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DATES SET FOR SPRING EVENTS



This is the way the Cougar Gridsters picked their own stars. Standing, End George Hynes, Most Outstanding Lineman; Half-back Jim Baughman, Most Outstanding Back. Kneeling, Guard Verle Cray, Most Improved Player; Jack Barnes, Most Spirited Player. Cray was also voted Most Dependable Player. Varsity Letters and Awards were made at the eighth annual Gridiron Banquet, sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Photo, John Koster

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 5—Basketball, Bradley
Feb. 12—Basketball, Wichita
Feb. 28—Basketball, St. Louis
Apr. 13—Alumni General Meeting
Apr. 18-19—Frontier Fiesta
Apr. 30—Corral Day, with installation of new officers
(See baseball schedule pag 3)

'54 Fund Drive Is Best To Date But Still Weak

As 1954 came to a close, the Alumni Foundation showed a total income of \$6248.50, with 886 members contributing for an average gift of \$7.05.

Johnny Goyen, fund chairman, stated that this has been the most successful drive to date, both in amount of money raised, and in numbers of Exes participating. "The total cash is low in comparison with that raised in other schools," Goyen said, "but it is double the 1953 total, with twice as many contributors — and that is the encouraging factor."

About 7% of the Exes contacted responded to the Fund Appeal. This compared with a national collegiate response of approximately 23%. But, as Goyen points out, "Our school is very young and most of our grads are not in the position to contribute that exes from older schools might be."

A breakdown of the total shows \$3,361.50 contributed to the Unrestricted Fund, \$1,872 to Building Fund, \$808.50 to Scholarship, \$95.00 to Operating Expense, and \$89.00 to Publications.

The unexpectedly large total in unrestricted giving was most helpful in the reorganization of the Alumni Association office and the purchasing of new equipment. This equipment will show its value in the years to come in the form of economies in addressing, mailing and address plate filing.

The Scholarship money has already been disbursed (see "Letter") and the other funds properly allocated. The Building Fund money will not be turned over to the University until after the spring audit is complete.

BULLETIN

As the EXtra goes to press the new Cougar Coach, Bill Meek is just getting into stride with his football duties. The next issue of the Extra will carry a complete feature story on the new mentor, with sidelights on his assistants, John Cudmore, Royal Price, Jim LaRue and Clyde Van Sickle.

Collins Pegs Corral Day April 30th; Alumni Elections, Fiesta Also Slated

Corral Day Chairman Hal Collins has released the dates and tentative program for what looks like the biggest round of Spring Activities yet sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Corral Day, traditional Spring round-up of Alumni, is set for Saturday, April 30. That is the Saturday following the



HAL COLLINS

close of Frontier Fiesta. The date was selected to take advantage of a tie-in with FF publicity in order to get an even greater attendance at Corral Day than last year's record of 1500.

Another most important date is established by the Constitution as the second Wednesday in April. That is the Annual General Meeting at which nominations are accepted for officers and directors of the Alumni Board. That date is Wednesday, April 13.

Any contributing member is eligible to nominate, or be nominated, at this General Meeting. Balloting is handled through the mail, again with contributing members only being eligible. Exes wishing to become eligible may contribute to the Alumni Foundation as late as April 13, for credit on the 1954 drive.

Part of the Corral Day ceremonies will be the installation of new officers and directors. A total of nine positions will be vacant, including Sherwood Crane's presidential chair. Crane is completing his second term and will be ineligible to run.

Also to be elected are a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five directors.

NOTICE

You must be a Contributing Member to vote in Alumni Association elections. Send your contribution, large or small—

NOW !!

Alumni Association, c o U of H

Miss Hedy Lamarr Joins UH Sorority

Hedy Lamarr, Hollywood movie star now living in Houston, has been accepted as a pledge of the University chapter of Phi Beta, national professional fraternity for women in speech, drama and music.

Miss Lamarr will attend pledge classes with the present pledge class and will be initiated sometime in January.

Because she is not a University student, Miss Lamarr had to be approved by the national board of Phi Beta. The letter of her acceptance came during the holidays, and she is now an honorary pledge of the organization.

Re-Conditioning Air Conditioning

The Charles G. Heyne Co. has begun work on a \$112,700 contract for improvement of the University's air conditioning system and steam heating all buildings, T. J. Thornhill, plant engineer, said.

The Bookstore, the Attic Theatre, the third, fourth and sixth floors of the Ezekiel Cullen Building will get more efficient air conditioning plants.

UH ROTC QM To Be GMS

By CHARLES LONGUET

The University Army ROTC program will be converted from Quartermaster to General Military Science effective September, 1955, President A. D. Bruce announced.

The change will have no effect on students graduating in June, 1956. Present freshman and sophomores in the military science program will undergo a modified GMS course to provide a transition phase preventing repetition of certain subjects.

The phase-out period for the 1955-56 academic year should be as follows: MS 1, 2 and 3 cadets will get GMS curriculum and MS 4 cadets will get quartermaster. The MS 2 and 3 curriculum will be a modified GMS curriculum as directed by the Army Field Forces. By 1956-57 there should be complete conversion to GMS.

"The change has been under consideration for more than two years in accordance with the Department of the Army's policy to encourage the adoption of the GMS program," Lt. Col. Moody Layfield, professor of military science and tactics at the University, said, "Approximately 80 per cent of the ROTC units in the Fourth Army area, including Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, have now changed to this training course."

The basic difference between the two programs is the elimination

of 196 hours of primary QM instruction and the addition of 196 hours of primarily weapons, tactics and military history courses.

New Schedule For Optometry Clinic

One visit instead of two is all that is required to go through the College of Optometry clinic, according to a new schedule set up by the college.

New visiting hours, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, have been instituted for the convenience of the patients. Eye examinations are conducted by optometry students under the supervision of a staff ophthalmologist.

Tennis, Anyone?

University tennis courts are open every night to tennis enthusiasts.

An investment of twenty-five cents pays for the lights and gives you 30 minutes to play tennis.

The University courts are the only clay courts in the city of Houston.

The only restriction for the players is that they wear smooth, soft rubber-soled shoes.

Billboard

All in all, the '54 Homecoming will have to be counted as the greatest to date. It sure was great for Billboard to meet a lot of Exes we hadn't met before, and to re-visit with a lot of others we hadn't seen in some time.

One of the most attractive of these was "Boots" (Merritt) Teegarten, '42. Believe it or not, Boots is a lady road builder, has been all over the world, first with an Airlines Co., and currently with her own construction company in South America.

Joe O. Eason, just completed an extensive insurance course at Hartford for the Travelers Co., is now associated with his Dad here in town.

'48 grad, Brooks Peel, has had his CPA for some time now, but the item keeps falling out of Billboard before it gets in print. Brooks is located at 2284 W. Holcombe.

Rick Hale, '54, started with the Dean Bros. Pump Co. last February as an engineer, made district engineer in June and the first of November he was named district manager. Dean Bros. better keep an eye on ol' Rick or he'll take over the joint.

Colby Export Co. is the name of the outfit owned by Exes Charles and Georgine (Malin) Colby. Georgine stopped by with a very interesting story, and we'll try to give it to you in an early issue.

Gene Brown, '50, just back from delivering a technical paper at the West Coast Forum of the American Helicopter Society. He's with Bell Aircraft as aerodynamacist (is that spelled right), just got married in September, and is a Vice-president of the Young Republican National Federation.

'54 Pharmacy grad, Carl L. Leighty, covers several counties in southern Michigan and northern Ohio as representative for the Eli Lilly Company.

The American Cancer Society has named Clark Sudduth executive director for the Oklahoma division. Clark has held jobs as newspaper reporter, magazine editor and Public Relations Counselor.

Jack "Panama" Greer, now with Soil Conservation in Hallettsville, sends in several addresses for lost sheep. Thanks, Jack. If everybody who reads this would do the same, we'd have our mailing list whipped.

Douglas D. Fairchild, is currently a photographer with Hq. Co., 97th Signal Battalion, in Germany.

Homecoming Note. The Alumni Assn saved plenty when Sue Sherrill met the parade floats at their terminal in Hermann Park, stripped several to furnish decorations at the Shamrock. Alumni Prexy Sherwood Crane, admonished friend Tom Meneff to be on time for dinner at the Pine Grill preceding the the Dance. Later Sherwood discovered his Tux hadn't returned from the cleaners, and Tom is still riding him for holding up the party. Another, un-named Ex, reported that the people at his table drank too much and got so fuzzy he could hardly see them. Morris Frank, HC Breakfast MC, deeply touched by the trophy presented to him for his service, though he often gets ten times that trophy value in hard cash for similar services, General Bruce stated he had deleted the jokes from his Breakfast speech because he couldn't hope to compete with Morris. Stan Podlewski watched the bon-fire until ten, then pulled an eight hour shift at Ethyl—and was back for the Breakfast doings and the rest of HC. The trophy Johnny Goyen received at the breakfast was the wrong one. After several phone calls and frantic trips through parade-fouled traffic, the correct and properly inscribed award was placed in his hands. Johnny says things like that didn't happen when he was in charge (much). Kenny Stegal after that 65 yard runback in the final minutes of the game, still had enough energy left to wear out his partner at the Emerald Room.

B. R. Hooper, '51 grad and director of the University Loans and Scholarships department, reports that Alumni Scholarship winner Helen Gray has maintained a straight "B" grade average.

Remember Bill Lindsey, '52? Ol' "Mule Train" has just returned from ADAC Island in the Aleutians. During his year there Bill put on his old Fiesta act a number of times. On the way home he ran into Joan Hovis at the Gay Nineties in LA, and Dave Lipp in Burbank. Dave is now house manager for NBC-TV there.

Mirko L. Grbich sends a nice note along with his contribution from Minneapolis. Mirko got his BS in '51 and his ML in '52 here.

Another two-degree man, former Geology instructor Neville M. Curtis is now acting head of the Geology Dept. at Marietta College in Ohio. He's working on his PhD at Okla. U.

Earl J. York Jr. '51, is now 1st Lt. York serving with a QM outfit in Stuttgart, Germany. Wife Barbara is with him.

'53 grad Lt. Wesley L. Burk just returned to the States after Naval Aviation duty on Okinawa and Formosa.

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Basketballers Shooting For MVC Record

TED NANCE

Monday, January 24, will be the start of a stretch drive by the University basketball team to chalk up its best record since entering the Missouri Valley Conference in time for the 1950-51 season.

With the season more than half over, Coach Alden Pasche's team has a record of nine wins and five losses. Only four wins are needed in the remaining 11 games to give the Cougars a winning season. However, it is very probable, barring injury, that Houston will do much better than four wins.

First, five of the remaining

games are against teams that have already gone down to defeats against the Paschemen. These games are two with Oklahoma A&M and one each with Sam Houston, Oklahoma City and Texas.

Oklahoma A&M was defeated 57-48 in the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City. In the same tourney, Oklahoma City edged the Cougars 72-65, but Houston later handed the Chiefs a 72-65 setback at Houston. Both Sam Houston St. and Texas were beaten badly, Sam Houston falling 101-89 and Texas 79-58.

Closing with a winning record

may be easier said than done. Houston's current record in conference play is one win and three losses and six Valley games are left. Houston split a two-game series with Detroit, winning the first game 77-69 and losing the second 83-80. Other Valley losses were in games with St. Louis and Wichita. St. Louis took an overtime thriller on its home court 85-84. Wichita won a 78-67 contest on the Wansan's home court.

Besides playing Wichita, St. Louis and Oklahoma A&M again, the Texans must play league-leading Tulsa twice. A handicap in these games will be the loss of four-year letterman Jackie Bell, who is a January graduate. Bell currently ranks fifth in team scoring.

A "big" reason for Houston's winning season thus far and hopes for a final winning record is seven-foot Center Don Boldebuck. Boldebuck, a junior who transferred from Nebraska Wesleyan, has been the nation's eleventh-leading most of the season. "Sig Bolde" has collected 362 points for an average of 25.9 points-a-game. His rebounding of 13.6 per-game has also given him a spot in the nation's top ten in that department.

In conference play Boldebuck is on his way to a new Valley scoring mark. The big Nebraskan has a Valley average of 27.5 points-a-game. At that pace "Bolde" would, in ten games, surpass the total of 254 set by All-American Bob Kurland of Oklahoma A&M in 12 games. He would also break another ex-Aggie's record of 21.7 points-a-game, set by Bob Mattick in ten games.

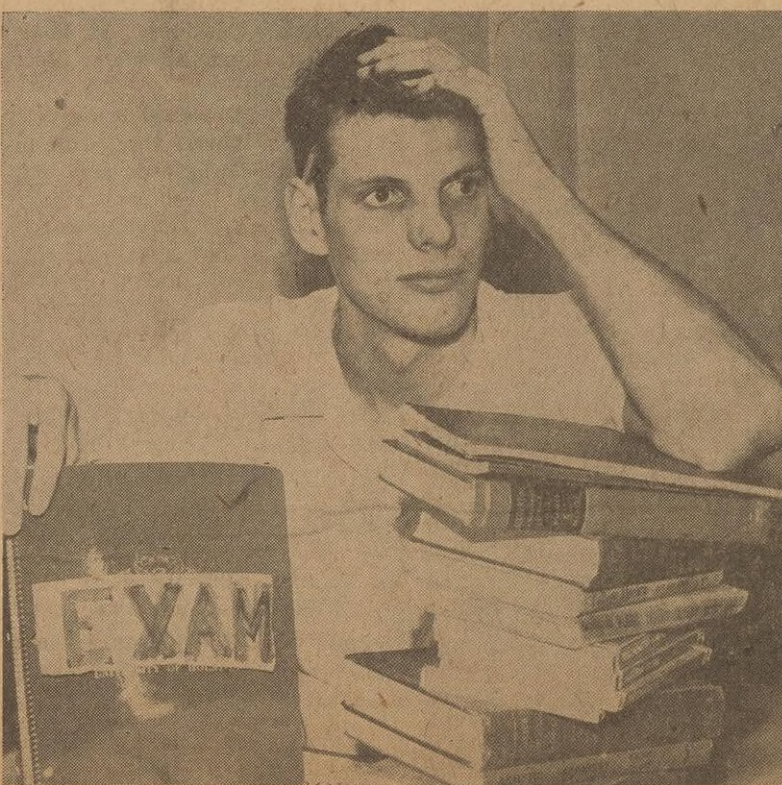
Both Boldebuck and Jack Foster, a junior forward, were the prime factors in Houston's 84-76 upset win over seventh-ranked Missouri. Boldebuck scored 24 points and leaped for 27 rebounds. Foster scored 29 points to hit his all-time varsity high.

Foster, second in scoring with 214 points, is probably the best ball-handler on the Houston team. Foster, an all-conference pre-season pick, can get off passes and shots with amazing quickness. He is also a deadly shooter from out-court. Foster's 23 points paced the Cougars to their team record of 107 points in a 107-66 win over Texas A&M.

Other mainstays in the Houston lineup are Forward Jim Hatton with 136 points, Guard Lupe Lopez with 105 points, Guard Jerry Pettiette with 81 points, Herb Hoskins with 64 points and Jose Palafox with 45 points.

Lopez is the accuracy expert of the team. The former Houston Milby High player has made 49.3 per cent of his field goal attempts and 80.5 per cent of his free throws. Pettiette is one of the Red-and-White's most improved players. He has already scored 13 more points in nine fewer games than last season.

With the departure of graduating Senior Bell, the outcome of Houston's last eleven games will depend largely on how well his vacancy can be filled. A "No Vacancy" sign could signify Houston's finest season since entering the Missouri Valley Conference in 1950.



On the basketball court he's the seven-foot star, but at Exam time that extra 12 inches isn't much help. Here Don Boldebuck burns the midnight oil to keep from fouling out on his finals.

Photo, Bob Goldberg

LETTERS . . .

January 14, 1955
Mr. Ralph Poling,
Executive Secretary
University of Houston Alumnae
Association
College Boulevard
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Poling:

The Scholarship Committee has decided to renew the scholarship for Helen Frances Gray for the spring semester 1955, carrying a monetary stipend of \$100.00.

We also wish to inform you that Roy Randell Vann, George Lester Lover, Jr., and Maxie Elaine Jester are the new recipients of your scholarship. We will keep you informed of their progress.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
B. R. Hooper, Director
Lions and Scholarships
BRH:jh

Teachers Rate Low On English Exams

Teachers and future teachers made the lowest grades on the fall semester Graduate English tests.

On the reading comprehension test 73.5 per cent of the education students passed, 12.2 per cent of them failed, and 14.3 per cent were on the border line. These figures are in comparison with a passing percentage of 90.5, 7.1 per cent failures, and 2.4 per cent border line students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pharmacy students displayed a pass percentage of 100 per cent. The best showing on the tests was made by the College of Business Administration. They showed a passing percentage of 94 per cent with 6 per cent on the border line, and no failures.

EDITORIAL

The Extra would like to make note of two very significant items this month. One is significant in its import, the other is significant in fact.

The factual item is the new stature the University now holds as an accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. We have had a good school for many years. The accreditation adds nothing in itself to the quality of the teaching. However, the same is true of grades attained in specific courses. The grade adds nothing to the course, but prospective employers are certainly interested to know how an individual ranked. Now our UH is automatically "ranked" by even the most remote school as being endorsed by the official accrediting agency.

While General Bruce disclaims more than a minor part in this attainment he is certainly to be included in the group to which congratulations are due for this really great achievement.

The second item concerns General Bruce's visit to the Alumni Board meeting. He made the visit at his own request, and presented to the board a comprehensive outline of plans accomplished, in progress and in the future. Part of his report was confidential in nature. While we are all proud and honored that our President would take time from his busy schedule to appear before us, we must realize that he was also asking us to assume responsibility.

The General has asked us to join him on the Varsity. We've got to run with the ball if we are to stay there.

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Editor Ralph Poling

All - American Short - Stop Lists Football 1st Choice

By MABEL STEWART

Carlton Hanta, graduating physical education major, is the only all-American baseball player at the University. But Hanta did not come to the University to play baseball.

Like most other little boys, Hanta dreamed of being a football hero. And, although he had never played high school football, Hanta left his home near Honolulu and came to the United States on the strength of that dream.

Alone and friendless in San Francisco in the spring of 1950, Hanta began a barrage of letters to colleges scattered through the country.

It was the University that offered him the most encouragement. Barely 18 years old and small for his age, he played football at the University that fall. But he was too light to make the team.

He also played baseball the following spring.

Disappointed, Hanta returned to his family farm, outside Honolulu for the summer.

"I didn't intend to return," Hanta recalls, "but for some reason or other I found myself back at the University the following fall."

Baseball could have been the reason he stayed. It was Coach Hill who encouraged the very homesick boy to throw himself into baseball. How well he did that is sports history.

Last year the little short stop came up with a .354 batting average.

As for homesickness, Hanta found that he was homesick for Houston and the University when he spent six weeks last summer

at Ft. Lea, Va., with the Quartermaster Corps.

Hanta left Thursday by bus for San Francisco. He will fly the rest of the way to Honolulu. His brother and his two sisters and their families will greet him at a family reunion at the home of their parents for the first time in four years.

Hanta hopes to help coach the high school baseball team at the nearby town of Kaawa before he reports to Ft. Lee and the Quartermaster Corps in June.

Being one of the first, if not the first, Hawaiian to graduate from the University has put a strain on Hanta. He felt that he had to make good for the sake of all the other boys from that part of our country who may later come to the University.

How well he has performed these duties and lived up to his responsibilities shows in the tears that were shed all around in the athletic department when Hanta said "Aloha" to his friends.

Political Science Fellowships Open

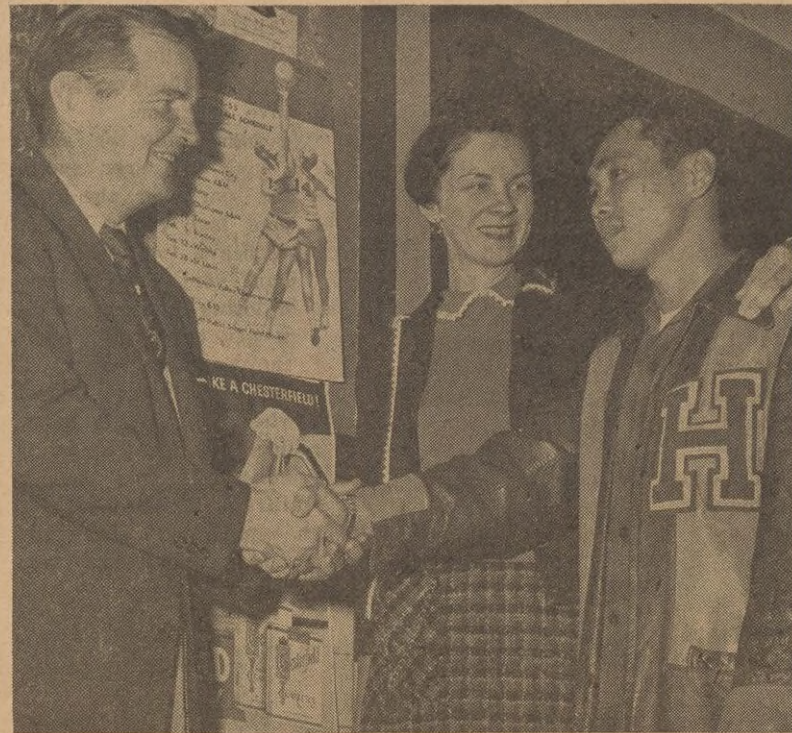
University graduates who wish to continue studies in political science are invited by the Michigan State College of Political Science to submit their qualifications.

Several fellowships are offered, each ranging in value from \$750 to \$1,000 plus waiver expenses for out of state students.

The main purpose of the fellowships is to give graduate students experience in advanced social research techniques. Some background in psychology, sociology or statistics is desirable but not essential.

Further information may be obtained from the Director of Government Research Bureau, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

Deadline for all entries is April 15, 1955.



Leaving for Honolulu and home, All-American Carlton Hanta shakes farewell with BB Coach Hill and Athletic Dept. Secretary Margaret Standard.

Photo, Jack Howard

'55 BASEBALL

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Mar. 12 Baylor U., here, 2:00
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Apr. 4 Nebraska U., here, 3:00
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Apr. 8 S. L. I., here, 2:00
Apr. 9 S. L. I., here
Apr. 15 Wichita U., here,* 3:00
Apr. 16 Wichita, here*, 1:00
Wichita U., here*
Apr. 22 Sam Houston, there, 8:00
Apr. 26 Texas Lutheran, here, 3:00
Apr. 29 Tulsa U., there*, 2:00
Apr. 30 Tulsa U., there*, 1:00
Tulsa U., there*
May 7 Texas Lutheran, there, 3:00
May 13 Oklahoma A&M, here* 3:00
May 14 Oklahoma A&M, here* 1:00
Oklahoma A&M, here*,
* Missouri Valley Conference games.
All home games played on U. of Houston campus, Calhoun and Wheeler.

UH Farm Gets Silo

Construction of an above-ground trench-style silo has begun on Demonstration Farm No. 1. The 200-foot building will have a capacity of almost 400 tons of silage.

Materials for the silo, located on the north edge of the 288-foot Headquarters area, were donated by a local company.

The farm now has 74 head of cattle which were placed in the fields to graze after they were dehorned and vaccinated. Only one calf has died to date. Most of the calves will be sold in the spring with more being added if the pastures develop properly.

An area has been set aside for research purposes while another section of the Farm will be used for growing St. Augustine grass commercially.



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U H Debaters Win 18, Lose 7

For the first time in two years, a University debate team reached the finals in an elimination tournament. The squad compiled a good report, 18 wins and 7 losses, but only reached the semi-finals of the Millsaps College Invitational Forensic Tournament in Jackson, Mississippi, last weekend.

Bernie Burrus and Don Alford, with a 7-1 record, reached the semi-finals in the senior division; Jack Terry and Richard Morrow, with a 4-2 record, reached the semi-finals in the junior division.

Patricia Stallings and Charles Ledbetter, with a 6-1 record, only

reached the quarter-finals of the junior division. Frank Mize and Ned Bobkoff had a 1-3 record in senior debate.

Burrus, Alford, Ledbetter and Stallings ended streaks of 16 consecutive wins at the Millsaps tourney.

Alford placed second in extemporaneous speaking, Burrus reached the finals in extemporaneous, and Patricia Stallings reached the finals in oratory.

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Library Acquires 500 Rare Volumes

The Far East library of the late Maury Maverick of San Antonio has been acquired by the University, according to Mr. Howard F. McGaw, director of libraries.

Said to be one of the most unusual and comprehensive in private ownership, the collection numbers more than 500 volumes.

The library includes books, pamphlets, documents, pictures, maps and postage stamps. Maverick had built up the collection by purchases and gifts from contacts he had established in many parts of the world.

The material will be placed in temporary locked storage in the library until the technical services division has processed them. It will be available to any serious student of the Far East, Dr. McGaw stated.

Some of the highlights of the collection are a bound set of documents containing almost the entire diplomatic correspondence of the U. S. in the Far East during the 1840's; nearly 50 books written by missionaries; original volumes and maps dealing with Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan; and many of the original prints of revolutionary publications of the Chinese communists.

Maverick was a former mayor of San Antonio. He was a U. S. Congressman and had handled a number of special government assignments.

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Kathryn (Lynch) Cutting, '53, after nearly a year in Paris with husband Malcolm (a Rice grad!) is now located in Columbus, Ohio.

A very nice contribution to the Foundation from Major Elvena M. Ulrich. After a "fabulous tour of Africa" the Major is now stationed at the Armed Forces Staff College where President Bruce was Commandant.

Two releases from Stanolind Oil tell us that W. T. Harlan, '51 is now transferred to the Houston district office, and Emil Maler '53, has been hired as a junior accountant.

Got legal problems? D. B. Mauzy now has his offices here. Among his licenses is one to practice in the US District Court, and another for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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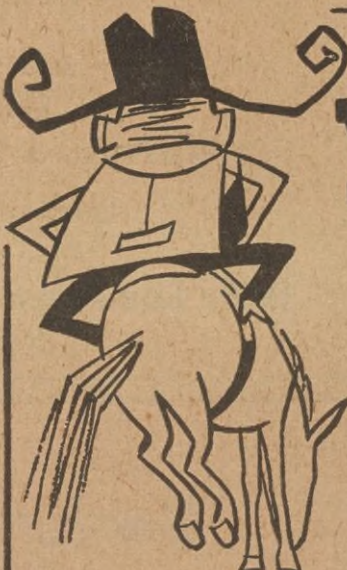
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