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STUDYING

The passage of the Christmas holidays and the arrival of the new year remind us that only three more constructive weeks remain in this term. Looking back we can see the effects of the distractions provided by a term crammed with football games and trips, holidays, and other delusions. As usual we profit by this realization too late. And before us looms the dreaded ordeal of final examinations.

Final examinations are generally considered in an ill light but here is a benefit to be derived from them. The final examination will provide a way out for those who are having difficulty with their work but have an opportunity to pass, and will provide an opportunity for passing students to acquire grade points. Under the new grading system the final examination will represent one-third of the term's grade with the work done during the term representing the remaining two-thirds.

Although intensive study for the examinations this late in the term would constitute "cramming," it is obvious that in three weeks time it would be possible to acquire some permanent useful knowledge of the various courses in contrast to the painful, overnight "cramming" common to the "D" quizzes of previous years.

Begin your preparations now and profit by what you might have feared.

LIGHTS

A progressive innovation for the current session is the new lighting plan, by which electricity for lighting purposes will be maintained in the dormitories through the daytime whereas it was formerly discontinued at eight a. m. This development has been achieved by the Student Welfare Committee and this new plan is only tentative depending upon student cooperation.

Although the year 1932 was discouraging in some phases, the first term of the current session was enlightened by many progressive moves on the part of the college and the students. This new development will become one of them if not abused.

The Welfare Committee has done its work well in securing this tentative change and it now becomes the duty of the students to see that lighting power is not needlessly wasted, is efficiently used, and that the plan becomes permanent instead of tentative.

THE HOSPITAL

When the bouquets are handed out and the praises are sung one of the names at the head of the list of recipients should be the staff of the college hospital. Probably no group has ever rendered a more praise-worthy and beneficial service to this institution than did the hospital attendants during the pre-Christmas "flu" epidemic. Never in the history of the present system have those who are responsible for the health of the student body been called upon to put forth the tireless effort that was required of them in handling the cases that came under their care during the weeks preceding the recent holidays. Without any addition to the trained personnel but with the assistance of seven student helpers, the regular staff of the hospital cared for over four hundred "flu" patients and four pneumonia patients without a fatality—an achievement that is remarkable in itself and one that speaks volumes for the capability and efficiency of Dr. Marsh, Mrs. Claghorn and their assistants. Again we say a bouquet to the staff of the college hospital.

THE WEATHER

Those of us who are blessed with rather vivid imaginations have perhaps noticed the contrast in weather conditions at the time of our departure for the holidays and on our return and may have considered it as indicative of the proverbial clean slate for the new year. We might even regard the inclement weather during December, 1932 as characteristic, economically and socially at least, of that year and the beautiful sunshine that greeted us this week as a prophecy for a happier 1933. It is surprising that such common things as weather conditions can affect so much our mental attitude and physical well-being.

Freezing weather with its ice and snow may be quite the thing in the East but in Texas it has an entirely different meaning since it is the exception rather than the rule for ice and snow to remain on the ground for any appreciable length of time. Then too, unexpected freezings are damaging to crops and stock. Native sons of Texas are so acclimated that they do better work and actually thrive when old "Sol" deigns to bend his warming smile earthward. With the weather, which for once surely suits everyone of us, in our favor let's hit the old stride and keep things humming this year. If we keep our chin up and take a little time to admire and appreciate the beautiful things nature has placed around us it will be easier to keep on going.

Business conducted solely with a view to gain is something of a rather low order.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

The danger of pacifism is that it attaches more significance to the means than to the nature of the settlement.—Douglas Jerrold.

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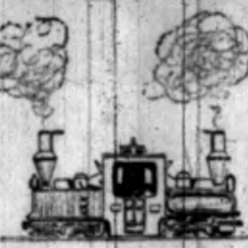
WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE HOLIDAYS and we want you to know we are glad to have you all back again.

IF YOU NEED A BIRTHDAY GIFT, or a gift of any kind, we have it.

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ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode

CONTRIBUTED BY EGY WOODS



A LOCOMOTIVE THAT COULDN'T BACK... IT RAN FORWARD EITHER WAY... USED IN FRANCE DURING THE WAR



"BEN TURPIN" A CROSS-EYED CAT OWNED BY ROBERT LIBBY DOORCHESTER, 1930.

Campus Personalities



DANIEL RUSSELL

Head of the Department of Rural Sociology

Dan Russell, as he is known by practically every member of the student body and faculty, was born August 25, 1899 at Ellisville, Mississippi. His father was a timber contractor, so the Russell family moved quite often, young Dan being reared and receiving his early education through various parts of Mississippi. Finally his father's health failed and the family moved to Texas in quest of better climatic conditions. They settled at Central and after a year at this location moved to Kingsville, leaving after a year's residence for Crockett where Dan entered the seventh grade. When eleven years of age he took the responsibility of running the farm tilled by his family because of the continued ill-health of his father and continued to do so until he was forced to leave home for advanced education.

Mr. Russell graduated from the Crockett High School in 1918 and entered Rice Institute the following Fall. He dropped out of school to join the army and was sent to Camp McArthur, arriving there the morning that the Armistice was signed. He returned to his home, when discharged, and remained there until the Fall of 1919 when he secured a job in Waco and went there to work and attend Baylor University. Even though he worked his entire way through Baylor and sent from forty to fifty dollars a month home to help support his family, Mr. Russell graduated from that institution in three years with a straight A average. He majored in history and did not become interested in sociology until his senior year at Baylor. While in college he was unable to enter into athletics because his working hours were too long; however, he did enter into other activities and was college yell leader two years, chairman of the Student Government Council, president of the Literary Society, and member of the Student Chamber of Commerce.

Receiving a scholarship to the University of Chicago Mr. Russell left Waco upon graduation with just enough money to pay his rail-

road fare to Chicago. Upon arrival he found a job in a cafeteria paying him sixty cents an hour, so he started to school to receive a master's degree in sociology. During the entire three years that he worked on his masters degree, Mr. Russell paid his entire way and sent money home to his younger sisters and brothers that they too may receive their educations. During this period of his education, he received employment that would be beneficial financially and at the same time place him in contact with crowds so that he might study them sociologically. In this manner he received information that has been the background of his research in preparation for both his master's and doctor's degree.

After working one month in the cafeteria, he was employed as a check-room boy at a "ten-cent-a-dance" hall. Later he was made "Bouncer" for the establishment and in this capacity gradually became acquainted with members of various gangs.

Leaving this job, he worked for the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago, studying conditions in dance halls and cabarets. His work in this position brought him in contact with Chief of Police Morgan A. Collins, who later commissioned Mr. Russell as special investigator with the party ordered to clean up the "Black and Tan" resorts (negro speak-easies) on the South Side. This work was intensely interesting and profitable, but he was forced to leave it when the South Side gangsters spotted him and shadowed him over all of Chicago.

Next Mr. Russell took the Civil Service examination for playground work and topped a list of forty-five competitors. He became director of the Ogden Playgrounds, a municipally owned athletic park where thousands of Chicago's inhabitants receive recreation daily. However, this work was not satisfying to him. For he yearned to do more investigating. At odd times he worked under cover for the Police Department for the Better Government Association of the City of Chicago.

He received his Master's degree from the University of Chicago and in the early part of 1925 set as his goal a doctor's degree.

After spending a period as investigator, conducting studies of roadhouses, bootlegging establishments, gambling resorts, and speakeasies, he became sick of the city and its crime in 1925 and longed for Texas. Dr. S. P. Brooks, late president of Baylor University, offered Mr. Russell a teaching job so he returned to Baylor and taught during the session of 1925-26.

The following year he came to A and M College as head of the Department of Rural Sociology. He

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IDLE RUMORS

A certain military lackey does a suicidal bit of self-thrust cutting during the Christmas holidays here. None other than L. A. Shoan, El Paso flash and corps sergeant major, was forced to stay on the campus during the holidays and he was particularly annoyed when that large, lazy, white dog known as "Buck" maintained Shoan's room as sleeping quarters. And so, as Ed Wynn would say, he borrowed a car and took "Buck" to Bryan and lost him. Having done so he was horror stricken several days later when he discovered that the dog was the property of Colonel A. R. Emery, apbiter of our military destinies on the campus. He was shown quite a lesson by this we're quite sure.

While browsing around at the A and M club dance at Ennis, Texas, during the holidays, we were astonished at the forward strides made by that bashful Louie Miller

of famous "H" Company. Heretofore Miller has not been seen on a dance floor but at this social sortee Louie was among the foremost treader of the light fantastic on the Ellis county floor. After rumaging through his possessions we discovered that Miller is the possessor of a book entitled "How to Dance in Ten Easy Lessons."

Was or was not Joseph E. Dillon, director of the Campus Sereaders highly mortified when he arrived on the campus last Sunday afternoon? It seems that J. E. met a cute young thing on the train coming down to school and she was not adverse to his coy invitation to (heh, heh) neck. Anyway, when Joe got to College Station she came back to the platform and gave him one of those garbousque farwell salutes. And when Joe turned around it seemed that half the corps and part of the faculty were on hand to observe. The murderous angle is that J. E. has a one-and-only in Ft. Worth, and thus we keep on Dillon out the dirt.

with Joan Blondell and Eric Linden.
Sat. 4th.—Unholy Love with Lilla Lee and H. B. Warner.

Assembly Hall Shows For Month of January

The following list of picture shows are scheduled to be shown at the Assembly Hall during the month of January, 1933:

Wed. 4th.—Almost Married with Violet Hemming and Ralph Bellamy.

Fri. 6th.—13th Guest with Ginger Rogers—Benefit Student Welfare Committee.

Sat. 7th.—12:30—Million Dollar Legs with Jack Oakie, "Y" Cards for Dec. 17th Good.

Sat. 7th.—6:30 and 8:30—Night Mayor with Lee Tracy.

Wed. 11th.—Double Header: Two Against the World with Constance Bennett, and University of Southern California vs. Notre Dame (1932).

Sat. 14th.—12:30—Hold 'Em Jail with Wheeler and Woolsey.

Sat. 14th.—6:30 and 8:30—Devil Commands with Neil Hamilton and Mae Clark.

Wed. 18th.—Bird of Paradise with Dolores Del Rio and Joel McCrea.

Fri. 20th.—Man Against Woman with Jack Holt—Benefit-Tumbling Team.

Sat. 21st.—12:30—Dr. X with Lee Tracy and Fay Wray.

Sat. 21st.—6:30 and 8:30—No More Oranias with Carol Lombard.

Wed. 25th.—The Crooner with David Manners and Ann Dvorak.

Sat. 28th.—12:30—Guilty or Not Guilty with Betty Compson.

Sat. 28th.—6:30 and 8:30—Air Hostess with Evelyn Knapp and James Murray.

Mon. 30th.—Age of Consent with Dorothy Wilson and Richard Cromwell.

Wed. Feb. 1st.—Big City Blues

has now completed his entire work on his Ph. D. degree and is to soon receive this degree. At present Mr. Russell is a member of the Student Welfare Committee, College Community Chest Committee, College Y. M. C. A. Board, and head of the Student Employment on this campus. He placed seventy-one boys this last year in jobs so that they might attend this school. He has ever been prominent in student activities.

A Happy Prosperous New Year Is Our Wish To All of You

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A machine to measure more accurately than ever before the tiny ups and downs in the sun's radiation that are thought to be a key at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Its inventor is Dr. Charles G. Abbot, secretary of the institution and famous as an exponent of the theory that the sun's heat changes cause weather cycles here below.



YOUR EYES

Require the same amount of care for 1933 as they did during the past year. We are ready to help you keep your vision at its best. If it has been a year since you last had your eyes examined—Come in for an Examination

J. W. PAYNE

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AT THE ANSEMBLY HALL

"ALMOST MARRIED"

with VIOLET HEMMING and RALPH BELLAMY
Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.

"MILLION DOLLAR LEGS"

with JACK OAKIE
Y Gard for December 17 will be good.
Saturday, 12:30 p. m.

"NIGHT MAYOR"

with LEE TRACY
Columbia First Run Picture
Saturday 6:30 and 8:30

HOW IMPORTANT IS "FIRST IMPRESSION"?

You know the answer—personalities vary—some are slow to "register"—others "take" immediately—the slow but sure method is a good one but the fellow who goes over big is the one who creates a favorable "first impression."

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