



Last year's Homecoming in review: Upper left, Breakfast scene. On the right, Johnny Goyen receives the 1954 Outstanding Alumnus Award from Mr. H. R. Cullen. Lower center, is Queen Nancy Daugherty, (now Schroeder). Background scenes will repeat, come November 19, 1955.

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Dean Of Women, Ebaugh Still A Teacher At Heart

It took the University's most recent of a line of distinguished deans of women 25 years to grow into the job.

Mrs. Bessie Monroe Ebaugh became associated with the University in 1930, when it was known as Houston Junior College. Since that time she has worked her way to a master's degree at Columbia University and presently is taking her PHD at the same University.

"Living with undergraduate students in the dormitories has given me an insight into the problems, pleasures, and work of University co-eds," said Mrs. Ebaugh.

A teacher at heart, Mrs. Ebaugh is still teaching English at the University. She said that she felt teaching helps her to keep in closer contact with the students and their problems.

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SCHEDULE OF HOMECOMING EVENTS

November 18
11:am, PEP RALLY, Cullen Auditorium
7:30 pm, BONFIRE Entrance No. 2, Campus
November 19
10:am, PARADE, Downtown Houston
12:Noon, LUNCHEON, College Inn
2:pm, UH vs Villanova, Rice Stadium
5:pm, OPEN HOUSE
9:pm, Homecoming Dance Rice Hotel

Enrollment Up 3.0, To 13,357

Figures showing an enrollment increase of about three per cent leaves the University still Texas' second largest school. This semester 13,357 students are enrolled.

This number, arrived at by the registrar's office, is not a final or complete tabulation. It includes only credit students; not included are those students whose transcripts have not arrived from other schools, students who are in arrears on tuition payments and other students who are temporarily listed as non-credit.

Thirty-five percent of the students are in school under the World War II or the Veterans Act.

While a final tabulation of the attending students is not possible this early, many of the

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'55 Schedule Lists Pep Rallies, Bon Fire, Luncheon, Game, Dance

Each year the University of Houston Homecoming celebration grows larger and more spectacular. '55 Chairman "Hank" Hudson assures us that "We ain't seen nuthin yet."

Festivities get under way at 11:00 Friday morning, November 18. At that time a Pep Rally will echo through Cullen Auditorium with the assistance of the Cheer Leaders, Ed Gerlach and Band, General Bruce, the Coaches, and the entire Football Squad.

Friday evening, about 7:30, the traditional king-sized Bon Fire will feel the torch. As flames from APO's skyscraper burn brightly, the Cougar Band will spark enthusiasm Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Cullen will be there too.

Then, on Saturday at 10:00, the greatest Homecoming parade ever seen in Houston will move down Main Street. Indications are that the '55 parade will have

NOTICE

The annual HOMECOMING DANCE will be held in the Crystal Ballroom, Rice Hotel, November 19, beginning at 9 PM.

Only 500 tickets will be printed and sold. The price of the tickets is \$4 per couple, if purchased in advance.

If any tickets remain unsold at dance time, they will be available at the door at the printed price, \$5.00.

Mail and phone orders are now being accepted in the Alumni Office, 3801 Cullen Blvd. Capitol 4-1681, Ext. 251.

Luncheon Tickets for the Varsity Room, pre-game meal at noon, Nov. 19 are also available at \$2 each. No Luncheon tickets will be sold at the door advanced sales ONLY.



more floats, more bands, more stunts and more color and beauty.

Following the Parade, Exes will gather at Ye Old College Inn for a Pre-Game Luncheon. Tentative plans call for busses to pick up diners at the restaurant for transportation to the stadium.

Then comes the big "Cat Fight"—the UH Cougars vs. the Villanova Wildcats, at 2 P.M. The young Philadelphians closed the '54 season with a convincing 41-0 victory over Fordham, and

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BILLBOARD

Autumn must be the moving season for the US Military services. For example: **Don Tomasco '53, '55** stopped in to Howdy Billboard. Don's enroute from Ft. Devens, Mass. to Ft. Dix and Frankfort, Germany. Some detour, Lieutenant.

From Yokohama we learn that two Exes, Pvt. **Louis L. Griffin** and PFC **Bruce O. Stevenson** are with the 27th Anti Aircraft Bn. there. Stevenson is an information specialist and Griffin is radar operator.

End. Lt. **Robert M. Long, '54** just graduated from the Army's European Ordnance School in Fuessen, Germany. Bob is a platoon leader with the 565 QM Co.

Another second looie, **Bruce Settle, '54** just completed Infantry Basic at Ft. Benning. And another, **Wallace Bravenec, '54** is now located in Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Pvt. **Jack West, '54**, was named "Soldier of the Month" at Oakland Army Base, California. Jack is a radio man with the 752 Ack-Ackers.

'52 grad, now 1st. Lt. **William C. Hill**, just completed QM school at Ft. Lee. 2nd. Lt. **Stephen M. Meeks**, is now with the 3rd. Armored at Ft. Knox. **Thomas Colley, '54** Geologist, has received his commission and is in the Canal Zone with wife Laura (Kemper) and baby son.

Stephen F. Condon, '52 and **LeRoy R. Hardy, '54** both received Naval commissions in September, after four months at the USN OCS.

So much for our uniformed Exes. 1950 graduate **Jess A. Kern** is now listed as an Industrial Engineer with Dupont in Victoria, Texas. **William J. McLeod** has enrolled in the School of Theology at Southern Baptist in Louisville, Ky.

Is this a record? **Bill Cunningham**, his Dad, Bill, Sr., his wife, Betty Marie, his sisters, Patricia Ann and Yvonne are all listed as UH Exes. Bill says he is trying to get his Mom to sign up for at least one course to complete the family registration.

Mary Ellen (Forester) Rouse, 1952, is now at Ft. Riley, Kan., with hubby and a newcomer named Kathryn Ellen who appeared August 9th.

Toddie Gardner dropped in to say hello but Billboard wasn't home. Thanks anyway for the note, Toddie.

R. M. Millwee, '49, now located in his own offices as Consulting Engineer, out on Kirby Drive.

'54 Pharmacist, **Charles R. East**, sends us a prescription sheet informing us that he has been buying Pabulum for son Mark David since July 22, 1955. Charles and family are in Baton Rouge.

'55 Engr. **Munson H. Tix** has joined Monsanto's Plastic's Division in Texas City.

Francis (Harwas) Rogers, sends us a note listing five old addresses and a new one in an attempt to straighten out the mailing problem. We appreciate it so much that we're running a pic of young Bruce, son and pride of Frances and TWA pilot, Curtis Rogers. Cute, eh?



B. L. Coughlin, recently elected Exec VP of Westex Oil and Groebel Oil, simultaneously.

Texas Gas Corp. names **John L. Buvens** as VP and manager of Crude, Gas & Sales.

Married: **Claire Jaworski** to Robert Draper; Engaged: **Hertzel Phillip Aron** to Frances Kaye Leach.

William T. Blue is now coordinator of supervisory training for Lamar School of Vocations, Beaumont.

Fro mFrankfurt, Germany, Pvt. **Robert H. Treadway** announces the August 31st arrival of a son to wife Martha Lee. Bob is with the 4th INF. Div.

Former Half-Back **Jim Baughman** is on the other side of the fence now as a member of the non-playing Sideline Coaches Assn. His Dad has been a member for some time.

Speaking of football, the Aggies didn't clobber Curley Johnson in that game. The film disclosed that our own **Tom Dimmick** kneed Curley behind the head in an attempt to vault over the downed fullback.

Tommy Mercer, '52, now at March AFB, Cal., will be back in big-H for the wedding of **Harold McMannus, '52**, and **Irene Perry, '54**, this Nov. 12. Incidentally, Tommy is

Glenn Heath Buys Brazosport Paper

"The largest newspaper in Brazoria County" is now co-owned by Glenn Heath, 1950 UH grad, and George H. Gaston. Heath has served as editor for the Brazosport Citizen since its first issue, Sept. 13, 1951.

A native Texas, Heath was born in Ranger. At the University he majored in journalism and photography. Many of his photographs are still used in University brochures.

Heath started his newspaper career as a cub reporter on the police beat for the Houston Post, then served with the Angleton Daily Review before joining the Citizen staff.

— HOME COMING —

(Continued from Page 1) their current season shows increasing talent in line and backfield. With a 212 pound average in the line for Villanova, and seven lettermen behind them, the Cougars will have a busy day. Incidentally, this is the rubber game of the series. 1951 saw the Wildcats take us, 33-27. Last year the Big Red treed the cat, 28-7.

At the sound of the final gun in the football game, Fraternities, Sororities and Clubs will throw back their doors for Open House all over town.

At 9 P.M. the Crystal Ballroom in the Rice Hotel will become the scene of revelry for the Homecoming Crowd. Tickets are now on sale. (see box)

At half-time during the football game this year's Homecoming Queen and her Honorees will appear, as will the "Outstanding UH Alumnus" for 1955. Formal presentation of awards to the Queen, Outstanding Ex, and winners in the parade float contest will be made during the dance.

A special issue of the Extra will furnish a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a magazine.

an AF "triple-threat man."—Meaning, he can occupy the Pilot's, Navigator's or Bombardier's positions.

Helen K. Bottrell, E. D. '54, has been awarded the High School Faculty Fellowship for '55-'56 and will spend the year at KUHT-TV researching educational TV for classroom use. Dr. Bottrell is on leave of absence from Pasadena ISD.

Exes Jack and Mary Lou Wilson (Moffett) surprised by 25 friends who dropped in unannounced for a house warming.

Ninita Phillips touring German elementary and vocational schools with 25 other American school teachers. She overseas teaching children of US Servicemen.

Harry Vitemb, who has promoted everything from excursion boats to restaurants has now launched a new career in real estate, with his new state license in hand.

George L. Walker announces the formation of a Law practice with Victor Saub in the San Jacinto Bldg.

And, **Lyman I. Owen, CPA**, has opened his public accounting offices in the Sterling Bldg.

'54 grad **Phil Zimmerman** is up near Anchorage, Alaska, with the Armed Forces Radio Service. Says it's a good deal.

Bob Werbel, '53, insists we let Dallas Exes know his address: 3921 Buena Vista, Apt. B. Bob's a press agent with United Artists, in big D.

James V. Womack hauled in the big prize in the UH Sideline Coaches' membership contest. Jim brought 12 recruits into the fold.

Former Prexy **Sherwood Crane** in pretty good shape after his serious spine operation, but does not welcome hearty slaps on the back.

Leone Haines Hurlburt, '48, says she is glad to read about all the new babies 'cause they eventually show up in her Kindergarten. But, she says, "You oughta' see my eight grandchildren." As far as we know, that is a record for Cougar grandchillun. Anyone dispute the title?

SEE YOU AT HOMECOMING!



Ex student and gem specialist, Ben Noble holds an egg for comparison with the 264 carat star sapphire in the hands of pretty sophomore Barbara Lou Hicks. Ben says he can sell the stone for 20-gees to an Ex, if they hurry.

Optometry Completion Raised To Six Years

The University administrators have announced that beginning with the entering class of 1956 the requirements for the degree Doctor of Optometry will be increased from five to six years.

The first five years will be essentially the same as the present program. The sixth year will consist largely of clinical training and approved electives in related fields. For the time being, a certificate meeting the legal requirements for the practice of optometry will be awarded at the end of five years.

According to Dean Charles R. Stewart, the decision to add a

careful analysis of the educational needs in optometry. "We believe that the sixth year will strengthen our program so that our graduates will be prepared to provide the maximum in visual care for the people whom they will serve", he said.

The elective program will be worked out for the individual and will represent a "minor" area of study. Students may expand their knowledge in fields such as child development, industrial sixth years was made after a consulting, or reading, or they may develop skill and knowledge as a specialists in orthoptics and visual training, or contact lenses.

If they wish, they may select an appropriate program in a related field such as biology, physiology, physics, or psychology. "The noteworthy thing about the sixth year" said Dean Stewart, "is that the student will have an opportunity to develop and broaden his education according to his individual interests and desires".

The certificate which will be awarded to those completing only five years of the program is looked upon by the University of Houston as a compromise, to keep in step with the legal requirements as presently established by the profession.

— ENROLLMENT —

(Continued from Page 1) schools and colleges have reported substantial increases in enrollment. The College of Arts and Sciences reports 22,307 student courses are being taught. This is an increase of 2604 over last year's total.

The College of Business Administration, with 6305 student courses, shows an increase from last semester's 5910. The College of Education reported 3081 over last year's 2822.

The College of Optometry jumped to 349 as compared to 280 last year. The School of Architecture reports 610 student courses, the College of Engineering 3527; last semester the two reported a composite of 4142 courses.

Gerlach Band On Solid Disk For Ex's Assn.

A new recording of the Cougar Fight Song and the Alma Mater is now available through the Alumni office and various Campus groups. Produced by the Alumni Association, the 45 rpm disk features the famous Ed Gerlach band. Gerlach also made the new arrangements for both songs.

Lillian Crittenden and Jack Wilson ramrodded the initial pressing of one thousand records. "It appears now that we will have to make a second order long before Homecoming," Jack said.

The platter is of top professional caliber and is pressed on vinylite plastic, the very best material. Universal Recorders of Hollywood handled the mechanical reproduction.

The Alma Mater features the Jay Froman choral group. This group, augmented by the voices of the entire band, shouts out one chorus of the Fight Song on the flip side.

Campus music critics have pronounced the disk as, "Real cool, man." Write or phone the Alumni office, 3801 Cullen, CA 4-1681.



Alumni Board Secretary Lillian Crittenden and Director Ralph Poling spin the new Gerlach recording of the Fight Song and Alma Mater. "It's the greatest," both agree.

Psychology Dept. Tests 3000 Frosh

A record number of new freshmen received help from the University's Psychological Testing Center earlier this month.

More than 3000 frosh were counseled and tested by the center to determine aptitudes, IQ and specific abilities.

"The students' response was excellent," Dr. Franklin L. Stovall, head of the center, said. "The success of our program this year was made possible by our

ability to get the students out early so we could do a thorough, unhurried job."

Nearly 3500 students were contacted and 3040 went through the center.

Dr. Stovall urged any freshmen students considering dropping out of school to contact the center before making the final decision to leave.

ANNUAL LAW BANQUET

The University of Houston Law Alumni will hold their 6th Annual Banquet December 3. The dinner will begin at 7:30 pm in the Grecian Room of the Shamrock-Hilton, following the UH-Wyoming game.

A buffet dinner will be served, followed by dancing at 9:30 to the music of Bob Smith's Orchestra. Dean A. A. White will be guest speaker. In order that everyone may be served, reservations must be made in advance. Contact John J. Toomey, CA 8-9408, or Jack Treadway, CA 4-9697.



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Thousands Dwell In Reflection Pool

By Kathy Pyne
The rabbits and squirrels that

frolie over the University grounds are well known to students and faculty. However, these omnipresent animals account for only a fraction of the wildlife on campus.

As every biology student knows, the reflection pool is teeming with life. Bass, bullfrogs, protozoa — one hysterical freshman actually reported seeing an 18-inch alligator there.

When the reflection pool was new, it was stocked by the state with bass, brim and perch. Theoretically the brim would eat the perch, the bass would eat the brim, and thus keep the pool from being overstocked. Who would eat the bass was not decided, but perhaps a fisherman's luck would account for them.

Flashing fins did not decorate the pool for long. Heavy rains caused it to overflow, and the fish expired quietly on the lawn of the Science Building.

The next inhabitants of the pool were large, healthy bullfrogs. Spring is the time when all frogs love to sing. Spring is also the time for commencement. The late Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, then president emeritus, discovered that his stirring phrases has strong competition from the bullfrog chorus.

A pail of pebbles and a man with a strong throwing arm dispelled this menace to oratory, and the frogs soon left for a happier choirloft. Time passed.

The pool was planted with rare Victoria Regia water lilies. Turtles appeared, and Victoria Regia became Saturday lunch for Mr. and Mrs. Tortoise.

The biology department has played a large part in the story of the reflection pool. Jars full of protozoa have been dredged up for class study.

The present stock of bass in the pool also may be attributed to the biology department. The fish were placed there after a field trip to Lake Houston.

The pool provides a quiet place for students to reflect (no pun intended), and also a source of recreation for some non-reflect-

ors. Ed Gunn, 21-year-old optometry major, spends quiet hours fishing there. Although he seldom catches a fish, casting provided good exercise.

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sought to head a team being formed to handle its intricate operations.

An introductory IBM computer school to familiarize members of the faculty with the machine and its capabilities will be conducted Friday and Saturday.

A University research institute and computer committee has been organized, with Dr. Frank M. Tiller, dean of the College of Engineering, in charge.

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Requirements are: United States citizenship, a college degree, knowledge of the language in the country, age 35, or under and good health.

Countries where U. S. graduate students may study this year under the Fulbright program are: Australia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines and the United Kingdom.

Interested parties are invited to contact the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Sa., New York 21.

DEAN OF WOMEN—

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Mrs. Ebaugh said she feels one of her most important jobs would be to help University students adjust to campus life.

"Teaching has always been a pleasure," she said. Although her calendar is filled with appointments, she has found time to teach a class in sophomore English this fall, an aid to the students who benefit from her extensive knowledge of the classics. She did her master's work in this field.

Aside from a full schedule of counseling and advising that normally makes up the day of the dean of women, Mrs. Ebaugh takes an active part in student affairs.

She is the faculty sponsor for the Women's Student Association and the Woman's Fraternal Council. Along with these duties, Mrs. Ebaugh volunteers her service to the discipline and the loans and scholarship committees.

Mrs. Ebaugh sponsored the first woman's social group on campus, the Cougar Collegians. This background is one of teaching rather than counseling, Mrs. Ebaugh feels she has learned enough through her association with people to guide the women of our University in the right manner.

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