Dates To Be Remembered

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JANUARY 16  AGRICOLA DANCE
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APRIL 20     AGRI DAY CELEBRATION
MAY 1        HULL'S OPEN HOUSE
             FRESHMEN-SOPHOMORE DANCE
MAY 2        GRADUATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 6
Dear Diary: My dream is coming true at last. After that long trip from home, I arrived tired, but excited. When I paid my fees, they gave me a string of tickets, and told me I had to attend all those meetings. I sort of dread those I.Q. tests.

After meeting my roommate, we went to the Techionery to get cokes and light bulbs. Everyone seems to hang out there.

I think I’m going to like Tech.

SEPTEMBER 7
Had to go to an assembly, and English test; and received instructions about the library. What next?

There surely was a lot of pushing today at the dining hall.

SEPTEMBER 8
More of the sophomores arrived and seemed happy to be back. They surely have the Tech spirit.
SEPTEMBER 9
Classification Day! I got in line early, but still had to wait a long time before getting to classify.

Inside the gym there were special tables for each division. Everybody tried to get out of eight o'clock and Saturday classes. Just my luck, I have both.

SEPTEMBER 10
Classes started today. All those lessons we have to get! College had been so much fun until today! After supper, I met HIM, and, Dear Diary, he asked me for a date for the Freshman Reception tomorrow evening. Can hardly wait.

SEPTEMBER 11
I had the most wonderful time at the Freshman Reception. That's the first time I ever shook so many hands in such a short while. The reception and dance were a great success.

SEPTEMBER 16
This evening after supper all the students went down to the gym and danced to the music of a nickelodian. They called it play hour and said we did it quite often.

SEPTEMBER 19
The rumor was spread on the campus that Inter-Collegiate sports were to be discontinued. Everyone is terribly disappointed because Tech's brand of football supplies a lot of the Old Tech Spirit.

Went to the show the Ritz gave for the frosh.

SEPTEMBER 24
Today the first Arka-Tech came out. This war-time Arka-Tech is a smaller paper, but Editor Proft has started with a bang, and everyone seems to like it. The Little Grey Rabbit is especially popular.
The Engineers' Club sponsored the first all-school dance of the year. Though we only had a juke-box, the dance went over well. There were cards and other games for those who didn't dance.

The "fish" were initiated into the Engineer's Club tonight. They surely were rough on them, I heard.

A joint registration board visited the campus today and all the men were let out of classes to attend. It really gives me a funny sensation to realize that before this year is over, nearly all the boys will be in some sort of military service.

Messrs. Godfrey, Burnett, and Stansell are getting ready to go into military service. Gosh! Doesn't look like there's going to be any men left.

Mr. Faussett came from Little Rock today to take pictures for the Agricola in Parker Hall. He'll be here tomorrow, too.

The barn dance, sponsored by the Agris, was a big success tonight. The decorations—wagon, hay, corn shocks, and all the trimmings—added to the effect.

Miss Massie was a wonderful hostess at the spaghetti supper that she gave for the Navy V-5 boys and their dates this afternoon.

The Engineers' Club had their annual hay-ride, also. Miss Jones was the hostess. She caught some fish while the students "played."
OCTOBER 14

Today Tech's fighting spirit was aroused when they learned that Charles Ottinger, freshman, was injured by a hit-and-run driver last night. I think his leg was broken. We surely do need a sidewalk to town!

Oh, thank heavens, I took my last typhoid shot today. You should have seen Bob Hopper's face when he took his shot.

OCTOBER 16

Dr. Abernethy's Civil Engineering class started work on an obstacle course for the boys' Phys. Ed. class.

OCTOBER 20

The men assembled today for the first time in front of Main and organized marching platoons. The sophomores drilled and looked pretty good.

OCTOBER 21

It seems like winter will soon be here. Ducks flew south today. Heck! I wish it would stay warm a while longer.

OCTOBER 28

Tonight in the Little Theater the Student Council sponsored Mr. Elgit-Raine, explorer, who told of his adventures in Alaska.

OCTOBER 29

It has been pouring down rain ever since yesterday, but in spite of the weather, the business administration students met tonight and made plans for a new club, The Lambda Sigma.

OCTOBER 31

The Hallowe'en Dance. Had a date with HIM. Oh, boy! the orchestra from Teachers was really good, and the Student Council did a good job decorating the Armory. Really like the lighting effect.
NOVEMBER 1
Took several of my 9 weeks' tests today. Why haven't I studied more. If we got grades in Techionary Lab, I'd probably make A+.

NOVEMBER 5
This gloomy weather doesn't console me any after my poor grades. I wrote Mom and Dad today to prepare them for the blow.

NOVEMBER 11
The Pope County officials held a big parade and rally in town. Both the boys and girls marched in the parade as a symbol of their patriotism. The band marched, too, for their first time. At the rally, General Compere delivered a stirring address. The soldiers from Camp Chaffee, who marched in the parade, ate lunch with us in the dining hall.

NOVEMBER 12
Today a group of men students volunteered their services to drive CCC trucks to Beaumont, Texas. It was really cold, in fact, Travis Morgan had to chip the ice off the windshield. A group of students, mostly girls, saw them off.

NOVEMBER 13
Saw my grades in the office today. Passed everything by the skin of my teeth.

NOVEMBER 14
I think hunting season is getting under way. I saw Pinkie Steed and Farmer Jones starting out with their hunting togs and guns this morning. This afternoon, two chickens ventured too near the boys' dormitory and were immediately beheaded by several sportsmen. I'll bet the frying pan was hot tonight.
NOVEMBER 18
Tonight the men students enjoyed the hospitality of Caraway Hall at its annual Program Dance. The men were given boutonnieres made of defense stamps. Mr. Paul Schultz played the dance selections on the piano.

NOVEMBER 21
Tonight, Tech was host to fifty Camp Chaffee soldiers who dated girls from Caraway and town. Tech boys were sore because they weren’t allowed to dance. Several did, however. Mrs. Alfred Crabaugh was in charge of the dance, and her decorating committee did a swell job.

NOVEMBER 24
The Sophs were not kidding when they said we had to clean the rooms practically spotless to pass inspection; it was really a job!

NOVEMBER 25
Whee! Thanksgiving Holidays started today. Went home on the bus. It was terribly crowded, but Tech managed to find seats. How wonderful not to eat beans or zip for four days.

NOVEMBER 29
Here I am, back at the grind. The holidays really helped everyone, as we all seemed eager to get to work again.

DECEMBER 2
Today the student body met in the Armory after lunch to elect class officers. The election was quite heated, but both classes got a very good set of officers. John Lane and Charles Ottinger are the two presidents.

DECEMBER 5
Fire in the boys’ dormitory! A table caught fire from an over-heated hot plate; there was a little damage.
DECEMBER 8
Today several of the boys in the V-1 program had their hair cut. They surely look funny!

DECEMBER 10
Tonight two big pre-holiday parties were given. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes entertained the Agri students and their dates at their home, while the Engineers' Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Both parties were a grand success.

DECEMBER 12
One of the most successful parties of the year was sponsored by the Home Economics Department this evening. It was officially called the "Kid Party," and prizes were given to Ted Turner, Martha Ann Ruthven, and Clara Pratt for the cutest kid costumes. One of the highlights of the evening was the dressing relay. Bingo proved to be very popular, also. The party was climaxd by a Christmas Tree gathering, at which Joe Wood, Mrs. Godfrey's younger brother, played the part of Santa Claus, distributed the gifts which were donated by the students who attended the party.

DECEMBER 14
The Christmas Spirit was definitely present when many students, both boys and girls, met in Caraway Hall after supper to sing Christmas Carols. Everyone is still hoping for a White Christmas.

DECEMBER 15
The official ritual and installation ceremony for the new Lambda Sigma Club was held tonight in the faculty apartment building. This club promises to be one of the most active on the campus.

The band made its first trip of the year tonight, when they went to Yell County to a Defense Bond Rally.
DECEMBER 17

This afternoon the girls of Caraway Hall graciously entertained several children of this vicinity. Words cannot express the gratitude these children showed. The part of Santa Claus was nicely portrayed by Stuart Griswold.

The Home Ec. Club and the A Capella Choir sponsored their annual Christmas program tonight. It was most inspiring. After the program the choir went on their annual Christmas Caroling hayride.

DECEMBER 18

Christmas Holidays already! I can hardly wait to get home to see all my old friends and classmates.

DECEMBER 28

The holidays really seemed short, but everyone is back, anticipating a big New Year’s dance and wondering who the 1943 Queen will be.

The student election for the Queen was held today, and looks as if it will be a close race. I can hardly wait.

DECEMBER 31

What a lovely climax to a grand year! An orchestra was unobtainable, due to transportation difficulties, but did we care? Tension grew as the zero hour approached; students danced madly to the jerk jive of the juke box. A few minutes before twelve, students began to gather around the stage, and on the stroke of twelve, amid cheers and revelry, Farene Chappell was crowned “Miss 1943!” What a night!
JANUARY 1
Would you believe it, classes actually met today! I think the majority of students cut classes to sleep. Looks as if everyone is already breaking his New Year’s resolutions.

JANUARY 6
Today when the Arka-Tech came out, two big surprises greeted the student body. Clara Prof! and Everett King, editor and business manager, respectively, of the Arka-Tech, tendered their resignations. Wedding bells will soon sound for Clara, and Uncle Sam wants Everett.

It was also announced that Tech will go on a new three semester basis, which means the sophs will graduate early in May.

JANUARY 7
Dr. Shipp spoke to us today in the Little Theater about Tuberculosis; the choir made its last Tech appearance for this semester. It looks as if this will be its last appearance for the year, as it is rumored that Paul Schultz will be inducted into the Air Corps soon.

JANUARY 10
Tonight at the Baptist Church, the choir made its final appearance. It was one of the finest I have ever heard them give. I saw tears in the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Schultz.

JANUARY 11
Ferdell Lack, 20-year-old violinist, gave a concert this evening in the Armory. It was a brilliant performance. We all enjoyed it.
JANUARY 12
The Navy boys received their orders today. Saw several of them leaving. We were sorry to see them go.
Shipwreck took pictures of the band today, just south of Main. He took one of John Haney standing with the Roberts twins. Boy, does Haney rate!

JANUARY 13
Oh, Oh—final examinations have slipped up on me. I'll do better next semester, maybe. I've learned more about how to study.

JANUARY 15
The new Naval Cadets, a bunch of Easterners, arrived today! They've made a good impression.
The publications committee appointed Nina Sandlin and Tat Garton editor and business manager, respectively, of the Arka-Tech. Thank Heavens—everyone was afraid we were going to have to discontinue the paper.

JANUARY 16
Tonight the Agricola and the Rho Alpha Club sponsored a new type of dance at Tech—music provided by a record player and amplifier, with students making requests to hostesses for their favorite selections. This type of dance was quite popular, especially with the Naval Cadets present.

JANUARY 18
Registration Day again! Looks as if Psychology is going to be the most popular course this term. Saw lots of new faces; I guess they're freshmen, for they look quite lost.
JANUARY 19
Brrrr—a cold wave hit today with relentless fury. President Hull announced at supper that the Library would not open at night anymore for a while, and that the Techionery would close at 7:30 every night. That certainly is a tough break.

JANUARY 20
Miracle of miracles! Classes were dismissed today to conserve heat for the defense plants. We surely were disappointed; yeah, disappointed!

JANUARY 22
The cold weather has really brought out all the pipes. Saw Gibbons and Pillstrom smoking new pipes today.

JANUARY 26
The new Naval Cadets seem to be getting along very well with the student body. Saw several of them in the Techionery with Pink and Faerene. Some girls have all the luck.

JANUARY 27
The new freshmen have fitted right into the marching platoons. Their formation looked O. K., today.

FEBRUARY 1
What a day for me, dear diary. HE received his call to the Army Air Corps and had to leave today. I surely am going to miss him.
FEBRUARY 3

A familiar sight appeared on the campus—the Engineers’ Club “fish,” in full regalia, cogwheels and sailor caps.

FEBRUARY 4

Mr. Fausett was here from Little Rock to finish taking all the pictures for the annual.

The fish started their daily entertainment in the Tech­nionery.

This afternoon we got the surprise of our lives when a special assembly was called, and President Hull announced that we were to receive 650 WAAC’s. It was also announced that the men and women students would have to move from their dormitories in order to house the WAAC’s.

Gee, what a mess!

FEBRUARY 6

A cadre of forty WAAC’s arrived today to prepare for the others. They’re housed on the third floor of Caraway Hall. They make quite a bit of noise, but I think they’re O.K. They ate lunch in the Dining Hall after we finished eating.

The annual Dames Club’s Tea was held this afternoon in the Caraway lounge. Several WAAC officers were present at the ritzy affair—which was very formal, too.

FEBRUARY 8

Spring try-outs for membership in Masquer’s Club were held.

Later tonight, Shipwreck came over and took several pictures in Caraway Hall. Hall Drake assisted him, his eyes round as saucers. A special house meeting was called in order to take a group picture. It’s too bad everyone couldn’t see the Conga Line we formed.
FEBRUARY 9

The annual Valentine Dance was held tonight; it was one of the most successful events of the year. The Armory was gayly decorated—prettier than I have ever seen it. Instead of having our regular formal dinner, we had a buffet-style supper in the Armory. The meal was delicious, and it proved to be successful in drawing a big crowd for the dance.

We cast our votes for the Queen of Hearts as we entered the door. The votes were then counted by faculty members. Emogene Phillips was acclaimed and crowned Queen by President Hull. How nice!

FEBRUARY 11

Since the WAAC's arrived, Tat's claiming business has really picked up. Ann Ruthven helped her sort the clothes tonight.

FEBRUARY 12

The band celebrated George's thirtieth anniversary at Tech, which is tomorrow, with a wiener roast on Skyline Drive. What fun!

FEBRUARY 13

Modern plumbing is being installed in Parker Hall along with other repairs to prepare it for us to live in soon. How we do hate to leave dear old Caraway.

FEBRUARY 15

When we awakened this morning, the campus was covered with snow, our first real snow of the year. The old Tech sport of rolling girls in the snow was indulged in, while there was plenty of snowball fights, too.
FEBRUARY 15 (Continued)

Wonder of wonders! This evening the student body was invited to Caraway for a strictly informal shindig. No holds were barred, and there was plenty of jitterbugging. For a grand finish, the choir led the students in singing our ALMA MATER. After the dance, outside Caraway, some of the boys enjoyed tossing Curry around a bit.

FEBRUARY 18

Were the girls happy when we learned today that we would not have to move from Caraway for a while at least! The boys moved in trucks, strip-downs, and by foot to the Faculty Apartments.

The first meal cafeteria style was served tonight. No more booms, but we still have zip.

FEBRUARY 19

The first contingent of WAAC's arrived today. They marched from the railroad station in formation, then they moved into the former boys' dorm. After talking to several of them I've decided I like them. They seem so friendly and eager to have some civilians to take to.

FEBRUARY 21

Some of the WAAC's and Navy fliers are strictly hitting it off O. K. 'Nuff said.

FEBRUARY 22

The divisional commanding officer of the WAAC's was present along with several other dignitaries at the formal opening exercises of the WAAC school. He was presented the Arkansas Traveler Certificate, a traditional honorary Arkansas award, by Governor Adkins.
FEBRUARY 24
The faculty committee met today and selected the Who's Who for the Agricola. Can hardly wait to hear the results.

MARCH 4
The Rho Alpha staged a surprise dance tonight in the gym which was attractively decorated. We certainly had a swell time.

MARCH 9
Of all the confusion! We Caraway girls learned last night that we had to give up about two-thirds of the dorm to the WAAC's. We sure are thankful that we don't have to move out! I believe that it will be fun having two roommates. It's quite a problem to put all our belongings in one room, however.

MARCH 10
We made it! Managed to put three beds in the room. We practically have to leave our shoes at the door and walk over the beds though.

MARCH 11
The new group of navy boys arrived today. They are Southerners and seem very friendly. Gee, but it's nice to have some more boys on the campus.

MARCH 12
Well, diary, we now have guests in Caraway. The new group of WAAC's arrived this afternoon. We were informed, however, that we are living with them, instead of them with us. We also learned that the outside doors were to be left open all night. How 'bout that?
MARCH 13
Tonight the WAAC's invited some Camp Chaffee soldiers to a dance in the Armory. They didn't come because of transportation difficulties, so Tech boys had to suffice. Girls weren't invited.

Of all the surprises! we simply can't get over them. We were allowed to go to the preview. Can you imagine? It seems as if we are trusted more now, and we certainly do appreciate it.

MARCH 19
Today, the tenth annual Engineers' celebration started off with a bang! John Haney and Betty Lou Roberts reigned as St. Pat and his Queen, at the blarney stone kissing ceremony, and knighting of the fourteen Sophomore Engineers into the traditional Engineers' St. Patricks' Court R. D. Howell did a swell job as manager of the festive activities. Mr. Arch Campbell, from the highway department, was the speaker at the assembly. Haney edited a swell issue of the Arka-Tech. The Engineers deserve congratulations!

MARCH 20
The Engineers gave the student body an unbelievable war-time treat—the annual Engineers' Dance. The Armory was gayly decorated in a green and white theme, with the ceiling surmounted by huge shamrock, woven of green and white crepe paper. Music was furnished in Tech's usual manner—record player and amplifier—but nobody seemed to mind the absence of the usual orchestra.

APRIL 1
April's Fool Day! The day wasn't as hilarious as usual, but enough pranks were pulled to make some of the professors feel foolish—some students too.
APRIL 20

Today the annual Agril Day celebration was held. Lamar Stirewalt and Tat Garton did a swell job of managing it. This morning the coronation ceremony at which Farmer Jones and Emma Lee Ervin were crowned King and Queen was lovely. The journalistic job that Harold Koone and Anita Page did on the paper was attractive, too. Oh, yes—I forgot to mention the beautiful May pole dances.

The dance tonight marked the climax of another successful Agril Day. The Armory was veiled in red and white crepe. It was beautiful!

MAY 1

Tonight the Sophomores enjoyed the hospitality of an open house at Hull’s home. It was very nice. Following this, the Freshmen sponsored a dance in honor of the graduating Sophomores. Everyone was there, even most of the Faculty.

MAY 2

This evening a combined Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremony was held in the Armory. It was very impressive, and the address was given by Mr. Brooks Hays of Little Rock. I really got a lump in my throat.

Dear Diary, it all seems so unreal, this year about to end. The Sophomores will be leaving tomorrow, I guess. Everything will be over except final examinations, which reminds me, I have loads of lessons to get, so I had better get to work.
Sometime in the Distant Future . . .

. . . when your mind begins to catalog and file memories of the past, you will doubtless recall this scene of the Administration Building, wisely set at the hub of Tech's Campus, its gleaming white columns and venerable foundation commanding every student's respect and admiration. King of its domain and nerve center of Arkansas Tech, it will always stand for the ideals and goals which have guided so many of the youths of Arkansas to outstanding success in their various fields of endeavor.