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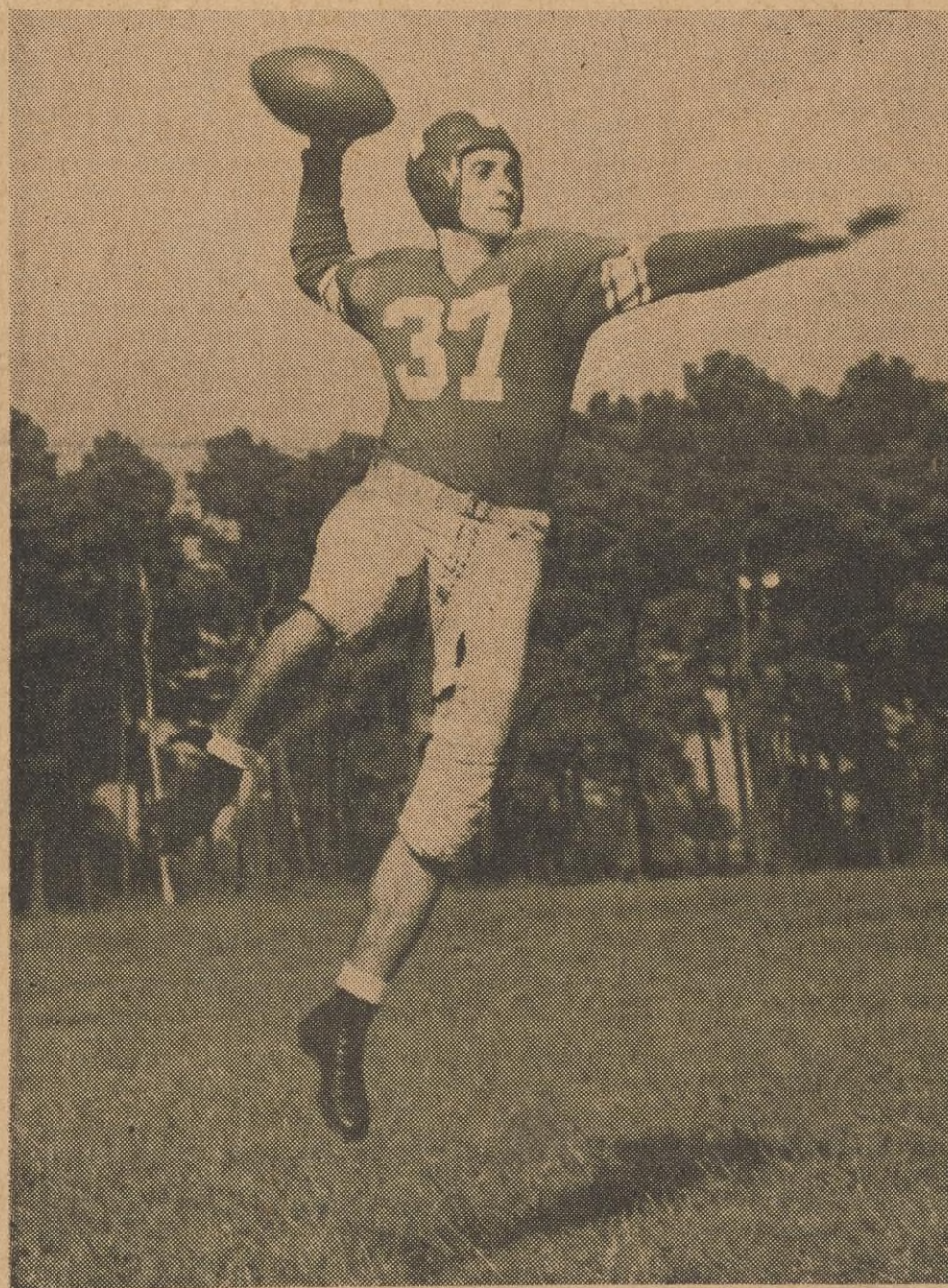
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U. OF H. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

OCT. 12—TEXAS A. & I.	AT HOUSTON	NOV. 9—STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	AT HOUSTON
OCT. 19—EAST TEXAS	AT COMMERCE	NOV. 16—NORTH TEXAS	AT HOUSTON
OCT. 26—TEXAS MINES	AT EL PASO	NOV. 23—S.T.S.T.C.	AT SAN MARCOS
NOV. 2—OPEN		NOV. 28—SAM HOUSTON	AT HOUSTON

U. H. Enrollment Hits 8000

THIS WEEK AT U. OF H.

RED MASQUE

"Ramshackle Inn," a mystery comedy, will be the first play presented by the Red Masque Players this year.

Immediate follow-ups of the first production include "Romeo and Juliet" and "Ten Little Indians." Red Masquers are looking forward to presenting various other one- and three-act plays later in the year.

The drama department of the University of Houston will have a busy schedule this year, according to L. Standlee Mitchell, dramatics director.

In addition to the usual class schedule for drama majors, and The Red Masque drama workshop for students interested in dramatic production, four special courses are offered: Contemporary American drama, the advanced makeup workshop, the advanced acting workshop, and advanced direction.

Modern plays will be studied in the contemporary drama course. The advanced makeup workshop will be devoted to the practical study of race, type and character make-up.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The newly inaugurated photography department of the University is offering an enlarged program for the fall term, according to F. W. Seiders, head of the department.

There are vocational, technical and academic courses offered. The vocational is a nine month course in fundamentals of photography and portraiture. The technical is an 18 month course which adds to the vocational various related science, art and English courses. The academic, or degree, course is a full four years of the fundamentals, commercial, portraiture, photomicrography, and color photography in addition to related studies in mathematics, physics, chemistry, art, English and government.

RADIO CLASS

Ninety students have enrolled in the University's new radio broadcasting department which opened this fall. Consisting of two new faculty members, the department has opened six classes in this field of radio.

Faculty members teaching the courses offered are Miss Evalena Caton, a graduate of Texas State college for women, formerly with Station WFAA in Dallas and the production department for the National Broadcasting company; and Ralph Matthews, former program

Scribe Reviews U. of H. Through Active Years

By Moselle Jacobs

The University of Houston is a grown-up college now. It has an academic enrollment of over 8000 which threatens to burst its four buildings at the seams.

It's a vital university. In every corner is some activity related to its expanded program. The University has broadened its scope in every field since it first became a full-time University in 1934. Its expansion has been so rapid during that 12 year span as to evoke the comment, "the coming school of the South" from Southern educators.

St. Bernard Paving To Be Finished Soon

Pavement on St. Bernard street should be completed within the next six or eight weeks, J. G. Turney, director of public works for the city of Houston, said Wednesday.

Adverse weather conditions slowed down progress after the plans for resurfacing were approved this summer. Enough time was allowed for the street to harden and settle before actual work was begun. Mr. Turney explained that he wanted complete assurance that there will be a firm road bed.

The street from Holman to Calhoun will be resurfaced with asphalt, and the base will be repaired where necessary, Mr. Turney added.

"The street should be completed by the end of October," Mr. Turney said. "Until that time, University students will just have to put up with the discomforts of the road."

director for Shreveport station KWKH and for two years head of the radio department at Baylor university.

The new faculty members are teaching radio production, program planning and directing, advanced radio, introduction to broadcasting, continuity, and radio writing.

Air-conditioned radio studios are now being built in the recreation building. Scripts for programs presented in these sound-proofed studios will be written by students in the broadcasting classes. Talent for the shows will be selected from a radio workshop, which is being planned by the University.

The University has applied for a license from the Federal Communications Commission to operate a frequency modulation radio station. The station will broadcast from the studios now under construction.

Yes, the University has come a long way since classes met at night in San Jacinto High School and during the day in local churches. The enrollment in those days reached 1212.

The success story really began when classes were moved to the 110 acre campus on St Bernard. Since that time, 89 additional acres have been added through gifts of the M. D. Anderson Foundation.

In 1939 there were only two buildings on the campus, no sidewalks, no drainage and very little grass. But there was plenty of spirit among the 2400 academic students who had enrolled by 1940, for despite mud and rain they launched the first Frontier Fiesta, with a repeat performance in 1941.

Not many of those first students to start classes on the campus remained to see the third building, the Industrial Building, completed in December, 1941. Nor could they stay around to see the Recreation Building built in 90 days under a tent during the rainy season, for war had been declared and the University was being quickly drained of its students. By 1944, the University had an enrollment of 900 who, nevertheless, kept the spirit alive. Varsity Varieties was produced during the four war years.

Meanwhile the school board realizing that the University had become shackled without a full-time president and board, appointed a 15 man Advisory Board and in 1945, by vote of the Texas Legislature, the University became a unit separate from the Houston schools.

The war ended and surprised University of Houston officials noticed a strange phenomenon: enrollment jumped from 906 to 1500, then to 3000, and the college became a veteran's school.

With the increased enrollment came intercollegiate sports, a band, and cheer leaders. Entering their first Lone Star Conference season, the Cougars brought home the basketball crown in 1946. The first intercollegiate football game in the school's history was played September 21.

With the veterans also came housing problems, the temporary trailer village, and \$1,000,000 plans for dormitories to be built as soon as materials become available. Also with the veterans came expanded classes, added courses, and a staff which has grown from 60 to over 200.

Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, who has become full-time president, has announced plans for a combined administration-auditorium building and for a memorial chapel.

Overall Figure Is Set At 10,000; Registration Nov. 1

With late registration bringing the fall term on-campus enrollment to 8000, overall enrollment at the University of Houston is expected to reach 10,000. A new registration for nine weeks courses has been set for November 1.

Of the 8000 on-campus students, 5632 are veterans of World War II, according to Registrar Terrel Spencer's office.

The University's 14-hour daily spread of classes, its recently completed temporary buildings, and its over-all flexibility have been the factors which have made it possible to accommodate the record enrollment of the present year, Dr. Spencer pointed out.

Because of the flood of students reporting for registration the first days of the period—waiting lines swelled to between four and five thousand the first day—students were enrolled according to serial numbers. They were numbered and reported for registration on the days assigned them.

Ground Is Cleared For Instalation Of Army Barracks

Ground clearing and grading on the east campus, in preparation for the army barracks to be assigned here by the Federal Housing Authority, is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit, Dr. W. W. Kemmerer, reported this week.

The 30 to 40 houses will provide facilities for some 350 units. Most of these will be single-room living quarters for single men or married veterans and their wives, but a few will be two and three bedroom apartments for veterans with families, Doctor Kemmerer said.

"This time, we expect to have our grading and paving finished before we move units onto the campus," Doctor Kemmerer added. "When the trailers arrived we were not ready for them, and had to deposit them in the mud before we had the site ready—that was the beginning of a lot of problems we hope to be able to avoid this time."

These new units, which should begin to arrive in the near future are expected to ease the campus housing situation substantially.

On the dark side of the picture is the fact that construction of the five permanent dormitory units for veterans has been postponed indefinitely because of the unexpectedly high costs at this time—50 to 100 per cent higher than had been originally estimated even at inflated figures. The Ezekiel Cullen administration building will also likely be delayed beyond original expectations.

by any means cover the "good will toward men" of the human race, that this man and his wife choose to employ that wealth voluntarily toward

greatest contribution to society."

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Meeting Set October 15

The evening of October 15 has been set as the first meeting of the Ex-Students Association since its election of officers in April. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Room 118 Cullen building.

Charles Saunders, elected president September 24 by the Board of Directors to finish Louise de

Young's unexpired term, will preside. Mr. Saunders urges all interested ex-students to attend this "very important meeting."

Detailed plans for the Homecoming, of which Tom Menefee is chairman, will be made. "It will take the cooperative endeavor of every member to make the homecoming celebration the success it must be and

since this meeting will be the last before the November 16 event, we are expecting a large attendance," Mr. Saunders said.

The election of an Association treasurer is a second major item on the agenda, he said.

Mr. Saunders pointed out that though there have been no called

meeting of the members during the summer months, the Board of Directors and the officers have met every week for the past two months drawing up plans for the Association and working to increase membership. A long range committee plan has been developed and will be presented to the members at the October 15 meeting.

EXES' HOMECOMING IS PLANNED

N.T. Game, Dance To Climax Affair

Highlighted by a football game, the crowning of a Homecoming Queen, and a dance, the University of Houston will observe its first Homecoming Day, November 16.

Tom Menefee, member of the the Board of Directors and Homecoming chairman, reported this week that the University Student Association is cooperating with the Ex-Student Association in planning the event.

The student body will nominate four candidates for the title of Homecoming Queen and she will be selected and crowned during the U. H.-North Texas game at 2:30 p.m. November 16.

A section of seats will be reserved for ex-students at the football game, Mr. Menefee said. Reservations may be made by phoning the Athletics Office at the University.

Although a hall has not yet been named, the dance has been tentatively set for the night of November 16. Dance tickets will go on sale November 1 for \$1.50 plus tax, and may be secured from the University Student Activities office or from Tom Menefee, T-1642.



CONTEST TO NAME "EXTRA" ANNOUNCED BY GROUP

EXtra! EXtra! But for one issue only—until its reading public has chosen a name for the official publication of the University of Houston Ex-Students Association.

The officers of the Association announce a contest to name the publication which for Volume I Issue 1 makes its debut as The EXtra. Any member in good standing may enter as many suggestions as he desires and possibly win the plaudits of posterity.

The winner will be named during the Homecoming celebration November 16 and will be awarded a prize which the officers committee describes as "valuable, hard to get, and secret."

Entries must be in the hands of

the judges by Monday, November 11. Judges Charles Saunders, Jackie Menefee, Marion Bleike, and Verna Whitaker request that all entries be mailed to: Contest, U. of H. Ex-Students Association, Scardino Printing, 4312 Garrow.

GENE CUNY ELECTED BY BOARD TO FINISH R. SCHOEN'S TERM

The Board of Directors has received the resignation of Director Robert Schoen, who is resuming academic work, and at its September 3 meeting elected Gene Cuny to fill Mr. Schoen's position.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuny returned in August from Saratoga Springs,

Members of the Board of Directors discuss committee plans at a recent meeting. They are, left to right, seated: Tom Menefee, Rosemary McBride, Gene Cuny, Rosemary Pellerin and Evelyn Thompson. Standing are: Marion Bleike, corresponding secretary, and Hill Feagin. Not pictured is Roger Bleike, who made the photograph.

New York, where Mr. Cuny had taught in the drama department of Skidmore College and where he was associated with a local law firm.

The appointment was made by virtue of Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws: "Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Directors. Each person so elected to fill a vacancy shall remain a Director until his successor has been elected by the members to fill the unexpired term, who may make such election at their next annual meeting."

De Young Resigns Presidency; Board Elects Saunders

Acting upon the resignation of Louise de Young, who had been elected president of the Association in the general election April 24, the Board of Directors elected Charles Saunders at a called meeting September 24 to finish her unexpired term. Mr. Saunders ran second in the April election in which Mrs. de Young was elected.

Having moved from the city, Mrs. de Young said that she found it impossible to carry on the business of the organization as actively as she desired. Her letter of resignation said that she has lost no interest or enthusiasm and that she intends to be active in the future.

In electing Mr. Saunders, the Board acted in compliance with

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It's History--- Brief But Bright

A suggestion as a few ex-students met at Varsity Varieties in December of '45; a meeting of eight or nine in January of '46; then a meeting of a few more—thus an Association of former students was born, without roar of cannon but with great endeavor, to serve its University and its members.

The greatest obstacle in the formation has been the apparent impossibility of contacting the 20,000 exes of the U. of H. The first unorganized meetings were poorly attended even though some of the announcements actually reached print in the Houston papers. On March 5, however, about 25 would-be members met on the campus and elected temporary officers which included: Louise de Young, president; Foster Montgomery, vice president; Velma Whitaker, recording secretary; Rosemary Pellerin, corresponding secretary and Charles Saunders, parliamentarian. **Charter**

It was discovered that there had been a former and State-chartered ex-association which had, however, been active for the past three years, and after much work on the part of a committee composed of Charles Saunders, Tom Menefee and Roger Bleike, the Charter was secured for the present group and accepted by it at a meeting on March 20.

Early in April a Dutch-treat supper was sponsored by the group and a capacity participation registered the increasing interest in the organization.

First Meeting

The group held its first organized meeting as The University of Houston Ex-Students Association on April 24 when it elected officers (Continued on page 6)

● We think an official handful of rice should be tossed President Charles Saunders' way on the occasion of his approaching marriage to Miss Betti Friedel of Houston. The affair is set for October 18. Congratulations, Mr. President.

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Editorial The EXtra A VIGOROUS GROUP

The springtime rejuvenescence of the Ex-Students Association, the summer-long tireless efforts of its Board of Directors, in drawing up a charter, compiling a mailing list and planning a drive to increase membership—and now the fruition of its dreams and endeavors in the publication of this magazine and the almost perfected plans for a Homecoming in November—these indications of a vigorous and able group of ex-students speak well for the future of the University of Houston.

There have been other organizations of this type in the past, but none so enthusiastic, so eager to work, so dedicated to promoting the welfare of the University and her students, past present and future. Among the officers of this Association there is a notable absence of self-aggrandizement, and this is as it should be. Only by selfless service of a large number of ex-students can this Association become a positive force in the development of the University, only so long as we work for the common good without regard to personal power or patronage shall we fulfill our aims.

There is much to be done, many things to be accomplished by willing workers in a good cause, and the rewards will be great. Those who hope for the future of the world realize that education is the factor of greatest importance. The development of the University of Houston as a place wherein truth is pursued in the clear light of reason, will benefit not the University alone, but each of us who has in his heart a love for truth. If all else in the world be bathed in ignorance and error our citadel will hold so long as it is dedicated to unprejudiced examination of all things with reason and justice as instruments.—M.L.

A STRIDE FORWARD

One history-making year has seen the University of Houston leap into the front rank of Texas universities and colleges. Before the 1945-46 season, the University was a neighborhood affair ignored for the most part by Texas and the nation. Now the University is making national history with its rapid and powerful strides of progress.

In Fall, 1946 enrollment jumped to almost 9000 students and the campus became the second in the state in the number of students attending. Only the University of Texas exceeded the Cougar campus. To jump from the state of a small college to the position of a large university within a single year is a terrific strain, and yet the University is coming through in fine shape.

Millions will be spent soon in constructing a magnificent new Administration building on the site of the present parking lot. It is to be named the Ezekial Cullen building after the grandfather of H. R. Cullen, Board of Regents chairman and benefactor. Ezekial Cullen was a pioneer in establishing the University of Texas. Air conditioned dormitory buildings will soon be under construction on the campus.

The first Cougar intercollegiate football team steps into Texas sports this year. The team plays in the Lone Star conference.

But what of this sudden boom? Will it last? Some critics say that as soon as the G.I. Bill of Rights fades from the picture, once again the University will return to the ways of a small school. This sort of thinking seems very illogical. Just as Houston will not return to the ways of a village, so will the University of Houston continue to prosper. Conditions are just right in this leading Texas city for establishment of a booming University. Even years before the war, enrollment was on the climb, only the effect of total war stopped the ascent. The war caused a delay in growth. Now with peace, the University is reaping its normal four years of growth—all in a single year.

Of course a fundamental responsibility will be with the University for ever. It must deliver the goods. But as the school has not failed in the past, we trust it will not fail in the future.—J.P.

ARTICLE I, THE BY-LAWS

The EXtra here prints Article I of the By-Laws as adopted by the Association at its April meeting. The additional Articles will follow in later editions of this publication.

BY-LAWS OF THE EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ARTICLE I MEETINGS

Section 1—Place of Meeting. Any and all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall be held within the City of Houston, State of Texas, provided that no meeting shall be held at a place other than the Student Union Building, University of Houston Campus, Houston, Texas, except pursuant to By-Laws or resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 2—Annual Meetings of Members. An annual meeting of the members shall be held each year on the second Wednesday in April at 8 o'clock p.m., one of the purposes of which shall be the election of officers and directors.

Section 3—Order of Business at the Annual Meeting. The order of business at the annual meeting shall be as follows:

- (A) Roll Call
- (B) Reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the last preceding called meeting
- (C) Report of the President
- (D) Report of the Secretary
- (E) Report of the Treasurer
- (F) Election of Directors and Officers
- (G) Transaction of other business stated in the notice
- (H) Adjournment

Section 4—Special Meetings of Members. A special meeting of the members may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors upon written notice (to all members) prior to the meeting, setting forth the date and subject of such meeting and signed by the Secretary.

Section 5—Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held not less frequently than once in each month at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

Section 6—Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time, upon sufficient notice to the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 7—Notices and Mailing. All notices required to be given by any provision of these By-Laws shall state the authority pursuant to which they are issued (as, "by order of the President," or "by order of the Board of Directors" as the case may be) and shall bear the written, stamped, typewritten or printed signature of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Every notice shall be deemed duly served (Continued on page 7)

by any means cover the "good will toward men" in the hearts of those two Texans whom Houston

of the human race, that this man and his wife choose to employ that wealth voluntarily toward

satisfaction from life is secured by making the greatest contribution to society."

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One Of The 20,000



CHRISTINE WILSON

"Chrisie" Crashes B'way To Knock On THAT Door

By Charlotte Cuny

"The theatre's on fire!" These fateful words reached the feminine part of the cast of "Follow the Girls," including our own Christine Wilson, '43, when they were in the middle of a late benefit performance.

The girls dashed back to their Philadelphia quarters—the Forrest Theatre—to find it in flames. The men in the cast were working frantically to save the \$200 costumes, the priceless musical score, the lavish sets. But it was hopeless, and at 2:00 a.m. the weary cast gathered in the lobby of a nearby hotel to hear the heartbreaking verdict: "Show closed. May re-open later." Chris, sitting among them, knew her first taste of that punch-below-the-belt feeling that comes with the closing of a professional show.

Chris headed for Houston and a six-week's rest. While she was here, she saw her old University of Houston buddies and told the story of her 10 months' sojourn in New York.

Ex-students will remember Chris for her work in the Red Masque Players during her four years of active participation in campus affairs and for her masterly direction of the Varsity Varieties of '43, '44, and '45. She was a "beauty" in the '43 Houstonian and made "Who's Who in American Colleges" in her senior year. When she graduated, she worked for a year on the campus as secretary to James Hutchinson and then left the University to become assistant to Johnny Andrews at the Houston Music Hall. Finally, in October, 1945, she fulfilled a life-long ambition to pack her bags and catch a fast train to New York.

She managed to find a tiny one-room apartment on West 80th St., and began the job-hunt.

Armed only with her good looks,

her Houston experience under L. S. Mitchell, Ralph Mead, and Johnny Andrews, and an all-consuming desire to ACT, Miss Wilson began to make the rounds. Everyone she met was cordial, glad to take her application, and totally unimpressed with her amateur experience.

"Come back later," "Call back," "We'll keep you on file"—day after discouraging day that was all she heard.

When her funds were almost at rock bottom, Chris turned to her second talent—modeling. Again she had some Houston experience to offer, and this time the response was much more encouraging. She met "THE" John Powers, himself, and he said he could use her if she could take off an inch around the waist. Unfortunately, removing even an inch takes time, and Chris was getting hungry so she took a job at exclusive Jay Thorpe just off Fifth Avenue. There she modeled suits and sport clothes, enjoying the work immensely.

She used her lunch hours to visit theatrical offices; and one beautiful day a producer promised her a part in a forth-coming Bert Lahr review. Since rehearsals weren't to begin for several weeks and Chris was worried about her mother who was ill, she quit her job at Jay Thorpe and made a trip to Houston. She reported back to the producer on the appointed day, full of enthusiasm and hope, only to be told that the show had been postponed indefinitely. So the weary round of job-hunting began all over again.

About this time, Betty Green Little, of Houston, came to New York to be in Margo Jones' show, "Whitman Avenue," and shared Chris' apartment. Having a room-mate to talk to—especially someone from home—was the best thing, Chris

By LaVergne Morrison

The University of Houston's first Homecoming is scheduled for November 16 and with it will come a round of spectacular activities highlighted by the football game with North Texas and a big dance following it. Both affairs are high on all Exes' social lists.

Fashionably speaking, the star of the game isn't always on the playing field. She might very well be the girl in the stands who's wearing one of this season's popular two-piece peplum suits in the latest vintage hues! The pale amber glow of sauterne or the clear ruby of claret.

With it wear a contour hat—the close fitting cloche that follows the smooth curve of your head. All top designers are calling these little hats The Hat of the Hour, and surely they are for you can start your day with one versatile cloche and go around the clock in it, pausing only to transform it for any and all occasions with a quick change of trimming. For time saving, wardrobe-coordinating, and most of all, smartness, the basic cloche is tops.

To complete the ensemble you might choose a new smaller type shoulder bag of saddle-stitched cowhide and gloves to match. This

said, that could have happened to her.

Then Johnny Andrews came to New York, introduced Chris to an agent, who introduced her to another agent, who introduced her to a producer . . . and the net result, after tryouts, was a bit part for Christine Wilson in the road show of the highly successful Broadway production, "Follow the Girls," starring Gertrude Niesen.

The show opened in Philadelphia, and on the opening night, Chris received word that her father had had a heart attack! But the "presence" she had learned on the tiny stage of the University of Houston stood her in good stead, and Chris did so well with her small part (which involved 9 changes of costume and only about 6 lines) that "Pop" Niesen offered her the part of "Phyllis," the menace, or second lead to Gertrude!

After much telephoning, telegraphing, and debate, it was decided by Chris and her family that she should stay on with the show since her father was out of danger. Then came the fire! So Chris came home to assure herself that her parents were all right and to rest a little.

In September, when the show reopened in Philadelphia, Chris went back into her part. Recently she wrote to friends in Houston: "When I walked into my dressing room and got butterflies in my stomach—when I could hardly wait to get out on that stage, I knew I'd never be happy doing anything else. With all its drawbacks and hardships, a theatrical career is still what I want. Now I am hoping for a part in some new show on Broadway."

Fashions: Homecoming Costumes Will Be Versatile, Smart

type costume would be perfect for the big Homecoming game and dance.

Remember Jerry Harrington? She is Mrs. Hal Berry. (He's a U. of H. Ex, too, you know.) They were seen at the Rice-LSU football game last month. The evening was quite damp if you remember, but Jerry as usual had the situation well in hand—and in such good taste, too! She was kept warm and dry in one of the season's smartest all-weather styled coats. Full sleeves tied at the wrist, with the trim waist cinched at the belt.

Settling out of St. Luke's Methodist Church last Sunday morning was Bonnie Jo Crumpacker. That lovely red hair of hers was dramatically set off by a stunning Hunter green striped jacket.

Parting fashion note: A famous costume jeweler turns the bird and animal kingdom loose on fashion with an animated array of pin pets to mix and match in a carnival-gay way. Wear a menagerie of them on your suit and really spark your homecoming costume.

Drive To Contact 20,000 Ex-Students Is Under Way

With plans for an extensive membership drive made, members of the Ex-Students Association recently have been going through the permanent file of the University, addressing business-reply cards to all ex-students. On the cards prospective members are asked to indicate their interest in the Association and to give up-to-date information on their present residences and occupations.

Gene Cuny, membership chairman, said that there are 20,000 ex-students of the University and predicted a strong Ex-Student Association. Because of this large number, not every ex-student may be contacted immediately, he said, and urges interested candidates not to wait to receive a card. Membership dues, which entitle the member to participate in all ex-student activities and to receive the publication, may be mailed to: University of Houston Ex-Students Association, University of Houston, 3801 St. Bernard, Houston.

Memberships are listed with equal privileges but at three prices: \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$10.00 and up.

DEYOUNG RESIGNS—

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Article III, Section 7 of the By-Laws which says the Board shall "fill a vacancy in any office occurring from any reason whatsoever."

Mr. Saunders will conduct the called meeting of the members, October 15 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 118, Cullen building.

STILL OFF THE BEAM

By Jack Valenti

Twelve fleeting years have skipped by since that day in 1934 when the U. of H. tossed its swaddling clothes to the side and slid on the long trousers of a full-fledged university. In those twelve years, tradition and spirit, albeit young and fuzy-necked, have sprung and alumni, in the thousands, have swarmed all over the world. For instance—

Do you remember the "Little Giant," P. J. Sterne, firebrand of the campus in the roaring era of '38-'40, golden days of university politics? Undisputed leader of a stormy political faction, P. J. swung a big oratorical stick . . . a captain now in the Air Corps, he intends to stay in and wife, former Nancy Hicks, queen of the high school reception in '43, agrees that it's a good life.

One of the more accomplished female vote-grabbers, Alice David Rainey, high school reception queen in '41, pads about her household with the two Rainey offsprings whilst husband Norton fills the family exchequer . . .

The fabulous Taub boys, Henry and John, are home again . . . former councilman John, '40, '41, brought back a lovely blonde wife from Chicago and Henry, political big-wig, man-about-the-campus, '39-'41 after four years as a naval officer, is back for keeps.

War nipped the silver-lined college career of Sherwood Crane in its promising bud . . . prexy of the Texas Student Government Association, '42, slated for the top local campus job the next year, Sher joined the Navy. Now he's hustling lumber customers (and lumber) for his burgeoning Angleton yard . . . long and lean were those Seabee days in the Pacific.

Friendly, girthy Granville Mast, '40, '41, intimate of the U. of H.'s war hero, the late John (Piledriver) Sargent, sports a new Plymouth and a rep as one of Quaker Oats' crack salesmen . . .

Incidentally, naval pilot Sargent's second Silver Star was recently awarded, posthumously . . . with two Silver Stars, four DFC's two Purple Hearts, five Air Medals, a recommendation for the Navy Cross and eleven Jap plane kills to his credit, Sargent was the most decorated of U. of H. fighters . . . He perished aboard the Bunker Hill when a kamikaze found its mark.

Writer-actor-poet-wit George Chiasson, '37-'40, greying now and leaner, re-enlisted as master sergeant and is in Germany; Chiasson, Virginia Loughridge, '36-'38, with Jack Palmer, '36-'39 and Bill Roberts, '37-'40 (now in New York with a foot in the big-league writing door) used to garble Red Masque productions in Academy Award clothing.

Once night school frosh president, '41, now Marine Lieutenant, diminutive Ralph Culver is hustling out of his khaki and into some law

books . . . which is where one-time student association VP, '41, Ed Davis is now . . .

In '40 a freshman beauty, and still lovely, wee Virginia Helton Pressly minds the two Pressly heirs while handsome Jimmy bones up on his studies.

Co-writer-director-producer and founder of the Varsity Varieties, versatile Gene Cuny, '39-'42 and Mrs. C., the former Charlotte Walser, '39-'42, are back from the East where Gene doubled in shining brass as a fellow at Yale and drama coach at Skidmore College, an all-girls school, which for a single man would be a position of infinite and rosy possibilities.

Need money, want a loan, can you spare an ear lobe as security? Then see Halbert Berry, '39-'41, one-time Pre-Law high lama and Frontier Fiesta-er, who is now fondling treasury notes at the South Main State Bank . . . wife, former Jerry Harrington, Cougar Collegian etc. '40-'41, herds the two Berry youngsters about their hacienda.

From campus politico to Austin is an easy leap. Charlie Murphy, '35, made it gracefully in the July elections and becomes a legislator, statesman and bearer of liberty's torch come January 1 when he takes office as our representative.

Black-thatched, volatile Larry Bleiden, ex-Marine, day school frosh prexy, '41, is crashing the

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and a nine member Board of Directors. Officers elected were Louise de Young, president, Jacqueline Menefee, vice resident, Velma Whitaker, recording secretary, and Marion Bleike, corresponding secretary. Three-year term Board members were Charles Saunders, Foster Montgomery, and Tom Menefee. Two-year members elected were Roger Bleike, Evelyn Thompson, and Hill Feagin. One-year members were Rosemary Pellerin, Robert Schoen and Rosemary McBride. At each annual election, three new Board members will be elected to serve for a term of three years.

At the same meeting a set of By-Laws which had been prepared by Charles Saunders, Tom Menefee and Roger Bleike were accepted with very little change. (The EXtra prints Article I of the By-Laws in this issue and the following Articles will be printed in later issues.) A formerly recommended set of membership prices was approved setting regular memberships at \$2.50, supporting memberships at \$5.00 and patron memberships at \$10.00 or more. All memberships have equal rights.

In May an open house honoring the Class of '46 was given by the Association at the home of Charles Saunders.

Board Meets

Though there were no meetings

of the members during the summer, the Board met once a month until the middle of August. Since that time, it has met with the officers approximately once a week. Upon the receipt of the resignation of Robert Schoen, the Board elected Gene Cuny to take his place and Mr. Cuny presented a committee plan which has been adopted with little revision by the Board. Committees set up are: Publications, headed by Hill Feagin; Publicity, headed by Rosemary Pellerin; Membership, with Gene Cuny as chairman; Special Events, which includes social events, Homecoming and reunions, headed by Tom Menefee; Educational, which includes sponsoring speakers, book reviews and other cultural projects for the University and the ex-students, headed by Charles Saunders; Planning and Projects, consisting of plans to build the University library, raise the academic standing of the University and to study the eventual possibility of an Association building, headed by Evelyn Thompson; and the Ways and Means committee, under the direction of Roger Bleike.

All committees have begun to be active although the Special Events committee is the only one to date having added committee members. Mr. Menefee has asked Hal Berry, Alice David Rainey and Norman Atkinson to serve with him, and the committee is now working on

plans for Homecoming, Nov. 16.

On September 4, the Board of Directors and the officers met with Dr. W. W. Kemmerer, exchanged ideas and suggestions, and received Dr. Kemmerer's assurance of the University's deep interest in the group and of its cooperation.

A half section of reserved seats was assigned the Association at the University's first intercollegiate football game with SLI September 21, and an informal get-together was held in the Cullen building after the game.

The Ways and Means and Membership committees have worked together to get out business reply cards to the 20,000 ex-students, with the idea of acquainting them with the organization and to make a list of correct addresses for the Association's files. As the EXtra goes to press, almost 10,000 cards have been mailed.

Having received the resignation of Louise de Young from the office of president, the Board elected Charles Saunders at its September 24 meeting to finish her unexpired term. At the same meeting, they authorized the publication of this first issue, The EXtra, primarily to announce the next general meeting.

With extensive plans to be discussed and acted upon, the Board of Directors and the officers are enthusiastically awaiting the meeting with the members at 8:00 p.m. October 15, 118 Cullen building.

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THE MEN BEHIND THE MEN WHO CARRY THE BALL

With the University's first full year of inter-collegiate sports, the newly assembled athletic staff has had more than its share of hard work, handicaps, and confusion.

Heading the aggregation of men who will put the University on the athletic map, is Harry H. Fouke, who holds down the position of Director of Athletics. A 1935 Rice graduate, Fouke earned football letters as a backfield man there in '32, '33 and '34, and lettered as a guard in basketball in '33.

A member of Rice's first Southwest Conference championship team in '33, he won the Bob Quin award for athletic performance and scholarship. The award is considered the outstanding honor for athletes at Rice.

Fouke has coached in San Antonio and served as director of physical education for the Houston public schools. He received his M. A. degree in physical education from Columbia University.

Man of the hour, is Jewell Wallace, head football coach. A graduate of TCU, Wallace played half-back three years, earned two basketball letters, and performed as a trackman for the Horned Frogs.

Coach Wallace was in charge of football and basketball at San Angelo high school for 1943 to 1946. His '43 grid team won the state championship and the '44 squad went to the semi-finals before being eliminated.

Head basketball coach and assistant football coach is Alden Pasche. Another Rice graduate, Pasche earned varsity letters as an end. He has coached at Sam Houston as head football mentor and head basketball coach at Lamar high school. The University basketball team won the Lone Star conference championship last year under the tutelage of Coach Pasche.

Jack Patterson, track coach, will also serve as "B" team coach. Track fans remember Patterson as a brilliant performer on the cinders at Rice. He was holder of the Southwestern Conference high hurdles record and National AAU champion in 1939. Before coming to the University, Patterson served as track coach, and "B" team football and basketball coach at San Angelo high school where he helped Wallace mold the state schoolboy championship team in the '43 football season.

Newest member of the athletic staff, is Ned Thompson who has taken on the job of business manager. Thompson has established an outstanding athletic background, having won 20 letters in football, basketball, track, baseball and tennis. While attending Sam Houston State Teachers College, he earned letters as a football end, basketball guard, and track hurdler and half miler in 1931 and 1932.

On graduation from Sam Houston, Thompson coached at his alma mater, Angleton high school, and at Richmond high school. In 1941 he



JEWELL WALLACE



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moved to Pasadena where he turned out one regional and two bi-district championships in football, five district championships in track and two district and one state championship in basketball. In 1946, Thompson coached the Southern All-Stars basketball team which defeated the Northern All-Stars 34-33 at a coaching school.

NOTICE EX-STUDENTS

If you have not yet received your membership card, please fill in the questionnaire below and send it with your remittance to University of Houston Ex-Students Association, University of Houston, 3801 St. Bernard, Houston.

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SPORT LIGHT

by Johnny Goyen



Well, the great day finally arrived for thousands of U. of H. ex-students. Yes, the University of Houston has entered into the world of intercollegiate football. This means a lot to former students, especially to those who fought a losing battle some years back in efforts to introduce the pigskin sport on the campus. It will eventually mean that the young U. of H. will rank among the nation's finest and best known colleges in a few years to come. With the unbelievable growth that the institution has witnessed in these past few years, and with the addition of that missing link—sports—the college is destined to become one of the south's greatest.

The SLI Bulldog-Cougar clash on September 21 indoctrinated the U. of H. into football circles. The Bulldogs, Oil Bowl champions in 1944, had a veteran team said to possess the power to easily knock out the "green" unheard of Cougars. But Coach Jewell Wallace's

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when the same has been deposited in the United States mail, with postage fully prepaid and plainly addressed to the addressee at his, or her, last address appearing upon the membership record of this Corporation.

Section 8—Waiver of Notice. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting of the members or of the Board of Directors may be waived by telegram or other writing, either before or after such meeting has been held.

COVER

Tossing a long one for the EXtra's October cover is Charlie Manichia, 168-pound Cougar back. A rising star on the U. of H. team, Manichia has the distinction of having carried the ball for the first Cougar touchdown in intercollegiate football.

boys had different ideas and proved to the 12,000 cheering fans that they wouldn't be a pushover for anybody's team, not even an Oil Bowl champion. They outfought, outran, outthrustled and did every-

Coming from behind in the first quarter, the Cougars tromped the Camp Hood Wheelers 37-7 in their third game October 5 at Temple. Jack Gwin, Gene Krus, Charlie Manichia, Ralph Porter, and Floyd Hand made the touchdowns with Ken Hawkins kicking the extra points.

thing to produce a winner except outpass their foe. From the opening kickoff, until the last minute of play when the score was tied up at 7-all, the Cougars had local dopesters wondering how Wallace had drilled his talent into such a hard working unit in the short length of time.

The Cougars racked up six first downs to the Bulldog's four and opened holes, seemingly at will, against a line 10 pounds per man their better. Even though the Cougars lost their historical opener in the last 17 seconds by virtue of a 63 yard pass-run play, they displayed the characteristics of a veteran organization. Everyone connected with the University was truly proud of the unexpected fine showing of this "infant" aggregation.

WIN SECOND GAME

In their second game, which was against West Texas, the Cougars again met a heavier team, this time 15 pounds per man. Statistically they were beaten badly in this tilt, but fortunately games aren't won and lost in the statistics column. The Cougars made only two first downs to fourteen for the West Texans; they made 63 yards from scrimmage to 282 for their opposition, yet they actually won the ruggedly fought encounter 14 to 12.

They took advantage of every break and with the educated toe of freshman Ken Hawkins who added enough extra points to ice the game, the Cougar gridders achieved something they can never repeat—They won their FIRST football game.

With hustle, determination and backing, the Cougars will be a team to keep an eye on when the Lone Star race gets heated. It's our guess that the "green" boys will give 'em all a tough tussle and be among the top teams come season's ending.

Notes on the Classes

By Rosemary Pellerin

The EXtra's class reporters having all gone out to a nylon and shirt sale for this issue, we present an abbreviated edition of what this feature will be in the future. Classes '43, '44, and '45 are herein represented. Class reporter positions are open; the line forms at Scardino Printing. The Editors.

Back from the Navy, and looking better than ever, is Walter Barabash, '43 . . . Evelyn Lyne and Bob O'Leary are now Mr. and Mrs. and are making their home in La Jolla, Calif. where Bob is engaged in lab work . . . Making a name for herself is Mary Beth Roberts MacDonald, who has opened a school of modeling in the Rice Hotel. Listed among her students are golden-haired Pat Rourke and Martha Dillahaunty . . . Donald Jeppeson, remembered for his dramatic characterizations, is in Virginia studying for the Episcopate ministry . . . Teaching in the Houston elementary schools this fall are Anne Thompson, Marian Pellerin, Dorothy Lee Engdahl, and Dorothy Stakemiller Feagin. Helen Pomonis and Gabbart Wilder are ably wielding the Hickory stick in a local high school . . . We're wondering

what it takes to get a bid to one of those Saturday night suppers at the Joe Manahan's. She was Jane Peters until last May—remember? The John Stewarts and Charles Brigances were recently honored . . . A loyal member of the Association from the very beginning has been blue-eyed Helen Eritton . . . Two ex-students who suffered during registration were Nell Jean Stewart and Jean Rae Botts of the UH's registrar's and general office . . . in there battling for the Association is Mary McMullin Scruggs—and shouldn't we all?!

Class of 1946

By Connie Biossat

('46's scribe, Miss Biossat, is an ex-Cougar editor now writing for The Houston Post.)

Continuing his education at the University of Missouri is Jim Palmer, journalism grad and '45-'46 secretary of the Student Association . . . Likewise Pat Van Burgh, who is now attending Ohio State University working on her master's degree.

Among the many taking up duties as housewives during the sum-

mer were Ruth Roberts, Virginia Corley and Phyllis Bogard.

Sylvia Steinberg's friendly smile now greets customers at the Book Mart instead of in the biology lab . . . Walter Waldhauser, BMOC last year, just couldn't stay away from the University and is taking time out from his tropical fish business to attend a radio class at night school.

Minerva Black, senior class prexy in '45-'46, has been busy with the opening of the fall term of the Little School of the Theatre, which she directs . . . Just taking it easy for the present is Al Brieger.

In case there is anyone who hasn't heard it yet, Elsie Roberts is now in Hollywood, working for Warner Bros., after a successful summer at the Irvine School of the Theatre in New York.

Ross Davis is now a medical student at Tulane University . . . Buddy Brock has laid aside his drums and is in business with his brother . . . while carrying on her old job at The Chronicle is Moselle Jacobs.

Well it looks like that's about it. So I'll sign "30" to my efforts for this time.

OFF THE BEAM—

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local radio bigtime . . . as a talented commentator and actor.

Everyone knows about willow-tall Christine Wilson and her success on the legit stage in the Big City . . . Red Masquer, '39-'41, actress Wilson has a beeg role in the road-showing Gertrude Niesen production.

Enfante-terrible of early COUGAR days, former editor Wellington Abbey, '38-'39, now runs the business end of HOUSTON COTTON DIGEST. Beauteous wife, former Anna May Garrett, wrapped up beaucoup beauty honors in '39 and '40.

Still captaining in the Army Air Corps, one-time frosh prexy, '39, Jerry Leinweber snared a lovely Mid-West wife after hunting the Hun in European skies.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Homecoming

Football game—U. of H. vs. North Texas—2:30 p.m. Nov. 16.
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