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## THE COVER

Miss Houstonian for 1961 is Miss Lila Jeanfre a sophomore elementary education major and member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

# Commencement-1961

Over 1000 students heard Dr. William R. White, recently appointed chancellor of Baylor University, delivered the commencement address at the University of Houston spring graduation ceremonies, Saturday, June 3.

President of Baylor since 1948, Dr. White's tenure saw an approximate gain of \$51 million in total assets for the 115-year-old university to a present total-asset figure of over \$65 million.

Dr. White was named to the brand new chancellor's position with responsibilities in securing endowment and other funds for the financial needs of the university.

Following the commencement address, Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, vice president, dean of faculties, and newly appointed president of the University beginning September 1, made the presentation of degrees and diplomas.

Graduating summa cum laude were Helen Mary Baker, Molly Doris Goodman, Horace Clayson Lambert, John Reed McClarty, Helene Panayi Reat, Ann Quiggins Tiller and Linda Brown Shepler.

Graduating magna cum laude were Royce Dewayne Bratcher, Joseph Lee Miller, Edward Harry Montgomery, Carol Ann Petty, Elsie Payne Plunkett, Gloria Barreau Sammons, Jan Joseph Shook, Winfred Ann Staples, Sharon Barber Stover, Ronald Murray Sweeney, Finis Ray Welch, Mae McCarter Wickboldt and Catherine Virginia Young.

Graduating cum laude were Jackson Perry Anthony, David Frederick Barton, John Shields Brukner, Patricia Fowler Bundy, Bobbie Wayne Carter, John Ivan Clack, Shirley Jean Dehart, Basil Creyke Fairweather, Virginia Lee Floyd, Joseph Benjamin Grierson, Arlene Gail Horwitz, Norma Jean Mueller Kardel, Allene Booth Leech.

Also, Phyllis Markam Levenson, John Terence McMahon, Gertrude Vera Moehring, Charles Lee Moore, Charles Albert Nester, Robert Lee Patterson, Mary Jane Mitchell Pennington, Harry Bertrum Pettit, Jr., Bohn Edward Phillips, Roy Talbert Rogers, Jr., Gerald Ronald Shoemake, Gisela Helen Snowdy and Theodore Roosevelt Williams.

Receiving departmental honors were Ann Quiggins Tiller, in history, and Catherine Virginia Young, in journalism. Mrs. Tiller, who wrote her senior honors thesis on "Pan Americanism, The History of

a Misunderstanding," graduated summa cum laude. Miss Young, whose thesis is entitled "Newspapers in Four Texas Cities During the Civil War Period," graduated magna cum laude.

Graham Frank Lantz received a doctorate in optometry. Paul Edward Pierce received a doctorate in administrative education. Ph.D.'s in psychology were conferred on Lloyd Oliver Brooks, Noble Dewey Enete, Kenton Donese Pate and Jerry Gene Short.



# General Bruce

## Retires

The governing board of the University of Houston has accepted the application of General A. D. Bruce for retirement as the chief executive, effective August 31, 1961, the end of the current fiscal year.

Announcing the retirement, Colonel W. B. Bates, chairman of the board, paid high tribute to General Bruce for his "distinguished service since



**CHANCELLOR BRUCE**  
*To become Chancellor Emeritus*

assuming leadership of the University September 1, 1954." He said that General Bruce would become chancellor emeritus.

Simultaneously, Colonel Bates announced the appointment of Dr. Philip G. Hoffman as president and chief executive, effective September 1, 1961, the beginning of the new fiscal year. He was the unanimous choice of a selection committee appointed to nominate a new president.

Members of the selection committee included

two members of the faculty, Dr. Corinne Weston and Dr. T. C. Sinclair; two deans, Dr. Noel Ferguson and Dr. Eugene Hughes; and four members of the board of governors. Lamar Fleming, Jr., Wm. G. Farrington, Jack Valenti, and Roy Henry Cullen. The latter two are alumni of the University.

Dr. Hoffman came to the University of Houston in 1957 as vice president and dean of faculties. Prior to coming to Houston, Dr. Hoffman was Dean of General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, and later Dean of Faculties and professor of history at Portland State College, Portland, Oregon. He went to Oregon in 1953 following four years as assistant professor and associate professor at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Hoffman was born in Kobe, Japan in 1915. His parents, who were missionaries, returned to the United States in 1920 and took up residence in Oregon. After taking his bachelor's degree at Pacific Union College and a master's at the University of Southern California, he entered the navy with the beginning of World War II and served as a naval intelligence officer.

Following the war he returned to Ohio State University where he received his doctorate in history in 1948, and continued to serve as an instructor in the department of history.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman have four children: Philip, Jr., 19; Vicki, 18; Ruth Ann, 7; and Jeanne, 6. Mrs. Hoffman, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Harding of Worthington, Ohio, is a niece of Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States. The Hoffmans reside at 5123 Valerie, Belaire.

Dr. Hoffman is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the American Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta, a national honorary society in history, serving as national president 1952-1954; Phi Kappa Phi, graduate honorary society; Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership honorary society; the Rotary Club, and the University and Petroleum Clubs.

General Bruce praised the incoming chief executive, and pointed out that he was "part of an outstanding team of administrators who have helped me so greatly during a most difficult time in the development of the University of Houston."

Mr. McElhinney commented on the changes as follows:

"General Bruce has accomplished much for the University of Houston. During his administration the University has achieved wider academic and over-all acceptance. He has developed for us a broad base of community support and, more recently, state support.

"It is indeed fitting that he is able to leave with yet one more victory to his credit—passage of legislation bringing the University of Houston into the State System. Our association, both professional and personal, has been most pleasant and I hope that General and Mrs. Bruce will enjoy their well deserved retirement from executive responsibility.

"The University continues to be fortunate in having Dr. Hoffman available to guide its destiny. In the few years he has been with us he has earned the admiration and respect of the community, the board, and the faculty and staff.

"It is a tribute to Dr. Hoffman that he was the immediate and only choice of all who participated in selecting General Bruce's successor.

Dr. Nicholson praised the naming of Dr. Hoffman as president and chief executive officer, noting his broad administrative experience, his recognition as an academic leader, his acceptance within the faculty and community, and the fact that he was the unanimous choice of the selection committee.



**VICE PRESIDENT HOFFMAN**  
*To become President*

"General Bruce's contributions to the University of Houston, during a most critical stage in its development, have been of the highest order. This community and area will recognize more and more, as the institution assumes a major role in higher education in the South, all that he has accomplished since 1954.

"It has been my privilege to work closely with General Bruce during the past five years, and I know the extreme dedication with which he faced the formidable tasks before him. The university is most fortunate to have the energy and abilities of this fine gentleman and leader still available in his new assignment as chancellor emeritus."

The retiring chancellor, who came to the University of Houston in 1954 directly from a post as commandant (president) of the Armed Forces Staff College, said that he felt that the close teamwork developed with Dr. Hoffman, vice president and dean of faculties; C. F. McElhinney, vice president

and business manager; and Dr. Patrick J. Nicholson, vice president, University development, had meant much to the University.

He also complimented for "excellent work in helping to build the institution to its present level" a fourth executive who has been absent on leave almost a year. This is Dr. Clanton W. Williams, president from 1957-1961, who is on a key assignment for the Departments of State and Defense in Rangoon, Burma, and is not expected to return to the University of Houston.

General Bruce's request for retirement effective August 31, 1961 came at the usual time the board of governors receives recommendations for the reelection of faculty and staff for the school year, 1961-1962, commencing September 1.

Taking office as president of the University on September 1, 1954 following his retirement from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant general, General Bruce became Chancellor of the University in December of 1956.

General Bruce received a B.S. degree from Texas A & M College in 1916 and an honorary LL.D. in 1946. Entering the regular Army as a second lieutenant in June, 1917, he retired after 37 years of active service. His record in World Wars I and II is indicated by the many decorations he received from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and foreign governments, including this nation's Distinguished Service Cross.

In World War II, he activated the Tank Destroyer Center at Fort Hood, Texas and later commanded the 77th Infantry Division during some of the most crucial fighting in the South Pacific. His post war duties included those of Governor of Hokaido, Japan, and service in Korea.

Since his return to his home state, he has served as a director of the board of the Houston Chamber of Commerce; trustee of the Southwest Research Institute, and trustee of Scott and White Memorial Hospital. General Bruce is a member of the Rotary Club, and Philosophical society of Texas.

Commenting on General Bruce's retirement, Colonel Bates said, "The board of governors grants General Bruce's request for retirement reluctantly. His outstanding service and steadfast devotion to the institution has made possible much of the recent success that the University has experienced. During his tenure, he and his associates have been responsible for many improvements and changes. He leaves a foundation from which the University can reach for even greater attainment.

"Speaking in behalf of our great University family of the board, the faculty, the staff, the alumni, and the student body, I can say that General Bruce's contribution to the betterment and furtherance of higher education at the University, is exceeded only by the contributions he made in behalf of his country during two wars. He has truly managed to crowd into one lifetime, accomplishments above and beyond that expected of any mortal man. We will all miss him."



**DON UHRBROCK**  
Prepares for next assignment

## Our "Ex"

## With LIFE

**Assignment:** Cover arrival of "Freedom Riders" in Montgomery, Alabama, Saturday, May 20.

**Source of Assignment:** Editorial office of Life Magazine, New York City.

**Recipient:** News photographer Don Uhrbrock operating out of the Atlanta, Georgia bureau of Life Magazine.

This was a routine assignment for Uhrbrock who has covered everything from the launching of the nation's first satellite to a special election for the U. S. Senate in Texas.

Arriving in Montgomery early Saturday morning Uhrbrock accompanied by a Life magazine writer preceded to the area of the local Greyhound Bus station.

Minutes later he was a bruised and dazed individual; his two expensive Japanese 35-mm cameras were destroyed; his teammate was badly beaten.

*Gen. Medaris and Wernher Von Braun at Cape Canaveral in 1958, during countdown of launching of first earth satellite.*



What had happened? He and other representatives of the press were "clobbered" by a mob.

As the Associated Press account read "Rioting continued around the . . . bus station for nearly two hours before the . . . mob—numbering close to 1000 at times—was broken up with tear gas by state and city police.

"The racial violence, which erupted and subsided three times, left at least 20 persons battered and bloody, including an official of the Justice Department in Washington."

What's the story behind the young 28-year-old photographer who figured in this incident?

Uhrbrock is a 1956 graduate of the University of Houston, where he received a BS degree in photography. The spring of his graduation year, he was also commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Working as a part-time photographer in his undergraduate years in the News Service, now the Office of Information, he went to work full-time for the office following his graduation. It was during this period that he gained his first recognition as a photographer with a great potential.

Active as an undergraduate in Kappa Alpha Mu, the national fraternity for professional photographers, Uhrbrock entered and won first place in the organization's national photography contest. The prize was a set of encyclopedias and the realization of a long-time ambition—two weeks on the staff of Life Magazine in New York City with all expenses paid.

Uhrbrock was determined from here on to make the staff of Life Magazine, a coveted job by all standards.

During two years of active duty at the Army Pictorial Center in New York City, he was sent on "spot" assignments to all parts of the globe. One trip took him to Europe on an extended tour carrying out special photographic assignments on the occupation lines separating United States and Russian troops in Germany.

Upon his discharge, he went to work for Life and was assigned to operate out of their Atlanta bureau covering the southeastern portion of the United States—which, upon occasion, included Cuba, Puerto Rico and just recently, Bermuda.

His first assignment for Life came while he was in the Army. Life wanted an Army photographer to cover the 1958 launching of the first earth satellite, Explorer I.

Uhrbrock, the chosen one, said he really had the "chokes" before this assignment.

"I arrived at Cape Canaveral 12 hours early," he said. "It took eight hours to get clearance."

Finally Gen. John B. Medaris, then head of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, now the Marshall Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics Space Agency, gave him complete access.

"This was my most exciting time," said Uhrbrock. "I didn't even get excited at the man in space flight until just 15 minutes before the shot was fired."

Uhrbrock is the only photographer at the Atlanta bureau for Life. His area extends from Richmond, Virginia, including Tennessee, south and west to Texas.

Last year he said he travelled over 65,000 miles.

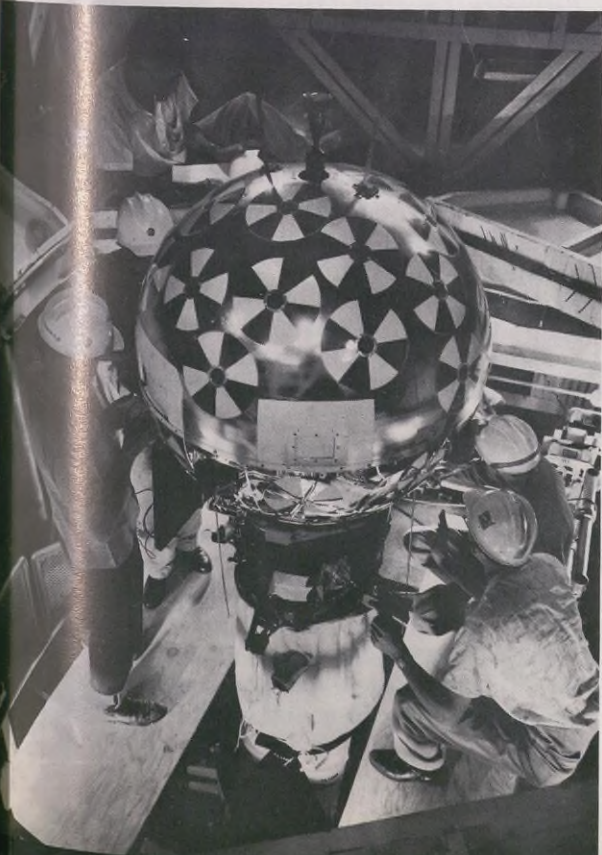
He said it gets tiring on the family, which includes his wife, Mary, and a new daughter, Anne Louise.

"I was home 177 days last year, and away 188," he said. "But when I'm home in Atlanta, I'm completely free, so there is some compensation."



*Coney Island as seen by Uhrbrock.*

*First earth satellite readied for launching.*



*All photos by Don Uhrbrock*

*Eisenhower views Army demonstration at Fort Benning.*



# The Sum of the Parts....

Passage of legislation bringing the University of Houston into the state system of higher education, as of September 1, 1963, has been hailed as a major legislative victory for Harris County and the entire upper Gulf Coast area. This development is of course of tremendous importance to students and alumni of the University, and indeed to everyone in Texas.

In order to give readers of EXTRA interesting details of the 134-day campaign to obtain Senate and House of Representatives approval of full state support, the following chronological account has been prepared by the editorial staff. There were three principal sources of information: (1) newspaper accounts, which were unusually numerous and detailed; (2) information gathered from members of the Legislature; and (3) information from Dr. Patrick J. Nicholson, University vice president. Dr. Nicholson was in Austin for virtually the entire legislative session at the request of Harris County legislators who were in constant need of detailed information concerning the University.

The reader must remember that this account, of necessity highly condensed, omits everything except key developments within the Legislature. It does not mention, for instance, the many months of preparation and even years of study, which preceded the opening of the 57th Legislature last January 10. Or the hard work and long hours of planning underlying major moves. Or the tremendous support received from the entire citizenry of Harris County, all news media, members of the governing board (many of whom played key roles in obtaining legislative support at critical moments), faculty, student body, and the Alumni Association. Most of all, this brief account does not pay adequate tribute to the tremendous contributions of Senator Robert W. Baker, Rep Criss Cole (chairman of the H/R delegation), and the other seven members of the delegation: Rep Robert C. Eckhardt, Rep Paul Floyd, Rep Don Garrison, Rep W. H. Miller, Rep Henry C. Grover, Rep Don Shipley, and Rep J. Charles Whitfield, Jr. Three of these gentlemen (Rep Floyd, Rep Miller, and Rep Cole) are graduates of our College of Law and Rep Grover is currently a graduate student in history:

*January 10, 1961:* Rep James A. Turman of Gober

was named Speaker of the House today. He is believed to be strongly in favor of our bill.

*January 16, 1961:* First of a series of meetings of the Harris County delegation at which Senate and H/R bills, timing, probable areas of support and opposition were discussed in great detail.

*January 23, 1961:* Bill was introduced in Senate at 11:05 a.m., by Senator Robert W. Baker, who was immediately recognized by Lt Governor Ben Ramsey. The bill is SB 2, and was referred to State Affairs Committee. Delegation members in the House secured the word that Rep Robert C. Eckhardt has arranged to get the low number HR 11 there.

*January 24, 1961:* HR 11 was introduced in the House at 4:15 p.m. by Rep Criss Cole. Co-signers included the entire Harris County H/R delegation and 34 other members from every area of the state. HR 11 referred to State Affairs Committee.

*February 1, 1961:* There are increasing indications that most of our difficulties will be found in the Senate, where a hard core of resistance to any legislation involving major spending is developing.

*February 13, 1961:* Hearing before State Affairs Committee of Senate in afternoon. Final vote was 10-7 in our favor. At one time during the afternoon because of other meetings, hearings, etc., we had exactly three of our supporters present at the committee table. Closeness of vote distressing although we were pleased to get the bill out of committee. Hearing before State Affairs Committee of H/R in evening. Referred to subcommittee with minimum of unfriendly questioning.

*February 15, 1961:* Intensive new program of contacting members of Senate and H/R begun by the delegation, with assistance from members over the state who are backing us. Decision reached to pass SB 2 first, possibly trying for a vote in mid-March.

*March 8, 1961:* We are approaching the necessary 2-1 margin needed to bring SB 2 up in the Senate but have lost a critical vote.

*March 20, 1961:* We have been advised to try to run in the Senate, in order to get an absolute measure of strength, as the opposition is gathering its forces and time is running out.

*March 23, 1961:* On test vote to bring up SB 2 at 11:15 a.m., we were defeated 14-15 in the Senate. Post-mortem decisions: this was a defeat, but

clarified our position. We need the assistance of many persons to gain the additional strength needed in the Senate. We must now abandon the hope of obtaining support in 1961, and hope that somehow it will be possible to bring the University in the system as of 1963.

**April 1, 1961:** Emergency meeting of community leaders in Houston to discuss series of contacts with members of the Legislature, principally to improve our position in the Senate.

**April 8, 1961:** H/R subcommittee held two-hour public hearing in M. D. Anderson Library Auditorium. Supplied with outside evaluation of \$34,000,000 on our campus and physical plant, they seemed quite impressed with the University.

**April 12, 1961:** We are again approaching a 2-1 majority in the Senate, with the adoption of 1963 entrance date and other amendments. The H/R State Affairs Committee voted out HR 11 unanimously.

**April 17, 1961:** Senator Baker was able to bring up SB 2 at 11:20 a.m. by the barest possible margin of 20-10. Opposing senators then began a determined filibuster.

**April 18, 1961:** Filibuster continues in the Senate. Adjournment at 6 p.m. by agreement because obvious opposition can go past midnight and no Senate bills can be debated tomorrow or next day. We are ready for a vote in the House and believe that we have 85-90 votes there on HR 11.

**April 19, 1961:** HR 11 was engrossed (passed on second reading) today at 2:20 p.m., 84-34. Rep Cole tried immediately for the 2-1 margin needed for suspension and third passage, but failed 86-48.

**April 21, 1961:** The H/R passed HR 11 finally by voice vote at 10:46 a.m. Only scattered opposition. The bill goes to the Senate, where it has little or no chance of coming out of committee.

**April 24, 1961:** The filibuster resumed in the Senate, but there was adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

**April 25, 1961:** The filibuster continued in the Senate until 11:30 p.m. Senate bills cannot be debated tomorrow or the next day, but we will attempt to keep the Senate in session Friday, when SB 2 would again be pending business.

**April 27, 1961:** We were successful in bringing Senate back into session tomorrow, by vote of 14-13.

**April 28, 1961:** The filibuster was finally broken at 10:50 p.m., and SB 2 was engrossed. The key vote was at 5:30 p.m., when Senator Jarrard Secrest of Temple agreed to break an 11-11 tie, making possible a 12-10 vote to "move the previous question", and thereby limit debate.

**May 1, 1961:** Series of conferences on how to get SB 2 up again in the Senate for third reading and final passage. This requires another 2-1 margin vote, and the opposition seems to have a solid, unbreakable core of 12 votes, leaving us short even when our entire strength is present on the floor of the Senate.

**May 8, 1961:** Senator Baker attempted immediate

setting of HR 11 by State Affairs Committee of Senate, but was overruled by the chairman, Senator Wardlow Lane of Center.

**May 9, 1961:** Difficult situation is arising in the H/R, as the members divide further and further on controversial bills. Still probing for an opening in the Senate.

**May 12, 1961:** Senator Baker found three opposing senators gone as the session began at 10:30 a.m. When Senator Louis Crump of San Saba agreed to vote with us, we won by 18-8 the right to bring SB 2 up at once for third reading and final passage. The really critical vote, however, was a 14-12 decision whereby Senator Baker was able again to move the previous question and forestall another filibuster. With the previous question in effect, SB 2 was passed in just six minutes, at 10:41 a.m. Senator Baker went personally to the floor of the House to announce passage, and received a great ovation.

**May 15, 1961:** It appears more and more that there will be a delay in having SB 2 voted out favorably by the State Affairs Committee of the H/R, which is necessary to get the measure to the floor for passage. It was decided to accept SB 2 exactly as is, because of the extreme danger in any further delays as adjournment rapidly approaches.

**May 17, 1961:** Still no action in State Affairs Committee of the House, although we understand the committee is for the bill. Members of our House delegation are beginning to work the floor intensively again for final passage votes. SB 2 was heard at 11:45 p.m. after Senate had voted redistricting bill. It was referred to same subcommittee which visited campus, with instructions to report back Monday, May 22.

**Friday, May 19:** We believe that we have over 100 votes in the House, and are nearing 115 in event we need a 4/5ths vote to suspend for final passage.

**Monday, May 22:** SB 2 was reported out favorably by State Affairs Committee of the House at 7:45 p.m., after last-ditch attempt by one or two opponents on 21-man committee to amend the measure and thereby kill it.

**Tuesday, May 23:** Rep Cole brought up SB 2 at 11:46 a.m., and the bill was engrossed 111-29. He then moved for the 4/5ths margin required for final passage immediately. With the strongest possible support from Speaker Turman, we won this vote 117-26, (verification 117-23). SB 2 was then finally passed 108-35 at 12:29 p.m. and went to the governor for his signature, which is expected early in June.

Thus ended almost two full years of exacting planning and work, plus 134 extremely difficult days in the Legislature. But the State of Texas has a splendid new university in its system as of 1963, and the Alumni Association has new cause to be proud of its Alma Mater and the many thousands who supported it in this long battle, especially the loyal members of the Harris County delegation in the Legislature and those who worked most closely with them.



DEAN LILLIOTT  
*Great step forward*

## NAAB accredits architecture

The College of Architecture at the University has been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, according to an announcement made by Gen. A. D. Bruce, University chancellor.

The period of accreditation is five years, the maximum granted by the NAAB.

"We are very happy about this," dean of the College, Richard W.

Lilliott, Jr., said. "It is a great step forward for us. An accrediting committee from the NAAB visited us two years ago for the first time and gave us provisional accreditation."

"The students, faculty and the University administration all shared in making this recognition of the college possible."

Lilliott, who has been with the College of Architecture, originally the department of architecture, since its beginning, holds the rank of professor.

He has a B. A. degree from Rice University and an M. A. from Colorado University. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Society of Architectural Historians and the Museum of Fine Arts.

He is married and has two children. He and his family live at 6 S. Winden Way.

Architecture, which opened in 1949, as a department of the University, became a college in 1958.

## Alumni officers

Gordon Hollan, a 1952 graduate of the University, is the new president of the Alumni Association for 1961-62.

Other officers are John C. O'Leary '57, vice president; Brooks I. Peel '48, succeeding himself as treasurer; and Mrs. Virginia Poling, also beginning her second term as secretary.

Elected to three-year terms as directors of the Association at the same time are Mrs. Sara Weinberg Daniels '55; Lewis Ray Dunwoody '55; W. T. McRae, Jr. '54; Ernest Schneider '49; and Virgil Wall, Jr. '52.

## New fraternity

Theta Tau, national professional engineering fraternity, added its 25th active chapter, Saturday, May 13, with the installation of Epsilon Nu Gamma Fraternity of the University of Houston as Eta Beta Chapter of Theta Tau.

William J. Leach, assistant to the dean of the Cullen College of Engineering, will act as advisor to the new chapter.

Local Theta Tau alumni who were members of the installation team are Kent R. Shellene, with Shell Chemical Corporation and lecturer in mathematics at the University; Edward P. Hansen, with Marley Company; and James L. Ibison, with Westinghouse Electric, Sturdevant Division.

Officers of the new chapter are Edgar A. Rapp, regent; Robert F. Schwartz, vice regent; Loyal C. White, Jr., scribe; John C. Rush, treasurer; Herbert A. Underwood, corresponding secretary; and Richard A. Brooks, marshal.



GORDON HOLLAN '52  
*Alumni president*

## New editors

New editors for the campus newspaper, The Cougar, and the yearbook, The Houstonian, were selected recently by the University's Publications Committee.

Meredith Trube, a 20-year-old senior journalism major, is the editor of The Cougar for the fall semester. She is presently editor of the West Texas edition of TV Guide Magazine.

Miss Trube is twice winner of a Press Club Scholarship.

Gail Smiley, a 20-year-old senior journalism major, has been named editor of The Houstonian for 1961-62. She was formerly a student at the University of Oklahoma. She is also a winner of a Press Club scholarship.

## Moscow trip

A. Ray Sims, dean of the University College of Technology, was among six technical education officials who left New York International Airport, May 5, for Moscow under the State Department's Cultural Exchange Agreement with the Soviet Government.

Sims will return in June after spending 30 days in the Soviet Union studying Russian technical education.

An authority on technical institute education, Sims served on war manpower commissions for the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico.

During World War II, he supervised the training of thousands of war production employees.

He is chairman of the Technical Institute Division, American Society for Engineering Education and is a member of the national committee.

He served as a member of the National Task Force on Technical Curricula on President Eisenhower's Committee on Development of Scientists and Engineers.

He is vice-chairman of the Subcommittee on Technical Institute Accreditation for the Engineers' Council for Professional Development.

## Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons are again being offered by the University of Houston swimming pool for children in the Houston area.

The swimming lessons start June 5, 26, July 17, and August 7. The lessons are semi-private with only four students to each instructor.

Instruction is given in beginning, intermediate and advanced swimming. The fee is \$15 for nine lessons. Further information is available by calling CA 4-1681, Ext. 354.



DEAN SIMS  
*To Moscow*

## \$60,000 gift

A gift of electronic and electrical circuit component equipment valued at \$60,000 was given to the University of Houston recently by the Welex Company, a division of the Halliburton Company.

The equipment includes amp meters, volt meters, automatic temperature recorders and controls, transistors, etc. Many of the component parts had never been removed from their containers.

Part of the equipment, all in good operating condition, has been put to immediate use in the electrical, mechanical, chemical and petroleum engineering departments.

The remainder has been made available for special problems and research.

## Retirement

Three University of Houston faculty members with cumulative service to the University of 81 years will retire this year at the end of the spring semester.

They are Dr. Roy A. Crouch, professor of psychology; Mrs. Lillian L. Warren, professor of general business; and Mr. Warren A. Rees, assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. Crouch, with the University since 1939, organized the psychology department and at one time was its chairman. He rose from instructor to full professor while at the University.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, Phi Delta Kappa, (international professional and honorary fraternity for men in education), the Texas Psychology Association, and the Rotary Club.

Mrs. Warren joined the University in 1934, after 16 years teaching experience in public schools in Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Texas.

She is a member of the National Education Association, Texas State Teacher's Association, American Business Women's Association, and Delta Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Rees began his career with the original Houston Junior College, forerunner of the University, in 1929. Prior to that, he had taught in the public schools and at Texas A & M, beginning in 1921. He is a member of the Mathematics Teaching Association of America.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# The Meet of Champions

By TED NANCE  
Sports Editor

During its first five years of existence, the University of Houston-sponsored Meet of Champions has certainly lived up to its name.

Track and field performers from around the world have competed in the meet, putting the University and the city of Houston in the center ring of the huge circus of the track world for one weekend a year.

Olympic runners and field men have competed, world records have been equaled, and more than 35,000 spectators witnessed the five meets.

Coach Johnny Morriss, founder and director of the Champions carnival, sees no reason why the sixth annual Meet of Champions, Friday, June 9, in Jeppesen Stadium should not be as good or better than last year's gathering.

*"Track and field men get better every year. We won't have as many so-called big names as we've had in the past because most of these men have retired. They competed in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic games. Now it's time for a new crop of greats to come along. I believe we'll have several boys in this year's meet who will be members of olympic teams in 1964," Morriss explains.*

Among this group will be runners like Abilene Christian's Earl Young, Baylor's Bill Kemp, Ron Ablowich of Georgia Tech, Ralph Boston of Tennessee A & I, and Archie San Romani, Jr., of Oregon.

Boston, who has a world-record broad jump of 26 feet, 11¼ inches, will be making his first appearance in the Houston meet.

The retiring champions who have ruled the track scene for nearly the past decade are performers like sprinter Bobby Morrow, hurdler Lee Calhoun, distance man Ron Delany, sprinter and hurdler Glenn Davis, and shot putter Bill Nieder.

All of these greats hold Champions records and have either retired or will retire soon.

*"You can't live in the past," Morris exclaims. "I'll predict right now that there will be seven or eight boys in this year's Champions field who will be on the 1964 Olympic team," Morriss adds.*

Early favorites in the field by events are:

Javelin: Jim Smith, Southwest Conference champ from Texas; Glenn Winningham, Brooke

Army man who led the field at the Texas Relays.

Hop-Step-Jump: Jerry Dyes, defending champion from Abilene Christian.

Discus: Richard Crane, defending champion and record holder from Auburn; John Fry, Southwest Conference champ from Baylor; and Mike Lindsay, British Olympian from Oklahoma.

Pole Vault: J. D. Martin, Oklahoma; George Davies, Oklahoma State; Dexter Elkins, S.M.U.; Henry Wadsworth, U.S. Army; Jim Graham, U.S. Army, attached; and world-record holder Don Fragg, formerly of Villanova. They have all cleared 15 feet. Any one could win.

Shot Put: Mike Lindsay, Oklahoma; Richard Crane, Auburn; Ed Nutting, Georgia Tech; and John Fry, Baylor. This field has all bettered 58 feet. Another event any one of the four could win.

High Jump: Australian Olympian Colin Ridge, way of Lamar Tech has cleared 6-11. High school boy Roy Hicks has bettered the 6-10 mark. A quintet of others have passed 6-9.

One Mile Run: Defending champion Archie San Romani, Jr., of Oregon will be tough to beat. Stanford's great Ernie Cunliffe, running right at four minutes, could be a late entry.

440 Yard Hurdles: Cliff Cushman, Kansas; Ron Ablowich, Georgia Tech; and Rex Wilson, Texas, one-two-three in the 1960 N.C.A.A. meet, are all entered.

880 Yard Run: Southwest Conference champion Jim Parr of S.M.U. heads a strong group in this event.

Broad Jump: World record holder and Olympic champion Ralph Boston will make his first local appearance.

100 Yard Dash: Southwest Conference champion Ralph Alspaugh and Texas Relays winner Dennis Richardson of Abilene Christian will be tough to beat in this sprint.

440 Yard Dash: Olympic gold-medal winner Earl Young of Abilene Christian, defending champion Bill Miller of Southern University, Southwest Conference titlist Mickey Hollingshead of Rice, and Ollan Cassell of the University of Houston form the nucleus for this race, which could be a highlight of the meet.

## BILLBOARD

*Albert A. Hughes '53* is vice president in charge of production of Camco, Inc., Houston.

*A. J. Blanc '54* took his master's in electrical engineering at the University of Delaware in '57 and is now Research Project Engineer with DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware.

*Bob J. Beard '56* has been appointed executive vice president and manager of the natural gas pipeline operations of Gulf Resources, Inc. in South Texas. He is also general manager of the Jonnell Gas Company, an exploration and production firm which pioneered the development of the deep Wilcox gas reserves in Zapata County.

*John S. Brown '59* has been transferred to the newly created division of the California Company of Texas in Rangeley, Colorado.

*J. F. Hickerson '45* is foreman of the Light Hydrocarbon Laboratory at Humble Oil & Refining Company's Baytown refinery.

*Thomas J. Baker, Jr. '48* and *H. Edwin Stockwell '46* are listed in the 1961 roster of the Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters. Baker is with Great Southern Life, in Houston, and Stockwell is with Home Life of New York in East Orange, New Jersey.

*Robert E. Rothkamm '57*, a registered pharmacist in Texas and Louisiana, is Eli Lilly and Company's new salesman in Lake Charles.

*Frank R. Glass '53* has joined the staff of Better Homes & Gardens magazine as associate building editor. Prior to joining the magazine he was project architect with Wyatt C. Hedrick, Houston architectural and engineering firm.

*James K. Ezell '54* has been elected vice president and agency director of the Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company of Dallas. Ezell married the former *Dorothy Cox* of Jacksonville, Texas, in 1946. They have two daughters: Janet, 13, and Sheryl, 9.

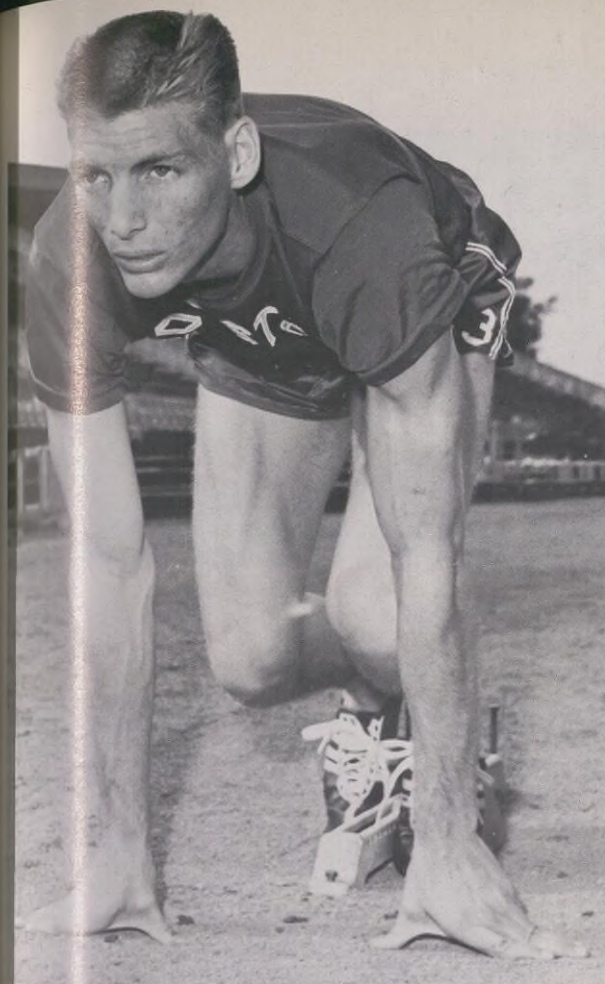
*J. L. Waldron '60* is employed as mechanical engineer at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

*Walter E. Welch '60* accepted a job as associate engineer with Minneapolis-Honeywell in St. Petersburg, Florida.

*Jack C. Woerner '60* and wife, *Margaret* expect the stork in September. He has been with Fluid Power Controls, Inc. as design engineer for one year.

*Norman R. Stevenson '56* has been appointed sales manager of M-H Equipment Co., Inc. in Dallas.

*Warren W. Ware '60* is employed by Phillips Chemical Co., Adams Terminal, Pasadena, as junior chemical engineer.



**EARL HARLAN**

*Versatile member of mile relay team*

**220 Yard Dash:** Run on the curve again this year for the benefit of the fans, Olympian Stone Johnson of Grambling, Southwest Conference winner Ralph Alspaugh of Texas, and A.C.C.'s Dennis Richardson have all recorded top times.

**120 Yard High Hurdles:** Olympic hurdler Hayes Jones, formerly of Eastern Michigan; Don Styron, now at Southern Illinois; and Texas; great Southwest Conference champion Ray Cunningham will highlight this race.

**Three-Mile Run:** University of Houston distance stars Al Lawrence, a world record holder in this event indoors; and Pat Clohessy, Drake Relays two mile champion; are the top men at this distance.

**Steeplechase:** A new event run because it will be run in the national collegiate meet, former N.C.A.A. champion John Macy of the University of Houston will be a strong contender for this title.

**440 and Mile Relays:** Teams are expected from Abilene Christian, U.H., Baylor, Oklahoma State, Southern Illinois; Texas Southern, and Grambling.

Reserved seat tickets and box seat tickets will be on sale before the Meet of Champions at the U.H. Athletic Ticket Office, 107 Recreation Building. For further ticket information, contact Ned Thompson at CA 7-1527.



# Wedgwood at the University Club

One of Houston's finest collections of Wedgwood is encased in the dining room of the Alumni Association's University Club, adjacent to Valian's Restaurant, at South Main and Holcombe Boulevard.

Owned by George Valian, the collection includes almost every variety of Wedgwood in existence. The story behind the creation of this remarkable pottery testifies to its beauty and high quality.

Wedgwood is for the most part a reflection of a great love—that of Josiah and Sarah Wedgwood.

The youngest of 13 children, Josiah Wedgwood came from a line of potters in the now famous town of Burslem, England. After his father's death in 1739, when he was nine years old, Josiah went to work in the Churchyard Works, the pottery his brother had inherited.

He became an expert modeler, cutter and designer of molds. Soon his genius flowered and had no bounds. His development of ceramic techniques, his experiments with materials and his inventions surpassed all potters in modern times. He developed six new types of wares: terra cotta, basalt, porcelain biscuit, white porcelain biscuit, jasper and bamboo.

The bulk of his productions were designed to fill the needs of households and add to the zest and grace of living.

This young man was the central figure of one of the great love stories of the world. When Josiah was 24, he proposed to Sarah, whose wealthy father refused to give his consent of marriage to this "lame Burslem Potter." Anyone who would marry his daughter, he said, must match her dowry of ten thousand pounds, pound for pound, and equivalent to \$600,000 today.

For a year after Josiah had asked for Sarah's hand, he was forbidden to see her. After that he was allowed to meet her only in the Squire's presence for a short visit once a month.

During the next ten years of secret letters and meetings, the lovers lived in an atmosphere of grand idealized love. Wedgwood had overcome every obstacle, objection and opposition by the Squire. He matched her dowry of 10,000 pounds. He was then, 34, and she was 29. They were married and lived very happily ever after.

Their son, Thomas, is credited with the discovery of photography. Another son, John was the founder of the Royal Horticultural Society; and their daughter, Susannah, was the mother of one of the greatest scientists the world has known, Charles Darwin.

Wedgwood, who became the Royal Potter of England, wrote 22 years after his marriage "I never had a great plan that I did not submit to my wife. She knew all the details of the business, and it was her love for the beautiful that first prompted and inspired me to take up Grecian and Roman Art, and in due degree, reproduce the Classic for the world. I worked for her approval and without her high faith in me I realize that my physical misfortunes would have overcome my will, and failure would have been written large where now England has carved the word Success."

This collection of Wedgwood provides the inspiration for the entire decor of the University Club. Open to graduates, faculty, staff and ex-students, the Club is a gathering place offering the best in food and drink.

The menu is varied and includes such specialties as Shish-kabab, steaks and a roster of Italian delicacies.

Eligible potential members may drop in and look around anytime. Membership in the club provides direct support for the Alumni Association. The fees are comparable to those of most private clubs in the city.



and guests enjoy steaks and conversation.



Mrs. Rainey (left) and Mrs. Hollan await the food and speeches.



The bar attracts many.



Outgoing president Walter Rainey bids farewell.

# Installation of Alumni Officers



Celebrities (l. to r.) Judge Bill Elliott, Mayor Lewis Cutrer, Chancellor A. D. Bruce, Alumni President Gordon Hollan, and former President Rainey gather for pictures and laughs.

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A MESSAGE TO THE 1961 GRADUATES

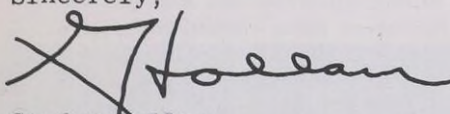
Dear Alumnus,

The other evening I spoke to you about the Alumni Association and gave you a summation of our mission and mentioned a few of our programs.

In the interests of keeping you well informed about the University we will send you this, and the next four issues of the Extra whether you are a dues-paying member or not. Please read each issue thoroughly and offer any criticism that occurs to you. We will attempt to serve you to the best of our ability and to the limit our budget will permit. Only you and the other thousands of alumni can increase our capacity to serve.

Again we earnestly solicit your membership and support for the alumni program. As you see, a membership form is provided and this will give you a paid membership through this summer and next until September 1962. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Gordon Hollan  
President

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