

East Texas State Teachers College

Commerce, Texas

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 14, 1954

Dear President:

TEACHERS OF TOMORROW FESTIVAL will be held this year at East Texas State Teachers College on December 3, 1954. We are hoping that we may look forward to seeing Mister and Miss Teacher of Tomorrow from El Colegio de Mexico at that time.

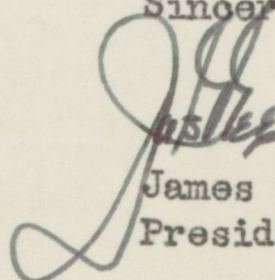
Perhaps you recall something of the nature of these programs in the past. They are sponsored by our "Student Committee for the Advancement of the Teaching Profession." This committee is representative of all pre-professional and departmental clubs on this campus. Our main objective is to secure campus-wide participation from this and all other colleges and universities through-out the Southwest. We sincerely believe that we have a program and procedure which brings more and better recognition to those who are preparing for a career of teaching.

This year we honestly believe we have the best program material that has ever been our privilege to offer. No doubt this is the reason why we are already assured of a large group of representatives from colleges and universities situated in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and even the Republic of Mexico.

Enthusiasm for this festival is running high because we have as a star feature of the program Miss Waurine Walker, president of the National Education Association. This will be a real opportunity for Mister and Miss Teacher of Tomorrow from El Colegio de Mexico to get a professional inspiration that only a gathering of this kind can afford.

Please give this invitation your serious consideration. If you view it with favor please pass the attached information sheet to the person on your staff who will begin work toward the selection of two representatives from your institution. Somehow we feel that you will want to be a part of this professional assembly. Be assured that we will be ready and anxious to welcome Mister and Miss Teacher of Tomorrow from El Colegio de Mexico.

Sincerely,


James G. Gee
President

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EAST TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
Commerce, Texas

October 18, 1954

Dear Faculty Member:

Welcome again to our annual TEACHERS OF TOMORROW FESTIVAL. Our date this year has been changed from the usual spring time to December 3. We can hardly wait to tell you about the program this year; it is the best we have ever had, and prospects for a record attendance are excellent.

As you know, our main objective is to promote professionalism among those who will be the teachers in tomorrow's schools, and to help develop this theme we have with us as the main feature of our festival Miss Waurine Walker, president of the National Education Association.

This year, as in years past, our festival is sponsored cooperatively by: Future Teachers of America, Association of Childhood Education International, International Relations Club, Association of Women Students, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Mu Psi, Phi Pi Delta Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Chi, Alpha Phi Omega, Eta Epsilon, Science Club, Press Club, Spanish Club, French Club, and Sociology Club. Every student on our campus has worked to help make this program one of the best for our visitors, and of course we hope that it will be possible for you to be with us. In fact, we are counting on a boy and a girl from your school to represent your Teachers of Tomorrow. Below you will find a few notes of explanation and procedures which we hope you will find useful.

Select your candidates for Mister and Miss Teacher of Tomorrow by any method that you choose. We believe that the teaching profession will best be served by a procedure which interests your entire student body in the program. We select our candidates by campus-wide election after careful screening of the entries by a student-faculty panel. The winners of your contest (one boy and one girl) may thus become candidates for the honor of Mister and Miss Teacher of Tomorrow for 1954, to be selected here on December 3.

Your representatives will be the guests of the East Texas State Teachers College Student Council while on this campus. Meals and lodging will be furnished all contestants. We would like to more than this; we would like to pay transportation for your contestants but funds are not available for this purpose. Details of the program and final instructions for your representatives will be mailed upon receipt of the names of your nominees.

Please include their personal addresses. If we have left out any information in this letter please feel free to ask any question that would help the program along.

The enclosures are for facilitation of your institution's entry in the six-state contest. The addressed postal card should be returned as soon as you know for sure that you will enter the contest. This card should be returned not later than November 5. The nomination forms with complete data on your two entries should be returned when your candidates for Teacher of Tomorrow have been selected, -- not later than November 20. A third enclosure is a statement of standards for participation in the contest. The committee of judges, composed of distinguished educators, will use these standards as a guide in the judging procedures. Be sure to include an extra glossy print of your contestants for publicity.

We know for sure that your student body and representatives will receive much satisfaction by participating in this festival, and we know also that we are anxious to have you with us, -- we are looking for you, so do not disappoint us.

Very sincerely

Billy Ray Norris

Billy Ray Norris
President, Student Council

NOMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS OF TOMORROW

Name of College or University _____

Location _____

Name of Nominee _____

Home Town of Nominee _____

Information about nominee:

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

College Classification _____

Major Field _____

Type of teaching certificate for which
preparing _____

Scholastic average _____

School honors _____

Special talents _____

Membership in campus organizations _____

Statement by nominee as to why teaching was chosen as a
career (not more than fifty words) _____

Signature of Student Council

Signature of Dean of Men

Please enclose an extra glossy print for publicity purposes.
Return your nominations by November 20, 1954 to E. M. Shepherd,
Professor of Education, East Texas State Teachers College,
Commerce, Texas.

STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST
FOR MR. AND MISS TEACHER OF TOMORROW

Institutions may choose any method desired locally for selection of their own MR. AND MISS TEACHER OF TOMORROW who become candidates for the honor on a four-state basis in the contest to be held at East Texas State Teachers College on May 7, 1954. Minimum requirements to be met by all participants are as follows:

1. Candidates must be preparing to enter the teaching profession.
2. Candidates must be above average in general scholarship.
3. Candidates must be above average in appearance, grooming, and personality.
4. Candidates must be active in campus activities which present opportunities for the development of civic and professional attitudes.
5. Candidates should have special talents or hobbies in addition to the attributes suggested in the above standards.
6. Candidates must be in good standing with the offices of the Dean of Men or Dean of Women.

Institutions (Student Council or other responsible group) should forward the nomination forms on each candidate not later than November 20, 1954, to:

E. M. Shepherd
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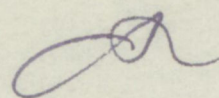
México, D. F., 20 de octubre de 1954.

Mr. James G. Gee, Presidente,
East Texas State Teachers College,
Commerce, Texas,
U. S. A.

Muy estimado señor Presidente:

Mucho agradezco su amable y honrosa invitación del 14 del actual para el festival de los "Maestros de Mañana" en ese Colegio a su digno cargo el próximo 3 de diciembre. La institución que tengo la honra de presidir, aunque se llama El Colegio de México, no es una escuela y ni siquiera un centro de grados universitarios, sino una asociación de investigadores en la alta cultura, gente ya formada que no pertenece a los ambientes estudiantiles. Por esta razón me privo del gusto de enviar representantes a esa reunión.

Quedo siempre a sus gratas órdenes como su atto. y
afmo. s. s.



Alfonso Reyes
Presidente

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