President Delivers Welcome To Students

President Edgar Odell Lovett, inaugurating his 31st aca-
demic year as the head of the Institute, Wednesday issued a
statement welcoming old and new students.

The message pointed to the improvements on the campus
during the summer, sounded a friendly note of fellowship in
the invitation to seek "chance interviews" as well as "calendar ap-
apointments," and expressed optimism for this year as one of
the most noteworthy in the Institute's history.

More serious, however, was the plea for cooperation of stu-
dents and faculty, of institution and organisation, for the pro-
secution and winning of the war. "The times," he said, "call for
courage, patience, and forebearance on the part of all of us." We
must realize, some what may, the stern objectives before us.

President Lovett will formally welcome the freshman class
with his annual matriculation address Wednesday in the Physi-
cal Anthropology Amphitheatre at 9 a.m.

The text of the message follows:

To the Editor's request for a message for this issue's first page, I have prepared a brief and, I hope, for-
merly as our most stirring year so far, I wish to con-
vey my congratulations to the members of the Student
Council for their leadership during the summer.

I hope that the new academic year will be a suc-
cessful one for all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Odell Lovett
President
**A Matter of Policy**

A newspaper is an organ of many functions: It is a regulator of public opinion and a source of research and information of past events.

**For these reasons the news it assembles and prints should be complete, candid, straightforward, and interpreted, in order to give the student of today's readers and those of tomorrow an absolute and undistorted picture of the situation.**

A newspaper is also functional as the voice of its public and the instrument of the government. It should be the thermometer of public opinion and the amplifier of public officialdom. Thus the newspaper's second function is that of an intermediary between the people and their officials.

But in addition to this function and that of non-gathering, and over and above them, the newspaper has another function.

*It is that of the interpreter, the investigator, the protagonist. In this is the newspaper made distinctively an active, vital force in the environment—in this lies the value or detriment of the newspaper to its community.*

All of these functions the 1942-43 Thresher propounds to exercise. It will be reporter, spokesman, and champion; it will be gatherer, distributor, protagonist.

In order that the Student Association may secure the rules and principles by which it in newspaper operate and by which it determines the cause to champion, the Editor and Staff herewith set forth their policies:

(1) The Thresher will attempt a complete campus coverage by the regular assignment of members of the Staff to certain departments, in order that no phase of student or faculty life and no activities within that phase may be overlooked. Such coverage will be presented in an unbiased, unprejudiced, and impartial manner. All editorial comment will be limited entirely to the editorial pages or for regular columns.

(2) The Thresher will be progressive in its general tendencies. It will look forward upon the introduction of new ideas and methods and will actively sponsor those which may prove beneficial to the interests of the student body.

(3) In all controversial matters involving principles and not merely the Thresher will conduct investigations and throw the weight of its influence that the old hands are any the less upon the side of the issue more nearly in accordance with principles.

(4) The Thresher will follow closely and record after each meeting the proceedings of the Student Council, the governing body of the Association. The Thresher believes that this body should be one of respect and dignity and should merit not only the attention and interest of every student, but also the exercise of his prerogatives of expression of approval or censure through his representatives.

(5) The Thresher welcomes and will print, insofar as the limitations of space, relevancy, and decency permit, any letter, signed or unsigned, to the Editor. Such expressions of public opinion are healthy exercises of a democratic right and will receive every consideration from this publication.

(6) The Thresher will follow all elections and campaigns with full coverage and will, where it is fit, sponsor one candidate over another for such reasons as may be given in the course of that sponsorship. The Thresher sees no reason why it should, merely because it is a public organ, refrain from political sponsorship. All political advertising will be accepted and printed impartially, regardless of who or what is the Thresher's supporting candidate editorially.

In pursuance of the above outlined course, the Thresher will attempt to assume a role as follows: it is its proper position in the Institute—that of an active and formative force.

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while, the class of 1944 has gathered around—every one in a while you’ll see one or two. The Thresher is neither-what you’ll believe it, but the Brown Reifsjeld is—right on the way to Dallas one night in the wee small hours. Next time, Ralph, maybe you’ll believe it. The Brown Reifsjeld was so moving that the city, with its rows of Pat Ten

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**THE BIBLE SOCIAL**

The following will be held at 13th in Autry House. All members and anyone interested are invited. Plans are being made for a small and indefinite program to be given late this fall and early spring.

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**Club News**

The first meeting of the Presbyterian Student Association will be held next Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. in Autry House. All Presbyterian students are invited to attend and get acquainted with the members. A reception will be held after the meeting.

The Girls Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 11:30 Tuesday at Autry House, according to Myrtle Lee McFarland, the club president. Former members are urged to attend.

The Baptist Student Union will entertain all new students with three parties next week. The first will be a "Drafter's Party" to be held Friday, Wednesday, and the third a "Profiles Party" at 8 p.m. All new students are cordially invited.
The Theresher

Owls Face 11 Strong Teams in Succession

The Owls are faced this year with one of the most interesting, and one of the toughest schedules in their history. It will be a big one, but not a difficult one.

After a scant three weeks of preparation the varsity will make its first of eight home appearances, and its only one during the first two weeks, against the powerful Corpus Christi Naval Air Station team. Corpus, led by Minnesota's great American, tallbook George Frenz, is composed of former college and professional stars from every section of the country. They should put a smooth working and well-coordinated team on the field when they land in Houston September 16. For the past two weeks they have been working out twice a day, and a citizen will take on the Texas U. Longhorns, a team that, incidentally, will have to be reckoned with a great deal this year, the week previous.

LSU Strong

Following the tilt with the navy team, the Owls will host to one of the strongest LSU teams in a decade. The game promises to be one of the year's outstanding inter-scholastic battles. This year's encounter should be especially interesting as the Nolynmen attempt to average their rather humbling defeat.

The next two engagements will see the big blue team out of town, as they take on Coach Red Grange's Great Wave of Tulane, a bunch with a real grudge against the Owls. Following, in the middle of the month, comes a game between the Texas U. and North Carolina on successive weak-ends.

Dana X. Bible's Texas University Longhorns will land in Houston October 24 seeking their first victory on the Institute's field. The Owls, led by Tom Rucker, Bill Mitchell, andselling Frankly, we are not agree with them. Certain is it all hangs upon a football war effort of the republic by placing an undue strain on our transporta-tion system, the army will not hesi-tate to call the game off, or request that it not be played, which is the same thing. There are plenty of Pullman cars to handle all of the traffic. Football teams don't travel in task cars.

It's a Tough One

The student body may rest well assured that the bunch around the Field House is undoubtedly assured but not resting) that the Owl schedule is one of the weakest in the coun-try. On eleven successive weak-ends they play eleven of the nation's strongest teams. Our six conference games are enough for any ball team and plus them we have: Corpus Christi, loaded with former college and pro-fessional stars; Texas Tech, fighting for a place in the Southwest Confer-ence; Tulane and LSU, who are like-ly to fight it out for the Southwest-ern Conference championship in New Orleans Thanksgiving day; and North Carolina, whose wealth of proven athletes might prove it to be the hardest of the lot.

Predictions Next Week

Men of more brains and less courage would never attempt to predict the outcome of such a schedule, but in the very near future this column, with very little fear and not a damn bit of trepidation, will disclose to all the faithful the inevitable outcome of this seemingly uncomputer-able pigskin curriculum. For large profits but fewer friends follow a-pa-tently. We will have spoken.

(Editors note: Tommy Dunn and Billy Mackey, the co-authors of this column, are old hands at the game of criticizing and forming opinions—the two prime factors of a sports columnist. Now to journalism, they nevertheless have been saturated with sports ideas before. Next Saturday, cut their teeth on the iron fence around the football stadium. Today's column is somewhat in the nature of an explication.)

Although many long distances in the local high school gold and silver have been canceled because of "war conditions," it still seems that the Owls will journey to Chapel Hill for their game with North Carolina. Some of the sports writers derry the idea of these long football trips, raising the protest of patriots. Frankly, we do not agree with them. Certainly if it is all hangs upon a football war effort of the republic by placing an undue strain on our transporta-tion system, the army will not hesi-tate to call the game off, or request that it not be played, which is the same thing. There are plenty of Pullman cars to handle all of the traffic. Football teams don't travel in task cars.
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Aldrich To
Teach At
Columbia

Dr. V. C. Aldrich, assistant professor in philosophy, has been
offered a year’s leave of absence from the Institute in order to accept
a visiting professorship at Columbia University. It was learned early this
week that he will teach courses in humanities and aesthetics under
Herbert W. Schneider, Columbia professor of philosophy.

Two of the courses which Dr. Aldrich has taught will be dropped from
the curriculum, while the third will be taken over by Dr. R. A. Teasoff,
professor of philosophy.

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teams to compete in the Institute’s regular intramural schedule.
Final Examinations Stood
Final physical and mental examinations were held by all prospective
candidates this week prior to registration dates. Results of the
examinations and the ultimate selection of trainees have not yet been
made public. It is expected that they will be disclosed this week end or
early next week.

The incoming freshmen will take
the same course, with few varia-
tions, given last year’s class. The
second year men will be faced with
a more advanced course in naviga-
tion and fundamentals of ordnance,
etc. All students signed up in V-7
are invited, pending the approval of
the Registrar’s Office, to audit this
course for their own benefit.

Kit Reid—
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Wareham, and others familiar to
Institute dancers.
Arrangement for the Saturday
night dance are being supervised by
the Dance Committee, composed of
Harvey Ammerman, Lawrence
Pfehn, John Leedom, Meredith
James, and Charles Fitzgerald.

Enlistment Plan—
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board to each individual’s case and
his joining a reserve unit is a com-
plicated matter. In general, prompt
action on the part of the prospective
enlistees saves great trouble for all
concerned.)

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