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'TIS A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

Being human, for the most part, we are still dating letters and checks "1955". After all the excitement of Christmas and the Cotton Bowl, 'tis likely that most folks will take a week or so to adjust. But the bright, clean page of a new year is before us. Wonder what will be written thereon?

Judging by the "signs," TCU and her faculty family are in for another 12 months of work, progress and, we hope, happiness. There's every indication that our enrollment will grow, that we'll have young folks all over the place next fall and there'll be plenty of work for all. The prospect is an exhilarating challenge.

So much for philosophy (?)

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CAREER CONFERENCE SET FOR JAN. 27.

With the West Texas and Fort Worth Chambers of Commerce, TCU will stage its third annual Citizenship and Career Conference for high school seniors of our area on Friday, Jan. 27. That's the final day of exams.

Once more, the help of most of our faculty folks will be needed to make the event a success. Looks like we'll have 1,200 or more high school seniors on campus that day. During the morning they'll attend general sessions in Ed Landreth Auditorium and in the afternoon break up into 30 or so "career" conferences in as many areas of interest.

Indications now are that we'll need to have about the same conferences we had in 1955. Most of those to be in charge have been notified and are already working on plans. It may be necessary to call on a few others to help out. You'll be notified.

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THE BOWL BUSINESS

Although they lost the game, 13-14, Abe Martin and his Frogs did right nobly in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2. Loss of Chuck Curtis on the opening kickoff really hurt, but even then, young Dick Finney almost took the team to victory. It was surely a great season in football.

The TCU delegation, headed by President and Mrs. Sadler, Vice-President and Mrs. Lindley, mixed and mingled with the nation's great, including governors and other celebs. The band under Jim Jacobsen did a fine job. Students and faculty on the East side got sunburn. Almost everybody agreed it would be a good thing to get back to work--so they could rest. The Dallas swirl is taxing, to say the very least.

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS

THE SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

TCU can be justly proud of that Southwest Conference "Sportsmanship Trophy" which was won for the third time (for permanent possession) during the past season. In some respects, that trophy is harder to win than the football title and the fact that TCU was the winner for three straight years is indeed an outstanding record.

The voting is done by delegations from each member of the Southwest Conference and, as you know, young people are pretty hard to convince in some things as intangible as "sportsmanship." So we can be justly proud.

The big trophy was presented to Aubrey Owen, Congress president, at the halftime of the Cotton Bowl game. It will have a place of honor in the S. C. trophy case.

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SUGGESTIONS NEEDED FROM THE FACULTY -- IMMEDIATELY.

Concerned with the prospective shortage of qualified teachers in the next few years, the Fund for the Advancement of Education has announced a program of grants "for support of promising programs of institutional planning and experimentation for more effective use of teaching resources."

The program will concentrate wholly on making the most effective use of available teaching resources. There will be two types of grants: Type A (from \$2,000 to \$10,000) for programs of institutional planning preparatory to experimentation for more effective deployment of teaching faculties without diminution of educational quality; Type B (\$10,000 to \$25,000) for programs of planning combined with experimentation along one or more promising lines in the effective use of teaching resources.

The announcement suggests some possible types of proposals in the areas of instructional procedures, the curriculum, administrative arrangements, methods of measuring student progress, development and programs of independent study, examination of class size in relation to instructional methods, use of qualified students to assist in instruction, increased dependence on books and library facilities, the employment of visual aids and TV.

"The clarification of the basic purposes of the institution might reveal the possibility of defining the scope of its program so that available faculty might be used more effectively," the announcement points out. Applications for grants must outline proposals of planning and experimentation for 1956-1957 school year. As many applications may be submitted as a school wishes. Deadline is Feb. 15.

Suggestions are needed at once from any and all members of our faculty and staff. A committee has been named by Pres. Sadler and the Deans Council to prepare one or more TCU applications. Dean Moore heads the committee with Deans Nielsen, Harrison, Holsapple and Richardson as members. Dean Moore has full information, if more particulars are needed. How about putting that thinking cap on?

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SOME IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The following post-holiday meetings should be kept in mind:

- Jan. 6 -- Deans and all departmental chairman are asked to meet in Science building, Room 112, at 3:30 p. m., to make a final check on the Summer School schedule before it goes to the printer.
- Jan. 9 -- The AddRan College Curriculum Committee will meet in Dean Moore's office at 3:30 p. m.
- Jan. 10 -- The University Curriculum Committee will meet in the Board Room at 3:30 p. m.

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NOTES ON FOLKS

Said BUSTER BRANNON, walking into the Cotton Bowl just as somebody blasted a fire-cracker: "So, they're trying to shoot the poor old basketball coach!"

JEROME MOORE will speak on "Los de Abajo" on the Great Books Program at Austin College in Sherman, January 10.

BILL REED and JACK SUGGS report that the meetings they attended in New York over the holidays were most fruitful. Bill did complain about having to ride the trains so long, but he got a lot of work done.

The sympathy of the campus went to PAUL HASTINGS on the death of his father in California recently.

ROBERT ROBERTSON is to preach at the Unitarian Church January 8, on "Religion Without God." Bob says the congregation must run plumb out of speakers this month. That is a most interesting title for a talk and we're wondering.

O. JAMES SOWELL reports that that shooting near his home Christmas had nothing to do with the development program. Someone had suggested that perhaps the victim had refused to give.

NOEL KEITH reports that Texas has 17.8 percent of the high school seniors of the Disciples of Christ who have indicated that they will enter college next fall with the intention of studying for some phase of full-time Christian work.

LIB YOUNGBLOOD had a Christmas card from Sgt. Jessie McDonald who left our AF ROTC group in August. He's now in Goosebay, Labrador, and he reported he was "about to leave and go north with Santa to Frolishu Bay in the Baffin Islands." Further comment: "Eskimos do not rub noses except when it is so cold they can't kiss -- and I've never seen it that cold."

MURRAY ROHMAN spoke recently to the Social Legislative Group on "A Better Understanding Between Labor Unions and Industry."

JOHN WORTHAM completed a training course by the Electronic Computing Seminar of Remington-Rand in Dallas on December.

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POLICY FOR "DEAD WEEK" AND EXAMS

For the information of all, we're reproducing herewith Dr. Lindley's notice on the pages of Jan. 16-21 and Jan. 23-27:

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker for the chapel service Tuesday, January 10 will be Dr. Lee C. Pierce, minister of First Christian Church in Tyler. Dr. Pierce will speak on the subject "Mixed Up Values in Life."

The chapel choir under the direction of Dr. Gentry Shelton will sing "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Dr. George Fowler will preside.

"HONORS" PLAN

A committee of the Dean's Council, made up of Ike Harrison, Jerome Moore and W. H. Nelson, has submitted a new plan for determining honors for students. It has been approved and will become effective with the Fall of 1956.

A paragraph entitled "Honor Roll" on Page 34 of the General Catalog will be deleted and the following substituted:

DEANS' HONOR LIST: At the end of the fall and spring semesters each year, the Deans of the undergraduate colleges will announce a Deans' Honor List. A student to be eligible must be carrying at least 12 semester hours in courses that give credit toward a degree; be in the upper five per cent of the eligible students in the School or College; must not have received a grade of "F", "F" or "WF" in any subject. Grades in physical education activity courses will not be included in this computation.

A paragraph on "Graduation Honors" will be changed to this:

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