

JUNIOR COLLEGE EXECUTIVES MEET ON PACIFIC COAST

Eleventh Annual Convention
Attracts Two Hundred
Delegates

DEAN J. T. DAVIS SPEAKS

Richard G. Cox of Mississippi
Is New President of
Association

Meeting for the first time west of Fort Worth, the American Association of Junior Colleges held its eleventh annual convention at Berkeley, California, November 18 and 19, 1930, according to "The Pony Express" of Sacramento Junior College.

Approximately two hundred junior college executives, representing both public and private junior colleges in all sections of the United States, attended the conclave.

Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas, the only representative of the Lone Star State, addressed the convention on "Junior College Activities in Texas." "There are forty-seven junior colleges now operating in Texas," he said.

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HARRIS LECTURES ON IDEAL PERSON

Gives English Class Lecture
On Characteristics of
Four Square Man

"Personality is that magnetic outward expression of the inner life, which radiates courage, courtesy, and kindness," said Professor H. W. Harris in a lecture to his English classes recently. His subject was "The Four Square Man."

It is the opinion of Professor Harris, expressed in his lecture, that personality can be improved until it gradually approaches the ideal, this attracting rather than repelling one's associates.

"Personality such as this is a product of the positive qualities. It makes a man a leader instead of a follower," said Mr. Harris. "There are three phases of personality," he continued. "They are the physical, mental, and the moral or spiritual phases. Among the qualities of good personality are a pleasing appearance, pleasant conversation, friendliness, originality, open-mindedness, dependability, tact, decision and perseverance."

In closing his address Mr. Harris said: "It is my belief that by the use of the will we can change our desires or motives and thus over a period of years improve our personality from the inside out."

PRESBYTERIANS DEFEAT COACH FRENCH'S CAGERS

Coach French gave all promising basketball aspirants a chance to show their wares Thursday evening, January 8, as the Second Presbyterian smooth working quintet gave them a great battle, winning 25-6.

The Cougars, due to breaking training during the holidays, just couldn't get started. Second Presbyterians' well-oiled machine displayed worlds of defensive power, which the Cougars failed to penetrate.

The Cougars have some promising material in Branham, Davis, Parker and Viebig with which to build a quintet around our lettermen, Ne-smith and Matthews.

The Presbyterians have some players of merit in Wax and Calhoun, who are the cogs of the machine.

"How did John take it when May gave him his ring back?"

"He took it to the nearest pawnshop."
—Carolina Buccaneer.

Pa Perkins Beats Einstein's Theory

Prof. Einstein, the eminent scientist, at last has some real competition, none other than Pa and Ma Perkins of Punkin Center. Here they are:

"Whats' this, Pa, that everybody's talking about this here feller Isenbine, or Einstein or somethin'?"

"I dunno, Ma, 'ceptin' he's supposed to know more'n anybody else in the world about relatives."

"Huh, I'll bet a cooky he don't know half as much as I do about 'em—especially since that time your cous'n Amos and his ten kids visited us. When they finally did leave I could have written books about relatives myself,—and they wouldn't have been joke books either."

"Oh, I dunno, Ma. Seems to me I mind the time your cousin Emmy and her four boys spent a year here with us one summer. When they left I could have told Einstein things about relatives that would make him go back home without waitin' to pack his other shirt."

"Is that so. I'll have you understand, Zebediah Perkins, that my relatives is the cream of society."

"And if I had my way them boys would be whipped cream. Be that as it may, there's one feller in this country that's a heap more famous than this here Einstein."

"Who's that Pa?"
"Why, Col. Limberger, of course."

SOPHS HELP CHARITY AND FRESHMAN BALL

Sophomore charities, Freshman ball, and charity collections came in for their share of discussion in the Sophomore class meeting held Wednesday, January 7. Bill Jeter, vice-president, acted as chairman in the absence of Bob McCullough, president.

Most outstanding in the list of old business was the uncollected charity money. In the December meeting, the class decided to require of every member a contribution of either twenty-five or fifty cents. The Star of Hope mission will receive the money.

Gadys Jacobs, a Freshman, made a special trip to the upperclassmen to see that the Freshman Ball was duly discussed. Sheets of paper were passed for the boys to make a generous response in disposing of bids. However, it seems still more results are expected.

Just to make the program a little unusual, Smith Garrison called for a collection of the above mentioned charity money. Those who did not "pay off" were to arrange with the secretary to do so.

Mr. Miner, sponsor, made the announcement that in the next meeting a definite step will be made toward adopting the long-planned Sophomore class constitution.

PEP GIRLS WILL GIVE KID PARTY TONIGHT

Entertaining the "blue" team the members of the "white" team of the Cougar Collegians Pep Club will sponsor a kid party in the gym Wednesday, January 14, at 10 p.m. Only pep club members and their dates are to be present.

Kid games and dancing afterwards will be the evening's feature.

In order to enlist "honest-to-goodness" fine pep club members the Cougar Collegians sponsored a membership campaign, Hazel Taylor, club president, appointed Lucille Cafcalas, captain of the "blue" team, and Nora Louise Calhoun, captain of the "white" team.

STEVENS ADVISES QUICK TRIAL TO END LAWLESSNESS

District Attorney Addresses
Student Body at Regular
Assembly Meet

JURIES ARE INADEQUATE

Favors Training Schools for
Officers, and Reformed
Court Practice

"As long as we have human nature, bodily disease, mental infirmity, and poverty, we will have crime," declared District Attorney O'Brien Stevens to H. J. C. students Wednesday, December 17 while speaking on the subject of Law Enforcement.

"I cannot propose a cure-all" Mr. Stevens continued. "If our problem of law enforcement is to create fear of the law in the hearts of those who have no respect for government, and if the present machinery of enforcement has failed, what is the remedy?"

Among other things advocated as an answer to this question by Mr. Stevens are a state training school for officers, a state constabulary, and a state auto drivers' license law, also certain changes in our system of (Continued on Page 3)

HARRY MATTHEWS IS GRID FAVORITE

W. C. Munn Company Sponsors
Third Contest to Decide
Popular Students

Winning the Most Popular Football Player contest by receiving almost half the votes, Harry D. Matthews was honored by the student body of H. J. C. this semester.

This is the most recent of the popularity contests sponsored by the W. C. Munn company. The former contests were to select the prettiest girl, most popular girl and most popular boy on the campus.

A picture of this semester's winner will be found in this issue of the Cougar, through the courtesy of the W. C. Munn Company advertising department.

All the players on this year's team received votes which indicates that the students greatly appreciated their efforts on the gridiron.

Other players who were the runners up in the voting are Donald L. McKiblin, Thomas P. Studdard and James Bertrand. The contest was conducted on the campus by Prof. Wallace H. Miner.

Tourist (in Yellowstone Park): Those Indians sure have a blood-curdling yell.

Guide: Yes—everyone of them is a college graduate.

—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

COUGAR GETS BOUQUET

Your Cougar is becoming quite well known. From an exchange on the Pacific coast, the Pacific College, we find the following item concerning the Houston Junior College publication:

From the far South comes The Cougar, one of the most delightful publications we have yet received. It is edited and published by the journalism students of the Houston Junior College, Houston, Texas. The Literary Forum with its peppy short stories and pleasing poems is the outstanding feature of the paper. Nourishment for Nuts, Cougar Razz, and the drawing Slippery Slime also help to make The Cougar very popular with our students.

Angry Door Socks Innocent Freshie

Students of H. J. C., listening respectfully to most of the holiday tales, are slightly dubious over the story of a very belligerent and obtrusive door, which, according to one of their classmates, J. C. Snyder, came and met him as he started to bed one night in a dark room. If circumstantial evidence is to be trusted, it must have been a swinging door which, after the first assault, kept coming back and lambasting him until he was dragged to safety.

Although convinced of the veracity of Mr. Snyder's nature, we are a bit inclined to believe that this is one of those cases where the victim is unable to recollect what really did happen.

What class of holiday excitement this might belong to we are undecided. It may have been that eternal one of mistaking the other fellow's girl for your own; the common trouble of vicious hallucinations, where two telephone posts appear in the place of one and prove themselves immovable and undodgeable; the troublesome trait of manly courage wherein the young man attempts to buy tickets to a very popular midnight preview at 11:30 that evening; or it may have been, as Mr. Snyder said, —a door!

PENNANTS SOLD BY COUGAR COLLEGIANS

Beginning Monday, December 12, the Cougar Collegians Pep Club sponsored a sale of H. J. C. pennants. A small deposit will be required upon placing an order, according to Mrs. Bender, dean of women.

Orders may be given to Hazel Taylor, club president, or Mrs. Bender. Pennant prices range from seventy-five cents up.

ISABELLA VENTRESCA HEADS LIBRARY CLUB

Houston Junior College organized its first library club Friday, December 19, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Hannah H. Shearer, Junior College librarian.

The following officers were elected: Isabella Ventresca, president; Margaret Boyett, vice president; Mary Adele Cobb, secretary; Jeannette Willman, reporter; Ione Brown, treasurer; Mary Ellen Henderson, chairman of the social committee; and Zella Osborne, chairman of the program committee.

Definite plans for the year's work will be made at the next meeting, Friday, January 16.

GET WRONG NUMBER IN PHONE OPERATOR GAME

Houston Junior College girls' basketball team has had a "refining" influence on the team of basketball girls of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, the Junior College girls were winners in an early season game. They lost, however, in the next game with the Bell Telephone Company girls, at least the score proved to be a "wrong number."

In the near future games have been scheduled with the Rice Y. W. C. A., the West End Baptists, the Rice Hotel Laundry team, the Temple Baptists, the Houston Land and Trust Company and the Dr. Peppers. The dates for these games will be placed on the college bulletin board and will be published in the newspapers.

ANNUAL BALL OF FRESHMAN CLASS SET FOR JAN. 16

This Will Be the Biggest Social
Event at H. J. C. College
This Season

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST

Collegians Will Furnish Music
For the Affair at the
Riveroaks Club

Freshmen at H. J. C. are eagerly anticipating Friday night, January 16, when the class will stage its biggest affair of the year at River Oaks Country club. The annual Freshman Ball starts at 10 p.m. and ends at 2 a.m.

Bids are selling for two dollars. Warren Lemmon, Freshman president, and Tom Fatjo are in charge of the ticket sales to this semi-formal affair. Junior College and its friends will turn out in force.

Bob McCullough and his "Collegians" are tuning up. Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, president of Junior College, Dean and Mrs. F. M. Black, and Assistant Dean N. K. Dupre and his wife will be the guests of honor.

Miss Fairfax Moody has been appointed (Continued on Page 3)

LIBRARY AFFORDS MANY PERIODICALS

Mrs. Shearer, College Librarian,
Says Magazines Helpful
In School Work

Magazines which cover a large variety of subjects are now available to students in the library, according to Mrs. Hannah Shearer, librarian. Mrs. Shearer sends the following communication to the student body:

You will find about forty current magazines in the magazine stand near the Junior College bookcases.

Some of these are general and recreational. Many of them correlate with the various courses offered by the college and would be helpful in your work.

A slip has been placed in the back of each one and we request that when you use one kindly place your name and the date on this slip.

We desire to tabulate the use of these magazines this month.

The following periodicals are regularly received by Houston Junior College:

- Academy of Political Science Proceedings
- American Historical Review
- American Journal of Sociology
- American School Board Journal
- Atlantic Monthly
- Booklist
- Bulletin—American Library Association
- Bulletin—Federal Reserve
- Bulletin—Harris County Medical Association
- Business Situation
- Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering
- Current History
- Educational Method
- Elementary School Journal
- Electric Journal
- Foreign Affairs
- Forum
- General Electric Review
- Golden Book
- Historical Outlook
- Houston Post-Dispatch
- Journal of Educational Psychology
- Journal of Educational Research
- Journal of Engineering Education
- Journal of Modern History
- Journal of Political Economy
- Journal of Social Hygiene
- Junior-Senior High School Clearing House
- Libraries
- Library Journal
- New York Times—Sunday edition (includes the Book Review and (Continued on Page 3)

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An Innovation

When Fred R. Birney, Journalism instructor at Junior College, invited several professional newspaper men to speak before his classes, he started something. Judging from the approval that met the idea, he must have started something good.

A number of the faculty, when interviewed on their opinion of having visitors to the classroom, expressed their entire approval. Coach Archie W. French voiced one condition, however, and that was that the speaker stick to generalities. The technique on which his boys build their plays is sacred to Coach French, and he stated emphatically that he wouldn't want another coach breaking in on it. His opinion is that from his close contact with his boys, he knows their strength and weakness better than an outsider.

Of course the psychology of the gridiron would naturally differ from that of the classroom and while some of the faculty feel a faint uneasiness that Junior College students are still too impressionable, others feel that they are quite as capable of assimilating foreign ideas as older students are.

While some of the Journalism students were a little frightened at the glimpse of newspaper life revealed by the reporters and editors who talked to them, others were strengthened in their determination to make good in the game. Because they are really interested in this type of work they accepted the distasteful facts along with those that make it so alluring. Looking these facts in the face now will make it easier for them when they come in contact with facts in the future.

W. H. Miner, history instructor, tried early in the term to persuade S. G. McCann of Rice Institute to speak to the Junior College history students, but Mr. McCann begged off. Since that time Mr. Miner has had a very full program and there has been no opportunity to invite other speakers. Mr. Miner stated, however, that he intends to give a lecture to his classes on China, when the spring term begins.

Instructors of the romance languages all agree that an occasional speaker who has personal experiences to relate of the lands and customs being studied, tends to increase interest. Though few speakers are able to use the language which they teach fluently enough for the class to follow, they are able to contribute to the students' fund of information. Mrs. Floy P. Soule, who teaches both Spanish and French, declares that she has not yet had visitors to the class because of lack of time. The language classes are held only on Tuesday and Thursday, and the whole class period must be devoted to the regular work.

H. W. Harris, in addition to teaching English and public speaking at Junior College, is also director of the Oratorical Association. In this capacity, he is favorable to the plan of introducing speakers to the club. Mr. Harris says the facts of everyday life should be brought before the students in the classroom, but these facts should be presented accurately and care should be used in the selection of the person who is to speak.

Just Talk



The Munching Army

Milton Gregory, goaded to desperation, has written the following formula to rid the halls of perambulating human confectionaries. His recipe:

Have you ever noticed, while dashing madly from class to class, some of the walking confectionaries who parade through the halls of H. J. C.? Some of our dear fellow students, it seems, carry enough gum, candy, and perhaps even popcorn, to start a string of chain stores.

It is highly noticeable that the ones who always carry the largest stocks of nicknacks always carry the fewest books, yet they seem to know more about everything in general than those who look like circulating libraries, with three or four cases under each arm and four books sticking out of each pocket.

Why is all this gum chewing necessary? We believe there is only one possible solution which will abolish it forever. By threatening anyone with instant death when caught with gum, and carrying a few threats into executions, those habitual gum chewers will be scarcer than bathing suits at the North Pole.

Want Glazed Paper? Then Sell Advertising

Want glazed paper? Kenneth Phillips, who knows how to sell advertising, has this to say about the demand for glazed paper for the Cougar.

Recently I noticed a demand for glazed paper for the "Cougar" with a growing list of names beneath it. I tried to stop its circulation.

"Cougar" funds are running low; yet Mr. Birney has announced that he will use glazed paper if the students will be satisfied with one less issue. News stock is \$5 per issue cheaper, lasts longer, and ranks higher in contests.

Let me suggest that the ones who started the demand for glazed paper spend some time in securing ads for the "Cougar" and collecting bills for these ads.

Miss Witherspoon III

Miss Jane Witherspoon, a sophomore student at H. J. C., has been absent during the opening week of the new year because of illness. During the holidays a small cut on her face became infected. The ailment became so severe that Miss Witherspoon was obliged to remain at home and receive medical treatment for the trouble.

Latest reports were that Miss Witherspoon's condition is much improved and she hopes to return to school soon.

If these views, as expressed by the college faculty, are taken into consideration in preparing class schedules, Junior College students can prepare themselves for a series of lectures. The lack of time is a great obstacle in carrying out this method of instruction, but no doubt this can be overcome in some way.

Cougar Resolutions

Prospects are bright for a better Cougar than ever with the arrival of the new year. During the year just closed the H. J. C. publication was liberally patronized by Houston advertisers, for which we are thankful, and we feel that this advertising gave full value to our advertisers, due to the loyal support of our student body.

We, the staff, have tried and shall try harder than ever to see that the Cougar reflects every constructive phase of our college life; that our literary page is the best effort of our writers; and that our "straight news" stories tell to the outside world as well as the world of our student body the wonderful things that are being accomplished at Houston Junior College.

Literary Forum

SCRAPS

From Here and There
The high cost of living isn't so bad if you don't have to pay for it.

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

I can't see any sense in going through life trying to balance a bunch of illusions on your nose; they come down and hit you in the eye.

Men seldom make passes to girls who wear glasses.

A lie is an abomination unto the Lord and a present help in the time of trouble.

An optimist is a guy that has never had much experience.

There is one woman in every man's life that he never forgets; and that woman, worse luck, is rarely his wife.

Did you know that we had a genius in our midst? One look at the following work of art is enough to make the Old Masters themselves stand up and bow. Great work, Everett!

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB (With Variations) Up-to-Date Version

Mary had a little lamb,
And off to school they flew;
But now she has no little lamb,
Her Prof likes mutton stew.

With Christopher Marlowe's Mighty Line

Lead wench! Follow lamb!
Follow! Curse thy fill!
Follow . . . curse . . . and die!

As Chaucer Would Have Written It Whan that Marille hadde yonge etaoshrdlu(1)

It's phxurt (2) weren whittes snieu
Eek strange strondes Marrille
y'ronne (3)

That etaoshrdlu everichon goon (4).

Footnotes: (1) Lamb, (2) Fleece,
(3) You guess, (4) I dunno!

As Shakespeare'd Handle It

Enter Maria, followed by Malvolio, the lamb—
Maria (sings):
Come away, come away lamb,
I prithee, come away,
With a hey and a ho
And a hey nonio,
For I your true love amb.

Served Up In Junior College Style
Mary had a wad of gum,
The Lennox girl, you know,
And everywhere that Mary went
The gum was sure to go.
It followed her to school one day,
Which was against the rule,
The teacher took that gum away
And chewed it after school.
—By Everett H. Kendall.

The Collegiate Psalm

Ethel Mercer, one of our students in the journalism department, gives her idea of a modern and collegiate Psalm of Life, . . . and what a clever psalm it is . . . !
Tell me not in doleful numbers
That school life is the bunk,
Rise up from thoughtless slumbers,
Show the world you've got some spunk.

Let us go to work in earnest,
We can make things hit on high;
Be a leader, not a follower,
Make your motto "Do or die."

Now's the time to do your boasting,
Do not wait tomorrow's dawn,
Begin at once to do your rooting
Before your chance is gone.

Our old College is a pippin
And we ought to boost it big;
When we hear some growler yippin
We should biff him on the wig.

HIS SOUL WAS IN IT

Bertie: That new salesman was certainly fired with enthusiasm.
Myldred: You bet—I never saw the boss discharge anybody quite so violently.

BARRELS of FUN

Small boy (looking at names on lining of Warren Lemmon's Freshman cap): "Gee! You have too many sweethearts at Junior College."

In Professor Harris' English 213 class: Mr. Harris—"Well, I guess I'd better not bring up any family history today. My wife is visiting the class."

Milton Moffitt (interrupting Mr. Schuhman's lecture): "May I speak to Carlton Thompson?"

Mr. Schuhman: "Yes, of course," Milton (looking around): "I don't see him!"

Mr. Schuhman: "Oh, no! He's not in here."

Brooks Davis: "Where did you get the blinkers, James?"

James Morris: "Well, you see, I was riding on a train. Suddenly we came to a tunnel, and the daylight faded out. Before I knew it, my arms reached out. Then my lights went out."

Mr. Harris: I wonder if the modern producers will be able to revive Shakespeare?

Joe Cain: Was he at the party, too?

Mrs. Miner—What lovely, fleecy clouds! I'd just like to be up there sitting on one of them.

Mr. Miner—All right. You drive the car.

Mr. Birney (to humor editor): In preparing your joke column it will be necessary for you to separate the cheap from the goat getters.

Mr. Vanzee: It is safe to say that civilization will continue for at least fifty centuries.

Harvey Richards: Oh, yeah! When will it start?

Judge—Were you sober at the time this accident occurred?

Wayne Livergood—As sober as a judge, your Honor.

Judge—Six months.

Angus—If you've found such a valuable ring the law requires that you advertise for the owner.

Sandy—Ay mon, and which newspaper has the smallest circulation?

Suffering Sambo

Sambo, a Southern darkey, married Liza. In about two weeks he came to the reverend gentleman who had tied the knot, looking as if he had lost his last friend in the world.

"What's the matter, Sambo; aren't you happy?" th preacher inquired.

"No, suh, pahson. Ah wants a divorce."

"I'm sorry to hear that, Sambo, but you must remember that you took Liza for better or worse."

"Ah knows dat, pahson, but she's wuss dan ah took her fo'."

Sunday School teacher: So Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

Jo Ed Winfree—How long had she been driving?

Jane Witherspoon—I've been asked to get married lots of times.

Warren Lemmon—Who asked you?
Jane—Mother and father.

Smile! It will increase your efficiency. Stop chewing gum and save energy.

"Yes, I used to shoot tigers in Africa," said Bill Jeter.

"But there are no tigers in Africa," said Prof. Miller.

"Certainly not, I shot them all."

To Freshmen: Read much, but think more, if possible.

"How long has Mr. Vanzee been married?"

"For twenty awed years."

"Are you going to smoke that pipe?"

"No, I only have one match."

—Notre Dame Juggler.

IRONY

'31—wishes he knew women like a senior.

'32—wishes he had kept track of all the women he has dated.

'31—wishes to gosh the women wouldn't hang around him so much.

'30—wishes he knew what he's going to do with the one he's acquired after three years of wishing for it.

—Zip'n Tang.

Ned: I can't give you anything but love.

Sue: Well, hurry up, let's have it.

—Missouri Outlaw.

"This is food for reflection," said the billygoat as he ate the looking glass.

—Carolina Buccaneer.

"Why doesn't the lamb follow you to school any more, Mary?"

"What! At 50 miles an hour?"

—Temple Owl.

SOPHS HELP FRESHMEN BALL
Cheer up,—there's really nothing to bawl about.

As Percy Forman says: "This is like a dog's tail, because it's bound to occur; it's not like a cat's tail, because it won't be fur to the end."—That's all.

MACK NABS THE BALL

By Welton Cohen

Gooch McNab was dumb, plain dumb. He was the fall guy, and was blamed with every bit of mischief that happened in the entire college. He was reprimanded by the dean for more things he had never done, and punished for more faults not his own, than any other six men at the school. And he suffered them all without a murmur—he did not even have sense enough to deny his guilt. He had been campused so long that he had forgotten what the interior of the drug store across the way looked like.

But one thing he did know, and that was that Angelina Warren was the nicest, the prettiest, the most lovable girl in Rah-Rah College. He followed her around like the hem of her skirt, and suffered untold misery at her constant rebuffs.

At night he would sit beneath her dormitory window until she came in from a date, and then croon some silly ballad about "Angel face." And he would continue to croon, until the entire dormitory was awake and throwing everything possible at him. They would even throw their lipsticks at him, and lipsticks are precious objects to the co-ed.

The only girl to get any sleep, was Angelina. The noise outside did not disturb her, for she was dreaming blissfully of Roger Buckley, football star and one of the most popular men on the campus. Everyone called her angel, and the name fitted her appearance perfectly, but who can say how much of the devil there was in her?

One day Gooch had been shadowing her more than usual. He made her nervous. Suddenly she turned on him and cried: "Go away, scat!" And in plain English that means—"get gone."

"Aw, now, Angel," he pleaded, "I know why you don't like me. It's because I'm not a football man like Roger Buckley. Well, Ill show you; I'll make the team.

And he carried out his threat, he actually made the team. How, no one knew, but he was on the bench in the big deciding game with Razz-Bury University.

It was one of the most difficult games that Rah-Rah College had ever played, and in the last quarter the score was still 0 to 0 in favor of Razz-Bury.

In utter desperation the coach sent Gooch in to play the few remaining minutes. And how Gooch did strut out to the center of the field to where the players were taking time out. He was determined to be the star of the game and win the fair Angelina.

The game was on! Rah-Rah was yelling for a touchdown. The men played like fury. It was Rah-Rah's ball, but Razz-Bury's line could not be broken. Signals—36-84-69-73 hump! Suddenly, for no reason at all, Gooch received a forward pass. He had a clear field before him with only 20 yards to go. Rah-Rah's cheering squad went wild. "Run," they cried, "run, you darned fool, run!"

Did Gooch run? You get he did. glanced around him, and running over to the coach, yelled: "What do I do with it now?"

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Editor's note: This is the first of a series of the Cougar Scientist. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the staff is invited to see S. L. Bishkin and obtain details of the organization.

Scientific Humor

The following is called: "Give a Sentence with 'Analyze' and 'Anatomy';"

Or
"The Ballad of the Love-Sick Medical Student."
Here it is:
My Analyze over the ocean,
My Analyze over the sea-e-e-ea,
My Analyze over the o-cean,
Oh—bring-b-a-c-ack—my
Ana—to—my-e-e-e-ee!

Asker—So you're working on an invention that will make you rich?
Teller—It's a phonograph record that will explode after it's played the sixth time straight.

It may be, as scientists assert, that earthworms really sing, but the intelligent maintain a heavy silence when one wishes to mobilize a few of them for fishing purposes.

"Gosh! what makes it so cold in here?"

"The electric refrigerator just got struck by lightning."

The new Einstein theory is published in a six-page pamphlet selling for twenty-five cents. On the other hand one can make heads or tails out of a quarter.

A biologist says woman's sense of humor is largely passive. Well, well, being humored is the passive of humor.

Power Pick-Me-Up: A London chemist has been trying the effect of a new tonic on a mouse. He was more than satisfied, we understand, when the little creature put its tongue out at the cat.

"I see this medicine is good for man or beast."

"Yes," said the druggist.
"Gimme a bottle. I believe that is the right combination for my husband."

Advancing Column: The Chinese, he said, are intelligent, but are still ignorant of modern science. They have plenty of backbone, which is gradually coming to the front.
—Pasadena (Calif.), paper.

Explosives Explained

By Royal E. Neuman

The discoveries in chemicals and their preparation and use have been so enormous in the past twenty years that it has affected many branches of the manufacturing industry.

One of the greatest effects that it has had on this industry is that it has been necessitated that the guns now being manufactured must be made many times stronger than those fired two decades ago.

The newly discovered chemicals and their significant use in the line of explosives were of great aid in the recent World War and there has been a continuous race for effectiveness between explosives, guns, and defense works. Although these stronger explosives were discovered in the nineteenth century, it has only been recently that they have been put to the greatest effectiveness.

There are several well-known explosives used in ammunition, and though all are based on the same principles, no two armies use exactly the same formula. Lyddite, cordite, melinite, and maxinite are among the most powerful used, and so keen is the desire among nations to possess the most deadly destroyer, constant improvements are being made and fresh discoveries announced.

All shells of more than one pound in weight fired from big guns are explosives. Usually the explosives are equipped with a time fuse which sets the time for the shell to burst and scatter its shrapnel. But, there must be something back of all this to carry a shell, some of which weigh a ton or more, and this is nothing more than a chemical compound.

Nitroglycerine has been found to be the stronger of any explosives discovered. It is used in the preparation of other less violent explosives. After the two acids, sulfuric and nitric, have been mixed in a four-to-one proportion, the nitroglycerine crystallizes out when the acids are poured into water. It is a light, yellow, or colorless, only fluid almost insoluble in water, sweet to the taste and very poisonous. It is not easily set afire, but burns with a greenish flame, and when heated to 180 degrees, decomposes with explosive violence. It may be exploded by a severe jar, but is easiest set off with a detonator containing fulminate of mercury. The cause of the great force exerted by the explosion is the fact that the volume of gas liberated is about 10,000 times the volume of the nitroglycerine. This exerts an explosive force thirteen times as great as that of gunpowder. It is never used alone because of its dangerous explosive qualities, but it is mixed with clay to make dynamite, or soaked in cotton to make guncotton for the manufacture of the ammunition of the larger guns.

Note: I guarantee no experiments on the above to work in class laboratory.

The Cemetery Poet

Here lies a chemist named Auricular,
When the flask blew up he walked perpendicular.

Here lies the carcass of Doctor Lee
Who mixed up I with NH-3,
Where he's gone or how he fares
Nobody knows and nobody cares.

Here I lie and no wonder I'm dead
For I sweetened my coffee with sugar
of lead.

—Reprinted from The Catalyst.

Did you know that 'Orthoethoxanonebenzoylamidochin Line' is C-18 H-16 N-2 O2?

STEVENS ADVISES

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court procedure.

All laws concerning crime should aim to punish the offender as quickly as possible, teach him a lesson, and deter others who are wavering toward crime, according to the district attorney.

Concerning the law's delay Mr. Stevens said that the criminal, the bootlegger, and all law violators are in reality spoiled children who have been spared the rod from childhood. They seem to believe that, even with indictment, there will be delay, a puny bond, and possibly a suspended sentence. Under our present system the criminal does not fear quick and certain punishment.

"In Houston alone it costs the county over \$10,000 annually for grand jury salaries, and after a man is arrested it takes about two weeks to get him indicted. If a grand jury refuses to indict, it is impossible to prosecute, however guilty the offender may be."

Examples of right law enforcement were given by Mr. Stevens who cited Wisconsin's law which is so efficient that criminals dodge the cities in that state.

Faults of the jury system were described by Mr. Stevens as follows: "The jury system of Texas is wholly defective in that two men equally guilty of the same offense may be given unequal sentences, and it frequently happens that a confirmed crook will receive less punishment than a first offender. It is not the fault of the juries, for they must grope in the dark, so to speak, in order to determine the degree of punishment. It would be far better for the judge instead of the jury to fix punishment, leaving the jury the sole duty of deciding the guilt or innocence of the defendant."

In closing, Mr. Stevens said: "A change is needed in Texas, more elastic penalties, which would permit the judge at his own discretion to impose a fine, jail sentence, or a penitentiary sentence, according to the nature of the crime and the character of the defendant."



Our College Cutie Says

There's that nice Firman Sykes. I'd like to meet him' but, as I understand it, 'twould do me no good.

Have you ever noticed Loula Mae Smith's hair? I know you have. It's gorgeous.

And, flashing an adorable grin, comes Nelda Smith, bringing up the rear—I mean, following in succession! There's Helen Davis. She's right "itty", huh?

Speaking of blondes, have you noticed Helen Higgins in the office? I naturally love her smile.

Howdy, Richard. A. Macfee, and a nice one at that. I like him!
There's Fay Gene Lawrence with Martin Lowe, her escort, body-guard, or what-have-you!

Suppose I'd better hurry. These teachers and their requirements! Gonna get me down yet! Tooodle-loo, darlings—
CUTIE.

Student: "Mr. Miller, if a fellow's ambitious he has a lot of ambition, doesn't he?"

Mr. Miller: "Certainly, aren't you ambitious?"

Student: "Well, no, sir, I think I'm sort of bilious."

Lillian L.: You have the advantage of me when we go around together.

Fulton R.: How so?

Lillian L.: You're in better company than I am.

JR. COLLEGE HEADS

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Mr. Richard G. Cox of Gulf Park College, Gulf Park, Mississippi, was elected president of the Association. Mr. Jeremiah B. Lillard, president of the Sacramento Junior College, is the retiring president.

Nicholas Ricciardi, of the California Division of Secondary Schools, made this statement:

"In its future development, the junior college is going to render service better suited to the needs of that large group of young people planning to enter the occupations which are classified between the skilled and professional levels and are designated as the semi-professional vocations. In rendering such service the junior college will more and more receive sympathetic and understanding cooperation from the institutions of higher learning and from lay leaders."

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Slippery Slime



Slippery the Slime says that this education stunt isn't so bad after all.

FRESHMAN BALL

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pointed chairman of the social committee. Assisting her are R. G. Hall, Homer Lowe, Gladys Jacobs, and Christine Fitzgerald.

The "Cougar Collegians" are doing their important bit to help. Bids have sold fast, and the ball promises to be one of the most successful social affairs in the history of Junior College.

Sophomores have lent a helping hand by buying bids. Professor H. W. Harris, sponsor of the Freshman class, declared that the dance would be postponed unless \$200 were in sight. It is probably an assured fact already.

Officers of the Freshman class are as follows: Warren Lemmon, president; Anna Sloan, vice-president; Gladys Jacobs, secretary; Hennie Hawkins, treasurer.

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**A COLLEGE SURVEY
IN GINGLING RHYME**

By Dorothy McGraw

The school inspectors, walking in the halls of H. J. C., bumped into a situation that they thought never could be. 'Twas a place of education—yes, but only for a few. The others in the college had something else to do.

MARTIN LOWE was found neglecting the hard old studious grind. His knowledge was profound but of another kind. BILL JETER studies now and then, but only thinks it's best to cram and cram for an exam and study for a test. MAURINE KEACH is never idle . . . she's busy all the while; yet Profs and books and tests too often cramp her style.

VIRGINIA SMITH wonders as she wanders in the hall . . . How many of the boys she meets are more than apt to fall—for her. Nothing should deter the handsome HAROLD STEELE from dating up some Junior College lass . . . unless it is his interest for history dates in class.

LLEWLYN ROSS is dainty as any Irish rose and she only has to smile and the Profs think all the while she knows . . . a lot. ADELE DRENKLE doesn't care if her grades be good or not, but it seems so queer to all that she gets a grade for smiling in the hall.

WARREN LEMMON has to study, Isn't it too bad? All the Freshmen look to him . . . he's such a darling lad. WILLARD NESMITH? Yes, we know him. Oh! he studies some, they say. But he seems to know enough just to laugh and bluff his way.

ROSEMARY LAURENCE and MARY LENNOX study more than some and there're two things that they hate . . . being late and chewing gum. KENNETH PHILLIPS can keep a secret, this is a fact the Profs know well. When Mr. Harris shouts, "Don't quote me!" Kenneth says, "I'll never tell." "Whether it's good, bad or indifferent," Mr. French will often say. Then HAROLD WOOD will whisper hoarsely, "I heard that story another way."

The inspectors left the college with their spirits dragging low. Each one shook his hoary head and turning to another said, "At least there's one thing that we know . . . all those students want to learn is the skillful, unknown art of solving problems of the heart."

Take a Chance

Sterling W. Woolsey, a former H. J. C. student who is now attending the Texas State University, sends the following poem to the Cougar literary editor. It is a cleverly written piece of advise on living, and the literary editor says "Thank you for it, Sterling":

When you're worried—feelin' blue,
Don't know what or how to do—
Got a quiz, don't want to take it;
In a class where you can't fake it,
Bolster up your courage—smile?
It just lasts a little while.
Take a chance!

If the tires are old and worn,
And the motor's shot and torn,
And you've got a high brow date,
And its ride, or get there late—
Crank that flivver—make it run,
If it stops, then have your fun.
Take a chance!

Life's the privilege of living,
Full of taking, full of giving;
Certainly it is uncertain.
Do it now! perhaps the curtain
Will be drawn 'ere you unlimber,
Look it over . . . then remember
Take a chance!

Pep Club Xmas Box

"There is a real Santa Claus," thought a poor family when Christmas cheer was extended them Tuesday, December 24, by the Cougar Collegians.

Betty Tinsley, provision chairman, and Hazel Taylor, president, presented a needy family with a bountiful basket of groceries, fruit, and candies.

Club members supplied the provisions, and the basket was prepared by a committee consisting of Betty Tinsley, Hazel Taylor, Dorothy McGraw, and Louise Morgan.

The Cougar Collegians--The Houston Junior College Girls' Pep Club



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Cougar Creeps

Did you ever see FRED COLLIN'S standing excuse (for tardies)? It used to be a 1924 Overland touring.

FAY GENE LAURENCE loves her friends, especially CARLTON THOMPSON. She has no enemies (among the male sex).

MILTON MOFFITT, quiet, bushy-haired gorilla, smokes his incinerator, loves his women, and doesn't use his hip flask.

EVERETT KENDALL certainly doesn't mind a lot of work.

Well, boys, if you haven't met IRENE SPEISS you're just too late—according to our personal observations.

"Has Anybody Seen My Gal?"—which one, SLIME GILDER?

Has anyone met ELIZABETH SINCLAIR? She's not giving the boys a break.

HAROLD STEELE believes the Sophs are too lenient with the Freshmen.

"I've reformed since Terry left."—Maurine Edminster.

"Ow, HAROLD, MEYNIER! It hurts."

**Students Make Sacrifices In
Securing College Education**

Personal sacrifice in order to secure an education is a common thing among the students at Houston Junior College.

One student makes a 25-mile trip in fair weather or foul to attend his classes. A sophomore co-ed, not only makes her own expenses, but helps support her grandmother. Others work in department stores, school-rooms, and offices—some even sacrificing everything except actual necessities in order to secure the training that is a modern essential to success in any of life's activities.

We Wonder If—

All the food that is available was to be made into little pills, would Martin Lowe reduce.

All of the girls of H. J. C. were to leave would Howard Graham, James Morris, Warren Lemon, Joe Peabody and Fred Starck form a Bachelor's club?

Mr. Dupre cooks his own meals while his wife is away. (Is there any wonder he has felt bad of late?)

There was not a cafeteria on the third floor, what would some of these "Fish" do for a pastime?

Harwood Stanaker did not have lovely blonde curls, would he still be a ladies man?

Mary Lenox didn't have gum to pop in Journalism class what would she find to do?

Soph Bukowski really gets anything out of his French in Psychology class.

Mr. Miner ever gets hungry between meals.

You have seen the little brunette with the winsome smile, that rushes madly down the hall with Howard Graham so often.

You have noticed the masculine eye turned in "Jerry's" direction? Can we blame them?

Mr. Harris can make debaters out of these Fish out here.

Any one knows who it is that says, "Aw right, Hon."

Any one has heard Willard Nesmith's new by-word.

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