms and let him be heard on Independence Day—even though he has damaged the very ideals an Independence Day speaker should commemorate.



CAMPUS POTPOURRI

THE CLIMATE OF FEAR

By ELLIS AMBURN

A 20th century inquisition approximating Salem's witch-hunt apparently motivated even so small and mild-mannered an educational institution as Texas Christian University to advise its Board of Trustees:

"You would be 100 per cent correct at any time to state categorically that we do not have any Communists or near Communists on our staff."

Why has it become necessary for educators to assert their innocence even before they have been accused, just as teachers in many states must sign loyalty oaths although they have never been charged with Communist party affiliation?

Why do some universities suddenly cancel the engagements of controversial lecturers or dismiss professors against whom accusations, not always substantiated by proof, have been made?

And if, as Robert M. Hutchins has said, teachers are "afraid" to present controversial issues for class discussion, will students become a "silent" generation of conformists who, according to a Newsweek magazine survey, give "little thought to politics or international troubles?"

Pondering these problems at its recent convention in Atlantic City, the American Association of School Administrators concluded that loyalty investigations have produced a "climate of fear" among teachers throughout the U. S.

Education, however, is only one estate over which this climate of fear hovers.

Let us see if we can determine the basic issue involved here.

No American today would deny that the yoke of Communist slavery is being tailored to fit snugly around the free world.

The problem is not whether there is danger to be dealt with. We know there is.

The important questions: Are the current methods employed to investigate communism and subversion serving their purpose or causing gradual internal deterioration in this country?

Congressman Jacob K. Javits of New York, who has suggested more orderly and responsible methods, writes:

"Some of the investigations have taken on the nature of prosecution of witnesses or persons mentioned by witnesses, resulting in subsequent loss of livelihood, reputation and social standing."

Still, McCarthyism already has found an amazingly large and steadily growing number of avid followers, especially in the "super-patriot" groups (Houston's Minute Women, et al).

Smaller but powerful prototypes of the investigating committee, these local groups represent the efforts of the extreme Right to combat any position left of their own.

They focus special attention upon education and government.

Dr. Hutchins, associate director

of the Ford Foundation, attributes the reluctance of teachers to consider controversial issues and to conduct free inquiry and free discussion, to the ever-present threat of open denunciation from fanatics who make an organized business of intellectual vigilantism.

Today, one accusation from a fanatic who has recklessly misinterpreted a professor's remark concerning communism is sufficient to damage the teacher's professional prospects and his standing in the community.

Since no one likes to be called a Communist or a pro-Communist, many people will trim their positions in order to avoid the calumny of the fanatics. The real danger is that most people are doing this unconsciously.

John B. Oakes and other critics of restricted thought point out that the one place where there must be complete receptivity to new ideas, where the interchange of thought and clash of opinion ought to be absolutely untrammelled, is the university.

But the climate of fear, nourished by charges such as Senator McCarthy's description of Harvard as a "smelly mess" and a sanctuary for Communists, may be strangling the free market in ideas once found in university life.

Contrary to European exaggeration, there is no mass hysteria here. But there is a lasting danger in the current flight from freedom of thought. Were it possible to reach the 200 per cent Americans, we would advise them:

"Since communism is the antithesis of freedom, those who would restrict freedom are in fact aiding communism."

And if it is true that a climate of fear is slowly censoring real knowledge out of education, can America safely entrust her hard-won freedom to a generation inadequately equipped to meet the challenge of communism?

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Lott is Indoor, Outdoor Man

Educator Fills Autos With Gas, Student's Minds With Knowledge

By FRANCES BRUMMERHOP

Some TCU student could get a surprise when a good-natured, tanned face appears at his car window and asks, "Fill 'er up?"

That face could well belong to his English instructor, Woodrow W. Lott, if he is enrolled in a freshman English course which meets Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Teaching is not so far afield for the service station agent as some might think.

A graduate of Texas Tech with a B.A. and M.A. in English, Mr. Lott taught for three years at his alma mater. He spent five years teaching in five schools in West Texas towns and oil camps, and was principal one year of an elementary school at McCamey.

Slightly graying at the temples, but healthily tanned from his station work, the 39-year-old instructor explained that he left the teaching profession

to become a salesman for Humble Oil Company.

"I made the switch because I wanted more outdoor work," he said, settling his tall, thin frame into the desk chair in the station office.

Mr. Lott, who hails from Slaton, has been at his Berry Street location four years.

He does everything from keeping books to washing cars, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week.

Cupping his mechanic-greased hands around a match, the blue-clad station manager added that in his spare time he teaches an adult Sunday school class at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church.

"I studied under Dr. William Bryan Gates at Texas Tech," Mr. Lott said, as he told the story of how he came to be instructor in English in TCU's Evening College.

"When I came to Fort Worth in 1947, Dr. Gates was head of

the TCU English department. He introduced me to Dean Holsapple and told him about my teaching experience.

"I guess the dean remembered all those years, because he asked me to teach an English class last fall," the slow, deep voice concluded.

Returning to his old profession with enthusiasm, Mr. Lott has even had his class of 13 to his home at 1917 Patton St.

Although he has only one evening a week free for his family—wife, Lela; son Jorge Ray, 16; and daughter Janith Anita, 6—Mr. Lott enjoys the extra duties of teaching.

"It may sound strange," he commented, "but after a hard day of physical work, I find teaching relaxing."

"Fill 'er up," probably a popular phrase with the combination station agent-college teacher, could well be his motto—whether he is filling auto tanks with gas or freshman minds with knowledge.



Skiff Photo by GEORGE SMITH

One Last Customer

Assistant instructor in English, W. W. Lott, shines one last windshield at his service station before rushing to teach an Evening College class in freshman English. Station agent in the daytime and college instructor at night, Mr. Lott finds his activities "take a lot of time."

Club News

17 Women Pledged By Music Sorority

Seventeen women have been pledged to the TCU chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon professional music sorority.

This number is the largest ever to be pledged by the campus chapter at one time. Membership in the organization is based upon scholarship, musicianship and leadership.

Women training for membership under the direction of vice-president, Miss Ann Adams, Fort Worth sophomore, are Misses Judy Smith, Electra freshman; Barbara Alford, Center freshman; Carol Scruggs, Dallas freshman; Carolyn Johnston, DeKalb freshman; Elaine Ross, Amarillo freshman; Margaret Ammer, Monahans freshman; Margaret Schindler, Monahans freshman; Ann Hogg, Monahans freshman; Kay Minton, Fort Worth freshman; Mary White, Fort Worth freshman; Joan Haigler, Monte Vista, Colo., sophomore; Jean Haigler, Monte Vista, Colo., sophomore; Mary Jo Ann Hughes, Fort Worth freshman; Betty Jo Denman, Amarillo junior; Gloria Billington, Fort

Worth freshman; Carol Calmes, Duncan, Okla., freshman, and Harriet Snodgrass, Fort Worth freshman.

Original works by members will be read at a meeting of Sigma Tau Delta at 5:30 p.m., April 11. The gathering will be held at the home of Mrs. Janette Sloman, 2601 Cockrell.

Letter

Dear Editor:

A person inadvertently walking into the Evening College Council meeting last Friday would have been quite confused as to the cause behind a heated word battle. Two factions were "I hate Mr. X" and "I don't like Mr. X's methods, but I hate Mr. Y's." Acting ineffectively as buffers were the groups which said, "I hate 'em both" and "I like everyone."

The "I hate X" group appeared to have the upper hand with its leader shouting down, or rather, not listening to, the argument of any "I hate Y" supporter. This leader said: "We have no constitution." And then again, "According to the constitution . . ." His favorite phrase was "I didn't recognize you!"

Then there was the fellow in the back of the room who kept opening his mouth but never had a chance to say anything. The president of the council, leader of "I hate X" proponents, was later overheard remarking to this gape-mouthed onlooker (the parliamentarian), "I know I didn't go by rules of order, but these things had to be thrashed out."

What things? Two proposed \$24 appropriations. The one the row was over (and still is) concerned the exceeding by \$24 of a \$300 appropriation.

The council is certainly gaining a reputation. But who wants the one it is gaining?

Eileen Lowe
A representative
to EC Council

(Editor's Note: A news account of proceedings at the Evening College Council session to which Miss Lowe refers is on page 3.)

Garber, Lee Are Outstanding In Performances of 'Charley'

By MARTHA LOGAN

An evening of pure comic entertainment, nothing more, but certainly nothing less, is the offering made by "Charley's Aunt," to Little Theatre patrons. The two final performances of this one-man farce are scheduled for tonight and tomorrow night.

Virtually sustaining the bulk of the hilarity on his (or her) fan, is William Garber. Garber, who portrays Lord Fancourt Babberly and impersonates Charley's aunt from Brazil "where the nuts come from," has thoroughly mastered his character. Never is the portrayal overdrawn, and his sense of timing and pantomime leave nothing to be desired.

Most of the other characters have been designed to serve as a suitable springboard for Brandon Thomas's comic "hero." However, the present cast has made the mistake of either overstepping the bounds of even farcical portrayal and becoming obviously conscious of the audience, or of slipping into the position of mediocre and colorless "props."

One of the finest portrayals seen in the play was done by Harry Lee as Stephen Spettigue, Lee, a relative newcomer to the Little Theatre, approximated his successful work in "Cup of Fury" with another equal or even superior character portrait. As the irritable and sometimes confused Mr. Spettigue, he has taken ad-

vantage of good dialogue and created some purely personal and quite effective mannerisms to develop an extremely strong supporting role.

Charley McCally, as the Charley of the title, seems to have missed a good opportunity for humor. In a role that would appear easy for a college man to make credible—that of a college man—he seemed from his first "over eager" entrance to be trying too hard for an effect that did not take effect.

The other young man, Jack Chesney, was played by Dave Combs. In this part, Combs did not reach the zenith of his abilities, which have been displayed in previous productions.

The romantic duos are rounded out by two young ladies, the Misses Verdun and Spettigue, played by Miss Gayle Goldberg and Miss Jackie Hicks respectively. Having to portray rather superficial 19th century young ladies presents something of a problem, which the two handled acceptably. Occasionally, the onlooker might have felt that the blank looks and girlish squeals were a bit too much.

The other young lady of the production, Miss Delahay, is played by Miss Jane Reddell, who does quite well with her lines, many of which are blighted with such phrases as "leafy shades."

Charley's real aunt, Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, arrives in the second act in the person of Miss Sylvia Bokor. The act be-

gins rather slowly and is revived only by Garber's entrance. Miss Bokor gives a quite controlled and dignified performance of a character saddled with too much explanatory dialogue.

Completing the cast are Charles Williams as Brassett, the gentleman's gentleman, and Harry Calhoun as Sir Francis Chesney. Williams gave the effect throughout that he is on a podium with his script in front of him. Calhoun left much the same impression. In addition, he had a very loud and resonant voice which might have been effective had he not garbled his words.

Special plaudits are due the set designs by Garber. They are among the most original seen here and perfectly in keeping with the atmosphere of the play. What might have otherwise been an ordinary third act drawing room was lifted into the unusual by two oversize windows, while the over-all effect of the garden setting was one of complete freshness.

The rapid-fire action was skillfully directed by Prof. William Noltner. In general, there was little lagging.

The costumes by Mrs. W. E. Allen surpassed even her usual effectiveness. The third act evening clothes of the feminine cast members and the college "blazers" were of special merit.

The over-all production was well received. There was no doubt, apparently, that "Aunt" Garber was a success.

Political Aspirants Begin to Emerge As Filing, Election Dates Approach

By BILL HARRISON

Campus politicians began to take their aspirations out of mothballs this week in preparation for the spring elections April 21-23. Filing begins Monday.

Playing the guessing game of "who's gonna run?" might be fun, so let's mention some of the names that may appear on the ballots come election time.

In the presidential race there is strong evidence that Jack Graf, student body vice-president, might be seeking the top student position. The Mercedes junior won't commit himself—but then, who will?

Bill Baird, Fort Worth junior, may be Graf's opponent in the race. Baird, who served as

junior class president this year, was a Student Congress mainstay along with Graf.

Only two candidates have expressed any interest in the job of student body vice-president.

Carl Eddy Rose, Waco sophomore, who has been president of both the freshman and sophomore classes, has said "maybe." Gene Clack, Perryton sophomore, is a possible candidate. He is "only thinking about it."

A slam-bang battle is shaping up for editor of The Skiff.

Feature-writing Jim Crosslin, Fort Worth junior, and Miss Arline Oakley, society editor, and fashion writer, told their plans this week. They want the job.

Dave Allred, former Student Congressman from Corpus Christi, has his sights set on

the editorship. Also planning to run are Horace "Chief" Craig, the Shamrock giant, and Bill Harrison, Dallas preacher-guitarist.

The field appears wide open for the Horned Frog editor position. No one has stepped forward as a possible candidate and Prof. Warren K. Agee, chairman of the department of journalism, hints that a junior editor may have to be chosen. Anyone with yearbook experience should step forward. Like the Skiff editorship, the position pays for 15 semester hours, or \$380 a year.

The cheerleader race is shaping up as the usual hodgepodge of beauty and acrobatic skill.

Freshman candidates possibly will run up against a flurry of repeaters for cheer-

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Barracks X Will Not 'Go'

Casbah 'Safe' Until Estimates, Bids In

Casbah (Barracks Y) people can rest easy for a while.

Their home will not "go" in favor of the new basketball practice court until a definite construction date is set. That date will be established when building estimates and contractors' bids are all in.

The matter is in the hands of M. G. Neeley, chairman of the building committee of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. D. Ray Lindley, University vice-president, said:

"Mr. Neeley is handling the building estimates now, finding out how much different types of construction cost. When estimates are completed, contractors can make bids. After that, the building contractor we decide upon can estimate how long it will take to build the structure."

If it only takes three months to construct the court, Dr. Lindley continued, the whole thing can be put up during the summer and Casbah residents of this semester will not be affected. But if the contractor says it will take four months

to build the practice site, construction will have to begin sometime in May.

"One thing is definite. The court must be ready for Buster (Brannon, head basketball coach) and his boys when school starts next fall."

It is doubtful, Dr. Lindley said, that construction will begin before the spring semester is completed.

"We ought to receive word from Mr. Neeley in the near future about construction estimates. We'll find out for sure then what type of structure it'll be, too, whether it'll be made of brick, stone, wood or asbestos siding."

Dr. Lindley squelched rumors that barracks other than "Y" would be affected.

"The way plans are now, only the Casbah will be torn down. Barracks X will not be affected," Dr. Lindley said.

Battered Netmen Gird for Battle With East Texas

TCU's injury-hit varsity tennis team will meet East Texas State here today, then embark Wednesday for a three-day tour of Oklahoma.

The Soonerland foray will find the Purple tackling Oklahoma Wednesday, then Oklahoma A&M and Central State on successive days.

Central State fell victim to the Frogs here Saturday, 4-3. Ken Martin, Fort Worth junior, and Don Hardin, Childress junior, won their No. 3 and 4 singles matches, then teamed for an overwhelming 6-1, 6-0 triumph in the No. 2 doubles.

Central State's nationally-ranked Gene Land swept past Louis Gillespie, Fort Worth sophomore, in the top match, 6-0, 6-1.

Last Friday Coach C. A. Burch's men bowed to powerful SMU, 5-1, in their first conference match. Don Hardin trimmed Jack Adams, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, for the only TCU point.

Frog Swingers Ready To Face Powerful SMU

TCU's Horned Frog golf team members probably are feeling a bit confident today as they take practice swings, making ready for an April 9 meeting with SMU.

After Monday's opening 4-2 conference victory over Arkansas at Glen Garden Country Club, the fellows have every right to feel satisfied and happy.

Through 13 holes in the Arkansas argument, the Frogs were "down" four different ways. Gene Shields, No. 2, was the only Christian leading at that point.

Still, when the dazed Razorbacks sank their last putt on the eighteenth green out at

Glen Garden, Duckworth had beat Miller Barber, 1-up. Shields had bested Joe Boone, 3-2, and Art Hoera had edged Phil Rogers, 2-1. To top things off, the Duckworth-Shields team duo had come from behind to win 2-1.

In other results Ray Barnes beat Sikes, 5-4, and a team of Barnes and Rogers whipped Hoera and Sikes, 3-2.

Team members are practicing extra hard today in hopes of settling a past "score" with SMU at that April 9 meeting. The Mustangs beat the Frogs soundly earlier in the season 6-0.

Cool Cats Gain Playoff Position

A 38-35 victory over the B-Ballers Wednesday propelled the Cool Cats into a playoff berth with the Tuesday League Preachers and the Thursday night league Comets.

At 3:30 p.m. Tuesday the Cool Cats will meet the Preachers to decide an opponent for the Comets at Open House, April 7. The Comets drew a bye in the playoff round.

The Preachers got their championship with a decisive victory over the previously undefeated Spades. The Comets had an unblemished record in league play.


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Roach Finds Silver Lining

Frogs Tackle Bears

By PRESTON FIGLEY

Every cloud has a silver lining, optimists report, and baseball Coach Walter Roach is beginning to think they might be right.

Having apparently snapped out of a lethargy induced by five straight losses, the Frogs will attempt to make like title contenders once more in a series against Baylor in Waco today and tomorrow.

The Bears have little cause for optimism, with an 0-2 conference record produced by a double drubbing from Texas.

The Frogs' slate stands at 1-1, and Roach hopes the victory, a 10-2 humbling of SMU Saturday, is a sign of things to come.

"The boys looked fine," said Coach. "That hitting was a welcome change, and if they'll keep it up we'll be right up there in the race."

In addition to the clutch hitting, which produced 15 hits, the team played flawless ball afield behind fireballing Bob McDaniel's six-hitter.

Tommy Bowers and his jug-handle curves baffled the Purple for a 4-3 SMU victory in the first encounter, although the Frogs led until the eighth inning. TCU errors proved costly, however, and Bowers won the four-hitter despite a competent performance by southpaw Jack Duvall.

TCU opened the non-conference season against the Bears, and fell victim to a three-hit shacking, 3-0, by righthander Bobby Holick. The Purple squared things next day with a 7-6 victory.

Roach said he hopes to get off to a running start against the Bears, in preparation for a vital series with heavy-hitting Texas next weekend.

Team statistics reflect the Purple's record. The Frogs are batting an anemic .236, to their opponents' .252. Run production has been lower than opponents', and error production higher, though improved, over last year.

Individually, first-sacker Jim Mayfield is tops at the plate with a .400 mark through 10 games. There's a sharp drop to Don Holland at .333 and Les Mattinson at .316.

Mattinson flashed some of his old power in the last SMU game, lashing four hits, including two doubles. Holland drove across four runs.

McDaniel is the workhorse of the hurlers, with a 2-3 record. In 31 2/3 innings, the big sophomore has allowed 34 hits and 16 runs. He has struck out 26 opposing batters.

Dr. Patrick Henry Jr. To Speak at Vespers

Dr. Patrick Henry Jr., pastor of Northway Christian Church of Dallas, will be the vesper speaker at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Robert Carr Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Henry received his education at TCU and in 1952 was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree here.

He is the son of Patrick Henry Sr., who served 22 years as the state secretary of Christian churches in Texas.

Don Buck, Fort Worth senior, will be student worship leader.

'Bike' Party Set Today

Women's Sport Association members are planning a bicycle party and picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Trinity Park.

Members still may sign on a softball tournament list in the Gymnasium. Play will begin next Monday.

Track Prospects Not-So-Bright For Relays; Ritchey Best Bet

With not-so-bright prospects staring them squarely in the face, Coach Mack (Poss) Clark, about eight varsity trackmen and eight freshmen were to have left last night or this morning for the Texas Relays at Austin today and tomorrow.

Two new injuries occurred this week. James Breeding turned up limping because of a muscle irritation and Joe Bob Craig came down with a pulled groin muscle.

Again, the Frogs' only hope will be Wes Ritchey, who will fling the javelin and put the shot.

Billy Roy Thomas, the well-built weightman, will be ready for the discus event.

In distance activities, James Wood and Robert Gathright are slated for action.

Clark said if Breeding's injury heals, he may enter a mile relay group composed of Breeding, Jimmy Roddey, David Finney and possibly Guy Shaw Thompson.

Tomorrow will be the first freshman competition since the Southwest Recreation Meet two weeks ago. Still, the Frogs will be hard put to get any places. There will be no weight events, the activities in which the frosh are strongest.

Clark said he probably would take a sprint medley group, a sprint relay and possibly a mile relay team.

Entries were to be chosen from Clarence Culwell and Ronnie Taylor, Clark's two prize distance men; James Swink, Richard Finney and Reuben Gonzales.

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Casts Selected For Two Plays

Casts for two of the three one-act plays to be presented here May 5-6 and 10 were announced this week.

"When the Fire Dies," an original script by Miss Ramona Maher, will be directed by Dr. Walther Volbach. In the cast are Charles Williams, the father; Miss Celeste Neff, the mother; Miss Marci Martin, older daughter; Miss Joyce Gordon, younger daughter; and Miss Hilda Cohen, the old woman. Miss Cohen also will be assistant stage director.

William Saroyan's play, "Hello Out There," will present Hunter Brush as the young man, Mrs. Bobbye Mikusek as the young girl, Hugh

Cox and Charles Ferguson as the two men and Miss Colleen Soles as a woman. Dr. Volbach will direct assisted by Miss Carol Andrews.

The cast for "The Crushed Petunias" by Tennessee Williams is to be announced later. These are the last Little Theatre productions for the season.

7 Enter Rodeo At Texas A&M

Seven Rodeo Club members are representing TCU today and tomorrow at an intercollegiate rodeo at Texas A&M College.

Headed by Jack Bridges, TCU's all-around cowboy, the contestants are:

Ken Humphrey, Galveston sophomore; Al Burgin, Fort Worth junior; and Bridges, Glen Rose junior, all entered in calf and ribbon roping.

Verne Dwyer, Fort Worth sophomore, and Charles Bird, Midland freshman, bull and bareback riding; Pat Whelan, Lena, Wis., senior, bull riding and Miss Amy McGilvary, Mertzon freshman, barrel race.

April 9 Is Last Day For Teaching Entries

Next Friday is the last day students who plan to take Secondary Education 642 next fall can file for practice teaching applications, Miss Alliene Harder, director of student teaching, announced.

After that day students will have second choice as to class-time and location for student teaching.

Oh, I'll Be Down To Getcha in a Whippet, Honey

Approximately 174 cars are parked on the campus each day.

Among the cars seen on the Hill are Willys-Knights, Durants, Stars, Auburns, Erskines and Whippets.

Sound strange? Maybe it's because the dateline is Jan. 15, 1930.

Dr. Huber to Speak

Dr. Irene M. Huber, professor of German, will speak to the young people's department of First Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Kent Helped Form Center Plans

(Continued from p. 1) Kent was student chairman of the Student Union Committee last year. He recognized and emphasized the need for club rooms and central offices for leaders of student activities.

The Athens senior was elected Congress vice-president, but when president J. Bryan Kilpatrick was called into the service he assumed the role of president, serving in 1952-53.

The same year, he was runner-up for class favorite and a member of Alpha Chi. In the fall he was serving the Alvarado Christian Church on weekends.

Last year he married the

former Miss Carolyn Eubank B.S. '54.

In the 1952 Horned Frog, he was pictured as the sophomore class favorite.

In his sophomore year, he was named the Most Active Student on the campus. At that time he was president of his class, treasurer of Chi Delta Mu and a member of Meadorist, Student Congress and the Inter-Club Council.

The award will be presented to Kent at a future meeting of the J. Willard Ridings Press Club.

Former winners of the honor are Murray Ferguson, '53; Martin Turner, '52; Chuck Olsen, '51; and Jimmy Paschal, '50.

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