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SWANSON, VALENTI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Emerald Room Site Of Senior Prom

By FOSTER WICK

University Exes interested in attending the University's Senior Prom in the Emerald and Grecian rooms of the Shamrock hotel, are welcome to do so, Bob Connors, chairman of the dance committee, said this week.

Reservations for the dance will be available to Exes after May 1, in the Student Activities office at the University. The telephone number is C.41681. Price per couple is \$3.50. The dance is semi-formal, and will run from 8-12 p.m.

Connors and Gus Johns, two University seniors, promoted the dance recently to accommodate seniors that were unable to purchase tickets to the Junior-Senior Prom, which were rapidly grabbed up. A short floor show featuring University talent will be presented, they say.

Plans are under way to use the dance profits for the purchase of a tribute to the University from the class of 1949. The tribute might be a trophy case, or some other useful item for the campus, Connors said. This will be the first such class tribute presented to the University.

Officers of the Ex-Students association will be on hand to welcome graduating seniors into the association.

'Crow's Nest' Cops Best Show Award

Of the twenty-odd shows presented by the student body during Frontier Fiesta this year, the "Crow's Nest" was chosen as the best by a group of impartial Exes, thereby capturing the Exes best show trophy.

The judges witnessed every show in Frontier City and judged each production on the following points: (1) Versatility, (2) Local color, (3) Originality, (4) Audience reaction and (5) Costumes.

The trophy, won last year by the Silver Moon Saloon, will remain in the possession of the Sigma Alpha Chi fraternity and the Delta Sigma (Continued on Page 2)

Presidential Nominees



BILL T. SWANSON



JACK J. VALENTI

Annual Dedicated To Fiesta Chairmen

By GLENN HEATH

The Houstonian, University year-book, will carry guns and wear boots this year.

Dedicated to the Frontier Fiesta and honoring past Fiesta chairmen, the book will carry the frontier theme throughout, Harry Rogers, editor, said.

Pictures of the five chairmen will comprise the dedication page. These chairmen were Joe Potter, 1940; Joe Koppel, 1941; Johnny Goyen, 1947; Bill Sparr, 1948; and Harry Scott, 1949. Joe Koppel was killed during the war in a training plane crash in Oklahoma, while serving as an ensign in the Navy.

"Frontier Fiesta has become the most important student activity at the University. It is the result of the combined creative efforts, the spirit, and the industry of a great many students, with wider participation than in any other University event. It is an original, unique institution of this University, and the quality of the show reflects the pride of its creators." These were the reasons the Houstonian staff gave for their dedication choice.

Art work throughout the Hous- (Continued on Page 11)

Sample Ballot President

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Lela Blount
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Minerva Black
Frank Smith
James Pressly
Lola Beth Buckley
Prentice Jackson
Glenn Smith
Harry Botts

Ballots Must Be Mailed To Secretary By May 6

By JIM PALMER

Balloting by mail will begin April 25 for election of Ex-Student Association officers and directors for the 1949 term, Foster Montgomery, nominating committee chairman, has announced.

Ballots will be mailed to the more than 3000 Exes on the official mailing list. The ballots must be returned by mail on or before May 6, Montgomery stated. Votes will be counted the evening of May 6, and will be announced officially on May 8, Johnny Goyen, executive secretary, said.

Heading the list of nominees are Presidential candidates Bill Swanson, Class of 1947; and Jack Valenti, Class of 1946.

Vice-Presidential candidates are: Jean Adair Miller Collins and Walter Waldhauser. Others nominated were: Mary Ray Curry Dwyer, Jackie Jackson and Connie Bissat for Secretary; and Ray Scruggs, Jr. and Will C. Gay, Jr. for Treasurer. Five will be elected to the Board of Directors from the following eleven nominees: Tom Scoggins, Mary Jo Emmert Turner, Lela Blount, Joe Camp, Minerva Black, Frank Smith, James Pressly, Lola Beth Buckley, Prentice Jackson, Glenn Smith and Harry Botts.

A brief statement of the activities of each candidate follows:

President
BILL SWANSON—Class of 1947; Pres. Sophomore class 1945; Pres. of Veteran's club 1947; Pres. Varsity "H" Association 1947; Lettered on Cougar Basketball Championship Teams in 1946 and 1947; "Outstanding People" on campus 1947; Ex-student Board member 1948-'49.

JACK VALENTI—Class of 1946; Pres. of Student Association 1942; Pres. of Night School Student Council 1945; Acting Pres. of Texas Student Government Association 1942; Pres. of Sophomore class 1941; Pres. Pre-Law 1941; Vice-Chairman Frontier Fiesta 1940; "Outstanding People" on campus 1942 and 1943; "Who's Who in American Colleges" 1942; Co-Writer-Director of Varsity Varieties 1941; News Editor of The Cougar 1942; Ex-student board member 1948-'49; Homecoming chairman 1948.

Vice-President
JEAN ADAIR MILLER COLLINS—Class of 1947; Vice-President of Freshman class 1944; of Sophomore class 1945 and of Senior class 1946; Member of student council, student assembly, Red Masque players, Houstonian, Art club, Escrollus club, Co-Edettes and French club; President of Buckaroos in 1945.

WALTER WALDHAUSER—Class of 1946; Editor of The Cougar 1945; Pres. of Soph. class 1943; Councilman-at-Large 1946; "Who's Who in American Colleges" 1945-'46; "Outstanding People" On Campus 1946; Ex-Student Board Member 1947-'48.

Secretary
MARY RAY CURRY DWYER—Class of 1948; Cheerleader 1945, '46 and '48; Varsity Venus 1946; Homecoming Queen 1947; Vanity Fair Beauty 1947; Member of student assembly, Red Masque players; Alpha Psi Omega, Cougar Collegians, Buckaroos and Houstonian staff; Treasurer of Senior class in 1948.

JACKIE JACKSON—Class of 1947; Secretary of Student Council 1947; Outstanding People 1947; Honor Roll 1944-'47; Collegiate Collegiate Dramatic Society member; Bender Scholarship in 1946; Princess Frontier Fiesta 1947; Member of Cougar Collegians; Ex-student corresponding secretary 1948-'49.

CONNIE BISSAT—Class of 1946; "Outstanding People" on campus in 1945; "Who's Who in American Colleges" 1945-'46; Editor of Cougar 1944; Vice-President of Senior class 1946; Publicity director of Varsity Varieties 1946; Treasurer of Press club and member of Houstonian staff.

Treasurer
RAY SCRUGGS, Jr.—Class of 1942; Member of Cougar basketball team in 1942.

WILL C. GAY—Class of 1941; Pres. of Senior Class 1941; Member of B.A. Club, Student Council 1941; Ex-student treasurer 1948-'49.

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President's Message

It has been my pleasure and privilege to see the Ex-Students Association of the University of Houston grow and prosper. We have had a busy and progressive year, and I wish to personally thank each member of the Association for his interest and work.

I know that in the year ahead the Association will go on to achieve even greater prestige. Under the new administration, the Association will rise to even greater heights. Two able candidates have been nominated—Bill Swanson and Jack Valenti. No matter which of these men win, the Association is assured of a progressive and active future.

I wish to urge every Ex to vote in the coming election, not only for president, but for every office. Only if every member votes may we be assured of a truly representative list of officers and directors.

It has been a great honor to be president of such a young and progressive group. I wish every success to the Ex-Students Association in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
THOMAS W. MENEFEY,
President

Best Beard Winner



PIERCE C. CHANCE, JR. accepts keys to his newly won Ford for having the Best Beard in the 1949 Frontier Fiesta. Earl McMillian, who chance firmly believes is "Houston's Friendly Ford Dealer" congratulates the lucky winner while Mrs. Chance beams her approval. Looking on are the two runners-up O. J. Torres and E. J. Chmelik.

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Time of Challenge—Vote Now!

The months ahead are a time of great promise and challenge for the University of Houston and its Ex-Student Association, for campus growth must be matched by an expansion of maturity and energy in the Ex-Student Association.

The election of 1949-50 officers is of the utmost importance, for it will certainly affect the coming 12 months of Ex-Student history.

What can you do to insure satisfactory progress and maturity in 1949? Vote carefully and well this month. It is of the utmost importance that each and every member vote, for only in this way may we have a truly representative Ex-Student Association.

So when your ballot comes in the next two or three days, sit right down and register your vote and put it in the return mail. If every member will only take the time to cast his vote, the future of the Ex-Students Association will be assured as a time of progress.

Remember—VOTE AND RETURN THAT BALLOT IMMEDIATELY.

Exes Are Proud of '49 Fiesta

The 1949 Frontier Fiesta is a genuine success story, both because it presented a rip-roaring good time and because it represented an amazing example of thorough cooperation among more than 2,000 students. It was truly a fine example of education for democracy.

F. F.'s saga has been one of continual progress. In 1940, Fiesta's first year, 5,000 people saw the show. In 1941, attendance was 8,000; in 1947, 25,000; in 1948, 30,000; and this year, the staggering figure, 47,500.

A total of \$23,000 was taken in by the '49 Fiesta, but more important was the tremendous intake of good will and friendly cooperation.

F. F.'s slogan, the "greatest college show on earth," may well be true, for few if any other college in the world would dare to tackle such a mammoth job. And fewer still would be able to achieve such a resounding success as did the University of Houston's 1949 F. F.

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Off the Beam

By JACK VALENTI

Biggest news to students and Exes last month was the FRONTIER FIESTA. More fabulous than ever, splendidly organized under Harrey Scott, it was a patent and undeniable success. . . .

Bruited about the Midway between Exes was the seed of a giant show next year staged by Exes. . . . Carl Houston put it this way: "Ex-Students are loaded with talent — there's enough spirit in the Exes to justify the organization of a really top-notch stage produced, directed and acted by Ex-Students" . . . much truth in what Carl says too . . . check the top Shows on the midway, check the top stars in them. . . .

Wee, exuberant Peggy Hembree, whom the audience loved in the Crow's nest . . . vivacious Georgia Creighton, star of the GASLIGHT GAITIES, the irrepressible Bobby Howard, rib-tickling comic in the CAVALIER fracas . . . Kenny Hawkins, also in the Cavaliers . . . and many more, all Exes, all merely terrific. . . .

Think it over, Exes. . . . Meanwhile, the FIESTA remains the largest single bond that ties together Ex-Student and undergraduate . . . this year, more than ever, the citizenry of Houston gasped in jubilant excitement over the shows, the gaudily happy atmosphere and the sheer determination of the student body to toss the biggest damn college show on this planet. . . .

Other big event to capture Exes' attention was lustrous wedding of Nancy Burchfiel and Harlan Stringer . . . they tied the knot at 6 p.m., April 14 at St. Paul's Methodist Church and receptioned at the House of Weddings . . . a whole bevy of Exes turned out for the festivities . . . comely, charming Nancy and her big blond Harlan were, as the sassiest editors say, flawlessly groomed and entrancingly happy. . . . Putt-Putt Collins was one of the purty bridesmaids . . . Putt-Putt wished good-bye to her brother Arthur, airline pilot, who takes up station at La Guardia Field. . . . Stack McAndrews, budding barrister,

with glamour-wife Greta, was on hand . . . so too were Bobby Dwyer, Tube-O-Scope demon salesman and wife, the former Venus Mary Ray . . . Denton Priest showed up with a beeyootiful blonde, identity unknown but not unsought . . . Frank Smith, fresh from triumphs at the Cavalier show, with his ever-lovely wife, Janice . . . atty Billy Skipwith and U of T stude (but U. of H. Ex) Bubba Goodman eying the gals with competent and analytic gazes . . . Wally Chapman and svelte young Lynn among those present . . . saw Buddy Bateman and his pretty wife for the first time in many months . . . Bobby Middleton, no longer the perennial bachelor, was introducing Jane Middleton, and that means WIFE . . . Roy Perritt walked in with gorgeous Harriet James, but no tongues were wagging, for Roy's Betty Lou Arnold had just alighted from the car . . . she had to serve . . . June Hackney worked on dissecting the cake while "Groucho Marx" Walter Rainey loitered in the background. . . .

Trim, pretty Winona Reiger in town from her hostess duties with Pioneer Air Lines . . . beautiful Candy Ledger Arnold there to see friend Nancy, and husband John right by her side. . . .

LITTLE BITS OF NEWS: Foster Montgomery, long a power in Ex-Student activities, just out of the hospital after a siege . . . all his friends wish FM a complete recovery . . . B. J. Gillan, Jr., now with the CHRONICLE, is rapidly becoming one of their star ad salesmen . . .

Here's some news for Exes from the Plantation's Arthur Long. The "Ink Spots" will appear out South Main way for a one nighter on Memorial Day, Monday night, May 30. (Continued on Page 8)

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"CROW'S NEST" —

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sorority, co-sponsors of the "Crow's Nest," until the 1950 Fiesta. The trophy will remain in permanent possession of the first show winner it three years.

For pictures of the "Crow's Nest" and other shows please turn to page 6 of The EXtra.

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Faculty Committee Praise Cleanliness Of F F Productions

Pierce Chance Wins Ford;
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Beard Shaving Ends Fiesta

"The students leaned over backward to make the Frontier Fiesta shows clean, good, and wonderful," Dr. Carter E. Boren, faculty adviser, said Monday.

"They certainly made my job a lot easier and I wish I could find a way to thank them," Doctor Boren said. J. E. Williamson, director of student activities, said, "This year's Fiesta was great. There is no comparison with last year's."

Fiesta officially ended with a banquet at Bill Williams Monday night. Prize winners of the beard contest were shaven to the amusement of invited guests. A dance followed the banquet.

The Crow's Nest Saloon won the best show trophy presented by the Ex-Students association. "There were a lot of good shows but we had only one trophy to give. The judges had a hard time deciding which show was just a little bit better than the rest," Johnny Goyen, Ex-Students executive secretary, said.

Winners in the beard contest are as follows: Best All-Around, Pierce Chance Jr., first place; O. J. Torres, second place; E. J. Chmelik, third place; Longest, J. J. Woolems, first place; Royston Patterson Jr., second place; Ernest Reid, third place; Reddest, Richard Henderson, first place; Jack Pryor Jr., second place;

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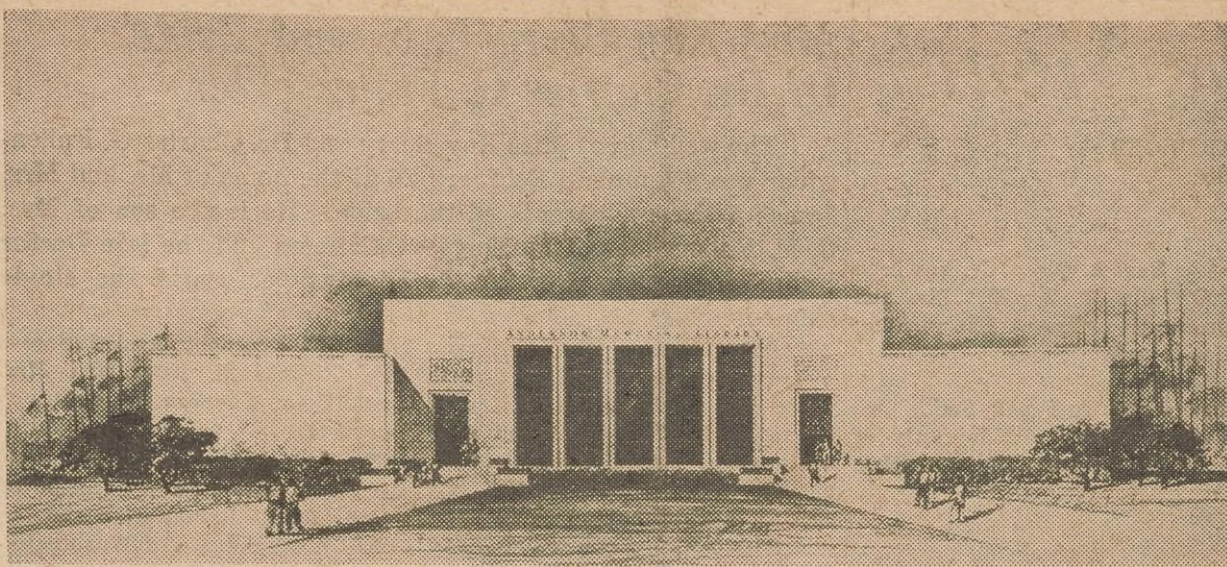
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Artist's sketch of the revised front elevation plans of the library. The special building committee has approved revisions in plans and President E. E. Oberholtzer hopes that bids on the building may be taken in June, and that construction may get underway during the summer. The \$1,500,000 gift of the M. D. Anderson Foundation (which may be named "Anderson Memorial Library") is expected to be ready for use by the fall of 1950.

New Library Plans Changed To Give Symmetrical Balance

Revised front elevation and floor plans of the \$1,500,000 Library building have been drawn by Staub and Rather, architects, and accepted by a special joint committee of the Board of Regents and the Anderson Foundation Board, President E. E. Oberholtzer has announced.

Revised front elevation and floor plans "We believe that the front elevation is much better balanced and improved in appearance by the changes," President Oberholtzer said. "Further, we think that we have improved the functional arrangements of the interior."

The building is the gift of the Anderson Foundation. It is hoped that plans will be ready for bids to be taken in June. Construction of this important campus building will take about a year, and it will likely be ready for use in the fall of 1950, President Oberholtzer said.

New plans give a more symmetrical balance to the two front wings and provide two front entrances instead of the original one in drawings tentatively accepted earlier in the year.

The Law School will be housed for the time being on the ground floor of the library, which will likely be known as the Anderson Memorial Library. Space is provided here for

a law library, three classrooms, two lecture rooms, and a large student lounge.

The first floor about the ground has a large lecture room to seat 250 students. This will have a stage and can be used for visual education purposes and for general lectures. A circulation room, control room, offices, visual education rooms, and a stacks and reading room are also located on this floor. The second and third floors—(or the third and fourth) provide additional stack

space with provisions for numerous "oases," or spaces in which special reading groups can do study and research. Doctor Oberholtzer pointed out that the stacks are movable and adjustable, providing more flexibility for reading spaces.

Speaking further of construction schedules, President Oberholtzer said that he hopes that at least part of the Ezekiel W. Cullen building will be ready for use in the spring term next year. He is pleased with progress made to date on this building and optimistic about the outlook for work on the library.

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Edward Chen Talks At Ft. Worth Meet

Edward K. T. Chen, instructor of Spanish and social sciences, and an Ex-Student, addressed a joint session of the government, history, and economic sections of the Southwestern Social Science association at a meeting in Fort Worth Saturday, April 16.

Mr. Chen's address was on "Chinese Communists and the possible form of government which Communist China will have when the new government is set up."

This was Mr. Chen's first public appearance since his recent resignation as Chinese Deputy-Consul at Houston.

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Society of the Month

By MARGARET KRUEGER
Society Editor

Engagements - - -

Miss Norma Lee Terrill's engagement to Sam L. Olson, Jr. has been announced by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Valus B. Terrill. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Olson are the parents of the prospective groom. The wedding is set for June 4 in the South Main Baptist church.

Miss Kathryn Joanne Scherer is engaged to T. Frank Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Smith of Corpus Christi and formerly of Houston. The announcement was made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherer.

Weddings - - -

Two Former Students Wed

Miss Lorraine Elise Ready, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph D. Ready is the recent bride of William B. Kimbrough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Kimbrough. The ceremony was performed Friday, March 25, by Dr. Charles L. King at the First Presbyterian Church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length dress of light blue crepe, with black hat trimmed with pink roses. She carried a Bible topped with a white orchid.

Christine Nagorny served as maid of honor, and Clark Kimbrough was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. L. O. Yeamans.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough are now living in Houston. Both attended the University.

1948 Graduate Weds in Alabama

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Anne Kennedy to Charles Peter Beddow has been announced by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emerald V. Kennedy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beddow of Birmingham, Ala. The wedding was solemnized in Birmingham on Wednesday, March 9.

Mrs. Beddow graduated from the University in 1948. Since last summer she has been a student at the Cite Universitaire, Beaux Arts Institute, in France, and before returning she visited Ireland, Scotland, and England.

Mr. Beddow is a graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and is a member of Nu Sigma Nu fraternity. He is now studying at the University of Alabama medical school.

The couple is living at 10 Rockledge Road, in Birmingham.

Miss Moellenberndt Weds Karl ten Brink

The marriage of Doris Sue Moellenberndt to Dr. Karl Cornelius ten Brink was performed in the Central Presbyterian church Saturday, March 12.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moellenberndt and the groom is the son of Mrs. Harry ten Brink.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of white lace over taffeta. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and hyacinths.

Miss Betty Nell Chapman was maid of honor and Mrs. Chester Moffatt was matron of honor. Dr. A. D. Garrison was best man, and Willis P. Orr, Albert Moller and Herbert Moller ushered.

The bride attended the University in 1945 and 1946.

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Miss Kay Berry Is Recent Bride Of Dr. Charles G. Fullenwider

The wedding of Miss Kay Berry and Dr. Charles G. Fullenwider was solemnized February 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Berry, parents of the bride. He is the son of Mrs. C. M. Fullenwider of Muskogee, Oklahoma and the late Doctor Fullenwider. The Rev. A. L. Higgins performed the single ring ceremony.

For the ceremony the bride wore a gray malter suit trimmed with white pique with a matching gray bonnet with white lilacs and gray veiling. The ensemble was complimented with gray accessories. She carried a white prayer book overlaid with white orchids and lilacs. Mr. Berry gave his daughter in marriage.

Miss Nancy Lou Fullenwider, sister of the groom, was the honor attendant and James H. Simpson, Jr. of Baton Rouge was best man.

A reception was held for the immediate members of the family following the ceremony.

Assisting were Mrs. Richard E. Eiser and Mrs. James Henry Simpson, Jr., sisters of the bride.

The bride graduated from the University in 1936 with a bachelor of science degree in education and the groom is a graduate of Washington University medical school in St. Louis. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Nu Sigma Nux medical fraternity.

At present they are making their home at 2303½ Sunset boulevard, but they will live in Muskogee after the first of the year.

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Jean Boyd Married To Student Nelson

Miss Jean Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Boyd, was married Friday evening, March 25 to Stuart LeRoy Nelson Jr., at St. Mark's Methodist Church. Dr. Marcus M. Chunn officiated at the double ring ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ida Belle Nelson and Stewart L. Nelson.

Mr. Boyd gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of white taffeta with a sculptured bodice and a full panniered skirt enhanced with Chantilly lace. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis centered with a white orchid.

Miss Inez O'Toole was maid of honor and Mrs. Conrad Mang, Martha Dillahunt and Miss Patricia Rourke served as bridesmaids. They wore gowns of Nile green marquisette with low oval necklines, fitted bodices and skirts of full unpressed pleats.

Susan Boyd Sample and Marjorie Sue Filips were flower girls.

Dan Hollingsworth served as groom's best man and Joe Eckman, Harry Hall and William Douglas were groomsmen.

After a honeymoon the couple will live in Houston. Both have attended the University of Houston.

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U. H. Biology Senior Writes Scenario For Houston's Frontier Film Company

By DOROTHY JEAN MULEN

At least one University student has realized his fondest dream. He is Jim Ford 23, a University senior biology major.

Ford recently was notified that his motion picture scenario, "Dead Man's Gold," had been purchased by the Frontier Film company of Houston. He received a check for \$2500.

The picture is scheduled to begin about April 15. Barney Sarecki, producer and director, now working on a picture in Hollywood will leave for Houston as soon as his present picture is finished to discuss plans for shooting here.

Ford will assist Sarecki as technical adviser. Don Mahoney, nephew of the late Tom Breneman, famed Breakfast in Hollywood creator, has the star role. The picture has a budget of \$95,000, Ford said.

K. D. Wright, a constable of Harris County, has commissioned the star of the movie to carry guns, a prime requisite before shooting scenes can begin.

About 100 extras will be needed for the picture. Tests will be given at a later date, and any University student interested in acting, may try out.

It is still a source of puzzlement to Ford, who has been a biology lab instructor on the campus since 1945 and was at one time feature editor of The Cougar, how he wandered so far afield as to write a horse opera.

It took him three months to write his scenario. The main reason being that he could never find a western, whether book or movie, that contained everything he thought it should have. So he wrote one himself.

"Writing a scenario is like writing a play, only much harder. It has to be written with a third camera angle, and be brought down into seconds and minutes," Ford said.

After graduation this June, Ford will work as public relations director for the Frontier Film company. This film company is the first feature length film company to be established in Houston.

Ford's recent success is another indication that the days of Horatio Alger are lived over again by an ingenious few.

Student and Ex-Student Are Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Stringer are pictured turning from the altar immediately following their wedding ceremony Thursday, April 14. The wedding was performed in the evening in the St. Paul's Methodist Church Chapel. A reception was held at the House of Weddings. She is the former Miss Nancy Lee Burchfiel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lee Burchfiel.

The groom graduated from the University in 1948 with a degree

in radio. He is a member of the Cavaliers. Mrs. Stringer is a prospective August graduate of the University. She is a member of Pi Delta sorority. At the University, she is secretary of the student association, associate editor of the Houstonian, and has been named as one of the ten outstanding people at the University for 1949. The couple will make their home at the Waldorf Arms.

—Photo by Roulande.

Graduates Are Wed Friday, March 11

Friday evening March 11, Miss Amy Beth Batterson and William Frank Douglas were married in a double-ring ceremony. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Gilbert F. Pelcar in All Saints Parish House.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence K. Batterson and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Douglas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of cocoa chantilly lace over Nile green taffeta, designed with a high neck-line, petal-point sleeves, a sculptured bodice, and a very bouffant skirt.

Mrs. Thomas C. Batterson attended as the matron of honor, and Dan Morse of Austin served as the groom's best man. Thomas C. Batterson, Vernon C. Batterson, Dr. Hedley C. Hichens and Dr. Henry S. Hichens ushered.

After a reception at the Junior League, the couple left for a wedding trip to New Orleans. They are now living in Houston.

They are both graduates of the University of Houston. The bride is a member of Beta Chi sorority.

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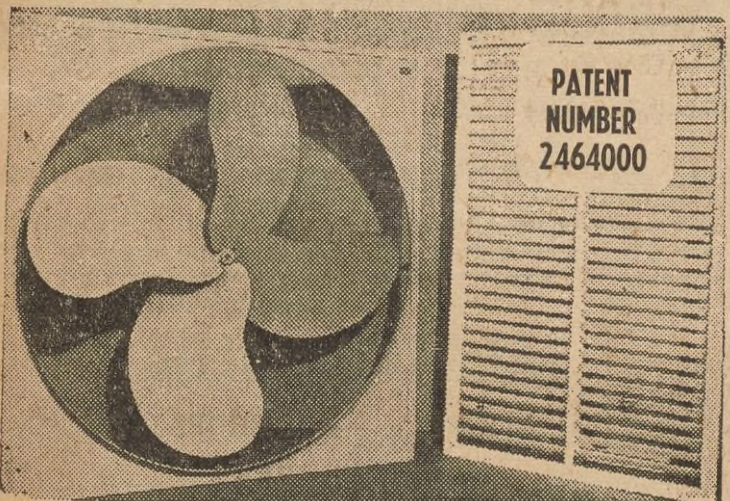
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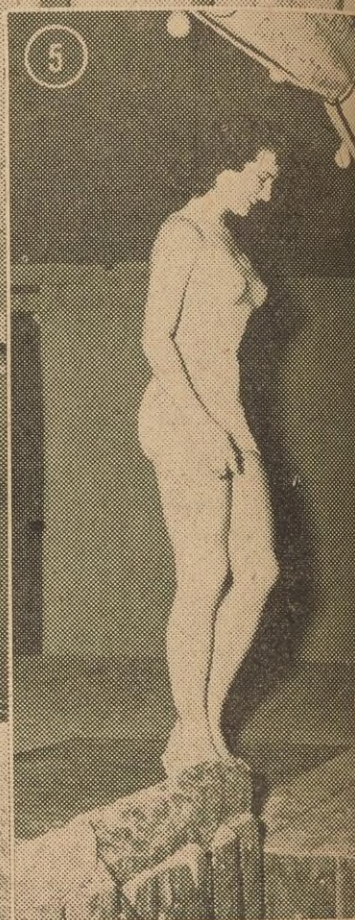
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This show grossed around \$2,500 in the four night run and show was sponsored by the radio guild. 5. Carolyn Wilker son one of the beauties in the "Crow's Nest." Photos by Dan Hardy, Ralph Poling and Walter Waldhauser.

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Greek Student Finds Action Beats Words

By STAN REDDING

"The Greeks had a way for it!" No, that is not a misquote of the old saying. But it is about another Greek, one who believes in action, not words. He is Panayiotis Vaphiadis, known to his friends as "Pan," the organizer, publisher, star reporter, editor, copy-boy, make-up man, and printer of the only two newspapers published during the German occupation on the Greek island of Lemnos. All of which was accomplished without that cornerstone of journalism, printing press.

"Pan," a senior business administration student preparing for a law school, does not consider this a remarkable feat, however, but just another phase of his activities as a loyal Greek citizen during the occupation. The 28-year old printer's son recounts his past experiences matter of factly, as becomes a European who grew up in the shadow of war. But to an American his story reads like an excerpt from "Secret Agent X9," or some other spy thriller.

A native of the island of Lemnos, "Pan" was in Athens when the Germans marched into Greece, and he immediately returned to Lemnos in order to be with his parents. After six months of the German "liberation" tactics, however, "Pan" like so many other Greeks had had enough. "In America," he explained, "you practice democracy. But after all, Greece was the birthplace of democracy, so how could we endure the Nazi?"

He didn't. At least, not passively. Together with several other friends, he began to organize a guerilla movement on the island, and soon afterward began to publish the newspapers "Free Lemnos" and "Democracy."

With the aid of a hidden radio station, from which he received the bulk of his news, and a battered typewriter, he was able to produce 60 copies of the papers, issued semi-weekly. The fact that he had no press hindered him in his early days, but "Pan" could not use his father's press, even though it might have been available.

"You see, there were only two

presses on the entire island, and if the Germans had got hold of one of my papers, it would have been a simple matter to determine the press used. Then—" the sentence was finished with a simple shrug of his shoulders.

"As it was," "Pan" continued, "we acquired a mimeograph machine and I was able to step up circulation to 600 copies a week." The Germans did obtain some of the copies of the paper. They did not take it regularly, however. They would rather have taken the editor, "Pan" inferred with a twinkle in his eyes.

In 1944, the guerilla-editor turned guerilla-spy. Having contacted the British forces in the Middle East, "Pan" and his fellow Greeks began supplying the British commando forces and naval units with information of enemy activities and movements. Their methods of obtaining the information were simple. They went to work for the Germans. "Pan" himself was "drafted" into a work battalion and sent to an island off the Dardanelles. "I was kicked many times," he laughed, but there was no amusement in his eyes as he talked. The Germans paid for those kicks, for "Pan" was able to supply information on the German plan to attack Turkey.

In 1945, "Pan" really began to collect the debt the Germans owed him. He joined the British commandos, and while serving with the 133rd unit, participated in the assault and recapture of the islands of Tytilene (Lesbos), Samos, and his home-island of Lemnos. Discharged at the end of hostilities, he returned to his newspapers, but discontinued them to come to America in 1946.

"America is the best country in the world to live in," says "Pan," "and if the people who are always running it down would take a trip to Europe, they would come back cured of many gripes." Before attending the University, "Pan" was a student of St. Mary's of Texas and Trinity university in San Antonio.

"If I had my choice, I would make Texas my home for life," "Pan" smiles, and that statement may or may not have been influenced by the fact that he married a Texas girl. "Pan" and his bride make their home with his uncle, Nick Plainos, at 357 W. 19th.

Swanson, Valenti Head Nominees

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Directors

(five to be elected)

T. M. SCOGGINS—Class of 1941; "Scoggins' Scanties," Frontier Fiesta 1941; Red Masque Players.

MARY JO EMMERT TURNER—Class of 1940; Secreatry of Buckaroos 1940; Member of Cougar Collegians and Business Administration club.

LELA BLOUNT—Class of 1942; President of Red Masque players 1942; President of Collegiate Dramatic Society 1942; Member of Cougar Collegians and Art club.

JOE CAMP—Class of 1940; President of Freshman class 1936, of Sophomore class 1937; First yell leader in 1938; Member of Squires club, President in 1937, Engineers Society, Red Masque

Players and Cougar staff.

MINERVA BLACK—Class of 1946; President of Senior class in 1946; Vice-President of Junior class 1945; President of Press club 1945; "Outstanding People" on campus 1946; "Who's Who in American Colleges" 1946; Member of Woman's club, Lioness club, Alpha Psi Omega and Honor Society in Education.

FRANK SMITH—Class of 1948; Member of Cavalier Fraternity; Master of ceremonies of Cavalier Theater in Frontier Fiesta 1947, '48 and '49.

JAMES PRESSLY—Class of 1947; President of student assembly 1947; "Outstanding People" on campus 1947; First track letterman 1946; Member of Press club, Houstonian staff, "H" Association, and Frontier Fiesta.

LOLA BETH BUCKLEY—Class of 1948; Vice-President night So-

phomore class 1946; Night school princess in Reception 1946; President night student council 1947; Member of Newman club and American Chemical Society.

PRENTICE JACKSON—Class of 1948; President of student council 1948; Represented U. of H. at NSA convention in Milwaukee, Wisc. 1947; Member of "H" Association, Student council and Society of Education.

GLENN SMITH—Class of 1947; Pres. of Student Council 1947; Business Manager of Yearbook 1947; Mayfete King 1947; Pres. of Booster Club 1946-'47; "Outstanding People" On Campus 1947; Ex-Student Board Member 1947-'48.

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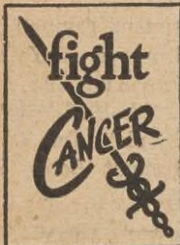
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Former student Cal Watkins, who got his BBA degree from the University is now finishing his MBA at the University of Texas, lacking only his thesis, Mrs. Billie Ainsworth, Ex-student and instructor in the School of Business, announced.

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director; Jackie Jackson nominated for secretary and Mary Jo Turner for director.

In the back row are: Walter Waldhauser, vice-presidential nominee, James Pressly, candidate for director and Bill Swanson and Jack Valenti, presidential candidates.

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Gary Russell looking fit these days... just about one of the prettiest exes is pert little Edith Estes, who leaves an important job with Houston Natural Gas to take a better one with International Harvester.

... this corner bets the sales hay-balers, tractors and home freers takes a precipitate jump. I'll buy the first... Roger Jeffrey continues to be one of the most potent Ex-Students from a standpoint of getting things done... what's funny is all these workmanlike tasks of his go unnoticed... should be... Jimmy Pressly singing the praises of the Texas Company.

the presence of a violently biased Humble Company stalwart... you should have seen the octane fly... saw Nathan Gordon for the first time in much too many moons... Nathan is active again in Ex-Student affairs... Dave Thompson, a colorful law student had the annual Ex-Student meeting in an uproar with his incisive and humorous jibes.

Again B. A. Petersen and Kathryn demonstrated their claim to "most active" Exes by traveling from Galveston to Houston for the annual Ex meeting... anybody come further? ... the Eramco Production Laboratories, owned by Jimmy Sibley and Randy Cockran continues an unspectacular but persistent expansion... Glen Smith deserves an accolade or two for his two-night stint at the Ex-Student concession booth during FIESTA... Ex-Student directors Swanson, Sanders and prexy Meneff also earn a abrazo from the group... Mr. Fred Kasten, the former Miss Mary Garrison, a 1948 journalism graduate of the University, has recently become a member of the staff of the Southwestern Times... and Chris J. Pappas is the proud owner of the TWIN GABLES FLORIST across from Memorial Hospital... Here's hoping that Alice David Roney has a quick recovery from the mumps... and here is a report that former student, Rev. Hal Cunningham is now pastor of Grace Methodist Church in Hearn, Texas.

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Weldon Boles, third place; Scrawniest, Paul Caramanian, first place; Joseph Travis, second place; Charlie Tumbleson, third place; Funniest, Murry Buller, first place; Edward Kessler, second place; Clyde Little Jr., third place; Unique, Coleman Cork Jr., first place; Jim House, second place; Frank Sienkiewicz, third place; Fanciest, George Thomas, first place; Don McCormick, second place; J. E. McKin, third place; Ugliest, Ray Croker, first place; Ivan Mamarchev, second place; and Harold Ward, third place.

Maggie Woodruff won the girls ticket sales trophy for top sales and Vernon Crawford took the award in the boys division. The boys organization with top ticket sales was the school of Technology. The girls of the Pink Lady Casino won the girls club award.

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The Faculty Association and other campus groups honored the Oberholtzers in brief programs. They presented a gift of books to the library in honor of the Oberholtzers in ceremonies in the library. From 12 to 12:35 there was a reception for faculty members and friends in the Radio Studios in the Recreation Building. At 12:40 a broadcast of the life of Doctor Oberholtzer was made by the radio department over station KATL.

Mrs. Oberholtzer is the former Myrtle May Barr. The Oberholtzers were married in 1899.

Doctor Oberholtzer began his career as an educator at the age of 17

and has been going to school, teaching school, or heading up educational systems or institutions ever since. He began by teaching in the rural schools of Indiana and after further teaching and administrative work in Indiana he was made superintendent of schools at Tulsa in 1913. In 1924 he came to Houston to head the newly-organized Houston Independent School district.

The Oberholtzers, who live at 1708 West Alabama, have three children, all married. The eldest, Kenneth E., is also considered one of the top educators in the country. He is now superintendent of Denver public schools. E. E. Jr., the second son, is working toward an advanced degree at the University of Texas. Their only daughter, Mrs. Esther Fuller, lives in San Bernadino, Cal. All of them were in Houston to help the Oberholtzers celebrate the occasion.

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**'Vacancy Can't Be Filled'--Coach Lutz
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By KEITH HAWKINS
Ace Cougar hurler Bob Holbrook died Sunday April 3, in the United States Naval Hospital here after being stricken with polio four days earlier.

This unkind twist of fate seems impossible in connecting it with Holbrook, as he was active on both the Cougar grid-iron and the University baseball team.

Comments from baseball coach Bill Lutz came in a slow and mournful manner as he said, "He was one of our better ball players. I planned to use him a lot this season, as well as next year, but now . . . well—I'm afraid the vacancy can't be filled." Lutz continued to tell me how well all the boys liked him, of the fine job Holbrook did when on the mound, and about his being tagged with the nickname of "Spider."

"The death of Bob Holbrook comes as a great loss to the student body

as it does with University teams, because he had a high degree of interest in the University along with a keen competitive spirit," relates head football coach, Clyde Lee. "He was a nice pass receiver, looking especially good during the Spring training drills," Lee continued.

It all began while he was in his off-campus home with his wife and young boy. Having a high fever Thursday, he was taken to the hospital and upon examination his case was diagnosed as polio.

The tall slender athlete was stricken from his shoulders down and became gravely ill almost immediately. He wife, Mrs. Martha Ann Holbrook, was temporarily relieved Saturday when told that her husband's condition was improving. And then when the situation seemed brightest, Bob Holbrook passed away.

The body was sent to his home town of Three Rivers for burial.

Football Manager, Bobby Brown, Takes Professional Assignment

By BRUCE UNDERWOOD

Bobby Brown, energetic football manager for the University of Houston Cougars, has made his hustling pay off. He will become equipment manager for the Buffalo Bills professional grid team July 15.

Brown is the second Cougar to join the pros in recent weeks. Jack Gwin, Cougar half-back, just signed a contract to play with the Chicago Cardinals.

Notified of his employment in a letter from Leroy (Tiny) Dippery, head trainer of the Bills, Brown will receive about \$300 per month during the grid season, July through December.

The Bills will begin training late in July. They lost to the Cleveland Browns for the world championship last year.

Brown is one of the few sports traditions of the University, having started as manager there when the Cougars began intercollegiate athletics in 1946. The 150-pound dynamo has attracted wide attention racing on and off the field during game time-outs with water and supplies. Visiting coaches and players have paid him countless compliments for the orderliness of his supply rooms.

A junior physical education major, Brown plans to continue his studies in the University between grid seasons. He is the son of Mrs. C. V. Brown, 2637 Persa.

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tonian will be western. Cartoons will depict the work, the moods, and the activities of the University and its people with a frontier setting. The cover will carry out the theme with a bark effect surface.

Delivery of the yearbook is expected about May 16, Rogers said.

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University Grid Team Adds Tough Opponent to Already Rough Schedule

Coach Clyde Lee's ambitious Cougars will play their first Eastern football game when they meet the St. Bonaventure College Brown Indians at St. Bonaventure, N. Y. next November 5.

Harry Fouke, director of athletics, said the Cougars plan to fly to New York for the contest which is to be an afternoon event.

Last season, St. Bonaventure won seven games, including a breath-taking victory over William and Mary college, the Cougars' opponent in next fall's opening game. This string of victories marked St. Bonaventure as one of the top teams of the Nation last season. The Brown Indians' lone defeat came at the hands of their arch rival, Canisius College of New York.

The St. Bonaventure game will require the longest football trip in the four-year athletic history of the Cougars. The signing of the Brown

Indians game adds another tough notch to the already tough schedule of the Cougars next fall.

Other opponents already signed by the Cougars for next fall include William and Mary, University of Wichita, Hardin-Simmons University, North Texas State, Hardin College, Trinity University, and West Texas State.

Coach Devore expects his next fall's team to be every bit as powerful as last year's bone-smasher, as all of his outstanding lettermen are returning.

The game with the Brown Indians may feature an offensive battle between two lightweight running stars Lou Salley and Max Clark, the 150-pound Cougar scat-back. In spite of his weighing only 140 pounds, Salley was St. Bonaventure's leading ground gainer in 1948. Clark was one of the Cougars' leading ball toters last season.

Cougar Star Jack Gwin Signs Contract To Play with Chicago Cardinal Lineup

Ace Cougar halfback Jackie Gwin became the first Cougar to turn professional when he signed a contract with the Chicago Cardinals recently.

Having turned in a brilliant career for the Cougars, the 160 pound speedster, who lettered three years in football at the University, appears to be ready for professional ball.

He was the Cougars' leading ground-gainer for the 1948 season. His amazing quick kicks pulled the Cougars out of many tough spots. In the '48 season he carried the ball 78 times for 357 yards, a 4.6 yard average per try.

Gwin also did a nice job as a pass receiver, grabbing 8 passes for a total gain of 107 yards in '48. He is a fine all-around player, his defensive play was invaluable.

Coach Lee remarked, "Jackie is one of the brightest backs I've yet had the pleasure to work with. He's a shifty runner and has the speed to take him places. Gwin thinks when he runs."

Gwin only wants to play professional ball for about two years.

"I believe this will be a great opportunity for me, because I don't want to stop playing football

while I'm so young," Gwin said.

"I will go anywhere, anytime for an opportunity like this. I will even leave Texas," Gwin added.

In August, Gwin will report to the Cardinal training camp in Beverdam, Wis. He looked up Beverdam on the map and he said, "It looks like a little hole in the wall."

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Hondo Helps U. H. With Star Battery Of Boon Brothers

Hondo is a little Texas town, so proud of its accomplishments that most former residents carry the name of the town as a nickname.

Hondo produced Stan Hollmig, of the Philadelphia Phillies, and Clint Hartung, of the New York Giants. Now it has produced for the University, giving the Cougar baseball team the star battery combination of John and Herby Boon.

John and Herby started playing ball for the Hondo High School Owls in 1945. Typical of a high school team, the Boon boys were played for the first two years where they would help the team the most. Herby performed around the first sack and, strangely enough, John earned his first two letters behind the plate as a catcher.

In 1947 both boys took over the positions that they now play for the Cougars, with the result that the winning record in baseball rose considerably for Hondo High School and Hondo Owl's club.

After graduation in 1948, the brother combination gained an impressive record of all-star awards. Both were members of the South-Texas All Star Team, and John was picked as an All-State pitcher. John was also appointed by officials of the Houston Jaycee tournament on their All-Tournament team.

John, a business administration major, and Herby, a journalism major, will have three years of eligibility left after this season. In my opinion, "the accomplishments of these two boys on the diamond will have a lot to do with putting the University on the baseball map, of the southern colleges," baseball Coach Bill Lutz said.

Cougar Tracksters Take Second Place In Hotly Contested Trinity Meet

Cougar cindermen marked up second place in the Trinity Relays, led only by first place Southwest Texas. Trinity came in third and Texas A & I trailed in last place.

Cougar's lone first place was in the mile relay with Carl Mittag, Tim Gentry, Hulen Busch and Jack Quarrels running the event in 3:30. Ben Bowen tied for first place in the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet.

Clifford Jett and Gil Luton tied for first place in the high jump by jumping 6 feet 1 1/2 inches. Coach Patterson's cindermen fared good by placing in every event except the shot put. They placed second in four events. Melvin Kleb trailed Southwest Texas's Hawkins to place second in the 120 high-hurdles. John Murray hurled the discus 128 feet 10 3/4 inches to place second.

Carl Mittag ran a close second to Southwest Texas's G. Lewis in the 100-yard dash. He also placed second in the 220-yard dash. There were six Cougar third places. Melvin Kleb hurled the javelin 160 feet 5 inches to bring home

a third place in that event.

The 440 relay team composed of Carl Mittag, Boyd Tingle, Melvin Kleb, and Truman Arnold ran another third place. Schoeder jumped 19 feet 3 inches to place third in the broad jump. Jack Quarrels came in third in the 440-yard dash. Truman Arnold placed third in the 100-yard dash. Melvin Kleb ran third in the 220-yard low hurdles.

The Cougars had three fourth places and two ties for fourth. Ralph Harris leaped 19 feet 3 inches to place fourth in the broad jump. Don McDonald came in fourth in the mile run. Tim Gentry ran a close fourth in the 880.

Alton Campbell and Tommy Lutz sprang 11 feet for a tie in the pole vault.

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