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PROGRESS PLATFORM

A modified system of student government.
A weekly school publication.
A more active alumni association.
Continued expansion of college departments.
Continued thoughtfulness in regard to college property.
A greater Eastern.

RELINQUISHING THE PEN

A swan song, as it were, to tell you how much I have enjoyed being editor for you all this year. To tell you, Ruth and Jim, that I sincerely hope that you will be able to say the same and perhaps even more at this time next year.

A word perhaps to the other members of my staff who have done so much this year toward making our paper "our paper." You'll find, you two, that you'll have a crowd of willing workers with both enthusiasm and talent as I have found.

You'll miss those graduating members of our staff who are going out and who were always there when they were needed: Evelyn Zakem, Vera and Virginia Marz, Ann Stiglitz, and Bob Stinson, but there will be others who are ready and willing to replace them.

You'll find that a business manager is one of the most important parts of your paper. I want to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the entire staff our appreciation for the fine work of William "Bud" Petty, who managed our pocketbook for this year.

Go to Mr. Keene, editors, when you find that you need that assuring word of advice. You'll find him cooperative and interested at all times.

To you I say thank you for all that you have done during the past year. You, Ruth, for your help in managing our K. I. P. A. convention here this year that was so important to me...

To you readers, we say thank you, and I am glad that it is not really a goodbye.

THE COLD, CRUEL WORLD

... And so again comes the time for bidding farewell to this year's members of the graduating senior class. We have often shuddered with abhorrence at the silly and sentimental farewells with which such occasions are burdened by potential essayists.

Next Wednesday, after the certificates have been awarded by the college authorities and the president's concluding voice dwindles to a thin echo in the empty auditorium, when the strains of "Alma Mater" float back to the vacant seats, and the day closes, it is all over. You are a college graduate.

You are an Alice back from Wonderland, and a Dorothy returned to Kansas from the wonderworld of the unreal world of college.

mindful professor who loved his books, the rigid and set rules that govern a college world, the delightfully queer adolescent who was you. You'll dance again but not with the same triumph of slippers worn thin at a college prom, you'll love again but never collegiately, and you will dream again, surely, but never so confidently.

You will leave behind you the world of books, where the atomic table was more important than the stock market report, and the gentle hum of a practicing Glee Club was more pleasant than the evening paper and radio program.

If the crackle of an autumn day stirs your memories of the rally before a game and the first snowfall of a crystalline campus, cherish your memories and do not hope to bring them back by a hurried visit to the old spots. All will be changed and you will be disappointed. A strange freshman will live in the room you held so dear and he will have pasted strange pictures over your walls.

Come back again for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming when your old friends will be present, when all is life and activity for the "old grads," you will not be nearly so lonesome for what has been.

ATTENTION, EVERYONE!

It has already been stated in the editorial columns of this paper that the lack of interest manifested by the majority of the students at Eastern in school elections is lamentable.

Democracy has become almost a fetish with a few students here. The true meaning of the word is lost in their feverish grabbing for arguments that it is a nonentity. No policies of the school are entirely suitable to them.

We believe in democracy. We believe in it fervently. True sometimes we are not exactly sure what we are believing in so passionately in this world of large and small dictatorships, but the belief is there.

It is perhaps over-statement to say that the student body has failed in their attempt to hold democratic elections. But it is not over-statement to say that there is certainly room for a great deal more democracy in the set-up than now exists.

As the organ which holds most of the elections which are of primary concern to the Eastern students, it is our belief that the MILESTONE should take the lead in this drive for more student participation in elections.

We advocate the posting of the names of candidates for all important offices on the campus at least two weeks in advance. There will be some now who will argue that this will tend toward school politics.

It seems too that this arrangement will take care of the element of unfairness that has crept into elections of this year. Certainly this will insure both parties in any election the chance to organize their campaign and to be defeated fairly.

We see a future of furious campaigning, of soapbox orations, of banners, of canvassing. We see a future of school spirit, of interest, of equal opportunity for all, of absence of railroad voting by one little group who just managed to find out that the election was to take place.

GLEANINGS...

A well-dressed college student is likely to get better marks in examinations than the traditional sloppy student, L. Harold DeWolf, psychology professor at Boston University believes.

In outlining methods for preparing for an examination, DeWolf said that the neat clothing gives confidence and a disheveled appearance makes the student feel insecure.

Another suggestion made by DeWolf is that during each day of study the student should stop work and enjoy some active recreation like skating or skiing.

ON LEAVING COLLEGE

On last remembering, one minute more,
One glance around the room, then break the spell
And pack away my books. No use to dwell
On winged hours passing... other girls before
Have said goodbye and softly closed the door,

Future days, I know,
Will hold as much of beauty. Come! Strip bare
The shelves and tables. What's an ended year
With all of life before me? Bravely go
Along the empty halls, nor turn to stare
At ghosts of days, dear days, behind me here.

-Helen F. Blackshear

Scoop Reporter Brandes Interviews Alma's Brother, Elmer Mater, for Commencement Issue of Progress

By PAUL BRANDES

The other day as I was walking past the west side steps of University Building, I encountered a rather handsome man, to all appearances youthful except for a few gray streaks in his hair.

"I beg your pardon," was my reply, "but you spoke as though you knew this place rather well. I've been here two years but I've never seen you. You don't happen to be a faculty member, by any chance?"

He smiled at me, rather fatherly, I thought. "So you've been here two whole years and haven't seen me. Well, well. No, I reckon I wouldn't exactly be considered a faculty member. Might, though."

"Would it be too bold of me to ask just who you are? I'm a Progress reporter, you see."

"Oh, one of those things," he said. "No, no, it wouldn't be too bold at all. I'm Elmer Mater. I guess you know my sister Alma."

I was rather taken back. "Elmer Mater! Well, I knew all about Alma Mater, of course, sing about her in Glee Club. But I never did know there was an Elmer Mater."

"It's just logical," he answered, "to have an Elmer for the boys as well as an Alma for the girls. And I'm awfully sick of having my sister get all the attention. If you don't look out, I'm liable to become an introvert and give Dr. Schnieb and Dr. Cuff some trouble."

"Not wanting to offend him and always on the lookout for a story, I proceeded to question him about what he thought of Eastern."

"So you've been here since 1907," I began, knowing that would start some conversation.

- REPORTERS
Sobstiser Byrne...
Hotshot Murray...
Iampblack Squires...
Pocohantas Harvard...
Briok Mason...
Paul Burlap Brandes...
Winchell Marz...
Scoop Hall...
Some Guy Hatfield...
Dopey Mayer...
Bkey Zimmerman...
Different Guy Warming...
Mister Stinson...
Buzzy Grizzell...

Progress Post Office

To the Editor of the Eastern Progress:

On behalf of the students and faculty of the Waco High School, may I take this opportunity to thank President H. L. Donovan and his very efficient staff of teachers for the fine cooperation given us the past year.

Last September when our library committee started planning its work of correctly classifying and cataloguing all the volumes on our shelves, we were confronted by problems which we could not solve.

When in need of instruction in recreational games and dances Miss Gertrude Hood has driven to Waco and worked for hours with our students for only a smile and the words, "thank you."

Invaluable assistance has been rendered by Dr. Anna A. Schlieb of the education department. Through her untiring efforts and those of the Richmond branch of the A. A. U. W. we have enjoyed a series of excellent assembly programs.

Others who have so kindly helped us with our problems are Prof. Meredith Cox of the chemistry department, Miss Ruth Dix and Miss Mary King Burrier of the home economics department.

Especially do we wish to thank President Donovan, Mrs. Donovan, and Dr. J. D. Farris for unusually helpful assistance in an advisory capacity.

Our institution is deeply indebted to Eastern Teachers College and I wish the Progress would please extend our gratitude to all those who were directly responsible for our improved instruction in the Madison county schools this year.

Yours very truly,
MRS. ULA FIKE FAUST,
Teacher of English, Waco High

Students Banding Nationally For Absentee Voting

American Youth Resent Disfranchisement In Voting For Elections

100,000 VOTERS

Thousands of American college students are virtually disfranchised because of "cumbersome" absentee voting laws, it was pointed out by Dr. Franc. L. McCluer, president of Westminster College.

His conclusion was based on a recent survey of absentee voting laws which was made recently. He has stated that more than 100,000 students of voting age "are discouraged or actually forbidden to exercise their voting franchise."

The survey discovered little conformity in states' statutes governing absentee voting. For example, two states, Missouri and Oklahoma, specify that absentee voting is possible only within state boundaries, while two others, Rhode Island and Virginia, insist that it is legal only if the voter is outside the boundaries.

Seventeen states demand that the absence be proved unavoidable before they allow the voter to cast his ballot by mail. In the forty-two states which allow absentee voting, the application must be notarized.

THE SOCIAL SUMMARY

WEDDING BELLS
Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Nagy take pleasure in announcing the coming marriage of their sister, Miss Anne Marie Margittay, to Mr. Carl William Kemp of St. Matthews, Kentucky.

ALUMNI VISITORS
Among two of the alumni who have already announced their plans of returning to the campus for the commencement weekend in time to attend the Junior Prom will be Mr. Jimmy Hart and Mr. Eddie Eicher.

STUDENT RECEPTION
A constant flow of visiting students attended the afternoon and evening reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Donovan last week. Receiving in the parlor of their home were the host and hostess themselves, in addition to their guest.

The tenth annual cabinet retreat of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. was held May 17-19 at Camp Daniel Boone. The motto of the retreat was: "Plan Your Work; Work Your Plan."

The purpose of the retreat was the discussion of next year's program, with regard to improvements in the clubs' work.

Dr. Locke White, of the Presbyterian church, conducted the sunrise communion service Sunday morning.

Textbooks Under Fire Now In Dies Committee Search

College Text Censor Added To Reproved Array Investigators

IMMEDIATE PROTEST

On March 27 a United Press dispatch reported that "the Dies Committee has voted to undertake an inquiry into alleged fascist and Communist propaganda in textbooks used in schools and colleges."

EDUCATORS PROTEST

Immediately after the announcement appeared of the proposed Dies Committee investigation of textbooks, a group of prominent educators and publishers, acting under the sponsorship of the American Committee, sent a protest to each member of the Dies Committee, which read as follows:

Madison Theatre advertisement for Friday and Saturday, featuring Roy Rogers in 'Saga of Death Valley' and 'Angel from Texas'.

Madison Theatre advertisement for Tuesday & Wednesday, featuring 'Are Lincoln in Illinois' and 'Phoon'.

TONIGHT'S PROM MUSICIANS



Pictured above are the members of the Blue and White orchestra which is to furnish the music for the Junior Prom here tonight in the Walnut Hall of the Student Union Building.

Principal Speaker



Dr. Marvin S. Pittman will be the principal speaker for the summer conference on rural education here this summer. He received his A. B. degree from Millsaps College, his A. M. degree from the University of Oregon and his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University.

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"This report has disturbed us profoundly. We deem any investigation into the political and social affiliations of textbook writers to be an indefensible invasion into the rights of the individual. Democracy in education means among other things that educational standards shall constitute the sole test in determining the choice of books to be used in our schools and colleges. To require conformity with some official definition of social, political or religious orthodoxy is to destroy freedom of discussion and investigation, the essence of democratic education. In the end, the community as a whole would have to pay dearly if we allow educational freedom to be throttled. We urge you therefore to call an immediate halt to this investigation."

Among the signatories to this communication were Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president emerita of Mt. Holyoke College; Dr. William A. Neilson, president emeritus of Smith College; Dr. Walter Dill Scott, president emeritus of Northwestern University; President J. Ellis Miller of Keuka College; Carleton Washburne, president of the Progressive Education Association; Cass Canfield, president of Harper and Bros.; Curtis Hitchcock and Eugene S. R. Reynal of Reynal and Hitchcock; Thayer Hobson, president of William Morrow and Co., and many others. Twenty faculty members of the University of Minnesota signed the communication in a body.

Reappointment of Eastern Faculty and New Members

Four Additions are Made Because of Enrollment Increase

EVANS SELECTED

Members of the faculty, the administrative staff and other employees of Eastern Teachers College were reappointed for the 1940-41 school year at a meeting of the board of regents.

At the regents' meeting bids were opened on the project of converting the old cafeteria and kitchen in Burnam Hall into dormitory rooms for 100 women students, but all bids were rejected by the board as being too high.

Appointment of four new faculty members was announced by Dr. Donovan. Constant increases in enrollment necessitated the increase in the membership of the faculty, he said.

Jack Allen, Prestonsburg, will become assistant professor of history. He is a graduate of Eastern in the class of 1936, took his master's degree from Peabody College, Nashville, and will receive the Ph. D. from Peabody before beginning his duties at Eastern. Harold Glover was appointed assistant professor of science. A graduate of Greenville College, Illinois, he holds the master of science degree from the University of Michigan and will secure his Ph. D. from Peabody this summer.

Harold Francis Hager, appointed assistant professor of English and speech, received his B. S. and master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, and will receive the Ph. D. degree from the same institution before coming to Eastern. Miss Evelyn Slater was appointed professor of home economics. Miss Slater was formerly a member of the Eastern faculty and since teaching here has been a member of the Murray State Teachers College and the University of Montana faculty. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and holds the master's degree from Columbia University.

The board accepted the resignation of Miss Katie Carpenter, supervisor of the rural demonstration school, and appointed in her place Miss Katherine Evans, of Hebron, Ky. Miss Evans will graduate from Eastern in June and will do graduate work this summer.

Dr. Noel B. Cuff, professor of psychology, was granted a leave of absence for the next academic year to permit him to accept an invitation from Dr. D. A. Prescott to work in his University of Chicago laboratory on the problems of child growth and development.

The Feminine Angler

By SPEED
Say what you like, the reason few women have been outstanding in fields of art and politics and science is not babies, it's simply hair. How can anyone be expected to invent the pretzel or write the Great American Novel whose almost every energy, whose almost entire time is concentrated on hair, training it up or training it down, or on bending it at different angles to itself or to the head?

I'm so alarmed. I've just been talking to a conservative. It used to be the radicals that alarmed the conservatives, but just any day now we expect to see the conser-

Conference Director



The conference on rural education this summer will be under the general direction of D. Thomas Ferrell, associate professor of education. Dr. Ferrell received his A. B. and A. M. degrees from Duke University, his M. A. degree from Columbia University and his Ph.D. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

He will be assisted during his work on the conference this summer by several members of Eastern's faculty. Among these will be: Dean W. C. Jones, Dr. Noel B. Cuff, professor of psychology; Dr. J. D. Farris, college physician; Mr. R. A. Edwards, director of the Training School.

vatives in the park with their soap-boxes orating. Which brings up the question are the radicals conservatives now or are the conservatives the radicals? Which consequently brings up the question if everybody were unconventional would it be conventional to be unconventional and unconventional to be conventional, or would it still be conventional to be conventional and unconventional to be unconventional?

From a girl's standpoint, if you speak nicely to the other boys on the campus, he accuses you of flirting, but definitely, while if you don't speak the other fellows tell your man that he dates a conceited snob. If you're independent he thinks you don't care about him, while if you're a clinging vine he soon grows tired of being clung to. Day in, day out, problems arise for a girl of which these are typical.

Just to show you that we're not narrow-minded, we'll present a couple of puzzlers from the masculine side too. If he makes love to you, you accuse him of shooting you a line, while if he doesn't at least say something you think he's uninterested. If he flowers you with attention it becomes monotonous, while if he ignores you, you figure, it's a hopeless case. In fact the only solution apparently possible is the Foreign Legion and an Old Maids' Club, or a monastery and a nunnery.

Record Of Madison County Found In File Of Old Newspapers Presented To College By Local Register Heads

ELECTIONS

LITTLE THEATER CLUB
At the head of the Little Theater Club for next year will be newly elected president, John T. Hughes, of Alva, Ky. John T. has served as one of the officers of L. T. C. during the past year. He will be assisted in his duties by Mr. Raymond Goodlett, vice president; Mary Martha Gadberry, secretary; Marguerite Rivard, treasurer; Mr. James Stayton, business manager, and Mr. Woodrow Guy as stage manager.

KAPPA DELTA PI
Newly elected president of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary educational fraternity, is Miss Dorothy Pratt, Ashland, Ky. Miss Pratt has served on the Sullivan Hall WHRO council during this past year. Other officers elected at the same meeting were Miss Frances Jagers, vice president, and Mrs. Martha Barksdale, secretary and treasurer.

CANTERBURY CLUB
Re-elected president of Canterbury Club for next year was Miss Ruth Catlett, from which office she was forced to resign to assume her duties as president of Burnam WHRO house council for this year. Likewise elected were Miss Helen Klein, vice president; Miss Ann Thomas, secretary, and Mr. Raymond Goodlett, treasurer.

FUTURE TEACHERS
Appointed also to fill the presidency of Future Teachers of America was Miss Ruth Catlett, Lawrenceburg. Miss Catlett has served as social chairman of this organization during the past year. Chosen also were Miss Mary Billingsley, vice president; Miss Jean Porter, secretary, and Mr. Howard Hundemer, treasurer.

KYMA CLUB
New president of Kyma Club will be Mr. James Stayton, who served as vice president of the organization this year. Mr. Stayton is a resident of Dayton, Ohio. Assisting him will be Mr. Ed Gabbard, vice president; Miss Olive Gabriel, secretary; Mr. Paul Brandes, treasurer, and Jim Squires as sergeant-at-arms.

SCIENCE CLUB
President of Science Club for 1941 will be Mr. Owen Gribbin, Somerset. Mr. Gribbin was one of the leading characters in this year's L. T. C. productions. Other officers elected at this meeting were Mary Frances Lehman, vice president, and Miss Rubye Moreland, secretary-treasurer.

Y. W. C. A.
Serving as president of the Young Women's Christian Association for next year will be Miss Mildred Gortney who was a member of the cabinet during the past year. Assisting her in her administration will be Miss Nora Mason, secretary, and Miss Virginia Carlson, treasurer.

Y. M. C. A.
Replacing Mr. James Stanfield, outgoing president, will be Mr. Elmore Ryle, Covington, winner of this year's oratorical debate. Also appointed were Mr. Harold Hall, vice president; Mr. George Seevens, secretary, and Mr. Vernon Kalb, treasurer.

MILESTONE
Editing the Milestone of 1941 will be Mr. James Brock, Harlan.

PROGRESS
Co-Editors James Squires, of Whitesburg, and Ruth Catlett will assume the duties of editors of next year's Progress.

BELLES LETTRES
Editor of next year's Canterbury-sponsored anthology of creative writing will be Miss Mary Agnes Finneran, Covington.

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