



Off The Rock Pile

By ARLEE GOWEN

With this issue of The Toreador a column is born whose purpose is to partly alleviate the hardships of a rigorous summer school by introducing the diversions offered by Tech and Lubbock to Tech enrollees. This column, a spontaneous reply to "Where to go and what to do?" questions will have the satisfaction of doing a good service if it can only tell the students where to find "40 degrees cooler inside," even when Hedy Lamarr appears on the bill.

A variety of entertainment is offered on the College recreation program this week. "Catherine the Great," a moving story of old Russia under the Czars, starring Elizabeth Bergner and Douglass Fairbanks, Jr. is scheduled Tuesday night on the Ad building green for this week's movie.

A dual bill is offered Wednesday night with a band concert conducted by Prof. Wiley on the green and folk dancing in the Gym.

Scheetz & Co., nationally famous magicians, will be presented Thursday night on the green or in Doak hall lounge if unfavorable weather conditions prevent outdoor performance. The stage settings, lighting effects, stage manner and illusions are refreshingly novel, produced from a new angle. The program, while a riot of fun, is dignified and unique. Equipment weighing more than half ton is carried by the company, and their "menagerie" includes a white dog, and a trained assemblage of pigeons, doves, rabbits, guinea pigs and ducks.

Jack York and his 12-piece band will swing out for another informal all-College dance Friday night 8:30 'till 11 in the Gym. This popular orchestra will "give out" with everything from jam-session specials to slow-on-the-down-beat numbers, featuring sax and trumpet solos to prove that all American dance music is not so much jive and boogie-woogie. The recreation program committee stresses that only holders of recreation tickets will be admitted to the dance.

Playboy Robert Taylor goes western in "Billy the Kid," Metro-Godwyn-Mayer's gripping story of a western Robin Hood opening Sunday at the Lindsey. Taylor, portraying the romantic, swashbuckling figure who wrote history in gun smoke, turns in a spectacular performance in his first western role. Depicted in technicolor which represents picturesque locations of the pioneer West in their full beauty the picture is a smashing adventure saga. Taylor plays the title role, with Brian Donlevy as his best friend and his eventual nemesis, and Mary plays the story's heroine.

"Strike Up the Band," that jazzy swingeroo, starting those kid cutups, Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, opens at the Tech Sunday. Supporting cast includes June Preisser and William Tracy with Paul Whiteman and his band. This MGM production offers something different in the way of musical comedies.

"Tin Pan Alley," 20th Century-Fox's Alexander's Ragtime Band of 1941, comes to the Midway Sunday with a smash hit cast of Alice Faye in

Billy The Kid



Playboy Taylor goes Western in "Billy the Kid," action-packed saga depicting the life of the colorful Robin Hood of the West, coming to the Lindsey Sunday.

Drinking Trend Is Toward Beer

In line with the recent act of the State Legislature which nullified the legality of sale of liquor by druggists, above a certain number of prescriptions, the W. C. T. U. announces that the composite American capacity for alcoholic beverages is going up—to the extent that some 360 million gallons were dispensed of in the first three months of 1941.

That amount was more than the total of last year's first quarter by about 7 million gallons, and cost the American people 663 millions of dollars.

Most of the liquor consumed was beer, amounting to 315 million gallons. Then came 21 million gallons of wine and 21 million gallons of domestic distilled liquor.

Domestic whiskey consumption was less this year by more than one million gallons, so that most of the increase was in the consumption of beer and lighter liquors.

Local Press Club Gets Chapter Of Theta Sigma Phi

By KATHLEEN McCRELESS
Toreador Reporter

Tech's Women's Press club was installed into Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary society for journalism women, May 29 in a program at Hilton hotel.

Dorothea Lohoff Schlegel, director of journalism at Mary Hardin college, Belton, who previously inspected the Tech chapter, returned as installing officer.

Tech Women's Press club was organized in February, 1938, and the three year probationary period ended in February of this year. Preliminary petition was sent in immediately following the close of the probationary period. Approval to be installed was sent Tech at the close of the spring semester.

Students initiated into Theta Sigma Phi were June Crosley, Margaret Defenbaugh, Fannibeth Harris, Mary Edith Holdeth, Jeanne McDonald, Georgia Lamb Smith, Doris LaRue Stapleton, Mary Margaret Tunnell, Marguerite Watkins, and Betty Shryock.

Following installation into the national organization, the following officers were installed: Betty Shryock, president;

Down To Rio



A dynamic trio of Faye, Ameche and Miranda who star in the Latin American musical extravaganza, "That Night in Rio" which opens at the Tower Sunday.

June Crosley, secretary; Bobbie Felts, treasurer; and Ruth Faust, keeper of Archives.

Local women assisting in installation were Evelyn Clewell, assistant registrar; Mrs. James G. Allen, instructor in journalism; Mrs. W. A. Wilbanks, 1814 Nineteenth street; and Mrs. W. W. Condray, 1918 Twenty-fifth street.

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the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, and Mrs. James G. Allen is sponsor of the group.

Betty Shryock, newly elected president, will attend the Theta Sigma Phi convention in Bloomington, Indiana, June 24 and 25.

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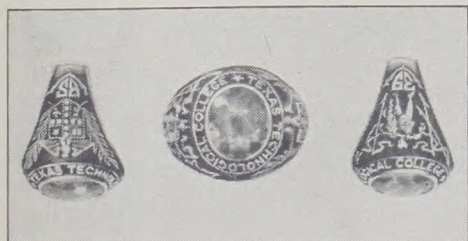
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It's Just A Lot Of Bull About The Bovine Traits

By LOUIE JOHNSTON
Toreador Reporter

They keep a cow in the New York zoo—not for her entertainment, but for the education of those who come to look, even, perhaps as an example for the other animals. People just don't understand cows anyway.

For instance, female cattle are often called "Bossy". Anyone familiar with the farmyard knows that the cow's husband is far more bossy than she is.

Both male and female cattle are known as mammals. This term is applied to them because they are possessed of mammary glands. Those of the bull are negligible, but his

better half has made a career out of hers.

Cows do not give milk. With skill, persistence and persuasion a man may take milk from one of them. In spite of the propaganda issued by dairy companies, the primary and most common use of milk is as food for calves.

Inside information reveals that the cow has four stomachs. This is not for convenience in decentralizing indigestion, but works instead on the economic principles of the distribution of labor. When informed of a shortage in the interior the cow goes mowing. She packs vegetation into a sort of reserve hopper until she is dis-

gustingly lop-sided and retires to a quiet spot to shift ballast.

Her feet are cloven. This would give her a divided understanding if she had one. Though cows are decidedly bovine in temperament, they have laudable attribute of personality. A cow never cowers, nor can she ever be called cowed.

Without discrimination, the young cattle are called calves. They differ chiefly from their parents in size and tone of voice. They are decidedly tensors and not often very decided about anything else. When very young, they are mostly method of locomotion is wobbling.

Clothed with rawhide, crowned with horns and provided with a natural whisk-broom the cow mows patiently. She is misunderstood. Her ambitions are thwarted. All too well she knows that her children will grow up to be dumb-oxes, and there is nothing to her husband but bull.

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Thesis Writing Is An Art Of Diverse Complexities

By ERNEST CURRY
Toreador Reporter

Those people abounding on the campus who contemplate working on a thesis are really getting set for an unending deluge of late nights, troubled sleep, haunted week-ends, profuse sweat, wretched wails, exasperated tears, and a legion of divers ills. This from Dr. Albert Barnett who is one of the professors chosen by thesis students to guide them through such things as indecision and double toil and trouble.

"So you expect a little difficulty to arise," said the reporter.

Dr. Barnett was sure of it. By past experience he was convinced that both men and women students would suffer pangs of data-gathering and agony of data-compilation.

According to Barnett there are three types of writers who endeavor to manufacture a thesis: (1) those weak in the fundamentals of sentence structure and grammar usages, (2) those unable to interpret data, and (3) those strong both in composition and data interpretation. To elaborate, he cited classic examples of the first two categories.

Once, he stated, there arrived at Tech a man. This man's name might have been John Doe. Anyhow he had trouble at the beginning of his thesis work and trouble until its finish. It even appeared that he was a chosen son of trouble.

He knew little of how to develop his theme. Paragraphs refused to curl into proper niches beneath his pen. Occasionally his sentences would have embarrassed students of much lower standing. His vocabulary was a little worse than inadequate.

Consequently he was compelled to write and re-write and re-write.

Then there came to Tech a woman. She could not reason logically with a pen. It was torture for her mind to even expect herself to put down facts clearly and chronologically.

And everywhere she turned there were facts, facts, facts. So she labored. Consulted her committee. Then worked more.

Barnett expressed sympathy and understanding for the two above. He worked with them patiently, earnestly. Soon he noticed improvements. Finally they turned out commendable theses.

That settled, the reporter settled back and waited. A few

minutes later he had heard several things about thesis work. He found that an effort was made not to duplicate work done by students of other colleges, that Tech's students had turned out these comparable

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