BASE BALL PRACTICE TO BEGIN

About forty boys attended the base ball meeting Tuesday afternoon. Coach Ferguson was master of ceremonies. Robert Shelton, the popular quarter back of the 1916 football squad, was elected captain of the team by the old letter men.

Even at this early date prospects for a winning team are very promising. Several of the old men (Loyd, DeViney, May hew and Russell) who counted for so much on the team last year are back trying for their old places. And from the appearance of the new material they have the dope that is essential to the making of a winning team.

Practice has already begun. Normal will probably play twenty games with the local teams besides one with Baylor and one with S. M. U. With the present enthusiasm among the players and fans everything seems "Jake" for the Normal team to capture the cup this year.

PAUL RUSSEL IS AWARDED GOLD FOOT BALL

The gold foot ball that was to be awarded to the best player on the foot ball squad was won by Paul Russel. On the first vote Chapman tied with him, but on the second ballot he won by one vote. 'Russel played classy ball in every game, being considered one of the best men in the State on defense. It was almost an impossibility to complete a forward pass in his territory. The Star joins with the school in congratulating Mr. Russel.

Soph: "Say Fish, have you a minute to spare?"
Fish: "Yes."
Soph: "Well, tell me all you know."

HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST
TEXAS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

The Southwest Texas State Normal School held its first session September 9, 1903 to May 17, 1904. The following teachers constituted the faculty of that year: Thomas G. Harris, President; J. E. Blair, Mrs. Lucy Burleson, Miss Mary Stuart Butler, Mrs. Fitz-Hugh Foster, Alfred Frobney, Miss Ida Hines, Miss Helen Hornsby, W. A. Palmer, Miss Annie Pearseal, John E. Pritchett, Miss Jessie A. Sayers, Mrs. Lillie T. Shaver, S. W. Stanfield, Miss Maud M. Shipe, Miss Kate E. White. Three hundred three students enrolled during the year. Twenty-eight seniors, one hundred four juniors, and eighty-two freshmen were awarded certificates. During the spring term, fifty-eight boys and two hundred six girls were in regular attendance.

The school continued under the three year course, making modifications and improvements from time to time, until 1909-1910 when Manual Training, Home Economics, and Agriculture were added to the course. The last year of the old course was 1911-1912. This was the first year of the new president, C. E. Evans. Nineteen teachers constituted the faculty. In 1912-1913, the transition from the old three-year course of study to the new 4-year course began. In 1913-1914 an enrollment of seven hundred nineteen, which was unprecedented up to that time, resulted on account of the desire of students to secure the old three-year diploma. The fourth year's work was offered during the summer of 1914, but only a few students registered for the course. During this year, the Normal Training School was opened. It is an interesting fact that each year of the Training School more students apply for admission than there are seats for them in the school. For the session 1914-1915, the enrollment of the school dropped to 409. The graduating class of that year numbered 44. In 1915-1916, the enrollment increased to 676 and the graduating class numbered 66. Indications are that the enrollment for the session 1916-1917 will reach 900 in the Normal proper, and 140 in the Training School. In recent years, the departments of Spanish and Sociology have been added. The faculty now numbers 34 teachers. The Department of Home Economics has grown from one teacher in 1910 to three teachers in 1917.

The liberal response of students to the advanced entrance requirements and the popular demand for a complete standardization of Normal school work led the Board of Normal Regents in October, 1916, to make provision for the addition of the third and fourth years of work of college rank, thereby making the normal school course six years in length. During the session of 1917-1918 the fifth year's work will be offered, and during the session of 1918-1919, the sixth year's work will be offered. Upon the completion of the sixth year's work, the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education will be conferred upon students. For some years, no change will be made in the present system of issuing certificates, and the diploma and state permanent certificate will continue to be awarded at the close of the second year's work of college rank. When this process of

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At its regular meeting on Monday morning the Society enjoyed a very interesting program, the main feature of which was a debate. In spite had but five minutes for preparation they gave peppy and comparatively well-organized speeches.

After the program the following officers were elected for the third term:

C. L. DuBois, President.
Howard Faulk, Vice-President.
Robert Shelton, Secretary.
J. E. Wilson, Treasurer.
C. P. Denman, Star Reporter.
W. D. Partlow, (retiring President), Star-at-arms.
Alanza Carter, Chaplain.
Earle Cochran, Ch. Pro. Com.
August Mueller, Critic.
Every member of the society has agreed to take a part in the Colonial Pageant. Just watch the Chautauqua—there they have the "proper attitude!"—C. P. D., Reporter.

EVERY DAYS ENTERTAIN.

Saturday, the twenty-seventh the walls of the Normal Gym were made to echo with voices of merriment; the Every Day Girls were entertaining with an old fashioned country party.

The boys, wearing their pretty blue shirts, stepped lively to their partners in white middies and skirts. Games such as "Boots without Shoes," "Cross Questions and Crooked Answers," and "Wink" together with the "Virginia Reel" were enjoyed.

The hunger aroused by these brisk activities was acquiesced to sandwiches and punch. All helped themselves to the commodities in a very informal way.

Tho the hour was late, all were loathe to leave the scene when the signal for "lights out" was given.
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As an experiment in promoting a much-needed reform in spelling The Star is using the recommended form of simplified spelling in its editorial columns.

The human being is indeed a wonderfully complex organism whose actions often are incomprehensible. En o ew d with the five great senses, it can see, hear, feel, smell and taste; possessing the power of locomotion, it can move about from place to place; possessing the power of speech it can communicate; having the power of reason, it can weigh and consider and initiate.

Thus equipped, the question arises—how should a Normal student direct himself so as to produce the best results for himself and for his fellow students? It goes without saying that he should not engage in any conduct that would be detrimental to the welfare of the school. Of course, the big majority of our students need no warning to this effect. Many of them will do nothing objectionable; others will do so only thru thoughtlessness. It is to be regretted, however, that some do not sufficiently appreciate the fact that to live together successfully humanity must be held in check by mere or less self-control. If we have been guilty of a misdemeanor of any sort thru thoughtlessness or otherwise, let’s resolve to make a change in our deportment whether we are reminded that it is below the standard of the school.

We are glad to announce that several new members will be added to our editorial staff. With their co-operation we expect to get out a much better paper. Our past method of selecting the now is decidedly inadequate. The editor does not have the time (even if he had the inclination) to chase about the campus in search of some one to do a particular kind of work, who, when eventually located, is found to be disqualifying in some way for the desired work. Furthermore, the present method is unfair to the people who are prevailed upon to do work. Instead of the editor’s receiving credit for their work, they themselves should receive what honor it merits. As this riting goes press, but two of the new crew have been selected; the others will be chosen as soon as possible.

It has been suggested to us that The Star encourage a home-coming of Normalites at the commencement exercises in June. This occasion is taken for the endorsement of such a proposal. Certainly there is no logical reason why our alumni should not meet with us in June under the inspiring atmosphere of old Normal Hill. We feel sure that a bountiful amount of pleasure will be in store for those who come; that the visualizing of past experiences (if nothing else) will send many a thrill of rapture coursing thru their beings. It will not only be good for them, it will be good for us. It is desired to hear from some of the alumni giving their sentiments on a home-coming.

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“Isn’t it claimed that man will finally lose his teeth?” asked Mr. McNaughton.

“Yes,” replied Mr. Burkholder.

“Oh, we’ll always have teeth to start with, won’t we?” asked Miss Nelson, considerably alarmed.

“I don’t know,” volunteered Mr. E.: “I didn’t have any to start with.”

Sten into Galbreath’s early or late.

A Soph Toast.

In the presence of the Seniors we know not what to say; they are so very dignified, so very precise are they.

In the presence of the Juniors we feel like little elves.

They are such wonderous thinkers—yes, they’re thinking of themselves.

In the presence of the Freshmen, what freshness they do bring! They mind us of the grass so green.

So evident in spring.

In the presence of the Sophs, ah, how much we feel at home.

They are the class that everyone would gladly call his own.

Then here’s to the Sophs, all who stand their every test.

Here’s to the Sophs! Rah! They’re better than the best!

—A Sophomore.

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The son who has just come home a college graduate doesn’t really know much.

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Last time the Fish saw him he was going across the level.
Kicking up his heels and running like the devil.

I.
Freshman and Senior traveling down the pike, Senior says to Freshman, “Let’s take a hike.”
Freshman says, “I’ll tell you what I’ll do;
If Shaver doesn’t care I’ll go you a mile or two.”

II.
So they both started out, going down the road,
But they hadn’t gone far when they found a horned toad.;
Senior says, “Those sure are some horns on a mighty little cow.”
Freshman says, “They sure are cute, she got them, I don’t know how.”

III.
They forgot they were in Texas where they have horns on the toads,
And millions of rattlesnakes along all the roads,
Where they lengthen the horns of the Texas steers,
And put an addition to the rabbits ears.

IV.
They saw all this in about half o’ day.
But the Senior got scared and started to run away.

V.
The wind commenced to blow and the rain began to fall;
It looked like, by grab, we’d lose Senior, Freshman and all;
Fish began crying, and started back home,
And swore with a heart she’d nevermore roam.

“Dr. Killem.”

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standardization is complete,
the four state normal schools of
Texas will be imposing the same
standards for graduation
that are now found in the
best normal colleges of the
United States.

The article would not be
complete without some reference
to the board of control.
From 1903 to September 1911,
the governor, secretary of state,
and the comptroller were
responsible for the management
of the state normal schools, and
the local board was each year
appointed to co-operate with the
state board. Judge W. D.
Woods was president of the
local board until his death,
when Hon. Ed. J. L. Green
succeeded him. Hon. F. M. Bral­
ders, president of the state board,
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A Unusual Occurrence.
Dr. Mabel Ulrich, a graduate
of Johns Hopkins Medical
School, and a practicing phy­
sician in Minneapolis, Minn.,
gave a most helpful course of
lectures in the Normal Audi­
torium, January 15-23. Dr
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Ben Alves, in looking for a
number in the phone directory
and coming to the letters col,
rstook the characters for an
abbreviation of call (the that
“col” meant “call on
 ladies”); he asked for the
number immediately preceed­
ing the abbreviation.

“No suh, she ain’t here,”
said a negress, when Ben asked
for a certain young lady.

Considerable disputation in­
duced, but no satisfaction re­
sulted.

“Well,” said Ben as he hung
up the receiver, “I know she
does live there because I was
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