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On the cover: Awards were given May 9 to four individuals who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers and in their service to the university. AO's annual Distinguished Awards Banquet story begins on page 3. (Cover photography by George Hixson.)



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Haynes, Reese receive distinguished awards; Butler, Munitz cited for outstanding service

The University of Houston continues to grow not only in size from its junior college beginnings in 1927, but also in its quality of education. Texas' major metropolitan center of learning is becoming increasingly known as an institution of academic excellence. This growth could not be possible without the help of many dedicated individuals—active, industrious students, a capable and committed staff and faculty of instructors and researchers, involved alumni and other dedicated members of the Houston community.

Each year the Alumni Organization recognizes dedicated alumni and individuals with distinguished awards. On Saturday, May 9, AO President Leonard Pizalate presented two outstanding alumnus awards and two Alumni President's Service Awards at a special banquet held at the UH Continuing Education Center.

Richard "Racehorse" Haynes

Receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Awards were attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes and Kenneth Reese, executive vice president of Tenneco, Inc. UH Chancellor Barry Munitz and John R. Butler, Jr., chief executive officer of J. R. Butler and Company and GeoQuest International, Inc., received the President's Service Awards.

Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, a 1952 graduate, has become more than a prominent criminal defense attorney; he has become somewhat a legend.

An article in *Houston City* magazine in 1978 refers to Haynes as the "Crown Prince" of the courtroom, "a master at both *voir dire* and cross examination, which he can carry on almost indefinitely, toppling a witness' testimony by picking at the most

minute cracks in its foundation." He has the ability to put himself totally on the side of his client, regardless of the allegations involved, mounting a skillful and creative defense.

He was christened "Racehorse" by an irate high school coach who was displeased at his actions on the field. No overeager or uncontrolled impulse is evident in his courtroom manner, however. Haynes stresses



▲ Richard "Racehorse" Haynes

professionalism, and maintains that courtroom decorum is as important to his client as it is to the system.

As an undergraduate at UH, Haynes was president of the student body and a member of the track team. He graduated from Bates College of Law in 1956.

A member of the American, Texas and Houston Bar Associations, Haynes is also a member of the American Judicature Society and the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and has received numerous awards, including the 1978 Special Merit Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the

1979 Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement.

His interest in education is ongoing. He is a member of the permanent lecturing faculty of the National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which provides continuing education for attorneys in this field, and serves on the Board of Regents for the National College for Criminal Defense.

At the University of Houston, Haynes was an adjunct professor for Bates College of Law in 1972 and has served as alumni adviser for Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. He has made contributions to the College of Education and is a charter member of the college's Chancellor's Club.

Kenneth Reese

Kenneth Reese, executive vice president of Tenneco, Inc., was born in Orange, Texas. He entered UH in 1951 on a football scholarship and graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor in Business Administration degree.

Following two years of service as a commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he returned to Orange and worked as an accounting clerk for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He remained with Firestone for 18 years, rising through the ranks of the corporation to the position of executive vice president.

In 1975, he accepted a position in Houston with Tenneco. The senior vice president and chief financial officer was promoted to executive vice president in 1978.

As a member of Tenneco's corporate office, a unified management team comprised of the board and chief executive officer, the president and three vice presidents, Reese has responsibility for the firm's financial affairs, corporate planning and development, and investments.

In addition to having distinguished himself in his career, Reese has been an active participant in community affairs. He serves on the board of directors for several Tenneco subsidiaries, and is a director of Texas Commerce Bancshares, the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Houston, the Texas Council on Economic Education, and the



▲ Kenneth Reese

National Board of Junior Achievement, Inc.

His involvement with UH continues as well. He is a trustee of the UH Foundation and serves on the advisory committee for the College of Business Administration.

In many ways a self-made man, Reese is an outspoken believer in the wealth of opportunity awaiting UH graduates who apply themselves in the world of business.

John R. Butler, Jr.

John R. Butler, Jr., is the chief executive officer of J. R. Butler and Company and GeoQuest International Inc., two related oil and gas consulting firms. In this capacity, his primary interests include oil reserve determination, secondary recovery of oil, seismic data acquisition, and geologic evaluation of potential oil bearing strata. These interests, coupled with his genuine interest in higher education, have led to Butler's involvement with the Seismic Acoustics Laboratory at the university.

The SAL is an advanced geophysical research facility now supported by a consortium of 40 oil and engineering firms. Butler has been instrumental in developing the SAL, generating industry support, and helping shape the SAL research effort.

The facility collects data traditionally considered to be a field exploration crew's responsibility. At SAL, the field is a model tank, the object is a scale model, and the crew members are geology and electrical engineering students, directed by electrical engineering professor G. H. F. Gardner and geology professor John A. McDonald. By bouncing sound impulses off scale models of large geological formations, SAL researchers are able to "see" underground rock formations in detail.

Most recently, Butler was instrumental in securing a \$500,000 grant for the SAL facility from the W. M. Keck Foundation, which has paid for a new computer system. This new system increases SAL's capacity to compare theoretical seismic data with physical model data 1,000 fold.

Born in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, Butler moved to Houston with his family when he was seven. He



▲ John R. Butler, Jr.

attended Kinkaid School, where he was quite an athlete. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering at Stanford University in 1962, and then returned to Houston as a technical service engineer for Humble Oil and Refining

Company in Baytown.

In 1969, Butler joined the engineering firm of Butler, Miller, and Lents, Ltd., as an oil and gas consultant. He and his associates formed Datec Services, Inc., in 1972. Datec, designed to service the computer processing needs of the production segment of the oil business, co-founded GeoQuest International in 1973. GeoQuest supplies consulting services to the oil industry and is active in all areas of the world.

Butler is active in a host of professional organizations, and serves on the Exploration Affairs Committee of the American Petroleum Institute and the Governmental Affairs Committee of the International Association of Geophysical Contractors. He is also on Governor William Clements' Energy Production Council.

Butler has had an active interest in conservative politics since his college years. In 1974 he was treasurer of the George Bush Appreciation Dinner. He was elected treasurer of the Republican Party of Texas in 1975.

He serves on the board of directors for Capital National Bank, Taping for the Blind, the American Heart Association, the University Cancer Foundation, HouPac, the Fisher Institute, and Boy's Club of America.

Dr. Barry Munitz

Dr. Barry Munitz, Chancellor of the UH Central Campus, not only has contributed greatly to the campus, but also he has given the UH Alumni Organization impetus to grow and to succeed.

Munitz is one of the youngest university leaders in the nation. He was recently recognized by *Next* magazine as one of the six educational leaders in our country with the potential to shape the future of education. He was also listed in *Change* magazine as one of the top young educational leaders in the nation.

In 1977 Munitz became the central campus' first chancellor after serving for 18 months as its vice president and dean of faculties. Prior to coming to UH, Munitz was academic vice president at the University of

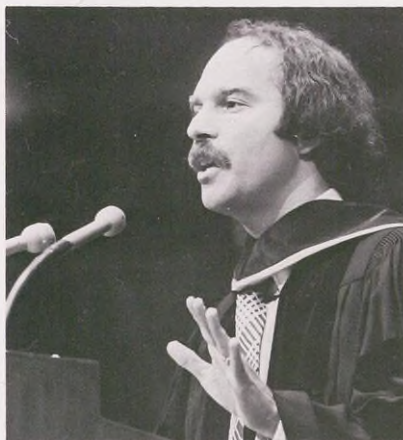
Illinois. He previously served as staff associate and assistant to Clark Kerr, director of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

A native of Brooklyn, Munitz earned his undergraduate degree in classic and comparative literature at Brooklyn College, graduating *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa in 1963. That college awarded him its Outstanding Alumnus Award last year. He went on to receive his master of arts and doctorate in comparative literature from Princeton University.

The majority of Chancellor Munitz's professional activities has been in the fields of higher education administration, the assessment of institutional leadership, and the interactions between chief executive officers in various sectors of institutional life. He believes it is vital for administrators in today's colleges and universities to be at the forefront of innovative leadership, and his own experiences personify and reinforce that belief.

His articles on university leadership have been widely published and he

has authored a comprehensive book on the subject entitled, *Leadership in Colleges and Universities*. Moreover, Munitz serves on the boards of numerous national, community, and corporate organizations and he is the only academic leader in the Southwest Chapter of the Young



▲ Chancellor Barry Munitz

President's Organization.

In his role as UH Chancellor, Munitz serves as the chief executive officer

of the oldest and largest component of the UH System, with 31,000 students, 2,500 faculty, 4,000 staff, and an annual operating budget of over \$80 million.

But the impact of Chancellor Munitz's leadership at UH is most felt in his active commitment to have the quality of everything on the central campus match as closely as possible its extraordinary growth over the past 15 years—increased scholarships, enhancement of the library, the Opera Studio, distinguished professorships and other nationally renowned faculty, a geometric leap in the amount and sophistication of academic computing support, neighborhood revitalization and broad community involvement, cooperative programs with the Texas Medical Center, revitalized leadership in intercollegiate athletics, programs to broaden student and faculty involvement in the total life of the campus, and active and extensive support for a broad base of alumni communications and programs. **UH**

Area chapter news

Cen-Tex Chapter—

Newly organized and operational is the Cen-Tex Chapter of the Alumni Organization of the University of Houston. Membership is mainly from the Temple area but the chapter is expecting to draw membership from the Bell-Coryell-Lampasas and Milam Counties also.

The chapter has created a one-year five-person board of directors, four of whom are officers. They include: president, Jerry Pickle; vice president, Frank Deptula; secretary, Morris Brewer; treasurer, Jim Flanagan; and Carolyn King as the remaining director.

For membership information or involvement contact:

Jerry Pickle
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Dallas Chapter—

A good time was had by all as the Dallas club held their seventh annual summer picnic on June 6 at Sandy Lake Amusement Park. Honored guests included football coach Bill Yeoman and athletic director Ced Dempsey.

A \$500 scholarship in the name of Newman J. Clark was presented to the university by Dallas area board member Bergen Hall. The award is for a Cooke County resident and will be based on merit.

San Antonio Chapter—

The first annual summer picnic in the San Antonio area was held June 27 at Olmos Park. South Texas area recruiter and assistant football coach Ron Peacock was the featured speaker.

Ecuador Chapter—

The second annual visit by members of the Ecuadorian Area Chapter is being planned for October 1981. Once again they will meet in the Continuing Education Center as they are planning another conference concerning oil development and management.

Junior Cougars

Hey, Kids—

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Community study ongoing

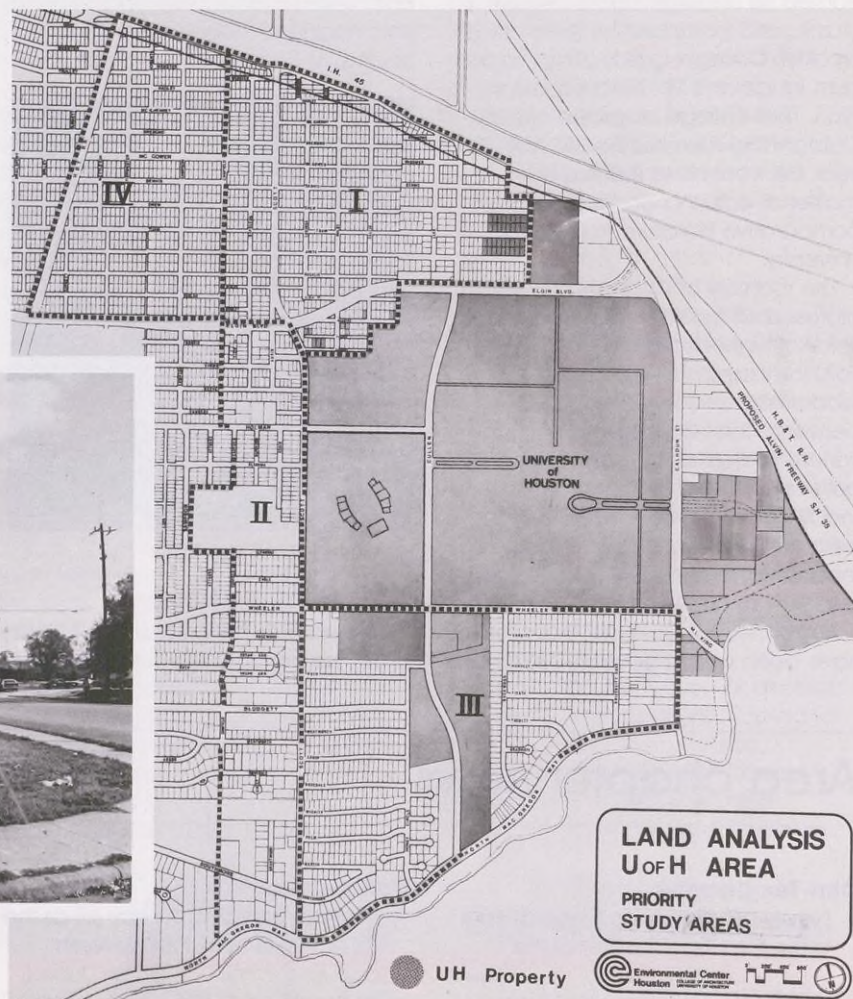
By Pat Streilein

The University of Houston is currently spearheading an effort to revitalize neighborhoods adjacent to the central campus and to improve university services and facilities, such as student housing, sports facilities and day care.



The goal of the UH Community Study is to develop a "campus town" community, and convert its primarily commuter campus image to a traditional one with more students living on the campus and in housing within walking distance.

To accomplish this goal, which UH Environmental Center Director Larry Bell estimates will take about 25 years, UH administrators hope to interest the private sector in new commercial development and its own faculty, staff and students in locating in the area. This would create an immediate stable population as a market for new businesses that would provide services, such as retail shopping and entertainment establishments, the report notes. The Environmental Center, an arm of the School of Architecture, is charged



with conducting the study.

Now in its second year of preparation, the study includes reports ranging from "what are the 'bricks and mortar' implications of who we are and where we're going" to "what potential is there for residential and commercial development in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding us," Bell says.

For study purposes, the area (bounded to the south by MacGregor Way, the Gulf Freeway to the north, Tierwester to the west and the Santa Fe railroad tracks to the east) was divided into four sections, designated as Priority Study Areas I, II, III and IV (see map).

The Land Use Analysis is concerned with what already exists in each of these areas and future use.

The two areas found most conducive to commercial development are Study Area I and the Calhoun Triangle area.

The study committee, therefore, recommends that administrators initiate planning and negotiations with developers to determine the feasibility of creating a campus-oriented retail and entertainment center and convenience establishments, such as food and drug stores, in the campus area.

Areas II and III already contain mostly residential structures, the report notes. Area II, which lies

between Texas Southern University and UH, contains primarily residential buildings; however, they exhibit enormous contrasts: neat, attractive single-family dwellings line many streets, but often back-up to deteriorating multi-family units; small churches face liquor stores; and nightclubs are adjacent to school property.

Area III contains well-cared-for subdivisions, and vacant land along Wheeler, which is partially owned by UH, consists of attractive wooded lots making it desirable for residential development.

The study committee recommends that both of these areas continue to be utilized for residential housing, regardless of whether UH sponsors new development there, or opts to sell its properties to private developers.

The report also recommends that UH take steps to assist in providing a climate that would make the area desirable to persons affiliated with the university; and as an incentive, investigate the availability of low-interest loan programs for improving existing properties and new development.

Other issues addressed in the report include: improving schools, security and social services and expanding day care, health care, recreational and sports facilities.

The report recommends that UH encourage faculty, staff and students to become more involved in classes and programs at local public schools and invite their participation in UH programs and events. In addition, the report suggests studying the idea of an "Everywhere School," an educational concept that would utilize the university and entire Houston community as a classroom.

Noting that day care facilities are crucial to many UH families, the

report suggests extending the UH Child Care Center services to children under age two and encouraging quality private day care facilities to locate in nearby neighborhoods.

Noting that there is an adequate number of health care facilities accessible to the campus area and some services, such as those offered by the UH Optometry Clinic, the report recommends expanding UH services to the community by establishing an Interdisciplinary Clinic Center that would utilize the skills of UH psychologists, social workers, educators, etc. Also, UH should cooperate with community service groups in their efforts to provide community services in the study area.

In addition to the UH Police Department's improved safety program that is currently being implemented, the report recommends that UHPD work more closely with the Houston Police Department in an effort to make the entire community a safer place to live, work and conduct business.

Since one of the goals of the study is making the university more attractive to persons affiliated with it, researchers recommend expanding and improving collegiate sports facilities, including funds for studying the feasibility/requirements of renovating and expanding Robertson Stadium to seat 45,000 spectators.

Area IV, though somewhat removed from the campus, tends to detract from the image of UH, the

report states, and recommends that administrators seek the State Highway Department's assistance in landscaping the strip of land there that borders the Gulf Freeway.

"The future vitality of UH and nearby neighborhoods will depend to a significant degree upon housing developments in our area and on whether or not supporting services can be promoted," Bell says.

"If we can directly or indirectly provide affordable and suitable close-in housing, more full-time students may participate in UH programs and identify more closely with the school, thereby improving its social climate and spirit. Additionally, by improving our image, many good students who currently go elsewhere for an education may decide to attend UH, and the university's effort to recruit quality faculty and staff would be enhanced," he concluded.

Constituent chapter news

Alumni Scholarships—

The UH Alumni Organization awarded scholarships to Melodie Pogue and Jeffrey B. Marvel at the Distinguished Alumni Banquet.

Pogue received a graduate fellowship for \$5,000. Her dissertation topic concerns the role played in the British army by German mercenaries in the American Revolution. Currently a teaching fellow in the history department, Pogue hopes to become an American history professor.

Marvel was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He is a junior biology major with a 4.0 GPA. Marvel is a pre-med student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

College of Business Administration (CBAA)—

CBAA has awarded its Distinguished Service Award to the college's dean, Dr. A. Benton Cocanougher. He was also selected a distinguished alumnus of the University of Texas College of Business Administration recently. Cocanougher received his B.B.A. (1962), M.B.A. (1968), and Ph.D. (1970) degrees from UT.

Dr. Paul M. Horvitz, professor of finance, was named the Distinguished Faculty Member of 1981 by CBAA. The honor is based on performance in the areas of service, teaching and research.

Horvitz is a specialist in banking regulations. He spent 10 years with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. where he was a director of research and assistant to the chairman.

He also served as senior economist and associate director of the department of banking and economic research, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; consultant with the Commission on Money and Credit; and financial economist at the Federal Reserve

Bank of Boston. He is a member of the board of directors of Brookhollow National Bank in Houston.

He writes a monthly column for *The American Banker*, is the author of several books and has published articles in the *Banking Law Journal*, *Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Finance*, *Bankers Monthly*, and the *Texas Business Review*.

CBAA will hold its annual Football Forecast Luncheon with Coach Bill Yeoman on Wednesday, September 2. For more information contact Kathy Rhodes at 749-2911 in August.

College of Education—

Dr. Thomas M. Spencer was presented the first Distinguished Alumni Award at the Second Annual College of Education Foundation Fund Black Tie Dinner. (For more on Spencer see this issue's Profile article.)

Don Murphy, owner of Don's Western Wear, was installed as the new president of the Foundation Fund's Advisory Board and was recognized for his generous funding of the Shasta portrait project and his donation of a \$50,000 endowed scholarship fund.

Cullen College of Engineering—

Work has started on a \$13,850,000 expansion and renovation project at the Cullen College of Engineering. The project includes construction of a four-story addition and renovation of the existing building.

The addition's completion is scheduled on or before April 1983, and renovation of the current main building should be finished by October 1983. The 102,256 square feet of additional floor space will create an engineering complex with more than 406,000 square feet of floor area.

The UH Board of Regents approved the project citing existing space shortage and steady enrollment increases within the college. More than 3,200 students are currently enrolled in the engineering college and all will benefit from this expansion.

The addition will be an independent structure north of the current building. A covered walkway will connect the first, second, and third levels of the two buildings. The addition's exterior and windows are designed to match the current building's pre-cast exterior concrete panels and dark glass.

The engineering complex's classrooms and much of the undergraduate laboratory space will be concentrated in the addition. The schedule renovation will convert the existing structure to an office and research laboratory facility.

Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management—

John Schultz, senior vice president of Gerald D. Hines Interests, and Don Brennan, president of the Hotel Management Association, received the Educator of the Year Award presented annually by the college's alumni association.

They were honored for the course they team teach in hotel development. The award was presented at the Texas Hotel-Motel Association show in El Paso recently.

College of Law—

Leonard Rosenberg, a partner in the law firm of Foreman and Dyess, has been named Outstanding Alumnus of 1981 by the UH Law Alumni Association. An attorney as well as a certified public accountant, Rosenberg is a member of the law school's class of 1953. He served as president of the Law Alumni this past year.

College of Optometry—

The college held receptions attended by several hundred alumni and friends at the Southern Council of Optometrists recently in both Atlanta and at the Southeastern Congress in Dallas.

School of Music—

The Board of Trustees of Syracuse University has awarded the Arents Pioneer Medal to Carlisle Floyd, M. D. Anderson Distinguished Professor in the School of Music. The award is presented to alumni on the basis of distinguished accomplishment in a professional endeavor. *Willie Stark*, an opera composed by Floyd and based on the novel *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren, recently

premiered in Houston to national acclaim. (See related stories in this issue.)

College of Technology—

In recognition of the contributions of Bill and Helen Zimmer toward the growth of UH, a memorial endowment fund is being established in their memory by the College of Technology. The Zimmers died in an automobile accident last February near Brenham, Texas.

Bill Zimmer, a 27-year employee of UH, was coordinator of faculty and student services in the College of Technology.

The fund, which will be earmarked for enhancing recruiting efforts for

the entire university, will require at least five \$1,000 donations; however, smaller contributions may be used to help establish it. It will be used to finance an annual "Zimmer Day on Campus," a day set aside when meritorious students selected from area high schools would be given a tour of the colleges and campus, presentations on admissions and information about UH.

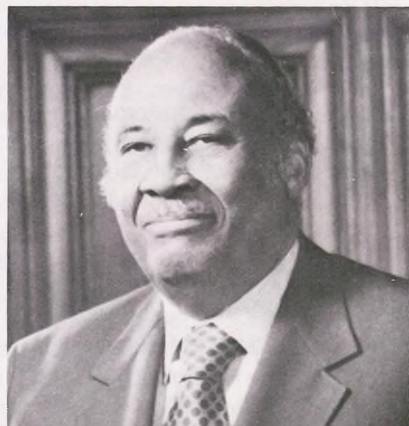
Persons desiring to contribute to this campus-wide project should send their donations to University of Houston, College of Technology, c/o Professor Bill Drake, Houston-Zimmer Endowment Fund, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas 77004.

Campus news

Hannah elected Regents chairman

Mack Hannah, Jr., in his second six-year term as a member of the UH System Board of Regents, has been elected chairman of the board and takes office in September.

Hannah was first appointed to the UH board in 1971 and has served as vice chairman of the board for the last two years.



▲ Mack Hannah, Jr.

A land developer, Hannah is also the founder and senior board chairman of Standard Savings Association

and president of Hannah Life Insurance Company.

Hannah received his B.S. degree from Bishop College in Dallas, where he was named to the ranks of Negro All-American in football. He was later honored with a Doctor of Law degree from Bishop and has over 30 years of service as a member of the college's board. He also served on the board of Texas Southern University for 12 years, 10 of those as chairman and received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from that institution.

Other officers of the board will be Charles Marino, independent oil and natural gas operator, serving as vice chairman, and Benjamin Woodson, retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer of American General Insurance Company, will be serving as secretary.

Pickar receives Farfel award

Dr. Gertrud B. Pickar, chairperson of the UH German Department, has been chosen as the recipient of the Esther Farfel Award, the university's highest academic honor. It was

presented to her by Chancellor Barry Munitz during spring commencement ceremonies.



▲ Gertrud Pickar advises a student.

Honoring a faculty member who is outstanding in teaching, research and service, the \$5,000 award was endowed in 1979 by Aaron Farfel, former chairman of the UH System Board of Regents.

The award is based on faculty and student recommendations, formal teaching evaluations, the faculty member's commitment to professional recognition and public service activities.

Eight awarded for teaching excellence

Four UH faculty members and four graduate teaching fellows who have demonstrated outstanding capabilities in the areas of teaching and research, received the 1981 UH Teaching Excellence Award recently.

Faculty members include Dr. Valentini Brady-Papadopolou, associate French professor since 1977, and Albert Hirsh, music professor since 1957, both in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Marion George Webber, professor of pharmaceuticals in the College of Pharmacy since 1951.

The faculty award consists of an inscribed scroll and a \$2,500 honorarium and is based on special educational projects, significant contributions to departmental teaching programs, new courses developed, new or improved teaching methods, as well as student and colleague recommendations.

The teaching fellows received an inscribed scroll and a \$1,000 honorarium. The instructors honored were Jorge G. Ibanez, chemistry; Dorothy S. Marsh, mathematics; Marjorie A. Nash, philosophy; and Timothy R. Wilson, health, physical education and recreation.

In making the presentations, Provost George Magner defined teaching excellence as, "The ability to transmit information in an enthusiastic, concise fashion, enabling students to see not only the current state of knowledge, but also the expanding horizons of the field."

Grinaker appointed Hurley professorship

Robert L. Grinaker, professor of accountancy and taxation, has been appointed to the Marvin Hurley Professorship of Business Administration for a one-year term, effective September 1.

He is the first recipient of the recently established professorship named in honor of the late Marvin Hurley, executive director of the

Houston Chamber of Commerce for 26 years prior to his death in 1972.

Unlike most professorships which are endowed by a few donations, the Hurley Professorship was established through the contributions of hundreds of friends of Hurley and the UH College of Business Administration. The endowment for the Hurley Chair is administered by the College of Business Administration Alumni Educational Foundation and provides summer salary and research support.

Professor Grinaker is interim chair of the department of accountancy and taxation through the 1980-81 academic year. He served as chair from 1966-71 and 1972-73. Before joining the UH faculty in 1965, he taught at the University of Texas at Austin and Ohio University at Athens.

He holds a master of business administration from Harvard University and is a certified public accountant in Texas. His special area of interest is auditing and financial reporting. He formerly worked as a senior accountant, auditing, in the Houston office of Price Waterhouse & Co., CPAs.

Grinaker has received numerous honors during his teaching career including the UH Teaching Excellence Award, the College of Business Administration Distinguished Faculty Award, and the Jack G. Taylor Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Texas at Austin.

Two appointed Danforth fellows

UH history faculty members, Drs. Robert Giesberg and Thomas F. O'Brien have been appointed Danforth Associates.

The Danforth Foundation, established by the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth in 1927, is a national organization dedicated to enhancing the humane dimensions of life by improving the quality of teaching and learning.

"The program is unique in that associates work directly with students on a personal basis in an effort to improve student-faculty relations and to strengthen the teaching-learning

process," Gene L. Schwilck, president of the Danforth Foundation, explained. Conferences are held for associates on various themes in order to develop new teaching styles and skills.

Approximately 531 persons from colleges and universities throughout the United States have been appointed to the Danforth Associate program this year, and more than 8,500 persons representing academic fields in more than 1,000 institutions of higher education participate in the program.

An expert in the history of opera, Giesberg has recently published *The Houston Grand Opera: A History*. He is editor of *Opera Cues*, the Opera Guild magazine, and an advisory board member of the Houston Grand Opera. Giesberg received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1958.

O'Brien is an expert in the history of Central America. He was the recipient of the Kent Fellowship from the Danforth Foundation in 1974-75. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in 1976.

Communication director named

Dr. Garth S. Jowett, UH communication professor since September 1979 and interim director of the school since last July, has been named director of the School of Communication.

His appointment is subject to final approval by the UH System President and Board of Regents.

The 41-year-old professor was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He came to UH as a visiting professor in 1979 from the department of communication studies at the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He served as head of that department from 1977-79.

In 1970 he was awarded the Newcomen Society Award for "Contributions to the Cause of Material History" for his paper on the acceptance pattern of the early motion picture industry in the U.S. He

is the author of the book, *Film: The Democratic Art, A Social History of Movie-Going in America*, and co-author of *Movies as Mass Communication*.

Jowett's most recent book, *Culture in Communication: An Introduction to Mass Culture*, is scheduled for publication later this year by Prentice-Hall. He has two other books currently in production and has authored and co-authored numerous textbook chapters, journal articles and professional papers.

He served for two years as director for social research and program development of the Canadian Federal Department of Communications in Ottawa, and has a number of year's experience as an advertising and marketing executive in commercial agencies.

Jowett was a founding member of the Canadian Communication Association, a member of the International Institute of Communications, and a former consultant to Unesco (Paris), division of development and application of communication.

Brown room houses cruiser memorabilia

The George R. Brown Room on the fifth floor of the M. D. Anderson Library was dedicated recently as the home of the Cruiser Houston Memorial Exhibit and as a versatile meeting room for both UH faculty and staff and area community groups.

The room, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., is named after the co-founder of Brown & Root, Inc., one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies.

More than 50 years of history revolving around the *USS Houston*, the famous U.S. Navy cruiser named after this city which went down during a World War II sea battle, and the citizens of Houston are revealed in the Cruiser Houston Exhibit.

This large collection of photographs, books, newspaper clippings

and other memorabilia was first donated to UH in November 1979 by William A. Bernrieder. Bernrieder is one of the few surviving members of a committee organized in Houston in 1927 to influence the U.S. Navy to name a cruiser after Houston.

After nine months of campaigning, involving thousands of letters and telegrams to the Secretary of the Navy from Houstonians and resolutions passed in the Texas, Virginia and Tennessee legislatures, the Navy agreed to name one of its cruisers the *USS Houston*.

The *USS Houston* was completed in 1929 and paid its first visit to the city in October 1930. More than 50,000 people from all over the state toured her decks during that first visit.

During its 12-year commission, the *USS Houston* served as the flagship for 17 admirals and for President Franklin D. Roosevelt on four cruises. Its final service came at midnight on March 1, 1942, when it and the Australian ship *Perth* were sunk in the Battle of Sunda Straits. About 800 of her crew were killed, while 300 survivors were taken prisoner by the Japanese.

Houstonians who had been involved in the earlier campaign to have the cruiser named after their city responded again by raising money to construct a new *USS Houston*.

In about nine months, \$85 million in war bonds were purchased by residents of Houston and Texas for the new ship's construction. Jesse Jones, then secretary of commerce, presented the check to Naval Secretary Frank Knox in a public ceremony at the Sam Houston Coliseum in December 1942. The money collected financed not only the construction of a new cruiser, but that of an aircraft carrier, the *USS San Jacinto*, as well.

In addition to Bernrieder's mementos, the Cruiser Houston Exhibit also includes a five-foot model of the *USS Houston* sent by members of the *USS Houston* Survivors Association, as well as items which have been given by families of men who were killed in the Battle of Sunda Straits.

The room is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Lawyer to Layman" earns special media award

The Texas Municipal Courts Association has presented a special media award to KUHT-TV, Houston's public television, for its weekly series "Lawyer to Layman." The program was cited for "providing informative and creative programs to the public and the legal community."

"Lawyer to Layman" is a live half-hour program which provides free legal advice to viewers. Attorney Tim Bersch is host-moderator.

He and guest lawyers have discussed such topics as immigration, worker's compensation, wills, real estate, and copyright laws.

"Lawyer to Layman" is produced at KUHT-TV in cooperation with the Houston Bar Association, Houston Young Lawyers Association, and the Houston Lawyer Referral Service. Attorneys Patricia Hogan, John Montgomery, and Bersch serve as Bar producers. Ann Schachtel is station producer for the series.

The series has been submitted for competition in the 1981 American Bar Association's Gavel Awards.

Festivals given endowments

The two major summer projects of the University of Houston drama department, the Children's Theatre Festival and the Houston Shakespeare Festival (co-sponsored by the Cultural Arts Council of Houston), have received endowments from the Houston Delphian Scholarship Foundation. The endowments, totaling \$25,000 each, are the first to be awarded to either project, and the first endowments to be presented by this 50-year-old organization.

According to Linda Bolmeier, assistant director of the office of special projects and publicity director for CTF, these gifts mark the beginning of established financial support for the festivals, a basis for their continued existence.

Opera

Willie Stark Premieres

The latest work of Carlisle Floyd, contemporary opera composer and professor in the University of Houston School of Music, sets to music the final days of the ruthless, Southern politician Willie Stark. The Houston Grand Opera's World Premiere of *Willie Stark* opened on April 24 in Jones Hall.

Set in 1935, the opera libretto, an adaptation of Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *All the King's Men*, begins with events leading to impeachment proceedings against Stark.

Employing characters, relationships and patterns of action somewhat differently than Warren, Floyd condenses the novel into the illustrious governor's last 10 days prior to his assassination and uses the character Jack Burden as his assailant.

Based in part on events surrounding the career of the late Louisiana Senator Huey Long, Warren's novel portrays a man who gains power by fulfilling the needs of those who support him, but more and more exerts his power over others to fulfill his own emptiness.

From the idealistic young man motivated by the cause of social betterment to a politician corrupted by power, even power exercised against corruption, Stark faces political ruin, and with it the end of his dream to improve the lot of the "common man" and struggles with the moral question, "Does the end justify the means?"



Kim Bradley

This internal dualism, the conflict between the young idealist and the pragmatic politician, coupled with his love affair with Jack's fiancée Ann Stanton, and the ruthless exposure of Jack's father Judge Burden, set into motion events that finally lead to his end.

In composing this opera, Floyd utilizes a wide range of musical styles. By combining traditional opera composition such as *Leit-motive* and *singspiel* with strong folk and jazz elements in the basic lyrical framework, the opera conforms to what Floyd refers to as a "crossover." He explains, "A crossover uses the conventions and devices of both theatrical drama and opera," a style that is becoming characteristic of "American Opera." He admits that this is the main reason well-known Broadway theatrical director/producer Hal Prince agreed to produce the Houston performances.

Although Floyd's operas have received rave reviews and he is considered the foremost composer of "American Opera" today both nationally and abroad, he notes, "With no more than a half dozen successful enough to be on the regular repertoire of major opera houses, a formal school of American Opera is still nonexistent.

"And for the most part, Europeans view American Opera as a contradiction because they are not accustomed to dealing with the art form in this way," the composer continued. "Even in the big houses here . . . New York, Chicago, Miami . . . subscribers do not look favorably on this type of opera. Their audiences are conservative. Subscribers attend operas primarily to hear singers. That's a reason to attend, but I don't believe opera as an art form grows that way."

On the other hand, in houses where audiences have had a steady diet of new works such as San Francisco, this type of opera is well received, according to Floyd.

He notes, however, that the success of any opera depends heavily on how well it is promoted; therefore, even conservative audiences are receptive to the new and the different if opera promoters do their job well. His opera *Susannah* and the well-known *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin are examples of two successful American Operas.

Following its premiere performances in Houston, *Willie Stark* premiered in May at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C., which originally commissioned the opera. UH

Floyd is foremost American opera composer

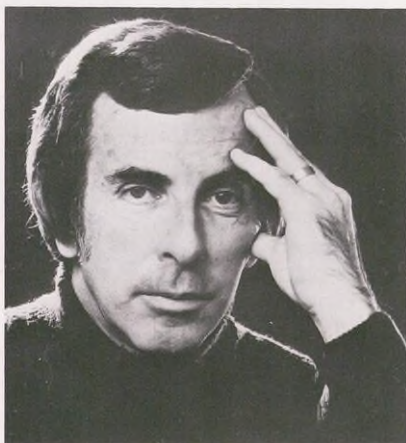
The son of a Methodist minister from a small town in eastern South Carolina, Carlisle Floyd, acclaimed as the foremost composer of opera in America today and a University of Houston faculty member, could himself be the subject of an epic libretto.

Although his mother introduced him to the elements of music by teaching him piano during his youth, it was not his primary interest during his teen years. While in high school, Floyd enjoyed the role of a well rounded student displaying talent in literature and the graphic arts, serving as editor of the school newspaper and as vice president of the student body, and participating in sports.

At the tender age of 16, however, Floyd won a scholarship to Converse College in Spartanburg which put him on the path to his present career. While at Converse he became a pupil of Ernst Bacon, eminent composer-pianist-conductor-teacher-music journalist. When Bacon accepted a post as the director of the music department at Syracuse University, Floyd followed him and earned his bachelor's degree in music there. He then studied with Sidney Foster, a distinguished pianist on the Florida State University faculty, and Rudolf Firkusny at the Aspen Institute.

By the age of 21, Floyd headed south again to join the faculty at FSU. But he returned to Syracuse in 1949 to work on his master's degree, where he completed his first one-act opera *Slow Dusk*.

Six years later, Floyd's first full-length opera *Susannah*, which eventually established him as one of the nation's major opera composers, premiered at FSU. The following year (1956), *Susannah*, which is based on the Biblical tale of Susannah from the Book of Daniel, won praise by critics and music lovers as well as the New York Music Critics Circle Award when produced by the New York City Opera. Since then it has been performed throughout the U.S. and



▲ Carlisle Floyd

Europe and was the American opera entry in the Brussels World's Fair in 1958.

As is the case in all of his works, Floyd's subsequent opera librettos were based on existing novels and short stories. *Wuthering Heights*, commissioned by the Santa Fe Opera Association, was first performed in 1958. *The Passion of Jonathan Wade*, which premiered in 1962, was commissioned for the New York City Opera and supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. *Markheim*, based on the Robert Louis Stevenson suspense-terror short story, was first performed by the New Orleans Opera in 1966.

John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* inspired the opera that assured Floyd status among the leading composers. Commissioned by the Ford Foundation, *Of Mice and Men's* opening performance by the Seattle

Opera in 1970 was the first of many for this opera. It has since been performed repeatedly in major cities throughout the U.S. and Europe, including the Holland Festival in 1976 as the Netherlands' operatic salute to the American Bicentennial and at the famous Wexford Festival in Ireland in 1980. Drawing his libretto from the novel *A Mirror for Witches*, his production *Bilby's Doll*, commissioned by the Houston Grand Opera, opened here in 1976 and was repeated by the Omaha Opera several months later.

Floyd currently holds the prestigious M. D. Anderson Distinguished Professorship in the UH School of Music and is co-director of the Houston Opera Studio, a new educational and performance program jointly sponsored by the university and the Houston Grand Opera.

Other honors bestowed on Floyd include a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1956, a Citation of Merit from the National Association of American Conductors and Composers in 1957, the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation Award from the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1959, the Distinguished Professor of Florida State University Award in 1964, a Resolution of Appreciation by the State of Florida Legislature in 1972 and selected by Florida as one of the 25 citizens designated "Patriots" for the Bicentennial.

Floyd and his wife Kay reside in the Montrose area of Houston. UH

Book tells Houston opera history

A University of Houston history professor has authored a book which traces opera in Houston from its introduction in the mid-nineteenth century through its present role in the city's cultural arts scene.

Dr. Robert I. Giesberg's *The Houston Grand Opera: A History* focuses on HGO's activities since its emergence as the creation of a handful of dedicated people to its present status, hailed both nationally and

internationally as an exciting, adventurous opera company.

Established in 1832 by two New York yankees on virtually a "wing and a prayer," the wilderness town of Houston was naturally not envisioned by too many folks as a potential cultural mecca. It still may not fit that description, but the arts, though the course of their establishment has

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Opera book continued

been rocky at times, have found a home with Houstonians.

And to say that opera quickly became part of this typically rough frontier town's night life would certainly be presumptuous. Oh, there was a theater referred to as an "Opera House," in fact several over the years. But the entertainment houses in them was a far cry from what qualified as opera back East and abroad. Nevertheless, the Houston elite considered them their link with civilization, urbanity and the cultural arts.

Beginning in 1867, traveling troupes introduced the city's public to the art form. *Il Trovatore*, *La Traviata*, *Fra Diavolo*, *The Magic Flute* and *Martha* received rave reviews by the critics, but Houstonians did not stampede to see them.

Several famous opera singers began making their ways to this western town within the decade that followed. The great Croatian soprano Ilma di Murska appeared in concert in 1875 and again in 1878; American soprano Emma Abbott appeared here in 1878, her charm filling the house to capacity; and others such as mezzo-soprano Sofia Schalchi, Emma Juch and Minnie Hauk were heard by Houstonians.

By 1901, when the Metropolitan Opera paid its first visit, there existed an audience for opera among the population.

Facilities to house such productions, however, were somewhat limited to say the least. The Winnie

Davis Auditorium, located at the corner of Main and McGowen, had electricity but lacked necessary plumbing, making events uncomfortable affairs for performers and audiences alike.

In 1910, the City Auditorium opened to replace the inadequate hall on the southern edge of town. Although it had deficiencies from a music lover's standpoint—no orchestra pit—and lacked backstage facilities, it suited Houston's need for an all-purpose auditorium and became the center of cultural activities until the Music Hall was built in the 1930s.

At that time, Houston still did not have a symphony orchestra or opera company of its own. But through the efforts of Edna W. Saunders, the catalyst behind cultural activities for nearly 40 years, opera continued in the growing city. For the first half of the century, she literally booked every great artist in the concert world.

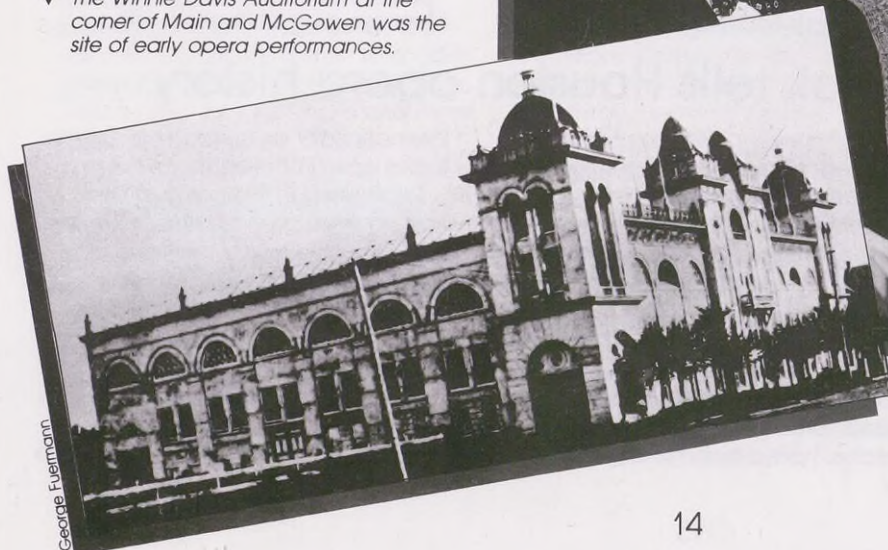
The Houston Symphony got off the ground prior to 1920, reviving hope for an established opera. This dream did not become a reality until August 6, 1955, when, through the tireless efforts of Houston music teacher Edward Bing; opera conductor/

performer Walter Herbert, who was instrumental in forming the New Orleans Grand Opera; and ambitious music lover Mrs. Louis Lobit, the Houston Grand Opera Association was chartered.

Mingling humorous anecdotes about the unexpected and sometimes embarrassing events that occurred throughout HGO's early years . . . the company competing with pungent reminders of a previous rodeo performance and performances so bad that even a participating horse seemingly voiced criticism by committing an indiscretion on stage . . . with the more serious financial worries that threatened to destroy its existence, Giesberg's account of HGO's struggle reflects the evolution of the city it serves.

The Houston Grand Opera: A History is available at the Brazos Book Center, Cobbler Book Stores, the River Oaks Book Store, at the HGO ticket office (downstairs in Jones Hall), or by writing the Houston Grand Opera Guild, 615 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002. The cost is \$10 (include \$1 for postage if ordering by mail.) All profits from the book benefit the opera. UH

▼ The Winnie Davis Auditorium at the corner of Main and McGowen was the site of early opera performances.



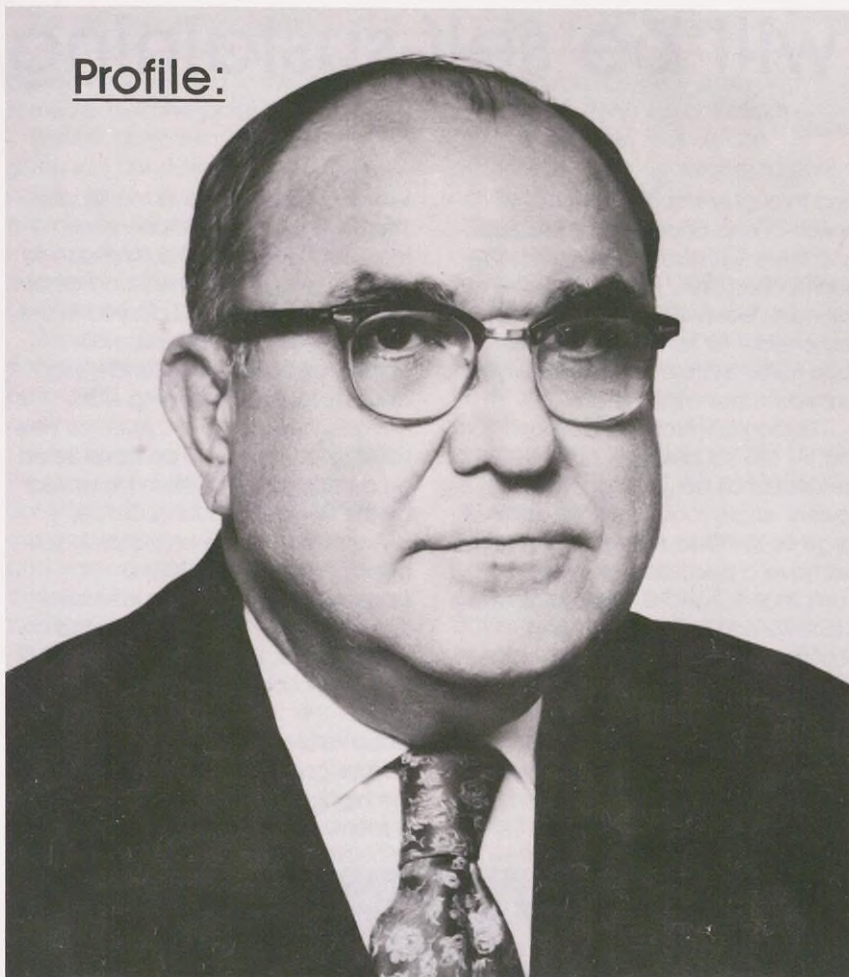
George Huebmann



Houston Grand Opera

▲ Walter Herbert, opera conductor/performer, shakes the hand of Mrs. Elva Lobit, an ambitious music lover, in 1955.

Profile:



▲ Dr. Thomas M. Spencer

Mr. Junior College

By Alan Cain

Throughout his professional career which spans some 48 years, Dr. Thomas M. Spencer has served as principal, superintendent, and college president. Now, the only person to serve as Chancellor of San Jacinto College, after being president since its founding in 1961, he is respectfully referred to by his colleagues, and others knowledgeable about junior colleges, as "Mr. Junior College."

"None can match his continuous efforts, dedication and leadership," says J. Raleigh Jackson, president emeritus of Brazosport College. "He is the one person in Texas who has contributed most to the development

of the public junior college system," Jackson went on to say.

The first person to receive a doctorate of education degree from UH College of Education in May 1947, Spencer served actively and vigorously as a member of the citizen's committee working with the state legislature and the governor in securing enactment of legislation which established the University of Houston as a member of the State Public Higher Education System.

He served for 25 years as the president and prime mover of Texas Public Junior College Association. He has been described as the greatest

contributor to education known by former Texas Governor Preston Smith, and A. M. Aikin, former dean of the state Senate stated that Spencer had done "more for the Texas Junior College movement than anyone."

Spencer's interest in public education stems from early childhood. Being an Indian (one-quarter Choctaw) from the Red River bottom, Spencer says he would still be there if not for public education. "I can think of several thousand men and women across the country who had an educational opportunity that they wouldn't have had if I hadn't come along," he said. "I don't claim credit for all of it, but I like to think I had a part in it."

He must also be credited for the founding and survival of San Jacinto Junior College. During that era he recalls, "It was a very difficult struggle in the early days at San Jacinto.

"Opponents of the college did things like introduce a bill in the legislature to abolish the district. They went to the U.S. Supreme Court to contest our right to obtain property and they challenged our right to collect taxes because junior colleges didn't exist when the constitution was written," he said.

Much of the opposition was organized by industrial groups who were unhappy because of the extra tax burdens they would have to bear. This opposition ended with the 1960s and the San Jacinto College system has grown from 879 students to about 16,000 on three campuses, covering a total of 420 acres.

Spencer has been cited for his continuous efforts and dedication to public schools in many ways. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award, Sam Houston State University, 1978 (Spencer received both his B.S. and M.A. degrees from SHSU); he was named the citizen of the year for 1979 by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; and was named the Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient by the University of Houston, College of Education for 1981.

After 48 years of education, Spencer said he has no plans to retire unless his health fails. **UH**

New dorms will be self-sustaining

By Mary Beth Gentry

In an effort to save costs, the new apartment-like dorms on Cullen, unlike the other dormitories, will be based on self-sufficiency.

Students who are considering living in the new dorms to be opened in the fall must be prepared to perform basic housekeeping and bath cleaning duties.

Services such as periodic vacuuming, daily trash removal and light bulb and toilet paper replacement, which are offered in the other dorms, will not be found in the new dorms. These steps are being taken to try and save as much money as possible.

The residents who move into the new complex will become solely responsible for the upkeep and condition of their rooms.

General repairs will be made and the rooms will be fumigated, painted

and thoroughly inspected upon check-in and check-out of residents, and there will also be a monthly fire, health and safety inspection. Although each resident is fully responsible for his/her own room, suitemates share the responsibility for bathroom damages, if any.

The rooms, which are approximately 125 square feet, are described as being larger than the Towers' single room and not quite as large as the Quad rooms. Each room will have a bed, desk-dresser combination, and a study chair. The windows can be opened, and venetian blinds and curtains will be provided. The bathroom will connect the two single rooms and is shared by the two residents.

The administration-service building at the main entrance of the complex will house washers and dryers,

vending machines and mailboxes. There will also be a kitchen unit located there as well as a place to borrow vacuum cleaners and other cleaning equipment. Located in the same building will be the main offices, commons area and living quarters for the managing staff.

Students wanting to live in the new housing complex will be considered on a priority-point system proposed by the Resident Housing Office.

According to the proposal, occupancy for the new 400-unit apartment-dorms will be decided through a priority "game" based on three criteria: contract term, resident status, and classification. Under the rules of the "game" students accumulate points for meeting various criteria, and the students with the highest number of points will get a room.



For instance, students who want to sign 12-month contracts get two points; those wishing to live there one semester get one point.

Present dorm residents are also given top consideration and three points, while new applicants get only two points. Those who are working to meet special requirements before becoming officially enrolled students, get one point.

Similarly, graduate and professional students, such as pharmacy, optometry, and law, have three points; juniors one point.

If two people have the same total, the one who signed the longer contract will get the room. Continuous occupancy will be available and is encouraged. Because the dorm will be open year-round, students need not move out for Christmas and other holidays as they must in Moody Towers and the Quadrangle.

If two people have the same total score and the same contract term, then the present resident, or the resident who has lived in the dorms longer, gets the room. New residents will be decided by the date of application, if all other considerations are equal.

Choice of unit, or upstairs or downstairs apartment, will also be available on a priority basis. If, however, students do not make specific requests, they will be assigned a room according to their college or contract term.

Because there are an insufficient number of handicap facilities in the Towers, 20 rooms in the new complex have been especially designed for students confined to wheelchairs.

The new dorms are intended to have an apartment-style atmosphere, but they are different from apartments in that they are still a part of the university and will be under university policy.

One of the questions residence halls officials are facing in establishing policies for the new dorms is sex. They are now working on regulations and policy for such issues as housing for married students, visitation hours and cohabitation.

Because of the apartment-style atmosphere of the new dorms, the policy will differ somewhat from current dorm policy.

Twenty-four hour visitation will be allowed, but guests must be escorted after hours to enter the premises. The overnight guests will probably be

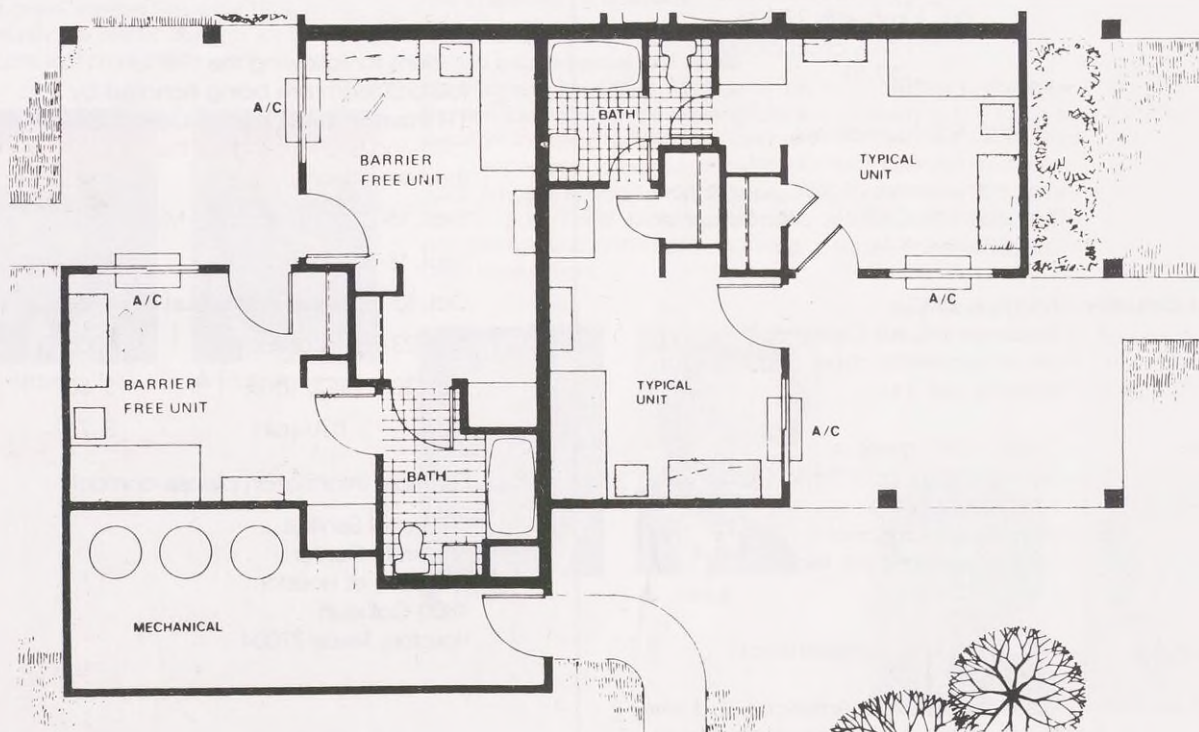
required to register at the security desk in the main administration-service building.

Married students may be housed in the new project, but only if each person meets the qualifications set up in the priority game system. Couples who qualify will live in a suite (two bedrooms and a bathroom) and pay between \$260 and \$400 per month.

When the question of common law marriage came up, the residence halls officials checked with other universities such as Texas Tech and Texas A&M to see how the situation is handled there.

It was decided that common law couples can live in the dorms but "they must be registered downtown as a common law couple. They can't just cohabitate," said Bobby Brownstein, Residence Halls Manager.

Sub-leasing, sharing and/or allowing others to move into one's room will be strictly prohibited and will force cancellation of the housing contract, according to a proposal submitted by the residence halls office. UH



Sports

1980-1981 Season in review

MEN

Football

- 7-5 season record, 5-3 SWC record
- Garden State Bowl—defeated Navy 35-0
- Leonard Mitchell and Hosea Taylor—All Americans
- Terald Clark—Most Valuable Player—Garden State Bowl

Basketball

- 21-9 season record, 10-6 SWC record
- Winner of SWC Post Season Tournament
- 11th NCAA appearance
- Rob Williams—SWC player of the year
- Clyde Drexler—SWC newcomer of the year
- Michael Young and Williams—SWC all tournament and all rookie teams

Baseball

- 32-20-1 season record
- Defeated Arkansas once, then lost to Texas and Arkansas to finish SWC post season tournament

Track

- Second in SWC indoor meet
- Fourth in SWC outdoor meet
- Carl Lewis—world record indoor long jump with 27-10 $\frac{1}{4}$
- NCAA championship
- 27-10

Golf

- 1st SWC Fall Tournament
- 2nd SWC Spring Tournament
- Ray Barr—winner of SWC Tournament
- Barr, Blain McCallister, John Slaughter—all conference team

Cross Country

- Fourth in SWC
- Second in NCAA District 6
- Won Texas A&M, Rice, and Arlington Invitationals

Tennis

- Third in SWC meet
- Nduka Odizor and David Dowlen won SWC doubles title
- Won Rice Invitational
- Lost 1st round NCAA team championships

Swimming

- 17th in NCAA Championships
- 3rd in SWC
- Peter Dawson—All American (3rd time)
- Phil Hubble—All American (2nd time)

WOMEN

Basketball

- 21-10 season record
- 2nd SWC tournament
- 4th TIAAW tournament

Indoor Track

- 8th in National AIAW meet
- Patsy Walker won AIAW pentathlon

Volleyball

- Won Texas and Regional AIAW tournaments
- 12th in Nationals
- Pattie Richard voted Texas AIAW player of the year

Outdoor Track

- 2nd in Texas AIAW
- Lisa Ferry won shot put
- Dana Olson won javelin

Swimming

- 19th in National AIAW
- Diane Johannigman—All American (4th time)

Gridiron Travel Schedule

Plans for following the 1981 UH football team are being handled by TTT travel in the University Center. The following is a rundown of the trips they are offering:

Sept. 16-20	Bahamas and Miami	\$550
Sept. 18-20	Miami	\$315
Oct. 10	Texas A&M (bus)	\$ 30
Oct. 23-25	Arkansas (air)	\$305
Oct. 30	TCU (bus)	\$ 55
	TCU (air)	\$ 75

For more information please contact:

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AlumNews

'50s

Lawrence R. Scroggins, '50 JD in law, has opened a law office at the Burleson County Fairgrounds ticket office for general law practice after maintaining a law office in downtown Houston for 30 years. The family has recently moved to Caldwell.

Edward A. Turner, '52 BS in civil engineering, is now group vice president of Houston Lighting & Power Co. and is responsible for power system development, fossil plant engineering and construction and project management. A registered professional engineer, Turner is a member and former director of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society.

Donald M. Palmer, '54 BA, has been named a partner of Morris/Aubry Architects. The Houston based architectural, planning and interiors firm was ranked sixth in the architect category and 123rd among top design firms in the U.S. as listed in the annual ranking published by *Engineering News-Record*. Palmer, who has been with the firm since 1972, is currently the interior designer for a million square foot project in Houston.



▲ Turner



▲ Palmer

Donald D. Sykora, '57 BBA, is now executive vice president of Houston Lighting & Power Co. with responsibilities of customer relations and service, load management departments and administrative functions including purchasing and services, land and right-of-way, law and security operations.

'60s

C. F. Kendall, II, '60 JD in law, past president of the Alumni Organization, has merged with Roy Keezel to form the Kendall and Keezel law firm in Houston. They specialize in business and financial matters.

David N. Floyd, '62 BS in geology, has joined Damson Oil Corp. of Houston as senior geologist for the West Texas District. He is responsible for exploration activities in the Austin Chalk trend as well as prospect generation in West Texas and New Mexico.

Damson is an independent oil and gas company engaged in domestic exploration, production and acquisition activities and in exploration overseas.

Karl X. Jamail, '62 BBA, recently formed a commercial real estate development firm with K. Wortham Smith. The firm specializes in developing office and light industrial buildings for landowners, companies and individual owner/users. A native Houstonian, Jamail has over 18 years of real estate experience and background in mortgage banking and development.



▲ Sykora



▲ Jamail

Jeffrey P. Tassani, '65 BS, vice president of the First National Bank of Chicago and executive vice president and general manager of First Chicago Building Corp., has been appointed executive assistant to the bank's chairman. He and his wife Elizabeth are residents of Park Ridge, Illinois.

Ben M. Hurst, '68 BA, has been named a partner with Morris/Aubry Architects, a Houston based architectural planning and interiors firm. He is currently project director for a 1.3 million square foot office tower under construction in Denver, Colorado.

Navy Lt. Commander **William C. Liebe**, '68 BA, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy* recently and participated in "National Week XXX" in the Mediterranean. The exercise involved more than 15 ships and 100 aircraft and was designed to test naval warfare techniques in the multi-threat environment.

Roger Dickey, '69 BBA, is the new president of the Galleria Bank in Houston. He was formerly president of Gulf Southern National Bank.

'70s

Arthur L. Bolanos, '70 BS in political science, has been appointed assistant director of facility planning for the Houston Parks and Recreation Dept. He began his career in 1971 as a recreation leader at DeZavala Park. In 1976 he was an area supervisor and assistant superintendent in the facility operations division.

Roy Keezel, '70 JD in law, has merged with C. F. Kendall, II, to form the Kendall and Keezel law firm in Houston specializing in business and financial matters.



▲ Tassani



▲ Hurst

Judith Pursch Parker, '70 BA, is now living in Rihadh, Saudi Arabia, where she is an English teacher at the school for the royal family.

Helen A. Willis, '71 BS in psychology, has been appointed supervisor of employment and EEO for the New York based headquarters of ASARCO, Inc. Since joining the company in 1978, she has been responsible for recruitment and general personnel administration. She is a member of International Assoc. of Personnel Women and the NY Personnel Managers Assoc.

Dr. Sarah A. Hulett, '72 BS in elementary education, has been named director of Continuing Education at Trinity University, San Antonio. She served as assistant director of conferences and short courses for five years at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has more than 30 years experience in the education field.

Marjorie M. Lawrence, '72 BA in music, MA in early education, is directing a two-year pilot class for fourth and fifth graders in reading and writing music at C. J. Harris Elementary in Pearland under the auspices of the Open Court Publishing Co. The field test is extremely advanced and will help prepare students for an involvement with music in bands, choirs, orchestras, or even in writing music. The focus of the program is literacy and giving each child access to his/her own singing voice.



▲ Willis



▲ Hulett

Dennis L. Leschber, '72 BA, has been elected marketing service officer of Harris Bank in Chicago. He joined the bank in 1976 and as communications manager is responsible for all audio/visual presentations produced by the bank. He has attended the American Institute of Banking and is a member of Multi-Image and American Society for Training and Development. He lives in Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Patricia Wright, '73 BBA, has joined North Dallas Bank and Trust as assistant vice president and will work in the bank's business development department. She previously was with Dallas National Bank and Bank of Commerce in Abilene. She is a member of *Who's Who in America*, the National Register of Prominent Americans and Altrusa International.

Clinton D. Dunn, '74 MBA, is now president of Gulf Southern National Bank in Houston. He was formerly vice president of Southern National Bank.

Stanley S. Fortson, CPA, '75 BBA, is a new vice president and shareholder in the Browne/Jordan & Co., of certified public accountants.

Peggy Glaze, '75 M.Ed. in special education, has been named 1980-81 Valentine Girl for the Xi Upsilon Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She has taught in the El Campo (Tex.) Independent School District for seven years and helps in the family farming business.

Rosendo Lopez, Jr., '75 BS, graduated in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, receiving a master's degree in religious theology.

Charles C. Bailey, '76 JD in law, has been appointed assistant general counsel in the governor's office of general counsel and criminal justice by Gov. William Clements. Bailey has served as an assistant general counsel at the Texas Dept. of Public Safety and as a chief felony prosecutor in the criminal district attorney's office in Lubbock.

Val Belcher, '76, won the coveted Shendley Award as the Outstanding Offensive Lineman in the Canadian Football League for 1980. He recently has been joined in Canada by former UH players Terrell Clark, '80, and Eddie Foster, '76.

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Marvin L. Brown, Jr., '76 MA in English, BA in journalism, is now manager of media relations in the public relations department of United Energy Resources, Inc., and subsidiaries including United Gas Pipeline Co., United Texas Transmission Co., Cotton Petroleum Corp., United Energy Service Co., and Petro United, Inc. Brown is an accredited member of PRSA and IABC.

Frank Cole, '76 MS, has been promoted to vice president for international operations by Davis-Lynch, Inc., a Houston-based manufacturer of oil field floating and cementing equipment. He has been with the company since 1962. He holds the patent for Davis re-entry equipment for sub-sea well cementing and was instrumental in design and development of inner-string cementing tools. He is a senior member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Hugh W. Foley, '76 BS, was recently appointed to the manager-corporate affairs of the U.S. Tobacco Co. He is responsible for the public affairs of the corporation, including governmental legislative and shareholder relations. He has more than 10 years experience in advocacy management as well as broadcast journalism. Foley and his wife Rebecca live in Rye, NY, where they are restoring an old house.

Marine 1st Lt. **Lauren C. Harveson**, '76 BS, participated in exercise "Team Spirit '81" in Korea. The month-long exercise was a joint training project involving more than 160,000 military personnel of the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. Harveson is assigned to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, operating from Okinawa.

Robert E. Hoyt, '76, assistant golf pro at Brook Hollow Country Club of Dallas, has been hired as the head golf pro. Hoyt, a former All-American golfer at UH, was runner-up to Ben Crenshaw last year in the Texas State Open.



▲ Cole



▲ Foley

Jerry L. Metcalf, '76 JD in law, a Houston attorney, has been elected to a one-year term as a member of the board of directors of Capitol County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and to the boards of two Capitol County's subsidiary companies, Plymouth Acceptance Corp. and TRICO Service Corp.

John R. Phipps, '76 MS in industrial engineering and operations research, joined the professional staff of Edgar, Dunn and Conover, Inc., a San Francisco management consulting firm. He has a strong background in physical distribution, plant operations and inventory control.

Mendy Robicoff, '76 MS, president of Sobol Welders Supply Co. has been named to the 10-member development board of East Texas Bank and Trust Co. in Longview. The board will serve a group of innovative thinkers dedicated to ethical conduct, and concern for the community and others who live and work in it with the bank. He is a member of the local Rotary Club.

James J. Ryan, III, '76 MS in civil engineering, has been elected a vice president of Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., a Houston based consulting engineering firm offering a wide range of investigative, planning and design services. Ryan, a professional engineer, is responsible for the firm's Port Arthur and East Texas operations.

Brenda G. Stone, '76 MA, is one of 65 contributing authors to *The Mothers' Book: Shared Experiences* just published by Houghton Mifflin Co. Her essay was selected from among 200 submitted. The book deals with everyday issues of motherhood, intimate feelings about the many faceted experiences of being a mother and seeks to portray motherhood realistically and compassionately.

Robin Stuart, '76 JD in law, has entered into a law partnership with his uncle, Jack Powers, Jr., in Beeville, Tex. For the past 19 years Stuart was involved with contract work with NASA but will now be concentrating on the oil and gas business.



▲ Ryan

Evangelina S. Vigil, '76 BA in English teacher education, poet, singer and composer, was on the program for the first meeting of the Coalition for Better Education. A newly formed group, CBE is concerned with improving education for Mexican-American children who drop out of high school and for those who finish high school but still lack the necessary skills to compete in the job market. Vigil received the Fellowship for Creative Writers for 1979-80 bestowed by the National Endowment for the Arts. She has won several national awards for poetry and has two books of poetry ready for publication.

Thomas T. Weaver, '76 MS, has been named to the fall 1980 Dean's List at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business. This honor requires maintaining a 3.75/4.0 grade point average. Weaver is enrolled in an 11-month MBA program.

Gloria Bennett, '77 MS, has been selected as one of 65 contributing authors of *The Mothers' Book: Shared Experiences*. The book conveys how it feels to be a mother today and represents viewpoints from mothers of different ages, backgrounds and areas of the country. Bennett lives in Garland, Tex.

Howard W. Binford, '77 BS, has joined Caudill Rowlett Scott (CRS) Inc., as personnel manager. CRS is a Houston based design/construction company providing comprehensive services in project management, architecture, engineering and construction.

William Charles Calvin, '77 BBA in finance, has been promoted to senior vice president of lending for the Bank of Harris County. He has been with the bank for eight years.

Justin R. Curren, '77 BS, was named regional vice president and regional sales manager of Allendale Insurance's southern region headquartered in Atlanta, Ga. In his new assignment, Curren directs the sales activities for offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas and Houston. The international firm specializes in loss control engineering and industrial property insurance.



▲ Binford



▲ Curren

Navy Lt. j.g. **Robert E. Jones, Jr.** '77 BS, has been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. He was cited for superior duty performance while serving as the 1st Lt. for Attack Squadron 196 during a deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Coral Sea*. His squadron is based at the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington.

Thomton G. Larimer, '77 BBA, has been named personnel administration manager for Exxon Minerals Co. in New York. He has worked for Exxon since 1940 in various employee relations, personnel and training positions.



▲ Larimer

Kelley Malone Murrell, '77 BBA, received his master's degree in religious theology in May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Sam C. Sifton, '77 JD in law, has been named division landman for the recently formed Panhandle division of Cotton Petroleum Corp. headquartered in Tulsa, Okla. The division is responsible for exploration, land and production activities in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and in Kansas.

Amy Wilson, '77 BA, was recently named sports editor of both the *Humble News-Messenger* and *The Kingwood Observer* in Humble, Tex. She has had experience as a sports journalist for the *Houston Post*.

Barbara Ann McNeir, '78 BS, received her master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth in May.

J. Eric Miller, '79 BBA in finance, is now an analyst in the international production division of Conoco, Inc., in Pearland. His position pertains to North Sea, Norway and United Kingdom operations.

David Stockdale, '79 MS in plant science, was appointed assistant county agent by the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Tex.

'80s

Don S. Smith, '80 JD in law, has joined the Houston law firm of Kendall and Keezel as an associate.

Kellye McDade, '81 BA, has joined Houston's Texas Commerce Bank in the operations management program.

UH Night at the Astrodome

Houston Astros vs. Atlanta Braves

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Help bring the Cougars and the Astros closer together by attending the September 24 game against the Atlanta Braves. From each ticket sale, through ACCESS or mail order, \$1.00 will be donated to the General Scholarship Fund at UH. Three thousand seats have been reserved,

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In Memoriam

James T. Baker of Houston, 56, '76 BBA, died February 22 in LaGrange.

Marie Cabler, '73, '76 MS, died March 9 in Houston.

Theresa Odom Carrell died February 8 in Austin.

Doris Donnell Coleman, 51, '55 in education, died March 14 in Houston.

Rhonda Daniel Emerson, 29, journalism senior, died April 6 in Houston.

Kathleen Rita Keenan, 63, '76 MS, JD in law, died March 10 in Houston.

Harper M. Kight, Jr., 49, '54 BS, died March 9 in Houston.

Shan Pei Lee of Webster, 45, died February 17 in Houston.

Jeffa McCarty, 92, '54 M.Ed., died March 4 in Caldwell.

Scott Gordon Poole, 25, marketing major, died April 6 in Houston.

Audrey Rigmalden, 67, '49, died March 14 in Houston.

Donald L. Scott, 32, '73, died February 9, in Houston.



1981 Homecoming Activities

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2. Racquetball tournament. Open to alumni, faculty/staff UHCC—men's and women's divisions.
3. Round-robin tennis tournament. Open to alumni, UHCC faculty/staff—men's and women's divisions.
4. After the UH vs SMU football game—October 17, 1981, a victory dance, 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the

Astro Village Hotel. Tickets required.

5. Homecoming Brunch honoring retired faculty/staff. Open to everyone. Tickets required.
6. Drama production, "Loose Ends," at the Wortham Theatre. Tickets required.
7. Class reunion activities (by college)

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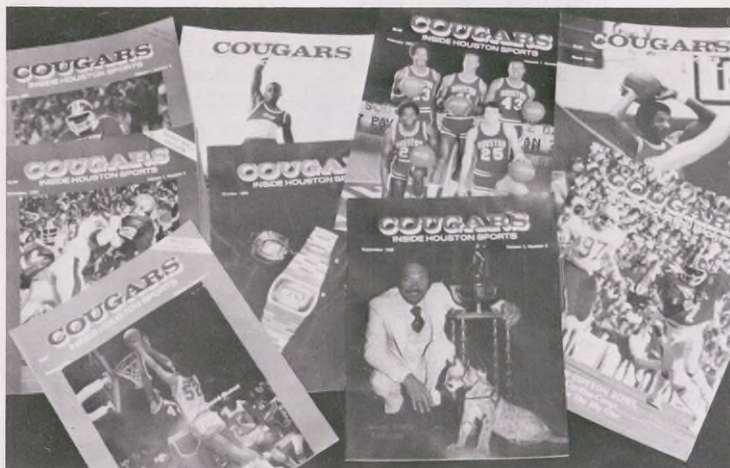
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☐ Dance
☐ Brunch
☐ Drama Production
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