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Just Talk



The Cougar is pleased to announce that this column will be maintained throughout the year to provide an opportunity for all students and friends of the Houston Junior college to discuss any subject involving an opinion of interest to the college. Those who have a burning desire to express themselves on a college affair or otherwise will find ready sympathy in "JUST TALK."

THE CHAIN GANG

A school is as strong as its weakest pupil; like a chain, it is made up of links. Did you know that every pupil in this school is a link, and that pupil to pupil, link to link, we make a chain by which we can pull our school upward to the sky or swallow it down in the mud?

If we are going to call ourselves such, we had better be strong, well-rounded and sound. And if there are any who are too weak to stand up under the strain, then these are the links that ought to be missing.

We can't get anywhere by tearing down, we've got to build up—and what's more we've got to build together. Just remember, our assemblies aren't the worst in the world, our faculty isn't the most radical that has been known, our freshmen aren't the greenest, and our sophomores are by no means dumb! We've got a GOOD school and just as long as we stick together and pull forward, link by link, we're going to be sitting on top of the world.

—Dorothy McGraw.

Thanks, Dorothy, we're mighty proud of you in our student-body, and such an optimistic attitude and outlook could not come to us at a more opportune time.

A PLEA FOR HARMONY

Prospects for a student orchestra look mighty slim; in fact, the idea looks impossible. Student programs are irregular, hours are scarce, and it is doubtful if enough students could get together and agree on a suitable time for rehearsals.

Sounds like the student orchestra plan is doomed, doesn't it? Well, it is not! We CAN have an orchestra, and every student can be a member. It won't take extra time, either; we'll practice when we are doing other things, and if our instruments are in tune, we'll make excellent harmony.

Heres' the whole secret: Get in tune with your fellow-classmates, cooperate with your team and with your teachers. Then, and only then, will this school be one whole, harmonious symphony!

—Genevieve Pledge.

That's great, Genevieve, and if Junior College can't sit up and take notice of that challenge, we'll take crepe!

PEP, ROMEOs, FRESHMEN, ETC.

How about a little more school spirit? Our football team is fighting, let's back them, what do you say? H. J. C. has a real pep organization; watch them do things.

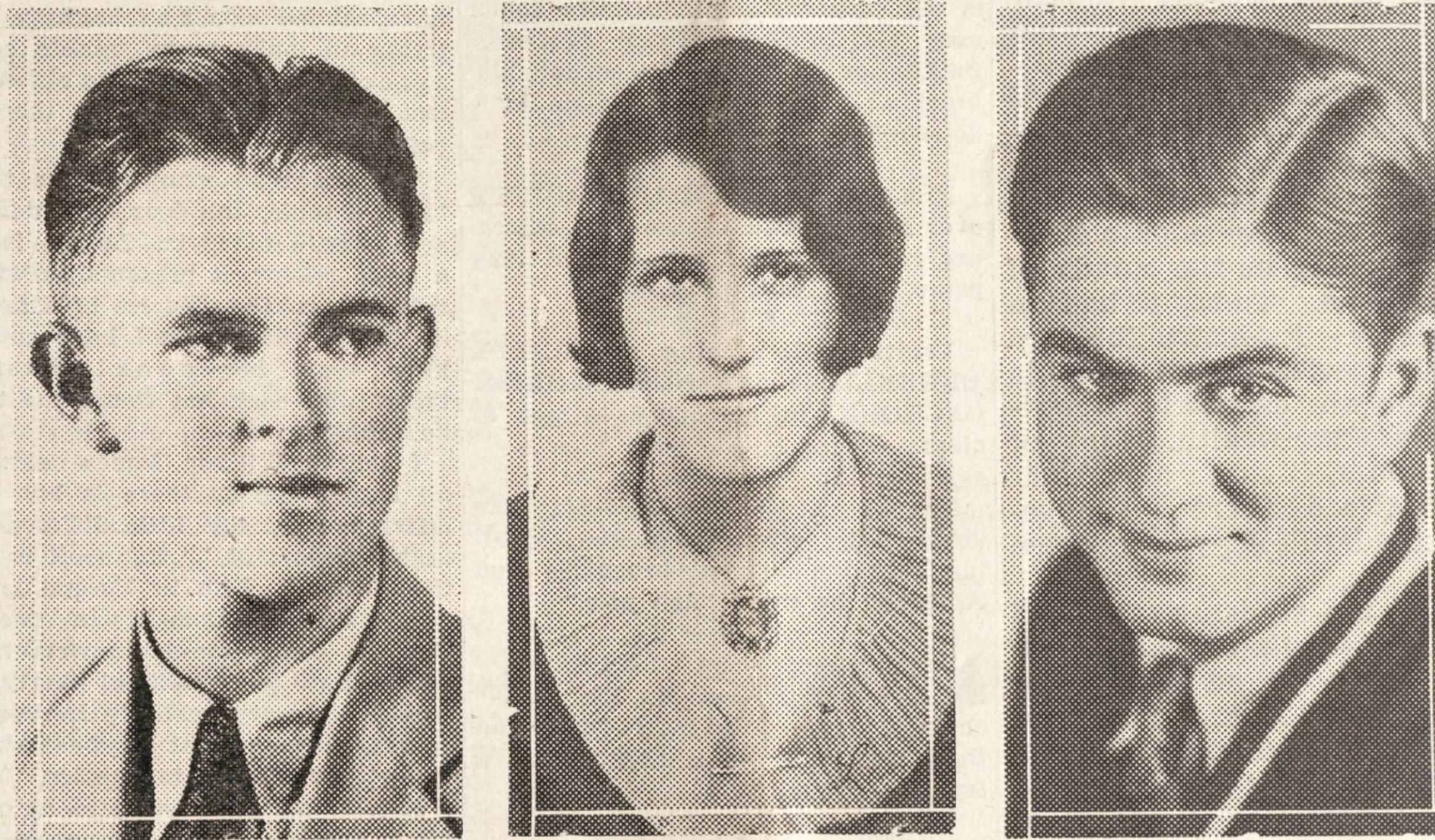
Did you know that there is a dramatic club out here? Well, there is, and there is a chance for you Romeoos and Juliets to do your stuff.

Have you noticed our freshmen (Continued on page 2)

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Shown below are the three students honored with scholarships from the American Business Men's Club and Delphian Assembly. Left to right: R. Willard Nesmith, Christine Fitzgerald, John Thurman.

—Courtesy of Houston Chronicle.



DRAMATIC CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting for the first time under the direction of their new sponsor and coach, Mr. Nigro, the John R. Bender Dramatic Club met Monday night at 9:30 and elected officers for the new season. Plans were formulated by the club for a series of four plays to be presented during the winter season.

Officers chosen by the club were R. Willard Nesmith, president; Jane Witherspoon, vice president; Genevieve Weldon, secretary; Roy Tienert, treasurer; Harold Wood, reporter.

Both Mr. Nigro and Mrs. Bender, the inspirational director of the club, expressed their appreciation of the selection of officers and said that they were confident of the most successful dramatic season in the history of the school.

"Okay" has been selected by the club for presentation as a warm-up and opener for the season. Cast will be selected and work of production will begin immediately.

THURSDAY NITE DANCE SERIES TO BE STARTED OCT. 16, PRITCHARD'S

The first of a series of Thursday nite dances to be staged throughout the season has been announced for the night of October 16th at Hallie Pritchard's Studio, located at 3210 Main street. The purpose of the dance is to furnish a social function for friends and members of the Houston Junior College student-body.

Certain members of the student-body who recognized the need of such a get-together for the students have assumed the responsibility for staging a series of dances and entertainments to be held at least twice a month, or weekly if the attendance is sufficient to warrant such a move.

Sponsors of the dance wish to extend a cordial invitation to all friends of the Junior College to attend. Stags will be tolerated and the usual prices will prevail. Music will be furnished by the same orchestra which furnished such excellent dance tempo on Freshman Night.

1930 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THREE STUDENTS OF JUNIOR COLLEGE

American Business Men's Club and Delphian Assembly Honor Prominent Members of Student Body.

Houston Junior College scholarships have been awarded for this year to three of the most popular and deserving students in the college. Those receiving high honors are Miss Christine Fitzgerald, R. Willard Nesmith, and Jack Thurman.

Miss Fitzgerald received her scholarship from the Delphian Assembly. She graduated from John H. Reagan high school in the class of 1930. She was prominent in girls' activities, particularly athletics, and was voted the most popular girl in the school during her career at Reagan. She is the daughter of Rev. A. G. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Westheimer Presbyterian church.

R. Willard Nesmith, who received a scholarship from the American Business Men's Club, is also a graduate of the John H. Reagan high school, class of 1928. During his high school career he was active in athletics and was editor of the school paper and annual. He was an officer of the class of '28 and was voted the most representative boy in the school. In 1928 and 1929 he attended Texas A. and M. College where he was active in cross-country, basketball, and track. He transferred his activities to Houston Junior College in 1929-30 where he became a leader in student activities and lettered in football and basketball.

An American Business Men's Club scholarship was also awarded to John Thurman. In 1928 he graduated from San Jacinto high school and continued his work the following year at Houston Junior College. He was prominent in dramatics at the college, particularly in the musical farce, "Trial by Jury," presented last year by the Dramatic club.

SPONSORS SELECTED FOR 1930 CLASSES

Setting a new precedent this year, Junior college has selected again both sponsors of last year's classes to act again as directors of the destinies of the freshman and sophomore classes.

Mr. Harvey W. Harris, popular English instructor, will serve again in his 1929 capacity as freshman sponsor.

Mr. Harris does not agree with popular opinion in believing that first-year students of a college are not so green that their status quo is nil. He believes instead that freshmen should be bound together by strong class ties and traditions into the very heart of the student body.

However, he refuses to dictate the policies of the class in any way. He allows the class to learn its way about with only a guiding hand when in danger or a crisis appears.

Mr. Harris is enthusiastic concerning the prospects of the new class (Continued on page 2)

DELPHIAN ASSEMBLY GIVES BRIDGE PARTY AS SCHOLARSHIP AID

Scholarship, character, activities—these are the qualifications upon which the Delphian Assembly will judge applicants for the annual scholarship which the assembly is offering each year to one girl graduate of a Houston high school. The scholarship amounts to \$200.

The winner this year—the first year this scholarship has been offered—is Miss Christine Fitzgerald, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Fitzgerald, 901 Irvine, Houston. This year's winner is a graduate of John H. Reagan high school.

A bridge party, sponsored by the Delphians for the benefit of this scholarship fund, was given Thursday, October 9, at the city auditorium.

Mrs. C. S. Kinney is chairman for the Delphian Assembly scholarship fund, and Mrs. A. B. Foster is president of this organization.

COUGARS PLAYED TO SCORELESS TIE BY ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

Henry of La Porte and McKibben of Houston Junior College Are the Outstanding Stars of Conflict.

Fighting valiantly and refusing to be scored upon even by a team stronger, heavier and more experienced, the St. Mary's team from La Porte fought the Houston Junior College Cougars to a scoreless tie at West End Park, Saturday, October 11.

The Seminary team was back on its heels throughout the game but always had the necessary kick to fight back and keep its goal line uncrossed. Only once did the LaPorte team threaten the Cougars and that was when Picker, the opposing full-back punted out on the Cougar 20-yard line and then intercepted a pass. It was Seminary's ball on the 18-yard line and one minute remained to play. Three successive passes failed and when the ball went over McKibben got off a great punt which travelled 80 yards and over the goal line.

St. Mary's played without a substitute until the last two minutes of the game when Roemer was knocked out and carried from the field. A few seconds later Gallager went into the game and became the thirteenth man of the Seminary team to see action. The LaPorte team was in excellent condition and showed a world of fight throughout the game.

Henry, the visitors' left end, was the outstanding player on the field as he made some of the most vicious tackles ever seen at West End Park. The mighty little mite, who tips the scales at 130 pounds, drove relentlessly into every play and showed to advantage during the entire game.

McKibben ripped off gain after gain for the Cougars and passed and punted in great style. His boots averaged 44 yards and he was on the throwing end of four successful passes which counted for 61 yards.

Warden also played a bang-up game for the locals as did Sikes, Barzizza, Stoddart, Marasek and Kalmans. Warden made a number of smashing tackles and covered punts in great style. The entire center of the line was a stone-wall which seldom refused to stop the thrusts of the opponents.

Lineup follows:

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| Houston | Position | St. Mary's |
| Matthews | | Henry |
| | Left End | |
| Marasek | | Skarpa |
| | Left Tackle | |
| Barzizza | ..... | Vincent |
| ..... | Left Guard | ..... |
| Sikes | ..... | Roemer |
| ..... | Center | ..... |
| Kalmans | ..... | Fitzsimmons |
| ..... | Right Guard | ..... |
| Lowe | ..... | Sullivan |
| ..... | Right Tackle | ..... |
| Warden | ..... | Theriot |
| ..... | Right End | ..... |
| Bertrand | ..... | Stinson |
| ..... | Quarterback | ..... |
| Harper | | Pieri |
| | Left Half | |
| Welborn | | Valenta |
| | Right Half | |
| McKibben | | Picker |
| | Fullback | |

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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

A great college in a great town—that is the present situation with regard to the Houston Junior college. Let us see what some of the reasons are for this state of affairs.

Houston, in ten years, has grown to the importance of a world port—the seventh in importance in the nation. Its development, from a rather insignificant, medium sized town to the city it now is, has attracted the attention of the nation and the world.

Houston Junior college is a fitting institution for such a location. Five years ago it was merely a dream in the minds of some of Houston's most progressive citizens. Today it has an enrollment of over seven hundred students. Its instructors are of liberal training and wide professional experience. Its students are mainly purposeful young people who are earnestly preparing to take responsible places in the commonwealth. Many of them are employed outside of school hours, thus earning their way as they progress with the college. Already there is a movement under way to make the school a standard four-year college, a thing that Houston needs.

With such a school and in such a city, the students may well feel a deep sense of pride. During the growth of young colleges—as with young people—there is a period of adjustment, of seeming awkwardness; a vigorous time of adolescence just prior to the coming of a more mature life and judgment. Houston Junior college could scarcely be expected to avoid such a period of growth; yet, due to the skillful understanding direction of its leaders, it is passing through its "growing pains" with comparative ease. Adjustments are made with little friction, and the rapid growth presages a quick blossoming to maturity. The future for Houston Junior college is bright.

FOOTBALL * * * THE GAME

Autumn leaves have begun to fall and the air has that faint tinge which puts real manhood's red blood a-tingling. It is the time of year for one of the best loved of all national games.

The dull thud of the pigskin on booted toe and the meeting of human flesh on flesh resounds from all the playgrounds of the nation.

Football is a game liked or loved by all classes and ages. It is loved by those who love it with the fervor and devotion of a strong heart. The game is played for the honor and the glory bestowed upon the players by a sophisticated public or because of an intense, overpowering attraction that amounts to worship on the part of those intimately associated with it.

This sport of sports, which comes upon us in the autumn like a breath out of the age of jousts, trysts, and battles of blood, is replete with thrills that hold the spectator spell-bound until the final whistle is blown and sends him on his way happy with the sheer joy of living.

JUST TALK—

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this year, and how they are swinging into line like real freshmen? They are good sports, and the sophs are expecting a lot from them. Keep the right spirit, freshmen!

The assemblies have been a little noisy, but what can you expect right here at the first with everyone still trying to get adjusted and with several hundred freshmen learning something new? Give us a chance to show that we are willing to abide by the college rules!

The "fish", the "sophs" and the "profs" are a great lot. There is a lot to do, but watch our smoke! We're all going to put H. J. C. on the top where it ought to be.

—Opal Beane.

Opal is just bubbling over with enthusiasm and energy and optimism. Let's all get a little of this real, honest-to-goodness joy out of living and being college students. It's much more fun than being dogmatic old dogs who know only that the sun rises and sets, 'cause really it doesn't!

SPONSORS—

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and is looking forward especially to the annual freshman ball inaugurated by last year's freshmen.

Mr. Wallace H. Miner, history in-

structor, is to sponsor the sophomores for the fourth consecutive year. Mr. Miner realizes that sophomores are full-fledged college students and that they have won for themselves a respect and admiration that is deserved.

Mr. Miner says that each succeeding year sees the sophomore class contribute more than its share to the building up of a background for the future college of Houston. This year's class will be no exception, says the sponsor of the class.

FAMOUS COWBOY BAND PLAYS DALLAS STATE FAIR OCTOBER 11th-19th

The Simmons University Cowboy band of Abilene, Texas, will play at the State Fair in Dallas during the rodeo that will be staged at the Stadium. The rodeo opens October 11th and closes October 19th, furnishing a solid week of thrills.

The Cowboys have toured England, Italy, France and Germany, where they gave a series of concerts. The Cowboy band plays all the large rodeos of Texas and is often invited to attend national functions. During the summer just past they serenaded the President on the lawn of the White House. The band played at the rodeo given in Houston on May 10th to 18th. Professor Wiley is director of the organization.

Believe It--
R. Knot

"LULU" PHELPS, what happened to the little auburn "calf-catcher?" Johnnie Frank seems to have a personal interest in it at present, judging from the "For Sale" sign. Anyway, we like Packards better.

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Boastful is dapple CECILE TAYLOR over her anticipation of the R. S. Sterling for Governor campaign.—(Paid political advertisement.)

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A deluge of tears falling from the uncrowned brow—or is it crowned?—of beautiful but—pretty (fooled ya!) MAURINE EDMINSTER. Some wise bird has it that TERRY RUSS is the "Dux vir facti." (Latin books may be procured from Professor South or thereabouts—while the brushing will have to be done by no, not Fuller—but by thee).

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Proud indeed is "SOAP" McGINTY over his immaculate pose upon emerging from grammar school—and long pants, too! Cover my optics!

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Erratic and winning are BETTY GROENLUND and NORA LOUISE CALHOUN, in no hurry to get to class.

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There's ALBERT KINDEL, the "chic" little slime from Rice, gloating over the blondes, brunettes, and red-heads he rated "fish nite."

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Sophisticated and cheerful—HELEN LEE DAVIS (in the flesh—or is it flash) baiting the hook—and there seems to be a regular catch, too.

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Latest Bullet'n: If all the admirers of "CY" SHAW were ostracized, Houston wouldn't be Texas' largest city! Don't crowd, girls!

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HOWARD "DOUG" GRAHAM with his persuasive smile, masticating his gum and impatiently waiting for seven bells or is it belles?

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Didja ever notice that darlyn' semi-blond from Louisiana whose interest is now centered in the one and only HARVEY RICHARDS? Well, we found out the name—and its ELEANOR STANDFIELD.

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Disappointed is IRENE CAFALAS over the latest attachment—or is it a fixture?—yet in duo they meander through the halls—gassoo! Law has its attractions!

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Dumb, yet virtuous, is DALLAS HOLFORD, always a booster for anything—provided you find him feeling! Don't be alarmed girls.

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Passing the circus the other day, who should we see gulping down red soda pop but the inimitable "BILL" SEAMAN.

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There must have been a recess in heaven, judging from the angelic-face of our amorous and enticing GENE VIEVE WELDON, known and loved by all.

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And, gang! there's the walking barometer, JAMES MORRIS, predicting cold weather and a good football team.

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Such a likable pair are JOE PEABODY and ANNA LOU ELLIOT.

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Members of Junior College Brain team complain that they can get no one to compete with them. Well studies, there's always BILL JETER.

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One of the best sports around here is HAZEL TAYLOR, president of the Cougar Collegians. To know her is to like her.

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"I grade by the curve system," says PROFESSOR VANZEE, as he glances at the row of beautiful co-eds in front of him.

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Gee, lookit the lil' bundle of pep—CELIA LASKY.

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Dainty stroll's lil' ROSE MARY LAWRENCE, hailing from San Jancinto.

GERMANY IS FREE
SAYS H.J.C. STUDENT
STUDYING THERE

Dr. Stanley Reeves Block is studying optometry in several of the important cities of Europe. Not taking life in the simple easy-going way of many people of that country, but ever on the American rush, he finds time to pen a line to his friends at Houston Junior College.

Let's return the compliment by sending him greetings to which he will reply and we will see some of these picturesque stamps. His letter comes just in time for our first issue, being dated September 13, 1930.

My dear Mr. Miner:

Your good letter reached me in Berlin some time ago, and I would have replied sooner but have been trying to make every minute count, so have found little time to either collect my thoughts or set them on paper.

There are so many phases to so broad a topic, one does not know exactly where to begin. Europe is like a large mirror, it presents us with a reflection of the side we turn toward it. Many with whom I have spoken, have come here seeking various things and each has found the thing sought.

I believe William James said: "In all human beings there is but little difference but this little difference is highly important." And so it is with the Nations. Life in Europe is not vastly different from life in America. But the difference is important. In America we have political liberty and personal slavery, while in Europe the reverse is true. But maybe I should not get too deep into politics.

It is rather interesting to note the effect this has had on the people. Let me narrow down now to Germany. Until the last war (we hope) Germany's people knew no political freedom whatsoever, and yet each had all the personal liberty in the world, and still has for that matter. We all recall the story of the mill of San Simeone. That story is, to my mind typical of the German Europe. And this Empire has raised a people, orderly and law-abiding beyond the concept of the American mind. And there are many men in Germany and the rest of Central Europe who long for a restoration of the old order, which brings on more argument.

Among the things I have seen which I think particularly worthy of note here, is the Institute for Foreigners of the University of Berlin. The purpose of this institute is to instruct foreigners in the German language so that they may either return to their native land and teach German, or continue their studies in Germany at a German university. During the summer, while I was in attendance, there were men and women from 37 different nations, nearly 400 in all, enrolled.

This institute under the able leadership of Dr. Kartzke and Dr. Remme is an outstanding success. Men and women come here without a word of German and in a very few short months are able to continue their studies advantageously in German. It is surprising how much German language can be instilled in so short a time. When I really have time to collect my thoughts I will write more of this, for it is a worthy example from which I feel many American universities could learn much.

I hope this letter is along the lines you wish and you are certainly at liberty to use it as you see fit. Please remember me to all my friends at H. J. C.

Most cordially,
Stanley R. Block.

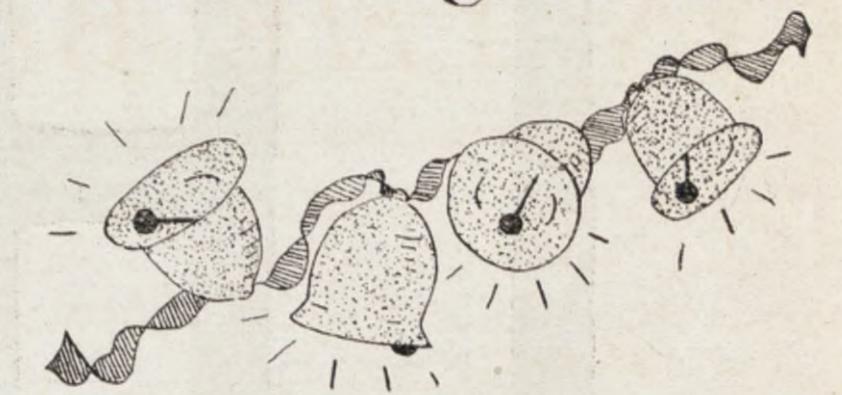
BRIGHT FROSH

After a rattling discussion as to the proper uses of will, shall and other such atrocities in a freshman English class, the following was submitted by Phillip Allen:

Since will is would
And shall is should,
Should I use shall
Or will or would?

But will or would
Or shall or should,
I shall use should
Since will is would.

Wedding Bells



Miss Agnes Mae Kluppel, and Leo A. Langsdorf were married on Thursday, October 9, at the Holy Rosary church. The bride graduated from Houston Junior college in 1929. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kluppel, 20 Sunset Drive, Houston. During the past year she has been doing part-time teaching in the Houston public schools.

Mr. Langsdorf attended the Alamo Business college of San Antonio. He is at present a clerk in the civil court of the Alamo City. Mr. and Mrs. Langsdorf will reside at 1414 McKinley street, San Antonio.

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BOLT-MATELA

The marriage of Miss Helen L. Bolt and Josef Matela, Jr., took place March 6 at the home of the bride's parents, 2211 Louisiana, with Judge Campbell Overstreet officiating.

Both these young people have been students at H. J. C. The bride is employed in the children's department of the Houston Public Library. Mr. Matela who attended the first year of H. J. C. is employed by the Loose Leaf Supply Company of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Matela will make their home at 1423 Arlington street, Houston.

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MARRS-WEINZIERL

Miss Mary C. Marrs, one of the first year students of H. J. C. and John F. Weinzierl were married June 16 at Christ Church, Episcopal, the Rev. James S. Allen, rector of the church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs of Austin. Her father has been highly regarded as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he has done nation-wide work for the Parent-Teachers' Association. Mrs. Weinzierl has been doing school work in Houston. Mr. Weinzierl is an oil geologist. Mr. and Mrs. Weinzierl now reside at the Warwick hotel.

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BROWN-LUCAS

A wedding that is of interest to H. J. C. students is that of Miss Mamie Claire Brown to Harold C. Lucas. News of this wedding arrived at the opening of the college this year.

Mrs. Lucas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown, 1809 Hussion street, Houston. The groom is a graduate of the civil engineering department of the university of Mississippi. He is at present in the oil business in Brunswick, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas reside at 1020 Richmond street, Brunswick.

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MASKE-PORTER

Miss Josephine Maske, class of '30, was married on June 20 to Charles Porter of Caldwell. Mrs. Porter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph make, 2301 Truxillo, Houston. The groom, known on the campus as "Red," won recognition last year for his excellent work with the football squad. He is now employed with the Yont Lee Oil company at Mount Bellview, Texas.

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SHEFFIELD-DEE

Another wedding of note during the past summer was that of Miss Gladys C. Sheffield to Louis Dee which took place on August 6. The bride was a teacher at Jefferson Davis senior high school, Houston. Mr. Dee is a former H. J. C. football star, who is now attending Georgetown university. Mr. and Mrs. Dee now reside at 3307 N. street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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THOMPSON-HAYSLIP

Houston Junior college students of 1929 were interested to learn of the wedding of June 14 of Miss Alma Thompson and V. H. Hayslip. The bride attended H. J. C. last year, following her graduation from the Masonic high school in Fort Worth. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson, 1409 Clay street, Houston.

Mr. Hayslip is now in the employ of the Humble Oil company. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayslip is at 2302 Dunlavy street, Houston.

IN THE BEST of HUMOR

"We all wants you to come to our party tonight, Mandy."

"Ah cain't, Sambo, Ah is got a case of diabetes."

"Come along anyways, Mandy, and bring it wid ya. Those niggers'll drink anything!"

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Isaac: You should pull the curtains down ven you kiss your wife. I saw you last night.

Abia: Ha! the choke's on you. I vasn't home last night.

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A young man was lying on the operating table awaiting an examination:

Doctor (to attendant): Bring in ethyl chloride.

Patient (jumping up). No, Doctor, don't bring a woman in here.

* * *

Oh, tell me, please, for goodness' sake,

Must night fall, because day breaks?

Must flies fly because flies flee?

Must ships have eyes when they go to sea?

Must pens be pushed and pencils lead?

Must there be springs in the ocean bed?

But, most of all, I want an answer, Is a busy-body a hula dancer?

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"Yassah," said old Link, "business is good. Ah bought a pig for ten dollars, traded the pig for a calf, traded the calf for a bicycle, and sold the bicycle for ten dollars."

"But yo' don' makes nothin', Link!"

"Sho' nough, but look at the business Ah been in!"

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Soph: Come on, take a bath, and I'll get you a date.

Frosh (cautiously): Yeah, and suppose you don't get the date?

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"I seem to have run out of gas," he said and muttered to himself, "Here is where I have to do some fast work."

The girl's face, small and white, was turned to his, and eyes glowed dizzily from beneath heavy lids. Her red lips were parted and she sighed faintly—

He bent over her—

And then—

He yanked out her tooth—he was her dentist.

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During the World War a very patriotic old lady was passing a farmer's barn one day. She observed a young farmer boy milking a cow; he looked old enough to be in the army, and she was indignant at finding him on the farm.

"Why aren't you at the front?" asked the indignant old lady.

"Cause there ain't no milk at that end."

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He: Something seems to be wrong with the engine, it—

She: Don't be foolish; wait until we get off the main road.

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Shakespearean student speaking to a new librarian: "Do you have Lamb's Tales?"

New Librarian: "You might try a meat market."

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Becky: "Do you really love me, Isaac?"

Isaac: "Vot a kvestion, Doant I let you sit on my lep and spoil the creases from my pents?"

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A knowing friend tells us that Ten Nights in a Barroom is the story of a Scotchman waiting for someone to buy the drinks.

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Visitor: "We're getting up a raffle for a poor old man. Won't you buy a ticket, my dear?"

Genevieve Weldon: "Mercy, no! What would I do with him if I won him?"

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It was a fine, sunshiny Sunday morning and Pat had brought his shaving tools out on the porch.

Mrs. McGinnis looked over the fence:

"Sure, Mrs. Murphy, does your old man shave on the outside?"

"And what is bothering you?" asked Mrs. Murphy. "Did you think he wuz fur lined?"

NIGHT FOOTBALL INAUGURATED AT JUNIOR COLLEGE

School Board Decision Brings About Speedy Erection of Lights; Spirit of Co-operation Prevails.

With the click of a switch, night football practice was inaugurated at Houston Junior college, Tuesday night, September 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

The initial night football practice found about 38 prospects on the field. The nocturnal practices will enable more aspirants to turn out, because many students work during the day.

Night practice will also give the Cougars a better chance to bid for football honors, since it affords longer and peppier practices.

The Houston Junior college is indebted to Mr. William Kirkland, vice president of the school board, for the spot-lights on the field. He has shown lots of interest in the Junior college, and especially the athletic teams.

FRESH IDEAS

My dear, last night I got a thrill And here my story I will spill. I dated with a sophomore lad,

A lowly fish like me. Too bad They know so much and me so dumb— The dumber the better tho' for some. I wonder what it's all about; Just give me t'me and I'll find out. Now, could he neck? Well, I should say

And in the most surprising way— He didn't hurt, he didn't paw, 'Twas method rare without a flaw, He must have practiced nights and nights.

Of course he's well within his rights, But I was bored to tears my dear, I'll never fal for him, I fear.

But, Oh, I've met a fish divine! I think he'll take up all my time. He's handsome, tall and very dark— I met him out in Hermann park.

He was so very crude and slow; He learned it in high school, I know. He didn't even hold me right; He grappled me, my hat took flight; My hair came down, my lips were smeared—

I opened an eye and out I peered. And then I knew I had my wish—I'd found a cave man in a "fish."

TRIALS OF PARENTHOOD

Spring, glorious spring, bringing that delicious inner urge to do things, led young Mrs. Marston to her flower beds, where she began busily digging and planting, thinking of the riot of color her flower beds would be in a few short weeks.

Her sturdy son of five, busily engaged in tormenting a legless grasshopper, was also doing some thinking about the lovely new baby sister his playmate had received.

"Mother," said he, "Where do little baby sisters and brothers come from?"

Mrs. Marston, inspecting the black loam and the packets of seed at her side, said:

"Why, Tommy, babies are grown in beautiful gardens, like the roses and pansies."

Forgetting the child's question, she handed him a small packet of seed and said:

"Here, Tommy, old fellow, plant a garden over there by Mother's rock-ery; that is just the place for it."

Tommy diligently prodded, planted and grubbed in the soil until he was called in and put into his comfy bed.

Bright and early the following morning he hurried to his garden patch and gazed with horrified eyes at an ugly toad who croaked at him from a dew moistened rock.

Finally, with a deep sigh, Tommy said, in anguish:

"You ugly beast! If I wasn't your daddy, I'd stomp you!"

Melford Smith: "I think she's as pretty as she can be."

Frances E. Smith: "Most girls are."

Marjorie Boyett: "Don't you know there are germs in kissing."

Bill Hill: "Say, girlie, when I kiss, I kiss hard enough to kill the germs."

Strange Desert Dweller Makes Friends of Reptiles To Ward off Loneliness

A strange desert dweller who makes friends of reptiles to ward off loneliness was encountered by a Houston Junior college student during a vacation trip last summer. Following is his account of it.

All day long my friend and I had motored over the white, hot desert under a blazing sun that ran the thermometer up into the twenties above the hundred mark. A slight breeze fanned our cheeks, but it brought no relief; it was like the breath of a furnace. To the right of the trail, shimmering in the sun as far as the eye could reach, were the calm, lifeless waters of the Salton Sea. Not a living creature was in sight; truly it was a land of death. "What I can't understand, is how the forty-niners got across to California with their ox carts," remarked my companion as he reached for the thermos jar of ice water.

At the close of the day's run, with the sun looking like an angry, red ball of fire just ready to slip over the horizon, we drew up and stopped at a lonely filling station—a shack, a gas service pump, and a few sunned palm trees giving scanty shade.

"We'd like to camp here for the night, if you don't mind," I said to the under-sized pleasant-faced man who appeared at the door of the shack. "Sure," he said heartily. "If it wasn't for my pets, and my trips down to Yuma for water and supplies, and you tourists, I'm afraid I'd get just a little bit lonesome."

"Pets—what sort of pets do you have out here?" I asked. "Come and see for yourselves," he replied as he led the way to the rear of the shack where here were some enclosures made of finely woven wire. Inside we could see several giant rattlesnakes which regarded us steadily with their venomous looking, beady eyes.

"Of course these snakes are all right, but they ain't the kind of pets that you get real chummy with, like Oscar here, for instance," said the man as he picked up a fat lizard about a foot long and began to stroke it. "I first intended to feed Oscar to the snakes. But when I put him in the pen, he just lay down and shut his eyes, and looked sort of helpless and pitiful in there with them old rattlers, that I took pity on him and rescued him. He's been following me around the shack ever since." After a few questions we discovered that Oscar belonged to that family of reptiles known locally as "chuckwallas" which is harmless and which has, as nearly as any reptile can have, the characteristics of a warm-blooded household pet.

"You see it was like this," continued Oscar's master, "the doctors sent me out here for my health years ago. At first it was pretty tough. But now, with Oscar and my other pets, and my work to supply the tourists, I'm kept busy and contented. Come to think of it, I wouldn't trade places with anybody that lives in a city."

A little later we spread our blankets on the white sand under stars that were as bright as moonlight. The breeze that rustled the palms had lost its heat and was now delightfully cool and refreshing. "After all, success isn't in having a lot of things," remarked my companion, sleepily, as he settled himself in his blankets. "Success is contentment. If this desert man's contented with what he's got, then I've got no kick coming."

His voice trailed off into slumber. "I guess you're right, at that," said I, as I raised on one elbow to hear the wail of a coyote far off in the dim, starlit distance."

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR ACTIVE YEAR

As a result of the sophomore class meeting held October 8, four new officers for the class of 1931 were elected.

Robert McCullough, freshman president of last year, was re-elected to the leading office of his class; Bill Jeter, vice president; Adele Drenke,

APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR OFFICIAL POSTS ON '30 COUGAR STAFF

Responsible Positions Filled By Experienced Journalists; Paper to Be Entered in Several Contests.

The Junior College student-body will welcome announcements made public today by Fred R. Birney and Wallace H. Miner, faculty advisors of the school-paper, of the appointment of new members to fill important offices on the editorial and business staff of the Cougar.

The important office of editor-in-chief has been filled by R. Willard Nesmith who has had much experience in the publication of school-papers and various other publications. Mr. Nesmith was editor and founder of the *Mercurious*, Reagan High School's official paper. He was also editor of the *Pennant*, the yearbook of the same institution, during his senior year.

During his freshman year at Texas A. and M. Mr. Nesmith was a regular contributor to the *Battalion* and was to have held an important office on the staff of that paper had he returned to school in 1929. He is now employed as a Chronicle sports reporter.

Everett Kendall has been appointed business manager of the Cougar and will aid the editor materially in the preparation of the paper editorially. Mr. Kendall has had a great deal of experience in journalistic work in other cities and is particularly capable in regard to the publication of a school sheet.

Miss Maurine Keach is to occupy the position of issue editor in which capacity he will direct the assignment of stories for each succeeding issue. Miss Keach is thoroughly capable of directing the reportorial staff of the Cougar.

Misses Margaret Boyett, Ferne Sweeney, and Lois Duff have been appointed heads of the various editorial departments. Announcements will be made later concerning appointments to other offices.

Mr. Fred R. Birney has announced that he has such confidence in the new staff that he will make the necessary preparations to enter the Cougar in various competitions and contests where the local paper will be in competition with school papers from all parts of the state and nation.

LECHINGER DISPLAYS SILVER SERVICE FOR CRUISER 'HOUSTON'

Beginning Thursday morning, September 9, the beautiful silver service to be presented to the cruiser "Houston" will be on exhibit at the store of L. Lechinger, Post-Dispatch Building, for a limited period of time.

The elaborate service consists of 56 pieces of solid silver, hand-wrought and hand-etched. The design is influenced by old Spanish missions of Texas, the magnolia, official flower of the city of Houston, and General Sam Houston, for whom the city was named.

A staff of silver artisans have been at work on it in the factory of the International Silver Company at Wallingford, Connecticut, for nearly a year. As an example of craftsmanship in precious metal, it is outstanding. Some conceding it to be the finest silver service ever presented to an American ship.

This exhibit will appeal to every Houstonian for one can not help being proud of the fact that one of Uncle Sam's new fighting craft has honored him by taking the name of his city.

By the courtesy of L. Lechinger, through whom the silver service was purchased, and the cruiser Houston committee, the public is privileged to see the service.

popular and pretty young co-ed, was elected secretary; Sterling Jackson was returned treasurer.

STERLING BUYS FIRST TICKET

Ross Sterling, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, is shown purchasing the first season ticket to Houston Junior College football games. A Cougar Collegian Committee is shown with Mr. Sterling.

Courtesy of Houston Post-Dispatch.



RECORDS SHOW H.J.C. ENROLLMENT DRAWN FROM ENTIRE STATE

Many Institutions Represented In Official 1930 Records Released by Registrar's Office; Record Completed.

Records compiled by the registrar's office show that the Houston Junior College draws its student body from many schools throughout the entire state. It is evident that the fame of the local school has reached statewide proportions and that the state as well as Houston has been awakened to the fact that the local Junior College not only has the largest enrollment in the state but that the courses offered here are very desirable.

Among the students representing Texas colleges are: Carey Chambers and Blanche Bybee, Sam Houston State Teachers' College; Katherine Bank, Margarete Alford, John Brown and Suzanne Crawford, Texas University; Lester Richardson, Howard Payne College; Elizabeth Sinclair, Texas Christian University; Norelle Glover and Anna Lou Elliot, Westmoreland College; Dan Hogler and Archie Irwin, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College; Mildred Cramer and Mabel Clair Brown, College of Industrial Arts; Ione Brown, Stephen F. Austin College; Hazel Adams, Southern Methodist University; Geneva Card, San Marcos Teachers' College; Beulah Bowling, Janice Berry, Evelyn Eply, Rice Institute; Magdalena Kastner and Alvina Lindsey, Baylor University; Bernard Collins, St. Thomas College; Granville Elder, St. Mary's College; Katherine Elliot, North Texas State Teachers' College; David Cotenach, San Antonio Junior College, and Nelway Turner, Lou Morris College.

From distant colleges, there is Roy Journey, Newcomb College; Everett Kendall, University of California; Herman Myers, Georgia School of Technology; David Furman, Assumption College; Arthur Pease, Fairmount College; Elga Schaeffer, Drake University; P. Singleton, Phoenix Junior College; Harold Steele, University of Idaho; Pearl Taylor, Union College; Lloyd Williams, Baldwin-Wallace College; Wilton Cohen, Art Students League; Ruth Fain, Alabama University; Elizabeth Arrington, Brennen College; Guy Berryhill, George Washington University; Leon Bupe, Denver University; Stuart Campbell, Louisiana State University, and Dorothy McGow, Arkansas State University.

COLLEGIANS TO STAGE TICKET SALES DRIVE

Cougar Collegians, Houston Junior college girls pep-club, sold the first season ticket for Junior college football games to R. S. Sterling, Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

To begin the intensive drive the Collegians are staging, Hazel Taylor, president of the club, and five members, Llewlyn Ross, Maurine Edminster, Celia Lasky, Helen Davis and Margaret Boyett, called on Mr. Sterling last week, and succeeded in making the first sale.

The pep-club is sponsoring the sale of tickets for the games, and though their campaign is not yet in full swing, due to the fact that each individual member has not yet been supplied with tickets, it is believed at least, a thousand tickets will be sold.

Several groups will be detailed to canvass the downtown office districts and it is hoped the merchants will co-operate in the purchase of season tickets. Home connections will also be depended upon to buy many of the tickets, according to the Collegians.

Enrolling from out-of-town high schools are Sammie Fowler, Lexington; Louis Gubbels, Rosenberg; John Heaner, Lufkin; Walter Halliday, Lovelady; Wilson Hunt, Cedar Bayou; Irene Johnson, El Campo; Claude Justus, Llano; Gladys Liestman Alief; Orlo McGeath, Port Huron; Oro Morgan, Galena Park; Virginia Northington, Wharton; Albert Bush and Larry Perez, Richmond; Mayes Sparks, Rockdale; Ema Tindall, Palestine; Goldie Wasser, Beaumont; Wolfeau, Goose Creek; Frank Carter, Central High, Fort Worth; Zalal Belle Copeland, Rusk; Le Roy Darley, Central High, Clearwater, Florida; Mack Daugherty, Angleton; Elizabeth Dickenson, Bryan; Justine Dubendorf, Fremont High, Oakland, California; Connie Fowler, Murphy High, Mobile, Alabama.

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COMING EVENTS

October 18 — Temple Junior College at Houston.

October 25 — Sam Houston State Teachers' College—Second Team at Houston.

October 25-30 — Cruiser Houston—Port celebration.

November 1 — Sam Houston State Teachers at Huntsville—College-Reserves.

November 6 — Open Forum Debate at the City Auditorium. Subject is Prohibition. Clarence Darrow and Clarence True Wilson.

November 7 — Victoria Junior College at Houston.

November 11 — Allen Military Academy at Bryan.

November 11 — Open Forum Lecture "The Rise of Humanism" by Charles Francis Potter, at Sidney Lanier School.

November 15 — Lutheran Junior College at Houston.

November 21 — Blinn Memorial Junior College at Brenham.

November 27-29 — Texas State Convention at Houston. One of the noted lecturers is the explorer, Vilhjalmir Stefansson, who was one of the leaders of the Anglo-American expedition to the Arctic in 1905 to 1912.

November 27 — Thanksgiving Day — A Holiday. All on to Austin to see the struggle between the University of Texas and A. and M.

Texas Univ. Battles Oklahoma Univ.

Texas University is looking forward to their tilt with Oklahoma University on October 18. Both varsities will have their bands at the game, special trains will run, and eager students will be on hand to root for the home team. H. J. C. students—true sport fans, that they are—will wait anxiously for news of the game.

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Tuesday, November 11, 1930: "The Rise of Humanism," Charles Francis Potter; at Sidney Lanier School.

Tuesday, December 2, 1930: "Psychology in the Melting Pot," Charles G. Obermeyer; at Sidney Lanier School.

Tuesday, January 27, 1931, "Fads in Quackery," Dr. Morris Fishbein; at Sidney Lanier School.

Tuesday, February 17, 1931, "Psychology of Happiness," Prof. Walter B. Pitkin; at Sidney Lanier School.

Tuesday, March 17, 1931: "The United States and Mexico," Jose Kelley; at Sidney Lanier School.

Tuesday, March 24, 1931: "Subject Not Chosen," Dr. William Dodd; at Sidney Lanier School.

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