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# The Texas

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## What About a New One?

Forteen hundred and ninety two Columbus sailed the ocean blue— Nineteen hundred and twenty eight My word—he's still sailing!

—Aesop's Epitomes.

There is an Association known on the Campus as the Student Association. It has a constitution. But evidently someone has been feeling it fit powder and it has become undermined. Since the year 1923 it has not functioned. During the period dating from 1923 until now, either the Student body has become too interested in the athletic craze, or they have been attempting another Tip Van Winkle stunt, to watch politics.

In the preamble of the said constitution we find that "the membership shall be composed of all bona fide students of the East Texas State Teachers College." That is well and good; but the members of the Student Association have certain obligations to fulfill. "They are pledged to maintain and support the highest standards of student life and to enforce impartially the regulations herein after stated."

Any one who is pledged to support regulations should have some idea concerning the nature of these regulations. And yet, how many students on the campus know what they have so firmly pledged themselves to do?

Beginning with the lighter laws which it is the duty of every student to see enforced, we find that the Association provides some rather amusing diversion.

Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, read as follows: "Students shall not be allowed to throw trash of any kind on the campus."

"Students shall not be allowed to afface or destroy school property."

"Absolute order and quietness" in the halls, library and chapel shall be required at all times."

"Students shall not be allowed to steal or otherwise destroy the property of other students."

A student who enters college has a high school education. In his previous training he is supposed to have learned at least a few fundamentals of the ethics of living. Is it necessary that in the by-laws of our constitution we must place, "it shall be the duty of this organization to admonish bad boys with red hair who persist in stealing?"

Are students who drop candy wrappers on the campus penalized for their actions other than being censured by opinion of the general student body? Why not incorporate the following regulation: "any student carrying concealed shot guns, electric fans or any other weapon shall be considered in bad standing with the Association and shall be duly chastized!"

It is the writer's opinion that in the old days of the school it was probably necessary to have such measures in the constitution, but now since the school has grown and is a well-conducted, civilized institution there is no need for these laws. Imagine walking up to a new student and telling that he won't be allowed to steal or have a fight on the campus. He would either think you were crazy or kidding him.

In the next article we run into more serious matters. Article VIII, Section 1 reads: "Participation in student activities shall be limited by the point system. Ten points shall be the maximum number of points allowed any student during one term. (Three months)."

Section 2, "Points shall be apportioned as follows;" etc.

If that ruling is in favor of the student body, all right. But it should be maintained by them. And if it is in good standing with the students, then why do they ignore it and choose a man for their representative who is

disqualified for the office by this clause! According to it our past president, Buford Williams, was absolutely ineligible for office. He had eight points allotted him for being president of the Student Council and five points allotted him for being a member of the athletic team. Five and three are thirteen according to elementary arithmetic, but evidently the principles of addition change upon entering college. Williams made us one of the best presidents we have had. He was a hard worker and fought for the principles of the student body. Then why do the students allow their leaders to be humiliated by knowing that they are holding their offices unconstitutionally. Either abolish the system or abide by it!

In Article X, Section 1, it is found that East Texas is offering graduate work. The article reads as follows: "concerning the election of officers for the various publications" the Editor-in-Chief must have fifth and sixth year standing at the time of taking office. There is no doubt but what there are a few students who will remain in college for five or six years, but why select them to head our publications. The present editor claims no more than fourth year standing. In chapel, all fifth and sixth year students to rise and march to the platform!

In Article XIV we again run into more complications. All officers who have "charge of any student funds" shall be held officials and responsible to the Student Council, said officers to receive no funds until bonded. It seems to the writer that this ruling covers every treasurer of the student organization who have checked his office unconstitutionally. What a pity!

Article XX, Section 1, and Article XXII, Section 1, are the most ridiculous. The former reads: "The Student body shall have the right to protect and when bull fighting was held instead of dating at the Pharmacy."

"All class fights shall have fixed time for ending, and no student shall be allowed to fight more than one faculty member. The faculty member shall not act as umpire and shall decide all points in motion."

It isn't our desire to disinter old bones, but according to our memory, the last class fight wasn't umpired, it was squelched, and squelched emphatically.

And besides, imagine the reception of a committee approach Dean Ferguson in the following manner: "Dean, we're going to have a little free for all, south of the main building, this afternoon. Would you mind coming out and umpiring the battle and make an approximate casualty list!"

In Article V, Section 1, of the Athletic Association we find that "it shall be the duty of the (Athletic) Council to look after such matters as schedules, finance, equipment, ground, reception of visiting teams, nominations of yell leaders, and giving service awards, etc."

Just how well the Council has fulfilled its duties as outlined in the constitution is very doubtful. Who makes out the schedules? Who sees to the upkeep of the grounds? How are the yell leaders nominated?

Students, it was a good constitution in it's day, but that day has gone. No organization could possibly succeed to the best of its ability on such poor background.

Our student government is the one thing which should be most prized by the student body. It is the main outlet of student opinion.

Our government needs doctoring. The student body can do it. If you are interested in the welfare of your Alma Mater do your share towards making it the best in the state. Just what needs to be done will be given the the next issue of The Texas. Watch next week!

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## Official Announcements

**CERTIFICATE NOTICE**  
 All students who have not made application for certificates and diplomas meet in M-5 at 5 p. m., Friday, July 20th.  
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 FRANCES SELBY, Registrar.

**GRADE BOOKS**  
 Many students have not filed their grade books in the Registrar's office. If you wish to receive your grades at the close of the summer quarter without delay, file your grade books in the Registrar's office not later than July 31.  
 FRANCES SELBY, Registrar.

## Chips

**On Meeting**  
 I said  
 In morning.  
 In greeting. But my heart said  
 "Wor."  
 My heart leaped up in song as  
 with  
 With ecstasy as when the late  
 Flings upward in melodic bursts  
 Of rhapsody, sheer happiness  
 In living song. But mute, be-  
 fore  
 You there I stood. And all the  
 world  
 Could see.  
 But you.  
**ON PARTING**  
 "Goodbye"  
 I whispered.  
 But you were gone and did not  
 hear me.  
 The patter of your feet, as down  
 The hall you flew, was as the  
 patter  
 Of quick raindrops on my sit-  
 ting  
 Heart, and I went down deep  
 where none  
 Could see. The drops filed up my  
 heart  
 And overflowed. Then every-  
 one  
 Could see.  
 But you.  
 —A. T. J.

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## ONE ACT COMEDY TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

"The Flattering Word," a big act comedy, by George Kelly, will be staged tonight at 8:15 o'clock. This is the first comedy to be presented by the Dramatic Club this summer. The Optimist will perform in connection with the play.

## THEM FOR 1934 FRICKLY PEAR IS CHOSEN BY BUSBY

Eldon Busby, editor-elect of the 1934 Frickly Pear, reports that he has the dummy for next year's annual already worked up. Since the close of the spring term, he has been busy on the yearbook working out the theme and feature section.  
 "The theme of the annual will show the development of modern commerce upon the seas. Beginning with ancient sailing, Busby expects to trace maritime developments to the present. Many enumerations of ships will be shown in colorful design. Critics describe the theme as being the most beautiful ever carried out in a college yearbook—The Optimist.

Ninety-seven students have made applications for degrees at the end of the summer according to E. V. White, dean of the college. Thirty are applying for the degree of Bachelor of Science, six for the degree of Bachelor of Science, and one for the degree of Bachelor of Music.

The graduating exercises will be held in the college gymnasium, June 7, according to W. M. Love, president of the student body. Announcement of this change was made to faculty members this week at the request of President L. H. Hubbard.

The Lasso  
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## The Other Campus

"Texas State College for Women" has been added to the name of the college and is placed above "College of Industrial Arts" on all official publications and lettershead of C. L. A. in the future.

A resolution authorizing this step was passed at a meeting of the college Board of Regents, June 7, according to W. M. Love, president of the student body. Announcement of this change was made to faculty members this week at the request of President L. H. Hubbard.

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