

Spec col
Lit
H6
E9

extra

University of Houston Alumni Publication

Summer 1967

Familiar Faces Leave Campus

Several familiar faces will be missing from campus when school opens in the fall.

Lou Russell, director of the Placement Center since its beginning more than 20 years ago, will retire in August.

Three librarians took with them knowledge gained after a combined 64 years of service when they retired in May.

The person responsible for organizing the Law Library, Mabel M. Smith, retired after 20 years as consulting librarian and assistant professor of Law.

Ruth Wikoff, once director of libraries and past professor and assistant director of libraries, left UH after 34 years of service.

Madelene Nabor, pharmacy librarian since 1957, also retired after the spring semester.

After 32 years with the English Department Professor Ruth Pennybacker, founder-sponsor of the HARVEST literary magazine, has retired.

The founder and chairman of the Department of Home Economics for more than 20 years, Dr. Fay Anthis, retired after being named professor emeritus.

LBJ Appoints UH Grad



Photo by Jerry Glick

William W. Sherrill

Law Complex Begun



Photo by Lotus Cherry

Pres. Philip G. Hoffman, right, passed symbols of ownership to Col. W. B. Bates and Dean John B. Neibel, left, during a five century old ground-breaking ceremony for the new College of Law May 18.

"Chief" Resigns As Dean of Men

L. S. "Chief" Mitchell will retire as Dean of Men and Assistant Director of the University Center in September to return to full time teaching in the English Department. Mitchell first joined the faculty in 1933 when UH was still a junior college.

UH Grad

William W. Sherrill '50 gained national recognition when he was named by President Lyndon B. Johnson to fill an unexpired term on the Federal Reserve Board which ends in 1968. He will then be eligible for reappointment to a full 14 year term.

Sherrill is a director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and was president of Houston's Homestead Bank and executive vice-president of Jamaica Corporation.

After graduating from UH he earned a master's degree from Harvard.

Construction has begun on Phase I of the \$4 million UH College of Law building complex named for Board of Regents Chairman Col. W. B. Bates.

A complete courtroom in which actual trials will be conducted, a closed circuit television system, a separate auditorium and administration building, an underground central legal research library and the first of five self contained teaching units are included in this phase.

The building, located at the corner of Calhoun and Elgin Streets, was designed by Freeman, Van Ness and Mower, Houston architects. The W. S. Bellows Construction Corp. was awarded the building contract and estimates that this phase of the six building complex should be completed within 510 construction days.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
1967
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 15	Florida State HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Sept. 23	Michigan State EAST LANSING	1:30 EST
Sept. 29	Wake Forest HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Oct. 7	N. Carolina St.* HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Oct. 21	Mississippi St. STATE COLLEGE	1:30 PM
Oct. 28	Mississippi U. OXFORD	1:30 PM
Nov. 4	U. of Georgia** HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Nov. 11	Memphis St. HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Nov. 18	U. of Idaho HOUSTON	7:30 PM
Nov. 25	Tulsa U. TULSA	1:30 PM

*Band-Night - North Carolina St.
**Homecoming - U. of Georgia
All Home Games Played in the
ASTRODOME

Interested in attending out-of-town games? Contact the Alumni Federation for arrangements.

UH's First Graduate

A Student in '67

A present student at the University of Houston was also the school's first eligible graduate.

O. D. Brown, now working toward his doctorate in education, transferred his undergraduate work from Houston Junior College and the University of Texas in June of 1934 and became the first person eligible to graduate from UH in August of that year.

Since the University did not produce its first graduating class until the summer of 1935, Brown had to wait nine months for his degree - only to avoid a one-man commencement.

In 1936-37 he served as one of the organizers of the first Ex-Students Association and was president of the group during 1942-43 when he helped attain the organization's charter from the state of Texas.

Two years later when the title was changed to the Alumni Association Brown was contacted for a copy of that charter.

"I was in the Pacific aboard the USS Grimes when they wrote me," he recalls. But Brown did have the charter and forwarded it to the University.

After returning from the war Brown found that the formation of the Alumni Association (later reorganized into the present Alumni Federation) was not the only change that had occurred on campus during his absence.

"I didn't even recognize the place," he commented. The army and navy units had arrived at UH for training during the war so the population of the school had increased considerably.

And the vice-president of the College of Education Alumni, observes, "Since the war, UH has continued to blossom and has come a long way."

Brown, who is supervisor of history and geography for Houston's junior high schools, attributes these changes to various factors. "First, I think the students have a more practical outlook and are better prepared for college than they used to be," he said.

He also finds the faculty better qualified than ever before. "I definitely feel UH is an institution of excellence that will compete with any in the country," he said.

After enjoying a tour of the University Center conducted by these two pretty coeds, O. D. Brown sighted several changes in UH: "Better facilities, better faculty, higher hemlines . . . all improvements," he said.



Photo by King Wong

But Mr. Brown's observations were not limited to the more serious considerations as he sipped a coke in the midst of the activity of the new Cougar Den.

"You know," he said with a sudden change of attitude, "I think the hemlines have improved since 1934."

Obviously our first graduate has changed his thoughts to those of a student in 1967.

Today's Events Become Tomorrow's Traditions

Each spring brings both young and old traditions to the University of Houston Campus.

These events seem to reveal students and faculty members in a different light than they are seen during day to day campus life.

Administrators and faculty members are spotted dressed in ridiculous costumes racing bicycles in front of the library; campus queens can be captured popping through tires in gunny sacks, and even the most relaxed student might be discovered cramming frantically for that all-important final exam.

And spring, probably more than any other time of year, furnishes all members of the University the topics that will most often complete the thought, "Do you remember when. . ."



The opening of the University Center brought many new traditions to campus this year. The biweekly band concerts in the Arbor were just part of the activity filled agenda.



The excitement of a winner is as traditional as any campus election and Beth Babbitt personifies this special thrill after being named a cheerleader for 1967-68.

For the 11th consecutive year UH coeds competed in the fun and frolics of Sigma Chi Derby Day.



"Batman" Yardley made a big hit at the third annual Sigma Nu Bike Race.



Probably the most impressive tradition for any UH student is his commencement, the time which marks the ending of campus activities and the beginning of fond memories.

The Old Den: Now A Memory

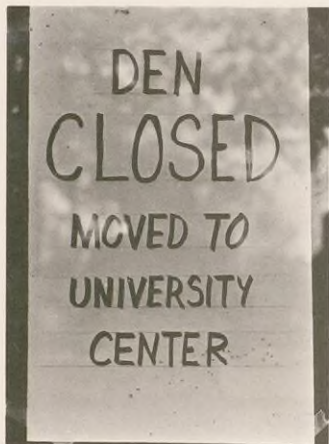


Photo by Glenda Sanders

The opening of the University Center brought with it the opening of a new Cougar Den.

But what about the old Den?

It has been torn down now to make way for new construction. But many continue to recall hours spent, friendships developed and news learned in what had been the most popular spot on campus.

Charles Saunders '40 recalls working with the student government, which

first requested a lounge. The administration answered this request with an area in the east end of the Hugh Roy Cullen Building.

But while the students were lounged in the predecessor to the Den, another building was being constructed - and in a very strange manner.

The war provided a new means of survival for the young University. UH was selected as a training ground by the Navy provided it could offer adequate space to house 200 to 300 men at a time. Consequently a barracks had to be constructed.

But the weather refused to cooperate with the contractors and therefore the structure - later to be known as the Recreation Building - grew up as a building within a tent, L. S. "Chief" Mitchell says.



Beginning Of The End. . .

Photo by Garry Pearcy

The main part of the building served as a barracks; Kitten Alley was filled with washers and dryers; the balcony was designated as a study area and Cougar Den was originally the mess hall.

After peace resumed, this unusual war baby began developing the personality of the more familiar Cougar Den.

A well-known ditch, Cullen's Gulch, led to the former mess hall which now provided dining facilities for students and faculty. Kitten Alley was an open patio which became as popular as the enclosed area among many students.

One of the most loyal part-time residents of the Alley was Wayne Scott who spent much of his freshman year playing cards and eating Mrs. Dickens' sandwiches in the open air.

"Each group had a certain section of the Den," Scott says. "We just happened to select tables in Kitten Alley."

But Wayne Scott, like so many freshmen who are too attracted to the personality of the Den, found that his two hours a day should have been spent in the library.

Although he didn't return to campus the next fall, Scott did re-enter UH later to become editor of the paper and earn a 3.8 grade average.

"You know, I don't think I ever went to the Den on the return trip," he claims.

Bill Rozelle, a post baccalaureate student who served as president of Delta Sigma Phi in 1964, recognizes the problems of the drawing power of the Den.

"That place was a blessing because it furnished students a place to go, but was a curse on the fraternity grade point averages," he comments.

"But there are some who would disagree with me," he adds. "They flunked out of school but would still maintain that those hours in Cougar Den were worth it."

But while Cougar Den lost a few friends it gained hundreds more and apparently they spent their time in much the same way as Wayne did.

"I spent about an hour and a half a day in there playing bridge and drinking cokes," Joe Rogers '59 remembers.

Rogers, like many alumni, has since returned to campus to see the new setting for the same activity and despite the beauty of the center he remains loyal to the memory of the building that is no more.

"In the old Den everyone was much closer," he feels.

Rozelle agrees. "The old Den was a much homier place. It was the crossroads of campus - the only place where you could get the news, get your food, get your books and get your date - all in one stop."

But perhaps the only fair comparison came from a student of 1967. Carol Sama is among the hundreds who find time to spend in the new Den just as they did in the former spot.

"I guess everyone who spent time in the old Den was sad to see it go, but the new building has so much more in the way of facilities and space. "Of course the students are still there to give it the same personality," she adds.

"You know, it's that personality that makes the Den so popular and I'm sure that's one thing that will never change!"

And so another volume in the history of the Cougar Den begins. The place has changed but the characters remain as always . . . UH students just enjoying themselves.



Photo by King Wong

"... But the personality remains the same."

Alumni News

Business

R. I. BRUNSKILL has been named manager of dealer sales for the General Tire & Rubber Co. In this position he is responsible for sales activities in the nationwide dealer operations.

ALAN N. KIPNIS and CHARLES D. PANNELL have joined the Shell Oil Company as accountants in the firm's Houston Data Service Center.

CHESTER B. BENGE JR. '59 has been elected director of Big "6" Drilling Company, a Houston based oil well drilling contractor. He is secretary treasurer of the company which has three drilling rigs operating on the Texas Gulf Coast and operates oil and gas properties in the Gulf Coast area, West Texas and New Mexico.

C. M. (Skip) ROBINSON III '56 has been named assistant chief accountant of the PPG Industries Chemical Division Corpus Christi plant. He and his wife, the former Barbara Best, and their three children live at 422 Troy in Corpus Christi.

WILLIAM ROBERT WOODARD '60 received the silver wings of an American Airlines Flight officer after completing training at American's Flight School in Ft. Worth. Prior to joining American he served in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years where he attained the rank of captain. He was also employed as an accountant for Shell Development Company in Houston. He and his family now live in the Chicago area.

Technology

ROBERT N. LOBIT '65 has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for training as a munitions officer.

TOMMY O. JAMES '65 was commissioned an Army Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va.



Brunskill



Morrow



Woddard



Russell



Batson



Christen



Darroh



Marcello



Lobit



James

Engineering

JOE E. COMPTON is interested in getting in touch with some of his fellow engineers. Joe would like to be contacted at his office: 341 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

CHARLES W. MORROW '56 has been promoted to vice president in charge of the Transmission Department of the Ohio Fuel Gas Co. with headquarters in Columbus. He and his family live at 4155 Windermere Rd., Upper Arlington, Ohio.

CLIFTON H. RUSSELL '50 has been appointed manager of engineering for Southwest Industries, Inc., of Houston which is part of world-wide Ingersoll-Rand.

Arts and Sciences

BARRY W. CHRISTEN '66 is being trained as a missile launch officer at Chanute AFB, Ill. He recently completed officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

TRAVIS V. BATSON JR. '65 is in the Air Training Command at Laredo AFB, Tex., which operates the world's largest technical school system to train personnel for Air Force duty.

M. T. (Bebo) WADDELL '47 has been named a research specialist in the petroleum research laboratories of Esso Research and Engineering Company's Baytown Research and Development Division. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell and their two sons live at 1507 Wright Blvd., Baytown. One son, D. L., is a student at UH.

JACK SIMS DARROH '57 is responsible for pharmaceutical sales in a seven state region for Geigy Pharmaceuticals, a division of Geigy Chemical Corporation.

Pharmacy

SALVADOR M. MARCELLO, formerly district manager for Eli and Co. in Lubbock, has been transferred to the Cleveland district of the Indianapolis based pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Sports: A Story of Success

Like Southern Cal and UCLA, the University of Houston has become nationally famous for its well-rounded athletic program. Cougar teams are always representative, always highly competitive and very often champions. A sport by sport rundown of the past school year summarizes this successful program developed by Athletic Director Harry Fouke.

UH's newsmaking football and basketball teams which finished with record 8-2 and 27-4 seasons were just part of the success recorded by the Athletic Department this year.

After completing the regular season with an 18-8 record the Cougar baseball team finished second in the nation at the National Collegiate Athletic Association's post season tournament.

Tom Paciorek was a headliner on Coach Lovette Hill's team as he broke the all-time school record with his .435 batting average. He also broke the school record for home runs with nine and was named All-American.

The Cougars were once again contenders for the NCAA golf championship they have captured for nine of the past 11 years. Coach Dave Williams' team won six straight tournaments before losing to LSU in the

L. R. Goldman Invitation at Houston. The loss ended a 271 match winning streak.

All-America Jess Reynolds shot the rifle team to its third straight Southwestern Rifle Association championship this season and its second Fourth Army ROTC Championship in three years.

Acting Coach Billy Glaves, a former UH tennis star who took over the team after Coach John Hoff's death this winter, began a rebuilding program with a 10-14-1 season. Since only one member will graduate and several players including Terry Neudecker, the 11th ranked junior player in America, have been recruited, Glaves has the nucleus of a fine team for next season.

Several school records and high ranking relay teams were among the



The Spirits, men's Cougar booster organization, and their would-be Shasta had an easy job arousing enthusiasm for this year's winning teams.

track and field highlights for '67. Coach Johnny Morriss' team ranked 18th nationally in the 440 relay with a fine 40.8 clocking. The Cougars were 12th in the 880 relay and 14th nationally in the four mile relay.

Football sprinter Mike Simpson was third in the country in the 100 meters with a 10.4 clocking. Junior hurdler Tony Pickett, 440 hurdle champion at the Drake Relays for the second consecutive year, was the country's fifth-rated hurdler for the quarter-mile distance.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALUMNI FEDERATION
3801 Cullen Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77004

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HOUSTON, TEXAS
PERMIT NO. 5692