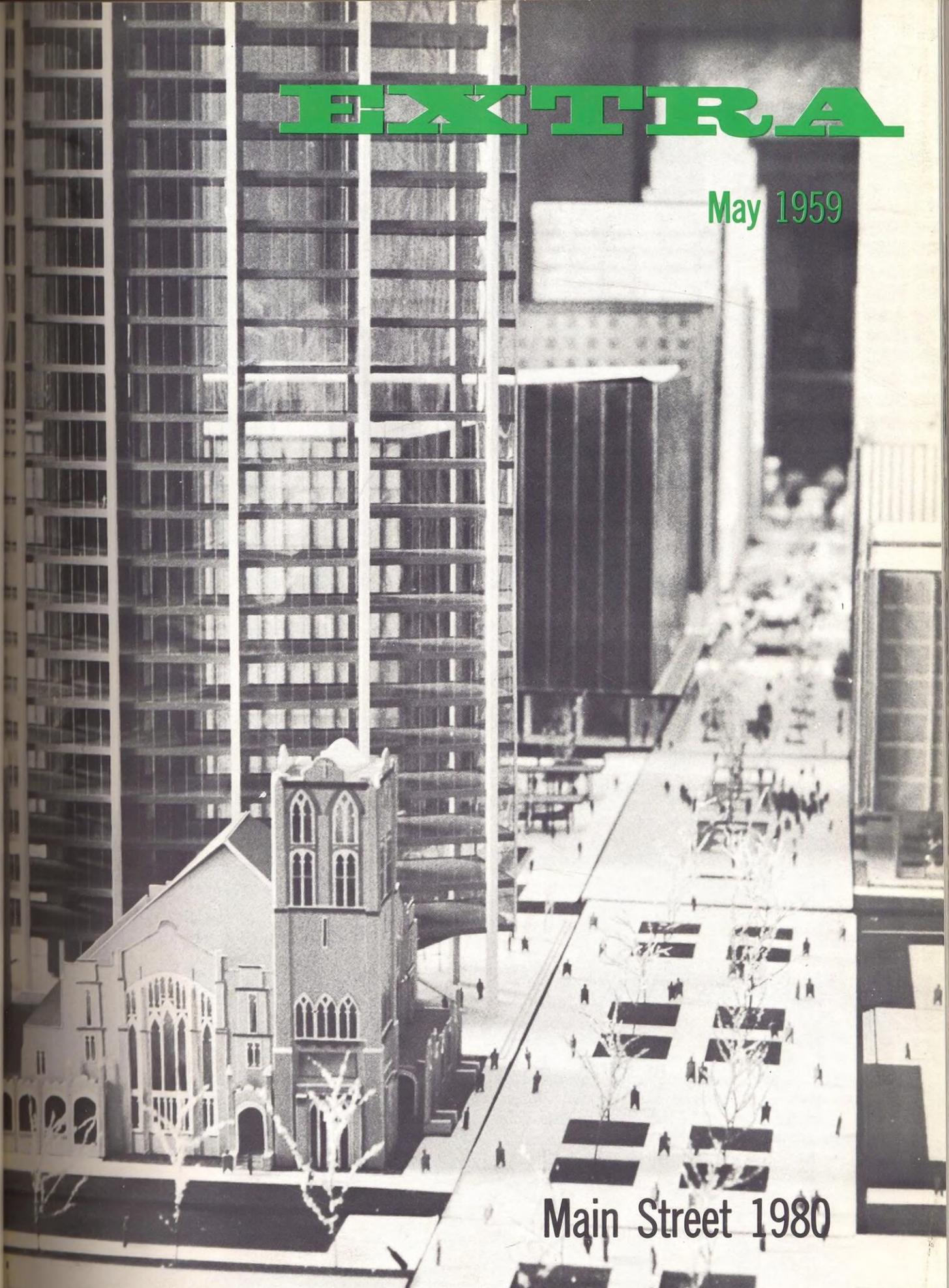


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## THE COVER

The cover for this edition represents an architectural conception of Houston's Main Street 21 years from now. For a more detailed look at this project, which was undertaken by third-year architecture students at the University, turn to page 8.



Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, who will join the University faculty as M. D. Anderson professor of history in September

# An introduction to Walter Webb

He walks into a room shuffling and peering, shuffling like an old time farmer who has walked countless miles behind a Georgia stock, peering like an old desert rat who has tired his eyes looking too long at the sun in his wanderings.

He looks as if he might have spent many wearing years as principal of some school such as—say—Cuero High School.

His voice is low. "I am Walter Webb," he says.

Walter Webb? Walter Prescott Webb? Dr. Webb? The author of "The Texas Rangers" and "The Great Plains"? It is hard to believe.

Somehow he should be different, sun-browned, robust, full of life, with a rolling voice.

There are many things hard to believe about Walter P. Webb. It is hard to believe that a West Texas farm boy should write a Georgia magazine about his desire to be a writer, that a man in Brooklyn should read the letter and become the farm boy's benefactor, that the farm boy should, with help from Brooklyn, leave his West Texas Georgia stock and by way of San Marcos, San Antonio, the principalship of Cuero High School, and the University of Texas become one of America's most distinguished historians.

And not only a great historian but a sun-browned, robust adventurer, a man who rode with the Texas Rangers in the Big Bend desert when it was really wild, who traversed the rapids of the Santa Elena Canyon.

Full of life, a poker player and an ardent conversationalist when there is something to converse about, and a charter member of the Olympians of Austin, the legendary threesome of J. Frank Dobie, Webb, and Roy Bedichek, who grow more legendary almost every time a book about Texas is published.

And not only all these but also a cagey real estate operator, a distance-defying, piston-propelled wanderer over the face of Texas and America, and, now, through his essays recently collected in *An Honest Preface*, a late-budding humorist.

This is the beguiling, warm picture painted by Joe B. Frantz in his "appreciative introduction" to the collection.

Frantz is a colleague of Dr. Webb, a professor of history at the University of Texas, and with his thoroughly enjoyable and completely informal biography of the author, he almost takes the book away from the good doctor.

Frantz, who knows Walter Webb in his every mood, gives a picture at once reverent, kind, deflating and jovial. Thus, before you get to Webb's first essay, you have spent 58 pages with a biography as lively and Texan as a roadrunner.

And you are prepared to meet Webb of the sharp pen, the pixyish typewriter beat, the satiric tongue.

*This sketch, written by W. D. Bedell, originally appeared in the NOW section of the Houston Post. The EXtra happily reprints it here.*



*Dr. Genevieve Arnold*

## A special kind of educator

**On alumni and faculty**

Work in speech and hearing therapy is demanding, but it is rewarding, Dr. Genevieve Arnold, director of the University Speech and Hearing Clinic, said.

Dr. Arnold took her BA in 1934 and her MA in 1936. Both degrees were from the University of Minnesota with a major in speech. After she received her master's degree, she worked in the Austin, Minnesota, Public Schools as a speech and hearing therapist for six years.

During her years in the public school system, she found that speech and hearing problems are not isolated phenomena and that various personality problems often developed when a person has difficulty with speech or hearing.

Interested in discovering more about this phenomenon in speech and hearing therapy, she returned to the University of Minnesota and started work on her Ph.D. in child psychology in 1942.

While she was doing graduate study that year, Dr. Arnold heard that the University of Hawaii— which had closed after Pearl Harbor—planned to reopen in September, 1943, and had a vacancy for a speech instructor. She applied for the job and was accepted as an instructor. September found her in San Francisco searching for transportation to Hawaii. All transportation had been halted, and it was January, 1944, before she was able to book passage.

What she had meant to be a one-year lark turned out to be a five-year adventure. Dr. Arnold didn't return to the United States until 1947 and then it was just the summer to teach at George Washington University.

Thoughts of a permanent return to the United States (Hawaii, of course, was without statehood at that time) began that summer. After her return to Hawaii for the 1947-48 academic year, she realized that she did not want to return to the US and turned in her resignation.

Five years in Hawaii had accustomed Minnesota-born Dr. Arnold to a warm climate, so, her preparation for job-hunting included a careful study of a map of the United States. Houston, with its Gulf of Mexico location, caught her eye. "I didn't want to stray too far inland," she commented.

She applied for and was granted a position at the University, and in September, 1948, she arrived in

campus. "At that time, I was pretty much alone professionally in Houston. However, in 1952 the Houston Speech and Hearing Center was organized, and Dr. Jack Bangs came to Houston as its director. Dr. Tina Bangs, his wife, came as assistant director. Both Drs. Bangs are now on the University teaching staff," she said.

Audrey Hicks, supervisor of the deaf and hard of hearing in Houston Public Schools, and Gary Thompson, chief audiologist for the Houston Public Schools, both teach part-time on the University staff.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University, of which Dr. Arnold is director, serves two major functions. It is a laboratory for students. Senior students may spend a year working there with actual cases or they may work in the public school system or for another clinic.

It is available for students or other persons who wish to overcome problems in speech or hearing. Patients at the clinic consist primarily of children from off the campus. About 35 persons receive treatment at the clinic during each semester.

"I'm able to maintain high interest in my work because there's no time for boredom. No two cases are alike. Take stuttering, for instance. There are many theories and many therapies, but none which works for all cases," she noted.

There are many causes of stuttering, and the conditions which originally brought about this speech defect may have dissipated while the pattern remains, she elaborated. "Stuttering becomes a fear of stuttering. You have a pattern in which the effect is that of stopping and looking at every word," the 43-year-old speech and hearing therapist said.

She recalled a recent case which gave her a pleasant surprise. A young chemical engineer called at Dr. Arnold's office and said that he planned to quit his job and devote his time to a cure for his stuttering. Dr. Arnold, through years of experience with stutterers, warned him that there was no magical solution to his problem.

She had her third conference with him recently and noticed that his impediment was barely perceptible. She realized that he probably felt no anxiety talking with her and, naturally, would be less likely to stutter. She called a University coed, an attractive speech and hearing therapy senior, into the office. The coed, a stranger to the engineer, conversed with him, and there was still no obvious stuttering.

Questioning him on his remarkable progress, the engineer told Dr. Arnold that he had been keeping a count of his "stutters," and they totaled 15 for four days.

"A remarkable case," Dr. Arnold commented. "And that's what keeps us on our toes. A speech and hearing therapist must be proficient in recognizing psychological problems, counseling children and adults, administering diagnostic tests and in recognizing physical problems for medical referral," she said.

Dr. Arnold has developed two books out of her

experience as a speech and hearing therapist. *Speech Is Fun* is a speech correction manual for children in the primary grades. The book is used for home practice and includes instructions for parents, game activities and speech patterns which supplement the training the children receive at the clinic. The book is used widely throughout the nation. *Practice Manual for Correction of Speech Sounds* is for the home use of older children who have mastered reading.

Dr. Arnold emphasized the importance of parent-counseling and parent-teaching along with the treatment of a child. "Parents must cooperate and work with the child in the home if we are to make progress with the child," she said.

The University center has numerous mechanical aids for use in speech and hearing therapy including recording machines, amplifiers, an audiometer and auditory training units.

Dr. Arnold completed her PhD in educational psychology at the University in 1955. She lives at 4926 Culmore Drive in Houston.



You may occasionally stop and wonder what happened to that coed who was queen of the prom, cheerleader and Belle of Fiesta. Mrs. Jamie Acker Jeffers was all those things and president of the Woman's Student Association, an Outstanding Student, treasurer of her senior class and holder of numerous scholarships.

Jamie, who graduated in 1954, is now speech correction coordinator and therapist, for Spring Branch schools. When recalling her varied activities at the University from a distance of five years, she smiled, "That seems like a long, long time ago."

After graduation she went to work for the Houston Public Schools and taught deaf children for a year and a half. She taught a class of seven children at Washington Junior High School. Her class was the first composed of deaf children to be taught on a junior high school level. She taught them all regular subjects — language, speech, arithmetic, geography and science — with the exception of physical education.

Three years ago she transferred to Spring Branch as a speech therapist, and after a year she moved to her present position.

Jamie has approximately 90 students in five Spring Branch Schools. She sees each of her students twice a week for thirty minutes in groups of four to six. Problems that the children — ranging from elementary to high school students — might have include articulation, stuttering, cleft palate or hearing.

The 28-year-old alumna is what is known as an itinerate teacher; she travels to her students in each of the five schools. Ready for a day's work includes gathering equipment which will be needed for classes

## On alumni and faculty

(continued)



Mrs. Jamie Acker

into her car. She visits each school twice a week and has one day set aside for coordination, conferences, testing and observation of students. When parents can't bring the children to her office in the Spring Branch administration building, she visits them in their homes.

Originally a business administration major, Jamie switched to speech education. She became interested in speech and hearing therapy after a discussion with one of her psychology instructors. After further conferences with Dr. Arnold, she changed her major again. This time she had set her permanent goal: speech and hearing therapy. She worked in the University clinic during the fall of 1953 and did her student teaching in the spring of 1954.

Jamie is now enrolled for six hours toward her master's degree in administrative education. She will complete the degree in June of 1960. She's not sure whether she'll go on to take her doctorate, but if she does, it will probably be in psychology.

At present, she's very content with her work in Spring Branch. The petite therapist feels that Spring Branch school officials are very conscious of special education needs, that they are conscious of the educational needs of all the children in the area.

Special rooms have been equipped with materials necessary for speech and hearing therapy, and there are plans for expansion of the facilities, she said.

Describing her work as "rewarding" and "stimulating," she emphasized the fact that she comes in contact

with different types of personalities and different problems. "What works for one child may not work for another. It's very challenging," she said.

"This is the time of the year in which you evaluate the progress you have made. Before the close of the semester we re-test the children and check for improvement," Jamie said. It's the improvement that is her reward.

After her first year at Spring Branch, Jamie, through the school system, started a summer speech and hearing clinic. The clinic has been continued each summer since that time.

Before planning the new clinic, she realized that speech and hearing therapy were practically impossible to Spring Branch children during the summer. If they didn't have transportation to the University of Houston clinic or the Houston Speech and Hearing Center, then they were forced to do without. "We received a great deal of response," she commented.

Another large portion of the young therapist's time is spent working with parents; she speaks to parents at conferences and consults with them individually. "Of course we must have parental permission to teach a child. It's a necessary part of my job to keep parents informed and I often instruct parents so that they can continue a child's treatment at home."

Jamie, who is finding time in her busy schedule to learn golf and is a competent bridge player, lives at 2207 Bancroft in Houston.

# BILLBOARD

*Francis Mary Cockrell '57* and *Martin Benjamin Gantt Jr.* were married at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Beaumont on April 18. *Richard L. Porter '52* writes that he has been transferred by Sinclair Oil & Gas Company from New Orleans to Anchorage, Alaska. He'll head the new Sinclair Exploration Office located on the "second floor" of the Daily News Building in Anchorage.

*Lonnie J. Heyling '54* has been promoted to the post of assistant manager in the Dallas Agency of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. *Robert G. Roth '52* has been appointed a group leader in the research department at Monsanto Chemical Company's Plastics Division plant at Texas City.

*George Ray* has been appointed vice president of Wier Construction Company. George lives at 1502 Harding Street in Pasadena, Texas, with his wife and two children. *Sue Ann Brownlow* has left University employment to become a hostess for Braniff Airlines.

*Marine 1st Lt. Kenneth B. Evans* received his "Wings of Gold" of a Naval Aviator. He received his wings upon completion of advanced flight training. Kenneth graduated from the University in '57.

*Louis A. Martincheck '57* has joined the special projects department of Monsanto Chemical Company's Research and Engineering Division at Everett, Massachusetts. He was formerly with Callery Chemical Company.

*LeRoy R. Sherrer '58*, now employed as an aeronautical research engineer for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Cape Canaveral, announced another successful launching: a daughter, born April 26. They named her Quinett Rae, and she weighed in at 8 pounds and 7½ ounces.

Professional Engineers take note. The following graduates were recently granted registration as Professional Engineers: *E. R. Remkes, John B. Harris, J. G. Slaughter, Ernest Brown, James A. West, Hubert L. Wolf, R. Ross Howard, J. Matt Harwell Jr., Ulysses R. Butts, and George B. Gaines.*

*Knox Askins '58* and wife are parents of another little girl. She was born May 6 in Houston. *Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Hamilton* became parents of a boy in April. *Glen W. Spencer '58* and wife welcomed their second child, a girl, in March. They're calling her Carolyn.

Alums *Bill Giles* and *Lynwood Jackson* have opened

a new business in Sharpstown. It's called the Gulf Coast Landscape and Nursery Co. The wives of the business partners are exes, too. Bill's wife is the former *Curtie Williford*, and Lynwood's wife is the former *Kay Wallace*.

*Edward E. Parker* has been appointed managing director of Cameron Iron Works, Ltd., Leeds, England. He's been with Cameron since 1941 and was transferred to England in 1951. Parker and wife reside at 22 Vesper Rise, Leeds 5, Yorkshire, England.

*George Willis Winter Jr. '58, Lawrence J. Donovan '50, Strato Batmanis '49* and *William Henry Hershey '57* were recently elected to the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

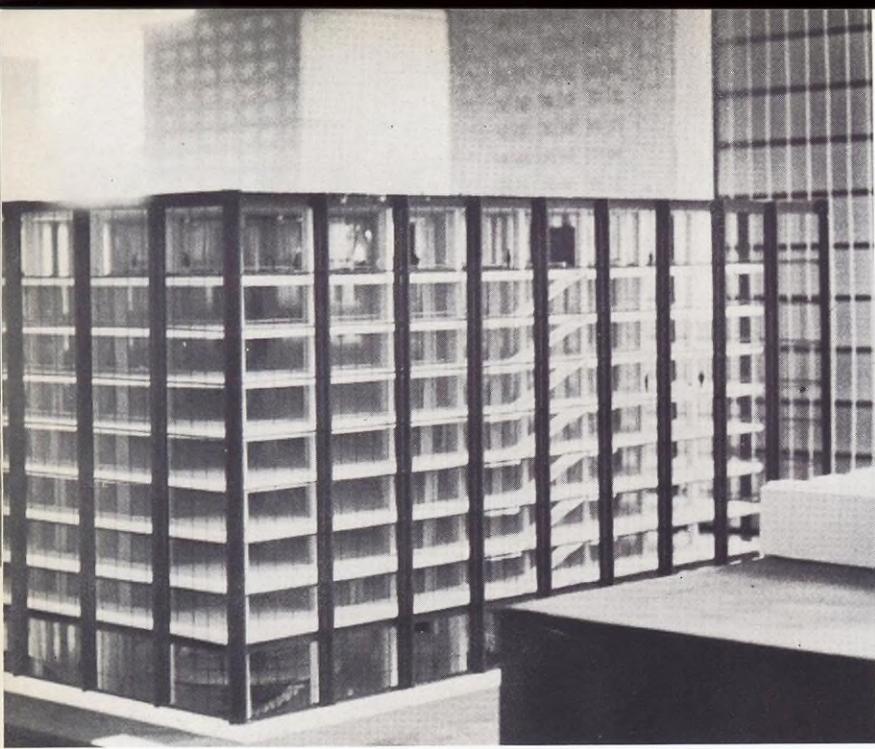
George is working for the Western Natural Gas Company of Houston. Lawrence is a project engineer for the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company. Strato is a design engineer for the Texas Highway Department, and William is employed by the City of Harlingen as an assistant city engineer.

Success Story: *Bernie R. Burns '55* (summa cum laude) has been elected to the editorial board of the New York University "Law Review." Bernie is studying at NYU under a Root-Tilden Scholarship, an award given annually to two students from each of the nation's 10 judicial circuits. This recent honor is one of a long series for Bernie. He took a master of public administration degree from Princeton in 1957 where he received two fellowships and a Carnegie Foundation grant. He is a finalist in the NYU Law School's current moot court competition. He plans to work this summer for a Wall Street law firm.

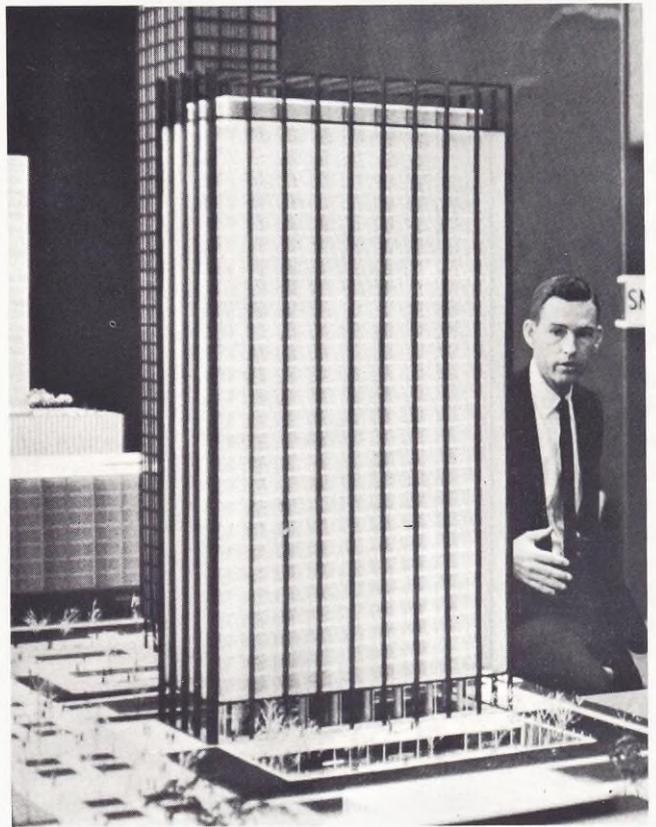
*Ben Lacy '56* liked Europe so much that he just stayed after his discharge from the Army. He's working as a civilian for the American Forces Network in Frankfurt.

*Dick Bintliff* and wife are expecting the stork this month. He's teaching science in Galveston High School. *Jim Riffe* is announcing for KFMK-FM and working at an advertising agency in Houston. *Janet Baass* and *Jim Parks* plan a June 21 wedding.

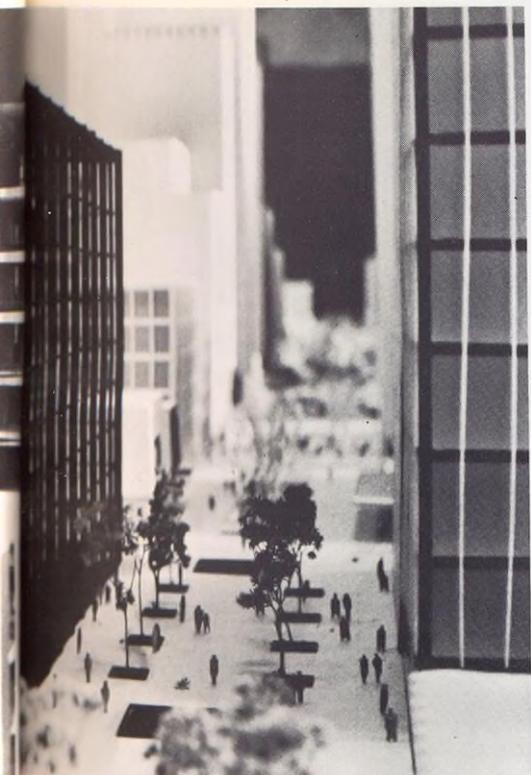
*Bob Ellis* is working for the McGraw-Hill Book Co. in New York. *Sarah* and *Milton Beach* are living in Florida. Their second child, a son, was born in February. *Don Blavier* is now a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.



*Mayor Lewis Cutrer and Johnny Goyen on an inspection tour*



*Design Critic Keeland and the "city"*



## Street 1980

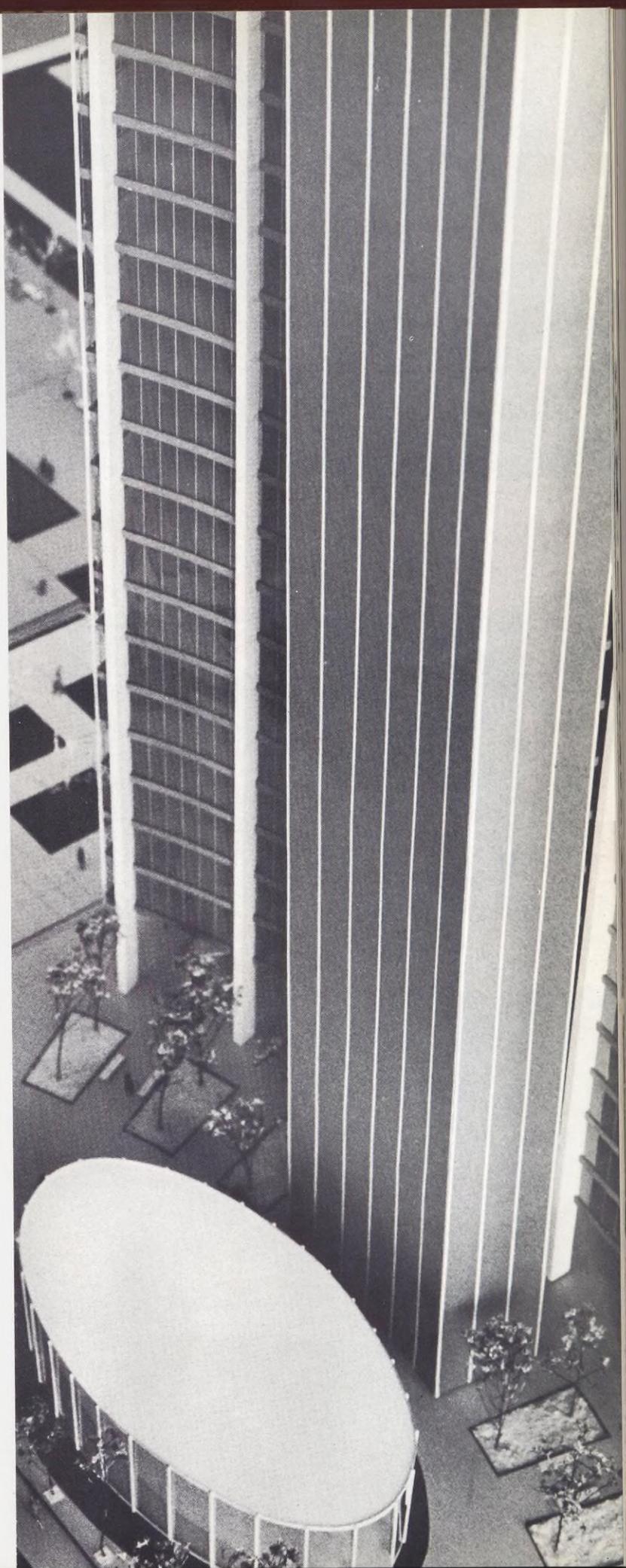
Where will you be 21 years from now? Chances are that if you're in Houston, the downtown area of your city will look something like this.

A class of third-year architecture students chose as a nine-weeks problem the model construction of a 24-block section of downtown Houston. Called "Main Street 1980," the model was displayed for a time in the Anderson Library foyer and then in the main lobby of City Hall.

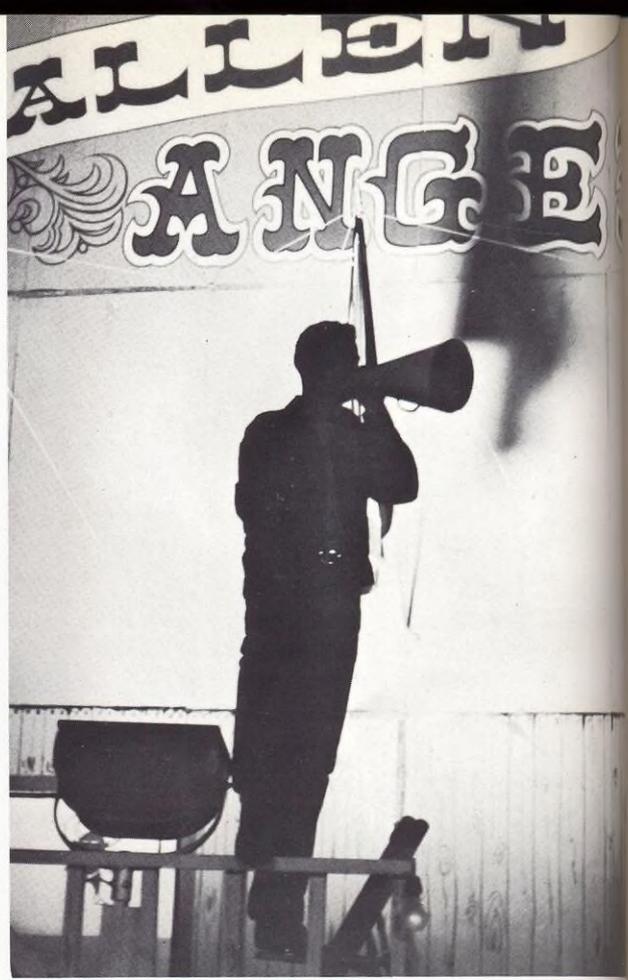
The class, acting as a board, decided which buildings would be saved for architectural or historical reasons. They set up rules for the mall area which eliminated neon signs and stop lights. The class decided that store advertising must be portable so that it could be removed after closing hours and that all lighting — independent of store lighting — would be concealed ground-lighting.

Each student was responsible for one block of the model construction and furnished materials for his own work. Cost of each block was approximately \$100.

Burdette Keeland, lecturer in architecture and an alumnus of the University, was design critic for the project.



*The midway . . .*



*Barker at the Fallen Angel*

*The girls trio from the Bayou Queen . . .*



# Frontier

## fiesta



*The midway . . .*

Bayou Queen, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, was judged top show of the 1959 Frontier Fiesta.

Second, third and fourth place shows were Fallen Angel, sponsored by the Radio-TV Guild and Journalism Inc.; Crows Nest, sponsored by Phi Kappa Alpha; and OK Corral, sponsored by Delta Nu Alpha, transportation society.

Announcement of the top show winners was withheld until the annual Fiesta banquet in mid-May.

The top ten acts on the midway were announced on the final evening of Fiesta. Larry Berthelot of the Fallen Angel scored a new record by participating in three top ten acts.

Berthelot received recognition for his "Pool Table Dance"; "Past My Prime," a duet with Cynthia Burke; and "Wells Fargo Station," a dance number for which Berthelot did the choreography.

Other top ten acts included "Pantomime," Bobby Watson and George Young, OK Corral; "White Lightning," Tommy Fonville, OK Corral; "All for Him," girls trio, Bayou Queen; "They Call the Wind Maria," boys trio, Bayou Queen.

Also, "Little Space Girl," the Little Red Schoolhouse, sponsored by Student Education Association; "The

Echoes," French Quarter, sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi; "Indian Love Call," Bill Conckright, Boot Hill, sponsored by Phi Sigma Kappa.

Fiesta officials report a gross profit of \$50,000 for the 1959 western extravaganza. A net profit figure is not available at this time.

Winner of the top prize in the beard-growing contest was Genara Torres, 21-year-old diesel major from Boling. Torres will receive an all-expense-paid weekend for two at a Bandera guest ranch.

Jerry Bennet, sophomore business major, and Nancy West, junior advertising major, were named Sheriff and Belle of Fiesta City. They were honored for selling the largest number of pre-season tickets.

Winner of the Annie Oakley sharpshooter contest was Kaye Newman who won with a score of 48 points out of a possible 50. Kaye, a freshman journalism major, also gained recognition as a member of the "Wells Fargo Wagon" number in the Fallen Angel show. Targets in the contest, which was open to all University coeds, were of regulation size and were placed at the required 50-foot distance.

Bob Dunson, senior home building major, was general chairman of the 1959 Frontier Fiesta.

## KUHT license

A formal application requesting relicensing of television station KUHT-TV in the sole name of the University of Houston has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington.

The Houston Independent School District had been co-licensee with the University since KUHT-TV opened in 1953 as the nation's first educational channel.

Submission of the application followed a conference between representatives of the University and the School District.

The University notified the School Board earlier, as the deadline for relicensing approached, of a unanimous Board of Governors vote in favor of the University being sole licensee of KUHT-TV, in the best interests of educational television in the community. As an alternative, the University proposed that the School District become sole licensee.

The School Board voted to seek a conference with University representatives at which the School Board preference for relicensing on a joint basis could be discussed further. When the meeting was held, however, the University spokesmen stated that the Board of Governors still wished to consider application only on a sole licensee basis.

It was pointed out that the School District would still be offered a minimum of 15 hours per week telecast time, in addition to School Board telecasts, at a computed facility charge.

## New home

General and Mrs. A. D. Bruce have moved to 3612 Parkwood, the location of the home given to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Abe Weingarten.



*Dr. Alva Kerbow joined the University faculty in 1927 as the first staff member of Houston Junior College. Now the chairman of the foundations of education department, Dr. Kerbow, 70, will retire in August. Campus and alumni*

*chapters of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary society in education, honored the educator at a banquet and presented him with a color portrait of himself. The portrait will be in the Anderson Library.*

## Honor graduate

Raymond N. Zagone of Lafayette, Louisiana, who will receive his law degree at the 1959 commencement, has been appointed to the legal staff of the US Department of Justice as a result of the US Attorney General's Recruitment Program for honor law graduates from leading law schools.

Zagone will join the justice department after he receives his law degree. An honor law student at the University, he received his BA degree from Southwestern Louisiana Institute in 1949. He served for six years in the US Air Force and was discharged in 1956.

## Four governors

Four prominent Houstonians were elected to the University Board of Governors at an April meeting.

Isaac Arnold, vice president of Quintana Petroleum Corporation, was named to fill out Mrs. Arnold's unexpired term as Regent. Curtis M. Smith, vice president of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and president of Tennessee Life Insurance Company; Mrs. Douglas Marshall; and Alfred W. Lahser Jr., vice president in charge of operations at J. Weingarten, Incorporated, were elected Governors.

## FORUM awards

The University quarterly, FORUM, won two first-place awards in the annual Graphic Arts Show sponsored by the Artists Guild of Houston.

Bill Shield's cover for Volume Number 4 won first place in "Magazine cover, design" category and Marb Brown's cover for Volume 2, Number 1 won first place in the "Magazine cover, illustration" category.

A third FORUM cover, by Culberson, was also hung in the show, which is an exhibition of the best of the year's work in printing and design in the area.

FORUM's spring edition, Volume three, Number 1, was recently published. Subscriptions are available at \$2 per year.

## New advisor

Thomas L. Lopez has joined University staff as assistant for students advisor.

He will be remembered by many alumni as Lupe Lopez, a Com basketball regular from 1952-1956.

Lopez, 24, received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1956. He spent a two-year tour of duty in the Army before joining the University staff.

## Faculty grants

Four \$500 United States Steel Foundation Grants for the Improvement of Teaching were made to University faculty members recently.

One award was made to James R. Gough, assistant professor of law, in behalf of the College of Law, to initiate a fund for the establishment of a law review at the University. A second award was made to John R. Martin, associate professor of drafting, in behalf of the civil technology department. The grant will be used to develop instructional materials for courses in civil technology.

A third award was made to Dr. Paul H. Rigby, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, in behalf of the Bureau. The grant will be used to conduct a symposium for the faculty of the College of Business Administration on new mathematical and statistical techniques for dealing with problems in the social sciences, business and economics.

The fourth grant was made to Dr. Ronald F. Drew, assistant professor of history, to continue his work in discovering and evaluating the growth of the Russian province of Siberia in the 18th and 19th Centuries. The results of his research, to be done in Sweden, will be published.

A US Steel Foundation grant of \$2000 is made available to the University faculty each year to further the aims of higher education.

## Alumni officers

New officers and directors for the University of Houston Alumni Association were installed at a banquet in May.

John J. Toomey was installed as president, and Harry H. Montgomery was installed as vice president. Both will be serving second terms. Ernest Mayeux was installed as treasurer and Doris Montgomery as secretary.

Five persons recently elected to the Association's Board of Directors were installed. They included Shirley Rose Kraus, A. J. Montalbano, Wendell A. Odom, Rags Ragone and Bill Sherrill.

## TV prizes

A telecourse produced by the University's KUHT film department, "General Biology I," won an honorable mention award in the 23rd American Exhibition of Educational Television Programs.

Dr. Burr Roney, professor of biology at the University, was present at the general session of the institute in Columbus, Ohio.

A program from "People are Taught to be Different," produced by KUHT in cooperation with Texas Southern University, was entered in the contest by the National Educational Television and Radio Center and also won an honorable mention.

## Promotions

Dr. Alfred R. Neumann, assistant to the president and acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was named dean of the College at an April meeting of the Board of Governors.

Two additional administrative appointments and 26 promotions in academic rank were also approved at the meeting.

Dr. John C. Allred, associate professor of physics, was appointed associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and John B. Neibel, assistant professor of law, was named assistant to the dean of the College of Law.

## Student officers

Jim Gregory, senior advertising major, was elected president of the University of Houston student body in a campus-wide election.

In the same balloting Joe Biundo, pharmacy junior, was voted vice president; Tony La Manna, general business administration junior, treasurer; and Sandra Schoenfield, Spanish sophomore, secretary.

Tom Powell, journalism sophomore, was elected secretary of the Student Senate; and Pat Lafferty, physics senior, was voted Speaker of the House of representatives.

Jan McMullan, radio-TV sophomore; Marilyn Miller, elementary education junior; and Judy Morris, home economics freshman, were elected coed cheerleaders. Sharon Wakefield, home economics freshman, was elected cheerleader alternate.

Andy Henderson, sophomore industrial management major; Ralph Turner, junior pharmacy major; and Darrell Heinrich, sophomore management major were elected to the male cheerleader positions. Don McClure, pre-law freshman, was elected alternate.

# NEWS IN BRIEF



# Commencement

Robert B. Anderson, United States Secretary of the Treasury, will deliver the commencement address at the University of Houston Silver Anniversary Commencement at 7 PM Saturday, May 30.

Approximately 1000 persons will graduate in ceremonies which will pay special tribute to faculty who have been in University service for 25 years and to two distinguished professors who are retiring this year.

Faculty who have been on the University staff for 25 years are Frederic Browne, assistant professor of art; Mrs. Bessie Ebaugh, dean of women and professor of English; Dr. C. F. Hiller, dean of the Junior College; Dr. Louis Kestenberg, professor of history; C. F. McElhinney, vice president and business manager; L. Standlee Mitchell, associate professor of English and assistant dean of men.

Also, Warren Rees, assistant professor of mathematics; Mrs. Lillian Warren, professor of business administration; Dr. Joseph S. Werlin, professor of sociology; Mrs. Ruth Wikoff, professor of library science; Miss Zelda Osborne, professor of library science; and Dr. Alva Kerbow, professor of education.

Dr. Kerbow and Dr. E. E. Dale, M. D. Anderson professor of history, will be honored as retiring distinguished professors.

Each of the honored faculty will receive a scroll commemorating the occasion.

About 50 University scholars will be graduating with honors. Ruth Madeleine Norris, a history major, will graduate with highest honors. She completed her four years of University work with a 4.0 average.

"I am so pleased that Secretary Anderson will speak

at the very special occasion of the University's Anniversary Commencement," General A. D. [unclear] chancellor, said when announcing that the Secretary would be the graduation speaker.

Noting that he had first met Mr. Anderson when his cabinet member was Secretary of the Navy, General Bruce paid tribute to the "outstanding ability and accomplishments which have brought Mr. Anderson many friends in Texas and over the nation."

Mr. Anderson was born in Burleson, Johnson County, Texas, in 1910. He attended high school in Burleson, Texas, attended Weatherford College in 1927 and the University of Texas in 1928. He spent a year teaching Spanish, history and mathematics at Burleson High School and entered the University of Texas Law School in 1929. He graduated with highest honors and received a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1932.

Mr. Anderson served in the Department of Defense as Secretary of the Navy from February 4, 1951, to May 3, 1954, when he became Deputy Secretary of Defense. He held this position until August, 1955, when he resigned from government service. He later became president of Ventures, Limited, with offices in Texas and New York.

When he was nominated to be Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Anderson resigned his private business connections and from a number of boards of directors and similar organizations.

He and the former Ollie May Rawlings were married in 1935. They have two sons, James Richard, 21, and Gerald Lee, 18. The family residence is at Deerfield, Greenwich, Connecticut.

# The meet of champions

Sincere effort, civic backing, promotion, hard work and time are the ingredients which go into placing a local track and field carnival in the national and international eye of the world of sports. But the University of Houston's own Meet of Champions is taking every shortcut possible in attaining the level of the Texas, Kansas, Drake, Penn, and Coliseum shows which annually attract more fans than any other gatherings of the spike-shoed clan.

History and tradition play major roles in all athletics—whether it be the Fighting Irish, the New York Yankees or the Drake Relays—and the M of C must simply wait its turn. But the other matters can be, and are being hurried along.

Whereas it took the other major track meets years and years to build up their records and lists of greats who have blazed their cinders, the Champions show in Houston will cut 'em loose for only the fourth time on June 6, already listing many of the greatest names in track in its backlog of winners, near-winners and record holders.

You can count on your fingers the number of meets that have attracted, in any three years, the likes of Bobby Morrow, Glen Davis, Ron Delany, Tom Courtney, Don Bragg, Eddie Southern, Lou Jenkins, Arnie Sowell and two world record setting relay teams. Yet, all of these, and many others have tried their skills in the Meet of Champions, often times without their usual success. For example, Jenkins, Villanova's Olympic 400 meter champion, finished fourth in the quarter during the 1957 running.

A check of M of C records and past winners strongly resembles the 1956 U.S. travel squad to Sydney. In fact, if you could assemble a squad consisting entirely of individual winners and relay teams that have taken the 51 contests that comprise the three-year history of the Houston meet, each performing in his prime, that squad could easily be expected to beat the best squad assembled by any nation in the world outside the United States.

Running down the best of the Meet of Champions: Bobby Morrow, Abilene Christian sprinter who won enough gold in Australia to put hubcaps on his tractor, is the defending champion in the 100 and 220, and he'll be back to defend. Bobby treated the 1958 gathering to a 9.4 hundred, then came back 40 minutes later to rip off a 20.4 furlong on the straight-away. This trip, he'll have to run the 220 on the curve, a greater challenge but a race that allows fans to see it all from start to finish. The best time for a half-lapper is 20.6 seconds.

Glen Davis, the Ohio State phenomenon who has showed his heels to many of the world's best on four continents, will make his third appearance at the M of C this year, seeking titles in the 440 and low hurdles. Though he is the Olympic champion in the 400 meter hurdles and the world record holder in the quarter, the Ohio work horse does not hold the record here for 440 yards. He won in '57 and '58, both in 46.8, but the record is one-tenth second faster by John Haines of Pennsylvania. Davis does hold the record for the low hurdles, a 22.7 in 1957, but ACC freshman Calvin Cooley won in 22.8 last year and currently has the nation's fastest time for '59, 22.5 seconds. They'll meet head-on this year.

Scanning others hurriedly to fit the space here: Strong man Bill Neider (Kansas) put the 16-pound shot 61'1" in '57; Don Bragg (Villanova), a consistent 15-foot vaulter, showed the UH meet a 14'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " effort in '57 to set the record which two more 15-footers will shoot at in '59 (Oklahoma State's Aubrey Dooley and Jim Graham); SMU's Don Stewart, defending National Collegiate high jump champ, went up 6'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the '58 Houston fans; the ACC sprint relay team that set the world record (39.7) ran the same personnel to a 40.1 with Morrow anchoring; Olympic Champion Ron Delany (Villanova and Ireland), one of the world's 4-minute milers, ran 4:05.4 here in '57 and shares the M of C record with Oklahoma's South African, Gail Hodgson; Delany also set the Houston mark for 880 yards with a 1:48.4 that same year, outlegging Olympic 800 meter champ Tom Courtney just 30 minutes after the mile in one of the greatest "doubles" ever run on American soil.

The big names and records have come fast, and now the Meet of Champions is putting the "rush act" on track history.

## 'H' Association

New officers and directors were recently elected by the "H" Association.

Vernon Eschenfelder is the new president of the group and Maynor Smith is vice president. Lupe Lopez is secretary and Marvin Durrenberger is treasurer.

The six new directors include Joe O'Connor, Danny Dotson, John Been, Bobby Dorsey, Allen Shipley and Jack Barnes.

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Seal

The University of Houston seal contains, en toto, the Sam Houston family coat of arms. Indirectly, the University is named for Sam Houston, Texas pioneer and patriot. Directly, the name comes from the City of Houston, which is a namesake of the General.

The shield in the center of the coat-of-arms was granted by William the Conqueror in the year 1066 when the Houston family accompanied him during his invasion of England. The shield denotes a family of honor. The checkered chevron is symbolic of a family of nobility. The charges on the shield are martlets (a small bird found in Scotland similar to the Texas dove) symbolizing peace and brotherly love.

In 1686 James II of Scotland was saved from death during a battle by the timely arrival of the Houston family and their troops. In appreciation for their service, he authorized three additional symbols to be placed on the family coat-of-arms: two greyhounds denoting speed, directness and a singleness of purpose in rendering a service to the king and country; an hour-glass with two wings to show that the aid arrived within the hour; and a scroll bearing the words "In Time" showing that help was in time to save the king and the nation.

The following is a description of the Houston family as taken from **Following General Sam Houston**, a book by Amelia Williams published by the Steck Company, Austin, 1938.

"The progenitor of the family was a Norman knight, one Sir Hugh of Padivan, who accompanied William the Conqueror and lent his mighty army to the conquest of England. In the distribution of the conquered lands, Sir Hugh was assigned a large strip of territory that lay along the Scottish border. There he built his stronghold, but in a few years he became entangled with Malcolm, King of Scotland, who was the stepson of the ambitious but ill-fated Macbeth.

"Sir Hugh married a highland chieftain's daughter and identified himself with the Scots; but, as the simple Scotch people could never train their tongues to speak the lord's cognomen, Padivan, they contented themselves with calling him 'Sir Hugh,' and his castled estate 'Hughstown.' As the generations passed, the descendants of the doughty knight came to be known as, and even to sign their own names, HOUSTON.