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## '54 HOMECOMING TO BE 'GREATEST'



This montage is a nostalgic sketch of Homecomings, past and yet to come. In the top, left spot, students bid us welcome, while Bobby Clatterbuck skirts left end against Tennessee. Lower left pictures two former HC Queens and their reactions to the announcement of their victory. Gloria Gillespie responds with tears, Billye Jean Taylor with pure

shock. "Lucky" Jack Valenti is the man in the middle. In the center is the APO bon fire prior to ignition, with a spectacular float beneath. Honorary Queen and movie star, Janice Carter, busses former fullback Aubrey Baker, on the right. Background is made up by part of the crowd at last year's pep-rally at the Rice.

### Chairman Hudson Sets Date Nov. 27th To Include Breakfast, Bonfire, Dance, Rallies, Parade, Arkansas Razorbacks

The newly appointed Homecoming Chairman, Hank Hudson, has already called a series of meetings with his staff, and reports are that the 1954 old grads' day will top them all.

Assisting Hank with the tremendous task of producing a great homecoming is Joel H. "Hal" Berry. Both men have participated in previous homecoming activities, and both devote considerable time to Alumni affairs the year around.



HANK HUDSON

Festivities start Friday, November 26 with a Giant Pep-Rally on campus. Ed Gerlach will furnish the musical background, with President Bruce, the Coaching staff and the cheer-leaders to provide inspiration and spirit.

Friday night the multitudes will gather at the Bon-Fire site for the annual pyromancy. APO President Don Cook says his group is shooting for a new record height for the traditional conflagration. Bill Hollis, chairman for this phase, says the previous record for tall bonfires is 110 feet.

Early Saturday morning loyal exes will gather at the Rice Hotel for the football breakfast. Arkansas U and the UH will share honors at the guest table, with H. R. Cullen. Last year's breakfast was MC'd by Morris Frank and Breakfast Chairman Ernie Mayeux hopes to have that performance repeated. Assisting Ernie is J. Womack.

Immediately following the breakfast program, exes will hit the street and Rice balcony to view the Homecoming Parade with its fabulous floats. Jack Wilson, with Dave Halphen, has planned a judging system which will encourage campus organizations to participate. Meaning that we should have more and better floats than ever.

After a brief interlude for luncheon following the parade, Rice Stadium will swarm with ex-Cougars. The Arkansas Raorbaks will be the UH opponents for this "Big" game of the season.

Half-time ceremonies will be under the direction of Roger Jeffery and Will Gay. At this time the most beautiful girl on the campus (and, therefore, anyplace else) will be crowned Homecoming Queen, to reign during the remainder of the activities. Tom Menefee is the fortunate Ex in charge of the Queen judging.

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### UH Maintains Second Spot As 12,708 Students Sign Up

The University—with 12,708 students—continues to rate second in enrollment in the Southwest. It has shown an over-all campus increase of about eight percent over last year, according to figures released by Ramon Vitulli, registrar.

Although complete figures have not been obtained, it is believed the total increase so far indicated is in keeping with what was expected by officials last year.

The total number of students now on campus is 11,207. This compares with the total campus enrollment of 10,332 last fall. The downtown school enrollment totals 1,501, indicating a 4 percent increase over enrollment there at this time last year.

Although complete breakdown figures for various colleges and student classifications are not complete, there are now twice as many Korean veterans on campus as there were last year. Non-veteran student enrollment showed a gain of 283, or four percent. Enrollment in the graduate school is slightly decreased.

Mr. Vitulli announced that a

trend in this direction for the latter two classifications was indicated some time ago and is not surprising. He said the drop in the graduate division can probably be attributed to the fact that many teachers who were working towards their master's degrees in accordance with the Gilmer-Aikin Bill have completed their work.

He added that the raising of requirements for admission to this division would also account for a decrease. One of the original requirements was a grade average of C or better. This has been raised to a C-plus in accordance with new University policy.

The number of World War II veterans enrolled shows a decrease of 33 percent. This condition has been attributed to the fact that most of these veterans have expended their eligibility for government aid. The remainder will have obtained their maximum aid by July 1956, Mr. Vitulli said.

Korean veterans number 2,596 compared with 1,352 last fall. This is an increase of approximately 92 percent.

### DANCE NOTES

To avoid any misunderstanding, the Alumni Board of Directors asks that you read this notice carefully.

Only 500 tickets will be sold for the Homecoming Dance. Each ticket will admit one couple, total 1,000. Tickets are \$6.00.

There will be no table reservations. Those arriving early will have their choice of seats in the Emerald Room. Late comers will find space in the Grecian Room. Dance time is 9:PM.

Exes may reserve tickets by sending six dollars per ticket to: Alumni Office, U of H. Please include note, "Tickets, HC Dance."

Any tickets remaining after the Alumni option date, November 5, will go on sale to the general public.

### Adult Education Dept. Offers New "Hobby" Courses

Hobby woodworking, a business-writing clinic and four foreign language courses are being offered in the University's special adult education program which opened Friday, October 8, on campus.

Individual instruction is given for those enrolled in the woodworking workshop whereby enrollees may select their own projects and build their own furniture. Tuition is \$20 and registration began at the first class meeting. Classes are being held in the Aircraft Building and meetings are scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon each Saturday.

John D. Little, author of Complete Credit and Collection Letter Book, is instructing a course in business writing.

Conversational German, French and beginners' and intermediate Spanish will be available during the adult education program, with \$20 tuition for any single course.

People interested should contact the director of special adult education at CH-1681, ext. 245.

### Star Hedy Lamar to Bolster Varsity Varieties As Advisor

Varsity Varieties, the UH annual Musical Extravaganza, will have something added this year. None other than the international beauty and movie queen, Hedy Lamarr, will lend her time and professional know-how to making the '54 VV the best yet.

VV is scheduled for December 2 through 4, in the beautiful Cullen Auditorium, according to Director Alfred Bell.

A senior TV major and KUHT newscaster, Bell has not yet announced the names of his staff for the show. However, auditions are now being held for all roles in the Journalism-Graphic Arts sponsored production.

Director Bell had the lead in the '53 VV, also appeared in other campus productions including, "Detective Story," "Beyond the Horizon," "Philadelphia Story," and "Arsenic and Old Lace." Bell was one of the top ten acts in the 1954 Frontier Fiesta.



# Billboard

Ol' Billboard got a lot of mail after the Baylor debacle, but very little of it is printable. It's bad enough when other schools razz us, but it sure is tough to take bitterness from you exes.

OU grad Richard Powell married Marilyn Washburn '53 and took her to Vienna, W. Va., where he is a Chemical engineer for DuPont.

Bob Treadgold, '54 thinks the new pool is great, but wonders if it isn't a mistake to close the pool at 8 PM. He and Billboard would both like your opinion.

H. W. Torrible reports that Tom King has just returned from Japan after duty with both Army and Civil Service. He's in California, but no address available.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cavell (Lucille Murphy '49) just moved into their new home, 1847 Latexo. She teaches at Lanthrop.

Charles and Beth Saunders brought the Houston census up one notch August 25. Cynthia Eileen joined Melanie, 5, and Stephen, 2, to round out the Saunders quintette. Chuck was the first president the Alumni Association ever had.

Rabbi Hyman Schachtel, one of the first to receive a Doctor of Education from UH, getting rave notices on his book, "The Real Enjoyment of Living."

The 154 Houston Parade of Homes features homes by two of our exes. Home Owned Estates' VP Harry Montgomery special in eight to twelve thousand dollar bracket, while Tom Menefee builds in the \$35,000 range. Tom and Harry are both officers in the UH Sideline Coaches Assn.

Bill Bradbury '49 and Edith Estes '48, wife for some time now, are located at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB. Bill is completing an 18 month course there.

New arrivals in Korea include Ray F. Norwood, assigned to the "Rock of the Marne," the 3rd Infantry Division.

PFC Harold Hollowell shared honors with his 84th Field Artillery buddies when it was recently named Best FA Bn. in VII Corps competition. Ulm, Germany is the site. Eastern Illinois State College, Charleston, Ill., announces the installation of N. Lynn Barber, MS'48, as an instructor and supervisory teacher in social science.

Arvin Donner, Jr., '52, took his masters' from Tennessee after doing graduate work there as well as Alabama and Kentucky. He has been at Fort Lee, Va., about a year, instructing in teaching methods and acting as administrative officer for his group. Arvin reports that J. D. Kimmel and Vic Hampel are located there also, with John Neibel recently leaving to get back in UH law school.

Geologist Sam Rogers, '51 dropped in to eat us out for not sending him any mail. He's with Sohio Petroleum in Paul's Valley, after tours in Lafayette, La., Rustin and West Texas.

La Marque's Superintendent of Schools, E. H. Black Ed. D '47, and wife have a brand new girl. Virginia Marie, born Sept. 1.

Bruce J. Corary has been appoint-

ed as hydraulic field engineer by the Denison Engineering Co. A Pet. Eng., Bruce attended Texas A&M as well as the UH.

'52 BEA, J. Clifton Farris was enrolled in a technical training program at the Port Arthur refinery of the Gulf Oil Company, immediately after signing up with that firm in May.

The UH Sideline Coaches Mc Tom Menefee was placed in the tight spot of urging members and players to "Get those Aggies," with A&M grad. A. D. Bruce sitting right beside him. The General relieved Tom's worries by asserting himself solidly behind the Cougars.

Guess you heard about your editor's reaction to the Baylor fracas. Hives-big, red and itchy. The doctor (a Baylor man) just laughed.

Ex-student and Mayor, Roy Hofheinz this year presented his annual journalism award to Tom Linklater. Tom, currently a UH freshman, was graduated from Austin Hi.

Prof. Louis Kestenber, foreign languages division, is the new chairman for the board of consultants on the 2nd edition of the Britannica World Language Dictionary.

Salvador Marcello, Pharm. '50, married to Sophie Marie Larrivire, On Labor day, over in Louisiana.

Richard Harrison, BS '54, is head for Portugal after a two-week orientation program in N. Y. He has been named consulting engineer for Radio Free Europe in Lisbon.

June GradJack Greer, an agriculture major, is now with the Hallettsville office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A future-alum, Stephen David made his appearance September 14. He's living with parents, Elizabeth and Otto Glaser '54, until he becomes eligible to register on campus.

Glenn Carvel, '52, is finishing up his tour of duty in Alaska, and should be back in the states when you read this, according to an Army release.

A welcome card from Roberta Dansby in the Brazosport area tells us Glenn Heath '50, photog and editor of the Brazosport Citizen, was married this August to Betty Campbell, Both happy in their brand new Freeport home.

Jim Cummings, '51, also smiling now that his young daughter has successfully overcome a bout with the Polio bug this summer. Jim is with the Daily Facts-Review, in Freeport.

Robert's last item mentions that hubby, J. P. Dansby, has left the Dow Chemical Co. to teach elementary music in the West Columbia School System.

Thanks a lot, Roberta. Sure wish more of our exes would take a minute to let us know what they and their friends are doing.

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# Campus Caverns and Secret Sluiceways Are Reminiscent of Old Horror Films

By Mabel Stewart

Sliding panels, secret doors and underground passages usually are found only in horror-movies.

Few students know that the University has its share.

Did you know, for instance, that there is an underground river running beneath the esplanade at the main entrance? An underground river, that is, after a rain.

At least ten feet below the grass of the esplanade is a tunnel 11 feet wide and 17 feet high.

"Plenty of room for me to get around down there in my jeep," Steve Sakach, grounds superintendent, said, as he pried open a manhole to let this reporter get a look.

At the time the storm sewer was built, it was the largest in the city.

"It crosses the campus and empties into the bayou back of the stock yards," Steve continued. "The only entrances into the sewer are manholes and a grilled outlet at the bayou."

A labyrinth of other tunnels connect the larger buildings on campus. Utility tunnels, they are called, and they end in all the buildings that have basements. These tunnels are 4 feet wide and 6 feet high. Dry at all times, they conduct water, power and other utilities on campus. The longest one runs from the Vocational Building to the dorms.

And of course there are the unmentionables, the ordinary sewers. One of these was once the legendary "Cullen Gulch."

Back in 1949 students mourned the passing of this landmark that

gave the campus real atmosphere.

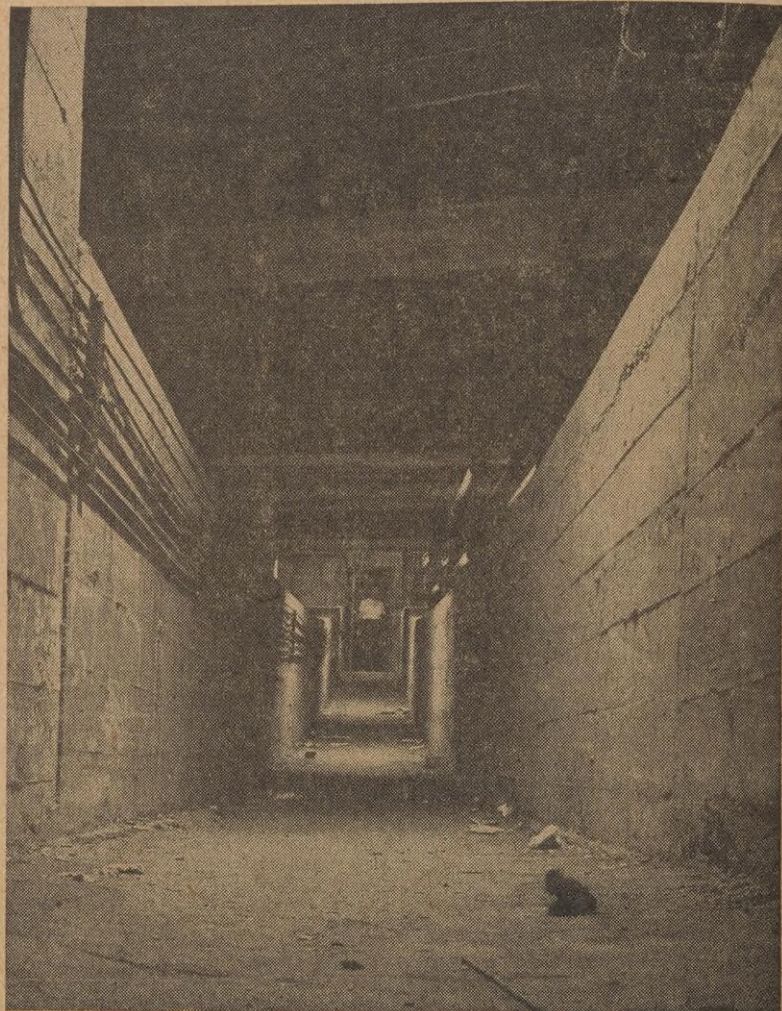
Bulldozers covered it over.

In one place, along the front of Cougar Den, this sewer is now paved over for a faculty parking lane.

Then there are the meandering tunnels above and below Cullen

Auditorium. The space above the ceiling of the auditorium equals a set of the "Phantom of the Opera."

The Ezekiel W. Cullen Building has doors that apparently lead into nowhere and closets that make sense only to the maintenance employees.



Reporter Stewart Views Vault

## Alumni Sponsor Tee-Vee Football

The Alumni Association now has a full-hour show on KUHT-TV every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

The show features the complete film of the previous Saturday's football game, with commentary by Coach Elmer Simmons. Johnny Goyen is MC, with Ralph Poling dialing the telephone.

The Phone?—At the half-time break, and at the close of the game, questions are asked of listeners at home. A correct answer brings the winner two ducats to a forthcoming UH home game.

The Alumni Association is spon-

soring this football series in response to requests by many exes who are unable to attend the games, especially the out-of-town games.

Many others have expressed the thought that reviewing the game on film permits a more careful analysis of key plays, and a more thorough understanding of actual events.

The films are the official movies used by the Athletic Department for study and coaching purposes.

## LETTERS...

Open Letter to the Exes  
The Extra  
U. of H. Alumni Association

I spent a shocking few minutes with Ralph Poling, Alumni Association Secretary, last Thursday.

He was showing me through his office, and explaining the job they were doing in weeding out duplication in their mailing procedure. One file consisted of cards with each alumnus name and address on it.

These cards are in two different colors, white and red. The red cards were those of the contributing members, and the white cards for non-contributing members.

Ralph opened one drawer of the file at random. There was my shock. There were so few red cards they hardly tinted the file. About 9% of approximately 12,000 cards were red. This is way below the national average. I was amazed that so many people could be so lackadaisical about an organization dedicated to the betterment of the great institution that helped prepare them for a greater fulfillment of life.

I was stunned at the thought of so many who didn't really know of the benefits of the Alumni Association. The good that it does. The power it gives to band together for the long haul down the road to where-ever old grads go.

Come on, let's ALL join in the fun. Let's ALL get on the Alumni band wagon and ride, instead of walking along in the wilderness.

Send in your contribution today and bring that 9% up to at least the national average.

CHARLES L. McNEESE '51

## EDITORIAL...

Now that the Cougars have vindicated themselves with a thrilling victory, and need apologize to none, let's look at the facts in a strong light.

In 1947-48, when Clyde V. Lee took over, the UH football schedule listed McMurray, Daniel Baker, East, North and Southwest Texas, Trinity, Sam Houston, Louisiana Tech. In '49 we thought we had hit "big time" when we played (and lost) games with St. Bonaventure, and William and Mary.

How many Exes know what any of these teams did last week?

Three years later the Cougars posted an 8-won, 2-lost season against a schedule that included three Southwest Conference teams, Mississippi, the regular MVC opponents and a trip to the Salad Bowl.

The point is, Coach Lee made this transition without any help from the Exes in the form of "All-State" boys that other Alums proselyted for other schools. Lee's staff did its own scouting and bush-beating, almost without assistance.

If the murmurs of "Let's oust Lee," were changed to "Let's help Lee," we'd soon have an unbeatable Big Red, and a lot healthier school spirit.

After the Baylor game the Alumni office was swamped with calls and telegrams from bitter exes. Things were very quiet after Texas A & M.

Look at the facts honestly. Remember that Loyalty is not something reserved for use after a winning game.

Ask yourself—"Am I doing anything for the team besides second-guessing and complaining?"



# UH Shows Promise Bowing to Baylor, Aggravating Aggies

As the EXtra goes to press the Cougars are playing .500 football.

The opening game is now referred to on campus as the "second Waco disaster," and the Texas A & M game was a "Who-dunnit."

The UH-Aggie film cleared up the confusion about those last two plays to the satisfaction of everyone including several red-faced sportswriters.

Lee felt that the greatest weakness against Baylor lay in the defensive effort, and the Big Red team that fell out against A & M showed the results of the added defense work between games.

The new Cougar coach, Joel Hunt, is considered a master at defense, especially in the secondary, so we can expect the boys to continue improvement in that direction.

As bad as it was, the Baylor game showed bright promise for a good Cougar season. Sportswriters were ecstatic about Dickey's faking

ability and his passing. The Aggie game did nothing to detract from this reputation as Dickey completed five of eight passes against the number two pass-defenders in the

nation. While it is true that only short yardage was gained in the air, it is also true that one pass hit Emberg in the end zone, and that's six points.

Probably, next to the victory, the most encouraging note was the 42,000 fans who witnessed the UH-Aggie game. Houston is getting behind the Cougars.

Reviewing the film not only clarified the much-discussed finish of the game, but pointed out some great work by individuals. Lee is quick to insist that it was a team victory, but you have to give credit to a player who is in on five consecutive tackles in one series. Tackle John Dearen did just that.

Outside linebacker Jim Baughman was impressive on several occasions spearing the Aggies for losses. And don't overlook Hargrove who converted a fumble into an eight yard gain. Verle Cray still has that three points right at the tip of his toe.

As for the magnificent goal line stand, Coach Bear Bryant wrote the Cougar eulogy when he said,

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## Sideline Coaches Roster Hits 180

The UH is slightly understaffed on professional football coaches, but there is no such shortage in the Monday-morning or sideline varieties.

Tom Menefee, "Head Coach" of the UH Sideline Coaches Association, reports 1954 membership is now over 180. Meeting each Thursday with the genuine coaching staff and guest speakers, the members also review the preceding week's film, vie for valuable prizes in the football-pick contest.

Other attractions include a cash Kitty, a fine array of door-prizes, good food and much horseplay.

Applications are still being accepted from new members, and the only requirements are that members be male and interested in good football. Guests are invited, but after two visits visitors become members and are required to pay regular dues.

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## Science Foundation Makes \$13,000 Grant

The National Science Foundation has presented a \$13,000 grant for research in chemical engineering to the University of Houston.

The research project, "Entrainment in Two Phase, Gas-Liquid Flow," will be under the direction of Dr. A. E. Dukler, associate professor of chemical engineering.

Expected to run about two years, the research work will be conducted in the UH engineering laboratories. The problem is concerned with the

simultaneous flow of gas and liquid.

Dr. Dukler has done both academic and industrial application in this specific field.

Although some information has been developed and published, it is still regarded as an unsolved problem.

The problem is encountered in the production of oil and gas in situations where two phases are moving in the same pipe or tubing.

It is also met in the case of steam power where water and steam may be moving through the same pipe.

Information regarding this problem would be of special benefit to oil refineries and chemical plants.

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## Ex-Aggie Great Now UH FB Coach

One of the all-time greats of the Texas A & M backfield, Joel Hunt, has joined the UH football coaching staff. Hunt graduated from A & M in 1928.

Head Coach Lee plans to use his new assistant on backfield problems, with an emphasis on defensive work.

Coach Hunt has served at Louisiana State University from 1933 through 1937, was head coach at Georgia U in 1938, head coach and athletic director for Wyoming U in 1939, and returned to LSU for the 1940-41 seasons before serving in the Air Corps as a captain during the war. Hunt gave LSU three more years, then joined the Buffalo and Baltimore pro teams as backfield coach.

Since that time the new UH mentor has been a factory representative for the Wilson Sporting Goods Company.

### CHAIRMAN HUDSON—

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Post-game frivolities will find us at the Shamrock Hotel. Chairmen Bill Sherrill and Gordon Hollan have arranged for both the Emerald and Grecian Rooms. One of the nation's top collegiate bands will furnish the music—the UH's own Ed Gerlach Orchestra.

Helen Gilpin, UH News Service director will handle publicity for Homecoming, with Tommy Sasser as co-chairman.

A special advisory board composed of all former general chairmen of Homecoming has been set up to insure maximum experience this year. These former chairmen are, Johnny Copen, Jack Valenti, Glenn Bond, Roger Jeffery, and Sherwood Crane.

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