

## "Texas Is Education Hungry," Opines Humorist Irvin S. Cobb In Interview With Cougar Reporter During Holidays

By Marion Charpiot

"Texas is education hungry" said Irvin S. Cobb, noted humorist and movie actor, when interviewed by a Cougar reporter on the subject of Texas education.

Mr. Cobb stated that although Texas has many advantages over other states for business development, it is still lacking in a far-reaching system of college education. In fact, he said, Texas is far behind in a system to educate its high school graduates. He stated that the better colleges are limited as to the number of students that can be enrolled, and that in some instances the tuition and other expenses are so high that only a few are able to meet such obligations.

Approves University

When Mr. Cobb was asked what he thought of an institution like the University of Houston, he replied that he was not very familiar with it, as it is new. But after having had its contents explained to him, he suddenly brightened up and responded by saying that it must be a wonderful institution to be rendering such a service to its community. He also said that there is a need of more such institutions in the country.

Mr. Cobb was here for his annual visit with Col. Mike Hogg just preceding the Christmas holidays.

When asked if he were going to spend Christmas in Houston, Mr.



Cobb quickly remarked that he would return to his home in Santa Monica, California, where he would be with his family.

## Literature Class To Present Scenes From "Mary of Scotland"

Two scenes from Maxwell Anderson's "Mary of Scotland" will be presented by members of the sophomore literature class of Miss Ruth Pennybacker early in February.

The part of Mary will be played by Juliette Kruger, the part of Elizabeth by Ruth Whitson, Bothwell by Leo Rubenstein, John Knox by Walter Babic, Chatelard by Pat Garney, and the three guards by Hal Berry, Harry Bourne and Jack Fightmaster.

The play will be directed by Miss Pennybacker and Mary Edna Poole.

## Les Mousquetaires Hear Holiday Topic

"The Day of the Kings," a holiday which is widely celebrated in France on January 6, was discussed by Jules Vern at the Wednesday meeting of Les Mousquetaires in room 106.

Members of the club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Ethel Ruth Crow. Those in charge of the entertainment were Miss Crow, Mary Joyce Frank, and Walter Babic.

## Building Program On New Campus Ahead of Schedule

By Glenn Green

"Ahead of schedule," asserts Dr. Walter W. Kemmerer, "is the present construction work on the latest building of the new University of Houston." Dr. Kemmerer, vice-president of the University, further states, "danger of work being unduly delayed by adverse weather conditions is obliterated by the fact that the Science building now under construction has been raised above the basic foundations. Thus, with the digging finished, work would be halted by rain only so long as the actual rain continued to fall.

"Results are thus far completely satisfactory. Finishing touches on the Cullen Memorial Building will be completed by the middle of January. The Science building will undoubtedly be ready by May 15, and summer sessions may be instituted.

Financial Aid Needed

"In addition to present construction and work almost finished, there is strong likelihood that at least one more new building may be ready for occupation in the fall. The manufacturing division of the financial committee seems assured of enough funds to insure the erection of the Engineering and Shop building. Plans are being drawn, and, as it will consist of only one story, completion should come relatively soon.

"The fourth addition and the most crying need of the project will, in all probability, prove to be the Administration building. Financial aid has not yet been advanced, but eventually this all-important adjunct, which will house, beside the offices, classrooms, lunchroom, auditorium, and gym as well as a general student lounging, or study room, will of necessity be added to the group."

Lagoon Nearing Completion  
One of the chief beautifying features  
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## Junior Dance

An informal dance will be held at 9:30 tonight in the gym by the junior class. A nickledeon will furnish music.

Prices are 25 cents for couple or stag.

## Red Masque Players To Cast Members Monday For Annual Faculty Burlesque And Plan Next Dramatic Production

### Two Hour Skit To Be Presented In Two Sections

A burlesque on the faculty will be cast when the Red Masque Players hold their regular meeting Monday night in the old auditorium at 9:30.

Written by George Chiasson and Frank Walker, the play will be in two sections. The cast will be drawn largely from members of the club.

"There will be several unusual high lights and plenty of good music, but the chorus line-up at the end of the skit is the best of it all," George Chiasson declared.

The skit will run about two hours, and will be presented in the new auditorium.

### "Red Harvest" War Drama Chosen As Next Production

"Red Harvest," a war drama, has been chosen as the next production of the Red Masque Players, Director L. Standlee Mitchell announced. The play will be presented the second week in February.

The cast, composed of 10 boys, 16 girls, and 16 extras, will be selected at a meeting called for January 16.

The play opens in a Red Cross tent behind the lines. Because so many men die before they reach the hospital, the head nurse wants the tent moved nearer the scene of action. After difficulties, her wish is granted, and the second and third scenes take place in the Red Cross headquarters in a blasted cathedral.

"This play is in direct contrast with the comedies we have presented so far," stated Mr. Mitchell. "This will serve as an opportunity for some real dramatic work on the part of our club members."

## UHSE Members Order New Keys

Keys for the members of the University of Houston Society of Engineers should be ordered not later than February 1 from the following officers only: Vernon Kelly, Edwin Stockwell and Eddy De Young.

Prices of the keys are as follows: sterling silver, \$3.75; gold filled, \$5.75; and solid gold, \$10.75. Sample keys will be shown on request.

A deposit of half the price of the key will be required when the order is placed. Only members in good standing can purchase the keys.

## Dr. H. P. Rainey New Head of Texas U.; Oberholtzer Mentioned

Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, president of the University and superintendent of schools, was among those suggested for the presidency of the University of Texas.

The appointment of Dr. Homer P. Rainey ended an 18 month search for a successor to the late Dr. Harry R. Benedict.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was also on the list.

## Collegians To Use Red and White Colors At Valentine Dance

Red and white will be the color motif of the Valentine dance the Cougar Collegians are giving February 10 at the Arabia Temple.

John Sullivan and his orchestra will furnish the music, and Virginia Christianson and Della Belle Collier will do the vocalizing.

The annual open house given by the club was held this year at the home of Lorine and Louise Buter, 3008 University, December 29. Approximately 250 people attended.

The extra sandwiches, mints and nuts were taken to the Faith Home.

## U. Singers Ready To Practice New Songs

Practice on several new songs recently purchased by the University Singers will begin soon. The girls of the club made their initial public appearance at the First Unitarian church December 16 to sing carols.

The annual holiday party of the group was held at the home of Virginia Brunner. The social program consisted of caroling at Sheltering Arms, and the distribution of gifts among the members of the Singers. Jane Davis, Alice David, Mary Joyce Frank and Roger Erwin were in charge of arrangements.

## Notice

Juniors and seniors wishing their credits checked or degrees planned should see Mrs. Pearl McMullen before January 30.

The MSU will meet at 6:10 today in Room 120 for an important business meeting.

The Student Council will meet January 18 in Room 110 at 9:30.

The University Singers will meet in Room 120 for the next three weeks from 7:15 to 8:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Red Masque Players will hold their regular meeting in the old auditorium Monday at 9:30.

## HELLO, MA

### A Painless Method For the Extraction of Lucre From Parents Is Offered Tonight By "Skip"

By "Skip"

Good evening class. Tonight we will begin a new course of study entitled, "Letter writing by college students," and the subject of my first lecture in this field will be, "How to write home." I will select a letter written by an average student and will discuss it step-by-step. The remarks in parenthesis will be my own. It the entire class awake? All right, I will now read the letter.

My Dearest Mom and Pop: ("Mom and Pop" should know at once that something is up because of the terms of endearment used) I'll bet you think it strange because I have not written before now, but honest folks, I have been very busy studying and everything.) Please note the use of the word "everything," as it keeps

the writer from fibbin' . . . that is, as far as we have gone).

While I am on the subject of studying, I feel that I should explain my grades that you seem so excited about. Remember folks, this is 1939 and NOT 1909 when you went to school. They now use an entirely new system of grading. For instance, F now means "Fine," E means "Excellent," D means "Dandy," C means "Caution," B means "Bad," and A means "Awful."

So you see, your itsie bitsie baby is pretty smart after all. (I'll say he is—if he can make the folks swallow that grade explanation).

Mom, while I think about it, please don't call me "Your itsie bitsie baby" on those postcards you send to the fraternity house. I don't mind it SO MUCH in the letters, but gosh mom,

you know how those fraternity brothers are. (The writer is obviously wrong. Mom DOES NOT know how those fraternity brothers are).

I want to thank you for the box of candy, cookies, cake and fruit that you sent me. I IMAGINE it was all real good. But mom, the next time you send a box of food, please do NOT send it to the fraternity house. Send it to "General Delivery" instead (See? A college education IS making the writer of this letter smarter).

Folks, I have a chance to do someone a good turn. There is a poor, sick man here that has the smoking habit (Oh, oh. I can guess what's coming next) and can not afford to buy cigarettes. I think you and pop are ex-

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## Day School French Club Meets Tuesday

The day school French Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday in the old auditorium.

At the first meeting of the club December 19, it was decided to hold meetings the first Tuesday of every month. President Ethel Ruth Crow and Vice-President Mary Jane Park will be retained in those specified offices.

Maurice Edwards and Mary-Joe Wier were elected assistant secretary and treasurer respectively to the night school officers.

## IN MEMORIAM

Tom J. Keating, freshman engineering student at the University of Houston, fell to his death while washing the windows of the Medical Arts building last Monday.

Mr. Keating came to Houston from Blackwell, Texas, where he lived on his father's ranch until he finished high school in 1936. He then decided to come to Houston to attend the University where he could work to pay his tuition. His brother, E. W. who worked as a window washer for the Student Window Washers Union and finished Rice Institute in 1937, is now an army engineer at Barksdale, Louisiana. Tom followed as a window washer for the student union, and was starting his engineering course when the tragedy occurred.

Tom Keating is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Keating, seven brothers and two sisters.

Sympathy is also extended to F. B. Paris, whose father died Monday.

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## CLEAR THOUGHT AND CLEAR EXPRESSION

Clear thought and clear expression—two valuable assets of life! In any walk of life these two qualities are essential to success. The doctor must never err in his diagnosis when a mistake may mean a life; the lawyer must present his facts in a logical and understanding manner; the business man must sell himself to those with whom he comes in contact with and present the facts in a clear form.

Just as they are factors in the two examples above, so are these two elements necessary to the success of the college student; in their classrooms, in their college activities, in the holding of their positions, and in their home life.

Since clear thought and clear expression show themselves to be so helpful in acquiring success, it might be well to end this with a bit of wisdom: to master something, you must first make an attempt, and if at first you don't succeed, try again. After having mastered something, you must use it.

Don't expect to overcome every obstacle with the aid of clear thinking and clear expression. These are merely two of your best bets to succeed.

## NEW YEAR BEGUN

A new year has begun and with the beginning of the year we should all strive for a new hold on our education. Soon mid-term exams will be coming along, and then the suspense of learning the results. There should be no cause for worry, if constant study is kept up day by day. Surely a few minutes a day will in the long run prevent cramming and anxiety.

## RESOLUTION

"Resolution"—a word slightly overused around and about the first of every year.

"I hereby resolve—" Yes—Yes—we know. "Never to smoke—never to drink—and never to stay out late—well, never later than one." Tish—tish—this modern generation.

"I hereby resolve . . ." Whoa now.—Just stop and think what "resolve" means. Webster says—constant or determined. Are you constant—are you determined to remember your resolutions—ha—there's the rub (Shakespeare). No one doubts your sincerity or your determination—but it's so easy to say—"I resolve—" And then resolve not to resolve.

Another quotation from Webster as to resolution is "the act or process of resolving or reducing to simpler form or to Component parts. Yes, one usually reduces the resolution to the simplest forms and then forgets it.

But that's how New Years go—here today—gone tomorrow—come again next year. Oh well, it was fun while it lasted.

From Satevepost—  
**Financial Note**

Jack had money, and Jill had nil.  
Jill married Jack, so Jack had Jill.  
Jill went to Reno, now she's back.  
Jack has nothing, and Jill has jack.

Satevepost—

My social life is in retreat  
Abused and badly beaten;  
Why do I always have to meet  
A girl who hasn't eaten?

Love, bitter, sweet, but oh so bittah  
Thrills me, sends my heart atwittah!  
Period, semi-colon, comma, comma,  
Love and life! A bittah drama.

Now I lay me down to sleep  
The lesson's long; the subject's  
deep.

If the bell should ring before I wake,  
Give me a punch for goodness sake!

There are no such things as marriage ties. The wife always wins.

Love, ah, like the batting of an eye!  
Mushy, gushy like a chocolate pie.  
It makes you laugh and again it  
makes you cry—  
A poetess I am not, but oh me, I  
try!

—From the Daedalian

## Van Loon Book Is Great Aid In Enjoyment of Art

The Arts, By Henrik Willem van Loon

Published by Simon and Schuster, Inc. 1937

Written by the author of The Story of Mankind and van Loon's Geography, The Arts is as colorful and interesting a book as one will find. It is filled with new and unusual bits of information gained by Author van Loon's extensive study of "the arts."

The book, filling well over 600 pages, is colorfully illustrated and written in terms that a grammar school student could understand. Van Loon's first attempts at colored illustrations are successful, and his book is enlivened very much by them.

### Subject Covered Thoroughly

Originally 1800 pages, the book was cut to 600 pages much against van Loon's wishes, as he said he lost much of the heart of his book this way. The Arts was written to give the general reader better understanding and greater appreciation of the major and minor arts from the beginning of time to the present day. From van Loon's first statement to his last, famous names like Bach, Handel, Mozart and Chopin are handled in a way as to make them almost intimate friends.

From the art of the primitive man to the highly developed scheme of our present day artists, the author discusses painting, architecture, music, and sculpture with fervor. In a witty fashion he describes each illustration of every age about which he speaks.

### Written For Layman

Van Loon did not write this book as an informative work, but rather, as he so aptly puts it, "To invite you to join us who feel that we can occasionally do without dinner or breakfast, but feel that life without a few dishes of music or painting is hardly worth while."

Probably his own greatest enthusiast, van Loon writes with a feeling that conveys itself to his readers. This book is easily understood and one can readily realize the great lengths to which the author went to attain his end.

However, to enjoy this book one must be willing to wade through a rather lengthy prologue, overlook the somewhat elementary language, and patiently read the elaborate explanations concerning startling statements that the author makes. To those willing to do this, The Arts will prove very informative and interesting as well as thoroughly enjoyable.

### YOU GOT SOMETHING (A proposed popular ballad)

#### Verse

They may be prettier than you,  
But that don't mean a thing.  
Their eyes are maybe twice as blue,  
But that don't mean a thing.  
That they may be a lot more cute  
Is something that I won't dispute,  
But really, I don't give a hoot,  
For that don't mean a thing.

#### Chorus

You got something  
The other girls haven't got,  
A somey little something  
That always puts me on the spot.

Just can't explain it  
But Cupid has shot me,  
My heart's full of pain, it  
Is plain love has got me.

For you got something,  
Yes, you got something,  
A very special something  
The others haven't got.\*

\* A rich pappy.



Paul A. Misch, Ohio State University student, has volunteered to paint the campus tower clock free of charge—so he'll be able to read the face from his room.

The University of California's atom-smashing cyclotron weighs 85 tons.

The Colgate University senior class presidential election was won by a single-vote margin.

A majority of St. Lawrence University students favor subsidization of athletes.

Sixty-four years ago Roanoke College students were offered board for \$6.50 a month.

South Dakota State College students eat on an average of 100 ice cream cones daily.

The Williams College news bureau, in one football weekend, dispatched stories totaling more than 21,000 words.

A Newberry College psychologist after a survey of students in 22 colleges, says students opinion is well to the right of center.

Twelve medical men are held in readiness at all Harvard home football games to aid injured players.

There are 22 sets of brothers on the Washington and Lee campus.

The Syracuse infirmary is asking students to give crutches for use of crippled or injured students.

One-third of the University of Chicago students prefer symphonic music to swing.

Chester Martin, Louisiana State University senior, collects bulletins on farm subjects as a hobby. He now has 30,000.

"In the Garden" is the favorite hymn of co-eds of Glenville (W.Va.) State Teachers College.

Of the 13,225 young people who registered with the NYA employment service in October, only one per cent were college graduates.

The Catawba College yearbook is called "The Swastika," but has no connection with a well-known totalitarian government.

Blazing youth on the Wheaton College campus have formed a new Red Heads Club.

A recent survey revealed 37 per cent of Northwestern University's co-eds go barelegged to classes.

The book value of Harvard University this year is \$137,157,835.44.

## Public Spoonng Taboo In New Book On Social Usages

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(ACP)—Public spooning is taboo on the Oklahoma City University campus.

At least it will be if students here take to heart the lecture on social usages given to them in the new "White and Gold Book" on etiquette just finished by Dean of Women Lena E. Missener.

Here are a few of the don'ts she advocates:

Don't show marked affection for your sweetheart while in public.

Don't dance while smoking. You may sing the lady's hair or burn down the house.

Don't ignore the alumnus who has returned for a good time. Help him along.

Don't fail to express "audible thanks" for small favors.

"Do not disdain good manners, for in so doing you admit a weakness in your own self."

### CITY STREET

Time that mem'ry

Can't Erase

Of finding ONCE

A parking place.

—Gordon Goldsmith

## Chinese Student Follows Emily Post Too Literally

By Associated Collegiate Press

Those who read etiquette books to make themselves better fitted for that important social event should take a lesson from the book of experience of a Chinese student at the University of Michigan.

To acquaint himself with the niceties of American society, this student memorized phrases from one of Emily Post's columns. His first chance to use his new knowledge came at a reception by Michigan's President A. G. Ruthven. When handed a cup of tea, the youth solemnly responded:

"Thank you, sir or madam, as the case may be."

Yes, one must be beware of being too well posted!

## Upsweep Hairdress Unbecoming, Say Men At DePaul University

You co-eds who believe keeping up with the Antoinettes of Paris is the most important course in the curriculum should consider the scorches handed out by DePaul University men on the new up-sweep hair do. Here's why they don't like it:

1. It accentuates the girl's ears too much.

2. It makes girls look too tall.

3. It looks too much like the housewife.

4. Girls fuss too much with the up-style.

5. It is unbecoming to most faces.

6. The up-do probably will go back down after movie stars get tired of it.

7. The up-keep cost probably will force it down quicker.

Which should make all those who build mountains on their heads take down their hair and weep!

And we leave you with an admonition from the 1913 yearbook of Quincy College: Always include two night-shirts in wardrobe—plus six napkins and a napkin ring.

## Student Works Are In "Le Bayou"

The first issue of Le Bayou, written and published by Mr. Jules Vern, head of the University French department, has now been released.

Stories by Bill Shamblin, past president of the French Club, and Mary Lewis Makeig, also a student, appear in this issue.

Two copies are available in the library for student use, and others may be obtained from Mr. Vern.

## Dupre Returns After Illness

Dean N. K. Dupre returned to his office today after an absence of four days. He was confined to his home with a slight case of influenza.

## Poet's Corner

By George Chiasson

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SUBURBS

Sing a song of eight star,  
A bottle full of rye  
One year old, one hundred proof,  
Enough to fly one high.  
When the quart was opened  
The gang began to sing  
Of Adeline, of Auld Lang Syne,  
In fact, of anything.

The boys were in the locker room  
Recounting startling drives.  
Their wives were on the porch and  
lawn

Discussing others' lives.  
The maids at home were drawing  
back

The covers of the beds  
To catch their lords and mistresses  
And ease their aching heads.

## Faculty Spends Quiet and Happy Holiday Season

A quiet holiday season was spent by the majority of our administration and faculty members. Several went out of town to hunt or visit relatives; others remained at home to rest.

Dean N. K. Dupre motored to West Texas near Lubbock to hunt, and he brought back some birds.

Mrs. Bessie Ebaugh attended the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans.

Mr. Val Jean McCoy went duck hunting twice, and also had a troublesome wisdom tooth extracted.

Mr. Leon G Halden visited with Mrs. Halden's family in Bullard, and with his own family in Austin.

Miss Ruth Pennybacker visited with friends and relatives in Dallas.

Mr. Jules Vern remained at home to write poetry for his publication, "Ballades du Bayou."

Capt. Archie French Mr. Harvey W. Harris, Miss Helen C. Perry, Mrs. Edith Lord Carlton, and Mr. R. W. Talley remained in Houston and spent the holidays with their families.

Mrs. Laura Remer spent a few days visiting in Havana, Cuba.

Miss Louise Jacobson flew to Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Standlee Mitchell went to Dallas.

Mr. John Whitaker went deer hunting in the Big Bend country.

### "Skip"—

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 actly right when you say that smoking is a nasty old habit, but I think it would be real sweet if you send him a carton of "Lucky Old Camel" cigarettes. They are my . . . I mean his . . . favorite brand. Just send them to me and I will see that he gets them AND BE SURE TO SEND THEM IN CARE OF "GENERAL DELIVERY."

Mom, I think it is real nice of you to tell Mrs. Jones that I would take her daughter to the Junior Prom, but I don't think it would work out so hot. You know how much she studies and how smart she is, so I am afraid a girl of her intelligence would think a guy like me kind of dull and uninteresting.

Besides, I might not go myself. I've got a hunch I'm not going to feel so good about that time. (Sure mom, and he might be right at that. Remember that hunch he had in high school that his Latin teacher didn't like him and that he would probably flunk?)

Oh yes, Pop, ha ha . . . I almost forgot. (Or maybe he lacked the nerve to bring it up before now). You and Mom are very generous (This is a fine example of the use of soft soap as used to prepare for the kill). to skip so that I can go to college. I want you to know that I appreciate it more than I can tell you.

But Pop, I think I am going to need just a little bit more money this month as I have to buy some more paper and pencils and stuff. I think I can get by on about twenty-five dollars extra. Wishing you both a very healthy, happy, and ESPECIALLY prosperous new year, I remain as always,

Your loving son,  
 N. A. Daze, Jr.

Sally Rand, whom you've no doubt heard of by this time, has recently been honored by the government of her home state. It seems, from what I hear, that pictures of Miss Rand in working clothes in which she is practically you-know-what, have been painted and hung on the walls of the state capitol of Missouri. The frames used were ones that formerly contained curves, too. Scenes of the Missouri Ozark hills were replaced by Sally Rand.

## SURVEYING UNIVERSITY SITE



Shown here are three UHSE members surveying for a water line at the new University site. Above, Bill Meier and Max Lewis look for the shortest distance between two points, and David Roessler, left, helps them.



### French Club Names Associate Editors On Le Fille de Chou

Five associate editors for Le Fille de Chou, publication of Les Mousquetaires, were chosen at the regular meeting of the club Wednesday night. They are Alice David, Betty Heinrich, Walter Babic, Mary Joyce Frank, and Joseph Zimmerman.

Plans are being made for an International Night some time in February which will feature plays by the French, German, Italian, and Spanish clubs in the language they study.

### Poems and Cartoons Used To Illustrate Scientific Theses

BALTIMORE, Mr.—(ACP)—Poetry and cartoons have broken into the educational scheme of things at Johns Hopkins University here. Going educators who use movies, drawings and models one better, Robert William Hegner, medical zoologist, uses poems and cartoons to make his lectures more interesting and more effective.

As an example of this new educational aid, Dr. Hegner points to his cartoon of a girl in a bathtub

### Engineers To Tour Texaco Pump Plant

An inspection trip of Texaco's pumping stations at Humble will be made Sunday at 2 p. m. by members of Mr. Frank Hangs kinematic class. This trip is part of a program arranged by the University of Houston Society of Engineers for the benefit of the engineering students of the school.

Any member of the club wishing to make the trip should see Mr. Hangs.

### 3617 Visits Recorded At Library Here

The majority of University students do not realize how much activity goes on in the library. A staff of workers in the library keeps a complete record of all books checked out of the library. The attendance is also recorded.

In November, 3617 students attended the reading room. There were 2147 books checked out, and of that number not one had to be reported to Dean N. K. Dupre as being overdue.

Friends presented 50 books to the University in November, which brings the total number of books in the library to 12,000.

Literature books head the list of having the greatest number checked out of the library. Applied science books are next and books on education are third.

This comes from the Witchitan at Wichita Junior College—the editor's lullaby:  
 A college paper is a great investment;  
 The college gets all the fame;  
 The printer gets all the money,  
 And the staff gets all the blame.

sing, "I Ain't Go No Body." The refrain and the cartoon made up only of dots illustrate the number of parasites in a human being.

## Down in Front

Few Odds and Ends About a Few Guys

And Gals; And an Explanation of

Those Inexplicable Subheads . . . Y'Know

By BILL ROBERTS

Good evening, chillun, so you are even give you two . . . kisses, girls. back again? No casualties, I hope. Shucks.

There have been none in this corner of the page . . . unless you might call our missing last edition a casualty . . . which, no doubt, you don't.

Yep. Everything is shipshape and from all we have heard, everyone came through the holidays in fine style. Ah me, what a week. Of course there were a few little incidents which might be called accidents, such as Frank Pryor getting into three autos on New Year's Eve and a minor collision occurring in each. Not Frank's fault, mind you.

Then, Sherwin Ball is looking high and low for the absent minded, do you think, gentleman who drove his car off from the Hi-Hat. Sherwin had a date with Kitty Lou Dawson at the time. The gentleman, shall we say, left Kitty behind . . . lucky Sherwin. The car was insured, though.

And of course, if you read the headline above, we should explain about those inexplicable subheads, which is a contradiction but why should we worry, and which some of you have commented on. They are okeh for a while, but should be changed sometime . . . so this week we omit them. Excelsior!

Back to the keyboard for some notes, now . . . y'see, we are trying to get a bevy of names (not bees) in the "colyum" this week and we are working on Pat Antoine (pronounced an-twine), who is editing the paper in Louise Pridgen's absence, to let us blow the thing up to two columns. Heres hoping.

Next on our list is young Weed Peterson, sophomore representative, who could be slightly gone on Vivinne Haubelt . . . he's taking her around these days, y'know.

If you were at the Cougar open house, which was at Louise and Lorine Butler's home, you probably saw Mary Cathryn Beatty tugging Cecil Isbell around . . . yep, he's the famous professional griddler. Some stuff . . . Jackie Hart and Ted O'Leary made up twice during the holidays . . . Must be the bug.

On our Christmas Eve list are Charlie Mallyn and Effie Pearl Newberry, Walton Fleming, ex-stude here, and Mildred Savage . . . all doing the Empire Room . . . in tux too . . . Then there is the story about Louise Smith waiting in the library for Frank Roach to finish classes the last night of school.

As the top crack of last year, we nominate Bunny Meyer's classic citation when it was suggested that he become one of a party to go to the Hat Christmas Eve—"We can't go there tonight, it's formal. Everybody has to wear shirts," quoth Bunny. And some quothing.

Bob Holberg was in a dilemma for a time Tuesday when he waited in vain for his steady going gal, Grace Keller, to show up at school. He finally found her—in the Baptist hospital. Appendicitis. Not that it makes any difference—but Bob's pet antipathy is an egg, boiled, scrambled or raw.

They are telling me Jessie Lee Cook's holiday diversion was an Aggiland laddie named Alton Carroll . . . hmmm . . . Henry Taub's sales sheet during the T-B campaign didn't rise any, 'tis said, when he offered a kiss with every cross sold. He would

We really believe it is strictly business when Jack Palmer speaks of Farrar Storm. Look at his eyes . . . ah. Jack Blanco also in in the running, according to the drug store gossip. She's holding a pair of Jacks. Nice hand.

Whispers from the guileful grapevine say that Clopton "Key" West is weakening in his torchbearing for Genevieve Able. Arthur Dimney is weakening too, they say, but vice versa . . . and who is, or was, the apple of Si Bering's eye and why is, or was, Portia Garrett?

There is a Jack Dempsey going to the University. He lives in Pearland . . . There is a Sim Speer and a Sam Speer, believe it or ripnotly . . . Sim, incidentally, looks quite like the thing in tails . . . It must be a graft Antoinette Teresa Cowart's name appears in the Cougar directory twice . . . and, by golly, they have my phone number wrong. Cruel fate.

Quotations from famous trials:  
 Judge: Where were you on the night of December 31, 1938?

Edythe Reddick: It's a lie, your honor.

A billion bouquets to Betty Hayes for door-listing three pals at the Tri Kappa affair . . . Ralph Clinton, the good looking egg, has it rough. He works nights at the telephone company . . . but he does all right . . . So does Louis Agee . . . So does Ellison Miles and his Liberty-loving Frances Beatty, the Freshman sensation. (Note to editor: Cap on Liberty is correct).

Well, chillun, we have just about worn our fingers out . . . you have the sum and total. There is not much else, except marking a few of the paragraphs for big, bad, bold, black type. Before we go, though, we'd like to ask "A.C.," the boy or girl who sent us the revealing note before the holidays that we didn't use since we didn't have a column, to write again, pal.

So until next Friday, my loves, we remain your reformed correspondent (sure 'nuff) who heartily subscribes to the Epicurean jingle of "Eat, drink and be merry—for tomorrow you may die." Then, again, the same thing works . . . for you might not die. You hope.

### University Project

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 tures of the campus will be found in a lagoon placed so that the Science Hall, the Administration Building, and the Cullen Memorial Building will form three sides with the fourth left open. The miniature lake is even now in its entirety with the exception of the "dressing-up" details.

The superintendent estimates approximately one hundred men are employed on the project at present. This number will be increased to one hundred and twenty in the next few weeks, and, when brick-laying commences on the Science building, the roll will be swelled to one hundred and fifty.

With perhaps thirteen buildings as its goal, the building committee's ideal procedure is to keep one building in the process of erection at all times until completion of the project. This program can only succeed by means of generous financial aid.

## Freshman Cagers Are Spanking the Upperclassmen In Intramural Tilts

(Reprinted from "Sideshow," by Bill Roberts, in The Houston Press, Wednesday, January 4, 1939).

There comes a time in every man's life when he would like to give his old man a licking, not such a hard spanking perhaps, but nevertheless one that would show he is not entirely off keel. Today at the University of Houston, a small band of Freshmen are theoretically doing that very thing.

Taking on the field in a rough-house series of intramural basketball games, the Freshmen are leading the pack and do not mind telling you so. Their enthusiasm is dampened only when reminded that they still must take the measure of the Seniors for a clear title to superiority. Their confidence remains unshaken, however, and they are certain the Seniors will suffer the fate of Sophomores and Juniors.

Eight players on their number one team, the Freshmen have handed successive defeats to Sophomores and Juniors. The team, composed of Tal-mage Callihan, Herman Earleywine, Jack Lindsey, Vernon Johnson, Harry Hope, Russell Goff, Edgar Bunnell and Joe Stine, has not lost a game. The second Freshman team, manned by Ed Mather, Jack Cavanaugh, Charles Lane, Henry Newland and Milton Gaitz, has lost its only game played.

Unruffled by the challenge of the upstart first-year men, the dignified Seniors have won their only game to date but are a point behind the Freshmen. The Senior team has only five players, Roy Much, president of the Student Association, Arthur Dimney, president of the Senior Class, Tommy Calvert, Vic Lambert and Johnny Smith, (believe it or not).

Joe "Little Caesar" Camp, Bob "Hansome" Holberg, Vernon Ploeger, Jack Boyd, Boyd Burklin and Paul Belleggie keep the Juniors rocking along in third place, but even the appearance of such dignitaries as Camp and Holberg does not intimidate the Freshmen.

Sadly trailing in the rear, the Sophomores are muttering something about waiting "until we are Juniors." They have lost their only two games played. They proudly brag, however, of such personages as Buddy "Sophomore Sensation" Griffith, Jimmy Duncan, Roy Crowe, Charles Kuger, Henry Taub and Ed Stockwell.

The teams play two nights a week, Monday and Wednesday, at 9:30. Four games are played each night. The games are sponsored by Coach Glen Stanbaugh and run regulation time. Incidentally, basketball and fencing compose the only athletic life of the University.

## Campus Candidates Free With Promises At Rhode Island

KINGSTON, R. I.—(ACP)—When it comes to devising vote-buying political platforms, Californians have nothing on Rhode Island State College students.

In the annual campaign for "campus mayor," the candidates offered everything from the elimination of final examinations to free gasoline for all student-driven cars.

Their words speak louder than ours, so here are just a few sample platforms proposed in the seven-sided race.

Ralph "Buck" Bucci, the "studentism candidate for the singing mayor of Kingston," promised:

1. Lectures in rhythm—swing sessions in all classes.
2. Free dances every other night (refreshments served)—alternate nights left open for petting.
3. Free date bureau—partners produced to order.
4. No paddling of freshmen.
5. No more exams.
6. No more failures.
7. Honor privileges to all.
8. Upholstered and air-conditioned.
9. Refreshments and tobacco served in classes.
10. Suspension of Saturday classes.

Wee Willie Wilcox, the "Dog Patch" candidate, went "Buck" on or two better, with this platform:

1. The use of a Lincoln Zephyr

or Model T at the rate of 10 cents a week under the Socialized Car Users' Association Act.

2. Instead of exams, a final gala week of sprees from the proceeds of the accumulation of the \$2 days.
3. \$30 every "blue" Monday or "wet" Friday.
4. Open subsidization of athletes.
5. No corsages at college dances.
6. Every day a "Sadie Hawkins" day.
7. Preserved turnips for everyone.
8. Swing sessions at all assemblies with famous bands instead of dry speakers.
9. Greased flag-pole fight between freshmen and sophomores.
10. Free hurricane insurance for all professors over "80."
11. No more curfew for co-eds.
12. 1 cent sale at the book store every Sunday; 1 cent sale at Giro's every Tuesday.
13. Free postage to all co-eds in China.
14. A full moon once a month.

DOT: Do you drink coffee?

KAT: No.

DOT: Why not?

KAT: Because it keeps me awake in my morning classes.

A trust is a large firm that hopes business will get better in the near future.

—The American Weekly

"Charity gives itself rich, covetousness hoards itself poor."

### MADE OUT OF SOIL

Napoleon:

Napoleon once said there was no such word as "can't". I wonder if he ever tried to light a match by striking it on a cake of soap?

Stop and Think:

Stop and think, brother. How can she have brains if she thinks you are a wonder?

Politician:

A politician is a man who says something that means nothing.

Your Suit:

Be it ever so humble, there is no suit like your own.

Advice to Freshmen:

Send your clothes to the student laundry and get to know your classmates.

Alimony:

Alimony is a system by which, when two people make a mistake, one of them continues to pay for it.

The truth:

There is too much inflation in truth. They are always stretching it.

Don't make a will:

Where there is a will there is a lot of disgruntled relations.

Why worry?

People worry over something more to worry about than there really is something to worry about.

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