

State Meet Housing Acute; League Will Aid Contestants

BY F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Housing

The state office of the League will endeavor to assist all qualified contestants and qualified sponsors in finding housing during the State Meet in Austin on May 5-7.

On alternate years when the State Legislature is in session, the housing problem is more acute. This will be true this year. Schools sending representatives to Austin are cautioned not to send anyone

unless housing has been secured in advance.

League officials will assist in providing two types of lodging. Reservations in commercial type lodgings are being blocked up and will be released on request to contestants and sponsors. The League secures no special rates and all guests will be asked to pay for lodgings in the usual manner. There will be no rebate given for commercial lodgings.

Contestants and sponsors qualifying under Rule 24 of the State Meet plan and requesting free housing will be assigned to barracks type accommodations or rooms in private homes, sororities or fraternities. These accommodations will not be available on either Wednesday or Saturday night. Special arrangements must be made if schedules necessitate an early arrival or a delayed departure.

Procedure

As schools qualify contestants from the regional meets and file entries in the State Meet, housing information and request blanks will be mailed to the principal or superintendent. These officials are asked to return the requests accurately and completely filled out as soon as possible. The housing office of the League will make no attempt to assign requests in advance which are received in Austin as late as Wednesday, May 4. Assistance will be given when contestants arrive, but no lodging accommodations can be guaranteed.

Confirmation

Insofar as possible, the League will endeavor to confirm housing requests which are made in the regular procedure. This will obviously be impossible with requests which are assigned during the week of the meet.

These confirmations will not notify the contestant where the accommodations are located. This information must be secured at the housing desk at registration headquarters on arrival.

Supervision

League officials reserve the right to refuse housing accommodations to any student or group of students who do not appear to be adequately chaperoned.

UT Exposition Offers Guidance, Look at Future

Electronic Brains To Be on Exhibit At Power Show

The University of Texas will be ready May 5-7 to bring the future into focus for hundreds of high school students who will be guests for the annual Interscholastic League State Meet.

An All-University Exposition and Power Show will welcome visitors with displays depicting future scientific feats, and with chances for students to discuss their specific futures in individual career conferences with faculty members.

University teaching departments will have staff members available for the conferences during the huge open house.

One entertainment feature of the open house will be the 46th Power Show, presented from 6:30 through 10:30 p.m., Friday (May 6) by the College of Engineering and natural science departments.

Power Show visitors may see scale models of a space station proposed as an earth satellite, guided missiles with "electronic brains," a beam of light producing music, jet-plane models which flash over closed courses at approximately 100 miles per hour, and more than 100 other scientific wonders.

Those who like action themselves can match wits with "George"—an electronic tick-tack-toe player made from old pin-ball machines—have their Power Show programs branded with molten metal, write with an electronic pencil and learn how to operate a Geiger counter, used for uranium prospecting and other atomic radiation detection.

Exposition visitors will be especially welcome at the University's Student Union building and other campus recreation and dining facilities.

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Athletic Referendum Votes To Be Given at State Meet

Results of referendums affecting football, basketball, and track will be announced during the Interscholastic League's Forty-fifth Annual State Meet which opens Thursday, May 5, in Austin.

The vote reports will come at the Interscholastic League breakfast in the Driskill Hotel Crystal Ballroom on Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m.

Delegates and contestants will begin registration for the State Meet on Thursday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Gregory Gymnasium on the University of Texas campus. Registration booths close at 10:00 p.m. and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The report on April balloting will cover these items: Limitation on the number of basketball games that a boy may play in one day, the basketball all-star game rule, opening and closing dates for interschool basketball games and scrimmages, amendment to track and field rules to permit substitutions in relay events, and an amendment to Rule 2 of the Spring Meet Plan, Football and Basketball Plans, to provide for mandatory assignments to conferences.

Advance guard of the State Meet thousands will be found in pre-contest conferences and members of various groups meeting concurrent-

ly with the annual high school events.

The opening day of the meet will be devoted largely to one-act play rehearsals and competition. The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Interscholastic League Press Conference will begin Thursday night, May 5, with a reception and registration.

Tennis drawings will be made Thursday night in Gregory Gym at 7:30 p.m. Dr. D. A. Penick, State Director of Tennis, has scheduled a clinic at that time for coaches and players. Talks will be made by outstanding players and coaches, including Tut Bartzan.

Other groups meeting during the three-days of contests include the Spring Conference of the Texas Assn. of Secondary Education, the Texas Assn. of Secondary School Principals, and annual conferences conducted by State Contest directors of slide rule, number sense and commercial subjects.

The Number Sense conference will be in charge of State Director J. M. Hurt in Benedict Hall, Room 111, at 7:30 p.m., May 6. Mr. Hurt will discuss the number sense contest.

The slide rule conference, in charge of James D. Matheny, will be held in Waggener Hall 316, starting at 9:00 a.m., May 6.

Parents, coaches, contestants, and school administrators are invited to attend the various related conferences.

The All-University Exposition and Power Show will offer information and entertainment for visitors.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Forty-Fifth Annual State Meet University Interscholastic League

The Official Program will be issued for distribution to contestants and delegates before the Meet opens and will be available at headquarters. Always go by the LATEST EDITION of the program. Minor changes are often necessary from one edition to the next.

Thursday, May 5, 1955

- 11:00 A.M.—One-Act Play general meeting of Conference A casts for instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach. Rehearsals start, University Junior High School Auditorium.
- 2:00 P.M.—Registration, rebate and assignments to lodgings, Gregory Gymnasium. Bureau closes at 10:00 P.M. and opens again at 8:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday.
- 4:30 P.M.—One-Act Play contest, Conference A, University Junior High School Auditorium, three plays.
- 7:30 P.M.—One-Act Play contest, Conference A, University Junior High School Auditorium, four plays. Judges' decision and awards immediately following.
- 7:30 P.M.—Luther Stark Debate and Reception for speech delegates, International Room, Texas Union.
- 7:30 P.M.—Tennis Clinic for coaches and players, Gregory Gymnasium.
- 7:30 P.M.—I.L.P.C. Get-acquainted party and registration, Scout Hall, University Methodist Church, 24th and Guadalupe.

Friday, May 6, 1955

- 8:00 A.M.—Golf, Austin Municipal Golf Course, Lake Austin Blvd.
- 8:25 A.M.—Track and Field contestants assemble at Texas Memorial Stadium for preliminaries.
- 8:30 A.M.—Journalism Conference, Batts Hall Auditorium.
- 8:30 A.M.—Ready Writers contest, Architecture Bldg. 105.
- 8:30 A.M.—Declamation, all conferences and divisions assemble in Physics Bldg. 201 for assignments.
- 9:00 A.M.—Slide Rule Conference, Waggener Hall 316.
- 9:00 A.M.—Tennis, First Round: Girls' singles and doubles, Conference A, Caswell Courts; girls' singles, Conference B, Freshman Courts; girls' singles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.
- 10:00 A.M.—One-Act Play general meeting of Conference B casts for instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach. Rehearsals start, University Junior High School Auditorium.
- 10:30 A.M.—Tennis, first round: Boys' singles and doubles, Conference A, Caswell Courts; girls' doubles, Conference B, Freshman Courts; girls' doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.
- 11:00 A.M.—Journalism, News and Feature Writing contests, Journalism Bldg. 307.
- 1:00 P.M.—Field Events: Finals, Broad Jump, all conferences; finals, Pole Vault, Conference B, Texas Memorial Stadium; finals; Discus, all conferences, Freshman Field.
- 2:00 P.M.—Poetry Reading.
- 2:00 P.M.—Journalism Workshops: Journalism Bldg. 305 and 307; Home Economics Bldg. 127 and 105, Biology Building 301; Physics Bldg. 310 and 421. (See Journalism program for details.)
- 2:00 P.M.—Tennis, first round: Boys' singles, Conference B, Freshman Courts; boys' singles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.
- 2:00 P.M.—Slide Rule contest, Waggener Hall 316.
- 2:00 P.M.—Extemporaneous Speech, all conferences and divisions assemble in Garrison Hall, Room 1, for assignments.

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Baseball Tourney Scheduled June 1-3

DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS
State Athletic Director

The Seventh Annual State Baseball Championship Tournament for Conference AA schools will be held on June 1, 2, and 3, in Austin at Disch Field.

Conference A schools will play to regional championships, and Conference B schools will play through bi-district championships.

Regional Conference A baseball championships will be determined by regional baseball play-offs to be directed by a regional director appointed from the League office. The participating district winners may elect to play off the regional championship by a tournament or by bi-district and regional baseball games.

Conference AA bi-district baseball games will be arranged as follows: Winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4; 5 vs. 6; 7 vs. 8; 9 vs. 10; 11 vs. 12; 13 vs. 14; 15 vs. 16.

District championships in Conference AA must be determined by May 16, with bi-district winners certified by May 25.

District championships in Conference A must be determined by May 16. The regional tournaments can be held any time after May 16, and not later than June 3.

The eight regional chairmen for the tournaments are: Region I, Districts 1 and 2, Supt. H. F. Railsback, Dalhart; Region II, Districts 3-6, Supt. Peyton Cain, Alpine; Region III, Districts 7-10, Supt. A. H. Pritchard, Granbury; Region IV, Districts 11-13, Supt. J. E. Rhodes, Van; Region V, Districts 14-17, Prin. W. M. Schmidt, Crockett; Region VI, Districts 18-21, Supt. E. B. Morrison, Cuero; Region VII, Districts 22-24, Supt. J. M. Parnell, Jasper; Region VIII, Districts 25-28, Supt. J. G. Barry, Hondo.

Conference B teams must certify a district winner by May 16, and a bi-district champion not later than June 3. The district winners will be paired for bi-district play by numerical order, that is 1 vs. 2; 3 vs. 4; and so on.

All tournament games will be seven innings. The coach's box shall be occupied only by student players, and the coach of the team is requested to remain in the dugout. The students in the coach's box must be in uniform.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUSTIN 12

March 17, 1955

To Interscholastic League Visitors:

On behalf of The University of Texas, I want to welcome all of you who have come to Austin to participate in the final State Meet of the Interscholastic League. Here at the University, we feel that this is one of the most important events of the year, not just for you, our visitors, but for all here who will be privileged to work with you.

The University of Texas, as I am sure most of you know, is not only one of the largest institutions in the country, but also, as was intended by its founding fathers, is a university of the first class among the leading universities of the country. With the finest library in the Southwest, modern buildings with the latest scientific equipment, and a faculty which includes many internationally famous scholars, we feel that the people of Texas may well be proud of their University.

We trust that you will enjoy as well as profit by your visit here and hope that many of you will decide to make the University your own.

Sincerely yours,

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VII. History of the League

County Meet Growth Aided League Democratic Control

There has been much idle and ill-informed talk of the League as a "dictatorship."

As pointed out in a former article of this series, the State Executive Committee was (and still is) the keystone in the arch of League control. The composition of the Committee has been altered from time to time. It was at first merely the standing committee of the University Faculty on Forensics and Oratory, of which the chairman of the League was also head, and the membership of which he appointed from the persons employed in his own department.

Stranglehold

This naturally gave the head of the Department of Public Speaking a strangle hold on the State Executive Committee. Although changed very early in League history, it emphasizes the fact that the League was at first visualized by all concerned as merely a debating league.

The change in the make-up of the committee in 1914, prescribing that the membership must be drawn from those persons employed in the Division of Public Discussion of the Extension Department didn't help much, since the State chairman of the League was also Director of this division. Athletics was recognized, however, in that the new rule provided a place on the committee for the Director of University Athletics.

Power Limited

The power of appointment held by the State chairman was again limited in 1916 by a requirement to the effect that the committee must include the Director of Extension, the Director of Physical Training for Women, and the Department of School Visitation and the Division of Public School Improvement. This transferred the powers exercised by the committee to what was then

1-Act Play Theme—Spartan Simplicity

Special attention is called to the new time schedule for the State Meet One-Act Play contests this year.

All contests will be held in University Junior High School Auditorium, 19th and San Jacinto Streets, Austin. Conference A contest will be held Thursday afternoon, May 5, commencing at 4:30 p.m. Conference B contest will be Friday afternoon, May 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m.; and Conference AA contest will be held Saturday afternoon, May 7, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Since the facilities for conducting the 23 plays are extremely limited, there will be no special lighting or props used. The contests will truly be an exercise in acting and directing.

called the Extension Bureau, of which, in the meantime, the State chairman of the League had become director. Only two places were reserved for "outside" representation. There was one definite gesture toward making the committee more representative in 1914 when Art. III, Secs. 1-3, provided, in addition to the State Executive Committee, a State Board of Control consisting of three members of the State Executive Committee and five members of the High School Athletic Council to be elected at the annual meeting of the TSTA. Its function was to be principally appellate, but this board never materialized. The High School Athletic Council was never elected. The only importance of this early proposal seems to lie in the fact that it was a foreshadowing of the Legislative Advisory Council, which had to wait 27 years before coming into existence.

Radical Revision

In 1922 there was a radical revision of the method of choosing the State committee. The power of appointment was taken away from the State director (or State chairman) and lodged in the president of the University on the same basis as other faculty committees were appointed. The number composing the committee was at the same time increased from five to nine. This re-

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League Breakfast Tickets Available

The annual Interscholastic League Breakfast, held at the same time as the State Meet, will be in the Driskill Hotel on Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m.

Tickets for the breakfast will be \$1.10. The tickets are now available in the League office. Write to Miss Willie Thompson, Secretary of the League, at Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas, for reservations. Tickets will be sold at the door only if space is available.

School Leaders Confer May 6 At State Meet

The Fourteenth Annual Spring Conference of the Texas Study of Secondary Education will meet in Austin Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference will be held in the Driskill Hotel Ballroom.

Herbert LaGrone, associate-coordinator of the Texas Study of Secondary Education, will preside.

A discussion on developments in secondary education, with particular reference to economic education will open the program at 9 a.m. Galen Jones, director of the study on economic education of the Council for Advancement of Secondary Education, will speak. R. B. Norman, Amarillo High School principal, is chairman of the discussion panel.

Following a business session, Dr. H. J. Ettlinger, professor of mathematics at the University of Texas, will speak at 10:45 a.m. on "Secondary Education and Our Country's Scientific Manpower Potential." John McFarland, superintendent of Vernon High School, will serve as chairman of the panel discussion.

At 11:45 a.m. LaGrone will give the report of the president.

Sectional meetings will be held in the afternoon from 2 to 4:30 o'clock. The junior high school section, meeting in the Colonial Room of the Driskill Hotel, will discuss the United States Office of Education conference on junior high schools. Gordon Bailey, principal of Allan Junior High School, Austin, is chairman and Dr. I. I. Nelson is consultant.

The senior high school section will meet in the Maximilian Room of the Driskill. Chaired by Glenn Wittenberg, Forsman High School principal, with Galen Jones as consultant, the group will hear reports on the attendance and recruitment studies.

R. D. Lauderdale, principal of South Park High School, Beaumont, will discuss "The Marriage Problem in the Student Body."

Texas leads the nation in the number of boys' and girls' high school basketball teams participating, with 1,096 boys' and 884 girls' basketball teams.



AWARD WINNER—Dr. DeWitt C. Reddick, University of Texas journalism professor, is winner of a Lemuel Scarbrough Foundation Faculty Award for excellence in teaching. A former member of the League State Executive Committee,

Dr. Reddick founded the Interscholastic League Press Conference. His teaching program includes frequent personal conferences with students. He is the author of two books, editor of two others and has published about 75 magazine articles.

Don't Guess-- Read the Program!

This year will be the Forty-Fifth State Meet for the Interscholastic League. Please note the program appearing in this issue and the special notices, in case you have qualified contestants. Many of these notices have been repeated yearly for many years, but memories are short and need refreshing. Do not trust to luck or memory; be on the safe side and give these notices and the program a once-over.

A Banner Year And Some Fine Folks

The year 1954-55 has been one of the best Interscholastic League years since the war, as far as League participation has been concerned. There has been increased participation in all phases of the League program, from the grade school contest to the junior and senior high school.

The credit for this excellent record belongs to all those classroom teachers, coaches and school administrators who have worked so diligently organizing the committees, planning the local meets, training the contestants, and serving as judges and officials.

The State Executive Committee wishes to thank all of those who had a part in organizing and promoting the League program throughout the State.

Watch Your Manners

Thousands of high school students will be attending the State Meet in Austin in May. The trip to the Capital City offers an excellent opportunity for the sponsors and schools to teach "travelling manners" to those who will come to Austin.

Frequently boys and girls are noisy and talkative in hotels and tourist courts because they have not been taught to respect the usual quiet hours. Ninety-nine percent of the high school students conduct themselves as young ladies and young men should. But one or two "rowdies" can bring criticism upon an entire group. Some hotels and tourist courts refuse to take high school groups because of the improper conduct of a few of the visitors during past State Meets.

So, please take a little time before leaving for the meet to brief the high school group on proper "travelling manners."

Money Is No. 1 Problem Of High School Papers

The most pressing problem confronting high school newspaper sponsors is finance, Stuart Chilton, director of public information and assistant professor of journalism at Tarleton State College, concluded from a survey of 72 high school papers.

The large amount of money required to publish a student newspaper indicated the extent of the problem. Sixty-four schools reported combined expenditures of \$4,295.30 per issue.

Broken down into school classifications, the average cost per issue was: AAAA—\$125.72; AAA—\$54.95; AA—\$35.31; and A—\$17.70.

Special guidance for journalism teachers and sponsors will be offered this summer in at least two Texas schools.

The University of Texas School of Journalism will provide a two-hour course for journalism teachers in the second semester, under Dr. DeWitt Reddick.

And Southwest Texas State College will hold its first yearbook clinic Aug. 1-6, dealing with problems in organization and production of the high school annual.

Dr. Reddick's course is the same type he has offered before. It will cover such things as organization of the journalism course study, working out of lesson plans and criticisms of high school papers.

This course will count either as journalism or education credit. Prerequisite is senior or graduate standing. Other courses may be taken concurrently. Beginning reporting and editing courses will begin the first term of summer school.

Both students and sponsors are welcome to the SWTSC clinic, under the direction of Prof. Bryce W. Rucker, chairman of the journalism department.



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HONORS FOR JOURNALISTS

Mrs. Edith King, journalism teacher at Technical High School, San Antonio, and adviser of The Technician, received a special award last month at the 31st annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Assn., meeting in New York.

Mrs. King was presented with a gold key for "outstanding service to the school press." She has been a long-time leader in ILPC work and in the Texas Assn. of Journalism Directors.

A Lemuel Scarbrough Foundation Award for excellence in teaching went to Dr. DeWitt Reddick, University of Texas journalism professor and founder of ILPC. Selection of Dr. Reddick in the second year of this award denotes not only honor to him but a growing recognition of journalism, both teaching and professional.

Rousing kudos to the men and women who conduct the regional journalism contests. They are: Dr. William E. Hall, Texas Tech; Stuart Chilton, Tarleton State College; Dr. Yantis Robnett, Howard Payne College; E. L. Callihan, SMU; C. E. Shuford, North Texas State College; Miss Elma Heard, S. F. Austin State College; Miss Miriam Young, Kilgore College; Bruce Underwood, University of Houston; Bryce Rucker, Southwest Texas State College; Dr. O. L. Sawey, Texas A. & I.; Dr. J. F. Williams, Texas Western; and Wallace E. Snelson, Odessa College.

The biggest and loudest salute goes to the man who runs the State journalism contest and who is a constant adviser and source of support for ILPC: Dr. Norris Davis of the University of Texas School of Journalism.

Is there anyone who doesn't know that the 28th State ILPC Convention will be held in Austin during the State Meet, May 5-6-7-7? Free housing is available only to State contestants—that is, the individuals who place first and second in the regional journalism contests. This housing is dormitory style only. If tourist courts are preferred, the contestants (or their schools) must pay the bill.

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Delegates to the ILPC Convention may be assigned to tourist courts from the League's block reservations, if request is made early enough. Delegates must pay the bill here, too. The League makes no hotel reservations, but visitors may do so themselves. Housing will be assigned at State Meet registration headquarters in Gregory Gym on the University of Texas campus. Registration opens at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and continues until 10 p.m. The desk re-opens at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

If you are not a contestant, or if you do not desire housing, there is no need to go to Gregory Gym.

Convention Begins Registration for the ILPC convention begins Thursday night, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the annual reception sponsored by the Capital City Press Assn., representing the three Austin high schools. The location this year is in the Scout Hall, University Methodist Church, 24th and Guadalupe. This is across from the northwest corner of the University campus.

Convention sessions begin Friday morning at 9 a.m. in Batts Hall Auditorium, the same location as last year. Saturday morning sessions will be there too. Friday afternoon workshops will be held in the air-conditioned Journalism Bldg. and adjacent buildings.

State journalism contests will be given in the Journalism Bldg. A program of the ILPC convention, including times and locations for contests, etc., probably will reach ILPCers before this issue does.

Tentative schedule calls for Friday evening of the convention to be open, leaving delegates free to visit the free University Power Show (see story page 1), a wonderful opportunity. There will be no boat ride. But plans may develop for another type outing for those interested.

Topnotch speakers and leaders are being lined up for the convention program, including ideas from students and sponsors of member papers. The entire meeting is devoted to planning a fresh start for September.

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GENERAL FEE ACCOUNT

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Balance on hand, September 1, 1953 (\$2,867.78), Membership fees (\$17,178.00), Breakfast ticket sales (\$94.50), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate, State Meet, May 6, 7, 8, 1954 (\$8,497.18), Rebate, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 11-13, 1954 (\$795.80), etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

September 1, 1953—September 1, 1954

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: San Jacinto Dormitories (lodgings, Baseball Tournament, June 1-4, 1954) (\$50.00), Western Union Telegraph Company (\$82.29), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate for Boys' Basketball Tournament (\$1,190.20), Services (Officials) (\$980.00), etc.

(The following accounts represent a detailed breakdown of summaries carried in the General Fee Account. They are not separate accounts.)

BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Held in Austin March 4, 5, and 6, 1954

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Tournament Receipts (\$17,091.40), Sale of Programs (\$26.50), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate for Boys' Basketball Tournament (\$1,190.20), Services (Officials) (\$980.00), etc.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Held in Austin March 11, 12, and 13, 1954

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Tournament Receipts (\$3,068.00), Sale of Programs (\$33.15), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate for Girls' Basketball Tournament (\$400.60), C & S Sporting Goods Company (trophies) (\$79.90), etc.

State Meet Program

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3:00 P.M.—Journalism Criticism Sessions; Journalism Bldg. 209, 212, 303, 305, 307; Experimental Science Bldg. 115 and 137; Home Economics Bldg. 105 and 127; Biology Bldg. 12 and 301; Physics Bldg. 301 and 310. (See Journalism program.)

3:30 P.M.—Tennis, first round: Boys' doubles, Conference B, Freshman Courts; boys' doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

3:45 P.M.—Journalism, Copyreading and Headline Writing contests, Journalism Bldg. 307.

4:00 P.M.—Ready Writers assemble to hear results of contests, Architecture Bldg. 105. After awards have been made, the judges will hold a critique on the papers.

4:00 P.M.—One-Act Play contest, Conference B, University Junior High School Auditorium, four plays.

4:30 P.M.—Typewriting, all contestants must have machines set in Waggener Hall 216, ready to begin contest Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.—Debate, Conferences AA, A and B assemble in Batts Auditorium for assignment.

7:00 P.M.—Typing and Shorthand Conference, Waggener Hall 112.

7:30 P.M.—One-Act Play contest, Conference B, University Junior High School Auditorium, four plays. Judges' decision and awards immediately following.

7:30 P.M.—Number Sense Conference, Benedict Hall 111.

8:30 P.M.—Debate semi-finals, all winners of preliminary matches return to Batts Auditorium.

7:30 A.M.—State Meeting of Delegates, Crystal Ballroom, Driskill Hotel.

8:00 A.M.—Golf, second round, Austin Municipal Golf Course.

8:00 A.M.—Number Sense contest, Home Economics Bldg. 105.

8:15 A.M.—Journalism, Editorial Writing contest, Journalism Bldg. 307.

8:30 A.M.—Debate Final, Conference AA, girls' division, Speech Bldg. 201; Conference A, girls' division, Speech Bldg. 213.

9:00 A.M.—Typewriting contest, Waggener Hall 216.

9:00 A.M.—Journalism Conference, Batts Hall Auditorium.

9:00 A.M.—Tennis, semi-finals: Boys' singles and doubles, Conference A, and boys' singles, Conference B, Caswell Courts; girls' singles and doubles, Conference B, Freshman Courts; girls' doubles, boys' singles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

10:00 A.M.—Shorthand contest, Waggener Hall 116.

10:00 A.M.—Debate finals, Conference AA, boys' division, Speech Bldg. 201; Conference A, boys' division, Speech Bldg. 213.

10:00 A.M.—One-Act Play, general meeting of Conference AA casts for instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach. Rehearsals start, University Junior High School Auditorium.

10:30 A.M.—Tennis, semi-finals: Girls' singles and doubles, Conference A, and boys' doubles, Conference B, Caswell Courts; girls' doubles, Conference B, and girls' singles, Conference AA, Freshman Courts; girls' doubles and boys' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

11:30 A.M.—Debate finals, Conference B, Speech Bldg. 201.

12:00 NOON—Tennis finals: Boys' singles and doubles, Conference A; boys' singles, Conference B, Penick Courts.

1:00 P.M.—Track and Field finals, Texas Memorial Stadium.

1:30 P.M.—Tennis finals: Boys' doubles, Conference B; girls' singles and doubles, Conference A, Penick Courts.

2:30 P.M.—Tennis finals: Girls' singles and doubles, Conference B; girls' singles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

3:30 P.M.—Tennis finals: Girls' doubles, Conference AA; boys' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

4:00 P.M.—One-Act Play contest, Conference AA, University Junior High School Auditorium, four plays.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

REGISTRATION—All contestants and sponsors must register at headquarters in Gregory Gymnasium immediately upon arrival in Austin. This registration is necessary in order that schools may receive rebate, that official Delegates' tickets may be distributed and that emergency messages may be delivered.

DELEGATES' BADGES—Each delegate and contestant will be given a Delegates' Badge. Duplicates cannot be issued if these badges are lost.

DELEGATES' TICKETS—Each contestant and delegate will be given a ticket which will admit them free of charge to the One-Act Play Tournament and to the Track and Field Meet. Visitors who are not delegates or contestants may purchase these tickets at 75c for adults per session and 50c for children per session.

REBATE—Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution and Rules reads, "At the final contests, the visiting contestants shall bear their own expenses in the first instance." Qualified contestants and sponsors are entitled to rebate as is stated in Rule 24 of the Spring Meet Plan. In order to qualify for this rebate, a qualified representative from each school must sign for this rebate at registration headquarters in Gregory Gymnasium. Do not count on receiving this rebate while the Meet is in progress. Checks will not be mailed out until after the Meet has finished. Substitutes or alternates are not entitled to rebate.

LODGING—Beginning on Thursday at 2:00 P.M., lodgings previously requested will be assigned to contestants and delegates. Those contestants who have not requested lodging will be assisted if they will report to the Housing Desk at registration headquarters in Gregory Gymnasium. Two types of lodgings are available: commercial type lodging for which the contestant pays and barracks type lodging which is furnished free of charge by the League. Coaches or faculty representatives will be expected to lodge with contestants.

TRACK NUMBERS—Each contestant in the Track and Field Meet will be required to wear a number on his back. These numbers should be secured at registration headquarters in Gregory Gymnasium when registering. Contestants arriving in Austin on Friday may get them at the Texas Memorial Stadium. Dressing facilities are available in Room 19 in Gregory Gymnasium. Do not leave any money or valuables in your lockers.

Debate and Speech Reception Speech delegates are invited to hear the University of Texas debaters who are competing in the "Lutcher Stark Debate Prize" finals on the Texas High School Debate question, free Trade, on Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 P.M. in the International Room, Texas Union. Immediately following the debate finals, a reception will be held by the Speech Department for all visiting speech delegates.

Journalism Conference Entertainment A reception for University Interscholastic League Press Conference delegates will be given by the Capital City Press Association, representing the three Austin high schools—Stephen F. Austin, McCallum and Travis—Thursday, May 5, from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. at the Scout Hall, University Methodist Church, 24th and Guadalupe.

Sessions of the Press Conference will be held in the Batts Hall Auditorium, Friday, May 6, from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and in rooms designated earlier in this program at 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.

The Saturday program will be in Batts Hall Auditorium from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Friday evening has been left clear this year so that the Journalism Conference Participants may attend the University Power Show.

Tennis Clinic Tennis Clinic will be at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, May 5, in Gregory Gymnasium with Dr. D. A. Penick, manager of the Tennis Tournament presiding. Players and coaches are invited. Wilmer Allison, Tut Bartzan, and Miss Sheila O'Gara will assist. Tennis tournament drawings will be made.

A business session of the High School Tennis Coaches Association will follow.

Typing and Shorthand Conference A conference for all coaches of Typing and Shorthand teams and for any other commercial teachers who wish to come will be held in Waggener Hall 112, Friday, May 6, at 7:00 P.M. Miss Florence Stulken, Director of Typing and Shorthand contests, will preside over the conference.

The pre-contest discussion should save time in checking and rating papers on Saturday. It is desirable that each person bring a copy of the rules. Suggestions for revision of rules for future contests will be discussed.

Annual Breakfast The Interscholastic League Breakfast and State Meeting of Delegates will be at 7:30 A.M. Saturday in the Crystal Ballroom, Driskill Hotel. Reservations are \$1.10 per plate and must be made at Registration Headquarters. Tickets will be sold at the door if space is available.

Number Sense Conference A conference for all coaches and contestants has been scheduled for 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. May 6, in Benedict Hall 111. J. M. Hurt, State Director of Number Sense, will lead the discussion.

Slide Rule Conference A conference for all contestants and coaches will be held Friday, May 6, at 9:00 A.M. in Waggener Hall 316. Contest rules will be discussed by James D. Matheny, State Director of Slide Rule. Representatives of the Department of Mathematics and the School of Engineering will be introduced. A tour of the Engineering Laboratories will be conducted for those who wish to see the facilities.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Rebate for Girls' Basketball Tournament (\$795.80), Services (Officials) (\$980.00), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate for Girls' Basketball Tournament (\$400.60), C & S Sporting Goods Company (trophies) (\$79.90), etc.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT Held in Austin June 2, 3, 4, 1954

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Baseball Tournament Receipts (\$1,815.25), Sale of Programs (\$26.50), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: Rebate for State Baseball Tournament (\$400.60), C & S Sporting Goods Company (trophies) (\$79.90), etc.

FOOTBALL ACCOUNT

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Balance on hand, September 1, 1953 (\$24,006.49), Fee paid by the Magnolia Petroleum Company for broadcasting rights (\$5,000.00), etc. DISBURSEMENTS: University Press Truckload Auto Expenses (anti-freeze) (\$2,999.39), Rhea H. Williams (traveling expenses) (\$29.95), etc.



- TEACHERS' GUIDE TO GOOD PLAYS**
- CONDUCTED BY BRUCE ROACH
- Since practically all of the Conference A and Conference B One-Act Play Contests had a deadline of March 26 so that the winners could advance to their respective Area Meets, the reports of these winners have now reached the State Office.
- It is of interest to note the various winners in these districts throughout the state. It is also gratifying to note the excellent calibre of plays being done by these schools. Following is a report as of April 1 on the winners in all conferences, by districts:
- 1B—Stinnett: Yesterday's Return.
2B—Mobeetie: Sparkin'.
3B—Claude: The Jeweled Cross.
4B—Silverton: Elmer Cleans Up.
5B—Dimmitt: The Pink Dress.
6B—Anton—Fixin's.
7B—Lorenzo: Shadow of a Dream.
8B—Jayton: Land and Larnin'.
9B—Ropes (Ropesville): Jinxed.
10B—Frona: Andante.
11B—Weinert: Andante.
12B—Baird: Antic Spring.
14B—Rising Star: Beware the Bear.
15B—May: Touch of Fancy.
16B—Richland Springs: High Window.
17B—Noodle (Merkel): Dark Wind.
18B—Lorraine: The Storm.
19B—Miles: Double Date.
21B—Pearl: Jealousy Plays a Part.
22B—Priddy: The Maker of Dreams.
23B—Sonora: Judge Lynch.
26B—Chico: The Finger of God.
28B—Farmersville: Sugar and Spice.
29B—Krum: Wild Hobby-Horses.
32B—Barry: The Infanta.
34B—Clifton: Minor Miracle.
35B—Hubbard: The Best There Is.
36B—Chilton: Double Date.
38B—Grapevine: Scenes from Macbeth.
40B—Saint Jo: Will-O'-The-Wisp.
43B—Paul H. Hewitt (Omaha): The Pink Dress.
45B—Malakoff: Daisy Won't Tell.
47B—Overton: Green Grow the Lilacs.
49B—White Oak: He.
51B—Mt. Enterprise: Circumstances Alter Cases.
52B—Huntington: The White Lawn.
53B—Sulphur Bluff: Nobody Sleeps.
56B—Hawkins: Nobody Sleeps.
58B—Burkeville: On Vengeance Height.
59B—East Chambers (Winnie): Where the Cross Is Made.
60B—New Caney: The Robe of the Galleian.
61B—Colmesneil: Sunday's Child.
64B—Eagle Lake: The Last Page.
65B—Cypress-Fairbanks (Cypress): Minnie Field.
66B—Manvel Junior: Joint Owners in Spain.
67B—Magnolia: High Window.
68B—Crosby: Andante.
69B—Bastrop: Sugar and Spice.
70B—Shiner: Afterwards.
71B—Bartlett: Act 3: Angel Street.
72B—Round Rock: Jinxed.
73B—Center Point: Will-O'-The-Wisp.
75B—Jourdanton: This Way to Heaven.
76B—Asherton: Heat Lightning.
77B—Rocksprings: Riders to the Sea.
78B—Castroville: The Dear Departed.
79B—LaVerna: Forever Judy.
81B—Bloomington: Sorry, Wrong Number.
82B—Bishop: Submerged.
83B—Ingleside: Cleaned and Pressed.
84B—Prenont: Sunday's Child.
85B—Santa Rosa: Dark Brown.
86B—LaFeria: Lost Victory.
87B—Three Rivers: A Hint to Brides.
88B—Marfa: The Storm.
91B—Van Horn: Antic Spring.
1A—Perryton: I Remember Mama.
3A—White Deer: Thor, With Angels.
4A—Floydada: The Wind Is Ninety.
5A—Muleshoe: Circumstances Alter Cases.
7A—Alpine: Dark Wind.
8A—Kermitt: Andante.
11A—Rotan: What Never Dies.
- 12A—Lakeview (San Angelo): Steps from Beyond.
13A—Hamilton: Strange Victory.
14A—Mason: Shadow of a Dream.
15A—Crowell: The Enemy.
16A—Decatur: Sorry, Wrong Number.
19A—Fairfield: Our Dumb Friend.
20A—North Jr. (Waco): Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers.
24A—Grand Saline: The Legend of the Lake.
25A—Mt. Vernon: Minor Miracle.
26A—Carthage Jr.: The Silver Cord.
27A—Jacksonville: Dark Brown.
28A—Atlanta: Scenes from: Home of the Brave.
29A—Grapeland: The Royal Family.
30A—Lamar Consolidated (Rosenberg): Mooncalf Mugford.
31A—Spring Branch Sr. (Houston): Afraid of the Dark.
32A—Woodland Acres Jr. (Houston): High Window.
33A—Freeport Jr.: Antic Spring.
34A—Jackson Jr. (Pasadena): Heritage of Wimpole Street.
36A—Vidor: Brilliant Performance.
37A—Carr Jr. (Orange): Who Gets the Car Tonight.
38A—Schulenburg: The Willow and I.
39A—Georgetown: A Sunny Morning.
40A—Northeast (San Antonio): So Wonderful (In White).
41A—McCallum Jr. (Austin): Bernardine.
43A—Pleasanton: Beauty and the Jacobin.
44A—Carrizo Springs: Last Flight Over.
48A—Edcouch-Elsa (Edcouch): Special Guest.
9AA—Sunset (Dallas): Infanta.
13AA—Ball (Galveston): The Last Curtain.
16AA—S. F. Austin (Austin): Jane Eyre.
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- This month we complete the list of plays suggested for such productions as the senior play or the dramatic club spring play:
- A CASE OF SPRINGTIME (6m. 9w.)
THE CHARM SCHOOL (6m. 10w.)
COCK ROBIN (8m. 4w.)
DEAR BRUTUS (4m. 6w.)
THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE (8m. 4w.)
DON'T TAKE MY PENNY (8m. 9w.)
DOUBLE DOOR (7m. 5w.)
THE DOVER ROAD (6m. 4w.)
EVERY FAMILY HAS ONE (5m. 7w.)
THE FAR OFF HILLS (5m. 5w.)
THE FIGHTING LITTLES (5m. 10w.)
FIRST LADY (14m. 11w.)
THE FIRST YEAR (5m. 4w.)
THE GOOSE HANGS HIGH (7m. 6w.)
GRUMPY (9m. 3w.)
HAY FEVER (4m. 5w.)
IF I WERE KING (20m. 9w.)
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU (4m. 6w.)
- UT Power Show For Meet Visitors**
- (Continued from Page 1)
- Guided tours of the campus will be available. Features visitors may want to see include the view from the observation deck atop the Main Building's 27-story tower, the University's rare books collection, also in the Main Building, and the Texas Memorial Museum, housing rare relics and displays of Texas' natural, political and cultural history.
- Other campus highlights include: the Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center, clinical-psychology and language-teaching laboratories in Batts Hall, the anthropology museum in Pearce Hall, and botanical, forestry and zoological collections in the Biological Laboratory building.
- Texas leads the nation in the number of junior and senior high school track and field teams, with 1,297 units participating in 1955. This is the only inter-school athletic activity offered for junior high schools on a State championship basis.

Color, Line, Material Need Attention in Drama Costumes

BY BRUCE ROACH
Director of Speech Activities

One of the big problems facing every director in educational dramatics is that of properly costuming a production. Not only should every group aim to make its own costumes, but the building up of a permanent wardrobe should be a real goal in the drama program of every school.

Merely getting a group of clothes together does not mean that a real workable wardrobe has been started. When settling on the costume to be used in a play, the director must remember that every costume should be a help to the actor in producing and maintaining his character in the play. Costumes should help the audience by distinguishing characters from one another and by marking their relative importance to the story of the play.

The costumes in a play should be designed to fit in and assist the color scheme of the settings and the properties and should present a unified plan to the eye of the audience. The costume worker needs to be familiar with the basic relations of the color wheel: Primary colors: Red, Blue, Yellow. Secondary colors: Purple, Orange, Green. Each primary color has a contrasting secondary color.

Warm colors for vigorous and highly active characters: yellow, orange, red.

Cool colors for cold characters, older people, or for dignity: blue, purple, blue, green.

Costume Lines

After color the next most important consideration in costume is line. Long, straight lines give dignity and seriousness. Sharp, curved lines and circles give lightness and comedy. Jagged lines and angles suggest excitement, bizarre, fanciful, or grotesque action. Cross lines give breadth to a figure. Directors need to think about the character of the play in terms of line as well as in terms of personality. Each character should have a distinct silhouette as well as a distinct color pattern.

When the colors and the lines of the characters have been carefully thought out, the director and costumer is then faced with putting the idea into being. This calls for some kind of material. It is a mistake to think that only expensive or elaborate materials make good costumes. The good costume worker will make the cheapest materials serve a useful purpose and can by suggestion give the impression of the fullest detail.

The following materials are frequently used because they are economical: serge, melton, velveteen, baize. It is a good idea to avoid shiny, filled materials like saten or flimsy materials like cambric lining. Paper costumes constitute a fire hazard and should also be avoided.

For durability and economy, costumers will find that unbleached muslin is hard to beat. Entire sets of costumes can be made from this material. If the costume is to be dyed, this material adapts very easily. It cuts and sews quite well, and has a tendency to fit to the form of the person wearing it. For certain types of costumes, calico, cotton crepe and cheese cloth are useful. Cheese cloth, particularly can be used for classical costumes, or as embellishments for certain special effects.

Regardless of the type material used, the important thing to remember is to use the same type of material throughout. Consistency of material is essential. One elaborate silk

yellow-orange, orange, red-orange, red, red-purple, purple, blue-purple.

The primary colors form one triad and the secondary colors form another. Any group of three colors with this relationship is called a triad: blue-purple, yellow-green, red-orange. The use of such combinations makes a pleasing and interesting color scheme. Intensity or brilliance of the various colors used, however, will determine how much of that color should be used in relation with the others.

When deciding on the color scheme, the director will find that the neighboring or adjacent colors give soft and pleasing relationships and suggest harmony and friendship. On the other hand, decided use of complementary colors gives contrast and suggests struggle and conflict. If the costume is made of a single color, more vivid effects can be achieved if details and trimming make use of complementary colors. It is well to remember that colors may be regarded as cool or warm:

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costume can completely destroy the effect of excellent costumes made of cheaper materials.

When the costumer decides to dye a costume, he should soak the garment before dyeing it. Ordinary water dyes work very well. It is not economy, however, to skip on the dye. The costumer should use plenty of dye so that there will be an even, rich color. Effective sets of costumes can be made from dyed calico or burlap. Another use of dye is in painting costumes. Some excellent results are obtained when ordinary dye is painted on materials to form designs or patterns.

Another way of getting interesting effects is to use ordinary scene

paint or poster paint. Use of these latter two is not as permanent as when water dye is used, but the results are often good. Effects, to be of any value, must be large. Simple costumes can be redyed or repainted over and over again.

One of the big headaches directors have is costuming plays requiring tight. Natural color underwear with feet sewed into them and dyed can be used, but they are not very satisfactory. It is better to buy undyed tights from a theatrical costumer and dye them yourself. In other plays, the costume shoe often gives trouble. Heavy lumberjack socks, with cardboard soles, make excellent shoes for such plays.

Music Groups Plan For Triple-Header

All three Music Selection Committees have accepted the invitation of the College of Fine Arts of the University of Texas to meet on the University campus this summer.

Meetings will be held in the air-conditioned Music Building, and all meetings will be in conjunction with the Annual All-State Band, Orchestra and Choir Clinics.

The Band Music Committee will meet June 16-17 during the Band Clinic which begins June 12. James Murphy, chairman of the Band Division of the Texas Music Educators, will act as chairman of the committee and will preside at all playing sessions. Committee members are being selected from a panel submitted by Murphy. Any suggestions concerning the selection of music for bands for 1955-56 should be sent direct to James Murphy, Brownsville High School.

The Orchestra Music Selection Committee headed by G. Lewis Doll, chairman of the T.M.E.A. Orchestra Division will meet at the University on June 21-22. This meeting is also in conjunction with the All-State Orchestra Workshop which begins on June 19. Suggestions for orchestra music should be sent to Doll at 621 W. Euclid, San Antonio.

The State Vocal Chairman of the Music Educators Charles Nelson of Harlingen High School will preside at all meetings of the Choral Music Selection Committee scheduled for the University on June 28-29. The All-State Choirs will read choral music for the Committee during the choral workshop which begins on June 26.

Dean E. W. Doty of the College of Fine Arts, and staff members Bernard Fitzgerald, Alexander von Kreisler and Dr. Archie N. Jones, will act as hosts for both the workshops and the music selection committees. Dr. Nelson G. Patrick, also of the staff of the College of Fine Arts, is acting as manager and co-ordinator of the music workshops.

On hand this year to counsel with the committees and to direct some of the reading sessions are nationally known conductors and music educators. A. A. Harding, Director Emeritus of the University of Illinois Bands, will be guest conductor

during the Band Workshop. James P. Robertson, conductor of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, is guest conductor for the All-State Orchestra, and Harry Robert Wilson, professor of music education at Columbia University, conductor, composer and arranger, will work with the All-State choral groups.

As has been customary, no tuition fees are being charged students who enroll for the All-State Band, Orchestra or Choir. All students and directors may secure housing in University dormitories at the very nominal charge of \$7.00 per week.

Persons interested in sending or bringing students to these workshops should contact Nelson G. Patrick, Music Building 104, The University of Texas, Austin 12 before May 15, the deadline for enrollment.



BY F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Music Activities
TOO LATE NOW

If you haven't filed your entry in music competition by the time you read this, you're too late.

The last deadline was Region IV, Vocal competition, at midnight, April 22. On that date, entry in 1954-55 competition is history. For a few schools throughout the State, the history is most unpleasant. Some entries were rejected in almost every region because the deadline for postmarking entries was not met.

Although we experienced some mixed emotions (much as the man who watched his mother-in-law drive his new Cadillac over a cliff) as we read a paragraph in a Region XI bulletin, there was some secret pride in knowing that at least we were being consistent. The paragraph reads:

"Please be sure your contest entries are postmarked prior to the deadline. This applies both to the original sent to regional headquarters and to the copy sent to Austin. Several of us found that this is now an inflexible rule—at the expense of the kids who planned to enter the solo and ensemble contest. Please note—there seems to be nothing in the rule book which forbids sending entries BEFORE the last mail on the deadline date."

We agree that it is "at the expense of the kids," but we sincerely believe that negligent directors are more to blame than is the rule.

A Trend

More and more frequently we are receiving letters or petitions requesting that regions be divided, travel distances be decreased or schedules be shortened to decrease time away from school. Several regions have scheduled duplicate centers of competition preparatory to dividing the regions.

At the same time, there is much agitation to raise the standards of

evaluation. Music organizations are getting better and better and as they compete in smaller and more localized areas there is a tendency to relax the standards of evaluation since, "no one else is affected."

While the League office is thoroughly sympathetic with all attempts to decrease costs, time away from school and travel, we also realize that the heart of music competition as it now exists is evaluation by an expert. Unless a state-wide standard of performance is maintained for every organization of every classification, there can be very little justification for the money being spent for medals, trophies and travel. When standards of performance become completely localized, rewards must be likewise localized.

A Plan

With these factors in mind, it is natural to refer back to a new plan of competition proposed by the State office in the January, 1953, issue of the *Leaguer*. Briefly, this proposal consisted of dividing the State into approximately 23 districts combined into seven regions. The general suggestion called for preliminary meets within the districts and only the top performing groups progressing on to regional competition. In the plan as presented in 1953, soloists finally went to a State competition while organizations finished competition at regional levels.

There is no doubt that standards of comparison would benefit very much from a State final competition for all groups. This raising of standards would, of necessity, reflect back to the district level.

It was estimated that total travel would be decreased under the suggested plan, although some organizations would make as many as three trips, much as do the teams involved in the football play-offs. Music soloists would be placed in exactly the same position as are debaters, typists, track boys and declaimers in the Spring Meet program. These individuals would qualify at District and Regional meets and would progress to the final State Meet. It is reasonable to expect that fewer soloists (and organizations) would qualify than do now when "no one else is affected."

Interscholastic League Calendar 1955-56

- Aug. 22—First day for fall football practice, Conferences AA, A, B and Six-man.
- Aug. 26—First day for fall football practice, Conferences AAAA and AAA.
- Sept. 1—Fees for 1955-56 accepted—Constitution and Rules available. (Keep your Membership Receipt. Each elementary school pays \$1.00 fee.)
- Sept. 2—First day for playing football games, Conferences AA, A, B, and Six-man.
- Sept. 9—First day for playing football games, Conferences AAAA and AAA.
- Sept. 10—Last day for filing Acceptance of Football Plan.
- Sept. 24—Last day for meeting of district football committee.
- Oct. 15—Last day for filing Acceptance of Boys' and Girls' Basketball Plans.
- Oct. 15—Dallas Student Activities Conference, Southern Methodist University.
- Oct. 15—Last day for district basketball organization.
- Oct. 22—San Antonio Student Activities Conference, Thomas Jefferson High School.
- Oct. 29—Houston Student Activities Conference, University of Houston.
- Nov. 4—District Spring Meet organization by temporary chairmen, both grade and high school districts.
- Nov. 12—Abilene Student Activities Conference, Abilene Christian College.
- Nov. 12—Kilgore Student Activities Conference, Kilgore College.
- Nov. 19—Last day for certifying district football champions, Conferences AA, A and Six-man.
- Nov. 19—Austin Student Activities Conference, University of Texas.
- Nov. 26—Last day for certifying district football champions, Conferences AAAA, AAA and B.
- Nov. 26—San Antonio, Interscholastic League Breakfast.
- Dec. 1—Last day for filing Music Acceptance cards.
- Dec. 3—Last day for filing entry in One-Act play contest.
- Dec. 10—Odessa Student Activities Conference, Odessa College.
- Jan. 7—Huntsville Student Activities Conference, Sam Houston State Teachers College.
- Jan. 14—Kingsville Student Activities Conference, Texas College of Arts and Industries.
- Jan. 15—Last day for filing entry in journalism contest as ILPC member.
- Jan. 15—Last day for paying

- League membership fee.
- Feb. 1—Last day for organizing district Spring meets.
- Feb. 4—Nacogdoches Student Activities Conference, S. F. Austin State College.
- Feb. 15—Last day for filing Acceptance of Baseball Plan.
- Feb. 18—Last day for certifying boys' district basketball champions, all conferences.
- Feb. 20—First day for playing regional or bi-district games in basketball playoff, all conferences.
- Feb. 25—Last day for boys' regional basketball playoffs, Conferences AA, A and B.
- Feb. 25—Last day for boys' bi-district basketball playoffs, Conferences AAAA and AAA.
- Feb. 25—Last day for certifying girls' district basketball champions, Conferences AA, A and B.
- Mar. 1-2-3—Boys' State Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 4—Last day for girls' regional basketball playoffs, Conferences AA, A and B.
- Mar. 8-9-10—Girls' State Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 9-10—First weekend for holding district meets.
- Mar. 15—Last day for organizing baseball districts.
- Mar. 20—Last date to certify regional journalism contestants by non-ILPC members.
- Mar. 24—Last weekend for holding A and B district one-act play contests.
- April 6-14 incl.—Dates for holding A and B area one-act play contests.
- April 13—Last date for ILPC individual contest entries.
- April 14—Last weekend for holding district meets.
- April 14—Last weekend for holding AA district one-act play contests.
- April 16—Last day for filing entries in the Regional Meet.
- April 21—Regional meets.
- May 3-4-5—State Meet.
- May 3-4-5—State ILPC convention.
- May 16—Last day for certifying district baseball champions, all conferences.
- May 30—Last day for determining bi-district baseball champions, Conference AA.
- June 5-6-7—State Baseball Tournament, Conference AA.
- June 7—Last day for determining regional baseball champions, Conference A.
- June 7—Last day for determining bi-district baseball champions, Conference B.

County Meets Helped Democracy in League

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every institute devoted a period to the organization of the county league.

Thousands of teachers served yearly on county committees, which were practically autonomous, and these committees proved invaluable in training executives and judges in the art of organizing and administering inter-county contests.

Compulsory Aid

It was a fortunate circumstance for the advancement of League work that there was this period of compulsory association of teachers for a five-day period yearly in every county in the State. This training in leadership and opportunity for experimentation with proposed contests gave the League its grass-roots beginning, the democratic influence of which is, of course, still felt.

The history of the League, to be issued in a handsome volume next January, contains the details of the development towards more democratic controls, here sketched only in outline. Steps leading to the formation of the Legislative Advisory Council (Art. IV, Sec. 3) will be described as fully as space permits in the September issue.

Smiley placed on suspension in boys' basketball for remainder of 1954-55 season, and placed on disqualification in Six-man football for 1955 season, for using over-age players and submitting incorrect eligibility information to League headquarters.

BOWIE

Bowie High School placed on probation in basketball for 1954-55 and 1955-56 for violation of the Recruiting Rule.

FOOTBALL 1955

Conference 4A and 3A—First date for fall practice, Aug. 26. Date for first game, Sept. 9.

Conferences 2A, 1A, B, Six-man—First date for fall practice, Aug. 22. Date for first game, Sept. 2.

TRACK

On the Elementary School Track Entry Blank the event should be "440-yard relay," instead of "440-yard dash."

PICTURE MEMORY

The preferred title of picture No. 24 in the Picture Memory List by Daumier is "The Laundress." Some translations from the French list this as "The Washerwoman." Either title should be counted as correct.

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April 21—Regional meets.

May 3-4-5—State Meet.

May 3-4-5—State ILPC convention.

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May 30—Last day for determining bi-district baseball champions, Conference AA.

June 5-6-7—State Baseball Tournament, Conference AA.

June 7—Last day for determining regional baseball champions, Conference A.

June 7—Last day for determining bi-district baseball champions, Conference B.

Speech Workshop Set at SWSTC

The annual two-week speech and dramatics workshop for high school students at Southwest Texas State Teachers College is offered again this summer from July 25 through August 6.

High school students enrolled in the workshop will receive concentrated instruction under teachers enrolled in the Speech teachers workshop which runs concurrently with the High School program. In addition, the students will receive instruction from the guest professors and the regular college staff.

Glen Capp and Miss Chloe Armstrong from Baylor University, Bruce Roach from the University of Texas, and Dr. Elton Abernathy from Southwest Texas State Teachers College will be the guest instructors. The workshop is under the direction of James G. Barton of Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

High school students will have the opportunity to work in all of the Interscholastic League speech events. They will attend lectures and work in the speech and theatre labs. The workshop culminates in a two-day speech and drama festival.

LETTER BOX AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Dear Mr. Williams:

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the many courtesies shown our team during the recent State meet.

This has been one of the greatest things that has ever happened to our school and I firmly believe our entire school will benefit from the experience of "having been to the State meet."

Many thanks to your organization for a splendid meet.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Hoff
Coach, Skidmore-Tynan

Postscripts on Athletics

Policy Need Defining Athletic Philosophy,

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS
State Athletic Director

One of the greatest needs in most of our High School Athletic Programs is for our local school boards and school administrators to give careful consideration to the part which athletics has in the school curriculum.

Unfortunately, there are relatively few schools in Texas which have carefully analyzed this phase of their school program, and, as a result, very few schools have a definitely stated philosophy or policies for their athletic program. It is therefore easy to see why some of our schools do not have a consistent philosophy toward the high school athletic program.

Until the school officials, coaches, teachers and school board have jointly arrived at a stated set of policies and procedures for the athletic program, they will continue to operate this program on a "spur of the moment" philosophy.

Joint Decision

One school system in Texas, however, has during the past year adopted a philosophy and policy for their athletic program which this writer believes would be of interest to other schools. This school is Sherman, and Supt. Byron Davis is to be complimented for instigating such a program.

The policies and procedures for the Sherman school district athletic program represents a joint endeavor. The administrators, coaches and teachers, all working together, have arrived at what they consider to be the function of their athletic program in their school curriculum. Their recommendations as to the philosophy and policies which should be in effect in the Sherman school system were officially adopted by the board of education, and these recommendations were printed and distributed to all personnel who might have any connection with the athletic program of the school. An important phase of this program was to educate the citizens of Sherman relative to the philosophy and policies which would control the athletic program in the Sherman school system.

Recommended Policies

The official philosophy and policies of the athletic program as arrived at by the Joint Committee of the Sherman school district are listed herewith because we believe it to be a fine statement and an excellent philosophy for the direction of any high school athletic program:

"1. We believe in athletics as an important part of the school physical education program. We believe that the experience of playing athletic games should be a part of the education of all children and youth who attend school in Sherman.

"2. We believe participation in sound athletic programs contributes to health and happiness, physical skill and emotional maturity, social competence and moral values.

"3. We believe that cooperation and competition are both important components of American life. Athletic participation can help teach the values of cooperation as well as the spirit of competition.

"4. We believe that playing hard and playing to win can help build character. So also do learning 'to take it' in the rough and tumble of vigorous play, experiencing defeat without whimpering and victory without gloating, and disciplining one's self to comply with the rules of the games and of good sportsmanship.

"5. We believe that athletics may also exemplify the value of the democratic process and of fair play. Through team play the student athlete often learns how to work with others for the achievement of group goals.

Athletic competition can be a wholesome equalizer. Individuals on the playing field are judged for what they are and for what they can do, not on the basis of social, ethnic, or economic group to which their families belong.

"6. We believe that academic standards required of athletes shall be the same as those required of other students.

"7. We believe the athletic program is for the education and welfare of the students and should not be conducted as a financial enterprise.

"8. We believe that the athletic contests of the schools shall be designed to build boys and girls and not to entertain adults.

"9. We believe that the athletic program should give equal emphasis to all sports in season including athletics for girls.

"10. We believe the schools have chief responsibility for operating sound athletic activities as part of their total educational programs. Citizens should give support to such activities and programs. But citizens especially need:

- (a) to understand the effects of existing bad practices on youth, and
- (b) to withhold their support of malpractice.

Although responsibility for such understanding and such self-restraint rests with the citizens themselves, we believe the administration of the school has responsibility for identifying harmful practices, for formulating constructive programs, and for energetically explaining to the public the advantages of the latter.

"11. We believe that there is nothing inherently wrong with school athletics. They can be helpful or they can be harmful. Players can learn to cheat and slug, or to play fair and to develop self-control. Our community can support a constructive program. Our athletic program will be what it is made to be by the schools and the community."

Panel Approves Athletic Insurance Plan by Security

An athletic insurance policy of Security Life and Accident Insurance Company of Denver, Colorado, has been accepted by the league's athletic insurance committee for the 1955-56 school year.

The committee met March 31 to consider athletic insurance plans offered by three companies: The Reliance Mutual Life Insurance Company of Park Ridge, Illinois; National Educational Life of Fort Worth, and Security Life and Accident Company.

Members of the athletic insurance committee are: Supts. William Carmichael of Bryan, J. L. Buckley of Lockhart, and E. R. Sharpe, Mason, and coaches C. B. Roland, Alvin, and Tom Pruett of Corpus Christi.

The athletic insurance company approved by the League is only a recommended policy. Schools may subscribe to any athletic insurance plan they desire.



NEW AA TITLEHOLDERS: After winning two close games, the Bowie Bunnies took home the first separate Conference AA championship. Team members, left to right: Back row—Mgr. Johnnie Schythes, Mgr. Margin Stovall, Lawana

Robinson, Mildred McCraw, Carol Ann Smith, Loran Sue McLeland, Betty Anderson. Front row—Lynda McLeland, Ruth Ann Wright, Glenda Brooks, Sue Jackson, Linda Campbell, Linda Bradfield, Joan Baxter.



CONFERENCE A REPEATERS: The Dimmitt Bobbies, A-AA champs last year, again defeated Granbury this year to win the Conference A title. Members of the team, left to right: Back row—Coach Leo A. Fields, Jimmy Hyatt, Mary Alley,

Shirley DeLozier, Dovie Smithson, Margaret Odom, Kaye Killingsworth, Sonya Lowe, Sandra Adams, Wilda Smithson. Front row—Mary Ann Witt, Shirley Tucker, Darlene Cates, Betty McDermitt, Ann Spear, Fayle Howard.

Outside Sports Vs. Eligibility: The Rulings

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS
State Athletic Director

School administrators and coaches should during the next month have group meetings of all prospective athletes and explain to them carefully the League's Amateur Rule, Article VIII, Section 8, so that no student may forfeit his eligibility or cause a school to be deprived of honors through the violation of this rule.

League's Amateur Rule:

(1) He must not play on the same team with any paid player or any player who receives valuable consideration. He can play against other teams which may have paid players.

(2) He cannot receive any expense money of any type for travel, meals or lodging. Any expense money must be handled by the manager of the team in the same way that the high school coach would handle the funds, and the boy must never receive any cash or transportation tickets.

(3) Any money that may accrue from the gate receipts or from any other source cannot be distributed among the players on a team without those players becoming paid players. If a high school boy played on this team he would then become ineligible as he has played with paid players.

(4) It should be kept in mind that any collection taken up at a game as a result of a person hitting a home run or doing any other outstanding feat would make the player accepting this money a paid player, and all players on that team would then become ineligible if they were high school students.

Be sure that the local manager of any baseball team on which school pupils play knows the League's Amateur Rule and will abide by it, and above all, that he is a man of integrity and honesty.

Football Trainers Clinic Set for August at TCU

A free, week-long clinic for high school football trainers will be held in Fort Worth this summer for the third consecutive year. Sponsored by the Fort Worth Lions Club, the clinic will be held at Texas Christian University.

Elmer Brown, TCU trainer, will conduct the clinic. August 15 has been set as the tentative date. Detailed information will be forwarded to all Texas high school football coaches early in July.

Half of Texas Students Enter

More students participate in the various University Interscholastic League activities in Texas than in any other state. One student out of every two participates in some phase of the League program during his school career.

In Girls' Tourney

Dimmitt Again Wins Class A Cage Title

Bowie and Midway (Waco) are new possessors of the two State championship trophies won in the Fifth Annual State Girls' Basketball Tournament in Austin last month.

Dimmitt, in a repeat of last year's final, beat Granbury to retain the Conference A crown, 62-44. In 1954 Dimmitt's victory was in the combined A-AA play-off. The two conferences were maintained intact through the State tourney for the first time this year.

The first Conference AA titleholder is Bowie, winner over Angleton, 54-52, in a championship thriller.

Midway, conqueror of defending champion East Chambers (Winnie) took the measure of Cotton Center, 58-50, in the Conference B finals.

Eighteen old records were broken in the three-day meet, while 26 original records were established. The 26 brand new standards were set where marks were vacant in the division of Conferences A and AA, or to take care of the two-game series pattern now in effect in those two classes. Previously, Conference A-AA teams might play three games, the same as still in effect for Conference B.

Of the 18 records broken, five were tourney marks, one each was in Conferences AA and A, and 11 were in Conference B.

Bowie earned its way to the AA finals with a hard-fought 59-56 victory over Gagesville in the tournament opener. Angleton reached the championship game with a dramatic 54-53 opening round win over Abernathy. Trailing 52-53 as playing time ran out, Angleton won with two free throws awarded on a foul just before the final whistle. Gagesville beat Abernathy, 41-22, to take third place in AA. Dimmitt's opening game was a 49-40 victory over Goldthwaite. Granbury clinched its place in the finals again by defeating George West, 64-51. In the match for third place, George West won, 39-35.

Midway proved its mettle in two well-played games before meeting Cotton Center in the championship tilt. The Waco team beat Maydelle 63-61 in the first Class B game, then went on to down East Chambers, 60-51.

Cotton Center's early wins were over Navarro (Geronimo), 56-50, and Italy, 51-30. East Chambers had no trouble defeating Italy, 62-39, for third place. Other first round Conference B games were: East Chambers 74, Skidmore-Tynan 66, and Italy 45, Balmorhea 44.

Tourney records broken were: Individual score in one game—Rosilyn Range, Skidmore-Tynan, 53 points; individual score in three game series—Joyce Thompson, Midway, 118; most free throws by individual in one game—Joyce Thompson, Midway, 23; high team score in one game—74 points, East Chambers; high total score in one game—140 (East Chambers 74, Skidmore-Tynan 66).

Dr. Rhea Williams, League athletic director, reported attendance at the girls' tourney up 50 per cent over 1954.

Following is a list of district and regional winners, arranged numerically by conferences:

CONFERENCE AA

District winners: Dalhart, Muleshoe, Burk Burnett, Colorado City, Abernathy, (District 6 drew a bye), Alpine, Lakeview (San An-

gelo), Stephenville, Northwest (Justin), Bowie, Seagoville, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, (District 15 did not participate), Carthage, Livingston, Conroe, West, (District 20 drew a bye), Gatesville, Rockdale, Fredericksburg, Bellville, West Columbia, Beeville, Angleton, Vidor, Uvalde, Floresville, Sinton, and Weslaco.

CONFERENCE A

District winners: Panhandle, Dimmitt, New Deal, Whiteface, Fabens, Sonora, Rising Star, Roby, Lockett (Vernon), Springtown, Granbury, Kemp, Cooper, James Bowie (Simms), Emory, Leverett's Chapel (Overton), Cushing, Grape-dale, Warren, Buna, Mart, Thorn-dale, Goldthwaite, Eagle Lake, Tomball, Sweeny, Ganado, East Central (San Antonio), Carrizo Springs, George West, Woodsboro, and Los Fresnos.

CONFERENCE B

District winners: Follett, Stratford, Lazbuddie, Cotton Center, Bula (Enochs), Roosevelt (Lubbock), Bledsoe, Flower Grove (Ackerly), Silverton, McAdoo, Wheeler, Samnorwood, Megard, Rochester, Hobbs (Rotan), Ira, Hawley, Eula (Clyde), Sterling City, Bronte, Paint Rock, Centennial (Valera), Olden, Lipan, Potts-ville, Jonesboro, Iredell, Cranfills Gap, Midway (Waco), Aquilla, Blanket, Evant, Northside (Vernon), Forestburg, Bryson, Perrin, Sanger, Krum, Aledo, Grandview, Collinsville, Wylie, Gober, Dodd City, Cedar Hill, Italy, Frost, Richland, West Lamar (Patty), East Lamar (Pattonville), Avery, McLeod, East Delta (Charleston), Boles Home (Quinlan), North Hopkins (Sulphur Springs), Golden, Slocum, Chandler, Union Hill (Bettie), Maydelle, Karnack, Woden, Tenaha, Pineland, Somerville, Lott, North Zulch, Pennington, Zavalla, Leggett, East Chambers (Winnie), Honey Island, Splendora, Magnolia, Pearland, Crescent (Wharton), Burton, Waelder, Academy (Temple), Leander, Navarro (Geronimo), Medina, Utopia, Leakey, Sabin, Dilley, Poth, Nordheim, Skidmore-Tynan (Skidmore), Agua Dulce, Ben Bolt, Santa Rosa, Fort Davis, Rankin, Balmorhea, and Van Horn.

REGIONAL WINNERS

Conference AA
Region I, Abernathy; Region II, Bowie; Region III, Gatesville; Region IV, Angleton.

Conference A
Region I, Dimmitt; Region II, Granbury; Region III, Goldthwaite, and Region IV, George West.

Conference B
Region I, Cotton Center; Region II, Midway (Waco); Region III, Italy; Region IV, Maydelle; Region V, East Chambers (Winnie); Region VI, Navarro (Geronimo); Region VII, Skidmore-Tynan; Region VIII, Balmorhea.

TWO JET ENGINES GIVEN

The University of Texas is now owner of two experimental jet engines costing approximately \$85,000.

Donors are the Navy and United Aircraft Corporation's Pratt and Whitney Division.

The University will use the jets, technically called aircraft gas turbines, for demonstrations in courses on internal combustion engines and heat dynamics and possibly for laboratory testing and analysis.

News and Views of the Coaches

BY STAN LAMBERT
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Coaches Association

This is the last issue of the *Leaguer* for 1954-55 and consequently our last column. On such an occasion it is customary to review the year just past; but we are going to "let the past dead bury its dead" and spend these few paragraphs presenting and discussing briefly some of the problems that will face the profession and the coaches association in the future.

It is our opinion that the greatest problem facing the coaches association next year will be that of preserving its all-star games as we know them today. Several of the better conferences have rules prohibiting its coaches from coaching high school all-star teams. The ban hit our games first in 1950 at Austin when Biggie Munn was notified by his athletic director that his coaching the South all-stars was in violation of the rules of the Big Ten—which Michigan State was about to enter. He turned the coaching over to the chairman of the South selection committee and little harm was done.

The coaches association has just been plain country lucky in managing to get top coaches despite the rule. This year, for instance, Darrell Royal will coach the split-T formation to the North all-stars in lieu of Bud Wilkinson, who will be the main lecturer on that formation. Big Seven rules caught Bud on the coaching. How long the association's luck can hold out on this item is open to conjecture—but we don't think it can continue indefinitely. Should the NCAA make a similar rule, that would be "all she wrote". All the big timers belong to the NCAA. Because of the great success of independent basketball schools, the problem is not nearly so acute there as in football.

Sub Teen-age Athletics

Possibly this writer is overly concerned about athletics at the elementary and junior high levels, but he believes that this problem has to be solved by the administrators and coaches—or somebody else is going to solve it for them—and the results won't be happy for the school people concerned.

The problem was brought into focus from a little different angle in a recent issue of *Parade*, the Sunday magazine section of newspapers all over the nation. It is entirely possible that this writer was the only one who read that article titled, "Are Today's Pre-Teenagers Growing Up Too Fast?" and saw in it an indirect indictment against present attitudes and subsequent practices in elementary and junior

high athletics. The fact that this angle never brought athletics into the discussion at all might be interpreted as further evidence that our imagination was dragging "red herrings" across the stage—but let's see.

The article bemoaned the fact that modern 12-year-olds are dating, wearing tuxedos, are highly concerned about rumbas, mamboes, etc., and in general are growing up much faster than formerly. The writer of the article had traveled all over the nation investigating conditions and trying to find the answer. The school people accepted it. The parents were pushing it—or at best condoning it.

Dribbling vs. Rumba

It is our contention that, if those boys about whom he was worrying had been given an attractive athletic program in their most formative years, this premature adulthood would have been held in check.

A boy who is concerned about mastering his punting or passing, his dribbling and shooting, his throwing and batting, his serving or putting, or any of the other fundamentals of the athletic world would not be concerned about the awkwardness of his rumba steps.

One might contend that the mothers of girls are pushing it and that the boys are just tagging along to keep up with them—and that an athletic program for boys could not do anything about that. It has been our opinion that it is pretty hard for a girl to have a date or a dance without boys—and if these boys were really interested in athletics that they could not be dragged out to social affairs of this nature. They would not have either the time or the inclination. It has also been our observation that the modern 12-year-old does pretty much as he pleases so far as choosing how he shall use his spare time.

We believe that we are losing these boys' interest in the latter elementary years and never get them back. We are not talking about highly competitive athletics and championships at this age. We do think that the kids should be introduced to the various sports and the fundamentals thereof under the leadership of a capable coach.

And don't give us that old stuff about the kids being immature, etc. Little League baseball (which incidentally has come in from outside the school) has proven that this theory no longer holds water. And if it were true—is this not the lesser of the two evils?

Now back to our original premise—this is the last column, we have enjoyed working for the coaches. Good luck—will look for you at the coaching school in "Sunny (and how) San Antonio" come August.