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## 1949 Scholarship Fund Drive Needs YOUR Immediate Help

Only \$1,102.84 Given By 205 Exes To Date

Despite the energetic efforts of Ex-Student leaders, the Second Annual Fund Drive of the Exes is sadly lagging, Jim Palmer, Chairman, said this week.

Only \$1,102.84 has been contributed to date. "More than \$3,700.00 is still needed if we are to complete the quota," Mr. Palmer said. The goal of \$5,000 will be used to establish ten scholarships for outstanding Texas high school graduates.

The group of ten students will be awarded scholarships in the fields of science, fine arts, journalism, languages, home economics, social sciences, engineering, business administration, education, and architecture.

Two sororities recently stepped in to help the Exes make the scholarships a reality. Pi Delta Sorority and Beta Chi Sorority, respectively represented by Mrs. John Scott and Mrs. Jackie Reynolds. Both groups also contributed a large amount to the 1948 drive, which enabled the Exes to donate a new station wagon to the Athletic Department.

"We will be able to achieve our goal only if all the Ex-Students contribute—but so far it has been only a few of the 'faithfuls' who have done their bit. We have no dues and no requirements for membership except that each Ex-Student contribute to the Fund Drive," Johnny Goyen, executive secretary, said.

## 1950 Fiesta City Nears Completion

By Ruthmary Anderson

The greatest college show on earth is greater than ever!

Construction on the frontier town, a replica of a typical western city that has made Frontier Fiesta unique among college shows, was begun January 6, and has set a new record for building speed. The city is one-half finished and should be completed long before the show opens on April 11.

Fiesta Director Dave Halphen said that most of the 24 shows were already in rehearsal. All scripts are required to be in by February 20.

The 1950 Fiesta will carry on previous traditions of beard contests, western costume, a frontier newspaper, guns, saloons, and "everything it takes to relive the spirit of the old west."

The beard contest will officially open with a "shave-off" February 17 at 11 a.m. at the bandstand on the campus. Halphen said that guest celebrities would be present, and the first prize for the beard contest would be announced. Last year, Olsen and Johnson were the guest entertainers, and Earl McMillian made the donation for first prize, a new Ford four-door sedan.

A kick-off dance will be held April 8 in the Crystal and South American ballrooms of the Rice Hotel, and on April 11 at 10 a.m. an all-organization parade will be staged in downtown.

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## J. A. Elkins, Sr. Elected to Board

Judge J. A. Elkins Sr. was elected to membership by the University Board of Regents in its first 1950 meeting.

Judge Elkins is a member of the law firm of Vinson, Elkins and Weems and is chairman of the board of the City National bank. He has been active in civic affairs of Houston for many years and is nationally known in law and banking activities.

The position on the Board of Regents was open following the resignation of Mrs. Agnese Carter Nelms. Mrs. Nelms, who left the Board because of other duties, was one of the original members of the University's first separate Board of Regents when it was named by the Houston school board in 1945.

## Cougars vs. Alabama In Houston In 1951

Mr. H. R. Cullen, principal speaker at the Third Annual Ex-Students Football Banquet, told a group of 400 Exes and friends of the U. of H. that in 1951, the Cougars will have as tough a schedule as any team in the Southwest Conference. One of the teams announced for 1951 was Alabama. The game will be played in Houston. He said that in 1952 the University would have a schedule comparable to ANY team in the nation.

**WELCOME, NEW EXES**  
This copy of The Extra will reach 781 new University of Houston Ex-Students. The "new additions" to our mailing list are made up of summer school graduates. The reason for the delay in adding them to our mailing list is the time element involved in getting addressograph plates made on each new Ex. We are happy to have you receive our monthly publication. If you ever move from your present address please notify our office by mail or telephone so that we will be able to keep in touch with you at all times.

The banquet was held Saturday, January 28 at the Houston Club.

Cougar football coach Clyde Lee awarded letters to 48 members of the University's 1949 team.

Only ten of the group are seniors, and 36 returning lettermen will answer the call for spring training starting Feb. 6.

Mr. Cullen said that Rice officials had generously changed the name of their new stadium to "Houston Stadium," and the Cougars would play their home game on that field until a stadium could be built for the University.

Next season the Cougars will face such grid notables as William and Mary, Tulsa, Kansas State, and an unannounced major team from the Atlantic coast in the new Houston stadium.

Other speakers on the program were Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, president of the University; Eddie Dyer, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals; Corbin Robertson, banquet chairman; and Coach Lee.

Texas sports writers chose Jerry Fouts as the most valuable high school gridder in the state. Fouts, an end from Wichita Falls, received the Texas' Outstanding High School Player award from the Ex-Students association.

The graduating seniors are Bryan, Butler, Hurtt, Myers, Nexoux, Purdum, Selby, Staggs, Tingle and Towns.

Trinity is in second place with a 2-1 record.

## Former Cougar End Compares Squad Of 1933 To 1949 Team

By C. W. Skipper

There are a few students on the campus who think the 1949 Cougar football team was something short of terrific. As a member of the 1933 Cougar football squad when the school was the Houston Junior College and still in short pants, I would like to advise these dissenting students that they never had it so good.

I was on the squad that killed football at the school until it was well established as a senior university. The squad was disbanded before it had played a game, and the happiest person on the campus when football was abandoned was the coach.

While I am sure this is a skeleton he keeps well in the back of his closet, the coach in those days was Archie French, who is still with the University as faculty member in health education.

Fifteen men reported for the first practice, and two of those dropped out when they learned we were to play tackle football and not touch. I don't recall a real, honest-to-gosh tackle being made on the practice field that year. It wasn't necessary. The backs usually fell down without being touched.

Had the team started the season, Coach French's first string right tackle would have weighed 130 pounds. He was a balding gentleman of about 40 who said, "I just want to play football before I die." He

refused to wear the football shoes issued him, and came on the practice field in low-quarter tennis shoes.

I would have been the first string left end. I didn't pick end because I knew anything about the position. I just didn't want to be panned in when an opposing fullback charged at me.

The school colors in 1933 were blue and white, which was fortunate. The players bled so easily those red jerseys would have sent Coach French to an early grave.

The coach spoke pleasantly to us and even managed a smile at times. I didn't realize until later what an effort that must have been. I am sure he even longed for his winless team of about 1932, when the students went around calling the star halfback "High point." This fortunate gentleman intercepted a pass in the Cougars' last game of the season to run about 90 yards for the only six points the club scored all year.

## Frosh Ruled Out As Varsity Member

Freshmen football players will be ineligible, for the first time, for varsity competition at the University next fall, Harry Fouke, University athletic director, stated this week.

Fouke was reelected vice-president of the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate conference at a meeting in Dallas recently.

Trinity, North Texas state, and Hardin college will still allow freshmen to play on their varsity teams. "These schools will probably make the freshman rule mandatory in 1951," Fouke said. "It will make the University's rules more like those of the majority of the nation's colleges and universities."

Head Coach Clyde Lee said, "I think our teams will play a better brand of ball with the installation of the rule. It will eliminate much of the repetition in training. I'm glad to see the school make this step."

## City Council Postpones Changing Name of St. Bernard to Cullen Blvd.

By D. E. McClendon

Final action for renaming St. Bernard to Cullen Boulevard will be taken by the city council very soon.

Mayor Oscar Holcombe delayed action on University students' petition this week pending completion of a survey among St. Bernard's property owners.

A delegation to the council was recently led by Glen "Pappy" Bond, student association president, Ray Coker, president of the student council, and Johnny Goyen, Executive Secretary of the Ex-Students association.

They were assured by Mayor Hol-

combe that the city council will change the name of St. Bernard to Cullen Boulevard, provided students can submit a petition showing that over 50 per cent of the street's property owners favor the change.

Although the city council has agreed to act on the petition to rename St. Bernard, no further action will be taken at present on a movement to have the street widened and repaved from Wheeler to the Gulf Freeway.

Mayor Holcombe stated that the street will be renamed for the entire length.

The name changing idea was brought about by the Ex-Students Associations' Vice-President Walter Waldhauser.

## Neveux Named On W-M All-Opponents

Alan Neveux, the University's big man-under, recently was named to William and Mary college's second all-opponent team.

Nexoux's expert engineering in the University's dramatic 14-13 loss to the powerful Indians placed the Cougar right behind Bimbo Cecconi of the University of Pittsburgh.

The Indians voted honorable mention for such backs as Scott or Arkansas, Hayes of North Carolina, Glick of Michigan state and Billingsley of Richmond.

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## UH Basketballers Near GCC Title

University of Houston can sew up the Gulf Coast Conference basketball championship this week. The Cougars, one of the top teams of the Southwest, will be favored to do it, too.

Undefeated in conference play, University of Houston meets Trinity at Houston Wednesday, February 8 in a game that, if the Cougars win, they will be champions of the G.C.C.

Trinity is in second place with a 2-1 record.

### Season Standings

	W	L
U of Houston	13	6
Trinity	9	6
North Texas State	7	13
Midwestern	5	12

### Conference Standings

	W	L
U of Houston	4	0
Trinity	2	1
Midwestern	1	3
North Texas State	1	3

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## On The Air

Radio and television are doing a lot of work these days to increase the prestige of the University. The campus hasn't as yet set up the new radio station, KUHF-FM, but the University is really making news on the air.

All home football games were broadcast and televised, and the University Hour is on the air every Wednesday from 3 to 4 o'clock on KATL. In addition many special programs are aired from stations throughout the South Texas area.

There are very few newscasts from Houston that do not have some mention of campus news. In fact, a great number of our students and graduates are now stationed at Houston radio stations.

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# Students Will Occupy New Dorms In Fall

By Glenn Heath

Two dormitories will be ready for occupancy in September, Dr. W. W. Kemmerer, assistant to the president, said recently. The two units will bring 546 students onto the University campus.

Applications will be accepted for rooms in Dormitories E and B as soon as the forms are printed. These will be ready in the spring semester, possibly in February, Dr. Kemmerer said.

Building E will hold 271 girls. Building B will hold 275 men, about 75 of whom will be athletes. The dormitories will be divided into two-room suites, with sleeping arrangements for five men in each suite. The rent on these units was established in the bond agreements at \$5 per week per student.

Buildings C and D are scheduled for occupancy in February of 1951. They will accommodate 465 students. The gender of the occupants of these two buildings will be determined by the proportion of male and female applicants.

Dr. Kemmerer expressed the hope that the housing provided by the dormitories would permit removal of the trailers in the University Village, or at least the non-expandable units. A number of the trailers have already been removed because of deterioration, he said, and the opening of Dormitory B should allow removal of about 100 more.

The E. E. Oberholtzer Building

was the name decided on for unit A at the Board of Regents meeting January 24. The building will be a combination dormitory-student union. It will have sleeping accommodations for 46 persons, and decision has been deferred as to whether these will be open to students or to quests and families of students.

The total capacity in all dormitories will be 1057 persons.

Two cafeteria dining rooms, seating about 350 persons each, will be on the first floor of the Oberholtzer Building. Near them will be four smaller dining rooms with removable partitions for seating variable-sized parties.

Seating capacity for dances or parties in one of the dorms will be greater than that of the Rice Hotel Crystal Ballroom, Dr. Kemmerer said.

The present cafeteria's kitchen facilities, Dr. Kemmerer conjectured, may be converted to provide a snack bar, with the patio lounge furnishing eating places for those who bring their own lunches or eat from the snack bar. The dining room might then be used as a lounge, recreation or study room.

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1950 FIESTA—

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town Houston, Halphen said that 24 floats were already entered in the parade which will be the biggest in Fiesta history.

March 10 will mark the beginning of the Bearded Wonder contest. All girls will be eligible to enter the contest of guessing the "bearded wonder" according to hints given over radio station KLEE.

Halphen announced that the 1950 Fiesta will present a new and different kind of pageant nightly before the mid-way opens, which will feature the theme of a transition from the modern age to the old frontier days.

Details on the various stages of Fiesta will be issued from time to time in later bulletins, he said.

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### Miss Nagorny, Favorite, Recently Wed In Double-Ring Ceremony

By MARGARET BEASLEY  
Society Editor

Miss Christine Nagorny was recently wed to Robert Hall Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nagorny. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Dr. W. Boyd Hunt at the First Baptist church. Gowned in ivory bridal satin and Calais lace with a cor-

set of the lace holding her veil of impoted illusion, the bride carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis centered with white orchid.

Mrs. D. C. Foster was matron of honor and Miss Joyce Prappas and Miss Elaine Taylor, sister of the groom served as bridesmaids.

Johnnie Myers served as best man, and groomsmen were Wesley Nagorny, the bride's brother, and Edward Watts. Ushers were Hollis Hall and Jimmy House.

Following the reception at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left for their wedding trip to Austin. They will make their home at 4513 1/2 Sherman.

The bride was presented as a favorite in the 1948 Houstonian.

### Ex-Students Wed; Live In Houston

Two exes were recently wed when Miss Helen Frances Watson became the bride of Daniel Richard Harris in a double-ring ceremony. The wedding was solemnized in St. Vincent de Paul Church with the Rev. J. D. Connally officiating. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John William Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris are the parents of the groom.

Entering on her father's arm the bride wore a gown of white satin fashioned along Princess lines with a fitted bodice appliqued with hand-run Alencon lace, a calla neckline and a full skirt. Her circular veil edged with Alencon lace appliques depended from a matching lace headdress. The bride carried a bouquet of white orchids and chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Sam Wilson of Conroe was the matron of honor and Mrs. Lawrence Watson and Mrs. Kenneth Abernathy were bridesmaids.

Lawrence Harris was best man for his son and Lawrence Watson and Arthur Watson were groomsmen, Walter Harris and Jerry Harris ushered.

After a reception the couple left for a wedding trip. For traveling, Mrs. Harris selected a biege-hued gabardine suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple will make their home at 2406 Shakespeare.

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### Miss Schoppe Weds William J. O'Rourke

The marriage of Miss Mildred Katherine Schoppe, daughter of C. M. Schoppe and William Joseph O'Rourke, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Rourke has been recently announced.

The ceremony was performed in the Queen of Peace Church with the Rev. Charles K. Schoppe, brother of the bride, the Rev. M. C. Notzon, and the Rev. John O'Rourke, cousin of the groom officiating.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of frost white Duchesssatin, designed with a portrait neckline, long lace-edged sleeves, fitted basque, and bouffant skirt, adorned with satin and lace ruffles which extended into a cathedral-length train. Her Mary Theresa headdress was of imported Chantilly lace and French illusion. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis and white orchids.

Miss Jane Hajorvky was maid of honor and Mrs. A. G. Fabre, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and Misses Doris and Betty Ann O'Rourke was his brother's best man, and Conrad J. Schoppe, brother of the bride, Neily Galloway and Henry Clay were groomsmen.

Harry Bourne, James Duplichane and Frank Cleboski ushered.

After a reception at the home of the bride's parents the couple left on a wedding trip to Monterrey, Mexico. They are now at home at 6605 Merry Lane. Mrs. O'Rourke was a member of Beta Chi Sorority when she attended the University. The groom also attended the University.

### Isabel Troxell Weds Eulas Hale In Saturday Afternoon Ceremony

Miss Isabel Marian Troxell, became the bride of Eulas Hale, Jr., in an afternoon ceremony at the Church of St. John the Divine, Saturday, December 17. Rev. Thomas Summers officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Troxell and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eulas Hale.

For the ceremony the bride wore a Regency-styled gown of white duchess satin fashioned with an off-the-shoulder neckline yoke of marquisette, molded bodice and bouffant skirt which extended into a chapel-length train. A demi-hat of lace and illusion, which held in place her veil of illusion and a white prayer book overlaid with a white orchid, stephanotis and lilies of the valley completed the bridal ensemble.

Miss Antionette Bederman was maid of honor and Miss Nadyne Meidering and Miss Dorothea Rush were bridesmaids.

Linkely Hubly Hale served as the

groom's best man and Dan Adams and C. C. Ponder were groomsmen. Guy Troxell, Jr. and William Witt ushered.

After a reception at the Troxell home Mr. and Mrs. Hale left for a wedding trip to New York City. For travel the bride wore a gray wool suit with navy blue and gray accessories.

After they return to Houston they will make their home at 5115 Mercer. Both have attended the University.

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# New Ezekiel Cullen Building May Be Ready In February

By Faydelle Stoker

"Eighteen rooms in the south wing of the new Ezekiel Cullen building will probably be open for use by Feb. 6," President E. E. Oberholtzer said recently.

Dr. Oberholtzer said that these class rooms will furnish class space for a total of 64 courses a week.

Saying that he was almost certain that part of the south wing will be ready by February 6, he added that final word must come from the architects and builders.

Dr. Oberholtzer pointed out that no specific courses have been scheduled for the building.

"Although," he said, "courses with class quotas of 35-40 students (such as freshman English classes) will be given priority.

Registrar Terrell Spencer commented, "An effort has been made to schedule more courses for morning in the building. This will enable students with part-time jobs to work out a more suitable schedule," he said.

Dr. Spencer added, some of the permanent finishings (tile floors,

permanent blackboards, and wall paint) will not be completed by the beginning of the semester."

He said the floors would be of smooth cement until finished with Johns-Manville composition tile.

He also stated that temporary blackboards would take the place of permanent ones for the time being.

Dr. Spencer said that classrooms would be occupied in the south wing until the north wing is completed. Then classes will move to the north wing while finishing touches are applied in the south one.

University officials were not ready to disclose dates for the completion of the library, dormitories, power house, or other constructions under way.

But A. J. Gardner, superintendent of construction for one of the construction companies, was optimistic. "We have been slowed down in the past," he said, "by three strikes, bad weather, and lack of available men."

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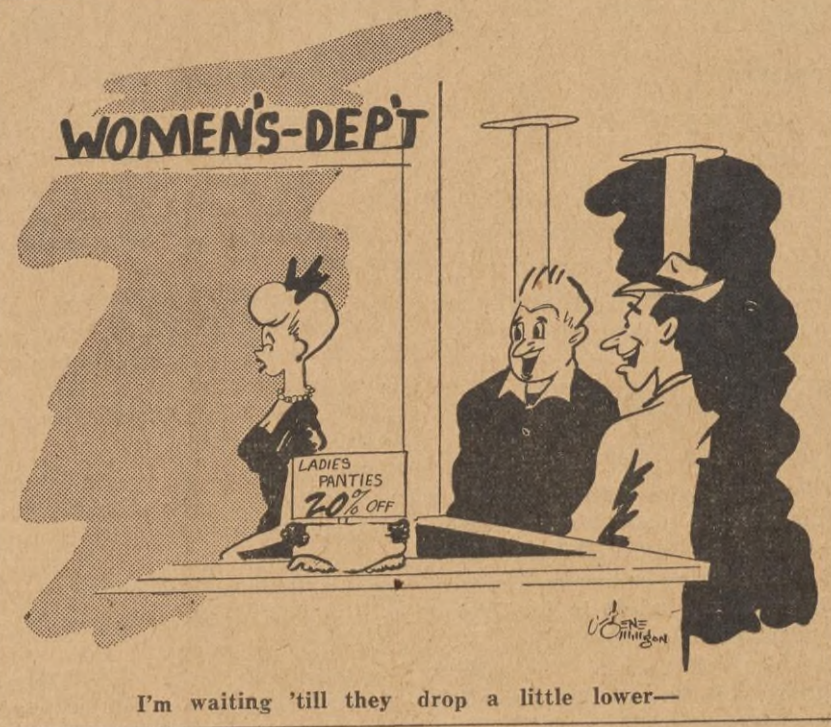
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GENTLEMEN:

Here is a little donation to the 1949 Scholarship Fund Drive. Sorry I couldn't have been there for the Homecoming dance and game, but was a little too far from Houston. Sure would appreciate some news from the U. of H. I hear all about your football games over here. And the team is doing well.

I'm Train Commander on a Supply train that runs out of Kobe down to Shikoku Island. Our Mission is to supply all the troops and Dependents. It is a real nice job. And I'm my own boss, which really counts.

Will close now, and sure hope to hear from you all soon.

Sincerely,  
DONALD L. TAYLOR

## UH Received Name "Cougars" in 1927

By BEN NOBLE JR.

Ex-Student Fred Mosk, Houston Clothier, was one of the first 232 students to enroll in 1927 at the Houston Junior College, which in 1934 became the University of Houston. At that time there were 16 members making up the faculty and administrative departments. Of this number there are five remaining today, Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, president; S. W. Henderson, education; Alva Lee Kerbow, education; Mrs. Floy P. Soule, foreign languages; and Murray A. Miller, history.

In the beginning, Fred Crawford Williams, and Eugene Tadlock, started a newspaper and selected the "Cougar" as the school emblem. Williams, a member of the staff of the Houston Post, was the first editor; Fred was the first business manager; and Tadlock did most of the reporting on campus doings. The three selected Blue and White as the original school colors, but Fred says, "They were changed somewhere along the line after they left."

Being a sport fan, as most people who know him have found, Fred helped John R. Bender, the first Athletic Director, organize a baseball team, which won most of their games that year. Because of the lack of funds for such sports, Fred's father insisted on giving all baseball lettermen a sweater with the letter "H" on it.

Fred said, "I didn't go out for the football team because I didn't want to get my hands dirty and we didn't think we'd ever play teams like Baylor, William & Mary and others". If any of you would like to see Fred for any further information about the beginning of our University, you can find him at 508 Main, where he can show you one of these sweaters, papers, and other articles from the times past.

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