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FAREWELL

With this issue, the thirtieth of the year, The Toreador staff bids you a farewell. During the year the present staff has presented five more Toreadors than did the staff of the year 1925-1926 and three more Toreadors than did the staff of 1926-1927. Thus for the first time in the history of the college the entire quota of thirty weekly papers have been compiled and delivered to the students of the college.

The work done this year has been a pleasure to the entire staff and we regret that we have been unable to serve the students of the college a bit better, but we remain firm in our conviction that we have made the best of our handicaps and glory in the fact that we have never failed to have The Toreadors on hand on Tuesday, the date of publication.

Our best wishes go to our successors, Otis Koen and Jack Camp, and we wish them the best of success in their work during the next year. On their behalf we wish to ask the students of Texas Tech to remember that no college paper is complete unless it is representative of the opinion of the entire college. A bit of co-operation with the staff next year will be of great value in producing a paper for all Tech.
—THE STAFF.

CATCHING UP

By Clifford Braly

It should be realized by some of us that the term and school year is drawing to a close. Many of us should begin to think back over the year and term and see what we have done for the betterment of ourselves as citizens, or what not. We should also look forward to our occupation throughout the summer, making plans which will aid us in our fight through life.

The fact that many of us are being supported by our fathers or other members of our families should encourage thought along the line of what we have done and what we are to do. It is never too late to think of what we should have done, because while we are thinking of this the other side of the question always comes into our minds, that is what are we going to do to improve in the future. There would be no value received from college were it not for the fact that it stimulates thought along lines which should be considered.

Why waste my time going aimlessly ahead? This is a question that should be foremost in every college student's mind. Why not make the rest of this term your "catching up" point, find out what you have done and what you intend to do.

THE READING WORLD

By Slime Roper

It is no wonder that the student knows so little about what is happening in the outside world! With all the studying that he has to do he has little time to read newspapers. Probably he has time, but when he has been concentrating his attention over text-books he looks to things other than reading for amusement. He wants to get away from all reading matter for a change. From time to time he may glance at a newspaper, but the sport page occupies most of his time. For usually know who all the ball players are, and can give you the "dope" on any of the latest sensations in the sporting world.

The political world cannot captivate the student's interest as can the world of sports. This is one of the many reasons why students are so ignorant about politics. He does read a little now and then, but because he has not kept up with all the events, his interest lags and he soon throws the newspaper aside and looks for other things which will hold his interest.

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A recent editorial called attention to the rating of the transfer in Texas Tech.

It is to be believed that the transfer rates with the freshman in this college, as he does in other colleges that invoke the freshman rule.

There are any number of reasons why a transfer should not rate with upperclassmen in their first year of attendance. This should be perfectly obvious in view of the fact that discriminations can not be made in some departments and not be made in others.

In the first place, transfers are not eligible for intercollegiate activities. This rule is enforced here for several reasons. The college authorities are behind a movement to get the college in line to enter the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Conference rules are that transfers are not eligible for intercollegiate athletics. If Tech is to enter the conference this rule must be enforced. This, then, leaves the transfer out in athletics. The rule is universally approved and according to the usual order of things universal opinion is the ruling opinion.

There is no obvious reason then why the rule should not be nixed in other departments. There are, however, no rules against the participation of transfers in collegiate activities. Yet the transfer who has not completed a year's residence in the college should not be allowed to exercise more privileges than the freshman.

When the question of election of student officers comes up we should consider some democratic principles which are observed in the conducting of our national government. People of foreign birth are not eligible for high office in the United States. It is seldom that a person of foreign birth is elected to any public office in the United States. This has always been our custom and has proved so highly satisfactory that we do not wish to abandon it.

There is a very great question as to whether Tech can profit by the transfer of students or not. The aforementioned editorial states that the transfers from other colleges can be of great benefit to us. There are two questions involved in that proposition. The first of these is:

Why or for what reason did the student leave the college from whence he came?

Can this student give anything that our own administrative officers cannot be able to find out in their study of other colleges?

Our administrative officers make special trips, have special conferences and make special investigations of the other colleges. If they, after making these investigations, fail to note any particular point in the operation of the system which they are investigating, this point must not be very essential or important or it would have attracted attention. This being true, then, the transfer apparently cannot give so much to Texas Tech.

As for the expression, "Rate him lower than a fish," a freshman would probably resent that statement, as well as would an upperclassman. A

freshman is not so low rating in this college. He is merely weighed or tested over a period of time and is either proved or found wanting.

There is no institution where seniority is not an asset, and seniority obtained in one institution is not of value if a man or woman goes to another institution. A man may only preserve his seniority by respecting the institution where he later attends.

The transfer and the freshman are both first-year men and as such they must respect these men who have gone before. A school is certainly what the students make it.

This item is not directed against the interests of the transfer, but is merely intended to give the other side or viewpoint to a question that has been presented in one of its aspects and which should receive careful study and deliberation on the part of the student body.

—SIDNEY KNOWLES.

In Regard to Exam Exemptions

During the past week Dr. Horn was presented with a petition signed by practically every member of the senior class, setting forth reasons why the members of the class thought that they should be exempted from taking final examinations of the year.

The president of the class received the following letter from Dr. Horn on Friday, May 11.

Mr. Tom B. Morrison,
President of Senior Class,
Texas Technological College.

Dear Mr. Morrison:
I have read with care the petition recently presented to me, signed by a number of members of the Senior Class, concerning the possibility of exempting the Senior Class from examinations in the spring term.

I have taken the matter up with the deans of the college and they are of the opinion that it would not be best, and would not be in line with the practices of the best institutions, to make this exemption.

This examination is, of course, the last one to be given out before degrees are conferred. There is accordingly the feeling that it is the most important one of all.

Our deans, however, call my attention to the fact that it is our custom to give examinations to the Seniors at least a week earlier than others. This would, of course, enable all concerned to get information concerning the results in time for commencement.

Please do not lose sight of the fact that Mrs. Horn and myself are inviting our entire senior class to be present at the President's home at eight o'clock Saturday evening, May 19.

With best wishes I remain,
Your very truly,
Signed, Paul W. Horn,
President.

Upon receipt of the foregoing letter Morrison immediately went to the office of the President and requested information regarding the schedule of the mentioned Senior examinations. Later in the day the following letter

was received from the President:

Dear Mr. Morrison:
In reply to your inquiry concerning the order of Senior examinations, permit me to say that a meeting of deans has been held with the following results:

(1). Examinations for all Seniors expecting to receive diplomas on May 28 will be held during the week May 21 to 26, inclusive.

(2). This applies only to Seniors expecting to receive diplomas on May 28, except that in any case where the majority of a given class is made up of Seniors, the examination of the whole group may be given at the same time at the discretion of the instructor.

(3). The exact order of the examinations will be posted by the deans not later than Monday, May 14. The schedule may possibly be prepared by Saturday evening, May 12. Please see Dean Gordon as to this.

Yours very truly,

signed

P. W. Horn, President.

Mrs. E. M. Barnett is to teach in the Lubbock city schools next year. She is to teach home economics.

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present organization. Each department of the four schools was represented in the characteristic presentation.

Part II Idealized with the seven educational products which Tech is Religion, Patriotism, industry, virtue, wealth, enlightenment, and citizenship.

As a finale the pep squad spelled out the word "Tech" and a chorus led the audience in singing "O College Mother Beautiful".

Throughout the production was based on the carvings on the building, which were chosen to exemplify these things brought forth in the pageant, specifically designed to bring forth.

Seniors to Meet in 214; Tomorrow Evening

The Senior Class is to meet Wednesday night in Room 214, at 7:30 to discuss final plans for the year. The class has been invited to a reception at the home of the President for the evening of May 9th.

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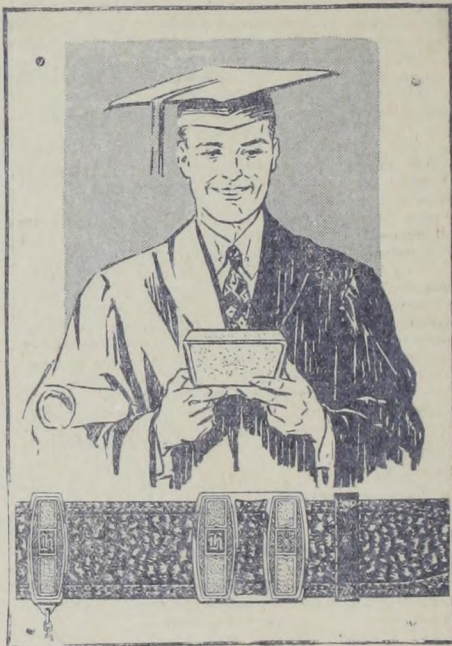
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Freshman Boy Shows Great Knowledge of Aviation Which is to be His Life Work

Claig Perry, Freshman from Colorado, Texas, is keenly interested in the study of aviation and has acquired an unusual working knowledge of aeronautics. In an interview with Mr. Perry, he stated that he had been studying and experimenting with model aeroplanes for six or seven years. He has always been interested in motors and mechanics. His early interest in aviation probably received great impetus from the fact that his brother was an aviator-photographer during the World War.

Mr. Perry has some interesting information on the latest safety devices, many of which are already in practical use.

Among the latest improvements are instruments that will facilitate landing and rising from the ground. Mr. Perry said "The newest planes are able to glide at fifteen miles an hour, thereby minimizing accidents in landing. Other devices are being perfected to prevent stalling and tail spinning. A German inventor is working on an airplane with a detachable cabin. In case of fire a parachute attached to the cabin, may be thrown into the air, and the crew and passengers float safely to ground inside the cabin. Modern airplane cabins are exhaust heated and sound-proof."

"One of the most practical uses of

the airplane," continued Mr. Perry, "is found in mapping cities and counties. One county discovered in this was a large amount of property that had escaped taxation. The airplane is being used to help the farmer in dusting his cotton crops. The forest rangers use it in locating fires. Geologists find the airplane a great aid in studying land contours. Air mail and passenger lines are already connecting the important cities of the United States. Henry Ford uses the airplane to ship Ford parts."

Although thoroughly grounded in the extreme practicality of the airplane, Mr. Perry finds the romantic side of aviation even more appealing. He related in rapid succession how the airplane had been used in the exploration of the Orinoco River, how nineteen wounded marines had been carried from the interior of Nicaragua by the use of the airplane, and how the San Antonio Drug Company saved 5 lives in one month by sending rattlesnake serum by airplane.

Mr. Perry hopes to find his future in some branch of aviation. After finishing his college work, he hopes to take a thorough course in aeronautics and then go into the airplane retail business, which, he believes, offers a big opportunity. Mr. Perry made this prophesy: "Within 20 years I believe that the airplane industry will rival the automobile industry."

Pre-Law Prexy Points Out Idea of Superiority Of His Club Over Other Tech Organizations

By J. W. Jackson

Most colleges over America are organized to death. A person is not a good college citizen unless he belongs to at least 10 or 12 clubs and organizations. Tech is no exception to the rule. No person can devote enough time to his studies and other activities and do his clubs justice. He cannot serve 10 or 12 masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will hold to one and despise the other. Most students are loyal to the club that offers them the most and attend the others when they have nothing else to do, or when it is convenient for him to do so. As a natural result there are a very few strong clubs and a countless number of weaker clubs that are constantly struggling to survive.

The question naturally arises; which is the strongest and best club in Tech? The Press Club claims this honor because that it was the first club organized in Tech. The engineering society probably claims it on the ground that it is representative of the entire engineering school. That it has in the past elected several men to high posts of honor, on its strength of numbers and influence. The "T" club would probably clamor for the honor because it represents athletics the schools best advertisement.

But all of these clubs stand for, and are interested in only one phase of school work. They contribute hardly anything outside of the activity their name represents. If a vote were taken, probably the club that would the honor of being the best club would be their pre-law club. The reasons are overwhelming. We list a few of the things that the mem-

bers of this club have accomplished during its existence:

1. Contributed one editor to the Toreador.
2. Contributed one editor of the La Ventana.
3. Contributed one business manager of La Ventana.
4. One member is president of the Press Club.
5. The government assistants are Pre-Laws.
6. The first string center of the basketball team is a Pre-Law.
7. The leading pitcher of last years baseball team holds membership in the Pre-Law club.
8. Six of the eight men who made the intercollegiate debating teams this year are Pre-Laws.
9. A Pre Law holds the distinction of being the first Tech student to enter politics.
10. The Dramatic Club drew its president a Pre-Law.
10. A Pre-Law is president of the debating club.
12. The champion boxer of the college is pre-law.
13. The Pre-Laws have contributed more members to the Pi Gamma Mu than any other club regardless of its size.
14. Both men who have won the oratorical contest for the past two years have been Pre-Laws.
15. The Southern Scholarship Society (a select group) have several Pre-Laws.
16. The registrars office show that a majority of the active Pre-Law members make the honor roll each term.
16. The Pre-Laws have three of their members working in the Library (more than any other organization).

Irwin Hancock has been elected as principal of the Anton School for next year. Hancock was principal of the New Home schools in 1926-1927 and has been in Tech throughout the present year. Hancock replaces Claude Denham, Tech '27, as principal of the Anton school. Denham is to enter other work.

Hollister Conference Information

In regard to the Hollister Conference the following information is given out:

Among the leaders of the Conference are the following persons: Arthur Pugh, formerly National Student Secretary in China Kirby Page, Lecturer and Author "The World Tomorrow"; Henry P. Van Dusen, Author, Teacher and Student Secretary; Dorothy Hubbard, Industrial secretary of the Y. W. C. A.; Irene Armes, Director of the Texas Inter-racial Commission; Howard Thursfan, Widely known negro minister of Oberlin, Ohio; George W. Carver, noted chemist of Tuskegee Institute; Lawrence Wharton, Minister of University Presbyterian church, Austin, Texas; James W. Teener, professor of Bible Park College; H. H. Horne, athletic Director, state secretary Y. M. C. A., Missouri.

The Committee is attempting to secure one or two other leaders to help us with other special problems and emphases. In addition to those whose names have been given there will be a number of traveling and local secretaries and professors in Southwest Colleges who will render invaluable service.

A Typical Day's Program.

- 7:00 Voluntary group worship or individual watch.
- 7:30 Breakfast.
- 8:30 Bible study, groups studying various subjects with expert leaders.
- 9:45 Principles and Methods of Student Association work.
- 10:40 Free period for reading and meditation.
- 11:30 General meeting with addresses by major leaders.
- 12:30 Dinner.
- The afternoon is free for athletics and recreation—baseball, tennis, hiking and riding over hills, trips to nearby caves and on the lake, and, of course, excellent swimming.
- 6:00 Supper.
- 6:45 Informal hour for sing-songs, vesper services, etc.
- 7:15 Series of addresses by Henry Van Dusen and Kirby Page on the in modern student life to follow Je-jerual subject of "What it means sus."
- 8:00 Special interest grips, opportunity for free discussion and consultation with leaders.

General Information.
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Men should send their applications and fees to John M. Mocre, Y. M. C. A., building, Topeka, Kansas.

The conference is planned and conducted by a committee of students and leaders selected by the student councils of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. and representing the movements jointly. Inquiries on any matter relating to the conference may be addressed to any Council member or Student Secretary, including those whose names are given above.

If the Y. M. C. A. is organized tonight an effort will be made to send delegates to the Hollister Conference.

Windy Nicklaus has secured a position as coach of the Tahoka High School for the year 1928-29. He has been a student in Tech during its three years existence, coming here from Bucknell University. Nicklaus coached the Engineers to victory in the intramural contests held here last fall.

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People often talk of you,
You care not what they say.

You're quite a favorite
With men of today,
But men of your father's time
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—J. M. P.

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