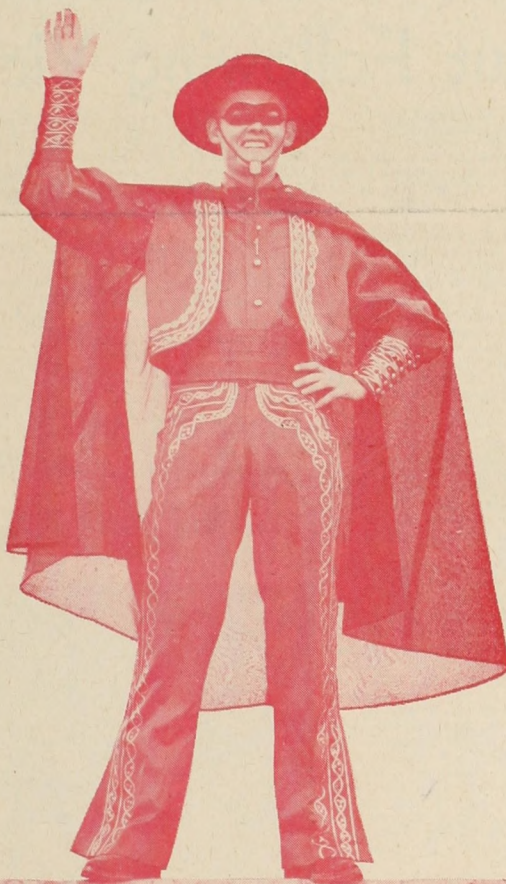


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# Saddle Tramps Observe Twentieth Anniversary

by JANET MOORE  
Toreador Staff Writer

The Saddle Tramps have made another "large economy size" contribution to Tech in their 20th year of service with the construction of the Saddle Tramp Circle.

The unique and outstanding landmark will be dedicated at the 1958 homecoming. Tramp officers had anticipated completion of the circle before this year's edition of homecoming but the building contractor was unable to finish it in time.

The feature of the circle will be the firepit which will be the site of all future pep rallies, bon fires and burning of effigies.

Immediately outside the firepit will be a border of grass. The Circle, which is made of terrazo material, is an octagon divided into eight sections, each bearing the colored emblem of a Southwest Conference school. The name of the school and its colors are above the emblem on the neutral background. The Red Raider is the approximate size of an automobile.

Man is born free, and everywhere he is in irons.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

Since 1937 the Saddle Tramps have been promoting and spreading school spirit and sponsoring worthy projects. Their founder was Arch Lamb, now Lubbock County Commissioner who as a cheerleader thought that central nucleus was needed to direct yells. Also there was ill-feeling between the townspeople and the campus because of the destruction that was caused by after-game fights.

So The Saddle Tramps were formed with ten charter members who helped to calm down the fights and began creating a friendly atmosphere between the town and the college. Also courtships were extended to visiting ball clubs.

During that time money was scarce and Lamb considered dark trousers and a red shirt an inexpensive uniform. Red dye was available cheap and most of the men already owned a dark pair of trousers.

During the same year the Red

Raider Rider made his first appearance riding around the football field.

Conner Cole, Tech Bookstore director and honorary member of the Tramps, worked together with them on the idea of stunt cards which added to half-time festivities.

The organization, which now has about 60 members, took the whole project of the SWC Circle upon themselves and raised the \$4,100 needed for the construction.

A cemetery care-taker is like a newspaper editor. He keeps the deadlines. This was a joke that appeared in the Feb. 28, 1940 edition of the Toreador.

In the October 8, 1938 edition of the Toreador, the front page was featured by a headline stating that registration figures hit the 3400 mark for a new all-time college high.



WHOOPIING IT up when Tech was admitted to the Southwest Conference in May of 1956 are the Saddle Tramps who direct and promote school spirit at Tech. The Tramps have built spirit since 1937 and are easily recognized in their red shirts with black lettering.

# East Tower Bells Ring Out Following Victories

by JAMES HAMM  
Toreador Staff Writer

Tech freshmen have had very little chance to participate in one of Tech's oldest and most sacred traditions — the ringing of the victory bells.

For the benefit of those freshmen who have not been initiated in this tradition, I will explain how the tradition works.

When Tech wins a contest, or after some other suitable occasion, freshmen—through loyalty or the fact that they were standing too close to an upperclassman when the event took place—will go to the Administration Building and pull on the two chains leading to the two victory bells.

The "lucky" freshmen ring the bells for about thirty minutes.

The bells were installed in the spring of 1936 by the senior class of that year. Each senior class member contributed \$2 for the expense of the bells—gift of the class to Tech.

One bell weighs 900 pounds and the other weighs 300 pounds.

The first ringing of the bells was for 15 minutes before commencement exercises in 1936.

**THE FOLLOWING FALL** when Tech beat Texas Wesleyan in football, the victory bells were rung for the first time to mark victory in an athletic contest.

Roy Dunn, then freshman class president, and his classmates had this honor.

Present college rules prevent bells from being rung more than thirty minutes at a time. An exception was made of this rule May 12, 1956—the day that Tech gained entrance into the Southwest Conference.

**JUBILANT STUDENTS** started ringing the bells at 10:30 a.m., when news of Tech's admittance into the conference reached Tech, and later in the afternoon the bells were still chiming.

During Tech's earlier years, there were no such rules, and "slimes" would ring the bells hours at a time—with the approval of upperclassmen.

A record for the ringing of the

victory bells was set in the first year of the bells' existence.

**CHEERLEADER** Arch Lamb requested that the bells sound their melodious tones from the closing gun of the game that Tech won against TCU 7-0 until six o'clock the next morning.

"Eager" freshmen complied.

Sometimes the bells are rung when Tech hasn't won a contest. This happened twice in 1950.

At 11:02 on Oct. 24, 1950, the victory bells chimed in unison with the Freedom Bell in Germany. They were also sounded in observance of United Nations Day of the same year.

All people at Tech were glad to hear the victory bells chime in the year of 1937.

**LIBRARIAN** Elizabeth Howard West rang the bells for thirty minutes to let everyone know that Governor James Allred had finally signed a bill allocating funds for the building of a new \$275,000 library at Tech.

A new tradition might be growing out of the old tradition of ringing the victory bells.

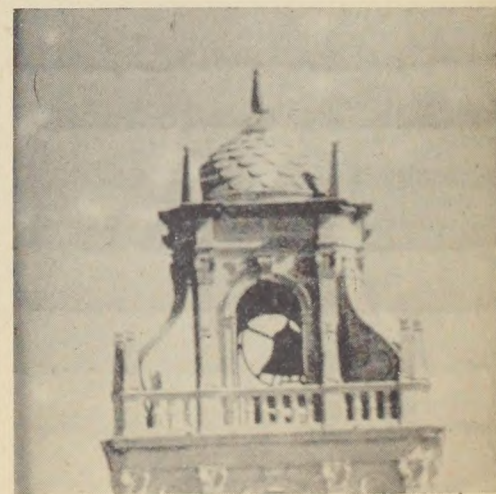
After each homecoming victory in recent years, an unidentified student has climbed the four flights of stairs and has rung the victory bells in the presence of the perplexed and delighted freshmen.

He has been heard to say "I helped to buy these things, and by darn, I want to ring them!"

**IN 1937** President Bradford Knapp requested that the victory bells be rung three times in one day, commemorating wins by the debate team, senior livestock judging team and football team.

He said, "May the bells in the east tower sound out honors for those who have brought honor to Texas Technological College."

Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side. Francois, Due De La Rochefoucauld



THE VICTORY BELLS which are housed in the east wing of the Administration Building are rung following significant occasions. The Bells were purchased by the class of 1936 and rang prior to 1936 commencement exercises.

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by FLOYD V... Toreador Staff

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# Confused Freshmen Play Vital Part

By NITA JO HEDLESTON  
Toreador Staff Writer

The freshman, generally thought of as a confused, wide-eyed individual, plays a vital part in the life and traditions of Texas Tech.

**IT'S TRUE FRESHMEN** are usually easy to spot wearing their little green "slime" caps. Worn until Homecoming unless the Homecoming game is lost, it's then necessary to wear them until Thanksgiving holidays.

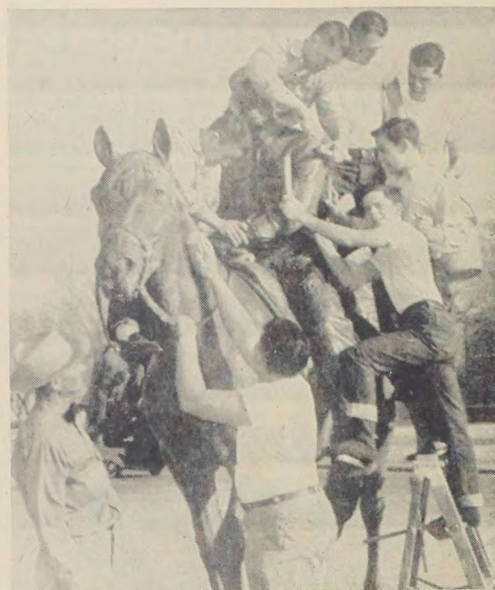
The freshman may be set aside as a special group by the wearing of the green but in everything else they pitch in and become a working force.

The freshman's year starts early beginning with the busy orientation week. The experience of moving into a dormitory with several hundred strange, new people is part of the freshman's new life.

**THE FRESHMEN ARE** in the spotlight on the campus those first few weeks. Everyone is anxious to see who's new and the freshmen women's dorms are especially filled with curious upperclassmen.

Freshmen activities are numerous. Freshman Council election at the first of the year gives the freshmen a chance to decide their own activities. This year some of the activities which are being planned include a freshman cheerleader election and a freshman convocation.

**FRESHMAN PLEDGES** of sororities are always among the busiest people on campus. Volunteering for such activities as sub-committees, election campaigns and almost any other activity going on



**CLEANING SOAPSUDDS**, Will Rogers' horse is a traditional affair for Tech Slimes who are called upon by upperclassmen to do various tasks. The freshmen often hold midnight pep rallies and serve as the backbone of school spirit and traditions.



**DOUBLE T PLEDGES** have their heads shaved, peroxided and anointed with the traditional Double T emblem. The highlight of pledgship comes at the final home basketball game where they perform during halftime dressed in ladies apparel. The club is composed of members who have lettered in a Tech sport.

## Double T Association Fosters Sportsmanship

by FLOYD WOOD  
Toreador Staff Writer

Promotion of sportsmanship at Tech sports events and the general welfare of athletics on campus is the avowed purpose of the Double T Association.

The group, made up of persons who have lettered in a varsity sport, is one of the oldest on campus—having a history dating back to March, 1931.

First president was James Harley, Dallas. Vice president was George Langford and treasurer was Hubert Hopper.

**TWENTY-SIX YEARS** later many of the first members as well as those who followed will have a chance to renew old acquaintances at the association's annual reception following today's game. It will be held in the lounge of West Hall.

The reception for former members is only one of many activities sponsored by the group. Showing an interest in campus activities, the group annually kicks off the social season with the first dance of the season—known as the "Howdy Dance." This year's dance immediately followed the West Texas State football game.

**HIGHLIGHT OF SPRING** activities for members is the annual Double T Assn. spring picnic. Another spring function which made its debut last week was the sponsorship of a concert. Dave Brubeck, king of the progressive jazz, made a Tech appearance last year. Club officials say that it hasn't been decided as to whether the association will sponsor another concert this spring or will hold an all-school dance.

Another big activity is sponsorship of the election of the Red Raider Roundup Queen who is selected to be crowned during activities of the annual spring training football game.

**THERE ARE 43 ATHLETES** currently members of the organization. President is John Farquhar. Charles Dixon is vice president; Gerald Myers, secretary;

and Wade Wolf, sergeant-at-arms. Any person who has lettered as a varsity performer in any of intercollegiate sports for Tech is eligible. Pledges are participants in one of the most unusual initiations held on campus.

**HIGHLIGHT IS THE** halftime activity of the final home basketball game of the season in which the pledges dress up like girls and play a mock game.

It isn't hard to know who is pledging since each of them have their heads shaved with the design of a double T in mid-center of the cranium.

The final initiation of members is held each spring following completion of spring football training. Election of officers is not far off after that and a new year of activities is planned.

In the March 8, 1955 edition of the Toreador, the front page was featured with a headline starting: First Semester Honor Roll Has 375 Students.

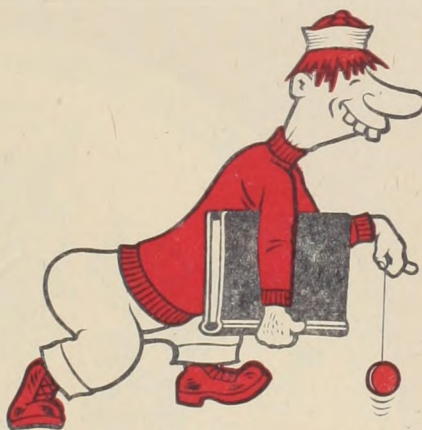
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# Early Tech Traditions Thrive, Then Disappear

by TOMMY SCHMIDT  
Toreador Issue Editor

"Do we need a tradition? Let's start one," has been the general attitude of Mr. Texas Techsan through the past 30 years.

Some of the earlier customs thrived for a time then faded away mainly because of changing conditions, lack of formal procedure or the natural reluctance of one group to follow in the steps of their predecessors. Others have remained to become some of Tech's major college traditions.

At one time an Easter sunrise prayer service took place every year on the Administration Building green. But one year a law was passed denoting Easter as a college holiday and the campus was left empty during the season.

Another holiday special—that of singing Christmas carols between classes in the halls of the Administration Building—has also vanished.

One memory which has been preserved through the years is a song from a program arranged in the west lobby of the Administration Building during the first Christmas at Tech. Everybody joined in the singing of Christmas carols and, when it came time to close, everyone chimed in with "O College Mother Beautiful," to the tune of "America the Beautiful." It has become the official college song and singing of this hymn is still part of formal occasions.

Seniors of 1929 started the tradition of, each year, presenting the college with a class gift, and since then gifts are donated annually by graduating classes.

Class of 1931 presented the Double T Bench, which was placed on the Administration Building green. At the time a rule was made that no freshman could sit on the bench, since only students with more experience and maturity could be worthy of such an honor. The rule was generally enforced by upperclassmen and obeyed by the "fish," except when they thought they could get away with not obeying it. Today, however, the tradition has practically disappeared.

The Victory Bells, a gift of the class of 1936, are rung to celebrate not only football triumphs, but also contests won by debate teams, judging teams and others representing Tech in intercollegiate activities. A 30 minute time limit was set on the ringing of the bells in 1936 after Saddle Tramp Arch Lamb promised at a pep rally that if Tech beat TCU the bells would ring until 6 a.m. Tech won 7-0.

Tech's symbolic Red Raider was first sponsored by the Saddle Tramps and sent galloping around the field before Tech's football games, wearing a scarlet satin cape, black mask and riding a Palomino stallion, Silver. Today the stallion is black and his name is Tech Beauty.

The Double T neon electric sign, presented by the class of 1938, was originally placed at the Broadway entrance to the campus. It is symbolic of the spirit of the men and women whose lives have made Texas Tech what it is today. Presently, the sign rests on the east side of the Football Stadium.

Economic necessity brought on the beginning of Arbor Day, announced by Dr. Bradford Knapp, the second President of Tech, because of the lack of trees and shrubs on the campus. A day was set aside each year during which the students and faculty would set out trees and shrubs.

When money became available for professional planning and proper care, the holiday was discontinued.

Another tradition will be established later this year upon completion of the Saddle Tramp Circle for pep rallies. A tradition of never stepping on the Red Raider has already been suggested by President E. N. Jones and is certain to be recognized.

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