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## CAMPUS ABUZZ OVER SELF-STUDY PROGRAM

Although a Steering Committee has been working on the project since December, plans for our "Self Evaluation Program" over the next two-year period were unveiled to the faculty and staff at last week's general meeting. To most it was something of a surprise package and as could be expected, first reactions ranged all the way from "a complete waste of time and effort" to "the greatest thing we've ever tried."

As we hear it, the idea evolved from several things coming together. To begin with, our School of Business and Teacher Education Program are seeking full accreditation from their national agencies. Inspection teams from those agencies were set to visit on campus in the fall of 1960.

Secondly, the Southern Association (our main accrediting agency) has just instituted a new program of self-evaluation and periodic visitation of member schools--a sort of "re-accreditation" program. We were invited to be one of the "pilot schools."

Thirdly, our recent studies and surveys looking toward the new Ph. D. programs have shown a need to find out just where we are now, what plans need to be made, etc. etc. Putting all these things together, the plan for the two-year study was evolved and given the hearty approval by Pres. Sadler on Jan. 20.

Since then, there's been a lot of backing and filling. A Steering Committee made up of Otto Nielsen as chairman, Jerome Moore, Ike Harrison and Dr. Lindley did the spade work. Later, Amos Melton was added to the group to form an "Executive Committee" and L. C. White, Laurence Smith, Calvin Cumbie, Glen Sparks, Henry Hardt (speaking for Athletics), Elmer Henson, Jim Moudy, Robert Hull, Cortell Holsapple and Lucy Harris became members of the "Steering" group.

A flock of "organizational" and "flow" charts on just how the program would be carried out were drawn up--and mostly discarded. It became obvious rather early that we would have to feel our way and what was "it" today would be discarded tomorrow. You get the idea the "plan" will be pretty flexible--and everyone's convinced it should be. The recent visits of Dr. Branscomb of Vanderbilt and Dr. Selden of the National Assn. on Accreditation have added impetus and ideas.

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### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Our visiting "outside" experts tell us three things will result from our study: 1) Teams from eight or nine accrediting groups (including Southern Assn., Business and Teacher Education) will visit on campus in November 1960 and be duly impressed; 2) our final written report will be a huge tome of facts and findings of much use to ourselves and of great use to other institutions planning the same thing; 3) a better understanding for all members of faculty and staff of just what we're doing now, what we are trying to accomplish and what we should be doing. In the words of both Dr. Branscomb and Dr. Selden, the importance of these results are in reverse order as listed here. In fact, both are convinced that by far the greatest value to be derived will be the better understanding for all of us of the University's objectives, methods, resources, programs, etc. etc.

It sounds reasonable--and worthwhile. There may be other, more down-to-earth practical results too. Our visitors report that such studies usually result in a 10% decrease in course offerings as duplication and overlapping are eliminated. That remains to be seen in our case.

### WHAT'S TO BE STUDIED?

We've been cautioned not to try to "cover the universe" in our study. At the same time, it would seem now that almost every phase of our activity--from the operation and relation of the Board and President's office down to maintenance of facilities and tools--will come under inspection.

Just skipping about at random, committees or subcommittees will take a look at such things as our admissions policy and practice, our public relations program, the vice-president's office, our faculty committee system, inter-collegiate athletics, the business office, history department, Fine Arts program, student life, student organizations, graduate school, etc. and etc. We may also take a look at the culture and economic trends of the areas from which we draw our students, the needs of those areas and how we can more closely identify ourselves with our "constituents."

'Tis a very broad plan. And while we may not make it in every instance, the very fact that we're concerned has great value.

### WHO'LL BE INVOLVED?

This will be a "self study" in every sense of the term and the plan calls for every teacher and staff member to have a part. After much discussion on the point, it's now fairly certain that every committee and subcommittee will have members from several areas outside that under study. In short, folks from Fine Arts, Education and Brite may be on the group studying the Department of English.

Our visiting experts have warned that in the early stages "some bruises" will be inevitable. It's certain that "valuable dissenters"--as one of them put it--will appear over campus. And, 'tis hoped, no one will use the opportunity to grind personal axes or air intra- or inter-departmental rivalries in a destructive way.

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462 STUDENTS PLACED ON ACADEMIC PROBATION

Registrar Calvin Cumbie reports that as a result of their work in the Fall semester, 462 students went on academic probation under our new regulations. At the same time, 245 students were continued on probation, 153 made good enough records to be removed and 94 were suspended. The breakdown:

	<u>Continued</u>	<u>Removed</u>	<u>Suspended</u>	<u>Totals</u>
EVENING COLLEGE	163	25	11	199
DAY SCHOOL	82	128	83	293
Totals	245	153	94	492

Actually, Calvin's office figures that we may have as many as 750 students in all schools and colleges on probation this spring. In addition to the 462 who were "new" to that classification, there were 245 continued from Fall semester plus entering students from either high school or other colleges and those returning to TCU after suspension. These, of course, are automatically on probation the first semester back.

First checks indicate that our new rules on probation and suspension are NOT increasing the number in each category significantly. Those who "got it" under the new rules would also have made it under the old. But it will take some time before we can be absolutely sure. Certainly some cases of inequity have been cleared up. It's no longer possible to make four D's and one C to escape. Nor can one who makes A in 9 hours of work and F in only 4 hours be suspended for failing to pass two-thirds.

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NEW HOPE FOR THOSE WHO HEAR BELLS--AT WRONG TIME

Mr. L. C. White, the business man, has entered negotiations with the Standard Electric Time Co. toward the end of ending, once and for all, our vexing problem of having between-class bells ringing at the wrong time all the time. 'Tis especially true on T-Th as our present system is set for the M-W-F schedule.

A new clock, which can be regulated to ring them bells at the right time any time, probably will be bought. However, chances are it can't be installed until it can go into the new Ad Building (to be started this fall) for obvious reasons. And if you bell-haters are annoyed, consider the sad case of Mr. White right now. The master clock for campus is installed in his office. It gives fourth a loud "click" ever 30 seconds right over the White head. As a result, the Business Manager finds himself thinking, working and dictating in rhythm-waiting until the clock makes its next tick before taking up again. No wonder he does everything by the numbers!

Quoted price for the new clock: \$600. Mr. W. may buy it himself if the University can't.

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SADLER FREEDOM LECTURE ON APRIL 7 ✓

Hope everyone will circle the evening of Tuesday, April 7, on their calendars. The annual "Sadler Freedom Lecture," which honors our president, will be given that night in Ed Landreth Auditorium by Dr. Kenneth Wells, president of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Awards won under the Foundations' annual program--including a George Washington Medal and \$100 to TCU--will be presented. More details later but 'tis hoped everyone will make plans to attend now.

NEW EDITION OF "THIS IS TCU"

The March issue (No. 3 of the year) of our magazine has just come from the presses. Another fine effort--and with quite a number of national advertisements yet.

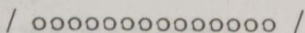
The cover features the "Horned Frog" doorpulls few folks have really observed. The "Ideas" section is by Don Cowan of physics and deals with "Science and Myth." There's a swell story on the history of The Skiff--now 57 years old--which was suppose to last only three weeks. There's an editorial on "Thinking Students" and some tall sport stories from the TCU past. Also a fine picture section on the four new buildings we just dedicated. The edition is another top effort by Editor Bobbye Barratt. Your copy will be arriving soon.



PHI DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER INSTALLED HERE

Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the international professional fraternity for men in education, was installed on campus Saturday. There were 79 initiates in ceremonies in the Bailey Building and 125 persons attended the dinner and charter program in Faculty Center.

Officers of the new chapter are G. Weldon Wells, president; P. B. Stovall, vice-president; Dr. Sandy Wall, vice-president for membership; Joseph A. Clark, secretary; Hermbert Stice, assistant secretary; and Calvin Cumbie, treasurer. Wells and Stovall are public school administrators here; Stice and Clark TCU grad students. Jeff Horn was elected Faculty Sponsor. Jeff was also chairman of the Planning Committee which included Sandy and Calvin. Looks like a very fine new organization for campus.



USIA WORKER FROM INDIA TO VISIT ON CAMPUS

Pabbaraju Rao, senior information and press specialist of the U. S. Information Agency in Hyderabad, India, will be our guest next week, Monday through Wednesday. His visit is a part of the Agency's training program to bring key foreign national employees to this country to "see for themselves." Mr. Rao expressed a strong desire to visit at TCU during his U. S. stay as his American supervisor in Hyderabad is George Miller who graduated here in 1948. Indications are George talked so much about TCU Mr. Rao just had to come and take a look.

The folks in Washington report that our guest will want to attend a class or two, visit with students, attend luncheons or dinners, see a ball game or visit in homes to really see the "American way." Some tours and visits have been arranged but if anyone wishes to help out on the program of entertaining our visitor, please call Info Services (341). Mr. Rao is 43, had two years at Andhra Christian College in Guntur, India; speaks English well; likes sports.

NEIL HULINGS of biology talked on "New Techniques in Marine Biology and Geology" at the annual meeting of the Texas Junior College Assn. recently.

SUPPORT OF "HOSPITAL DISTRICT" URGED

Pres. Sadler expresses the hope that all of us will carefully consider the creating of the "Hospital District" to be voted on April 7. Working with other community leaders he sees a great need for approval of the program which will provide adequate financing for Peter Smith Hospital and Elmwood Sanatorium (for old folks).

Those favoring the proposal think each community should care for its own and that all informed folks will vote favorably. We can't "let 'em suffer" or "let 'em die" as some have expressed it. As good citizens of our community, we all need to give the plan very careful consideration.

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CONGRATS TO CAGERS, AF DRILL TEAM

We did very well in various contests last weekend. Although they lost a close game to Cincinnati (by four points), our basketballers did very well in the NCAA Regional meet at Lawrence, Kan. Cincinnati went on to win the crown and the Frogs came in a stout third by beating DePaul. We're mighty proud of Buster Brannon and his great senior team--certainly one of the best in our history. H. E. Kirchner, the religion major, was voted a place on the All-Tournament team at Lawrence. 'Twill be a long time before we forget H. E., Ronnie Stevenson, Derrill Nippert, Ken Brunson, Kenneth King. They were "top hands" in every respect.

And our AFROTC Drill Team on the 14--school drill competition in the Stadium Saturday. A very fine event indeed and congrats are surely in order for Col. Sanders, Bud Albert, Malcolm Phillips and the others who had a part.

HOW'S ABOUT HUNTING UP THOSE BADGES?

The Faculty social director reports that the following badges are missing from the board: Mmes. Brisco, Cowan, Cox, McDowell, Mixon, Prouse, Rothrock, Porterfield, Latimar; Misses Enlow, James, Karges, Myers, Matney; Mssers. Colquitt, Crouch, Edens, Lindley, Moudy, Nielsen, Pierce, Prouse. How's about looking them up and returning to Fac Center?

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NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

We're sorry to hear that MRS. E. T. CORNELIUS, wife of the former religion professor who retired in 1957, suffered a broken hip from a fall on some campus steps. She's been in Harris Hospital. E. T. and Lottie are now living in Wichita, Kan., where he is associate minister of a church. She was here for the Practicum being held at University Christian Church. Get well fast, Lottie.

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JACK SUGGS, Brite's scholarly scholar, will become a near-citizen of Missouri the next few weeks. He's to make 17 speeches there in 36 days. This weekend he delivers the Bible Lectures during the Laymen's Institute in Columbia; just before Easter he preaches at Marshfield (including a sermon at Drury College); in April gives the Bible Lectures at the Missouri Convention of Christian Churches. Jack reports that an unkind colleague explains Missouri's sudden interest in Suggs thusly: "Them Missouri mules know a fellow-Jack S. when they see one!"

Congrats to PAUL HASTINGS, IKE HARRISON et al for that fine Consumer Credit Institute last week. Was well attended and received.

SANDY LYLES and WILLIS HEWATT judged the Science Fair Exhibits at Paschal high school recently.

ARTHUR EHLMANN is still scratching his pate. Acting as Science Advisor at Rosemont Junior high's "Career Day," a frequently-asked question was: "What salary can a man trained in the sciences expect to receive?" A tough one to answer--and perhaps further insight into the primary interests of our young people today.

DUTCH MEYERS, PROF. and MRS. WILL WINTON (emeritus profs in science) and most present members of our biology-geology dept. attended a luncheon of TCU Geology Exes during the big American Petroleum Institute meeting in Dallas Tuesday. They were joined by such distinguished exes as Howard Grubbs (secretary of SW Conference), Dr. Ivan Alexander (chief of research for Magnolia) and many others. HARTWELL RAMSEY met with them and they plan to make it an annual affair at the API event. How many of you knew THE DUTCHMAN took his degree in geology?

ABE MARTIN, the grid coach, spoke to another big meeting of the Permian Basin oilmen in Midland this week. Mixed petroleum and football.

GLENN ROUTT was in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend as guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at the U. of Arkansas.

JOHN HAMMOND was elected president of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Assn. of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese last weekend. Congrats.

JIM CORDER of the English department has just published a lengthy article in Notes and Queries (Oxford U. Press) on "Marvell and Nature." It deals with the 17th century English poet Andrew Marvell and his idea of the indestructibility of the spirit in nature. Very good work Jim. ✓

NOEL KEITH will be the speaker at the Louisiana State Convention of Christian Churches on April 18.

MRS. BERTIE MOTHERSHEAD, the well-loved University librarian now retired, has been abed several weeks now with neuritis. Sure hope she's up and about soon. Get well, Mrs. Bertie.

PROF. and MRS. CHARLES SHERER left by plane Tuesday for Red Cloud, Neb., to attend the funeral of Mrs. T. J. Sherer, his mother, who died that morning. Prof reports that his father is also in serious condition in a hospital there. The concern of us all flew with them.

OFFICIAL ABSENCES

John Bell was absent from class on Friday, March 13 to represent TCU at a talent show at Texas A&M.

The following members of Fallis Players will be absent from classes from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on March 19 to present a program at Technical High School:

Phyllis Alexander	Peggy Lentz	Susan Duncan	Barbara Jones
Paula Ramsey	Anita Archer	Marian McBride	Gwenn Blanton
Joyce Nicholson			

The following students were absent from classes Friday, March 13 to attend the Southwest Journalism Forum at Austin:

John Morehart	Pat Beckham	Gail Beckham	Beth Morris
Kirsti Knudson	Bob Bullock	Ruth Ann Kendiger	Jack Harkrider

To participate in a basketball tournament in Lawrence, Kansas, the following were absent on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13:

Kenneth Brunson	Jerry Cobb	Ray Davis	H. E. Kirchner
Tommy Meacham	Derrill Nippert	Ronnie Stevenson	Bobby Tyler
Tommy Turner	Don Williams	Harold Curtis	Billy Johnson

The following men were absent Friday, March 13 to participate in the Southwestern Recreational Track and Field Meet:

Charles Coody	Jerry Johnson	Frank Mackey	Don Massengale
Tom Ryan	John Schmitt	Mike Walling	James Whitehead

The following cadets were excused from classes from 7 a. m. until noon on March 10 to complete a physical examination at Carswell Air Force Base:

Blackwell, Joe	Eyler, Claude	Fuston, James	Kuehn, Robert
Lewis, Bobby	Markos, George	Sanchez, Rafael	Sullivan, Chester
Taylor, Robert	Weiss, Olin		

The following cadets were excused from classes from 7 a. m. until noon on March 12 to complete a physical examination at Carswell Air Force Base:

Caudle, Richard	Gill, Stanley	Jones, William	Levey, David
Lydick, John	McCraw, John	McLean, James	Norman, Daniel
Walsh, Richard	Watkins, James		

Donald Lacy, Jr. was excused from classes on the afternoons of March 4 and 5 to take the Air Force Officers Qualification Test.