

College Press Club Hears Program Plan At Meeting Monday

At a meeting of the Press Club held Monday night the program committee submitted its activity list for the year, and details incident to the announcement of the literary contest to be sponsored by the club were discussed and worked out in final form. Complete details concerning the contest are carried elsewhere in this issue of the Battalion.

Featuring the program, as it now stands, is a series of dinners each of which is to be followed by an address by some person well known in the field of journalism. According to Curtis Vinson, sponsor of the club, Frank Baldwin, editor of the Waco News-Tribune, has accepted an invitation to address the club at the first dinner.

It was decided to invite members of the faculty to each meeting of the club for the purpose of presenting a short criticism on the various college publications, this criticism to be followed by a round table discussion by the club members.

At the suggestion of Mr. Vinson the club voted to adopt an official emblem, the design of which will be incorporated in the medal award to be given the winner of the literary contest. Individual pins bearing the emblem will also be available to the members of the club.

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Mitchell Gives Expense Survey On Dormitories

In a paper entitled "Dormitories and Dormitory Management" prepared by Colonel John E. Mitchell, Commandant of A and M College, some interesting figures on the cost of erecting and operating a modern dormitory are available.

It is doubtful that many students realize the outlay of funds that is necessary to provide healthful and comfortable living condition for those who are members of the student body. The following figures were taken from Colonel Mitchell's paper and pertain to Walton Hall.

Original cost of Walton	
Hall	\$243,000.00
172 double beds @ 9.30	1,599.00
344 cotton mattresses @ 5.45	1,874.80
172 all-metal dressers @ 34.00	5,850.00
172 library tables @ 12.00	2,064.00
Total cost of building and equipment	\$256,108.40
Approximate cost per room	1,450.00
Expense per room per term of nine months for one student	
2% of original investment borne by two students	\$14.50
Domestic heat per student	4.75
Heating rooms	3.75
Lights	7.29
Water (rate 6¢ per M-gal)	2.19
Janitor fees	2.61
Supervision	6.90
Total	41.99
Round figures	\$42.00
On basis of \$60.00 per student for nine months	\$60.00
Actual expenses of operation	42.00
Balance	\$18.00
One half of interest on \$1450.00 at 5% per year	\$36.25

The above figures are based on ideal conditions and the assumption that every room will be in use. Naturally, there will be periods during which some of the rooms will not be occupied and it is therefore evident that to borrow the money, erect and equip the dormitories, and retire the loan through the revenue derived from renting the rooms, is next to impossible.

The method now in use at A and M seems to be very satisfactory. There are several hundred rooms in various buildings that are bringing in revenue and that are paid for. The only expense as far as these rooms are concerned is in the upkeep and in providing the utilities. After these obligations have been met there is a balance of approximately \$18.00 as shown above that can be applied on a loan that has been made to build and equip a new dormitory. The money can be borrowed and repayed in a period of from ten to twenty years. If the dormitory is built to endure for forty or fifty years, there is a period of from fifteen to twenty years that the revenue from that particular building can be used to retire additional loans that may be made to build new dormitories that are needed to replace old ones or to provide accommodations for an increased enrollment.

For at least three quarters just prior to his leaving the university, the student should be trained in the reading of newspapers and helped to follow the trend of world affairs. If such a program is put into effect in the University of Washington, its graduates will be far better educated and their influence far more weighty in the body of citizens of which they have become members.—University of Washington Daily, 1926.



Rice Captain
Captain Tom Driscoll, halfback and one of the most dependable players on the Rice Squad may be seen in action here Friday against the Texas Aggies, although listed as one of the injured Owl stars.

Senior Mechanical Engineers Select Dallas For Trip

Senior students in Mechanical Engineering are preparing for their annual inspection trip of the industries allied to the Mechanical Engineering courses, and are planning to spend their time in Dallas. These inspection trips are a feature of all engineering courses, several days being spent in visiting and studying the large industrial concerns that are connected with each course. Ordinarily these trips are held in the spring during the R. V. holidays but the professors of the M. E. department felt that the students would receive more value from the trip if they will be able to apply the information gained during the remainder of the session.

C. W. Crawford, Head of the M. E. Department, has arranged for the students to leave College Station on Saturday, November 19. The actual inspection trip will commence Monday morning and terminate Wednesday, November 23. A special feature of the trip will be a side trip to the Texas Power and Light Company generating plant at Trinidad. This plant is one of the largest in the Southwest and utilizes powdered lignite as fuel to fire the boilers. The program for the trip has been arranged by John W. Carpenter, president of the Texas Power and Light Company.

After the Trinidad trip, the students will be released for the Thanksgiving holidays.

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