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THEIR LIVES GIVE US STRENGTH TO BEGIN ANEW

It's difficult to express our feelings about men like "Mac" Sadler, Amos Melton and Cecil Williams. They were special people - giants among men - and we do not lose them easily.

That any one of them should die would leave a great emptiness among us. But, that all three should be called abruptly from our midst within less than one week leaves us stunned and saddened beyond measure. Yet, though they are gone, their spirits live on and they remain forever in the heart of TCU and an inspiration to each of us.

They loved TCU and were deeply committed to her. M. E. Sadler was just completing his first year as executive chairman of the TCU Board of Trustees, still making friends for his beloved university, inspiring them to share his vision and enthusiasm for higher education at TCU. He had retired as Chancellor of the university in 1965 after serving as its chief administrative officer since 1941. What he accomplished for TCU during those 24 years is a remarkable history. The accounts of those achievements and of his own personal accomplishments in every area of professional, community and Christian service would easily fill a volume.

Certainly, he guided the university through its most dynamic years of growth and development - both in physical plant and academic enrichment. He was truly "Mr. T.C.U." No one else could wear the title more deservedly. The eloquence of many people have testified to his greatness and just last November, on his 69th birthday, all of Fort Worth rose to applaud the man and his accomplishments at a special appreciation dinner in his honor.

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That evening "Mac" Sadler responded with customary humility and told his audience that it was "they" who would make TCU great. Then he challenged them as he recited the motto by which he lived:

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can
do something.
I will not let the things I cannot do
get in the way of the things I can do".

As Amos Melton wrote recently upon Sadler's retirement, "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man. His was indeed a very long shadow".

Amos Melton, too, was deeply committed to his university - his alma mater, for whom he had played football, earned the Bryson Poetry Prize, and edited The Skiff during his undergraduate years from 1924 to 1928. He had left his school to become a reporter, sports writer and editor for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Press, and had served as an intelligence officer in China during World War II.

He returned to TCU in 1950 as business manager of athletics and rose quickly to become director of public relations and assistant chancellor. His door was always open and he was never too busy to talk and give counsel to anyone - fellow administrators, faculty, students, parents and friends.

The Faculty Bulletin was his own. Amos treasured informality and he deliberately wrote to break through the stiffness of academic jargon, degrees and titles to help us see ourselves as persons.

He worked to the end and despite years of failing health - his indefatigable spirit never failed. He lived by one of his favorite phrases: "Keep swingin'".

Cecil B. Williams died suddenly of a heart attack, without symptoms or warning, only hours after he and his wife had visited with Mrs. Melton following Amos' death.

Cecil was a man full of good spirit and warmth. He was an administrator of exceptional ability, and led the Department of English as its chairman through its years of planning and establishing a Ph.D. program in that field. He had joined the TCU faculty in 1960.

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He was a sensitive man, a scholar, teacher, and writer who had authored a novel, biography, text books, poetry, and articles for professional and popular journals. He guided the preparation of the recent volume on the university's participation in the Shakespeare quadricentennial, published by the TCU Press.

For the commemorative volume Cecil wrote a poem entitled "For All Time". Though he was describing the great bard, the beautiful lines also reflect on his own life. We excerpt a few here:

"The moonlight yet sleeps sweet upon the grass;
Sad Lear and merry Falstaff have passed on,
But Shakespeare's world cannot and will not pass.
The music of his lines will always sing
While melting snows unveil the blooms of spring."

There would be no TCU without men like M. E. Sadler, Amos Melton and Cecil Williams. They were indeed "for all time." They have become, as have those who have gone before them, a part of her spirit, her tradition, her glory. And, if TCU achieves a measure of greatness it will be due in great part to the lives they lived and gave to their university.

As Chancellor Moudy has said, "...life must go on, the university must move ahead." What Dr. Moudy wrote for Amos in last week's Faculty Bulletin, he would want to extend to all three men: "To begin this year without them will be hard. But we must do it. And they would want us to. For myself, I pledge an extra effort this year for their memories' sake. Please join me."

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WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING

With faculty-staff orientations, fraternity and sorority rush, half of Howdy Week, and most of registration behind us, the university took a deep breath and set its foot on the fall semester starting line. The gun fires officially Thursday morning as classes begin and students and faculty alike head for the year's high hurdles.

For Calvin Cumbie and his hard-working crew, the business office and everyone concerned with registrations, the starting gun was fired days (if not weeks) ago. Indeed, we could honestly say the race never ends. But we do find time to take an occasional long look at ourselves and gain some perspective for the work before us.

Such was the case during our orientation sessions last week. Chancellor Moudy was in fine form and good wit Saturday morning as he outlined the year's program for our faculty and staff. On the small stage at the front of the ballroom were five stools -- to accommodate the Chancellor, his "vices" and Dean Wible, while they discussed a new year at TCU. Dr. Moudy quickly pointed out to his audience that these were "lab" stools, not "bar" stools.

In a round-chair discussion, the top administrators were asked about their special areas of responsibility. Cecil White carefully described the university's new food service plan and concluded by saying there would be no noticeable change. Not one to overlook a good straight line, the Chancellor said he had appreciated everything Cecil had said up to the last sentence. (Have you figured out how to phrase it yet, Fouts?)

In things fiscal, Cecil also commented that the university was increasing its mileage allowance from 7 to 10 cents per mile for those who must use their cars on official business; that all student salaries have been increased to \$1.00 per hour (which will raise our student payroll to some \$270,000 this year); and urged that everyone examine this month's paycheck very carefully to catch any errors since we're on IBM for the first time. (You mean computers can make mistakes?)

Jim Newcomer, reporting on academic life, urged the faculty to find a special meaning in what they do and to give it life and sustenance for their students. He asked the faculty to approach the year as "new persons" accomplishing old goals in a better way than ever before. (He even went so far as to suggest that lectures could be updated and revised. Don't we always?)

Equally important, Dr. Newcomer said that students must be made aware of the intellectual and cultural opportunities available to them, and not limit themselves to a specialized field.

With more hats than hands (since we are temporarily without a Dean of Men), Dean of Students Howard Wible spoke about the "tone" of TCU and its effect on the students. "Loyalty and integrity build the tone of a university," he said. "It's set by the attitude of the faculty, staff--the entire campus family--toward the students and each other".

Commenting on the university's external affairs, vice-chancellor Earl Waldrop reminded the faculty that the influence they exert, wherever they go and with whomever they speak, may encourage someone to support the university...financially, of course. Any wills, bequests, extra stocks or bonds and loose change will be appreciated.

Tom Palmer and Leroy Lewis (new director of Special Courses) discussed the Evening College program with particular emphasis on special courses and their importance to our community. Every faculty member was urged to examine his own special field for suggestions of expanded programs that could be offered through this division.

George Reeves spoke his satiric soliloquy about Select Series (more elsewhere in the Bulletin) and Ole Abe (the Martin that builds football and character components for our space age team) concluded the morning's orientation by saying the Frogs were lookin' good and it ought to be a great year.

Indeed it should. It was a fine meeting, in good spirits, and it was wonderful seeing familiar faces again and to welcome new ones. And it was especially good to see Harold Lunger and Wayne Rowland back with us after a year's absence.

Like M. E. Sadler when he first reported for duty on campus in 1941, we hang up our hats and go to work. It's TCU's 94th session. May it be our best!

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGED

For those concerned, Chancellor Moudy has announced that the Administrative Council will meet regularly on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays, as in the past, beginning Sept. 21. The time has been changed to 9:30AM.

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GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO UNITED FUND

As stated last week, TCU's goal for the annual UF program has been set at \$13,850. Though your support is voluntary, we sincerely urge each of our people to give their fair share in behalf of the 65 important agencies sponsored through the United Fund. Give it much thought. Cards will be distributed to all employees early next week. Let's all pitch in and give sacrificially.

"HOWDY WEEK" MOVES ALONG

The campus seems caught up in the spirit of things as the motto, "Smile and Speak; It's Howdy Week," became an actual practice after the registration of about 1,400 freshmen and newcomers Sunday and Monday. They are easy to spot in the Purple and White beanies and transfer badges, and their smiles are the results of varied activities planned to introduce the newest Frog family members to the academic, athletic and extra-curricular doings of their alma mater.

As always, faculty members are welcome, too, and these activities could afford a get-acquainted period for new faculty personnel as well. The University Players have written and will present a musical farce Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium following a pep rally and snake dance on the quadrangle. To coincide with Chancellor Moudy's busy in-town schedule, the annual chancellor's reception will be combined with the TCU-Nebraska game listening party on Saturday. To begin at 1:30 p.m., the event will be on the lawn in front of Jarvis Hall.

The two-hour show in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Saturday night with the Comedian Godfrey Cambridge and Songster Glenn Yarbrough has gained lots of attention from all ages. To start at 8 p.m., it sounds as if it will be one of the best big-name entertainments. Tickets are available at Student Activities Office for \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

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AS THE 94th SESSION BEGINS

Perhaps never before has it been so important for each person to press toward maximum development of his potential. As teachers, educators, administrators and counselors of the young persons within the bounds of our influences, we have the responsibility of guiding these students toward fulfillment of their capabilities.

Vice-Chancellor James Newcomer's suggestions on giving attention to the scholarly possibilities in students were timely and inspiring. Early identification of the better-than-average young person and the channeling of his pursuits to the highest level he can aspire to reach promise him a place in the future. This week of this semester is the time to notice him, encourage him and assist him toward his goals... and ultimately toward many fine graduate opportunities that await. Dr. Paul Wassenich of the Honors Program, as faculty representative of several national graduate fellowships, Dr. Newcomer pointed out, welcomes the opportunity to work with all faculty members in directing students toward these awards.

PLANNING SESSION POSTPONED

The first meeting of the newly-formed "Future Planning Commission," postponed from its original Sept. 7-8 date, will be re-set for an early date. Schedules and calendars are crowded with activities, which accounts for no definite date being decided upon. Consultant Francis Pray, whose professional specialty is on University development, arrived for the planned two-day session and was able to become better acquainted with campus folks.

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SELECT SERIES ENTERS 10th YEAR

To "celebrate" the 10th year of Select Series, those persons responsible for selecting programs have picked what they describe as the best slate of entertainment yet. The 1966-67 bill includes eight programs in a \$15,000 package and at a cost of \$5 per season ticket for faculty and staff. You can pick your tickets up at the Student Activities Office.

Leading off the programs will be the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans on Oct. 11. Composed of elderly Negro musicians who learned their trade in funeral marches, the band performs nightly to near capacity crowds in the Bayou City's Preservation Hall, built in 1750 as a private mansion. The musicians pioneered jazz with big-name bands in the 1920's and 30's.

The Ballet Folklorico of Mexico will present the only performances in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum during the '66-67 programs. The company of 75 dancers, singers and musicians will give their shows of pageantry and folklore on Oct. 28, 29 and 30. The New York Woodwind Quintet is scheduled for Nov. 16; the National Players' production of "The Birds" on Dec. 6; Cellist Janos Starker, Feb. 23. Economist Barbara Ward of London will speak Mar. 9; Cartoonist Jules Feiffer will present an illustrated talk on Apr. 6; and Soprano Evelyn Lear's Apr. 17 appearance will conclude the season.

It's the biggest entertainment bargain we know of and one you'll not want to miss.

FOR SALE OR LEASE

Three-bedroom, 2 bath home at 3207 Westcliff Road West. Central heat and air conditioning. Call Claude Coates, ED2-5315.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Comer Clay of government will direct TCU's first intergovernmental workshop conference, slated for Sept. 30 at Arlington's Cibola Motel. Co-sponsoring the all-day event will be the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and participants from a 10-county area are expected to attend.

The first of several cooperative efforts of the University and the governmental council, the workshop will give attention to the marshaling of multi-governmental resources to attack problems of water and sewer system expansion, stream pollution abatement, water resources development and flood control. The conference is being offered through our Special Courses Division. Mayor Tom Vandergriff of Arlington, council chairman, will preside, and participants will include regional, state and federal representatives.

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JUST A REMINDER...

...of invitation extended the TCU community to attend a reception honoring The Rt. Rev. William Paul Barnds, suffragan bishop of the diocese of Dallas, at Trinity Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. tomorrow. The event is scheduled on the day of his consecration.

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CHANGE IN CAFETERIA MANAGEMENT

After long and careful consideration, the University placed all its food services under the expert management of a nationally-operating company on Sept. 1. The new contract is with ARA-Slater School and College Service, a division of Automatic Retailers of America, which operates dining programs for some 225 colleges in 35 states. To operate all campus cafeterias, as well as the snack bar, the service tailors its programs to the particular requirements of the college and the tastes of its students.

Many of TCU's former employees, including Dietitian Juanita Owens and some of the veteran cooks, have joined the firm, which places emphasis on better management, greater productivity and efficiency. In announcing the change, Vice Chancellor L.C. White said the move is the result of a growing conviction that the University's dining program had increased in size and scope to the extent that professional management on a large scale had become a necessity. Food services previously offered on campus will continue to be available. B.A. (Tony) Brewton, a top manager with ARA-Slater Services, has been assigned as director of TCU's dining program.

NO ADDITIONS TO FROG FAMILY

Dr. Robert H. Parker, who has been a resident ecologist at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., during the last three years, has joined the faculty as associate professor of biology. He's really not a stranger here, though, as he spent an undergraduate year here -- an eventful one, too, as it was during this time he wooed and won a religious education major for his wife, the former Harriet Elizabeth Logan. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of New Mexico, he did advanced study at Duke and joined Scripps Institution of Oceanography at U of California. His work there and at the University of Copenhagen led to the Magister Scientiarum degree from the Denmark university. Dr. Parker has taken part in numerous scientific oceanographic expeditions in the Pacific, Indian Ocean and Gulf of Thailand.

Until recently a rescue crew navigator in Viet Nam, Capt. Charles L. Broadwell is a newcomer to the Air Force ROTC staff as assistant professor of aerospace studies. The Baldwin, Kans., native received his B.S. degree at the University of Kansas, where he has done graduate study. The distinguished graduate of navigator training has been awarded the Air Medal with three clusters, Viet Nam Medal and other military citations. Capt. Broadwell, whose Vietnamese service was from a base in Japan, has been stationed in Europe, southwestern and southeastern Asia and in the Pacific Islands.

HAND-IN-HAND: RESEARCH AND HEALTH

With this major focus, the second issue of "The Search at TCU," edited by research news editor John Ohendalski, is off the press and being sent to selected listings of persons who would seem most interested in the issue's features. The very attractive, exceptionally well-written bulletin is non-technical in its detailing of the continuing search for knowledge at TCU. Dr. Earl Gardner's research on the elimination of cholera, Dr. Sanders Lyles' work with staphylococcus germs, the close tie between health and behavior and Dr. Malcolm McLean's research on early Texas history provide interesting, informative reading. Guest writer for this publication is Dr. Tom B. Bord, noted and respected managing director of the Radiation Center and clinical professor of radiology at Southwestern Medical School.

A copy of "The Search at TCU," now a regular publication of Dr. E. Leigh Secrest's office, is enclosed with this bulletin. Intended to help explain TCU research to backers of the TCU Research Foundation, school science teachers, editors and others who show an interest in such research, it is available at no charge. If you know of someone who should be receiving copies, just send the name, address and profession to Dr. Secrest's office.

FIRST CHAPEL SET FOR TUESDAY

The first of the weekly chapel services will be on Tuesday (Sept. 20) with Dr. James Moudy as the speaker. A regular 11 a.m. event in Robert Carr Chapel, the services are under the direction of Chaplain James A. Farrar, and music will be provided by the Chapel Choir.

Students, staff and faculty are encouraged again to take advantage of this opportunity for quiet, serious consideration of things spiritual. Dr. Moudy's topic will be "In Honor of Great Men."

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INTERESTED IN GEOPHYSICS?

Interest in the structure, composition and physical characteristics of the Earth as a planetary body has been such as to cause the initial offering of a general introductory course in geophysics this fall. Planned through Special Courses, the non-credit class will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. on Mondays throughout the fall semester. Registration will be completed at the first meeting, Sept. 19 in Room 315 of Wintoncote Hall.

Dr. John C. Redmond, chief of the Applied Research Lab of General Dynamics/Fort Worth and former space-science researcher will be the instructor. His B.S. degree in geological engineering is from North Dakota University and his Ph. D. in geophysics from Pennsylvania State U.

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"POLISHING APPLES" NOTED

Designed by Jim Lehman and pointing to continuing adult education, the Evening College advertising featuring a red apple and a graduate's mortar board has received widespread recognition and high praise. The ad, in both newspaper and poster form, asks "Have you polished your apple lately?" Fort Worth Press editor Walter Humphrey devoted space in his The Home Towner column last week to notice and praise for the imaginative piece of work. The ever-increasing trend of more Americans seeking additional higher education was described by the editor as "making good sense" and as "inevitably profitable, just in making life fuller, if nothing else."

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ENCIRCLE THE DATE...

..of Sept. 21, the first Wednesday faculty luncheon in the Student Center ballroom. Sixteen such pleasant luncheons will follow during the fall semester. Tickets for the entire semester are \$13 for 17 dates or individual luncheon tabs will be \$1.02 each with no reservations needed.

PHYSICISTS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEET

s. Leo Baggerly, Charles Blount and Prem Mahendroo recently attended a joint international meeting of the American Physical Society, the Ciudad Mexicana de Fisica and the Canadian Association of Physicists, Mexico City. The event marked the first such joint meeting of the three societies as well as Canada's first away-from-home participation.

. Baggerly presented a paper on "Bremsstrahlung Production in Thick Targets by 0.5 to 2.8 MeV Electrons," and TCU graduate student Peter Rainwater gave a paper on "Reflection of 1-MeV Electrons with Normal Incidence on Metals."

CUS ON FROG FOLKS

. CECIL JARMAN of religion will "preach what he practices" when he describes "The Art of Friendship" at the Thursday luncheon of the Newsmen Club of Fort Worth. Shady Oaks Country Club will be the scene of the event.

. SELBY EVANS and one of our new Ph.D.'s in psychology, ED M. EDMONDS, co-authored the article appearing in the Aug. 25 issue of Psychonomic Science. The title of the work is "Prediction of Schema Learning by Near Regression."

Life driving does pay off!!! Brite Divinity School student CHARLES MILTON, who directs communications for the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches, was cited as last week's Golden Rule Driver of the Week and was presented a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. The award is sponsored by the American Automobile Assn. in cooperation with the local police department. A part of Hamilton's driving is 140 miles each week to Morgan, where he preaches for the First Christian Church.

. Col. KENNETH THOMPSON of Army ROTC readily admits that the charming young Nikki Thompson pictured in Sunday's Star-Telegram as one of the finalists in the Miss Teenage Fort Worth is his daughter. The 16-year-old Paschal junior is her own guitar accompanist for folk songs.

"The Individual Learner Comes First" is the topic for Mrs. MARGUERITE MATER's talk at an Arlington PTA this week. The Starpoint School principal will speak on a similar theme for the Dove School in Arlington next month.

. GUS FERRE, philosophy department chairman, will lead a series of five evening sessions in Dallas in the Downtown YMCA's adult program for fall. To begin on Sept. 15, the study will explore the "God is dead" issue.