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# IN THE MIDST OF LIFE

Although we know that we walk constantly with death, the loss of a well-loved member of our faculty family never ceases to wound and amaze. In only recent months, it was so with Dean McCorkle, Ellis Sowell and Corrie Allen. Then last Saturday morning, in the hustle and hurry of one of the biggest weekends of the year on campus, the sudden and completely unexpected death of Irene Huber brought a deep sadness that will not soon depart.

Irene died as she had lived, dressed in her cap and gown and ready to do her part in the ceremony dedicating our new buildings. You could always count on her. We have a feeling she would have wanted it that way for there was never a more loyal, willing and dedicated person on campus. It was entirely fitting that she died and was buried in her beloved academic robes.

Irene Huber was a teacher born--and if there's a higher accolade we're not aware of it. The development of young persons in the most formative years of their lives is one of the highest callings. It was the only one for Irene. The good she did--the integrity she instilled, the intellectual and religious convictions nurtured--will be her greatest monument in the long years ahead. Indeed, no one will remember what we say of her. But the things she did here will never die.

TCU is a much finer place for having had Irene Huber a few short years. Again we must dedicate ourselves to carrying on the great task to which she was completely devoted.

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# THE BIG WEEKEND

Through the pall of Irene Huber's death, somehow we struggled through the weekend of the Great Aggie Invasion. We lost the football game but few TCU teams have ever played a greater game. And that crowd of 47,000 set a new alltime record for a sports event in West Texas.

We dedicated Dan Rogers Hall, Daniel and Hall Dormitories with fitting ceremony. Thanks again to all faculty folks who took part in the processional and the other events. Several explosive situations developed but quick work by staff members, including Business Manager L. C. White, prevented any really bad outbreaks.

Things should be fairly quiet until Nov. 22-23 which is Homecoming.

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#### HAPERONES WANTED FOR STUDENT CROUPS

t is the policy of the University to require our student groups to have faculty or staff nembers as chaperones at all off-campus social functions. Included are such activities s bus trips to out-of-town games, picnics, banquets and formal dances. The groups nviting a faculty member will provide a baby sitter if you need one--and show you a pleasant time.

you would be interested in having this kind of social contact with our student groups nd have not been asked, just let Libby Youngblood (Ext. 260) know about it. She will o her best to pass the good times around. Don't forget. Give her a buzz right now.

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# EW "DRESS" FOR BUSINESS REVIEW

Vith a big assist from Jim Lehman, assistant director of Info Services, the monthly Fort Worth Business Review" by our Bureau of Business Research came out in fancy ew dress in October. It's a swell job.

'aul Hastings, director of the Bureau, is editor. The October issue had fine articles y Henry Key on historical highlights of our School of Business (most interesting) and . Sumner Riddle, teaching Fellow, on "Group System of Depreciation." Very good ideed.

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# NITED FUND EFFORT LAGS

Furl Couch reports that as of last Wednesday, Oct. 16, only 170 of our people had iven to the United Fund (vs. 300 at the same time last year) and that our total was only 2,424--some \$600 short of last year at the same period.

here's still time for EVERYBODY to get in on this important campaign. Won't you look for that card and fill it out today?

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## ISITS TO RAYBURN LIBRARY URGED

eville Penrose, good TCU friend and prominent oilman, attended the recent dedication f the Sam Rayburn Library in Bonham. He reports that many of our faculty would find visit to the new center most rewarding. In fact, he has notified Pres. Sadler that he ould be glad to provide a bus for such a trip if a group of our people are interested.

hould a number of our folks get together and decide they can go, let Info Services know. We'll notify Mr. Penrose of time and place. Visits by individuals and small groups are lso welcome, of course. Taculty Bulletin - Oct. 23, 1957
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#### ORORITY REPORT

Jibby Youngblood has come up with the finest report so far on our sororities. It shows, or instance, that 403 girls qualified for rush this fall by attending the orientation; 12 lropped out after the first period party; 34 after the second period; 28 after the third and 7 after the fourth.

There were 312 who signed preference sheets; 9 who failed to receive bids; none (0) who efused to accept bids; 303 who pledged in formal rush. Dropping out or not placed were .00. Eight were placed in open rush, making a total of new pledges on Oct. 5 of 311.

ribby figures the "fulltime" undergrad women at TCU as 1,486, including 565 freshmen. Of these, 256 pledged or 45.3%. This compares with 48.6% in 1956. There are 10w 594 TCU women enrolled in sororities or 40% of the "total TCU women." This compares with 40.6% last year.

trength of the sorority groups this fall are:

orority	Members	Pledges	Total
lpha Delta Pi	23	43	66
Ipha Gamma Delta	24	24	48
hi Omega	30	36	66
Delta Delta Delta	36	30	66
Pelta Gamma	24	25	49
appa Alpha Theta	29	32	61
appa Delta	30	33	63
appa Kappa Gamma	32	24	56
1 Beta Phi	27	26	53
eta Tau Alpha	28	38	66

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# PRAISE ON OUR 85TH BIRTHDAY

Hope everyone saw the fine editorial, "TCU--Hale, Hearty and Growing at 85," in last saturday afternoon's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. It was a most stimulating salute to the University's "85 years of academic integrity and public service."

'Without it (TCU), the city would be vastly the poorer, culturally and materially. Its academic concepts are hewn to high standards, its degrees are esteemed, and its future planning in depth rather than breadth promises a steady continuing rise in its prestige and recognition," the editorial continued. We surely appreciate the kind words and will work harder than ever to live up to them.

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## BLOOD NEEDED FOR PROF. ZIEGLER

Miss Frances Wallace of the Blood Bank at St. Joseph's called to say that six blood donors are needed to replace that used on Prof. Ziegler after his recent accident. Anyone who will donate a pint of blood for this very fine cause may call Miss Wallace at the hospital. Thanks.

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## NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

DON and LOUISE COWAN handled most of the details in connection with Irene Huber's death. Louise had been named executrix of the will and carried out all of her friend's wishes. She found Irene's papers and affairs in neat, good order. Thanks to the Drs. Cowan

An article by ALLAN MacLAINE has been accepted for 1959 publication in the Keats-Shelley Journal. It is entitled "Shelley's The Cloud and Pope's Rape of the Lock: An Unsuspected Link." Allan argues that the germinal idea for Shelley's beautiful lyric is in a brief passage in Canto II of The Rape. A most scholarly study. Congrats Allan.

McKIE TROTTER of art has a showing of 31 paintings (oil and caseins) in a one-man show at the Junior League Gallery in Houston. He was also represented in the State Fair of Texas Annual show for the sixth straight year.

JOHN HAMMOND of Spanish will give two papers at the meeting of the South Central Teachers of Modern Languages in Dallas this weekend. One is "Seventeenth Century Madrid as Seen by a Native Son" for the Spanish Literature Division, and the other "The Literary Style of Jose Vasconcelos" for the Spanish-American Literature Division. Good work.

Reports are that SAMUEL ZIEGLER is recovering well from that recent accident but it will be many months before that badly injured leg will let him walk. However, he hopes to start some painting soon.

BOB DAVIS, former Air Force ROTC commander now at Connelly AF Base in Waco, was a visitor for the Aggie game. While an A. & M. grad, Bob pulled pretty hard for the Frogs too. Was all shook up at the end.

Thanks to A. T. DeGROOT who knew him in California, we had Movie Star Ronald Reagan for a short visit on campus Tuesday. He met with our ministerial folks over in Weatherly Hall. He's a staunch churchman.

Looks like BEN GOLDBECK and JOE HODGKINS are about tops as flag-bearers. They were dressed and fully equipped a long half hour before last Saturday's processional.

We hear that WALTON ROTHROCK, WALTHER VOLBACH and others are pitching in to help with our German classes for the rest of the semester. It's good to have qualified folks about in an emergency.

The campus is still aglow over the election of GRANVILLE WALKER as president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church). A TCU grad (Brite) and former teacher, the minister of our own University Christian Church richly deserves the honor.

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#### THE "FACTS" ON ABSENCES

Dean Laurence Smith reports that "fact may be stranger than fiction, but when it comes to handling absences at TCU it would be less complicated." Just to help out a bit, he presents some of the "fictions" which are most bothersome at this time:

FICTION: FACT

Students can get an "excused absence" at the Dean of Students' office.

No excused absences are given by anyone. Students must explain their absences to their teachers and arrange for makeup work if the teacher so desires. When students are in the infirmary or called out of town because of emergency, the Dean of Students office will notify teacher of the reason for absence. This is done only as a convenience to students and teachers and does NOT constitute an excused absence. If a parent of a town student phones in to report a student ill, a record is made for future reference but notes are NOT sent to the teachers.

FICTION: FACT

Official absences and excused absences are the same thing.

When a student is absent to represent the University (as in athletics, chorus or band programs, national or state meetings of organizations represented in our student activities) or to attend some special function as part of a class activity (the regular class in marketing visiting the stock exchange, for example) then an OFFICIAL ABSENCE is granted and noted in the Faculty Bulletin. Normally the teacher of the class or the counselor of the student or student group "clears" such absences before they occur. Tuesday noon is the deadline for listing them in that week's Bulletin.

FICTION:

Every absence should be reported.

FACT

According to the catalog, the report is made when 1) a student is absent from three consecutive classes; 2) when an accumulation of absences reaches the point of endangering the student's status in the class.

FICTION:

Absences can be reported on "any old sheet of paper."

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They can--but the regular cards are easier for the Dean's office to file. If you don't have them, call Ext. 230.

FICTION:

If no reply is received from the first report, you should drop the matter. There may be no reply on <u>first</u> reports primarily because of the amount of clerical work involved. However, we need a cumulative report and will make a special effort to reply on every case where useful information can be given the instructor.

FICTION:

Absences can be handled by an administrative office.

FACT: Absences can be handled most effectively by the teacher in the classroom. The reporting can save the University money (in the case of veterans) and put us in touch with students who may need special counseling. Even so, the aim of the counseling would be to secure better classroom performance.

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## OFFICIAL ABSENCES

The following students were absent from classes on Friday, October 18, while attending the Southwest Journalism Forum on the SMU campus:

Major, Linda Rogstad, Gail Harkrider, Jack Beckham, Pat Miles, Frank Wilkins, Galyn

Stamps, Roy Marshall, David Morris, Beth Adair Pynes, Gordon Stanley, Doris Grimsley, Lee Roy Morehart, John Smith, Dave Perkins, Frank Edmondson, Bert

The following students attended the Dallas Art Museum, Thursday, October 17, from 1 to 6 p.m.:

Adams, Kenny
Cleveland, William
Disney, Penny Jo
Kent, Kay
Lashlee, Fran
Malone, Barbara
McReynolds, Sue
Roberts, Margaret
Sylvester, Ann
Watts, Phil

Cagle, Carol
Covitt, Russell
Eades, Gail
Knight, William
Macs, Yan
Mauldin, Anthony
Nelms, Billye
Russell, Carole
Taylor, Lois

Clark, Mitch
Dickinson, Sara Jane
Kaspick, Johanna
Koritz, Charles
Magness, Ann
Militzer, Sandy
Paik, Joyce
Stayton, Janet
Walker, Carol Sue
Wilson, Yvonne

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