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THE NEED FOR "QUALITY WORK"--AND WHAT IS IT?

A bunch of the boys (and gals) were whooping it up in the Faculty Center recently. Over coffee cups yet. The conversation turned to TCU's "competitive position" in the North Texas area and it was pointed out that with Dallas U. coming along and Arlington State College likely to become a four-year school, there'll be six or seven degree-granting institutions in our immediate sector ere long.

Of course, with the steady population growth plus the increasing percentage of high school grads going to college, one and all may be badly needed. On the other hand, some very shrewd schoolmen feel that the "deluge" of students being predicted will NOT materialize and they have good reasons. But in any event, it would seem there's to be a lot of colleges and universities in the 35-mile Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton triangle one of these days.

Which brings us to the key comment: "If TCU is to maintain its position of leadership, we're going to have to stress quality more and more. The others can and will offer the same courses we do. Ours must always be better!" Which seems to make a lot of sense. We certainly can't compete with State schools say, in the matter of costs. We're gonna have to offer a better all-around program and TOP QUALITY.

At which point in the conversation someone asked the vexing question: "What is quality in university work--and in teaching?" It's a kind of a stumper when you think about it. For instance, all schools offer courses in freshman English. What would make TCU's 311lab better than the others? Or why would our junior geology course have more quality than the others? Or any other course you can think of?

You can think of some quick answers: Our students would "get more" out of the TCU course, would have better grasp of the subject, would gain better mental-discipline, have more interest, etc. etc. Maybe some are valid. But by-and-large, the gang seemed to agree that the main factors are the two "F's": Faculty and facilities. Good teachers with all necessary equipment equal quality. And there were some, harking back to old Mark Hopkins, who feel that a log is still enough for "facilities" if the teacher is great enough. Could be.

Which, naturally, brings up the question of quality teaching. What is it and how do you judge it? By popularity of the course? Grade level? Toughness? Product--as shown by student achievement? Frankly, Ye Bulletin is in far over its head in this area. Maybe some of you faculty folks have some ideas. If so, just send 'em in. Let's discuss it.

TUITION UPPED TO \$1,450 PER YEAR--AT PRINCETON

Last week, as the announcement of our own tuition raise to \$17 per hour came out, Princeton posted a flat increase of \$235 annually--to a neat total of \$1,450. Yale is following suit and Dartmouth is also in the \$1,400 bracket having raised tuition \$420 in the last two years. Ten years ago, the average Ivy League charge was \$600 a year--and \$270 at TCU. Our new rate for 30 hours is \$510.

All of which points up the rising costs of education and the effect of inflation (the experts say we have a 40¢ dollar now). In our own area, our new rate still leaves us below SMU, about even with Baylor and some of the smaller church-related schools. Some of our special course fees (many unchanged since 1918) go up from \$6 to \$10 per semester. Only change in other areas was a \$10 per semester boost for rooms in Jarvis Hall. Our tuition increase will amount to \$60 per year for students taking 30 hours. The action was taken only after careful study by the finance and executive committees of the Trustees. All things considered, it was a modest and justified hike.

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CLASS SESSIONS IN SC POPULAR

The policy of letting teachers bring classes to Student Center for a free coffee session once each semester continues popular. In December, 1,865 cups of coffee were served free under the program--with the Student Hospitality Committee picking up the tab.

Teachers who haven't done so still have time to get in such sessions this semester--and again during the Spring when the program will be continued. Arrangements can be made by calling Libby Youngblood's office (Ext. 260) one day in advance. Makes a good routine break.

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FACULTY PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBIT

In case you haven't, drop by the first floor display case in Ad Bldg. and take a look at the exhibit of pictures made by some of our staff shutter bugs. Really interesting shots by Joe Hodgkins, Jim Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ramsey, Max Haddick and A. Melton.

This small showing is only a fraction of some very fine work being done by faculty folks with their cameras. And it's given birth to an idea for a more ambitious exhibition to be held in Faculty Center during Spring semester. Details aren't worked out yet but the general plan is to ask every one with interesting pictures they've made to lend them for showing--everything from snapshots of grandchildren to ambitious color prints. Should be a lot of fun. Watch for further announcement--and start taking some pictures if you have the urge.

CONVOCAATION THURSDAY TO END MINISTERS' WEEK

Don't forget that a campus-wide convocation at 11 a. m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Auditorium will close our Ministers' Week event. Bishop John E. Hines, Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will be the speaker. His subject: "A Christian's Responsibility in Education." All faculty and students are most cordially invited. Please come-- and invite your students.

HAVE A CHUCKLE DEPARTMENT

A hilarious Mary Beth Scott is telling this recent experience: In a literature course, she talked at length about the sonnet. As a prime example, she used the famous Shakespeare effort about love. This great 14-liner goes on to say something about love having bonds and how the bonds exist even after death, etc. etc. Then she asked a student what the poet was saying. The answer (close version):

"Shakespeare says that love is two people in a BIND!"

SCHOLARSHIP RATE TO GO UP

To keep pace with our boost in tuition (see elsewhere in this Bulletin), Pres. Sadler has announced that the amount of our grant for general scholarships will be raised from \$125 to \$150 per semester. The increase will apply to almost all of the scholarships granted from University funds. Details will be spelled out in our new General Info Catalog due in March. Of course, the change is effective in the Fall-- as is the tuition jump.

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INTEREST SHOWN IN NEW GOVERNMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Business Manager White reports that about 175 persons (students and parents) attended last Thursday's discussion of the new Government Defense Loan Program in which TCU will participate. Generally under the plan, students may borrow money for their education and repay within 10 years after graduation. Interest rate is only 3% and it does not become effective until a year after graduation. There's a limit on what may be borrowed in one year and/or over the four-year period. Mr. White's office is drawing up the details for printing and the pamphlet will be available in his office this week. The program might be a big help to some students and we might pass the word along to those interested.

W-2 FORMS NOW READY IN BUSINESS OFFICE

If you just gotta fill out those Income Tax forms right away, your W-2 (earnings and deductions) statements are now ready in the Business Office. Just drop by and ask for yours.

In years passed, we've used the word "SOB!" in connection with this announcement but will refrain this year as somebody was always thinking they were initials--instead of a whole word. Of course, either is applicable in this case but we'll just say the W-2's are now ready.

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RESERVE LISTS NEEDED BY LIBRARY

The Library would like to receive lists of reserve books for the spring semester as soon as possible--starting right now, Glen Sparks reports. Full info about placing books on reserve can be found in the Faculty Handbook, pages 25-27. It helps if the lists are submitted in duplicate, typewritten and showing complete biographical information including the call number. Don't forget.

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SPRING ENROLLMENT GUESTIMATE: 5,925

Registrar Calvin Cumbie, searching his crystal ball, says we'll have 5,925 students enrolled for spring semester. This is about the normal 8% drop from fall semester which set an alltime record of 6,474. If his prediction holds true, we'll set a new record for spring as the old mark is 5,699 set in 1957. Last spring we had 5,623.

Calvin's prediction for spring: Day School Undergrads, 3,401; Grad School 452; Evening College 1,928; Brite College 144. 'Twill be interesting to see how close he comes to the mark. Incidentally, he reports 102 students will complete degree requirements at midterm, a "sizable" number to be suspended scholastically and the usual number to withdraw or transfer.

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NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

W. H. ROTHROCK has completed work on his Ph. D. at the U. of T. with a major in Romance Languages and will receive said degree on Jan. 31. Congrats Walton Hoyt. Fine work.

The report published here last week that L. JOHN PARKER of German has also completed his Ph. D. at U. of T. has caused him some embarrassment. Folks thought he already had a doctorate. As a matter of fact, he had. He took a D. Sc. from the University of Budapest in 1937. The new Ph. D. (to be conferred Jan. 31) is in German. He also has the B.S. (U. of Budapest), B.A. (U. of Leipzig), B.A. (U. of London) and the M.A. (U. of Melbourne).

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CHARLES KEMP of Brite delivered the Laura Field Lectureship during the Oklahoma Christian Ministers' Institute in Enid, Okla., early this week. The other speakers were Dr. George Buttrick, G. Paul Musselman and Dr. Stephen J. England. A very distinguished group indeed.

CHARLES NEVITT of Evening College (personnel management) faces a busy speaking schedule. On Jan. 22 he'll discuss "Planning a Management Development Program" at a meeting in San Antonio sponsored by the American Hospital Assn. and the Texas Hospital Assn. The same day he'll speak to the School of Business Faculty at St. Mary's U. He also has a speaking date with the TCU Junior Chamber of Commerce this weekend.

A new folder outlining the Summer Institute in Science and Mathematics June 8-July 17, has just come from the printer. Another swell job by JIM LEHMAN of Info Services. As you know, the event has been made possible by a large grant from the National Science Foundation. JOSEPH MORGAN will be the Director and DONALD COWAN, HENRY HARDT, BEN GOLDBECK and JOHN FORSYTH will be the principal faculty members.

Sure good to see BITA MAY HALL back at Faculty luncheon last week.

Didja see where MARGUERITE POTTER will take her European tour into Russia next Summer? Sounds like a lot of fun. And E. J. BOONE, Evening College instructor in Russian, has signed up for a trip to Moscow to act as interpreter while a Fort Worth firm builds a big "Casa Manana" there. We should have a lot of first-hand info on Russia when they get back. Incidentally, Dr. Marguerite spoke last week at Baylor to the class there on "Communism and Christianity." Previous speakers to the group have included Gov. Daniel and several State senators. We'll bet Marguerite's was among the best talks.

Incidentally, the main speaker that morning at 7:45 a. m. in Ed Landreth will be Dr. W. Ballentine Henley of Los Angeles. Educational consultant for General Motors and head of one of the big medical colleges in L. A., he's reported to be one of the most interesting speakers in the land. Made a big hit at the huge Rotary Convention in Dallas last year. Our faculty folks are cordially invited to hear him if they wish.

The University is most grateful to the 60 or so faculty members who will help out with the Conference by staging the smaller career conferences during the afternoon sessions. It's a very important event for us and many a high school senior decides to come to our campus after attending the event.



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PRESIDENT

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TO THE FACULTY

My dear Friends:

Bishop John E. Hines will be giving the concluding Oreon E. Scott lecture on our campus at eleven o'clock on Thursday, January 15. The lecture will be given in the Landreth Auditorium. Bishop Hines is one of the more intelligent and effective religious leaders in this part of the country. He was selected for this concluding address of the Scott lectures because this concluding address has to serve as a university-wide convocation. We would be very grateful to you if you would announce this convocation in all of your classes and urge your students to attend. We would like for you to attend also. I believe you and your students will be fully repaid for the time given to this convocation.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. E. Sadler".

M. E. Sadler, President.