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Record Breaking Election Sees More Than One Fourth Of Student Body Cast Votes For Candidates In Race

Cougar News Editor and Columnist Elected in Most Hotly Contested Race of Year at University

In a record breaking election that saw more than one-fourth of the student body cast their votes, Foster Montgomery, Weed Peterson and Alice David were elected to offices in the student council yesterday. Montgomery, Cougar columnist, was elected president by a slim margin over P. J. Sterne and Vernon Kelly. Peterson triumphed over Ted O'Leary, only other candidate for the vice-presidential position. Miss David, Cougar news editor, won out over Allen Taylor, Mary Jo Emmert, Dorothy Spates and Mary Joyce Frank for the secretarial position in the most hotly contested race of the day.

An interesting innovation introduced by Montgomery in his campaign played no small part in his election. He set up campaign headquarters on the campus, gave away small gifts and cold drinks, and hired five small negro boys to carry posters through the building bearing his campaign slogans and material.

So much interest was displayed in this election that a large knot of curious supporters gathered near the conservatory where the votes were being tabulated. They lingered for more than an hour to hear news of the results, but President Roy Much did not divulge them.

A decision on the qualifications for the offices of councilmen at large is expected to be handed down next Thursday after the meeting of the student council to discuss them.

This election for these positions will be held this term, it has been learned.

President Approves Large WPA Loan For Campus Improvement

Work will begin next week on the \$708,837 improvement project at the University of Houston, it was announced this week by WPA officials.

The blanket project represents a grant of \$553,284 of federal funds and \$155,530 to be contributed by the University. President Roosevelt approved the project this week.

New Power Plant

The project provides for the construction of a complete new power plant, a landscaped campus, laying of water, sanitary, and storm sewers, the building of retaining walls, walks and drives and recreational facilities which will include a swimming pool and bath house, tennis courts, baseball and football fields, parking areas, and an outdoor theater.



Shown above are Jack Palmer and Jerry Bentley who will reign as king and queen over the Twelfth Senior High School Reception tonight at the City Auditorium.



Participants From Both University And High Schools Prepared For Twelfth Annual Senior Reception

Committees Announced For Pageant As University Completes Plans For Gala Event Tonight At Auditorium

Jack Palmer and Jerry Bentley will reign as king and queen over the twelfth Annual Senior Reception for the high schools tonight at the City Auditorium.

The four princesses from the senior class and their escorts are, Lorine Butler and William Bringham; Yvette Pujol, and Frank McWorter; Vera Mae Loughridge, and Guy Hamilton, Marguerite Scelles and Billy Miller.

From the junior class the duchess is Mary Jo Emmert, and her escort James Grant. Her maids and their escorts are, Dorothy Hohl and Tom Yerxa; Louise Kost and Henry Taub; and Mary Joyce Frank and David Roessler.

Gwen Hart and Franklin Walker will be duchess and duke of the sophomore class. The maids and escorts are, Carmelita Lansford and Stuart Morris; June Carter and Harry Montgomery; Della Belle Collier and F. B. Paris.

The freshman duchess, Farrar Storm will be escorted by Billy Roberts. The maids and their escorts are, Jeanne Sanders, and J. B. Scarce, Jackie Hart and Ted O'Leary; Rosalie Sullivan and Wallace Ragan.

High Schools

The representatives from the high schools, for the most beautiful girl, and their escorts are, Catherine Voelkel and Tommy Holmes, San Jacinto; Vivian Pix and William DeLany, Sam Houston; Nettie Wiseman and Herman Simon, Austin; Elizabeth Lenior and Billy Stroud, Reagan; Doraline Howell and V. R. Wells, Milby; Helen Korn and Bill Askins, Davis; Mary Olivia Fuller and Jess Bessinger, Lamar.

Committees Named

The committees in charge of the reception are as follows. General chairman: Mr. L. Standlee Mitchell. Pageant committee: Miss Helen Byington, chairman. Program committee: Mrs. Pearl C. Bender, chairman. Miss Byington, Mrs. Nina R. Lewis, Mrs. Bessie M. Ebaugh, and Mrs. Edith Carlton, faculty assistants. Decoration committee: Mrs. Ebaugh, chairman. Mrs. Carlton, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Floy P. Soule, and Mrs. Bender, faculty assistants. Fred Haynes, Buddy Griffith, Edgar Bunnell, Vera Mae Loughridge, Lorine Butler, Louise Webb, Carl Glynn

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General College Has Enjoyed Steady Growth Since 1934

September 17, 1934, is a calendar date not to be erased from the memory of sixty-seven young college students; for on that day they had gathered to begin their college studies in the first edition of the General College plan. Many vague questions were crowding their minds, and the answers given were equally as vague. What courses were to be offered? No one could accurately determine the load. What teacher actually knew what was expected of him? He could not be found. How would the program be received by other colleges? Vague surmises were the only answer. Of the seventy-three students who appeared that first day, six were almost instantly terrified by the newness of things and soon faded away. The remaining sixtyseven became the stalwarts of a new educational era; for they stayed to see things develop and to have a large share in making the early history of our General College. Yet, while these sixty seven had made a resolve to aid in erecting the superstructure, many of them sought reassurance of their faith in the venturesome program by going to the office and there having the whole matter of college credit gone over again and again.

Philosophy Determined

The college authorities had very
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TO THE 1939 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—

Tonight the University of Houston salutes all of the graduates of the seven Houston Senior High Schools. The 1939 graduating class will be one of the largest in the history of Houston school system—2699. All of these graduates of this June will be on the threshold of life. They have two courses open to them—they may join the ranks of job seekers and workers or else continue their studies at some higher place of learning. To the first group we offer our heartiest congratulations and wish them the best of luck in their new venture. To the second, we extend equal congratulations and wish to impart to them some information concerning our school—the University of Houston—and to tell them what we offer as a college in the way of obtaining an education.

First, we offer an institution with probably one of the most progressive and modern minds in the United States regarding education. At the University of Houston the student is given a chance to state his opinion about the manner in which the school is conducted. Officials of the school are constantly in search of the student viewpoint in regard to the student's opinions and criticisms. The students are actually given a voice concerning what courses are to be offered, how they are to be taught, and how they can be improved upon. It is doubtful whether any other University considers the student quite so much.

Second, we offer you a school unique in set-up in that students are enabled to hold full time jobs and still attend as many as two classes at night. Full college credit is given for the courses and this work is transferable to any college whose courses parallel ours. Students are now able to attend school all year, since summer school has been established, and figuring that a working student can do twenty-four semester hours' work the year round, he can take a B. A. degree in only five years, all the time holding a full time job.

Third, we offer you the chance to attend a school where a democratic spirit prevails. The students are given a voice in the government of the school and are allowed representatives who meet with the administrative officials to discuss student problems. The students association at our University is the same as a state governing body—they both function for those who have elected them to their posts.

Last, we invite you all to enroll in the new and greater University of Houston. We wish every graduate would become our classmates in our new buildings. It is one of the most beautiful and modern in the South and is a suitable place for any freshman to start his college education.

So, before you enroll in any college, we invite you to investigate the University of Houston. See what we have to offer before enrolling elsewhere.

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Theory, Technique Of Business Taught In University Class

The purpose of the Business Administration courses is to acquaint the students with the theory, technique, and practice of business, and to develop an understanding of the fundamental principles governing business policies.

In this mechanical age of keen competition, it is necessary that the student in Business Administration receive the highest type of training and equipment; and it is the aim of the University of Houston to provide the facilities for this training. The equipment of the school is exceptionally fine, and each year adds to the growing number of ex-students in executive positions who look to the University of Houston to supply them with accountants, secretaries, salesmen, or specialists in their respective fields.

Eight Courses

There are eight courses in Business Administration that may be majored in, and there are many special courses offered in cooperation with clubs in the city.

The instructors are as follows: Raymond W. Baldwin, M. A., Ph. D. Finance, Marketing, Foreign Trade, and Director of Business Administration.

Robert A. White, B.B.A., Accounting
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Lillian Lucile Warren, M.A. Secretarial Training

Val Jean McCoy, M.A. Economics, Labor Problems, and Business Organization

Guy C. Hill, M.B.A. Accounting
 P. C. Masten, M.B.A. Secretarial Training

Horace Russel Smith, M.B.A. Insurance and Salesmanship

Addie B. Small, M.A. Secretarial Training

Jasper Doe, M.A. Accounting
 Jean Whitbread Kucera, B.B.A. Assistant in Business Administration

Approximately 400 students are enrolled in Business Administration classes. All students in these classes take part in the Business Administration Club which meets once a month to discuss club matters, and usually some prominent business executive is invited to speak. The club also sponsors quite a few socials during the semester.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

F. H. Hollis is president of the Business Administration Club, and Dr Baldwin is sponsor. The club is for students studying business administration, but is open to any student who wishes to join. The club has many parties throughout the year.

Elementary Speech Courses Are Offered For Business Needs

The Public Speaking Department has today grown to be one of the most representative departments of the University of Houston. When the school was first organized in 1927, the speech department consisted of only thirty students. However, under the direction of Mr. Harvey W. Harris it has steadily grown in popularity, and now enrolls one hundred and ninety students.

There are four classes in elementary speaking; one class in business and professional speaking, and one course in radio speech.

Practical Instruction

Mr. Harris says: "It has been the ambition of the University to make the elementary courses in speaking sound and practical instruction in speech that involves good English, good sense and good delivery."

The business and professional course emphasizes functional training. This is the practical side of speaking that the business man or woman is called upon to use everyday.

The course in radio speech offers instructions in announcing, news commentation, skits, etc.; however, its main object is to train students to speak correctly and effectively over the microphone, so that they can better fill their places in civil life.

In addition there is also a debating society, and though it debates independently of scholastic leagues, it meets with a great deal of intercollegiate competition.

Furnishes Speakers

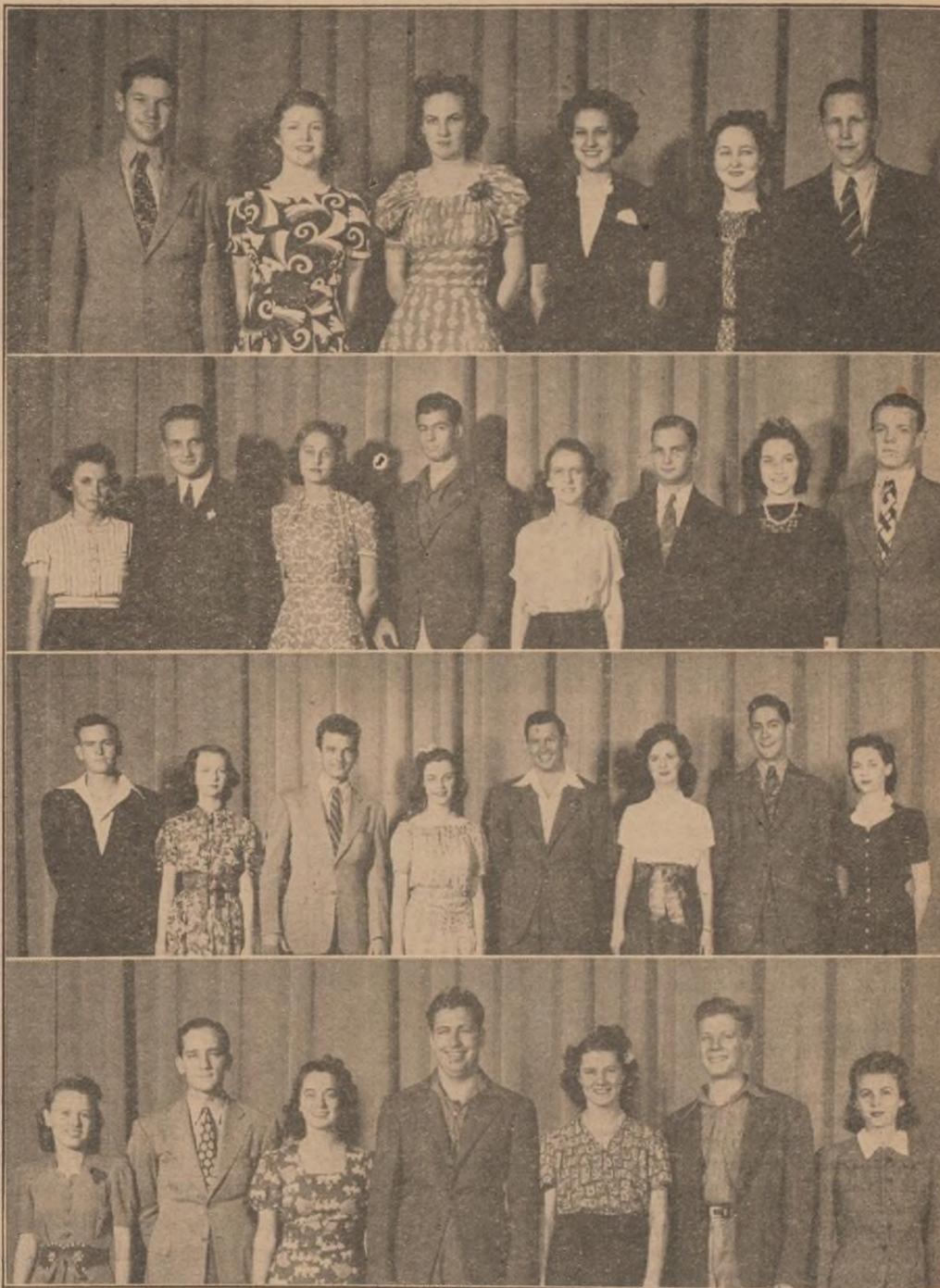
Many of the students, each year, get an opportunity to go before the radio or speak before clubs and luncheons, as the University is called upon to furnish speakers for many civic functions.

"It has been the policy of the speech department to make its training lifelike, so that it imparts to the student the ability to organize his thoughts and present them effectively," Mr. Harris said.

Rice, University B.S.U. To Hold Open House

The University of Houston and the Rice B. S. U. members will hold open house April 28 at the home of Nell Jean Stewart. It will take place at 2020 Crocker, at 8:30 p. m.

The open house is being held for Mrs. Bill Marshall, and at the same time a china shower will be given for Miss Josephine Scaggs, who is sailing for Africa on June 2 to do missionary work.



Shown above are the University's representatives to the Senior Reception tonight. From left to right, top row, William Bringham, Vera Mae Loughridge, Lorine Butler, Yvette Poujol, Marguerite Scelles, and Billy Miller. Second row, Dorothy Hohl, Tom Yerxa, Louise Kost, Henry Taub, Mary Jo Emmert, James Grant, Mary Joyce Frank, and David Rossler. Third row, J. B. Searce, Jeanne Sanders, Billy Roberts, Farrar Storm, Ted O'Leary, Jackie Hart, Wallace Ragan and Rosalie Sullivan. Fourth row, June Carter, Harry Montgomery, Della Belle Collier, F. B. Paris, Gwen Hart, Stewart Morris and Carmelita Lansford. All photos courtesy O'Quin studios.

Cougar Reporter Turns Tables On Radio Professor I Q

By P. M. SULLIVAN

Ladies and Gentlemen;—This is the man on the street presenting the first broadcast in which the Professor is on the spot. What professor you will want to know? Well, he is Professor I. Q. of Metropolitan Theatre fame

Before I ask him any questions, I would like to say that he is a tall young man of athletic build and with a dark complexion. His eyes are brown and his hair black. His smile is engaging, and the whole tone of his face a little serious. He is wearing a cool-looking sports shirt which is open at the neck.

But enough of that, let us get down to our real business and find out something about this interesting young man and who Professor I. Q. really is.

Now, Mr. Professor, step up close to the microphone, and don't be nervous. We guarantee this to be painless.

M. on st.—What is your name?
 P. I. Q.—Ted Nabors.

M. on st.—Aha, and what is your occupation Mr Nabors?

P. I. Q.—(In a fading voice) — Radio announcer.

M. on st.—Don't be nervous, just stand close to the "mike" and speak out.—You admit being Professor I. Q. do you not

P. I. Q.—(Very uncertain voice)—Yes.

M. on st.—What does Professor I. Q. do?

P. I. Q.—Well, ah—er—um—

M. on st.—Wait, Mr. Nabors,—I'll finish it. Professor I. Q. stands in front of the Rice Hotel on Monday nights, and asks a very scared "man on the street" questions. If he answers them correctly, he receives the shiny, new silver dollar you have all the while been waving before his frightened eyes. Is that right, Mr. Nabors?

P. I. Q.—Well, er—yes.

M. on st.—What is the largest prize you have given away on this program, Professor?

P. I. Q.—"There has been only one person, a woman, who won the major prize, which was at that time \$122.00."

M. on st.—Where do you get your questions Professor?

P. I. Q.—"Some are submitted by the fans, but most of them are taken from magazines, newspapers, speeches, and advertisements. The questions are not used in their straight form, but are twisted around so they present a new angle."

M. on st.—Very interesting Mr. Nabors.—By the way Professor, are you married?

P. I. Q.—Yes.

M. on st.—Why did you get married?

P. I. Q.—"I consider that only a natural reaction, and something everyone lives in anticipation of."

M. on st.—Well said, well said.—What programs are you connected with?"

P. I. Q.—"I announce the musical clock in the morning; I am Professor I. Q. on Monday nights, and I announce the wrestling matches on Friday evenings."

M. on st.—Which of these do you enjoy the most?

P. I. Q.—"I find my work highly entertaining and like all of them. However, I am partial to the informal programs for they give me an opportunity for self expression."

M. on st.—What word of advice would you give to the young man or woman planning on radio work as a career?

P. I. Q.—"I would say, that he should get as broad and well rounded an education as possible. Any foreign language is a great aid, and I have found latin to be a big help in improving my command of English. One thing an announcer has to do and that is to be able to talk in a language everyone can understand, and still not talk down to anyone."

M. on st.—Now Professor, this is your big question. If you can answer this one correctly you can have this bright, new silver—

P. I. Q.—SAY!!! What is this—



Pictured here is a typical scene taken from one of the plays presented this year by the Red Masque Players, dramatic organization of the University.

University Offers Wide Variety Of English Courses

The University of Houston offers a wide variety of English courses that should appeal to every type of student.

Mrs. Bessie M. Ebaugh, chairman of the department, teaches sophomore and advanced classes; Dr. C. F. Hiller teaches freshman courses; Miss Ruth Pennybacker teaches sophomore classes and a Shakespeare course and a special creative writing course; Mr. L. Standlee Mitchell teaches freshman classes, a Shakespeare course, and is dramatics teacher. Other instructors are Mrs. Edith Carlton, Mrs. Nina Lewis, Mr. Louis Polichino, and Mrs. Hilda Lemon.

Seminars, Clinics

A special feature of the English department in the University of Houston is the seminar and clinic idea that is employed here. A seminar is a two hour class in which students discuss the work of the week. This period is given over to the students and it is in the seminar that the student is enabled to present his problems and have them discussed by the instructor and the class. One class, taught by Miss Pennybacker, has set up the plan of having a student chairman take charge of the class and conduct an open forum on the week's assignment.

The clinic system is one in which fifteen minute classes are held once a week with special attention given to grammar. Clinic teachers are Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. Carlton and Miss Pennybacker.

Creative Writing

In the creative writing course, taught by Miss Pennybacker, students are allowed to write those things in which they are interested. It can be taken as a credit course, with attendance compulsory. However, many students take it as a non-credit course and attend class when they desire. The best articles submitted by these students are combined in the Harvest, a yearly edition sponsored by Miss Pennybacker.

Also of interest to many are the



Typical of the activities of the English department in the University is the above picture of a play presented by Miss Ruth Pennybacker's Shakespeare class.

Day School—

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carefully determined the philosophy of the General College program and had as carefully planned the quarters and chosen the faculty for the project. The new Educational Building of the Second Baptist Church, Milam and McGown Streets, seemed an ideal for the first home of these sixty seven; but when places were sought for carrying out the work as outlined for housing the necessary library, for locating available blackboards and suitable desks for the students, the difference between a college plant and a Sunday school building was clearly evident.

In spite of many apparent handicaps, however, the College went actively into its program and soon had full force in operation. Both students and teachers accepted their respective tasks and settled down to work. The student morale began high and steadily increased as the year advanced. The only seeming hindrance was the corner drug store, which at times was a little

numerous plays given by the Shakespeare class each year.

too close to the College location.

Pioneer Students

Who were these bold pioneers? What types of persons were they? What has been their subsequent history? There were 33 young men and 34 young ladies, ranging in ages from 15 years to 23 years, though one among the number was an aspiring homemaker 33 years of age; however, the average age of this small studentbody was 18.5 years. A further inventory of this little group revealed that 65 of them were graduates of accredited high schools, one enrolled on a statement from a school in England, and one was admitted on individual approval.

What types of persons were they? A page of the record shows the 13 students had I. Q.'s of 92 to 100; 28 students had I. Q.'s ranging from 101 to 110; 21 students possessed I. Q.'s of 11 to 120; and 5 students registered I. Q.'s of 121 to 126. The scholastic record of these potential scholars does not verify these mental measurements.

Such were the bold 67 who enrolled in the first day college . . . the pioneers of the new and greater University of Houston.

Red Masquers Show Rapid Growth Over Seven Year Period

Just seven years ago the Red Masque Players of the University of Houston was born, under the guidance of L. Standlee Mitchell. The dramatic society then numbering 15 or 20 has since increased to 104 active members.

During that seven years, the club has covered a range of plays from Burlesque to Shakespeare. Each year the society produces four three-act and as many one-act plays as possible. The three-act list for this year includes "Stage Door," "Holiday," "Red Harvest" and "Let Us Be Gay."

Mr. Mitchell, sponsor and director of the organization, received a B. A. degree at Abilene Christian College and a Fine Arts Diploma at the Boston School of Expression. In addition, he has received Graduate Study at the Irving School of the Theater and the University of Texas.

Cultural Benefits

Speaking of the cultural benefits to be derived from participation, Mr. Mitchell has said, "An honest attempt is made to introduce the student to every phase of dramatics. Not only does he learn poise, dialogue, and the proper handling of himself on the stage, but art, perspective, make-up, and scenery-effect is taught him.

"Not all of us are Barrymores, but in each of us there is some of drama. The object of this course is for this spark, to attempt to make it blaze. Each member is given every chance to participate."

Many of the members have been included in National and State honorary societies.

The officers for the year are Douglas Carter, president; Vera Mae Loughridge, vice-president; June Carter, secretary; Norman Pollard, business manager; and Don Miller, associate business manager.

The Red Masque Players is a two-semester-hour, three year course.

Reception—

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Barnes, and Marion Zapp, student assistants.

Door committee: Mr. Ewald W. Schuhmann, chairman. Mr. L. B. Fields, Mr. Samuel W. Henderson, Mr. Leon G. Halden, Mr. Murry A. Miller, Mr. Frank Val Jean McCoy, Mr. Warren A. Rees, Mr. C. B. Johnston, Dr. Raymond W. Baldwin, Mr. Neville Hunsaker, Mr. Edwin Green, Mr. Hangs, Mr. R. K. Walters, Mr. Doremus, Mr. Alva Lee Kerbow, and Mr. R. A. White, faculty assistants.

Floor committee: Mr. Harvey Harris, chairman. Mr. Fred E. Smith, Mr. Jules Vern, Mr. James D. Hutchinson, Miss Ruth Pennybacker, Mr. Val Jean McCoy, Mrs. Pearl McMullin, Mrs. Ruth Wikoff, Mr. Archie W. French, Mr. Frederic Browne, Dr. J. S. Werlin, Mrs. Helen C. Perry, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Marie A. Jacobson, Dr. C. F. Hiller, Mr. C. S. Meek, and Mrs. Carlton. The four class presidents and three students from the junior and senior classes appointed by the presidents of these classes, will act as student assistants.

Invitation committee: Mr. L. T. Hooker, chairman. Dr. George Drake, Mrs. Small, and Mr. Louis Kestenberg, faculty assistants.

Committee on ushers: Mr. R. W. Talley, chairman. Mr. McElhinney, Mr. McCoy, faculty assistants.

Follow-up committee: Mr. Mitchell, chairman. Mr. Talley and Mrs. Ebaugh, faculty assistants. Fred Larkin, Fred Haynes, Buddy Griffith, and Edgar Bunnell, student assistants.

Publicity committee: Mr. John R. Whitaker, chairman. John Stewart and George Chiasson, student assistants.

Social Science Department Grows With University

When the University of Houston first started, there were only 18 courses offered in the social science department. At the present time, there are fifteen courses in Economics taught by Frank Val Jean McCoy, fifteen in Government by Leon G. Halden, eighteen in history taught by Robert Talley, Charles S. Meek, Murry Artemus Miller, and Orville Winn Rote, twelve courses in Sociology by Joseph Sidney Werlin, and eight courses in Psychology taught by Alva Lee Kerbow and B. F. McElhinny.

In 1928 there were only 182 students enrolled in the Social Science department and only three teachers.

The social science department has pioneered in extension work. Professors Meek, Werlin, Halden, and McCoy take their classes out into the surrounding territories.

Professors Accomplished

Each professor of the department has a special accomplishment. Dr. Meek was the superintendent of the schools in San Antonio and has lectured in 18 universities.

Mr. Miller is assistant director of the general college and has had special study in the University of Chicago. Dr. Werlin was a special representative of Governor Allred for the study of the Prison system. Mr. Talley has a Fellowship in Paris. Mr. McCoy has had special work in the University of Southern California. Mr. Kerbow obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Greeley College and is author of a chapter in the Year Book of National Education Association. Mr. Rote is a specialist in international trade and foreign problems. Mr. Halden is author of four books on political science; a Carnegie Fellow in International Law, lecturer on social problems, and belongs to the United States Forum. Mr. McElhinny has had special study in statistical methods, given contributions to development of examinations, and reported the system of the students in the General College.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

April 29, is the date set for the party to be given at the home of Dr. R. W. Baldwin by the Business Administration club.

Final arrangements were made Wednesday at the meeting of the group.

Poet's Corner

By George Chiasson

LINES BY REQUEST

Quite often have I been befuddled,
Dazed, distracted, blank or muddled
Regarding inconsistencies of fate.
Despite all thought I can't explain
Why skies should have to pour
forth rain

Each time I have a very special
date.

I've studied charts and almanacs,
Consulted maps and gathered facts
To no avail—I find I'm never right.
I make my dates to coincide
With planets' orbits, ebbing tide,
And end up with a chilly, dripping
night.

Now who in hell can find romance
With a soggy coat and rumpled
pants;

A date who gripes about her ruined
hose.

When windsheld wipers fail to
function

I cuss and lose what little unction
I might have had—and sadly blow
my nose.

I guess I'm just not living right
Enough to rate a moonlight night.



Presented above are the most popular girls from each of the Senior High Schools. All of them will be seen tonight when the University of Houston honors the 1939 graduates with a senior reception at the City Auditorium. From left to right, top



—Courtesy O'Quin Studios

Book Review

"Young Man With A Horn" Inspired By Musician's Life

By J. D. Atkins

YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN by Dorothy Baker might be suggested as a text book for the gin-bugs, taking the extra work at the University's South Main branch, The Hat.

It is a highly interesting story, inspired by the life of the late swing-great Leon "Bix" Beiderbecke. Bix died in 1931, but there is probably not a professional dance musician today who does not look upon him, practically as a God of modern music. He was a musician's musician and was "putting them out of the world" and playing "in the groove," before such expressions were understandable to non-professionals, and before the Goodmans and Dorseys of today were known.

First Book

It is Mrs. Baker's first book, but it is certainly not detectable. Readers who know the ins and outs of the swing business will find it hard to believe that she is not of the profession herself.

At the age of fourteen, Rick Martin was living in Los Angeles with his uncle and aunt who were both young and single and quite poor, so he spent most of his time alone. He cared little for school and in fact, was quite often in trouble with probation officers. His first contact with a piano was in the All Souls Mission, which he found abandoned practically all of the time during the day. He had learned enough music in grammar school to enable him to pick out melodies from a hymn book.

A job he got in order to purchase a trumpet he had found in a pawn shop, also introduced him to his first real and understanding friend, Smoke Jackson, a negro janitor who had more rhythm in his sweeping than most people have in their dancing.

Makes Friends

By the time Rick starts making many friends among the negro musicians to whom Smoke has introduced him, Mrs. Baker has developed in him such a sympathetic character that even the most Mason-Dixon line-conscious reader can only believe that it is the inevitable and possibly the best thing for him.

He gets fairly good jobs in and around Los Angeles, but it is through one of his negro friends that he gets with one of the leading bands in the country. In New York he is THE trumpet man in

Sociology Classes Inspect Prisons At Huntsville

The Sociology Department, under the instruction of Dr. Joseph Werlin, made its annual trip to Huntsville recently to visit the Texas State Prison and the Goree Farm for women convicts.

The women's farm is the latest in scientific and modernistic development in the prison farms in the state of Texas. The women are taught a vocation, if they do not have one. One of the largest departments is the sewing department. The women make their uniforms and the uniforms for the men convicts at the penitentiary and also for those at the tubercular convict farm near Huntsville. The cooking department contains the latest cooking utensils and methods that are on the market.

Hospital Ward

A portion of the building is devoted to a hospital ward and operating room. Any convict needing medical attention receives it. The physicians and nurses are from the outside and are not prisoners.

In the State Penitentiary at Huntsville were found similar working conditions for the men as were for the women. They are taught a vocation to which they are best suited. The kitchen and the machine shop are two of the largest departments. The lunch room for the penitentiary and the farm are alike. The tables are arranged parallel to each other seating approximately twenty-five to a table. The chairs are attached to the table by a movable arm.

Electric Chair

The last room that was visited was that to which the condemned men "walk their last mile." The students had the opportunity to sit in the electric chair, if they wished. The prison system of Texas was efficient and practical.

This is one of the many trips that the Sociology department makes during the school year. This department visits the home for the delinquents in Harris County and surrounding areas. They also visit the city and county courts of Houston and Harris County.

town and spends all of his early morning hours ginning and jamming in the many musician's hang-outs.

Although Mrs. Baker says that the story has been inspired by the music, but not the life of Bix Beiderbecke, those who knew him say that his resemblance to the character of Rick Martin is far too close to be co-incidental.

Language Classes Prove Very Popular With Student Body

The University of Houston has four foreign language departments—French, German, Spanish, and Italian.

The French department, under the supervision of Mr. Jules Vern, has showed an increased enrollment up to one hundred forty four percent since 1934. A wide range of classes includes beginners and conversational French, study of French literature and lecture classes in French on modern lyric poetry and novels.

This year for the first time functional French has been included, consisting of reading material especially required by students in their school work and professions. Among such are: study of French history, naval terms, period furniture, French architecture, study of French novels, short stories and poetry, history of French journalism, diction, reading of French plays and radio work.

French Club

Les Mousquetaires, the French club of the school, has a French newspaper entitled, "La Feuille de Chou." Other activities of the club have been the obtaining of French films for those interested in the language and the country. "Un Carnet de Bal" was the most outstanding of those presented, having won the Venice International Exposition award.

Mrs. Floy P. Soule and Dr. Charles Hiller have also been instructors of the language during recent years.

German Department

The German department under direction of Mr. Louis Kestenberg, had its beginning in 1933. First, the department only offered a freshman class, but was extended the following year to include a sophomore and junior course.

Spanish Department

In 1937 the department staged a German student play characteristic of the Middle Ages with the famous characters of Walter von der Voger-Vogerweide.

The Spanish department is under the direction of Mrs. Floy P. Soule, who has been with the University from its beginning.

The primary aim of the department is to give the students a thorough practical knowledge of the language, along with creating in their minds a more sympathetic understanding of their fellow men in Spanish-speaking countries.

El Foro Espanol, the Spanish club of the University has had many distinguished guests during the year, including Mr. Luis Duplan, consul of Mexico, and Mr. J. F. Moliere, consul of Nicaragua.

Four years of work in Spanish is offered in the University, but it is possible for a student to secure credit for five years since the fourth

row, they are, Marian Yale of Austin; Ruby Verhines of Reagan; Bessie Shipley of Davis; Catherine Duffy of Milby; Betty Ruth Robbins of Lamar; Lulu Pearl Moulds of Sam Houston and Mary Katherine Washburn of San Jacinto.

Paddy In the Paddy Wagon

Marquette University's football coach, "Paddy" Driscoll, lived up to his nickname last week — and thereby hangs a good story.

Caught going through a red light, he was hailed into court. He got a former footballer to defend him, and here's the lawyer's argument to the judge: "Your Honor, the coach glanced around, thinking he saw some backfield material and missed the light."

The judge, also a former footballer, replied: "I understand the coach's predicament. Sentence suspended!"

Texas Christian University this year won all of its football games and lost all of its basketball games.

A University of Texas instructor has devised a process to "photograph mathematically" the atom.

Students running for office in the University of Florida spring elections spent an estimated \$2,500 on their campaigns.

year courses vary from year to year.

Italian Courses

The Italian department was established in 1938 with Mr. James Manfredini as instructor.

As the youngest foreign language department, the Italian club, Il Circolo, has been prominent in its achievements. Dr. P. H. Scardino and Signore Joseph Galla have given talks to the club members at their social functions.

A special plan was worked out in the class where only Italian was to be spoken. "This has proved most satisfactory and helpful in the study of the language for the students," stated Mr. Manfredini.

Plans are being made to continue classes in the fall and to expand the department further.

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DO'S AND DON'T'S For Dames on Dates

1. Don't keep your date waiting. Be prompt.
2. Don't try to make too good an impression the first night.
3. Don't be a walking cosmetic counter.
4. Don't ponder over the menu for half an hour and then eat only a small portion of your order.
5. Don't eat too much. The boy wants to go to school four years too.
6. Don't try to attract the attention of other fellows while on a date.
7. Don't retouch makeup in public.
8. Do something to show your appreciation.
9. Do your education justice by keeping the conversation interesting.
10. Do something to overcome the desire to be sophisticated and glamorous. Be natural.
11. Do your part in this dating business by at least presenting the opportunity for our asking you.
12. Do your best to converse and mix with us.
13. Do your share in supporting sports events.
14. Do believe us when we say "looks" aren't everything.
15. Don't each of you take each of these suggestions to heart. We believe many of you are doing all right—but there is always room for improvement.

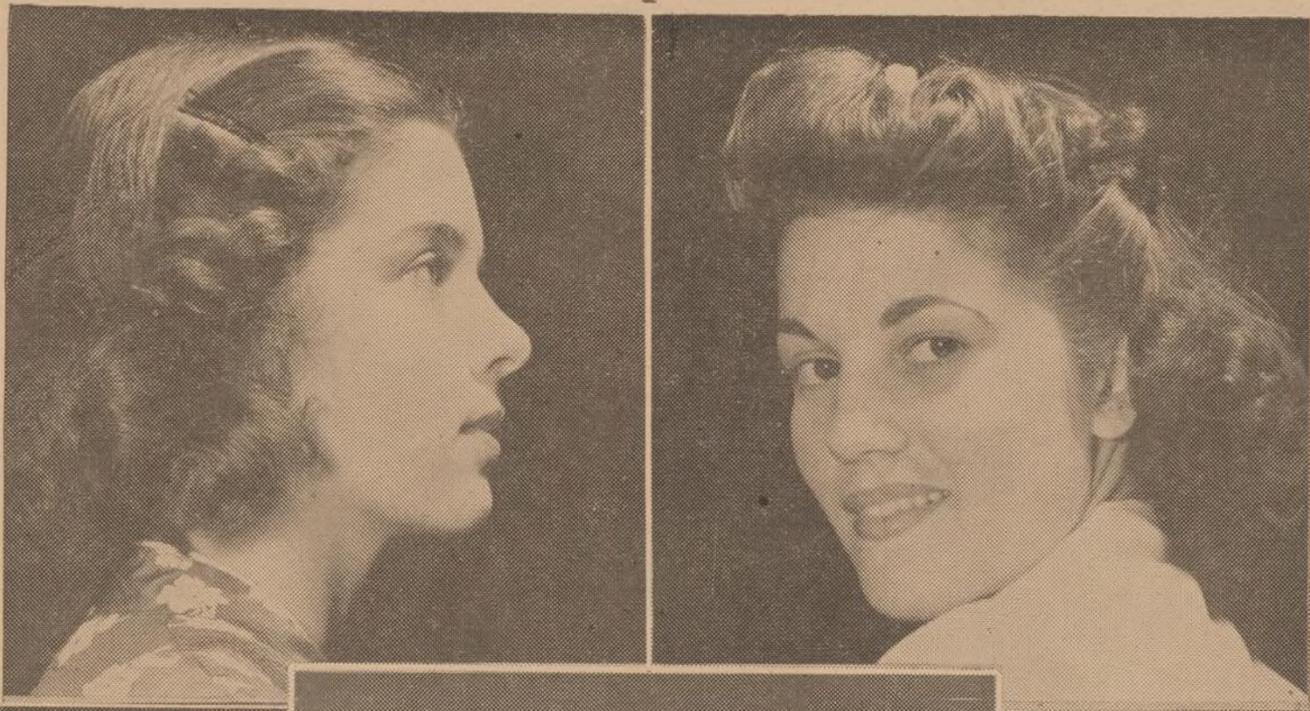
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School Beauties Vie For Reception Queen



—Courtesy Houston Post.

Pictured above are the most beautiful girls in the seven Houston Senior High Schools who will compete tonight at the City Auditorium for the beauty prize at the Twelfth Annual Senior Reception to be sponsored by the University of Houston. Reading from left to right, they are: Katherine Voekel of San Jacinto and Nettie Wiseman of Austin. Center row, left to right: Mary Olivia Fuller of Lamar; Geraldine Bentley of the University of Houston, who will preside over the pageant; Bessie Shipley of Davis. Bottom row, left to right: Doraldine Howell of Milby; Elizabeth Lenoir of Reagan; and Vivian Pix of Sam Houston.

OBERHOLTZER TAKES KEY FOR CULLEN



Shown above is Vernon Kelly, president of the University of Houston Society of Engineers, presenting an engraved society key to Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer who received the honor for Mr. H. R. Cullen who was unavoidably absent. The presentation was made at the Engineers' annual dance.



One of several trips taken by the Engineering classes in the University is the photo above taken when the Engineers traveled to Port Arthur to inspect the newly completed bridge constructed there.

Science Department Conducts Many Types Of Studies In Class

The Science department of the University of Houston consists of Biology, Physics and Physical Science.

Mr. L. T. Hooker is the head of the Biology department. The chief aim of the biology courses is to enable the individual to understand himself better through their understanding of other animals.

Marriage relationship is probably the most outstanding course—since it benefits the students in preparing themselves for marriage. This course endeavors to help solve problems which parents cannot or will not aid their offsprings in solving.

The General biology course lays a foundation for all work in the field of biology. It includes the study of anything and everything concerning living animals.

Physical Sciences

Mr. C. B. Johnston is the head of the Physical Science group. The chief aim of this course is to help students better understand the principles of science and apply them to more common place things.

Physics 133-134 courses are offered to non-technical students who are working toward a B. A. degree. They are offered to give students a better understanding of his environment which is necessary in this scientific age. In these courses the student is benefited through the freedom allowed him to work on topics which interest him.

Chemistry 133-134 which parallels these physics courses will be offered next year.

Mr. Ewald W. Schulmann describes the function of physics as not only to apply, but to arouse and maintain keen interest in everyday phenomena. With this in view a large amount of useful information is found in each course of physics.

Riding Club To Meet April 28

A meeting of the Riding Club was held Wednesday, April 19, and the time set for the first ride was Sunday, April 30, at 7 a. m. at the McGregor Riding Academy.

Those who wish to ride should contact either Mary Jo Emmert or Helen Ford, or attend the next meeting which is to be held Friday, April 28, at 6:40 p. m. in Room 110.

The club is being sponsored by Mr. Harris and all University boys and girls are invited to join.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank each and every student of the University of Houston for their splendid co-operation in helping the engineering society promote its annual "Sweetheart Ball." I would also like to express my thanks to the sweetheart nominees and the entire engineering society for their splendid work on the dance.

I would like to assure the school that the engineers are behind all school affairs and will give them their co-operation on any type of enterprise for the school's benefit.

Vernon Kelly,
—Pres. UHSE.

The aim throughout this course is principally to develop a scientific method of reasoning. Also, Physics helps give one the ability to converse intelligently in and about our scientific age.

Sophomore physics is offered for the engineers of this class. It deals with light, sound and electricity.

Modern physics is a course in modern development of electron and proton theory.

Advance electricity is a course on complete circuits both alternating and direct.

Many New Books Presented To Library For Reading Pleasure of Students

Mary Edna Poole has a page of verse in an anthology recently published by Valiant House. The book, *Important American Poets*, contains works from the pens of over 700 American poets. Her page gives us "Waterfall," "Circumference," "Autumn," and "China." Another Houston writer represented is Miss Nell Kerfoot.

A valuable art collection the Pearl Rucker Memorial was presented by the Houston Association of Childhood Education. Miss Rucker was director of art education in the Houston public schools for thirty years.

While the books will be valuable and instructive for the art student, they are books for the general reader and the traveler as well. They are lavishly illustrated and hold many pieces of the masters ranging from the Madonna subjects, nude studies, to the surrealist's nightmares.

An old volume, *Poems*, by Mollie E. Moore, published in Houston in 1872 was also a recent gift.

Autobiography with Letters by William Lyon Phelps is the book by the most popular teacher Yale has ever had. A recent *Life Magazine* reviewed this work. Interwoven with

his own story is the portraits of famous writers who have been his intimate friends. Mr. Phelps is called by one critic an American institution. He gives many quotable lines and anecdotes.

In the Name of Common Sense by Matthew N. Chappell is a treatise on worry. Dr. Chappell asks the question, "Are you just an average worrier, or are you an expert?" He says that worry is neither natural nor necessary; it is a kind of luxury and increases with practice. He affirms that anyone who has enough intelligence to become a worrier has all the mental equipment necessary to correct the habit. The book is very humorous instructive reading.

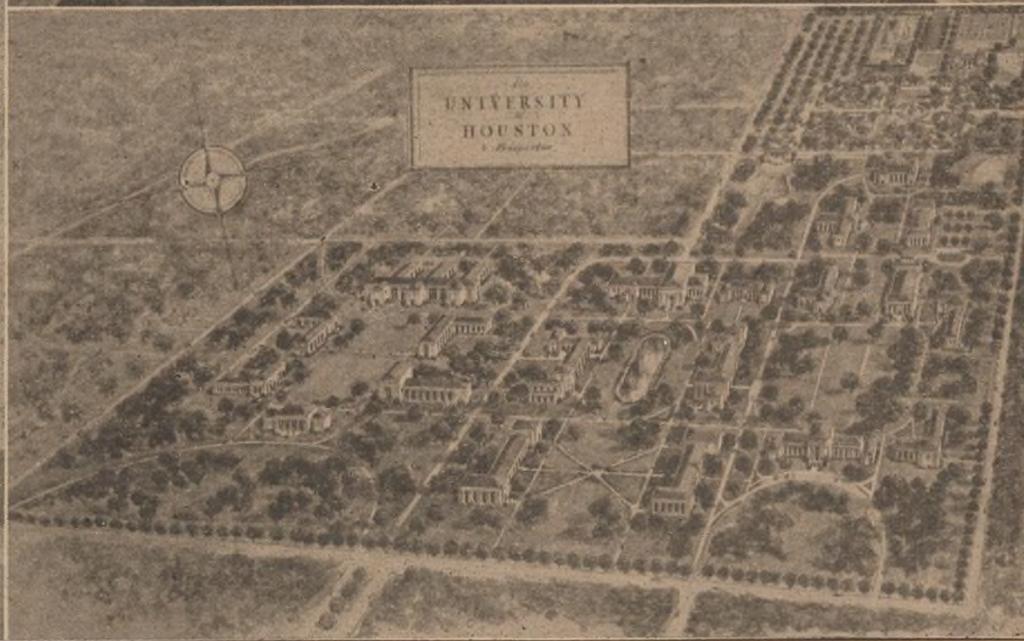
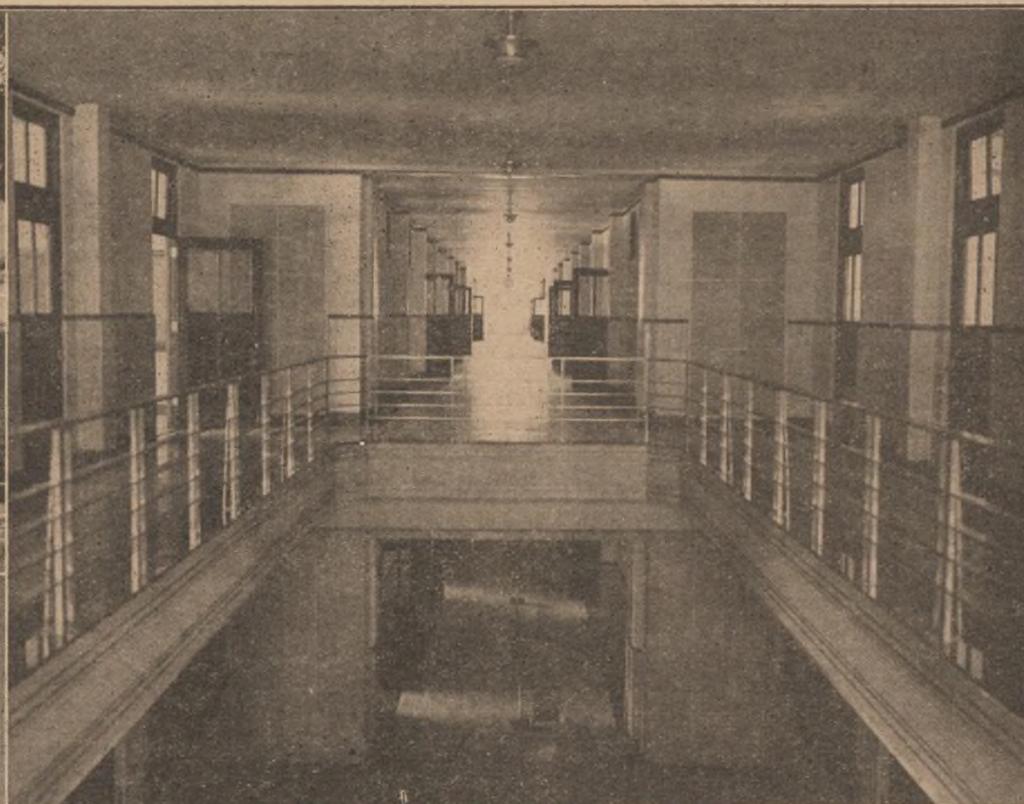
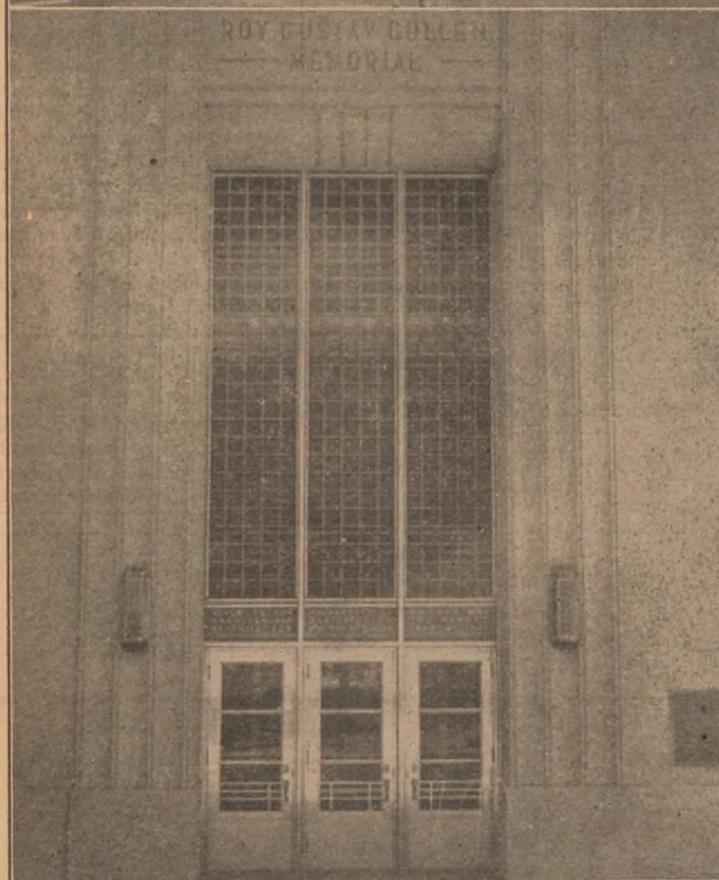
Adolf Hitler's book, *Mein Kampf*, brings to the library the story of a brutal man who reviews his life, "traces the growth of his social, economic, and political philosophy, and states both his aims and his methods." P. W. Wilson, of the Boston Transcript, says in his review, "One comes from reading this account with the feeling that one has been in the company of a madman intent upon forcing his might and his ideas upon a people, regardless of the results."

This book is printed by Reynal

and Hitchcock by special permission from Houghton and Hurst, the original printers. The profit from the sale of this printing becomes part of the fund for refugees.

There are two works by Shuhsi Hsu; *The War Conduct of the Japanese* and *How the Far Eastern War Was Begun*. These are two collections of essays, some of which have been published before. The author hopes to throw some light on the Oriental situation. The Japanese have no justification for making war on China, but if they think they have, why do they not act as a civilized nation instead of barbarians? "Why should they carry on indiscriminate bombing, sink fishing junks, kill ex-soldiers in cold blood, burn cities after capture, and indulge in large-scale looting, rape and murder wherever they go?"

And *Tell of Time*, the best seller, by Mrs. Laura Lettie Krey gives the years of the reconstruction days of the Brazos region of Texas. The Ku Klux Klan, labor problems, and attitude of the Texans toward the northern states furnish much of the background. The romance of Cavin and Lucina furnishes the love element. The writing is long and drawn-out, but is not so slow that the reader will tire of it. The book is one that will stay with the reader a long time.



Pictorially presented above is the steady growth the general college has enjoyed since its establishment in 1934. Top left is a photo of the San Jacinto High School, present home of the University. Directly below this is a picture of the day school of 1939. It was located at the Second Baptist Church, Milam and McGowen Streets. Bottom left, is a view of the main entrance of the Cullen Memorial Building which will be occupied in June. Top right is an interior view of the same building. Below this is the University of Houston of the future as illustrated by an architect's drawing.

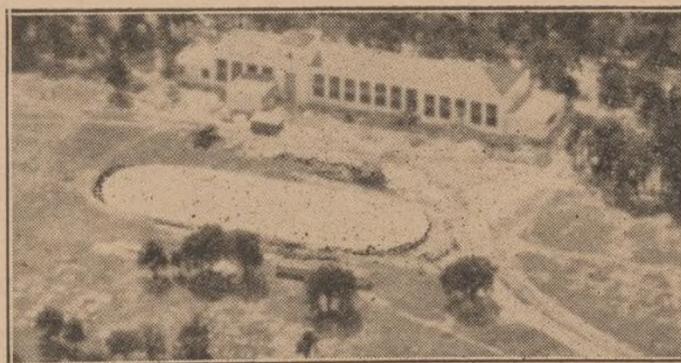
Numerous Clubs Make Up Student Life At University

SQUIRES

The University of Houston Squires is an organization for boys in the school who want to be open and above board in all their activities. Any member of the school is eligible to join and their activities are very frequent in the way of parties, dances, smokers, and of being help to the administration. Boyd Shinn is president and Mr. McCoy, professor of economics and history is the sponsor.

AESCULAPIAN CLUB

The Aesculapians is a health club. Most of their members are members of Health Education classes or students who wish to teach health education in School. However, any student is eligible to join. Mr. French is sponsor of the club and Buelah is sponsor of the club and Beulah Bono is the president. One of the club's big jobs of the year was to sell Christmas seals and pins for the children in the tuberculosis home. They have many socials in the way of games and discussions of health problems.



Pictured above is an aerial view of the newly completed Roy Gustav Cullen Memorial Building on the new University campus.

ENGINEER'S SOCIETY

The Engineers Society is headed by Vernon Kelly and sponsored by Mr. Hangs and Mr. Green. They have many visits in the way of looking over certain large engineering projects all over the city, and sponsor a large dance once every year, picking a sweetheart of the Engineers. Any member of any science department is eligible for membership.

DEBATING CLUB

Mr. Harris heads the debating club, with Charles C. Dillingham as president. This club sponsors many debates throughout the city and holds many parties during the year. The Hoot and Howl club, another

part of the debating department, also is run on the same plan. It is headed by Ira Johnston and the same sponsor.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Louise Webb is president of the University Singers. They sing at several occasions during the year and always sing at the graduation service of the University. They also have many parties and socials. Mrs. Charles C. Perry is sponsor and director. This club is free to any University student who wants to join, and can also be taken for credit.

METHODIST CLUB

The Chairman of the Methodist

Club is Madeline Durr, and Dr. Hiller, Bursar of the University, is sponsor. The club has different speakers from all over the city speak to them every Friday Night. They have conferences every year at the First Methodist Church and the Methodist Club makes effort to help.

EL FORO ESPANOL

El Foro Espanol is a Spanish club sponsored by Mrs. Soule, Spanish teacher at the University. Stewart Morris is president. They have different talks by people who have traveled in South America, and have many parties.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The Baptist Student Union is open to all students who care to enter and is headed by Reba Martin. They have a welcoming of all new students at the University and have many socials every year. They have talks by different pastors of the city and different christians leaders.

EL CIRCOLO ITALIANO

El Circolo Italiano club is an Italian speaking club headed by Addie Miller. They have different speakers talk on Italy and different plays in Italian. Any student is eligible to enter this club.

LES MOUSQUETARIES

Les Mousquetaires is a French club organized to help the French

students get the enthusiasm of French. Ethel Ruth Crow is president and Mr. Jules Vern is sponsor. They have different plays and parties throughout the year. Any student is eligible to join.

COUGAR COLLEGIANS

The Cougar Collegians is an all girl club for particular needs of the girls in the school. They have parties and dances throughout the year. Lorine Butler is president and Mrs. Ebaugh is the sponsor. At the first of the year every girl is sent an invitation to attend the meetings.

FENCING CLUB

The Fencing club is a mixed club for the purpose of learning to fence. The club is headed by Wilson Morris, as president and by Mr. Hutchinson as sponsor. The club sponsors many tournaments and invitation parties. Any student who wishes can join.

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HOW TO MIND A BABY

"Dip" Delivers Discourse On How To Mind a Youngster And Reveals Several Potent Factors In Child Care

By "Dip"

Well, class, on the menu tonight is a lesson that you all should memorize (you're going to need it sometime). Skeptics and other uncharitable souls probably will deem "How to Take Care of a Baby" very unscientific, and the methods even crude. But in my vast experience, derived from having once minded my baby bother (yes, he was a bother) when I had reached the ripe age of five, I feel duly qualified to teach this subject.

There are several very inconvenient things about babies. They (1) drink (2) squall (3) and—aw, gee whiz.

These three habits of bratlets (Bratlet, N., a young brat; hence, an ill-mannered and irksome offspring of the genus homo sapiens) are such as to make the keeper thereof very unhappy. But surely it is better to have some instruction in the finer points of minding the young of the species than to suddenly find yourself with the duty thrust upon you without any lessons.

First, let us take Problem 1. We assume that you have borrowed the heir-apparent from the neighbors, who wanted to go a show anyway. A doll won't do for these experi-

ments, since the reactions of the subject are so important.

Of course, we assume that you are going to feed the baby from a BOTTLE. This is usually the most convenient. First, put the brat on the floor so he can't fall off anything. Then place the bottle (regulation bottles made for the purpose MUST be used) in a pan of water and bring to a boil. Every now and then, this can be done without breaking the bottle, but it's a good idea to have several on hand just in case you forget your instructions.

Now you have everything ready but the milk. In the good old days milk warm from the cow would do, but now you have got to warm it in a double boiler or something (it's almost impossible to scorch it in a double-boiler, but with practice you can learn how). Now, pick up the bottle (of course it's hot, but don't talk like that before the baby), put the milk in it, and place the nipple thereon. Shove the BUSINESS end of the ensemble into the baby's mouth and let nature take its course.

Also, you will need to know how to (2) stop it from squalling. Of course, if you have (1) shoved a bottle in its face, it emits a gurgling sound instead of the blood-

blood-curdling warwhoop that's its specialty. Another way involves the use of a pillow, but courts sometimes do not see the necessity for this, so it is better to avoid it. Sometimes waving your hands at the end of your ears, braying the while, will get Baby's interest away from racket-making, but sophisticated bratlets will stop for nothing less than seeing you stand on your head while stuffing spinach in your ear. My proved method is to purchase a set of ear plugs for myself, turn on the radio full blast to drown out the cries, and ignore the youngster.

For the third and most annoying of baby's habits, there is little that can be done. I have given up sadly in my attempts to affix diapers properly without pinning them to the brat and starting it (2) squalling again. Some other child care specialists have PERFORMED WONDERS with supplies of gauze and adhesive tape, but my own method is much simpler and more practical. I have found, after years of study, that the best way is to place the baby in a pillow case with just his head sticking out. The pillow case should be pinned closely around his neck, and behold! the job is complete.

(I think it's about time you took

Collegians Bay Party To Be Held May 6, 7

The Cougar Collegians will hold their bay party May 6 and 7 at the Edgewater Cabanas at Galveston.

"This party is for the present members and for those old members who wish to attend," announced Lorine Butler, president.

A charge of 30 cents will be made of each girl who wishes to attend, and this should be paid to Miss Butler or Nanaline Williamson by Friday. This will include only lodging, and meals will be extra.

Every girl who wishes to attend must be at the Cabanas by 8:30 p. m., May 6, and no dates will be allowed that night.

Special Tours Offered Students

Special tours are being offered to students, faculty members, and their friends to the New York World's Fair.

Greatly reduced prices are being offered to anyone wishing to take the trip.

Anyone interested is requested to see George Chiasson, or call him at J-2-4932.

your borrowed baby home. It will be just as well if you're not around when Mama and Papa get back).

So long, class, I'm rushing home early tonight. My wife is leaving the baby with me while she goes to the show.

Junior, Senior Prom To Be Held May 5

The Junior-Senior prom will be held May 5 at the Arabia Temple.

Committees for the dance are Bibs Alexander, and Francis Crawford, programs; Helen Ford, decorations; Frazier Crawford, P. J. Sterne, and Mary Jo Emmert, dance; and Dorothy Hohl, publicity.

Frank Williams, a new-comer to the orchestra circle here in Houston, will play for the dance. There will be one girl singer, and a choral club composed of men from the orchestra.

As this will be the last dance of the year, an extra large crowd is expected to be there.

The price of admission will be \$1.25 a couple, and \$150 stag.

STUDENT'S LAMENT (From the Pathfinder.)

The most contemptible lowdown miserable ungrateful spiteful hateful underhanded double-crossing craven cowardly despicable unbalanced unprincipled refractory preposterous phlegmatic backbiting unscrupulous scurrilous scoundrel I know took the answers I filched from the professor's desk and didn't bring them back till after the exam.

Note of Thanks

The staff of the Cougar wishes to thank Miss Hilman O'Quin for her kind co-operation in taking the pictures of the participants in the Senior Reception.

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