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Greetings of the Joyous Season!

Once more the very busy days have slipped away, bringing to the TCU campus for the 85th time the cherished Christmas season. It is a warm and wonderful time when families come together in love and friends remembered in gratitude.

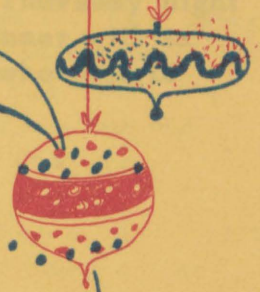
Of all the times and places that might have been-through the long centuries and on the broad earth-it has been given to us alone to walk this way together. Let us do so with courage, with high hope and in deep appreciation of each other. We are together.

Let us celebrate with joy the birth of Him who is our hope. With deep personal appreciation for you all, we wish you and yours a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! FINE NEW YEAR!

M. E. Sadler
President

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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone is aware, 'tis hoped, of the big Faculty Xmas Party to be held Thursday night at the Student Center ballroom. There'll be fine food, fun and fellowship. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games and dancing will follow for those who wish to play and sashay. See you all there!

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DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The Deans' Council, in an important meeting last week, approved a method for removing a certain type of student from the campus. Dean Larry Smith reported a growing number of students who register for minimum or small loads, rarely attend class and/or get so far behind there is no hope of making satisfactory work. Yet these continue to live in the dorms, hang around Student Center and take part in campus activities. In fact, since they have no work of their own to do, they are a constant menace to fellow students who try to study.

These people are not discipline cases (usually) and under our catalog rules cannot be put on academic probation or suspension until the mid-semester. Even then some of them may enroll again for the next semester on academic probation.

From now on under the new action by the Council, the Dean of Students is authorized to recommend dismissal of such students with the concurrence of their academic dean. Such action will be taken "at such time that it is clearly demonstrated that the student is not interested in, or making, any academic progress."

The discussion brought up two more points: It will be most important now that teachers report class absences under our usual method so the Dean of Students may be informed; re-study and revision of our rules on academic probation and suspension is needed.

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CHANGE IN HOMECOMING PLANS

The Homecoming Committee, in session last week end, voted to abolish the troublesome parade and substitute a series of "displays" on campus. These will be about as elaborate as the old floats and will be made by the student organizations as usual. They'll be quite elaborate with lights and sound and will be on display two or three days and nights. The public will be invited to come out and see them.

Tentative Homecoming date has been set for Baylor, Nov. 1. That will avoid mid-term exams which come about the time of the Texas game.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BUSINESS OFFICE

Everybody is cordially invited to a Christmas coffee in the Business Office on Friday, Dec. 20. Come any time between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. for fun and fellowship. You'll have a good time.

PROMPT DISMISSAL OF CLASSES URGED

Deans' Council (see above) voted unanimously to call the attention of all instructors to the fact that they MUST dismiss their classes on time. Complaints in this matter have been growing and Vice-Pres. Lindley pointed out that the campus has grown so large that it is impossible for students to get from one building to another in time if they are not dismissed promptly. It was pointed out that teachers who make a habit of holding the young people too long (and several have this bad habit) are "being selfish and unfair."

Remember the Tuesday-Thursday classes are 8-9:15 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. These seem to give the most trouble. But the M-W-F schedule should also be followed to the minute.

After discussing this matter at some length, the Council made it clear that EVERYONE must be very conscious of ending sessions on time. And it was further stated that instructors should certainly be prompt for the START of the class as well. So don't forget.

THE CALENDAR FOR 1958-1959

After much thought and consideration by Deans' Council, the official calendar for the next school year has been put in shape. The highlights: Fall semester will be extended one week longer; Spring semester will end at mid-week (Wednesday) instead of on the previous Friday; start of Summer session 1959 has been pushed back a bit to start five days after close of Spring semester or on June 8; Christmas recess will be two full weeks, extending to Jan. 5; Baccalaureate services for Summer (only) will be combined with commencement (effective next summer).

The fact that our Fall semester has been a week or more shorter than our Spring semester caused the major change. Here's the slate in brief:

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>	
School opens	Sept. 15	Registration	Feb. 2-Feb. 4
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	First classes	Feb. 5
Christmas	Dec. 19-Jan. 5	Easter	March 25-31
Final Exams	Jan. 26-Jan. 30	Final Exams	May 28-June 3
<u>Summer Session 1959</u>			
	Registration	June 8	
	End First Term	July 17	
	Start Second Term	July 20	
	Final Exams	Aug. 28	

Note that there will be only three days for registration for the Spring semester with first classes on Thursday of that week.

NEW GIRLS DORM TO BE READY BY SEPTEMBER

Work on the new dorm (for 360 girls) will start at once on the site just north of Hall dormitory. Completion date is Aug. 15, 1958 and we hope to put it to use in September. The new boys' dorm will be started later on the site of old Goode. It may be ready for use by mid-semester in 1959. That's the plan now.

T. Taylor & Son, Inc., was the successful bidder on the girls' dorm. His basic bid (estimate for construction) was \$949,706. The new boys' hall, when completed, will house 200 students. Meanwhile, Clark will be used again next fall.

EVERYONE INVITED TO PHILOSOPHICAL CONFERENCE

The 19th annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Conference will be held on campus. Dr. Larry Smith, who with Cortell Holsapple and Robert Logan will act as official hosts, points out that members of our faculty will be welcome to any of the sessions. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 27 in Faculty Center. Other sessions are set for 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 28 and at 9 a.m. on Dec. 29. Some of the leading authorities in the field are scheduled to give talks and lead discussions. Anyone interested may obtain a complete program from Dean Smith.

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NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

E. SADLER, ABE MARTIN and PETE WRIGHT did a deer hunt near Kerrville last week. Coach bagged a turkey with a rifle but missed a deer at the same range. Mr. Sadler and the president got deer and from what we hear a certain gent who holds the highest honor in the Masons slew turkeys like Samson did Philistines. That fellow loafing around campus last week looked mighty like a game warden. Send no files, please!

MES L. WOZNIAK of Art and RICHARD LINCOLN of French had ceramics entries in the annual Texas Crafts Exhibitions in Dallas recently. Both won awards. Jim also had jewelry on display.

BEN PROCTER of History has an article in the Dec. 15 issue of the Georgia Review published by the University of Georgia. It is "John Reagan and the Confederate Post Office Department." Congrats Ben.

See the greetings of CORTELL HOLSAPPLE, TROY STIMSON and JULIA MURLEN on Evening College office door: "Wishing you a Cool Yule and a Frantic Christmas."

ERNEST LAWRENCE will sing the "Messiah" with the choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls for the third straight year the afternoon of Dec. 22. Anyone in that area might want to attend.

McKIE TROTTER of Art has been invited to show in "Art: USA: 58," an exhibition of contemporary painting to be held in Madison Square Garden during the next year. It is a fine honor.

Our athletic "gang," DUTCH MEYER, ABE MARTIN, HENRY HARDT, et. al. attended the winter meeting of the Southwest Conference in Dallas last week. They reported things fairly quiet.

VALTHER VOLBACH has taken over as acting chairman of the speech department. He has also been helping out with advanced German classes. A very busy young man what with all his usual work. DAVID MATHENY and HENRY HAMMACK have divided the late Dr. Pross' classes. Thanks men for carrying on in such a fine fashion.

The December issue of our Business Review has a fine article on food price trends in Fort Worth by JOHN WORTHAM. It points out that food is taking more of the family budget because: 1) families are bigger; 2) better food is being bought; 3) prices per item have gone up.

VILLIS HEWATT, DON COWAN, R. L. WILSON, CHARLES SHERER, NEWTON GAINES, SANDERS LYLES and C. E. DOWELL attended the meeting of the Texas Academy of Science in Dallas last week end. Several had places on the program.

OFFICIAL ABSENCES

The following students and sponsors attended the Camp Wolters Orientation trip to Mineral Wells, Texas Dec. 13:

Eyler, C. A.	Krizan, R. W.	Alexander, M. S.
Welborn, R. S.	Lewis, B. J.	Caudle, R. W.
Sanchez, R.	Hughes, D. C.	Leuty, R. S.
Bailey, W. M.	Brewton, R. E.	Yockstick, G. W.
Robinson, M. G.	Adams, L. B.	Edmondson, B. D.
Johnson, C. L.	Fredenburg, M. A.	Heiskell, S. D.
Dovitt, R. E.	Alsip, J. B.	Burn, R. C.
McFarlane, C. B.	B. A. Keithas	Fleming, R. H.
Clark, C. C.	Kollman, J. B.	Wahle, R. C.
Pitts, P. R.	Poynter, S. H.	Brannon, R. T.
McKibbian, Gloria	Orr, Martha	Berry, Dixie

The following students were absent Dec. 11, 12, 13, to attend Southwestern Debate Tournament at Winfield, Kansas:

- Alexander, Brooks Connolly, Kenneth Patton, Bobby White, Francis

The following students were absent Dec. 12, 13, to attend Southwestern Debate Tournament at Winfield, Kansas:

Mason, Jane	Marynow, Maury	Ritter, Bonnie	Spear, Wayne
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The following students will participate in a University Chorus program for the Downtown Rotary Club from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20:

Damman, Mary Alice	Bruton, Carole	Flowers, Zana	Pulliam, Martha
Vaco, Mike	Petersen, Charles	Ardoyno, Phyllis	

In order to participate in a basketball game in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the following varsity players were absent from classes on Monday, Dec. 9 through Tuesday, Dec. 10 until 11:00 a.m.; the same group was absent on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13 and 14, to participate in the Birmingham Basketball Classic, in Birmingham, Alabama:

Brunson, Kenneth	Davis, F. A.	Davis, Roy	King, Kenneth
Kirchner, H. E.	Meacham, Tommy	Nippert, Darrell	Stevenson, Ronnie
Taylor, Billy	Turner, Tommy	Tyler, Bobby	Williams, Don
Mabe, Mack			

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HOLIDAY WRAPUP NOTES

Faculty meeting Pres. Sadler called on the afternoon of Dec. 18 was a fine Christmas gift indeed. It was announced (in case you missed it) that salaries of all our professional workers would be boosted \$600 a year, effective Feb. 1. Very fine indeed.

Faculty Party the night of Dec. 19 was a huge success. The place was beautiful, the food outstanding. Congrats to Juanita Owens who got out of a hospital bed that afternoon to make sure everything was just so. It was. All-in-all, the campus was a beautiful place that week.