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## HOMECOMING PLANS SET

### 700 Grads Up '56 Total To Near 1800

More than 700 graduates picked up their sheepskins at the August 25 Commencement Exercises, and thereby joined the forces of UH Alumni. Summer graduates, plus those who finished in June, brought the 1956 graduating total to nearly 1800.

The ceremonies were televised, live, over the University's KUHT TV, as in the past. Dr. Thomas Morris Spencer, president of the Texas Public Junior College Association, was the principal speaker.

It is not likely that anyone will notice the absence of these 700 since 13,000 students are expected to be enrolled as the new semester gets underway. This figure is slightly under last year's 13,330, and two reasons are cited for the lowered estimation: the decreased number of Korean vets expected; and tuition will be higher this year.

While the 700 August graduates no longer appear on student rosters, they form an important segment of the Alumni Files. These new-grads are now being contacted by the alumni office, and will become members of the Association just as soon as addresses can be verified.



**DESTINATION: HOMECOMING**—1956 Homecoming Chairman, Tom Menefee, takes the driver's seat in the Homecoming parade. Chairman Menefee predicts that this year's celebration will offer an attractive program "to a maximum of Alumni—at a minimum cost." Menefee is accompanied by his wife, Jackie, and back seat drivers Larry and Sherwood Crane. Crane is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

### 1956 Reunion Offers Streamlined Schedule

Homecoming plans for 1956 are now complete. As Chairman Tom Menefee predicted, "this year's program will be streamlined, and will offer an attractive program, to a maximum number of Alumni—at a minimum cost."

Only three major items appear on the agenda for the annual reunion program, but each item is designed to appeal to all Exes. These feature items are, the Bonfire Ceremonies on Friday evening, the pre-game Open House, and the Breakfast after the game.

The traditional Bonfire program has been expanded to include an open-air dance on a specially constructed floor. The dance will be free of charge, courtesy of the Inter Fraternal Council, and will feature live music.

In addition, the Cougar Marching Band, Coach Meek and his staff and players, General Bruce, and selected acts from Frontier Fiesta will appear on the entertainment program preceding the ignition of the great bonfire built by the APO fraternity. Festivities get underway at 7:30. There will be no cost to Alumni, excepting for refreshments which will be available.

Alumni activities will resume at 5:30 PM, Saturday afternoon at the beautiful new Houston Housing Center, 2610 W. Alabama. This is just one-half block off Kirby, within walking distance of the stadium. The Alumni "Open House" will continue until game time, featuring cocktails, soft drinks, and other refreshments.

The affair will be on a "pay as you go" basis, with no charge for admission. Following the big game, Exes are invited to return to the Housing Center where the

Open House will continue. A Victory Breakfast will be served for those who work up an appetite beating the Aggies.

That's it, a streamlined, fast-paced program. And, you'll need a baby sitter only for Saturday. Friday, the kids are more than welcome.

Chairman Menefee points out that while Homecoming is primarily an alumni function, "your guests are welcome, we invite them to attend any and all of our functions."

In line with program streamlining, the halftime ceremonies during the football game have been reduced to a minimum. A brief program, with no long speeches, will introduce the 1956 Homecoming Queen, and the 1956 Outstanding Alumnus. Both personalities will be presented in the printed program for the game. The remaining portion of halftime will be turned over to the Texas Aggie marching band.

Advance ticket sales indicate that the Cougars and the Farmers will be playing before the biggest homecoming crowd ever assembled by the University of Houston, with 50,000 spectators a good possibility.

Here is the agenda once again: Friday, 7:30 PM, Bonfire Program; Saturday, 5:30 until game time, Open House; Saturday, after the game, Open House, continued, and the Victory Breakfast. See you there.

### Alumni Readies Plans For City Fund Drive

"Come on in, the water's fine," says Fund Chairman Walter Waldhauser. The 1956 Alumni Foundation is poised for a city-wide campaign. Plans are complete for an October 16 kickoff, and the tested methods employed guarantee the raising of a significant sum for Alma Mater.

"Only apathy on the part of our alumni can defeat us," the Chairman said. "We still need quite a few volunteers to act as team captains and agents," he added. This year's annual campaign is based on a personal contact between the agent and the alumnus. Agents will be furnished with an "Inside the U. H." booklet which gives an intimate picture of the University's financial status. This information, coupled with the fact that only small contributions are being sought should make the drive successful.

"Getting large numbers of alumni behind the Foundation," said Waldhauser, "is every bit as important as the total cash raised."

He continued, "It is time for the City of Houston to become aware that the University is an important part of the city. By training our agents to teach the facts to the thousands of alumni

they will contact in this campaign, we will spread the University story to all of Houston. And, in the process, we are confident we can produce income to help relieve some of the University's pressing problems."

You can help, by volunteering to contact 10 of your classmates. Names and addresses will be furnished you. A training program will be conducted on the evening of October 16, and you will have two weeks to make your 10 contacts. Call CA 4-1861, Ext. 251 now. Your University needs your help.

Repeating the facts for those who may have missed last issue: The EXtra has been losing about \$3,000.00 annually in mailing paper without charge to the total alumni roster. Advertising sales have never balanced the budget, and the loss of space through advertisement meant that many news stories had to be eliminated.

Is the EXtra worth \$1.00 per year? That's the question being put to 14,000 alumni. Several hundred answered "yes" to the notice in last month's issue, and forwarded one buck each to back up the statement.

#### MISS. STATE TICKETS GOING FAST

It is too late for mail order service. If you have not yet picked up your tickets, come by the Alumni office, Room 215 Ezekiel Callen Building. The best of the remaining seats will be available to you, but the first to come will be the first served. Call CA 4-1681, Ext. 251, for further information.

#### Foundation Grants \$7500

The National Science Foundation of Washington, D.C., has approved a grant of \$7,500 to the University. The money will be used in support of a research project in the chemical engineering department.

### EXTRA WORTH \$1?

At the last meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors a motion was passed authorizing the EXtra to begin publication on a paid subscription basis. It was pointed out that the new policy would permit gradual upgrading of the publication with the final product being worthy of our school.

A notice and subscription form appears on page three. If you wish to remain on the EXtra mailing list, act now. If you have already sent in your dollar, please phone at least one friend and remind him to do the same.

### Time And Tickets Short For Grid Season Opener

You are not too late, but this is the final notice. The Alumni Association still has the best available seats for the September 29 football opener with Mississippi State. C. J. Kehoe, ticket chairman, says, "We are going to have a lot of alumni sitting in the end-zone if they don't check with the alumni office mighty quick."

The Cougar-Maroon game promises to be a sell-out attraction. Billboards, placards, table tents and newspaper publicity are in evidence all over town. As the EXtra goes to press the word is that ticket sales are nearly 30,000 over the figure normally expected for a Big-Red opening game. Add this to normal sales, last minute sales, and sales at the gate—you can see that a smart alumnus will drive out to the Campus right

now and pick up his tickets:

The Mississippi Staters are described elsewhere in this issue. The Cougars will field the best team ever, according to Head Coach Meek. Meek makes no predictions as to the number of games he expects to win this year, but does say, "If we could play the '55 schedule with this '56 team, we'd show a lot more in the 'win' column, than we did last year."

Once again now—the Alumni block of tickets is going fast. But, as long as we have any tickets left, they will be better than anything you can buy anywhere else. Check this at other ticket sources and then come on out and pick up tickets to the greatest opening game in Cougar history.

## BILLBOARD

Ol' Billboard is mighty pleased with the response to the \$1.00 EXtra subscription policy. In fact, most of our mail this month included the one buck fee. We got a lot of nice notes too, but there are still several thousand Exes who are going to miss the EXtra if they don't get on the ball.

Eugene M. Hrusk, on duty as a 2nd Lt. in Nurnberg, Germany, is rooting for the Cougar football team, and regretting that he has to do it "long distance."

Fresh out of the Army's QM school in Fort Lee, is Andrew H. Olson, Jr., '56.

1st Lt. Vernon P. Eschenfeider, has just traded his gold bars for silver, at Ryukyus Army Hospital in Okinawa.

'55 grad Henry C. Werhing, Jr. has just graduated Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

A change of address for Jacquelyn (Jackie Enloe) Howard, '51. Jackie's teaching at Aldine Jr. Hi, and has just completed her master's work.

Bob Mathes, catching us in one of our many errors, points out that when we said Babe Ruth hit 614 homeruns in his lifetime, we should have said 714. Bob's right. He's writing radio and TV copy with the Ayer Agency, and shares an office with Allen Meyer. And, a PS says he has married "a gorgeous fraulein."

Sure hated to miss the wedding, but couldn't help it. James William Corrigan, Jr. and Vera Jane Richey tied the knot on August 23.

New Board Member Phil Allin tells us that Frank G. Mutzinger '50, is moving from Corpus to New Orleans as district manager for Union Oil and Gas. Also leaving Corpus is Neil Hanson, '54, to return to Houston. Phil, Frank and Neil are all geologists with Union.

Walter W. Mehnert, '56 is "a-working on the railroad," Southern Pacific to be more precise.

Boy-baby number two for the John Chapman's (Norma). This one weighed in at 9 lb-4 oz. on August 13.

American Airlines announces that Charles M. (Chuck) Hunt has been appointed a flight engineer operating out of Chicago.

Alumni needing office furniture and equipment ought to get in touch with Jack Polk at 1600 Polk. That's right, Polk on Polk.

The U.S. Department of Commerce tells us that P. A. Hudson, has just written an important paper titled, "Improved Themistor Bridge for RF Power Measurement." A copy of the paper furnished us is full of mathematical symbols so naturally we don't know what it's all about. But, we are impressed.

Shirley Engelmann, '56, is teaching music in the Goose Creek, Baytown system.

Edgar and Nancy McHugh, both '56, have a new baby girl, Jenny Beth. Nancy used to be Miss Zwick.

Advertising? Check with William R. Gray, '52. Bill has opened an agency at 1734 Luguay Drive, Bellaire.

The first home builder to operate in Houston with a degree in homebuilding is Joseph J. Burris, Jr. Joe graduated in '56, is currently building in Sharpstown, and is president of Westmoreland Realty.

Guess you noticed Congressional Candidate "Tony" Friloux pictured with President Eisenhower in the downtown papers. Tony will furnish the Republican opposition to the long time Democratic incumbent, Albert Thomas.

Paul Bishkin, still plugging the UH out in Albuquerque, sends his subscription dollar and the word that Bob and Ardell Paul are now in that neighborhood. We never should have called Paul an "unpaid press agent." Now he's looking for an expense account.

Mary E. McGowan, '52, wasn't content to send a buck for the EXtra, but included an additional ten-spot "for the deficit." What this office needs is more Mary McGowans.

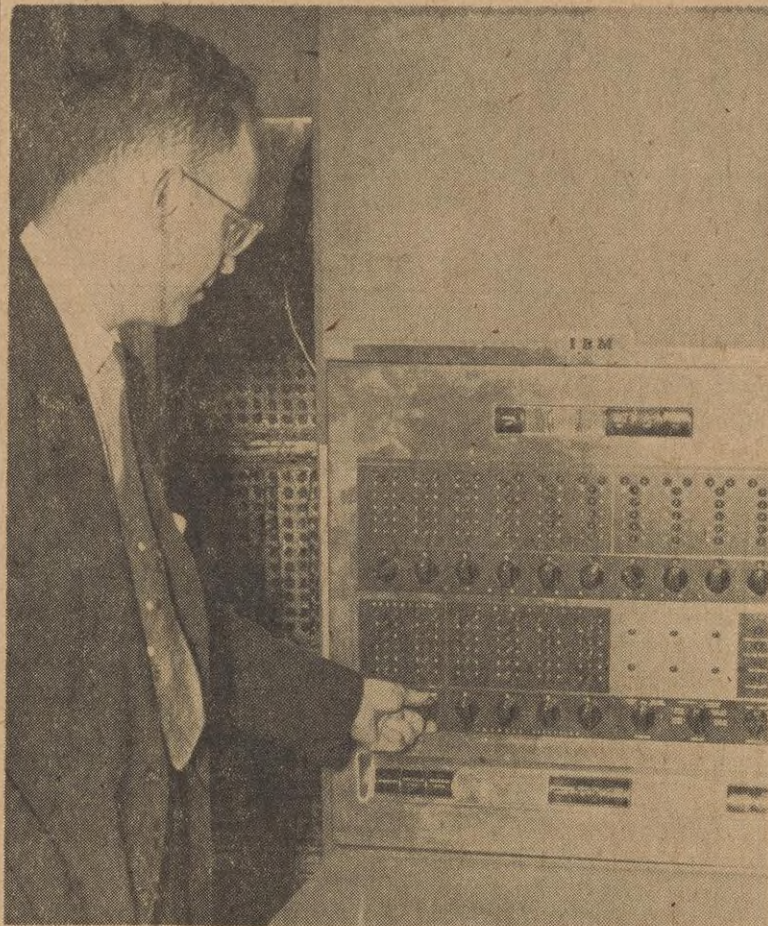
Pete McStravick, '51, Petroleum Engineer, married Ann Glazier last May. Pete's with Humble in Houston, following his profession.

Bror A. Peterson, better known as Pete, tells us wife Kay, '48, presented him with an 8 lb, 8 oz boy-type baby on August 30. They called him Don Phillip.

We'd like to say a big Thank You to Ruth Meineke, Molly Swanson, Sue Sherrill and the other volunteers who did such a great job in promoting the September 29 game via telephone.

Dean J. Blackwell writes from Lake Arthur, La., to

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**ELECTRONIC BRAINWORK**—Dr. E. I. Organick inspects the electronic computer recently installed on the campus. It's the first such mechanical wizard to be installed on a campus in the southwest. The machine can compute up to 300 arithmetical equations per second.

## IBM Electronic Brain Installed In New UH Computing Center

A new electronic computer has been installed on the University campus, Dr. E. I. Organick, director of the Computer and Data Processing Center, announced.

The Computer, described as a "650 magnetic drum data processing machine," has been leased to the school's new computing center by International Business Machine Corp. The new center will be housed in the Engineering laboratory.

The computer will be used in regular classes this fall and will be available for use by faculty and students who are experienced in the operation of the machine.

Miss Irene Tung, formerly of the University of Michigan, will work as programmer at the computer center. She will serve also as instructor of mathematics.

Dr. Organick was the former senior research engineer for the United Gas Corp.

## Editorial

Two major complaints form probably 98% of the total that an Alumni Director handles during his tenure. These two gripes are the predominant ones at the University of Houston, and at most schools throughout the country.

They are: "The association is run by a clique," and, "The only time I hear from the association is when a donation is desired."

Complaint number one is based on fact. Any association is largely run by a group of enthusiastic people who will devote their time and effort toward making the organization successful. However, our Alumni Association now boasts nine new faces on the Board of Directors. Nine out of nineteen have never before served in office. Sure, they are the clique. And, anyone who wishes to work for and with the Association can earn the opportunity to join the Board, through democratic election.

The second item is basically untrue. In the first place, no Ex is ever solicited for a donation. A donation is something you give to a panhandler. Alumni Associations ask you to make a contribution to your Alma Mater, to the welfare of your City, State and Nation.

Many of us are not yet aware that even though we paid "every cent of tuition," we are still in debt to the University. Tuition is never adequate to cover the cost of education. Every university in the nation looks to industry, philanthropy and ALUMNI to help support its educational program.

All our Exes are invited to join our "clique" and to learn the facts about our school. The future greatness of our University depends on you.

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## UH Certifies 1000 Drivers

The University has certified over 1000 driver education students through the University's driver education program since 1949. Twenty per cent of the UH graduates have gone on to teach driving in public schools, Jack Rhodes, department head, said.

There is an increasing demand for driver education, according to Rhodes. "Insurance companies in Texas can give a ten per cent reduction on accident insurance if the applicant has had driver education," he explained.

More money is spent annually on automobile accident insurance than on school taxes, Rhodes stated.

During the past three years, the Allstate Foundation has provided the University with \$13,000 for scholarships in the field.

A certified teacher must have knowledge of traffic laws, public liability insurance, automobile mechanics, commercial transportation regulations and laws of motion. He must also be able to teach at least two beginners to drive.

## 4,000 Freshmen Introduced To UH Leaders, Officers

More than 4000 University of Houston freshmen met student leaders and administrative officers Thursday in a brand-new orientation program.

Greeted by J. E. Williamson, Dean of Men, and the University Band, the students heard an address of welcome by President A. D. Bruce after an invocation by the Rev. George Thompson, director of religious activities.

University vice-presidents and deans were introduced with their assistants; the University film, "Center of Learning," was shown. Andy Anderson, president of the student body, introduced the cheerleaders; Harry Fouke, Director of Athletics; the president of the Alumni Association and officers of a number of other campus groups.

An innovation this year, the program was planned by a student-faculty committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bessie Ebaugh, Dean of Women.

"The program," Mrs. Ebaugh says, "is an attempt to make the incoming student feel more at home, to let him know that there are people here who can help him and to resolve a communications block that exists because so large a proportion of our students are working and going to school at the same time."

## Dean H. E. McCallick Named Officer of National Group

Associate Dean H. E. McCallick of the College of Technology was recently elected a member of the board of trustees, secretary, and chairman of the membership committee of the National Council of Technical Schools at Kansas City, Missouri.

The membership committee of the council has the important function of reviewing applications for membership in the council.

McCallick has also been recently appointed to membership on the curriculum development committee of the American Society for Engineering Education, technical institute division at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

SEPTEMBER 29 IS  
UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON DAY  
AT RICE STADIUM

## Cougars Face Battering FB In '56 Opener

When the Cougars square off against Mississippi State at Rice Stadium on the evening of Sept. 29, Coach Bill Meek's forces will be facing a team that boasts (1) the best set of ends in the Southeast Conference (2) a battering fullback rated one of the best in the country and (3) a quarterback regarded as one of the finest sophomore backs to hit the SEC in 20 years.

The highly touted ends are a pair of 195 pounders, around whom Maroon Coach Wade Walker might build a potent, aerial game. They are Ronald Bennett and LeVaine Hollingshead, who stand 6-1 and 6-2 respectively, and both of whom are coming up for their senior year.

The high-g geared fullback that UH defenders must prepare to meet is Frank Sabbatini, another 195-pounder. A two-year letterman and 1955 starter, Sabbatini is a lanky speedster with the measurements of a lineman, since he stands 6-1.

Though sophomores are seldom given pre-season raves, even the wise old Southeastern Conference is sitting up and taking notice of young Billy Stacy, Mississippi State quarterback. At 178 pounds, Stacy is regarded as a superb passer, a constant threat as a runner, and the fastest man in a Maroon uniform. Old timers in the SEC say he can't miss.

New Head Coach Walker, who succeeded Darrell Royal last spring, has 16 lettermen on hand from the team that won six and lost four in 1955. Of these, Senior Halfback Jim Tait and Senior Guard Billy Fulton are considered, along with Sabbatini, Stacy, Bennett and Hollingshead, as the hard core of Walker's upcoming grid machine.

State will come into the game against the Cougars with the advantage of one game of experience. They open the season at home on Sept. 22 against rugged Florida.

## Student Group Switches Titles

Changes have been made in the University of Houston Student Association so that it will correspond with the national Constitution, Andy Anderson, student body president, announced.

The Senate, including representatives from each college and presidents of the five classes, is the former Student Council. Bill Little, vice president of the Student Association, will act as president pro-tem.

The Student Assembly is now called the House of Representatives. Ray Babchick, speaker of the House, will preside over this group. The House consists of members of all recognized organizations on the campus. Officers will be elected by the group.

The Executive body includes Andy Anderson, president; Jerry Slaughter, vice president; Charlotte Kuenstler, secretary; and John Manning, treasurer.

Offices in the Supreme Court are to be filled by appointment.

A chief justice and two associate justices will be appointed by the President, and the House and the Senate will each elect one justice.



**TO BE DETHRONED**—King and Queen of the 1955 Homecoming Ceremonies, Bill Sherrill and Juanita Hartwell, are about to step down from their seats of honor. The new Homecoming Queen will be named at halftime during the UH-A&M game, October 13.

## Degree Holders Become Teachers Via Television

Fifteen thousand new teachers will be needed in Texas by 1960.

The first of two television series designed to qualify bachelor degree holders who do not meet requirements for teaching certificates began Sunday.

A southeast area committee, working with the Texas Education Agency on the accelerated teacher education plan, has arranged with KPRC-TV to telecast two 13-week series of programs.

Enrollment in the television education program will make the degree holder eligible for employment on an emergency teaching permit. Participants will be eligible for three-year renewal

of the emergency permit upon completion of the program series to be taught by A. A. White, UII professor of education.

The programs will be offered each Sunday from 12-12:30 P.M. The second series of telecasts will begin Feb. 1, 1957.

Dr. A. N. Donner, dean of the University College of Education, is chairman of the southeast committee.

Other committee members are Dr. Grady Parker, Texas A&M; Dr. W. E. Lowery, Sam Houston State College; Richard Jones, Houston Public Schools; and Mrs. Clyde Abshire, Pasadena Public Schools.

## New UH Quarterly Makes Sept. Debut

First issue of a new University publication, a 24-page magazine built around contributions from faculty members, has been published.

Called FORUM, the new magazine will be distributed to mem-

bers of the faculty and to the community at large, including a selected list of educators, editors, business and professional leaders and friends of the school.

Purpose of the magazine is to better acquaint the community with the work of the University, combat some current misconceptions about the nature of the University, and provide a place where faculty members may publish articles of general interest.

The magazine is produced by the University of Houston News Service and printed by the University Printing Department. In its pages special emphasis is placed upon distinguished members of the teaching staff, research projects, musical and other cultural events.

Members of the faculty have been invited to contribute non-technical material in the fields of their special interests, written for a general audience.

President A. D. Bruce has named an editorial advisory board consisting of Dr. Howard F. McGraw, chairman; Dr. George W. Campbell, associate professor of chemistry; and Dr. Alfred R. Neumann, associate professor of foreign languages.

In addition, the format of ACTA DIURNA, faculty news bulletin, will undergo a change with the next issue. The new publication will free ACTA for more comprehensive news coverage of faculty matters and enable it to handle the increasing amount of administrative notices it is required to carry.

## Compton Joins Alumni Board

Mr. Joe E. Compton, University engineering graduate, was named to the Alumni Board of Directors at the September 4 session. Mr. Compton will fill the position vacated by Mr. Jack Mulvihill, who submitted his resignation earlier this month.

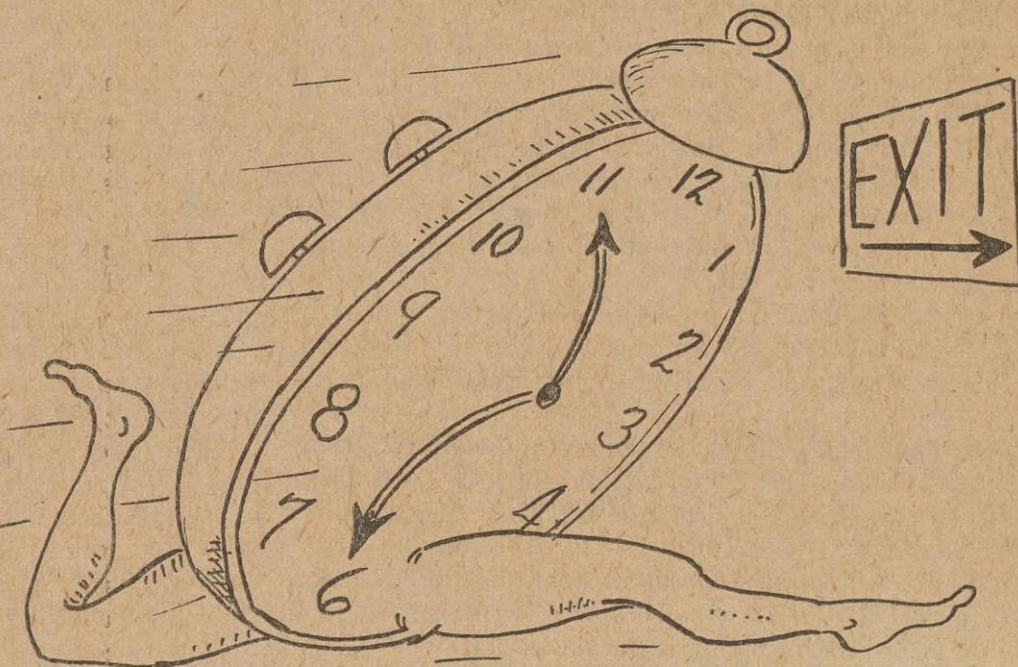
Mr. Compton and Mr. Phil Allin, who was appointed to a similar vacancy last month, will serve until April, 1957, at which time a general election will be held for these positions.

Mr. Mulvihill's letter of resignation stated that his position as attorney for the Humble Company currently kept him out of Houston and he was therefore unable to meet the demands of the directorship.

Mr. Compton is one of the founders and the present president of the University of Houston Graduate Engineers Association. He is employed with the Wyatt Metal Works as an engineer. His past service to the Alumni Association has included that of division chairman on fund raising. He is a Sideline Coach, a Jay Cee, and is active in Junior Achievement, is married, has one son.

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT

**'EXtra' Switches To Cash Policy In Overcoming Annual Deficit; Deadline Near For Subscribing**



It's tough to swallow a \$3,000.00 annual deficit, but that's exactly what your Alumni Association has been doing for several years. Printing, addressing and mailing nearly 14,000 newspapers is a big job, and big jobs cost big money.

So . . . we are putting the problem up to you. If you wish to continue receiving the EXtra each month, clip the coupon, attach a buck, and you are on the list for twelve issues.

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# Journalists To Meet Sept. 28-29

Hodding Carter of Mississippi, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and editor of the famed Greenville Democrat, will be the top speaker of the second annual Houston Journalism Assembly Sept. 28-29.

Sponsored by the University of Houston, the three Houston daily newspapers and a number of professional journalistic organizations, many former UH students will participate.

THE TWO-DAY meeting is

designed to serve as a workshop for people in communications and to attract new talent into the field.

Among the well-known figures scheduled to speak are Earle B. Steele, manager of the news and information department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Harrolyn Dilley, midwest Editor of Charm magazine; Joe Scherschel, photographer, Life magazine; and John Carter, manag-

ing editor, Household magazine.

Mississippi's Hodding Carter has been a working newspaperman since 1929 and engaged in almost every kind of journalistic endeavor. He has worked on small weeklies and dailies, wire services, authored six books and done creative writing.

HE HAS been awarded a Neiman Fellowship, a Guggenheim fellowship, the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing and the Southern Literary Award.

Events of the Journalism Assembly will include a Friday evening National Newspaper Week Dinner, with Mr. Carter as the principle speaker; luncheons Friday and Saturday; tours, meetings and panel discussions.

Panel topics for the conference include "Keeping Freedom Alive Through Communications"; "News is What the Editor Makes It;" and "The Small Town Phobia—Is It Justified?"

Other events will be presentation of the 1956 Sigma Delta Chi Award to the outstanding Gulf Coast journalist; showing of the University of Houston film "Center of Learning;" and a roundup discussion by Houston winners of "Big Story" awards.

PARTICIPANTS in the panels and other events will include University President A. D. Bruce; Mike Murphy, director of public relations, Houston National Bank; John Paul Goodwin, Goodwin-Dahmenbaum; Austin Wheatley, Information Officer, British Consulate.

Jack Donahue, Houston Press city editor; Jack Rittenhouse, Rittenhouse Advertising Agency; Morris Frank, Houston Chronicle; Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel; and Pat Nicholson, assistant to the president, University of Houston.

Also, Bob Gray, Houston Post; Robin Hood, chairman, UH journalism department; Willard Wallbridge, KTRK-TV; Robert Whitten, editor, Navasota Examiner; Capt. Portia Inmon, PIO, Texas Military District; Al Smith, president, Southwest Association of Industrial Editors.

DON HEATH, Houston Chamber of Commerce; John H. Murphy, Texas Daily Newspaper Association; L. A. DUEWALL, editor, La Grange Journal; Bert Brandt, Bert Brandt and Associates; Wendell M. Shannon, Texas Coaster; James H. Clark, Houston Post; Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Daly.

Dr. C. F. Hiller, UH dean of the Junior College; David C. Leavell, Galveston Tribune; Marshall Verniaud, president of the Press Club; Silas Ragsdale, Gulf Publishing; Pat Daniels, Alvin State Bank; Pete Gilpin, Houston Chronicle; Rev. George N. Thompson, University of Houston.

## Cougars Slated to Win Over Texas A & M by Look

The University of Houston is picked to beat Texas A&M and to lose to Mississippi and Auburn in Look magazine's 1956 Football Forecast which will be on the newstands later this month.

The top 20 teams and their 1956 records are predicted, with Texas A&M ranked 12th, Mississippi 14th and Auburn 15th.

**BEST SEATS FOR  
OPENING GAME ARE  
RESERVED FOR ALUMNI  
— HURRY —**

## BILLBOARD

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get his football tickets lined up.

Jim Young, '49, sends his subscription dollar from Norwalk, California, and wonders if he can claim to be the first EXtra subscriber from that city. Jim, the answer is yes. You are now a bona fide "firster."

Allen R. Brady, '55, serving Uncle Sam, has just been transferred to Colorado.

Marion Jeanette Jones, usually called Jean, has just returned from the West Coast via Los Vegas, to get back to school teaching chores. And, she still had five bucks to send us. One was for the EXtra subscription, and the other four were "in case four Exes forget." Thanks a bunch.

Also returning from a 5,000 mile trip through the west is Wesley Nagorny, Jr., and wife Patti. Wes is Veep for the W. Nagorny Company.

Doris Ester and Bill Miller, '48 and '50, respectively, are mighty proud of their two boys, Bill, Jr., 2½ and Wes, 1 year.

And, a nice note from Shirley Meisner. Ol' Billboard really appreciates your kind words Shirley.

Byron W. Luekenbach sends us a letter indicating he's ready for football season to begin. Luke is already lining up members for the Sideline Coaches. (See story on page one.)

Alumni Secretary, Gloria Gillespie, visiting Mexico City, bumped into Gordon Hollan and wife also vacationing in the mountain city.

J. K. "Jake" Matheny dropped by and left his card. He's with the DuBois Co. specializing in cleaning and processing compounds.

'54 Engineer Eddie Walkup, wife Velma, and brand new son Keith are setting up residence in Houston after Army service at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Also back in Big H after army duty are Bob Poer, '54, and wife Mary Jean, '54. He's with the First City National.

James F. Lovell, Jr., is Treasurer and Assistant Secretary for Alexander and Associates. They are "factors for financing for industry," and that's another thing that Billboard doesn't know about.

Gordon Dunlap, '50, personnel director for Baker Oil Tool, invites Billboard to become a Civil Defense director in a phoney, funny, and slightly blue, official sounding letter.

Six-foot Jack Wilson, developing an inferiority complex after riding the Zeke building elevator with three freshmen measuring 6-8, 6-10, and 7-3. They may be taller, Jack, but you outweigh 'em.

We are still trying to locate a small-fingered alumnus with initials H. W. H., who has lost a 1950 class ring. A lady up in Lufkin is holding it for the owner.

Two '55 grads, Blake and Katherine (Satterwhite) West, send in their EXtra bucks. Blake is coaching at Katy High. Kathy taught there last year, but is now at home awaiting the future Cougar due this November.

David S. Crawford, '48 and '54, notes on his football ticket order that he is proud of the improved scholastic requirements at the UH.

Hazel "Boots" (Merrit) Teegarden, sends her subscription from Columbus, Indiana. Boots is our lady road builder, having constructed highways all over the world and currently heading for Venezuela to do more of the same. And if you think we're kidding, you don't know Boots.

CIBA Pharmaceutical Products sends us word that two of our alumni are moving up. They are Dewey W. Miles, '48 and '49, a sales representative in the Houston area, and Louis A. Nelson, the Beaumont representative. Both have just returned from advanced courses in Asbury Park, N.J.

Guess that fills us up for this time. Shoot your buck to us right away, and include a few words about yourself so we can let your friends know. See you at the game, September 29.

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## Grad Learns New Facts About Nearby Clear Lake

Malcolm Mazow may be able to reveal some heretofore unknown facts about marine life in this area after completion of graduate work in biology at the University.

Mazow is making an ecological survey of the Clear Lake area under the direction of Dr. T. E. Pulley, professor of biology.

AFTER HE has completed his survey, Mazow will be able to pin-point the exact time of the year when the best fish are biting, when the biggest fish are running and whether they are white or brown shrimp.

Equally important, he will be able to report what the bacteria count of the water is expected to be at any given time.

Now in the midst of his study, each Thursday Mazow takes a trip to Clear Lake. On the lake he uses the University outboard. Standard equipment on board includes a ten-foot shrimp trawl, several plastic bags and an ice box.

He tries to drop the trawl over the side at approximately the same position each time for a more accurate tally when all the information is compiled.

THREE OR FOUR 20-minute drags are made each trip. As soon as the contents of the net are brought aboard, they are dumped into one of the large plastic bags and placed in the ice-box.

The marine life is not touched again until it is placed on University laboratory tables. There it is sorted according to species and the species are separated according to size. Careful record is kept of everything found in the net. The completed study will reveal details of Clear Lake biological life.

Though water contamination over a wide area, in fresh and salt water, has been widely discussed, it is not known whether conditions in the questionable areas have grown better or worse.

THIS WILL not be the case in the Clear Lake area, according to Mazow. Information is being noted as to the number of

fish taken by hook and line in addition to the marine life taken by trawl.

It has been noted that the lake contains water that changes from completely fresh—so fresh in fact, that perch, bass and catfish are taken—to water that is as salty as the Gulf of Mexico.

In winter the only saltwater fish to be found in the lake is the croaker. In extremely rainy weather when there is no trace of salt, even the croaker heads for the open bay and the Gulf.

WATER TEMPERATURE is noted during each trip, weather conditions are carefully written down, and anything unusual that happens to the marine life is kept for future reference.

The Texas Fish and Game Commission is being kept informed of the work being done by Mazow and Pulley for their findings will prove valuable to all of Texas.

## Nicholson Named Bruce Assistant

Patrick J. Nicholson has been named assistant to the president for University development at the University of Houston.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced by Lt. General A. D. Bruce, president.

Nicholson has been serving as executive director of development at the University. In the new post, he will continue to be responsible directly to President Bruce for development, public relations, the News Service, alumni relations, and loans and scholarships, but will also work closely with the president on an expanded development program.

General Bruce announced earlier this year that he himself would become increasingly active in the areas of University development and public relations.

Nicholson, a native Houstonian, is a graduate of Rice Institute. He also holds graduate degrees from Harvard University and is a candidate for the doctorate in psychology at the University of Houston.