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The Tech Spirit

The president of a great eastern university recently said that nothing is more important in a well-rounded college than an undergraduate body of distinctive character. No one questions his analysis, especially at Texas Tech, where the emphasis has always been on the student. That may sound rather odd, but on a moment's reflection it can be seen that the primary purpose of a college is sometimes lost in the many activities which involve every American college and university.

This emphasis on the individual has expressed itself in many ways at Texas Tech. There is a feeling of friendliness that attaches itself to the lowliest freshman when he dons his "fish" beanie and is still there when he walks off the commencement platform four years later. It's more than a "hello" on the campus. It is a downright democratic feeling that has drawn the acclaim of students, visitors and national publications.

In this brief booklet an attempt has been made to convey some of the Tech spirit to prospective Techsans. From September through May the student goes through a maze—football games, dances, classroom work, laboratory hours, basketball contests, home study, rodeo, final exams and barbecues. At the end of the period, each student realizes—subconsciously or otherwise—that he or she is somehow more prepared for able citizenship and more readily adapted to the social graces so necessary in every phase of modern life.

The climate, campus, classmates and faculty all combine to make student life at Tech a memorable and profitable experience. These pages may help show why.

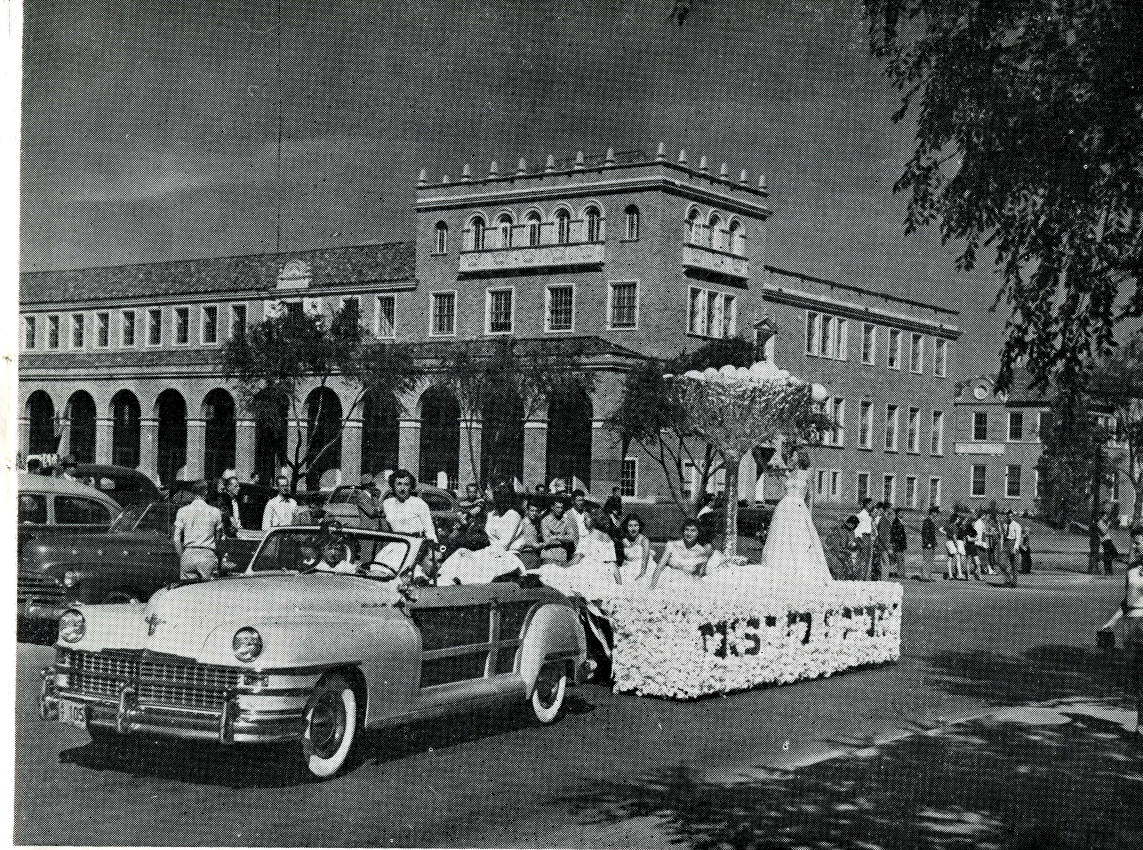
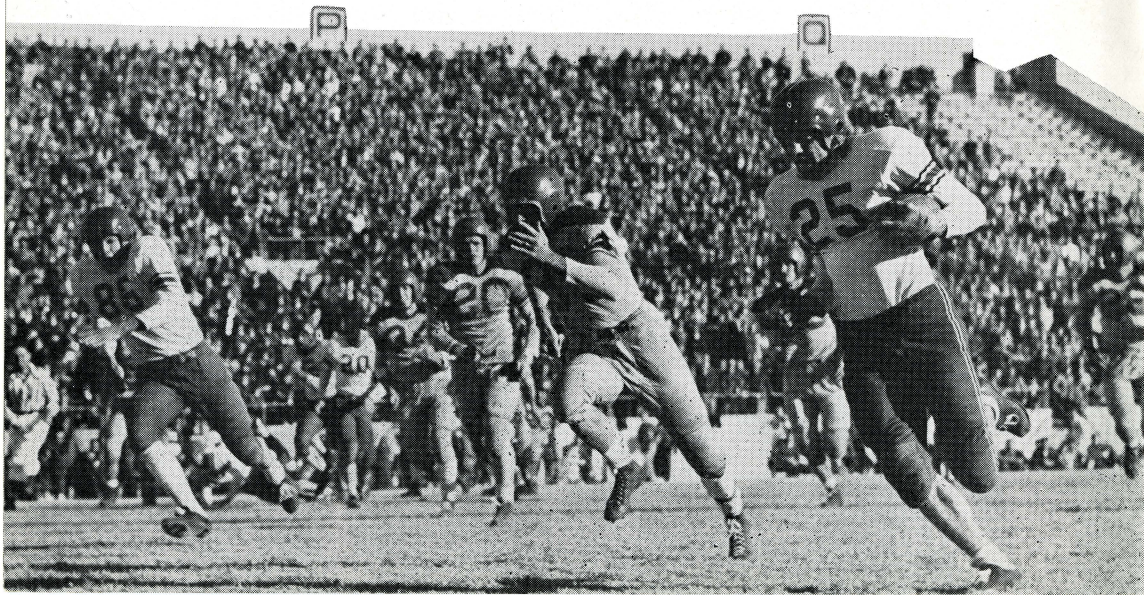
It Happens Every Fall

Along about September 1 thousands of young people begin a mass migration into Lubbock which changes the west side of town into what is almost a city within itself. Dormitories are made spic-and-span so that the dazzled newcomer from your home town is as much at home as the wise senior from Amarillo. About mid-September the enrollment whirl begins, and from that point forward it's all up to the individual student. Not that they are completely on their own. Counselors are present to give advice and aid at any hour of the day, and faculty consultations are not only advisable but often necessary. However, the responsibilities of individual discipline and decision lie with the student.

So the whirl begins. Inevitably, the four college years seem the shortest of one's lifetime in retrospect. Football season brings its share of thrills and memories of bonfire rallies and frayed mums. Tech's grid-iron rivals include Texas, TCU, Baylor, Texas A&M, Rice, Tulsa and the Border conference opponents. The aggies have their barbecue and the exes have their Homecoming. Suddenly it's time to go home for Thanksgiving, a chance to see the folks and exchange gossip with friends going to other colleges and the gang around the home town.

Then back to Lubbock and the short stretch before the long-awaited Christmas holidays, when the campus is deserted for 10 or 12 days and everybody is homeward bound. Only a tiny vanguard of foreign students

Action-packed afternoons at Jones stadium are highlights of the fall semester



Homecoming is a gala time for exes and Techsans alike

from far away places are on hand when the after-holiday inflow begins. Finals, along with "dead week" and the hours of anxious waiting and last-minute cramming, are ahead. Somehow, everyone seems to survive in good fashion and before St. Valentine's day they are enrolled for the second semester, which is well under way.

Basketball season holds the limelight through February, and early in March the various social clubs (Tech doesn't have national fraternities or sororities—a long-standing tradition aimed at greater campus democracy) begin a round of dinner-dances that start with shrimp cocktails and end with the strains of "Goodnight, Sweetheart." March also is the month in which the Willson lectures on science and religion are held, and the thousands of students who attend the four-day lectureship come away with inspiration and possibly readjusted values of life.

By the time April reaches Lubbock the campus greenery is in full bloom. Then most folks are ready to affirm their belief that the South Plains truly are "God's Country." All this is done with pardonable pride, for the spring season in West Texas is ordinarily a delight to freshman and professor alike. Every once in a while a brief dust storm rolls around—but, as one native says—"That's to remind us we're not in Heaven!"



A Young Man's Fancy (Tech Style)

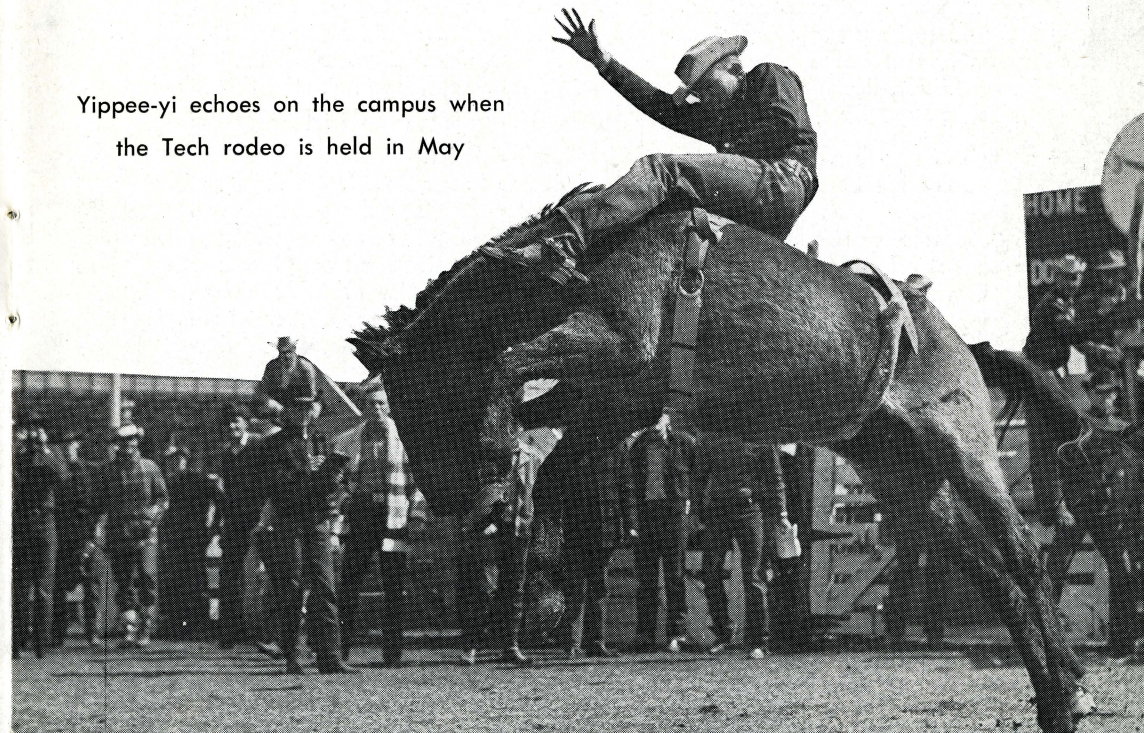
Springtime accompanies the Varsity show date, which is a period when students from every division at Tech get together to produce a bang-up musical. Lately, the profits have been turned over to the Student Union building fund. Everybody at Tech is enthusiastic over the Union idea, and it appears that actual spade work on the proposed center for student life will begin late in 1950 or early in 1951.

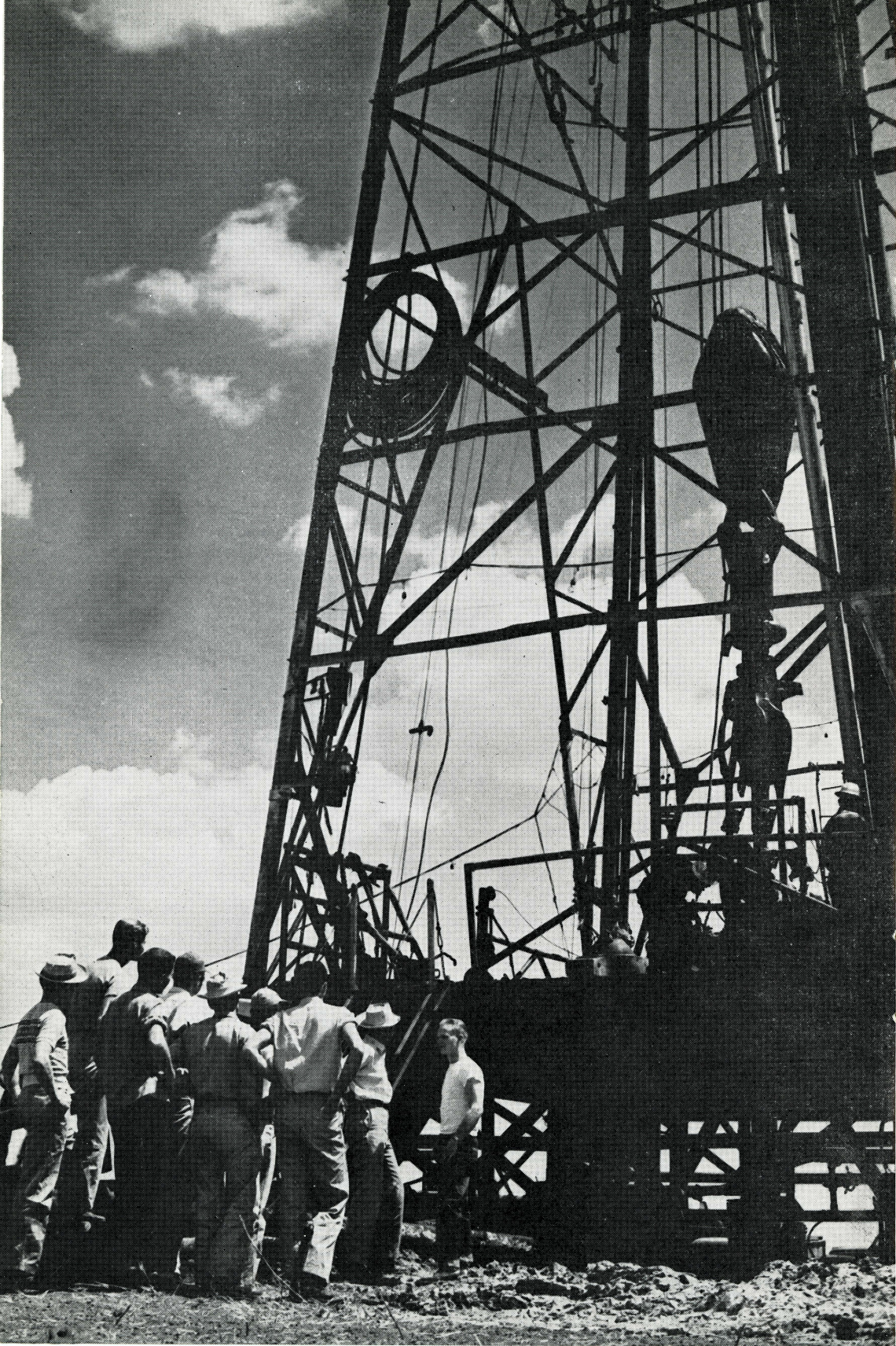
Since Tech places a great deal of emphasis on agriculture and is part-and-parcel of the West, it's only fitting that a student rodeo also should be on the springtime agenda. It is generally held early in May. Everybody goes western while the rodeo is in progress. The only exception is in the dormitories, where the dietitians insist on feeding in the cafeteria instead of from the back of a chuck-wagon.

With amazing suddenness it is time to hunt extra boxes to pack away all of the things you've accumulated in the past year. Somehow, there's a feeling of semi-sadness as the end of the school year approaches. Old friends and new ones, too, are graduating. Others are moving on. But many are coming back. Ambitious seniors take their commencement trek while undergraduates go through finals. Then the campus is almost silent for a few days—until summer school can get started.

La Ventanas are packed away for summer thumbing-through. Tennis racquets, suitcases and panda-dolls go into the auto trunk. The school year is over. It's a marvelous feeling to look back and say, "So long, Tech! Be seeing you next fall!"

Yippee-yi echoes on the campus when
the Tech rodeo is held in May





The Academic Side

Perhaps the foregoing words have painted a picture of over-simplified student life. We don't think so, but just in case and for your more serious moments here are the facts about Tech in an academic nutshell.

Texas Tech has divisions for Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, Business Administration, Engineering, Graduate Studies and Home Economics. Over 5,400 students were enrolled during each of the 1949-50 semesters. The 1949-50 faculty had 346 members. Tech's Library houses well over 75,000 volumes and 200,000 government documents.

Tech is an approved institution of the Association of American Universities. That means that if a student should desire to transfer or do graduate work at another college later on, his bachelor's degree will be recognized by universities from the Ivy League to the Pacific Coast. Tech also is recognized by the American Association of University Women, and is a member of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools.

Tech's aggie judging teams are consistent winners in top national contests



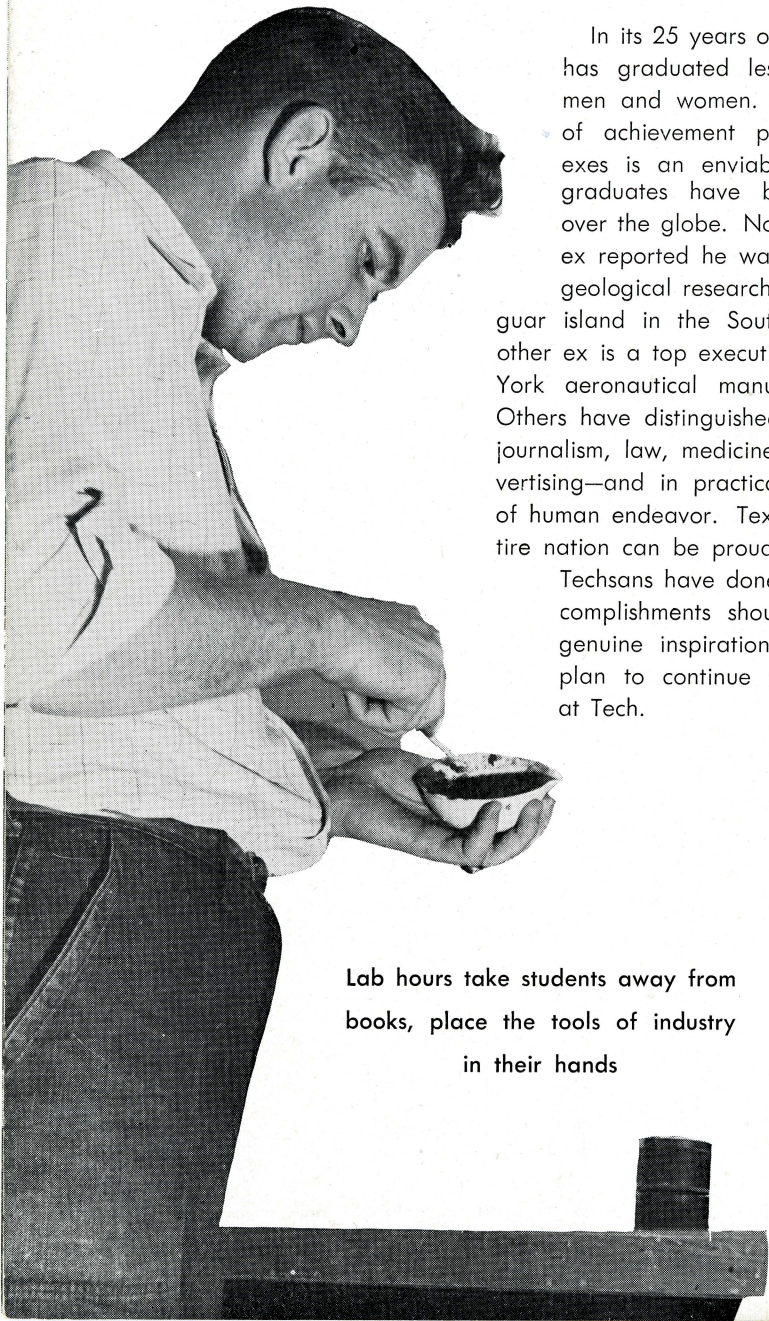
Tech Exes Are Leaders

They say the proof is in the pudding. That's a practical way of inquiring into the value of a product or a process. The end product at Tech has been a capable graduate qualified to contribute to his own happiness and the general welfare.

In its 25 years of existence Tech has graduated less than 10,000 men and women. But the record of achievement posted by Tech exes is an enviable one. Tech's graduates have been broadcast over the globe. Not long ago one ex reported he was working on a geological research project on Anguar island in the South Pacific. Another ex is a top executive with a New York aeronautical manufacturing firm. Others have distinguished themselves in journalism, law, medicine, retailing, advertising—and in practically every field of human endeavor. Texas and the entire nation can be proud of what these

Techsans have done, and their accomplishments should serve as a genuine inspiration to those who plan to continue their education at Tech.

Lab hours take students away from books, place the tools of industry in their hands





Tech coeds live in recently-completed dormitories with large recreation rooms and a tasteful decor throughout

What's Ahead

Tech's Board of Directors has already given building contractors the green light on over \$3,000,000 worth of new construction. The splendid campus facilities will soon be augmented with new Music, Science, Agricultural Engineering and Engineering buildings, and Petroleum Engineering and Home Economics additions. A proposed Student Union building (as mentioned earlier) is in the mill, and may be farther than the drawing board stage when this is read.

The over-all expansion program is divided into a series of plans. It will take at least 20 years to complete the project, but each new class at Tech will be able to enjoy the advantages of this progressive program. They are being created not for "bigness," but for service—service to the students and to the people of Texas.

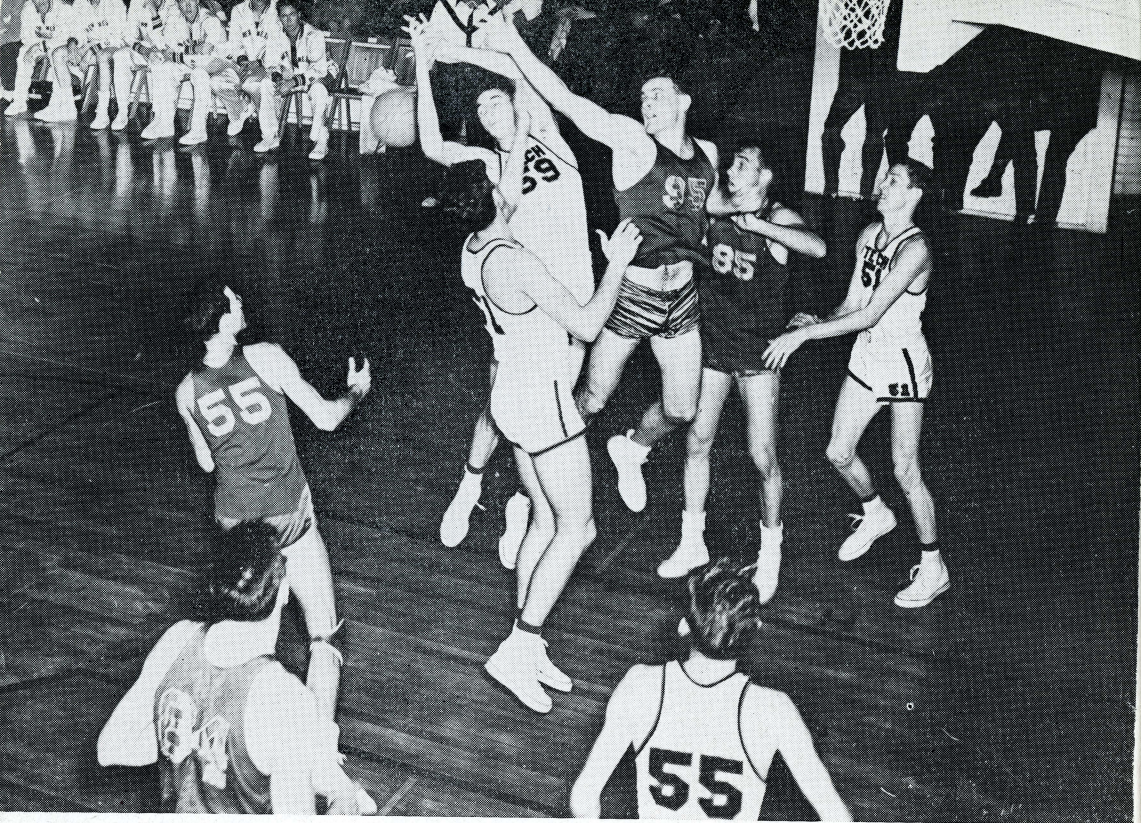


Field work includes the exploration of nearby caverns used by pre-historic man

The College also has been authorized to create a number of academic chairs for distinguished faculty members of reputation in their fields. Tech is keeping pace with the other great educational institutions and its record in certain fields of study is already outstanding, although Tech is a mere 25 years old—struggling infancy by some standards.

To sum up "what's ahead," we need look no further than the words of our own President Wiggins. At his inauguration he set down a benchmark for education at Texas Tech. He said, "It is . . . fitting and essential that we rededicate ourselves to the eternal task of teaching those basic principles which will insure the continuance of the American way of life."

Those of you who attend Texas Tech will constitute an "insurance policy" for that way of life.



Tech's basketball opponents include Rice, Arizona, TCU—the 1948-49 squad rated an NAIB tourney bid

Tech and You

By this time the reader is aware of Tech's pride in its accomplishments and offerings. Young people interested in a college career which will provide a versatile education are invited to correspond with the Registrar, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, about their specific interests and questions concerning the college program.



Intramural sports at Tech range from track to softball—provide exercise and enjoyment for hundreds of Techsans

Persons interested in a particular department—such as petroleum engineering or textiles and clothing—can correspond with the heads of those departments and learn the latest course offerings, names of the faculty members, and the requirements for a degree. In these cases, address the Head of the Department, _____ Department, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.

Hope you're around next fall!