

Christmas Holidays Begin Tomorrow

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HORN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL—Judged as the most beautifully decorated door in Horn Hall this week was this Christmas Tree design by Mary Alice Richardson (left), Jane DeWald (right) and Louise

—photo by Cathy Dickman
Crook (not pictured). The tree, although it doesn't look like it, is constructed completely of pink kleenex.

Decoration Winners Selected In Tech Women's Dormitories

Winners of the Tech door decorating contest were named this week after door fashions took on a "new look" in women's dorms preceding Christmas holidays.

Winners of the most beautiful door decorations in the women's dorms are Anita Hope and Nancy Unger, Drane; Louise Crook, Jane De Wald and Alice Richardson,

Horn; and Sonja Chandler and Sherry Vick, Knapp.

Polly Green, Jeanette Burl; and Jackie Brook, Mary Ellen Carr won first in the most humorous division in Drane and Horn, respectively.

Most Christmasy was won by Peggy Hansen and Beverly Smith from Drane, and Betty Alsop and Sharinne Strickland of Horn.

Sue Hendrix and Ann Moffitt of Horn, and Joan Hill and Patsy McMahon of Drane captured the most original award. Monica Apple and Judy Speer took second place in the Knapp contest.

The doors were judged by Mr. Ethel Beidler, associate professor of applied arts. Winners were awarded letter holders for their desk at the dorm Christmas parties.

The door decorating contest is an annual Christmas event sponsored by the Women's Inter-dorm Council to promote Christmas spirit in the dormitories.

Tech Show Seeks Business Manager

Applications are now being accepted for business manager of the Varsity Show. Students interested in applying should send applications to Producer Wayne Gibbens by January 6.

The business manager will be in charge of the handling of all money and making purchases for the student production, which will be held April 12 and 13 in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

For whom do the bells toll? Well, at 10 p.m. Friday they will toll for Techsians to begin the 1956 Christmas holidays.

Students will be departing as their classes end all during Friday, and Weather Bureau predictions indicate no hazardous road conditions for the weekend. Temperatures should be slightly above normal, which is 53 to 57 degrees for this portion of the Texas year. Little or no precipitation is forecast and little possibility is given for extreme cold.

On campus, the Union will close at 5 p.m. Friday and will open again at 5 p.m. Jan. 2.

The Library will close at 10

p.m. Friday but will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday after Christmas day. Regular hours will resume Jan. 3.

In one sense, the campus will be at its liveliest the day after classes dismiss, when campus ROTC units, aided by some faculty members, will rid the campus of excess pigeons in the annual "pigeon shoot."

Classes will resume at 8 a.m. on Jan. 3. Jan. 14-19 will be the week of restricted social activity or "deadweek" which precedes final examinations during the week of Jan. 21-26.

Five Tech Students Attend '56 Sportsmanship Meeting

Texas Tech's student body will gain official affiliation with Southwest Conference schools Dec. 30 when student representatives from Tech meet with students from other conference schools in Dallas.

Four Tech students will be in Dallas to attend meetings of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee, made up of the President of the student body, a cheer leader and a representative each from the school paper and one athletic team. Students representing Tech are: Wallace Wilson, Stan Powers, Wayne James and Wick Alexander.

Another Tech student, Revis Jordan, will be Tech's princess during the Cotton Bowl festivities. She will be one of seven attendants to the Cotton Bowl queen.

The Sportsmanship Committee has gained the conference national recognition for its active part in the promotion of better relations between schools. Each year the committee presents a trophy during the halftime of the Cotton Bowl game to the conference school that showed best sportsmanship during the year.

The Tech group and their dates will be honored at an informal dinner by the other conference schools at the Dallas Athletic Club. Besides several business meetings, the students and their dates from the different schools will be guests of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon,

Nelman-Marcus style show, a New Years Eve Dance and the Cotton Bowl game between TCU and the University of Syracuse.

Operetta Players Set Final Stage

The six-voice cast of "Amahl and The Night Visitors," a Christmas operetta by Gian-Carlo Menotti, will give its final performance tonight at 8:15 in the Lubbock Little Theatre Playhouse.

Included in the cast are: Mary Jane Hartley, Joyce James, Ross Cass, Don Armstrong, Robert Wham and Richard Watkins, with understudies Nel Northcutt, Charles Sanders and Wayland Stephans.

The dramatization in song gave its first performance in Lubbock last night at the playhouse under direction of Jule Foster, music instructor.

The operetta, which was inspired by the famous painting "Adoration of the Kings" (Bosch), is staged to stimulate the imagination with abstract scenery, and modern dance interpretations by Mariana Wilson and Lynnita Jacobs.

Also assisting with the production is the Tech Orchestra, directed by Instructor Paul Ellsworth and a background chorus of 15 voices.

Tech Beauty Will Compete In Memphis Cotton Contest

Would you be excited if a caravan of five planes were to meet you in Fort Worth and accompany you to Memphis, Tenn?

Just ask Maid of Cotton winner, Sherry Sinex.

Miss Sinex, Longview sophomore, will meet the caravan at Amon Carter Field in Fort Worth before leaving for Memphis for the National Maid of Cotton Contest, December 26. She will be met by five planes from the South Plains area, and a luncheon will be held at the airport coffee shop.

The party will proceed to Dallas where Mayor R. L. Thornton will present Miss Sinex with flowers, and she will be on several radio and TV programs.

The \$1,000 cotton wardrobe Miss Sinex received as winner will be aboard the South Plains Caravan planes, except for the traveling suit which she wears.

If weather permits, the South Plains Maid of Cotton hopeful will continue to Memphis aboard her parent's plane, accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sinex, and brother Jimmy. In event of bad weather, Mrs. Sinex and Sherry will travel to Memphis via American Airlines with the caravan.

The contest will be held Dec.

27-28, and all participants will spend the first morning meeting the press and photographers. A luncheon will follow, with a TV program in the afternoon. That night a dinner dance will be held in the Hotel Peabody for all contestants and dates. Final judging in the contest will be at 7 p.m., Dec. 22.

Gibbens Elected Tramp President

Wayne Gibbens and Clarence Caywood were elected as president and vice-president of the Saddle Tramps in a meeting Monday night.

Other officers elected were: Don Godfrey, secretary; Dan Howard, treasurer; Neil Pipkin, sergeant of arms; and Mr. Billy Easter, sponsor.

The newly elected officers will work with the present officers until their take office next fall. These new officers will begin immediately work to raise money for the Saddle Tramp Circle to be built this spring and summer.

Faculty Is Invited To Aid In Campus Pigeon Shoot

Sharp shooting professors and other faculty members will aid Tech's ROTC units this year in the annual pigeon shoot on the Tech campus, 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22.

The campus will be closed next Saturday morning for the shoot.

City police will set up the barriers at all campus entrances at 8 a.m. Unauthorized persons are asked to stay off the campus until the shoot is completed.

Faculty members wishing to join in the shoot should contact Major Lyman C. Richardson, associate professor of military science and tactics, at PO 5-8541, ext. 439.

Persons participating must furnish their own shells, according to Major Richardson. Two or three boxes should be sufficient and drop shot is preferred. Weapons used will be 12, 16 and 20 gauge shot-guns.

Persons shooting are asked to sign a waiver and will be subject to rules and safety factors specified by the cadet staffs of the sponsoring Air Force and Army and ROTC units.

About 408 pigeons were estimated to have been killed in last year's shoot. Birds may be kept to those shot by the ROTC cadets who will give the birds to the Milam Orphans Home. More details of the shoot may be received by calling Major Richardson.

Blanchard Named Senior Sponsor

Joe Blanchard, West Hall supervisor, was elected senior class sponsor at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Rec Hall. Thirty-one persons attended.

The invitation committee chairman, John Marse, reported that the invitations will be like those used last year.

Discussions on the graduation speaker and plans for a spring function were held.

Seniors interested in serving on the following committees are asked to contact Dale Roberts, senior class president: publicity, invitation, tickets, awards and gift and arrangements.

HIGHWAYS AND HOLIDAYS . . .

Thinning population in classrooms at Tech during the days that precede the Christmas Holidays denotes that some Techsians have "jumped the gun" in an effort to get a head-start in celebrating the yuletide season.

Whether jumping the gun is good or bad depends on whether the student can afford the class cuts—but the idea of being in a big hurry about the holidays may diminish the population of Tech on a permanent basis.

Fast driving and chance taking on the highways has never been the key to a Merry Christmas. Obituary columns of Lubbock newspapers during the Christmas season bear grim witness that Tech students haven't always fared well on the crowded holiday highways.

Students taking trips for the holidays may save a few minutes by driving at excessive speeds—or they may settle down for a permanent snooze under a few feet of terra firma, with a tombstone to tell the world the merits of fast or careless driving.

To rewrite a jingle that has been made popular by the Burma Shave road sign program,

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"If the cops don't get you, the mortician will."

—Ross Short

HE Building Decorations Are Student Creations

The Home Economics Building seems to be filled to the brim with Christmas spirit. Much originality has been shown with the various types of departmental displays.

A tree with all the trimmings has been set up to the right of the lobby. In the student lounge the applied art classes have wrapped packages to show various ways to add the extra touch that makes a gift look special.

Hallways have various mobiles from such abstracts as Christmas trees and three dimensionals to several types of centerpieces made from a variety of things that range from mesquite branches to screen wire. The applied arts freshman class has scrolls on display done in abstracts. Applied Arts 226 students have handbags on display, with one thought in mind, an excellent Christmas gift.

Other decorations, such as miniature Christmas trees, have been made from chicken wire trimmed with angel hair and Christmas balls. One has been made of screen wire trimmed with decorated eggs. A display of Christmas cards made in labs are also on display. Other decorations have been made from tumbleweed, angel hair, straws and cotton burs, combined with other material to make the most attractive of displays.

The child development depart-

ment has a display on the theme, "Children can decorate, too." There are such things as Santas made from apples, marshmallows, cloves, and cotton. Chains have been made from fruit drops, cotton yarn, and paper, and tree decorations from fruit drops and toothpicks



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This contest is open for all students in 14 selected colleges in the Southwest. In previous contests, Tech students have won several prizes.

Students entering the contest this year are: Mary Fisher, Beth White, Marie Bryant, Peggy Blackwell, Tish Slemmons, Phyllis Gardner, Kay Hintz, Hal Barron, Jay Derriek, and Dan Pavillard.

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Prof. R. L. Chappelle, head of the department of agricultural education, has announced that 29 students of the School of Agriculture are now practice teaching in

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Foreign Students To Observe American Yuletide Activities

It's Christmas time at Tech and many foreign students will observe the season for the first time in the United States.

Christmas and similar occasions, however, are celebrated throughout the world, each place with its different atmosphere, customs and peculiarities. Three foreign students, members of the Cosmopolitan Club at Tech, have enumerated the activities of the famous event in their countries.

There are 21 foreign students from 16 countries now at Tech, and they plan to spend this Christmas in several ways. Some will vacation in Mexico, others will visit out of town and a number will stay with friends in Lubbock. "In Brazil," says Carlos Brandao from Rio de Janeiro, "our celebrations are of a more religious feeling than in the United States. Of course, there are feelings other than religious ones in

some of the celebrations. "Christmas is celebrated for only one day in Brazil, on Dec. 24. At midnight we have Mass, and afterwards the family goes home and has Christmas supper. The hour for exchanging gifts comes next. "It is summertime in Brazil at Christmas, and a tropical breeze gives a different Yuletide touch in the night."

"Buddhism is the national religion in Thailand," states Nares Isarakura, "and we do not celebrate Christmas, but we have three religious occasions which we do celebrate."

Jean Claude Bouchon from Paris says that in France children write letters to Santa Claus to ask him for the toys they want, and they mail these letters in special boxes in stores where they see Santa living. In cities and villages, streets are decorated with Christmas trees and garlands. There are also trees and the "creche" with little figures representing the Nativity of Christ.

At midnight on Christmas eve, Mass is celebrated in all the churches, and Bouchon related that nothing is prettier than the midnight Mass in a little French village covered over by snow. After Mass, each family takes a light supper which often consists of oysters and white wine. Before going to bed, children put their shoes in front of the fireplace, and the next morning they find gifts there. Then there is the Christmas lunch composed of the traditional turkey, chestnuts and a special pie.

HAPPY MISER

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Benni Dunn To March In Rose Parade

"Majorette of the San Francisco '49'er Band in the 1957 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena," is Tech Twirler Bennie Dunn's latest achievement.

Other than the Rose Bowl Bid, the Majorette All-American for 1956 was also asked to twirl at the Orange Bowl parade and game and at the Cotton Bowl Clash.

From her collection of 50 batons, which includes 20 different kinds, Miss Dunn will twirl a 12-sided baton in the Rose Bowl Parade. Numerous sides make light reflection more spectacular.

The Tech junior, a member of Gamma Phi Beta, taught 300 South Plains youngsters twirling for the last five years. Known as Bennie Dunn's Texas Cadets, her students will march in the Sun Bowl Parade at El Paso.

Having twirled for 16 years, Miss Dunn has won 37 trophies and over 100 medals. Miss Dunn, a professional who is out of competition twirling, approximates that she has twirled before three

million people in 1956.

Last summer she went on a twirling tour and appeared in Washington D. C. before the Board of Defense with the Marine Band. In New York, she appeared on television, stage, in night clubs and with the Goldman Band in Central Park every night for a week.

Miss Dunn will be Tech's representative to the Inter-collegiate talent Show at Texas A&M next year.

PERSONNEL FORM DUE FOR JANUARY GRADS

January graduates who have not completed their personnel forms for the Placement Office must do so immediately, according to the Office. Deadline for submitting forms with glossy pictures was Nov. 15 and only the School of Home Economics forms are all in.

Midterm graduates have no ceremony in January, but return in June to receive diplomas.

Holiday Becomes Special Occasion For 10 Tech Coeds Planning Weddings

Christmas Holidays will be more than a special occasion for at least 10 Tech coeds who have announced they will move from the dormitories after marriage during the holidays.

Girls in Drane Hall who have announced their holiday wedding plans include: Barbara Batton will marry J. C. McClain, Jan. 1, in Bowman Memorial Chapel of the First Methodist Church in Lubbock. Sue Williams will marry Dale Willhort Sunday at the First Methodist Church in Tahoka. Ruth Madden will marry Deron Stowers, Saturday in the First Methodist Church of Lovington.

Among Knapp Hall residents who have made known their wedding plans are Carol Schultz who will marry James Carthel, Saturday night in the San Jacinto Methodist Church of Amarillo; Dixie Templeton will become the bride of Jimmy Dean Smith Saturday, Dec. 29, in the First Methodist Church; and Susan Weatherford and Willie Redford will be married at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, in her home in Dallas.

Horn Hall students announcing their intentions to get married over the holidays and their prospective grooms are Jeri Alexander and Jack Lott; Erma Lilly and

Eddie Henson; Pat Stanley and Jimmy Copeland; and Wendy Mabry and Ralph Johnson.

Wanda Neill of Lubbock and Andy Edmondson of Temple will also take wedding vows during the holidays.

Cotton Bowl Ball Scheduled At SMU

Students from all colleges are invited to attend a dance at Southern Methodist University Student Center on Monday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Cotton Bowl Athletic Assn. this dance has proved over the years to be one of the highlights of the Cotton Bowl celebration as far as college students are concerned.

Furnishing music for the dance will be Clair Perrault and his orchestra with Susan Palmer as vocalist.

The Cotton Bowl Queen with her seven princesses along with their escorts will be presented at the dance. Princesses are from each Southwest Conference school and the University of Syracuse. Tech's princess is Revis Jordan. The queen is always from the host Southwest Conference school which is TCU this year.

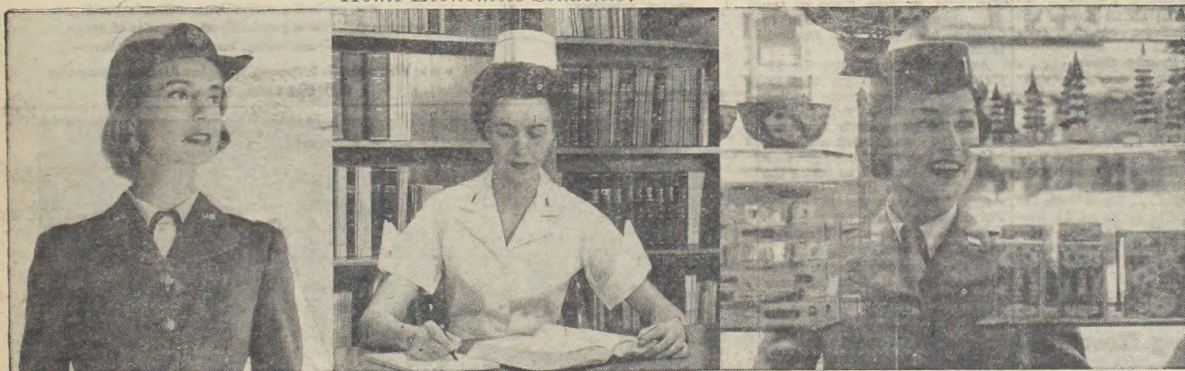
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Tale-End

By WILBUR JARETT

As the year of 1956 departs, I'm not sentimental at all—because I'm glad to see it go. Probably most of Tech's coaches and athletes feel the same way.

Tech hasn't set the world afire athletically, but let's not let it be said that we are crying in our beer (typographical error in case the liquor boys are reading this).

Let's look at the brighter things which happened at Tech.

As we thumb through some of the old "Toilet-Doors" (oops, too much of the aforementioned liquid) we see what we think are some of the highlights of the 1956 athletic year.

Our picks for:

Outstanding coach Polk Robison, basketball coach, who has been at Tech over a decade and no one has hung his offigy so far, that in itself is a record

Player of year Hugh Fewin, whom we've never seen loaf at any job on the field or off. Rumor has it that Hugh was told his freshman year to go home because he'd never make a football player for Tech. Here he is a three-year letterman. Truth or not, it sure makes a good story

Best team Tech golfers who finished tenth in the entire nation. On top of that, all of the players were sophomores. Look out SWC, in golf

Biggest Improvement The coliseum over the Tech "Barn". However, some times improvement is not always good because many teams couldn't operate very well in the old matchbox while Tech teams knew every "dead" spot in the floor as well as how to angle shots off the ceiling. Another factor which befuddled visiting teams was the ability of the Red Raiders to bounce off the close walls at the end of the courts and jump back on the floor without losing a stride.

Biggest loss Calvin Lee, former picador football player who left Tech for unknown reasons and went to Arlington State College championship by winning in the little Rose Bowl beating Compton Jr. College of California 20-13 Lee scored all 20 points. Imagine, Jr. Colleges recruiting Tech footballers.

Hardest Fought Game Washbowl game in which nearly all of the players suffered scratched eyes and pulled hair

Biggest Surprise The one Tech gave TCU in football. However this choice was very hard to make as Hardin-Simmons gave Tech a pretty big surprise

Best Meal When Tech ate SMU's LUNCH in the NCAA basketball playoffs after the SMU players had made the statement that Tech couldn't even stay on the same court with them.

So long '56. So long Effigies and Memories.

Bowling Results

In the bowling tournaments held the last two week-ends for the intramural team and individual championships, Sammy Williams of Sigma Chi won the individual championship while the independent team of Fred Henne copped the team trophy.

In route to the championship Williams defeated L. C. Cothan, Olin Saulsbury, Delacy Frampton and Dan Adkinson.

In the team race, four men rolled for each team. The teams rolled three lines and the number of total pins decided the winner of the championship.

Three independent teams finished first while Sneed was the leader of the dorms, and the Fiji's finished ahead of all fraternities. The first ten teams and their scores were:

1. Fred Henne, 1997; 2. Don Boggs, 1844; 3. Bernard McNamaral, 1841; 4. Sneed Hall, 1837; 5. Wesley Foundation, 1812; 6. Phi Gamma Delta, 1798; 7. Hallford's Team, 1797; 8. Alpha Tau Omega, 1782; 9. Pi Kappa Alpha, 1767; 10. Sigma Chi, 1764.

Raiders Host Nebraska

Polk Robison's basketballers will again be underdogs tonight as they meet the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the main tilt at eight o'clock in the Coliseum.

The undefeated Picadors will face the Odessa College Wranglers in the preliminary tilt at 6 p.m.

The Nebraskans are members of the tough Big Seven Conference from whom the Raiders have already had dealings with earlier this season, meeting Kansas State and Iowa State. Tech lost to both teams but the outcome was close and could have gone either way.

The Nebraskans bring an impressive record with them to Lubbock as they have lost only to UCLA and have defeated Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Purdue. All of these teams are members of the Big Ten Conference.

Four starters from last years squad that defeated Tech 69-63 will be back to attempt the same feat this season. Rex Erkwall, Don Smidt, Gary Reimers and Jim Kumbick are the players whom the Raiders faced last year.

For once, the Raiders will not face a height disadvantage as in the past games where the opposing teams had the rebounding edge on the relatively short Raiders.

Upsets Prevail In 'Mural Basketball

Tech's intramural basketball season got into full swing this week as all three leagues saw action.

The most startling developments came in the fraternity league where upsets were the rule instead of the exception. The biggest one of the season occurred Tuesday when the SAE's thoroughly defeated PIKA, 52-42. The Pikes were defending all-college champs and were among the title favorites again this season. SAE had been picked for the second division but found themselves Tuesday night as Stan Koop of the Sig Alphas scored 28 points to finish as high point man for both teams.

Another big upset was the Fiji's defeat of the Kappa Sigs 45-44. The Kappa Sigs were leading by 3 points with only 15 seconds left in the game. Jack Lawrence of the Fiji's was fouled and made both free throws. The Kappa Sigs then threw the ball in under the basket, which is illegal this season, and this gave the ball to the Fiji's. Montie Hasie hit the winning basket with only 7 seconds left in the game.

In the dormitory league, Sneed defeated Doak 41-32 in the game which may have decided the dorm league championship. Both of the teams were considered preseason favorites for the dorm title.

Here is a roundup of the week's scores.

Dormitory League-Sneed 41, Doak 32; Gordon 36, Bledsoe 26.

Fraternity League-Phi Psi 45, ATO 29; SAE 52, PIKA 42; Fiji's 45, Kappa Sig 44, PIKA 53, Sigma Chi 16; Sigma Nu 46, ATO 44; Phi Psi 40, Phi Deltas 39.

Independent League-Block and Bridle 43, Delta Sigma Pi 22; BSU 51, Road Runners 22; All-Stars 52, Ball-Hawks 19; Cowbards 36, Wesley Foundation 25; Sports Club, 42, Church of Christ 31.

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The Odessa College Wranglers will try to stop the winning streak of the Picadors as they will try to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of the Tech freshmen. The Wranglers are coached by former Tech basketballer, Larry McCulloch.

Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Odessa College Girl drill team, "The Las Senoritas de las Rosas." The "Senoritas" feature an all-girl bullwhip team which has performed at the Sun Bowl halftime along with shows at the Juarez Bull Ring.

Some of the highlights of the show will be the synchronized bull-whip cracking of the drill team.

Sigma Kaps Give Christmas Party

Naming of the best pledge for November, singing of Christmas carols and exchanging gifts highlighted a Christmas party given by Sigma Kappa sorority Tuesday night in the parlor of St. John's Methodist.

Gifts were also presented to residents of the McMurray's Convalescent Home, and each girl gave a toy for the "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Miss Jo Ann Jones, Houston freshman, was named best pledge for November. She was given the traveling best pledge bracelet by Mary Alice Jones, chapter president.

Earlier in the evening the group carolled at the home of Mrs. J. G. Allen and Mrs. Vernice Ford, advisory board members, at the convalescent home, and for the firemen on duty at Station No. 5 10th and Zenith.

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The tournament will have 7 other teams entered and each of these teams will be from a different state which will give the tournament somewhat of a nationwide scope.

Other teams entered in the tournament will be Georgia Tech, Tulane, Seattle, Idaho State, Marquette, Memphis State, and Oklahoma City University.

The Techsans will not be discounted until the tournament is over because they have played

Kansas State and Iowa State, both nationally ranked, very close games while defeating Tulsa.

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