

Baylor Offers the First Journalism Class in Texas

The first journalistic class known as English G. was offered in Baylor University and was the first such class given in Texas. The course included special exercises to drill for newspaper work. Students were treated as "cub reporters" and set out to cover various assignments. Mr. Frank G. Burkhalter, a reporter on a Waco newspaper, and a graduate of Columbia's School of Journalism, cooperated with Miss Scarborough in directing the course.

As a text-book, the class used Hyde's Newspaper Reporting and Correspondence. In addition to the work in the text, daily assignments were given the members of the class. The plan for the class read: "The class as a whole will meet at least once a week, go on a hike for news, to visit some manufacturing establishment, some unusual architectural work under progress or the like and give individual write-ups of their inspection."

The class developed splendidly. Commentary on the class was fairly widespread over Texas. From the San Benito Light, a paper in the extreme south of Texas, we find an article which speaks very highly of it. "A news item in the Waco Morning News advises that there has been established at Baylor University a class in newspaper English, which, it is hoped, may prove the nucleus for the formation of a regular course in journalism after the university is better equipped and the demand for such a course will justify the expansion. Baylor is to be commended for taking the lead in Texas toward the establishment of a regularly organized class of journalism which from its inception should, and doubtless will,