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Tickets On Sale for Fiesta Dance

Tickets for the first gigantic Pre-Frontier Fiesta dance went on sale this week.

The dance, co-sponsored by the Ex-Students Association and the Co-Ed Club, will be held at the Plantation on March 28. Tickets will sell for \$2.40 per couple.

Music will be furnished by Freddy Gibbons' orchestra with vocals by Jimmy Baxter. The dance will furnish continuous music from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. "During regular intermissions a western band will play," spokesmen for the Co-Ed Club said.

The highlight of the dance will be the naming of the first Frontier Belle and Frontier Sheriff in University history. The Belle and Sheriff will be elected by the entire student body and will replace the King and Queen that reigned for years

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E. W. Cullen Bldg. "Best Designed" Say U of H Officials

The new Ezekiel W. Cullen Building will be one of the most magnificent and well designed college buildings in the country, University officials report.

Work is progressing well on it, despite heavy rains of recent weeks. At present it is nearly 45 percent complete, A. G. Gardiner, building superintendent, stated.

The new building will house a carefully designed auditorium that will transmit music and speech to an audience of 1,800 without the need of loud speakers, it was explained.

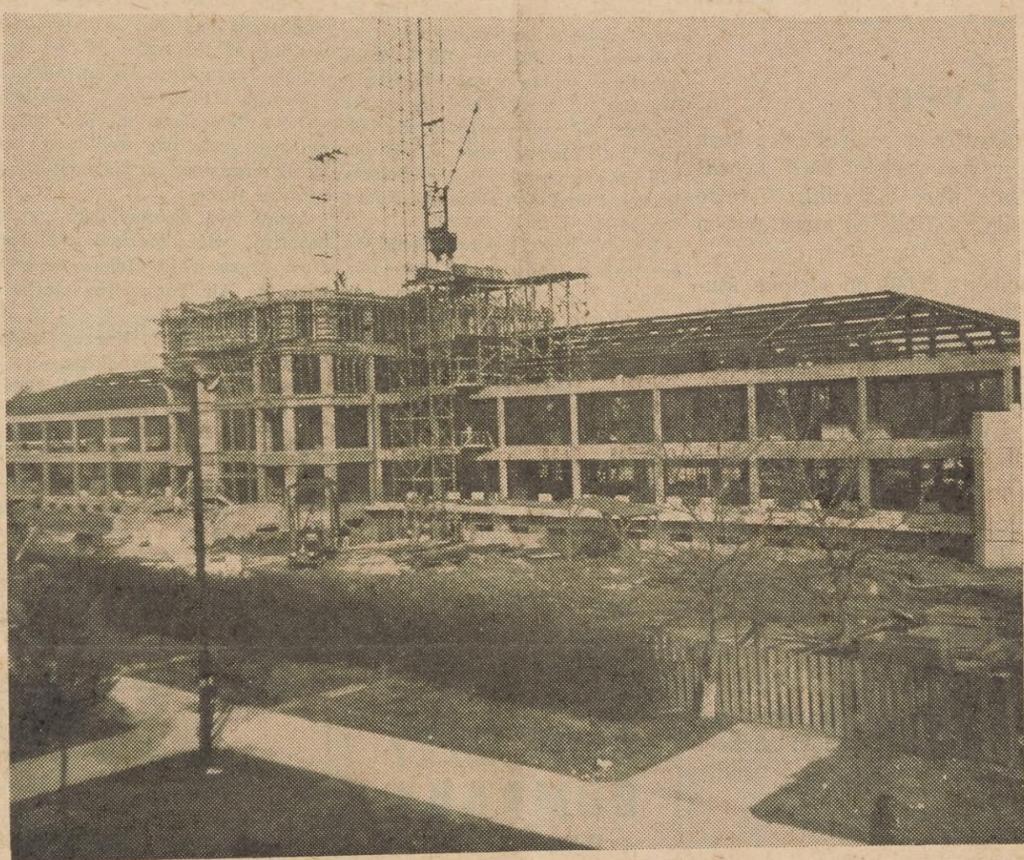
Administrative and special offices will occupy the first floor. Forty classrooms will be housed in the second and third floors. The fourth floor will be for faculty offices. A beautifully designed lobby will open into a six story tower.

A complete floor will be devoted to the radio department, and will house "The finest FM radio station south of Chicago," Dr. W. W. Cook, co-ordinator of the Speech-Arts Department, said.

Two studios seating 300 people each, excellent radio and recording equipment and special rooms for control activities, news writing, casting, rehearsing and recording will be housed in the radio headquarters. Provision is also being made to leave space for television broadcasting facilities, Doctor Cook said.

Faculty members will have special facilities for rest and recreation in spacious faculty lounges.

The building, valued at \$5,000,000, is expected to be ready sometime in the latter part of 1949, probably by November, Building Superintendent Gardiner said. Mr. Gardiner has been doing construction work for 35 years and has served as superintendent of the City Hall construction job.



A PICTORIAL REPORT of progress on the new Ezekiel W. Cullen Building is shown above. The structure, 45 per cent complete, will be one of the most beautiful college buildings in America.

Ezekiel W. Cullen Was Leader In Texas Educational System

By MRS. EMMA BOLLING

It is appropriate that the name Ezekiel W. Cullen, grandfather of H. R. Cullen, be given to the University's main Administration building, for, besides being one of the pioneer Texans who established the independence of the state from Mexico, he was the leader of the Third Congress of the Republic who introduced the bill laying the basis for Texas' educational system.

A representative from San Augustine, Judge Cullen presented, on January 4, 1839, a masterful treatment of the necessity of a general system of education, its scope, importance and possible influence on a citizenry. The bill emphasized the duty of the Congress to lay the foundation of an educational system by making "appropriations of the public domain for the establishment and endowment of primary schools and colleges, where every class of people, alike, could receive the benefits of free education."

Provisions of the bill were that "every county have three leagues of land set apart for establishing a primary school or academy in said county"—and that twenty leagues of vacant land be set aside for colleges, or universities, in the eastern and western part of the Republic.

The modified bill was passed on January 26, 1839, the first such law



EZEKIEL W. CULLEN

passed by Texas. It formed the groundwork of the Texas public school system and the University of Texas and A. & M. college and resulted in giving Texas the largest

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Ex-Students annual meeting, to nominate officers and directors, will be held Wednesday night, April 13 on the campus of the University. The next edition of the Extra will have the time and place of the meeting.

All Exes are asked to keep this date open and attend this important meeting.

public school fund of any state in the union.

A Georgian by birth, Cullen came to Texas in 1835 and was one of the 500 who under "old Ben Milam" stormed and took San Antonio—then known as Bexar in December, 1835.

Texans gave as one of their reasons for revolting against Mexico the lack of educational system, urging that "unless a people are educated, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or capacity for self-government."

Ezekiel Cullen's bill was the first practical step toward implementing this passionate wish.

Cullen was later judge of the First judicial district of Texas and a member of the Supreme Court.

A Whig, he escorted Zachary Taylor to Washington in 1849, later practiced law before the Supreme Bench, and still later became purser in the United States Navy. After serving the navy in Nacaragua, he returned to Washington, later came to Dallas, settling there in 1871. He and his wife were both buried in Dallas.

The old Cullen home, of Greek-Colonial style, still stands at San Augustine.

Cicero Cullen, one of the five children of Judge Ezekiel Cullen,

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By JIM PALMER

Ex-Students of the University are invited to attend formal cornerstone ceremonies of the new Ezekiel W. Cullen Administration Building, to be held at 11 a.m. March 16 in front of the new building. The ceremonies, originally scheduled for January 21st, were delayed by rain.

W. P. Hobby, former governor of Texas and publisher of the Houston Post, will deliver the main speech, which is expected to take as its theme the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cullen and of Ezekiel Cullen to the cause of education.

Two celebrated modern-day Texans, Hugh Roy Cullen and his wife, Mrs. Lillie Cullen, will occupy seats of honor at the cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the Ezekiel W. Cullen Building, named in honor of Mr. Cullen's illustrious grandfather, Ezekiel Cullen.

One hundred and ten years ago a noted early day Texan, on January 4, 1839, Ezekiel W. Cullen presented a bill to the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas in which he recommended setting aside of public lands for institutions of higher learning and for public schools.

The bill which the early legislator presented stressed the importance of schools and colleges "where every class of people, alike, could receive the benefits of education." That was on January 4, 1839.

Col W. P. Bates will make the opening address on behalf of the Board of Regents. Miss Esther Eby, president of the Faculty association, and Bill Bradbury, president of the Student association, will speak for these two groups respectively.

The invocation and closing
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Annual Coronation Separated From Frontier Fiesta

A unanimous vote of student government executives officially severed the University's annual coronation festivities from the Frontier Fiesta late last month. Harry Scott, chairman of Frontier Fiesta, requested the action, saying that the Fiesta would be much more effective if kept on a western basis throughout, with the coronation ball held later in May.

Plans for a western pageant, complete with representatives from the Houston high schools to replace their usual participation in the coronation reception, are underway, Scott announced.

The reception and coronation, which this year will be strictly a college affair, has been turned over to a committee of four executive members. They are Tony Friloux, Patty Franklin, Nancy Burchfield, and Walter Rainey.

First official steps toward the
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Historic Event

An encouraging sign these days is a revival of college spirit at the University that matches and perhaps even exceeds "the good old days" when students were agitating to raise a fund to build the first University of Houston structure on its new and then vacant campus.

Today, with almost 12,000 students, 9,000 on campus, students are energetically pushing all sorts of activities, whether it be a gigantic Frontier Fiesta or establishing higher grade standards for the honor roll.

Professors who have been with the campus since its early days are wearing a slightly dazed expression, amazed at the sudden spurt in school spirit. It is manifested in the new University athletic program and in a less demonstratable but more important way, a firm and sincere pride in the University.

All this means that in the immediate years ahead, the Ex-Students Association will gain a new and valuable injection of life blood as our energetic students become Exes and join the Ex-Students Association, donating their enthusiasm and energy to the Ex-Students and to the Association.

We of the Exes are proud of our student body of 1949 and especially proud of its seniors, and when they graduate, we will welcome them into the Ex-Students Association. School spirit in 1949 is good news indeed!

Revival of College Spirit

Another historic event will be recorded on the University of Houston campus when the cornerstone is laid for the new and magnificent Ezekiel W. Cullen Administration Building, one of the biggest and finest college buildings in the nation.

Most Exes will remember a rainy day when the cornerstone was laid for the Roy Gustav Cullen Building, a ceremony that officially started the University off on a courageous and successful adventure in education. The University started a community service, and it did the impossible, serving as a source of knowledge and developing rapidly, all on tuition alone.

Now the University is starting a new phase in its life, a phase about which all Exes dreamed and worked to make possible. For now, the University is entering the "big-time" field; it is becoming an institution of national and even international importance.

When the cornerstone laying takes place, present at the ceremonies will be the same leaders who first turned the University into a reality, and they are now present to wish the University Godspeed on its future as a major institution of learning.

The University has not "just grown." It is a result of a labor of love by Houston educators and citizens. And it is a result of the enthusiasm and energy of each of its Ex-Students. So when the cornerstone is laid, the ceremony may be considered a form of thanks for work done so far and pledge of confidence for the future.

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Off the Beam

by Jack Valenti

With the first harbingers of Spring, the Ex-Student Association sheds its bearskin coat, dons a raveled sport shirt and gets ready for big things ahead.

Election of Ex-Student officers is in the offing . . . Frontier Fiesta time bobs up out of the calendar . . . big Ex-Student dance in the making . . .

Getting almost as much publicity as the Shamrock opening are two comely exes . . . Lela Blount and Georgia Creighton . . . they give life to the Little Theater offering of DEAR BRUTUS in lead roles . . . Georgia's pix has been popping up in every sheet you pick up these days . . . nice pix . . .

Elizabeth Welling, who is about as pretty a doll as you'll find in many a day's hard riding was conspicuous in LOOK MAGAZINE gurgling embrace of Houston's beauties . . . and while we're on the subject, did you recognize the lassies in the campus shot . . . if you will look close you'll see Dolores Becker, Putt-Putt Collins and Nancy Burchfiel . . .

We can't urge Exes too strongly to get their season football tickets in advance . . . not only do you save some dough, but you'll be backing the Cougars in their big-time football debut . . . when they tangle with the tough William & Mary squad in that initial September game, you'll be recording history with your eyes.

Did you know that the L. P. Good's little girl, Katherine Adeline, will be six months old this month?

Bobby Howard and his new wife, the former Mary Ann Rowntree, are now a veteran married couple with some six weeks of wedded bliss already racked up . . . Bobby, as you

know, is the dynamic sales boss of Fruit Bowl, which gives you, so the saying goes, nectar for a nickel . . .

Jim Rosborough is taking an active role in Humble Company's Post 351, American Legion . . . his wife, the former Elsie Roberts is helping guide the new charm school, Mannequins Moderne . . .

Patsy Potter is a pert little hostess with Pioneer Air Lines . . . and since we're full of metric cliches, "the Southwest is near when you fly Pioneer . . .

Bill Peacock is selling insurance with a vengeance . . . saw Bill and Art Finger the gossamer-voiced radio announcer lunching at the refurbished Captain John's the other noon . . .

While Bobby Abercrombie, Billy Skipworth and Roy Parrott were nipping at the menu at the mezzanine Texas State dining room . . .

George Miller, who is free-lance writing these days, had had encouragement from two well-known national magazines for his exciting adventure yarns . . .

Long-limbed Johnny Beal and his beautiful wife, Marian, are back from Japan where Johnny, a pilot with the Air Force, was stationed . . .

Marian's brother, Harvey Hayes, is with Investor's Syndicate . . .

Donw Galveston way, B. A. Peterson and his wife, Kathryn, are intensely interested Exes . . . Pete is with Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and is the driving force behind a branch of U. of H. Ex-Students organization in the Galveston area . . . It's Pete's view and rightly so, we think, that in a couple of years, we ought to have U. of H. Exes clubs in the big Texas cities, Dallas, San-tone, Ft. Worth . . . great day . . .

FF Workers Rattled By Runaway Infant

When a baby plays with his rattle, people think it is cute; but when the baby turns out to be a rattle snake, it becomes cause for alarm. Workers on the Frontier Fiesta discovered this last Saturday when they found a live rattle snake coiled on the ground ready to strike.

In the old west, "Dead Eye" would have shot the snake's head off with his trusty .44, but in the Fiesta western town it was clubbed to death with a two-by-four. A long fight ensued with the snake striking at a board three times before its death.

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Beta Chi Alums in Washington Party

Members of the Beta Chi Alumni group were guests at a George Washington party Saturday, Feb. 23, at the home of Elizabeth Farmer, 2410 Truxillo. Fran Herndon was co-hostess.

A red, white, and blue theme was carried out with the center-piece made up of snapdragons and acacia. A patriotically-designed cake with hatched decorations carried the theme even into the refreshments. About 30 guests were present.

Society of the Month

By MARGARET KRUEGER
Society Editor

Weddings

Miss Robbie Lee Horowitz and Manuel Taube were married Sunday, Feb. 13 at the City Federation Clubhouse with Rabbi Robert I. Kahn officiating at the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of frost white satin styled along princess lines. She carried a Bible overlaid with white orchids and stepanotis.

Mrs. H. L. Melasky was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Frank Fisherman and Mrs. Hyman Schwartz. Miss Sylvia Ann Schwartz attended as the junior maid.

For the wedding trip to San Antonio the bride wore a powder blue suit with navy accessories and a white orchid corsage.

Mrs. Taube graduated from the University in 1947 with a B.B.A. in public accounting.

The groom has also studied at the University.

The couple will make their home at 1711 Telephone Road in Houston.

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Jean Aldrich Weds C. D. Doriocourt, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Aldrich of Raymondville have recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Charles D. Doriocourt, Jr., son of C. D. Doriocourt of Houston.

For the informal ceremony which was performed Saturday, Jan. 15. The bride wore a green gabardine suit with black accessories and an orchid corsage.

The couple will make their home in San Marcos where the groom will work on his master's degree at Southwest Texas State college. He received his bachelor's degree from the University in 1948.

Two Former University Students Wed At Central Presbyterian Church

Saturday evening, Feb. 26, Miss Barbara Jane Brunson and Lynn Howell Earles were married in the Central Presbyterian church. Dr. Donald H. Stewart officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clyde Brunson and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Earles.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Alvin Samuels. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Lynn Harper and Miss Betty Backus. The attendants were gowned alike in rose taffeta with short boleros, elbow-length sleeves and flared hooped skirts. They wore shirred bonnets and carried cascade bouquets of American Beauty roses.

Best man was Bobby Earles, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Gene Earles, another brother, and H. M. Harris, Jr. Thomas C. Brunson, Jr., brother of the bride, and James Pierce were ushers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in magnolia slipper satin, which was styled with a lavalier neckline, calla sleeves and a gathered skirt. Her fingertip veil of imported illusion fell from a headdress of orange blossoms.

She carried a cascade arrangement of stephanotis, valley lilies and an orchid.

A reception was held after the double ring ceremony at the House of Weddings. After a wedding trip to Dallas the couple will make their home in Houston.

Both have attended the University of Houston.

Bridal Showers Fete Amy Batterson

More pre-nuptial showers have been given for Miss Amy Beth Batterson, bride-elect of Bill Douglas.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, a kitchen shower was given by Mrs. Robert B. Manning in her home at 1632 Hawthorne. Mrs. Joseph Turner assisted. A unique centerpiece of kitchen utensils flanked by red tapers in crystal holders centered the refreshment board which was covered with a red and white plaid cloth.

Miss Jacqueline Stolje and Miss Claire Hoop complimented the prospective bride with a pantry shower at the former's home Friday, Feb. 25.

Miss Batterson was also honored with a luncheon at a luncheon at Madeline's Saturday, Feb. 26.

The wedding has been calendared for March 11.

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University Seal Symbolizes Nine Hundred Year History

By LEROY BOLIN

Nine hundred years of history will be symbolized when the coat of arms and seal of the University of Houston is placed in the new Ezekiel Cullen building.

The seal originated with the family of General Sam Houston. Sir Hugh of Padivan, a Norman knight who accompanied William the Conqueror on his famous expedition into the British Isles, received a large grant of land in Renfrewshire for the heroic rescue of the king of Scotland.

With this land grant went the rank of Scottish knight. Shortly afterwards, Sir Hugh's Norman coat-of-arms, which bore a device of ravens on a rectangular escut-

cheon was changed by the addition of greyhounds rearing on their hind legs on either side of the shield.

Another significant addition to the shield that still exists today was the figure of an hour glass with the sand almost gone from the upper bowl. Thus, symbolizing the speed in which Sir Hugh had come to the rescue of the king. On a ribbon above the rest of the figures was inscribed "IN TEMPORE" signifying again that Sir Hugh arrived "just in time."

The family name of Houston evolved from the simple Scottish inability to pronounce the name of Sir Hugh's castled estate. Not modestly, Sir Hugh had christened his estate Hughstown. The name was eventually corrupted into Houston by the peasants of the community.

As the generations passed the descendants of Sir Hugh became known as the Houston family, and in later years actually signed their name in its present form, Houston.

Sam Houston, the father of Texas and the most famous descendant of Sir Hugh, lived up to the tradition of independence and loyalty to a cause that built for Sir Hugh a place in history.

The loyalty and independence of University Ex-Students, student body, board of regents, and the thousands of supporters of the University of Houston will be rededicated when this historic seal becomes a part of the new Ezekiel W. Cullen building.

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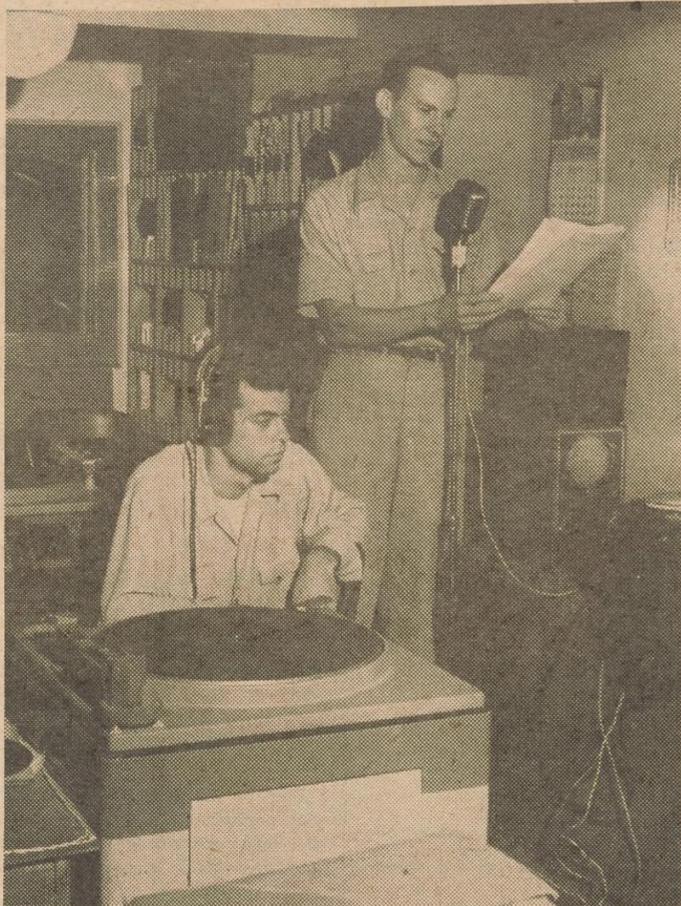
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STUDENT 'SNORKELERS' Harry Preston, right, and Bob Franklin show members of The Cougar staff how they made an exclusive recording aboard the new Navy sub U. S. S. Volador off the Galveston coast last week. —Staff Photo by Jim Cummings

Snorkel Sub Carries Students On Cruise

By FOSTER WICK

Rapid arrangements with the Navy department last week netted University students Harry Preston and Bob Franklin an exclusive recording interview 67 feet below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico on the new "snorkel" type submarine U.S.S. Volador.

Their recording, which was aired locally over station KTHT at 9-9:30 a. m., on Tuesday, March 1, described submarine surfacing, submerging, and torpedo firing operations in detail. The Navy department will use the recording for recruiting purposes, Dr. Wilton W. Cook, coordinator of the radio, speech, and drama departments, said.

When word was received recently that a few members of the local Naval Reserve would be allowed to take a cruise on the new submarine, which was passing through Texas waters on its maiden voyage to California, Preston and Franklin jumped at the chance to go.

They were the only members of the press or radio allowed to make

the cruise. Press and radio representatives from all over South Texas watched glumly from the pier as the two University students boarded the submarine with their recording equipment and prepared to embark.

Preston, a junior radio student from Port Arthur, acted as commentator during the recording. He conducted interviews with the officers and crew members of the submarine. Franklin, a junior engineering student from Houston, handled the recording equipment during the trip.

The "snorkel" type submarine, first developed by the Germans, operates on both diesel and battery power. When operating below the surface on diesel power, it is said to be "snorkeling," and when running off batteries, it is said to be using the "guppy" method.

The Volador is 307 feet long and carries a crew of 73 men and eight officers. Preston and Franklin went through ten dives during their two day stay on the submarine.

Lela Blount Acts In 'Dear Brutus'

Miss Lela Blount, University drama instructor and Ex-Student, has a leading role in the Little Theater's production, J. M. Barrie's "Dear Brutus."

Miss Blount has shown her dramatic versatility in previous Little Theater productions, having played a starring role in "The Little Foxes."

Recently, Miss Blount directed "The Glass Menagerie" presented last month.

Her role in "Dear Brutus" is of a lighter vein. The play is a satire of humans who want to relive their lives, and the consequences when certain people succeed. The play is one of Barrie's most successful.

Georgia Creighton, former University student, will have a part, also.

"Dear Brutus" is scheduled for a 12-night run at the Little Theater, 707 Chelsea Place, starting March 8.

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While the University is breaking enrollment records as usual, the daily Texan of the University of Texas, noting a decrease in enrollment at that university, commented that all Texas colleges are reporting a decline this term.

The overall enrollment at the university to date is 12,002. The total campus registration totals 70.

Broken down to the various classifications, these 9043 students include freshmen, 2920; sophomores, 1640; juniors, 1700; seniors, 1750; post graduates, 202; graduates, 638; doctorates, 82; law, 111.

Campus veterans number 5649 and non veterans 3394. The male and female ratio is still high. There are 2399 men and 1704 women attending classes on the campus. New students total 1488.

EZEKIEL CULLEN —

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 was the father of H. R. Cullen, who, observers point out, is continuing the ideals of his grandfather through his generous gifts to the University of Houston.

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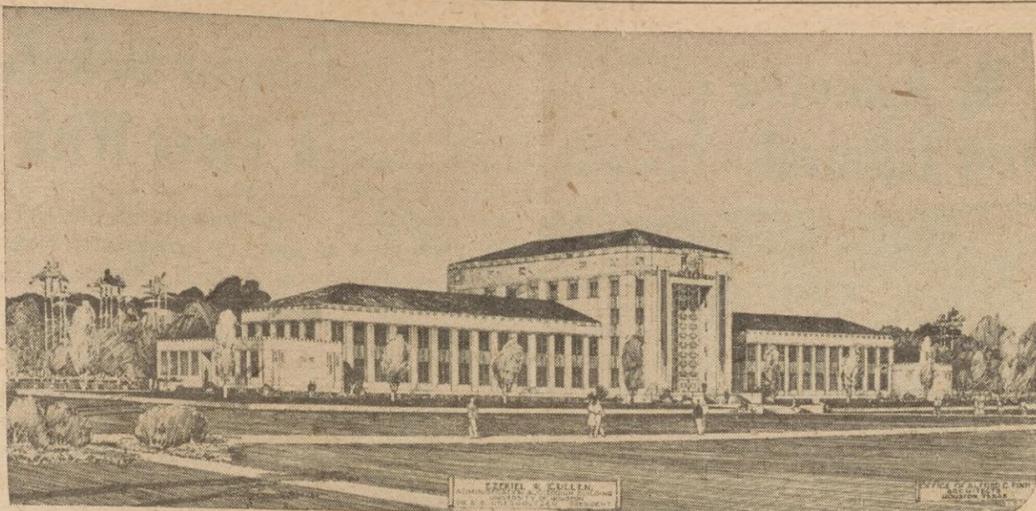
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SKETCHED above as it will be upon completion, the new Ezekiel Cullen Administration building is being built on the main parking lot facing the reflection pool. The funds for this building were given by the newly established Cullen foundation.

ANNUAL CORONATION —

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coronation plans will be taken at the next executive committee meeting.

A Frontier Fiesta committee will submit proposals for the election of a Frontier Belle and sheriff to the election board for consideration in the near future.

The western pageant, according to Scott, will play a large part in the Fiesta this year, and should add a great deal to the four day festival.

CULLEN BUILDING —

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prayer will be made by Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Texas Methodist conference. President E. E. Oberholtzer will be the master of ceremonies.

Climax of the ceremony will come with the depositing of historic documents and papers in the cornerstone, which will then be permanently affixed in place near the west entrance of the building. The band and the music department will provide music at the ceremonies.

Ground-breaking exercises for the new structure were held on May 14, 1948, and construction got under way immediately. Joseph C. Hutchinson, Jr., federal circuit judge, made the principal speech at that occasion.

A. C. Finn is the architect for the building, and Warren S. Bellows, is the contractor. It is expected that the building will be completed by early 1950. Work is well on schedule at this time.

Several thousand students, faculty members, and numerous distinguished guests are expected to be in attendance at the program, which will be broadcast by four or five local stations.

Contest Winner



BARBARA ROBINSON

Freshman Beauty Wins Movie Title

Barbara Robinson, freshman home economics major, was chosen last week by a panel of judges, as the winner of the campus "Mother is a Freshman" contest. Miss Robinson will be awarded \$100 by the Twentieth Century-Fox film corporation who sponsored the contest in conjunction with their forthcoming film, "Mother is a Freshman."

Tom Clark, Cougar Amusements Editor, acting as chairman of the contest, appointed the panel of judges, who chose Miss Robinson from a field of six finalists. She will be premiere queen of the Houston showing of "Mother is a Freshman," which opens at the Majestic theatre, on March 10.

Miss Robinson will later be entered in a national contest with freshmen winners from other colleges. The winner of this contest will receive an all-expense trip to Hollywood during the summer.

The University was chosen as one of the top schools in the nation where freshman beauties might be found, in a poll taken by 257 college newspaper editors.

No Expansion Seen By New Conference

Texas' newest collegiate athletic conference, of which the University is a member, turned thumbs down on expanding from the present four-school set-up right now at a meeting in Denton last Saturday.

Members of the conference said they were not interested in adding a fifth school at present.

A constitution and by-laws were drawn up Saturday. They are modeled after Southwest conference regulations and conform to the N. C. A. A. code.

No name was selected for the conference composed of North Texas state, Trinity, Hardin, and the University.

Attending the meeting were President Ligon, Hardin college; G. W. Mahan, secretary, Trinity; W. N. James, Trinity athletic director; Harry Fouke, the University's athletic director; and Theron J. Fouts, North Texas state athletic director.

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Fiesta Scripts To Be Approved For 1949 Wild West Carnival

By SEYM CARSON

For the first time since the Frontier Fiesta was started in 1940 all scripts must be approved, Harrey Scott, Fiesta chairman, said.

An approving board consisting solely of faculty members, has been set up. Miss Esther Eby, speech instructor, is board chairman.

This action does not affect the Exes, as no plans have been for a show at the Fiesta.

At least every one of the 60 campus clubs will have a concession of some kind at the Fiesta. Rehearsals have already been started, and are shaping up nicely, Ray Croaker, chairman of entertainment for the Fiesta, said.

A permanent site for the Fiesta has been set up. It is one the north-west corner of the campus on St. Bernard. Johnny Goyen, executive secretary, said all Exes are invited

to drive out and see how the construction is progressing.

Bad weather has slowed down some construction, but Dave Halphen, vice chairman of the Frontier Fiesta, said most of the pre-fabrication work is completed and the buildings can be put up in a hurry. Two concessions are practically completed and seven others have reported that most preliminary construction has been finished, Halphen said.

The Fiesta will be from April 6 through 9.

Frontier Fiesta tickets went on sale March 4. The first 20 tickets were sold at auction. Students purchasing these tickets will be feted at the Plantation on March 18. They will also be guests at the "Kick-off" dance on March 28. The "Kick-off" dance is being sponsored by the

TICKETS ON SALE —

(Continued from Page 1)

over the High School Reception. The reception this year will be a western pageant, complete with representatives from the Houston High schools to replace their usual participation in the coronation reception.

A floor show with entertainment from this year's Frontier Fiesta will be presented during the dance, Harrey Scott, Fiesta chairman, said.

Exes desiring tickets are asked to make their checks payable to the University of Houston and mail them to the Ex-Students Association on the campus immediately.

Only a limited number of tickets will be sold to the dance and they will go on a first come first served basis, Scott said.

Exes and the Co-ed club, a campus organization.

Ticket booths will be in most of the downtown stores, Scott said, and students dressed in western garb will sell tickets on the street corners.

Mr. Goyen said he would like to remind all Exes desiring tickets to the Fiesta that they may be purchased from the students.

At the "Kick-off" dance the Exes will present the winners of the campus elections for Sheriff and Fiesta Belle, Mr. Goyen added.

Sponsors for time on the radio have been procured, Mr. Goyen said, explaining that it will be left more or less to the students discrimination as to which Fiesta shows are presented over the air.

Cougar Debaters Take Honors In Meet With Top Teams

By N. S. PATTERSON

Ex-Students of the University of Houston will not have to wait any longer for a team to beat the University of Texas, Texas A. & M., Baylor, L. S. U., and a half-dozen other top colleges of the Southwest.

They already have such a combination—namely, the University of Houston's men's debate team and forensic group.

Winner already this season in a similar meet at Southwest Texas, San Marcos, the forensic group triumphed February 25 and 26 at the annual Stephen F. Austin Forensic meet over the best speakers and debaters that Louisiana College and the Southwest Conference teams could produce, plus the teams of Texas A. and I., S. L. I., Sam Houston, Southeastern Oklahoma, San Marcos, and Stephen F. Austin. To make the victory more impressive, the University presented an all-men's team against both men's and women's groups of rival colleges and still earned top points at the meet.

Maurice Harrell, journalism-speech co-major and John L. Scardino journalism scholarship holder, was the double winner, earning first place in oratory single-handed and teaming with Kenneth Reed, sophomore psychology major, in men's debate. The debate team argued one side to advance to the finals, switched sides for the finals against the widely heralded Durant teachers and brought home the tournament's biggest cup. Debate is coached by Bert Horne, who accompanied the team to Nacogdoches.

James McAughan, senior radio

major, won out in radio reading over a wide field of contestants.

Edwin Black took second in oratory behind Harrell. John Neibron won a second in extemporaneous speaking, and Herbert Connell won second in after-dinner speaking.

Jim Williams added a third poetry and Bible reading.

Miss Esther Eby coaches oratory at the University; Miss Mary Davis, poetry reading; and Aulie Luke, extemporaneous and after-dinner speaking. Dr. W. W. Cook, head of the speech-radio-drama departments, coaches radio reading.

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Golfers Will Meet Rice This Spring

University of Houston's golf team will meet the Rice institute par-tisslers in two matches this spring, University Athletic Director Harry announced last week.

The matches will mark the second time the two teams have vied for the midway supremacy. In 1946 the Cougars won both matches.

Roy Priest, one of Houston's leading amateur golfers and veteran tournament player, is in the Cougar line-up this year since he is now a part-time student at the University.

Billy Burke, St. Thomas high school ace, and David Graham of Jacinto high, are among the newcomers wearing Cougar colors.

All 15 players reported to Coach last week in a pre-season meeting.

Top man on the Cougar roster this year is Bill Dienstbach, third place winner in the Lone Star conference drama last year.

Workouts for the team began Wednesday. As yet the date and place of the Cougar-Owl contests have not been announced.

Homecoming Queen Receives World-Wide Congratulations

Dolores Becker, 1948 Homecoming Queen of the Ex-Students Association, caused an international furore when her pictures appeared in national publications.

The campus beauty has received more than a hundred letters of fan mail from admirers from as far away as the Persian Gulf area.

A Scottish boy working for an oil company in the Persian Gulf region wrote a long letter explaining that all these beauty contests were new to him and that he didn't know whether to congratulate her or not. "I only wish that I had been one of the judges on November 6th," he wrote.

Another resident working in an oil camp in Arabia, after seeing pictures of the four candidates, wrote: "After seeing the picture, two of my friends have made a little wager on who will be the winner of the contest. So I have decided to write to you and see if you would write to us and let us know which of the four has won."

From a sailor at Okinawa, came: "I saw your picture in a Houston newspaper. I've been to lots of places and seen quite a few things, but I guess What Texas hasn't got I can get along without."

A student at St. Mary's College in California wrote: "Some of the folks here at St. Mary's College challenged me to drop you a line.



DOLORES BECKER

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Miss Becker has had a busy time of it answering all the letters—the duty of all royalty.

Cougars to Play Wichita U. Here Next October 1

Coach Clyde Lee's prestige-bound University of Houston Cougars will play a football game against the University of Wichita Shockers here next October 1.

Announced by Harry Fouke, director of athletics for the University of Houston, this game makes the second "name" contest for the local team for next fall. The Cougars will open here September 17 against William and Mary college of the tough Southern conference. The Cougars are scheduled to return the Wichita game in 1950.

Head Coach Jim Trimble of Wichita has consistently turned out one of the best-rounded teams in the middle West. His 1948 gold and black gridders finished second to Oklahoma A. & M. in the Missouri valley. His 1947 squad was just behind the champion University of Tulsa.

Both years the Shockers were honored by invitations to play in post-season bowl games. Last season they lost to Hardin-Simmons university in the Camellia bowl at Lafayette, La., while the '47 Shockers were defeated by College of the Pacific in the Raisin bowl at Fresno, Cal.

Coach Trimble will match wits with an old Missouri valley opponent in the Houston game, as the Cougar head man, Coach Lee, was formerly line coach at Tulsa. Elmer Simmons, Cougar backfield coach, also played in the Tulsa backfield.

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Cougar Footballers Get Plenty Of Practice in Mud and Rain

By BEN FORTSON

Clyde Lee's Cougar footballers should all be good "mudders" by the close of their spring training period.

Last week University gridmen scrimmaged a full hour in the veritable quagmire of their practice field. The usual blocking and play-running rehearsals preceded the mock contest.

Standing out in the scrimmage session was Tackle Pruitt Browning. The big Pasadena lad was changed from center to tackle at the beginning of the spring drills and opposing linemen have found it no easy job keeping him out of plays.

Halfback Boyd Tingle, another Pasadena product and two-year letter winner with the Cougars, may work into the best pass grabber in Coach Lee's fold. Tingle did quarterback chores for the University up until this year.

New-comer Gene Shannon, with

experience at Freeport high school and Tyler junior college, will likely give varsity backfielders a stiff toss for a starting slot. The 180-pounder is proving adept at running and pass catching alike. He comes through the line sideways and presents a target difficult to be downed. Shannon is a sophomore at the University, studying physical education. He finished Freeport high school in 1947.

Another one of Lee's alterations from line to backfield, Maurice (Mo) Elliott, has been switched to the fullback position.

Still sidelined with injuries are Tackle Bill Moeller, Back John Hickman, and Bill Bidwell, fullback from Reagan high school. Folyd Winfield, former all-stater in Oklahoma, is being kept out of heavy scrimmage due to injuries.

The Cougars finished out their spring drills March 7.

Cougar Tracksters To Enter Famed Drake-Kansas Meet

The University of Houston will be represented in the famed Drake and Kansas track relays this year for the first time in history.

The Cougars' prestige-bound athletic program for 1949 also schedules the Border Olympic at Laredo, the Texas Relays at Austin, Trinity relays at San Antonio, Fort Worth Stock Show at Fort Worth, Southwestern Relays at Lafayette, Louisiana, and others.

A meet yet to be announced will be held in Houston before the Lone Star conference race at Nacogdoches.

Head track coach Jack Patterson, himself the former world champion, hurdler, announced time trials are due for his charges Friday. Bad weather has held up workouts considerably.

The Cougars' first meet this year will be the Border Olympics March 11-12. The last meet is the conference tilt at Nacogdoches May 13-14.

Over 30 men are working out with the track team at present.

Trinity Upsets Cougars in Finale; Brown, McPhail End College Play

By BILL JOHNSON

Basketball for the Cougars ended Tuesday night, March 1, with Trinity university upsetting the Cats in a slow moving tilt, 57-52 in San Antonio. The loss was the fifth for the University hoopsters and eliminated all dreams of a possible Lone Star conference title tie. The Red and White had a .500 average for the full season, winning 11 and losing 11.

Trinity's Tigers jumped out in front in the first few seconds of play and led all the way in the upset of the Cougars in their last conference game of this season.

It was farewell night for Cougar captain Louis Brown and Bill McPhail and both players played good ball. Brown dropped in seven points to help the Cougar cause, while McPhail displayed good ball handling.

Lloyd Hendrix scored 12 points to top high scoring honors for the Cougars. Connie Pontikes made seven free throws and a field goal to mark up nine tallies.

Failure to sink field goals hurt the Cougar cause. The Cats were held to 16 baskets from the floor by a fouling Tiger defense. The Cougars managed to chalk up 20 foul shots to stay in the game.

An overtime thriller took place in San Marcos Monday night with the Cougars edging Southwest Texas 71-68. McPhail sunk two free throws in the last seven seconds of the regulation contest to tie the tilt at 64-64.

Hendrix was the winning factor in the Bobcat game as he dropped in a field goal and a free throw in the final 40 seconds of the overtime period to assure the victory.

Brown's 20 points topped the Cougar scoring parade with Dick Berg plunking in 16 markers and Hendrix chalking up 13 points.

George Carlisle of Southwest was the outstanding player on the court. He collected 36 points and the Bob-

cat guard was tops on defense.

In the torrid individual scoring race for the Cougars the final count showed Hendrix in the top spot with 264 points for the season. Close behind in second place was Berg with 259 points and in third place was Brown with 231 points. Brown played one less game than Hendrix and Berg in regular season play. Gilbert Linton, freshman court artist broke into the top four as he racked up 160 points for the season.

During all season play the Cougars racked up 1,210 points to their combined opponents total of 1,152 markers.

'JACKS TAKE LSC CROWN

Stephen F. Austin's Lumberjacks wrapped up the Lone Star conference basketball title with two convincing victories last week.

The 'Jacks ousted East Texas State from first place, 61-51, then nailed down the title by beating Southwest Texas State, 88-46.

Final Season Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Stephen F. Austin	15	5	.750
East Texas State	13	7	.650
Southwest Texas State	12	11	.522
Sam Houston State	12	11	.522
University of Houston	11	11	.500
North Texas State	10	13	.435
Trinity	9	15	.375

Final Conference Standings

Stephen F. Austin	9	3	.750
East Texas State	8	4	.667
University of Houston	7	5	.583
Sam Houston State	7	5	.583
Southwest Texas State	4	8	.333
North Texas State	4	8	.333
Trinity	3	9	.250

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