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## WELCOME

If you are coming back again, or if you have never been enrolled in this College, we extend you a hearty welcome. The reputation of Edinburg Regional College for friendliness is in your keeping. We hope you will help us to add to this tradition.

What you do, in college, is largely in your own hands. You have a great many resources which you can call upon: trained instructors, a good library, well-equipped laboratories, and the varied backgrounds of your fellow-students. You will profit from all these in direct proportion to your own sense of responsibility. If you have developed this sense of personal responsibility or if you are mature enough to realize its importance, this year in college can be of tremendous value to you and to the civilization of which you are a part.

We know you will be changed in some ways by the end of this school year. It is our sincere wish that any changes may be those which will widen your mental vision, sharpen your sense of justice, and arouse your desire to help correct the inequities of your world. To any person who is doing an honest job and who feels he needs help to do it better or who can contribute an idea that may help the rest of us, no door in this institution will be closed. We hope you, and all of us who will be your colleagues this year, will be better for the knowledge you will gain and the thinking you will do this year of 1951-1952. Again, welcome.

*The Staff*

## INTRODUCTION

Any institution or organization dealing with a number of people must establish and follow certain rules of procedure for the benefit of each person concerned. It is customary here, to have as few regulations as is consistent with reasonable efficiency. To help you become established as rapidly as possible, we give some of the necessary regulations.

The Calendar that follows is the official time-table for the year. One or two items may need to be stressed or explained. Mid-semester reports indicate your standing half-way through the semester. The grades you get at that time do not become a part of your official record on your transcript of credits, but they are estimates that let you know where you stand. If they are good, remember the instructors **may** have been a little lenient at the start of the year; if they are bad, you still have a half-semester to bring them up.

## CALENDAR

Regular **registration** begins September 4 and ends on September 7. While one may register later than this, it will cost him a \$2.00 fee and he will also have missed some important meetings of his classes.

On Saturday, September 8, students who have not previously taken them are required to take the **Oriental Tests**. These tests require about four hours and you will begin by meeting in the College Auditorium about 8:15 in the morning. If you miss this group another set is given on the afternoon of Saturday, October 6. You will need to make no preparation for the tests; you need not bring either pen or paper.

Since one sometimes wishes to **change a class** for which he registered, he may do so without penalty until Saturday, September 15. After this date he must obtain permission and must pay a class change fee.

**Classes begin** Monday, September 10, and you will follow the schedule on the cards you were given at registration. Be certain that you take your **Admission Card**

with you when you first report to a class. The instructor will require it and it will cost you 25c to get a replacement from the Registrar's Office — if you lose the original. Do not fail to report to the class because you accumulate absences, which may give you trouble.

The **Mid-Semester reports** are handed in to the Registrar on Monday, November 5. Usually, you will have had a test during the preceding week to help your instructor evaluate your standing. As a rule, you will receive a copy of these grades on the following Wednesday.

**Thanksgiving Recess** is set, this year, for the period of November 22-25. It begins with the close of the school day on Wednesday, November 21. It is presumed that, hereafter, the recent law passed by the Legislature will set Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of the month.

**Final examinations**, for the First Semester, are scheduled to start January 21. Each examination covers a two-hour period and may include any work given during the semester. About a week before the first examination day, a schedule will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

**Second Semester Registration** is carried out, for almost everyone, during the week preceding the final examinations and directions will be posted about the exact procedure. Those who need to complete their examinations before they register and persons who were not enrolled in the College during the First Semester, will register on **Saturday, January 26**.

Classes for the **Second Semester** begin on Monday, January 28.

**Mid-Semester Reports** for the Second Semester are due in the Registrar's Office on Monday, March 31.

The **Easter Recess** starts at the end of the school day, April 11, and lasts through Monday, April 14.

**Second Semester Final Examinations** are scheduled for the week of May 19.

**Student Clearance Day** will be Monday, May 26.

The **Silver Anniversary Commencement** will be Sunday evening, May 25.

## COLLEGE HISTORY

This is a special year for Edinburg Regional College, for it marks the twenty-fifth year the College has operated. In 1927 the Legislature passed the special act that created the Edinburg Junior College. In September of that same year, the College opened its doors to some 190 students. Since then there have been fluctuations in enrollment especially during the war but, generally, the trend of enrollment has been upward. In the 1950-51 session more than 450 students were enrolled in the regular college day classes while there were enough others in the Vocational Division, the Basic Division, and the Evening School to make a grand total of about 1000 different persons.

In 1948 the Board of Trustees, realizing the enlarged area served by the College and being desirous of setting up the most advantageous organization for it, separated the College from the public school system and changed its name to Edinburg Regional College. The citizens of the District voted a bond issue that permitted the College to acquire full title to the Auditorium, Administration Building, Library, Union Building, Cabinet Shop, Tax Office, Physical Education Building, and the land on which all these are located. In addition, the College has a thirty-year lease on the Science Building. All equipment in all these buildings, several College busses, and several acres of land west of the campus are also College property. One can readily see that we own an excellent physical plant.

It is the hope of the loyal friends and of the numerous ex-students of your institution that future developments will permit an even greater and more useful development — we believe you will want this also and we **know** your support will be most effective in bringing it about.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS

One of the things most often talked about and about which most of us do least is that intangible called "School Spirit." It is made up of a variety of factors, many of



them differing with different people, but it is rather real to each of us. Certainly the **traditions** that have been built up over the years contribute greatly to the spirit and feeling one has about his College. Some of the finest traditions are those dealing with the quality of work and high standards of the school. Other important aspects are the personalities of outstanding teachers and the guidance they have given. But the most obvious sources of traditions are the events in which we all participate during our college days. Let us outline some of these happenings that have become traditional with us in Edinburg Regional College.

In the first place, one must learn the Alma Mater — the words of which are printed elsewhere in this Handbook. You will get to use these words at one of the first social events of the year — the **Fall Reception**. This is a **must** which is attended by everyone: Faculty, other Staff members, and, above all, the whole student body. The time will be quite early in the semester and the place will be the Gymnasium. The Faculty act as informal hosts, along with some of the sophomores, and there will be fun, refreshments, friendliness, and entertainment—all for free. You will have ample notice, you will be expected to be there—and classes are even dismissed to permit everyone to attend.

The **Assembly** is an old and well-established tradition. The fourth class period on Tuesdays is kept open for assembly presentations, though they are generally given at intervals of about two weeks, if a worthwhile program can be offered. This is the one time and place when **all** students are together. This is necessary if we are to have any focal point for the development of school spirit. The programs are arranged by a joint student-faculty committee and they are never scheduled unless this committee feels they will be interesting and helpful to you. Regular seats are assigned early in the semester and a seating list will be posted.

There are numerous other events which have acquired the standing of traditions. Among them may be mentioned the **Joe and Jane Dance**, sponsored by the Freshman Class, where collegiate costumes are worn,

and Joe and Jane College are selected as the most "collegiate" college man and college woman present.

As a rule, the **Christmas Dance**, sponsored by the Sophomores and the Ex-students, offers an opportunity for recent exes and present students, and their friends to renew acquaintanceships and enjoy a holiday dance.

In fairly recent years the Bronco Boosters, a men's service organization, has sponsored one of the big events of the year — **Bronco Days**. This has been replete with contests, a parade, western costumes, stunts, and, often involuntary and unannounced performances by startled participants. During this fiesta period, wear some type of Western dress. Costumes vary from a really vigorous sport shirt on a dignified professor to complete regalia: spurs, boots, ten-gallon hats, and artillery (safe, of course) sported by the campus cowpokes and their lassies. This Silver Anniversary year could well witness an outstanding presentation of Bronco Days. The time will be around Thanksgiving and the Homecoming Ball will be a climax to the celebration.

In the spring one of our outstanding events is the **Sweetheart Dance**. This is preceded by the selection of the College Sweetheart — no mean event itself, for it has all the hullabaloo of a full-fledged election with campaign speeches, posters, and a special election assembly. Each of the high schools of our area is invited to send a sweetheart to represent the school and these representatives and the College Sweetheart, are presented at the formal dance.

Other events are scheduled throughout the year by different campus organizations, and you will not want to miss a single one, be it a swimming party, a picnic, or a trip to Monterrey.

Finally, a tradition that is of very recent origin, and one that will need your complete support, is that of our student government. Quite early in the semester you will be asked to nominate and elect officers for your student organizations — certainly you will want to belong to at least two. These officers you elect will, in turn, compose the **Student Senate** who act as your

governing body. You will want to elect worthy and outstanding students whom you feel will represent you fairly and efficiently.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHERE?

If you have not previously been enrolled in Edinburg Regional College, you may ask yourself the above question. As a rule, your first official contact is with the **Registrar's Office**, presided over by Mr. H. H. Gauding, aided by Miss Margaret Ellis. Here you submit your transcript of credits for admission to College and here you begin your formal registration. This office can usually answer your questions about courses, credit hours, transfer requirements, and attendance regulations. In this office you pay tuition, fees, bus fare, and — if you are an officer of a student organization — deposit any organization funds.

Books and supplies may be purchased from the **College Bookstore** in the Student Union Building. Mrs. Ruthe Noble Brown presides over this building and supervises the Bookstore as a part of her job. During the first few days at the opening of the semester, and for a short period at the end of each semester, she will keep the Bookstore open during the entire school day. At other times, it will be open only at certain stated hours.

Since the **Student Union** has been mentioned, we may as well talk about it right now. It is set aside for student use, either during the day or in the evening. When you have no classes, you will find congenial company to play bridge, canasta, ping-pong, or just drink coffee or a Coke with you. The Snack Bar which is operated in the Union is arranged for your benefit. It must support itself, but all profits above the actual operation and maintenance are put directly back into the Union. For example, the Union has a new coat of paint on the interior and some new decorations because a few energetic and civic-minded students donated their time while the Snack Bar profits purchased the paint used. We hope a new radio can be purchased out of profit for the current year. Since the Union is used all during the day and for many

evening meetings, we all have to do our part in keeping it presentable. You can be most helpful by refraining from "mussing" furniture or the walls, by putting empty bottles into the racks provided, and by keeping paper and other debris from littering the floor. This is **your** place on the campus and it is a good test of your sense of citizenship to see how well you help to look after its appearance. The Student Union Committee will expect you to cooperate with all regulations they set up for our general welfare.

The **Office of the Dean and Director** is located in the Administration Building just west of the Registrar's Office. Here Mr. John Sawyer, Assistant to the Dean, takes care of all Veterans affairs that pertain to schooling under the GI Bill. If you are not a veteran, Mr. Sawyer can also answer a number of your questions. If he feels he cannot supply an immediate answer, he may send you in to see Mr. Hodges, the Director and Dean of the College. There will be other occasions when you will want to see Mr. Hodges. If you find that you need to drop a course, after the usual period for making class changes, he must sign your drop card or if you want to withdraw — and we hope this never comes to pass in your case — he has to sign the withdrawal form. Incidentally, **never** drop a course or courses without going through the standard procedure; it will save you time and possible embarrassment. The Director almost always has time to talk with you about any college problems you may have; don't hesitate to call on him whenever you wish.

The **Library** is under the capable direction of Miss Geraldine Pratt, ably assisted by Mrs. Anne Floyd. All of the facilities of the Library are designed for your use. There is hardly a course you take that will not require some reference work and library study. It is obvious, therefore, that there is likely to be a number of people using the Library at almost every minute it is open. Equally obvious should be the reasons why quiet working conditions must be maintained. Under no circumstances should you study together in the Library. Even a subdued whisper can be most annoying for someone who is trying to do some work at the next table. It should not be

necessary for the persons in charge to have to remind you of this rule. The only way it can be made effective is for **everyone**, without exception, to refrain from discussion in the Library. Certainly, one must talk with the Library Staff, but there should be no talking with anyone else. If you want to talk and study together, use the Study Room in the south end of the Union. It has tables, chairs, and a ceiling fan — and nobody will object to your conversations.

Oh yes, one other thing: the place where current information is available about many college happenings, the **Bulletin Board**. Just outside the Registrar's Office is a glass-enclosed bulletin board. On the left-hand side, official notices are posted daily. On the other end is a space for student groups and organizations. You are responsible for checking the Bulletin Board at least once each day, preferably in the morning. In many cases, it is impossible to locate each person who needs to be told, for example, that his class will change its meeting place for the day or that a test is scheduled for the next meeting. If your name appears on this Board, with the request that you check with some instructor or at some office, please attend to it at once. General meetings, such as an Assembly, are also announced by a Bulletin Board notice. Classes and organizations use the right-hand end of the Board for various announcements; you will need to check the whole area if you expect to be well informed on what is happening in the College.

## REGULATIONS

Most of us do not like rules or regulations. We prefer to go along with as few limitations as possible. With this general theory, the College and its Staff is in hearty agreement. They have found, however, that in this imperfect world we cannot depend on everyone's complete and whole-hearted cooperation, even in doing things that are for their own benefit. Based on these observations and experiences, it has been found necessary to set up some working rules — so that we shall all be able to get along with each other without too much friction. It has been the

sincere desire and effort of the members of the student body and of the Faculty to have as few of these restraints as possible.

1. It is expected that any citizen, whether he is in college or not, will obey **all** civil laws.
2. It is a tradition, which has acquired the force of a rule, that there be **no smoking** in any college buildings except the Union. If you wish to smoke between classes, you are asked to step **outside** the entrances to do so. When you have finished, please help to preserve the appearance of the grounds by putting your cigarette into receptacles provided near each entrance.
3. **Adding or dropping a course** is done, after the usual week allowed at the beginning of the semester, through the Registrar's Office on a specific form provided for the purpose. Be sure you get this card, have it signed or initialed by the proper person or persons — the Registrar's Office will tell you whom — and return it to the Registrar's Office. Your college record is quite important, and you are expected to be a responsible individual who will observe this regulation. **Under no case may one drop a course by simply failing to attend classes.** Such a procedure will cause the accumulation of negative semester hours and will entail a fine of **double** the usual drop fee. If you have an acceptable reason for dropping a course and your class standing will justify it at the time, you will receive a **Drop**, on your record, otherwise, the grade will be "F."
4. **Withdrawal from the College** is accomplished by a somewhat similar procedure. You get a formal withdrawal card at the Registrar's Office and follow the proper procedure in completing it, returning it to the Office when you have completed it. Persons who have to withdraw from College — and, again, we trust you will not find it necessary to do so — leave their record clouded if they do not formally withdraw. They also forfeit the

right to any refunds to which they may be entitled.

5. **Absences** are never helpful, whether you have a valid reason or not. Whenever you miss a class, you have missed some of the work and it is **your responsibility** to see that you get as much of this missed work as possible. There are no "cuts" in any classes; but we all realize that there are times when it is necessary, or seems necessary, to be absent.

There are two types of absences: an excusable one and one not recognized as excusable. In Edinburg Regional College only **four** types of absences are considered excusable: (a) illness, (b) death in the immediate family, (c), absence on approved (by the proper official) college business, and (d) absence due to governmental business where the absentee has no control of the time he must be present. In order that you may receive an **excused absence permit**, you must present the proper evidence to the Registrar within **one week** of the absence or of your return to classes, and it should be sooner if possible. The evidence, in the case of illness, is a doctor's certificate. In any other instance, you should file a written statement with the Registrar listing the reason for the absence. In general, only the four reasons listed are considered acceptable, but if you think you have a good reason, not listed among the four, you may present it. The Registrar will exercise his own judgment about accepting it and will definitely not accept a trivial or avoidable reason.

Now, what about absences that are not considered excusable? Since you are in college and are assumed to be a responsible person, you have some latitude and you may exercise your discretion about some absences — though these unexcused absences will lower your grade and your instructors are **not** required to permit you to make up work or to hand in material due during

your absence; in fact, you may not make up work due to an unexcused absence. You may, if you want to take the risk or if it is your considered opinion that you should, take the equivalent of one week of absences. If your class meets three times in the week, that means three absences. The fourth absence, or any in excess of the one week equivalent, places you on automatic attendance probation. An additional absence automatically drops you from the class and may, in the discretion of the Registrar or Dean, cause you to be suspended from the College.

Because the Faculty believes a premium should be placed on quality of work, it has approved the establishment of an Honor List. This List is made up of all persons, taking four or more courses, who made no grade lower than "B" on the last college grade report. Those students whose names appear on the Honor List are exempt from the regular attendance regulations so long as they remain on the List. This does not mean, however, that they have the privilege of making up missed assignments unless they get an excused absence approval. In all cases, any approved absence must be presented to an instructor before work can be made up or late work accepted by the instructor.

Because of their importance, let us summarize attendance regulations:

- a. There are no free "cuts." Work that is missed penalizes one's grade.
- b. Persons not on the Honor List may have the equivalent of one week of absence before being placed on attendance probation.
- c. After being placed on attendance probation, the next unexcused absence will cause the individual to be dropped from the class roll with a grade of "F" and he will be charged a fee of twice the usual drop fee. Those on attendance probation must submit an approved excused absence **immediately** upon



returning to classes after such an absence. There is no "grace period" of one week allowed in this case.

- d. No instructor is obliged to permit work to be made up for any absence except an approved, excused absence.
  - e. With rare exceptions, entirely at the discretion of the proper officials, only the four reasons previously listed are acceptable for excusable absences.
  - f. A tardiness to a class counts as one-third of an absence. Absence from an official Assembly counts as one absence from the class just preceding the Assembly.
6. **Eligibility** to represent the College in any type of event except purely social functions, or to be an officer of any student organization requires conformity to eligibility regulations. These regulations state that a person must be enrolled in at least four regular courses or a minimum of 12 semester hours of college work and must be passing a total of 9 semester hours. If enrolled in a college previously, the same requirements must have been met during the last semester of enrollment.

To be eligible for any type of award, the student must be scholastically eligible at the time the award is made.

7. **Social Events** that are sponsored by any college group or organization require approval by the Director at least **three days in advance** of the date on which the event is to be held. This is obtained by getting an application form from the Registrar's Office, filling it out, having it signed by a sponsor and chaperons, and presenting it to the Director's office. All such college-sponsored affairs are scheduled on a social calendar and no deviation is made from this regulation.
8. Student Organization Funds are deposited in the

Registrar's Office to the account of the specific organization. Receipts are issued for all such funds at the time they are deposited. Disbursements of these funds are made by presenting a properly signed requisition form to the Registrar. At the end of the school year, or whenever an official of a student group resigns—if he is charged with handling group funds, a financial report should be filed in the Registrar's Office. This is used in the annual College audit and is most helpful to the next group of officers.

A complete financial report is due the Registrar's Office immediately after any student or college-sponsored affair, such as a dance or play, where tickets are sold. The Registrar must make a monthly financial report and must remit all taxes due the Collector of Internal Revenue. Be certain that your report is accurate and prompt, preferably within two days of the time the event takes place.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

You will miss a large part of your share of the fun of going to college if you do not become an active member of at least one student organization. Below we have listed many of the clubs and groups that function at Edinburg Regional College. Investigate any of them in which you may be interested; they are always ready to welcome an enthusiastic new member. They can help you and you can help them.

Among the desirable organizations with which you may wish to affiliate are the honorary fraternities. These groups are open to you if you can meet the requirements. One of the oldest organizations is the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. This is an honorary scholastic fraternity. To be eligible for entrance one must: (1) be in the upper ten per cent of the student body, scholastically, (2) have no grade below B, (3) be enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours of courses, (4) be sufficiently worthy as a citizen to be invited to join by the chapter membership.

Another honorary group is Delta Psi Omega which limits its members to those people who have met specific requirements in the field of dramatics and play production.

In the field of journalism, the student who distinguishes himself by service on the College annual, EL BRONCO, or the student newspaper, THE BEACON, may become a member of the Gamma Delta Upsilon fraternity.

There is another group of student activities which may appeal to you because of your vocational interests. The Science Club, the Photography Club, F.B.L.A., Home Economics Club, Future Teachers, the Engineers, and other similar groups are interested in studying material that pertains to these fields of work. Usually these groups hear talks by individuals prominent in their particular professions; they take field trips to study plants or operations of interest to them; they have student discussion programs; or they actively engage in an appropriate project.

Along with the fields of vocational interest are the student groups which foster avocational interests, such as the Glee Club, the Campus Players, and the Journalism Club. The Glee Club, for example, presents Assembly programs for the College and for neighboring high schools; the Campus Players have a long tradition of successful plays and contests; and the Journalism Club puts out our student publications — which have reflected credit on the College time after time.

Finally, and the picture is still quite incomplete, we have service groups like the Host and Hostess Club, who fulfill the obligations imposed by their title in our musical programs and auditorium numbers; the Bronc Boosters and the Bronkettes, whose work has been mentioned earlier, and the Student Senate. The Senate is worthy of additional discussion. It is composed of two members, usually the president and the secretary, from each of the other student organizations. The Senate has a constitution which sets forth its objectives and mode of procedure. Since its membership is drawn from the officers of other student groups, it furnishes an ideal

place for discussion of problems that affect the whole College student body. It functions as a clearing house in the scheduling of student activities that might otherwise conflict and is an effective starting point for new ideas that might be helpful to the College.

It should be said that all these various groups and organizations mix fun with their more serious purposes. All of them tend to overlap into each of the main groups we have mentioned. That is, they are frequently both vocational and avocational, both service-centered and interested in individual improvement. All function with the help of faculty sponsors, who are merely advisors, and through duly elected officers. If you become a member of any of these groups (as you certainly should) remember to select good officers and then help them put over the program your group decides upon.

## ATHLETICS

The draft, the war in Korea, and other unsettling factors have caused football to become a casualty in our College — and in more than half of the other colleges in our Conference. In due time, we may expect its revival, but until that time we need not feel that we are without athletic teams.

The basketball team will begin its work early in November. With the nucleus of good performers we shall have in College, plus others who have not previously enrolled, we expect a team that will live up to our athletic traditions. We have not always won, but we have always stood near the top in the final standings and our teams have been good “scrappers” and good sportsmen. If you have ever played basketball, try out for the team. If you cannot play, turn out and root. The most important member of **any** athletic team is the student body spirit and support which bolsters that team’s morale.

Incidentally, the activity fee covers the cost of your entrance into all athletic contests staged in Edinburg and sponsored by the College.

After the basketball season, we have track, tennis,

baseball, golf, and, if we can get competition, boxing. You are invited to try out for any or all these teams. It is the aim of E.R.C. to encourage every student to participate in whatever activity he enjoys and to help him to learn those he thinks he might enjoy.

Men who go out for intercollegiate athletics — women are eligible, too, in tennis and golf — are awarded letters on the basis of the total amount of time played in conference games or matches. In basketball one must play a certain number of quarters, depending upon the number of games in the schedule; in baseball innings are counted; in track, tennis, boxing or golf, letter awards are figured on the basis of the number of matches engaged in during the season and on placing in the district or State meets.

Awards to the first-year men consist of a standard sweater with an "E". Men who make a letter for the second year in a sport are eligible for a jacket. If they letter for the second year in another sport, they receive a special gold key as an award.

## ODDS AND ENDS

If you have journalistic ambitions, try out for the staff of THE BEACON, which is published every two weeks, or for EL BRONCO, the College annual. Persons signing up early in the fall can get a copy of EL BRONCO at a reduced price. Be certain that you have your annual picture taken when notices are posted.

When you go into any College office give your name to the person with whom you talk. Most of the Faculty members will soon learn your name if you are frequently in contact with them, but when an office has to deal with hundreds of individuals, it is difficult to keep names straight all the time.

College premises are your home for most of the day. The janitors and the grounds' men do the best they can to keep things in order. It is obvious, however, that you can do more to preserve the appearance of the buildings and grounds than can these caretakers. A little thought-

fulness will keep you proud of the physical plant of your College.

It should hardly be necessary to tell you that you are expected to do individual work in any college. If you borrow material for a paper or a theme, be certain to give credit for this material. **Any work you hand in to your instructor must be your own work unless otherwise labeled.** In an examination you must not use any aid except that specifically authorized by the instructor. Failure to observe these fundamental rules of honesty will, at least, cause you to receive a zero grade on the dishonest work. It may, when the offense seems grave enough, cause your dishonorable dismissal from the College.

A word of explanation about the **Activity Fee** may not be amiss. The Faculty and Board of Trustees have always felt that many so-called extra-curricular or out-of-class activities are as important as academic achievements. It is necessary to finance some of these activities. Formerly, bills were paid in the same way as are all other bills — at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and by checks signed by the President of the Board. This procedure is quite sound but it takes a great deal of time and made it necessary for the President of the Board — a very busy man — to spend much of his time in signing checks for rather insignificant sums.

It was decided, therefore, that it would simplify matters to set aside a part of the tuition and call it an Activity Fee. This would enable the required money to be administered directly from the Registrar's Office and disbursed when and as needed on a simple requisition form countersigned by the Director.

When you pay the Activity Fee, then, you are simply paying some of your tuition into a separate account. If you did not do it this way, it would be necessary to collect that same amount from you, in the form of tuition, and it would slow down the procedure for handling many minor accounts to a considerable extent and make our student activity program much less flexible than it now is.

One of the experiences that you will not want to

miss, as many sophomores can tell you, is attendance at the concerts and lectures sponsored by Cultural Arts, Inc. Cultural Arts is a non-profit organization of residents of the Upper Valley area that brings to all of us in this section of the State the finest artists of our time.

The lists of those who have appeared during the past few years reads like Who's Who. Among the musicians are Tibbett, Lily Pons, James Melton, Jose Iturbi, Menuhin, Richard Crooks, Mario Lanza, and numerous others. The lecturers include such names as Mrs. Roosevelt, Will Durant, Carl Hambro, and others equally gifted and famous. You will certainly want to take advantage of the opportunity of purchasing a season ticket for \$3. This ticket price is made possible only because the College is willing to pay the other half of the cost. Get the ticket when you pay your other fees. It is not transferable, for obvious reasons, but is certainly a terrific bargain. Where else can you hear or see such famous attractions as Leonard Warren, Alex Templeton, and the internationally acclaimed Salzburg Marionettes — and the other notable artists and lecturers who appear on the program this year — for such a small sum? By all means buy a ticket.

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Hail to thee, our Alma Mater  
True and loyal we will be  
And to thee, our Alma Mater  
To the name of E.R.C.  
This our song, forever onward,  
With our colors Red and Blue  
May you be our inspiration  
E.R.C. We're all for you





