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VALENTI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Annual Barbecue Slated for June 18

The Second Annual Ex-Students Barbecue will be held at the White Oak Gun Club, it was announced after the Ex-Students first board meeting last week.

The affair, started last year for the purpose of introducing the newly elected officers and directors to the Exes, will take place Saturday, June 18, Walter Waldhauser, picnic chairman, said.

Waldhauser said the remodeled Gun Club offered facilities and equipment for softball, horse shoe pitching, shuffle board and dancing. "The site is ideal for an afternoon of fun," Waldhauser said, "and we plan to begin festivities at 3:00 p.m. and close with dancing somewhere around mid-night."

The Gun Club which is located out past North Shepherd Drive, has been host to outstanding clubs and organizations in the county. A map will appear in the next issue of the EXtra showing the location of the Gun Club, Waldhauser said.

Tickets will sell for \$1.50 per person and the meal will consist of one half pound of barbecue per person with potato salad and all the trimmings.

Tickets will be disposed of on a first come first served basis, and may be purchased by calling the association's office on the campus or any officer or director, Waldhauser said. A list of the officers and their telephone numbers may (Continued on Page 8)

Exes Association To Increase 949 At June Graduation

A record number of 949 men and women are candidates for degrees at commencement exercises on the campus Monday night, June 6, Dr. Franklin L. Stovall, chairman of commencement arrangements, said this week.

This almost doubles the number who received diplomas at commencement services on May 31 last year. There were 563 in the 1948 graduating group.

The increased number represents the large veteran enrollment which began to flood the campus back in 1949 with the close of the war.

Of the graduates an all-time high of 733 will receive bachelor's degrees. Another 135 will be given graduate diplomas. The remaining 81 will take associate in arts diplomas, marking completion of the two-year junior college careers.

Dr. Henry A. Hill, president of (Continued on Page 8)

New President



JACK VALENTI

Valenti on Jury Investigating Dale

He's keeping mum now, but if he would talk Jack Valenti could unload a few tidbits on the Dale Richardson extravaganza currently playing on the front pages of Houston newspapers. Valenti, newly elected president of the Ex-Students Association, is a member of the Grand Jury investigating the constable from La Porte.

"What do you think about Richardson," queried an EXtra reporter of Valenti. "It's grand weather," retorted Mr. V.

Courthouse observers say that the 27 year old Valenti is one of the youngest men ever to serve on the Grand Jury.

Waldhauser, Dwyer, Gay Win Top Jobs; 5 Chosen To Board

Former Board member Jack Valenti, who enrolled at the University of Houston in 1939 as a night school student, was elected president of the Ex-Students Association. He defeated Bill Swanson, another board member. A record number of votes were cast as over 500 ballots were received through the mail by the Association's campus office.

Ex-Editors Ass'n. Begun by Ex-Heads Of Cougar, Annual

Former editors of The Cougar, student newspaper and of the Houstonian, campus yearbook, are organizing an Ex-editors association, Walter Waldhauser, temporary chairman of the group, has announced.

The Ex-editors association presented four awards to outstanding University journalism students at a University Press association banquet this month. Award winners are Roberta Sisson, James Cummings, Cleo Wright, and Philip Brockstein. The award is a \$25 tuition discount.

"We ex-editors have a lot in common, and it is a shame that in the past we have allowed our college journalism contacts to drop," Waldhauser, 1946 Cougar editor and new vice-president of the Ex-Student Association, said.

The Ex-editors will have an organizational meeting in the near future, Waldhauser said. He requested that all ex-editors send in their names and addresses to him, in care of the Ex-Students office, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

A 1946 graduate, Valenti took all of his undergraduate work at night school where he excelled in studies and extra-curricular activities. The highlight of his career came in 1942 when he was elected, without opposition, to the presidency of the student body. Valenti held this office until February of 1943 when he was called to the Army Air Corps.

I know that the association will show much progress this year under the guidance of Jack Valenti, and I along with every other Ex-Student wish him all the success possible and pledge my wholehearted support to the task of making the Ex-Students Association even greater and stronger. —Bill Swanson.

After serving three years Valenti was released from the Air Corps with the rank of First Lieutenant. He flew B-25 bombers in Italy. He finished his degree in 1946 after his discharge.

After graduation Valenti enrolled in the Harvard University graduate school. He received a masters degree in advertising and now heads the Sales Promotion section of the Humble Oil and Refining Co.

The new vice president, Walter (Continued on Page 6)

President's Message

TO ALL EX-STUDENTS:

Bill Swanson and I are both grateful for the interest which a large number of Ex-Students displayed in the recent election. Bill joins me in expressing the hope that this active interest in Ex-Students affairs will continue unflagged throughout the year.

We begin this new election year with a bright dream and a clear vision. There is much to do. There are challenges that face us. But we have moved swiftly and confidently from that day some four years ago when the Ex-Students organization sprang back to life.

What we do this year is YOUR business and mine. It demands team work and genuine cooperation; it compels active interest from all of us.

Now what are we planning? First, there is the 1949 Fund Drive whose format is now being shaped and organized. There is the job of organizing out-of-town Ex-Students clubs in nearby cities. There is the work of making certain that our athletic department sells sufficient numbers of season tickets to the 1949 football games. There is the job of Homecoming, on October 22, when the Cougars face Hardin-Simmons University. There is the festive occasion of our annual Football Banquet. These are the larger tasks, clear and definable; but there are other items which will occupy our attention. We need to become more close-knit as a group; we need to meet together more often; we need to be fired with a zeal and warmth that will make the Ex-Student Association a moving, driving, effective force in furthering the destinies of the University. There is little doubt in my mind that this can be done.

To all of you go the heartfelt thanks of the Board of Directors for your confidence in us. It is the hope of the entire Board that decades hence, Ex-Students will say "1949 was our best year yet."

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti

JACK J. VALENTI,
President

Cullen Gives University Half-Million At Fiesta Banquet; Halphen to Head FF

The University's great benefactor, Mr. H.R. Cullen, announced a gift of \$550,000 to the University at the Frontier Fiesta banquet recently.

University officials said the money will be used for the construction

Dave Halphen, June graduate in psychology of personnel management, is the 1949-'50 Frontier Fiesta chairman. Harrey Scott, present chairman, announced at the Fiesta Banquet recently.

of a new power plant, to supply buildings on the school's expanding campus.

Corbin Robertson, Mr. Cullen's son-in-law, hinted that dormitories will soon be added to the second largest school in Texas. He also suggested that the opening game in Houston's municipal football stadium be played between the University, and Rice Institute.

Mr. Cullen was introduced at the banquet by Jack Valenti, who was elected president of the University Ex-Students association last week.



DAVE HALPHEN

Model Union Begun By Two ExStudents

Two University exstudents dissatisfied with low wages and working conditions of Houston models are organizing a model's union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The organizers are sisters, Misses Casyle and Grayce Sullivan. Grayce is teaching elementary classes to bolster her income from modeling while her sister Casyle helps her father run a night club.

"Twenty Houston models have already joined the union as charter members," Casyle said.

"A five member examining board will test applicants for membership in the union. Models who do not qualify as journeymen models may serve an apprenticeship until qualified."

"Anyone interested in being a union model or interested in learning modeling may call Wy-09905 for information," Casyle said.

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Heartening Sign

One of the most heartening signs of recent months, indicating a growing Ex-Students Association, is the unusually heavy vote among Exes during the recent election.

Almost one-sixth of Exes who received ballots returned their votes to the Ex-Students office, a remarkably high percentage, Johnny Goyen, executive secretary, reported.

Jack Valenti, new Ex-Students president, has announced that in the year ahead the Association plans to feature more activities that will permit active participation among all Exes.

The record-breaking vote is a fine indication of good things to come for the Ex-Students Association.

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Off the Beam

By JACK VALENTI

The first quarter of this new year has been recorded . . . the second quarter even now is half-over . . . and much has been chronicled . . . the near completion of the Cougar football schedule with their initial scrap set up for early September with the rugged and oft-times devastating William and Mary eleven . . . the ringing words of H. R. Cullen at the FIESTA banquet which meant another half-million dollars to the University . . . the tacit promise of a group of dormitories on the campus . . . a new set of officers for the Ex-Students . . . ah, there's a bright morning ahead . . . and work to do . . .

FOCUS ON THE EXES: Fame, of a sort, came to the U. of H. two weeks ago, and it was rocketed coast to coast . . . pretty-as-a-picture Peggy Hembree stood before a mike at the City Auditorium, winked mischievously at Art Linkletter and wowed Houstonians viewing (and listening) to PEOPLE ARE FUNNY . . . pretty Peggy pertly parried Linkletter's humor, scurried to the Rice Hotel as a part of the gag, unloosed a fat, squealing little pig in the middle of Mr. Jones' boarding house lobby, pattered back to the

Remember Mildred Holton? She's a registered nurse these days, with the Adolphus Hotel . . . Mildred pens a note telling us how cheerful is her job . . . counseling, first aid, interviewing, etc. . . . she was in the class of '44.

The Senior Prom at the Emerald Room looked like a rump session of the Ex-Students Association . . . saw T. L. Cobb for the first time in many months . . . and found out the wife of Philippine guerrilla hero,

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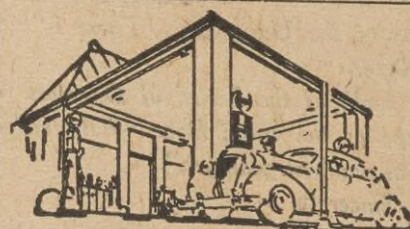
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This might be entitled local boy makes the bar, and not the Dale Richardson target-kind . . . John Carrigan became a licensed attorney



CARRIGAN

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while toiling over Blackstone at South Texas School of Law, was a bright-young-man-on-the-campus during his undergraduate days . . . his lovely young wife believes in keeping the publicity shared . . . Florence alighted on the front page of the PRESS recently, and was quoted!

BITS OF NEWS: Jimmy Saccomanno is another brand, spanking new lawyer who'll issue his forensic talents for a fee . . . Jimmy was one of those U. of H.'ers who left, 37 strong, for the Air Force in January, 1943 . . . his offices, 1005 Sterling Building . . .

Air Trip Planned By Study Centers

Taking to the air, the University's Summer Study centers in Mexico and Cuba are changing their nickname from the "College on Wheels" to the "College on Wings."

Arrangements have been completed to fly students to both centers this year, Dr. Joseph S. Werlin, director and founder of the program, announced this week. Air travel will cut the Mexico session time by seven days and the Cuba session by five.

Fees for the Mexico trip will be increased \$25 but the Cuba center tuition will remain the same, Doctor Werlin said.

Pan-American airways will handle the Mexico City trip with students leaving the Municipal airport on June 10 instead of June 6 as previously planned. The Havana, Cuba flight by Braniff airways, will start July 21 instead of July 18.

Applications for enrollment in the Mexico center are being accepted daily by Doctor Werlin or Dr. Terrel Spencer, registrar, in their offices.

Now in its sixth year, Doctor Werlin expects that Summer center enrollment will probably be increased because of the added convenience of flying to the Latin American countries.

Number One Beauty



CHOSEN TOP BEAUTY of the University, Dolores Becker, 1948 Ex-Students Homecoming queen, shows Jack Gwin the bracelet presented to her recently at the Frontiersman dance in the Shamrock.

Ex-Students Homecoming Queen Chosen Number One Beauty at the University

By BILL POWELL

The 23 yearbook Vanity Fair Beauties and Favorites were presented to an estimated crowd of over 700 people at the Frontiersmen ball at the Shamrock hotel on April 22.

Heading the list of beauties was the Ex-Students 1948 Homecoming Queen Dolores Becker, who was chosen number one beauty at the University.

A picture of each girl will appear in this year's Houstonian in the Vanity Fair section.

Secret Revealed

Their identities kept secret until Friday night, ten of the girls were chosen as Beauties and presented by Glenn McCarthy, owner of the Shamrock.

The remaining 13 girls were introduced by Harry Rogers, Houstonian editor, as Walter Rainey, Frontiersmen foreman, announced their escorts.

Miss Becker and the other nine girls in that category received gold necklaces as awards. The Favorites received silver necklaces.

Beauties and Favorites

Girls who will appear as Beauties in the 1949 Houstonian are Miss Becker, Mildred Daigle, Betty Ann Cross, Billye Jean Taylor, Chloe

Bigelow, Wanda Lou Sisk, Betty Adcock, Belle Griggs, Harriet James, and Ruthmary Anderson.

Those who will appear as favorites are Betty Pecore, Harriet Ann Shearer, Jo Ann Guest, Verlene Filer, Mary Jane O'Meara, Eloise Smith, Dorothy Elliott, Frances Harwas, Jerry Nichols, Barbara Robinson, Jesse Carso, Mary Lee Steinhart, and Kit Boyett.

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Society of the Month

By MARGARET KRUEGER
Society Editor

Engagements - - -

Miss Joyce Murline Morris is engaged to Robert Gene Husmann. The announcement was made recently by the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Morris. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Jacob Husmann. The wedding is set for June 4.

The engagement of Miss Mary Mars Walker to Eben Hunter Locker, Jr., was announced by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Allison Walker. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Locker. The wedding will be an event of June 3.

The announcement of Miss Joan Elizabeth Springer's engagement to Wendell S. Loomis Jr., has been made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Springer. Mr. Loomis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Loomis. The engaged couple are planning a June wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansen have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Betty Grace Hansen to Kenneth H. Goode, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goode of Brookshire. The wedding has been set for June 11 in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Norwood Park.

The engagement of Miss Molly Dickson to Bill T. Swanson has been announced by her mother Mrs. Agnes Dickson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Swanson. The wedding is planned for the late summer.

Miss Dickson was chosen beauty two years while at the University. Mr. Swanson lettered in basketball two years while an undergraduate and was a member of the Ex-Students Board of Directors last year.

Weddings - - -

Ex-Student Weds T. C. U. Grad

Saturday, April 23, was the date of the wedding of Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson of Fort Worth and John Link Eckhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Eckhardt of Houston. The ceremony was read by Rev. J. Lawrence Plumley at 8 p.m. in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Houston.

The bride wore an ivory slipper satin dress. She carried white orchids and valley lilies.

Mr. Warren Ambrose Jr. and Miss Gloria Eckhardt were honor attendants. Miss Carol Cooper, Mrs. W. R. Eckhardt III and Mrs. Wesley Lundgren were bridesmaids.

After a reception the couple left for a wedding trip to New Orleans. They are now making their home at 5616 San Jacinto in Houston.

Mr. Eckhardt graduated from T. C. U. The groom has attended the University.

Norma Sample's Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sample have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Norma Louis Sample, to James Benjamin Stafford, son of Mrs. John H. Schremp and the late James Benjamin Stafford.

Mrs. Stafford has attended the University of Houston and Mr. Stafford is now attending the University of Texas. The couple are living in Austin.

Graduate to Live in Chicago

The recent marriage of Miss Mary Jane Langley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Langley, to Galen Eugene Sargent, has been announced. Mr. Sargent's home is in South Bend, Ind. The couple will make their home in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Sargent graduated from the University in 1948 with a B. S. in public school music. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and of Phi Beta. She was also active in the Future Teachers of America and in music department activities.

Louise Leslie Weds In Home Ceremony

Miss Louise Leslie, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Martin of Henderson, and R. H. Craycraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craycraft of Mt. Enterprise were wed March 26 in Longview. The ceremony was held in the home of the officiating minister, Reverend Wallace.

The bride wore a poudre blue suit with navy accessories. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Mozelle Leslie of Henderson was her sister's only attendant. She wore a navy costume with a corsage of white carnations. Ben Craycraft, brother of the groom, was best man.

After their wedding trip to West Texas the couple are living in Henderson.

The bride received her B. S. degree from the University.

Mary Longino Weds John Smith In Evening Ceremony, April 11

Wednesday evening, April 11, was the date of the wedding of Miss Mary Virginia Longino and John William Smith, Jr. The wedding was read by the Rev. Ed L. McClesky in St. Paul's Methodist church.

Mrs. Maude Longino and Hart T. Longino of Harlingen are the bride's parents and Mrs. Clara Williams Smith is the groom's mother.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a magnolia satin gown trimmed with Chantilly lace, a veil held by a halo of pearls and carried a wedding ring arrangement of white camellias studded with sweetheart roses and lilies.

Miss Maudie Davis wore a gown of turquoise taffeta fashioned on empire lines. The bridesmaids, gowned similarly to Miss Davis, were Miss Jo Ann Ray, Mrs. B. M. Davis, Mrs. J. O. Anderson Jr., Miss Aurelia Giangrosso and Mrs. C. P. Houston Jr.

Groomsmen were Mr. Anderson Jr., B. Marion Davis, James L. Shyrock, Don Forbes and J. W. Williams, Richard W. Gurley and Horace G. Minto were the ushers.

The bride graduated from the University and the groom is now studying at the University.

Lola Carlon Weds Russell Hall, Jr.

Miss Lola Ann Carlon and Russell Winston Hall Jr. exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony in an afternoon ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. William Brandon Carlon and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel W. Hall.

W. B. Carlon Jr., gave his sister in marriage. She wore a white faille taffeta gown styled along princess lines with a drop shoulder neckline and a bouffant skirt which extended into a formal train. The chapel length veil of French illusion was held in place by a pearl headdress and she carried a bouquet of white gardenias and carnations.

Miss Nanette Hartman was the honor attendant. She wore a gown of Nile green faille taffeta was fashioned with drop shoulder neckline. She carried an old fashioned nosegay of varied-hued blossoms.

G. C. Gaeke Jr. was best man and Fred M. Thomson of Port Arthur and Warren J. King of Dustin, Okla. were ushers.

After a reception at the House of Weddings the couple left to make their home in Norman, Oklahoma. Mrs. Hall attended the University where she was a member of Pi Delta sorority. The groom graduated from the University and is now working on his master's degree at the University of Oklahoma.

U. of H. Hour Received Third in Hooper Poll

The radio department's University Hour received third rating in the latest Hooper poll in the Houston area, Dr. W. W. Cook, chairman of the drama, speech, and radio production divisions, said this week.

Doctor Cook said that the rating was in the dramatic programs class and included all major network programs in this class heard in the Houston area.

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Claire Moise Weds James E. Lawrence

Miss Claire Moise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Moise, was married Thursday, May 12 in the chapel of St. Paul's Methodist church to James E. Lawrence, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lawrence of San Antonio.

The bride wore a gown of tissue faille. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses.

For her wedding trip, the bride wore a blue linen suit with white and navy accessories.

Mrs. Lawrence received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University in 1946, where she majored in English. The groom, a former Baylor university student, is now attending the University.

Mrs. J. F. Sullivan served as matron of honor and Wesley Reed of San Antonio was best man.

Included in the house party at the reception which followed the ceremony were Mrs. Felix Hauske, Mrs. Charles Cobler and Mrs. C. J. Houston Jr.

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OFF THE BEAM —

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I. D. Richardson, is an Ex-Student. Rich was the co-author with Ira Wolfert of his (Rich's) thrilling story of hide-and-seek with the Japs . . . Ex-Student **Buddy Brock** was on the podium with his band . . . Buddy has been playing for so many Rice dances, he had taken on an owl look . . . but Buddy promises his heart belongs to the Cougars (and so will his band if the classes kick in with the dough) . . .

If you look at Jon Whitcomb's page in this month's COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE, you'll glimpse the wistful sketch of a turbulent-eyed brunette . . . and if you look closer you'll recognize Ex-Student **Winona Rieger** . . . Ex-Pi Delta, Winona is now a Pioneer Air Line stewardess . . . out of El Paso, illustrious illustrator Whitcomb was captivated by stewardess Rieger, sketched her, and the page spread in COSMOPOLITAN is the result of a happy meeting . . .

Elsie Rosborough captured headlines recently with her espousal of a union for Houston's models . . . lissome-and-lovely Elsie would be a difficult adversary in any negotiations . . . altho one downtown executive pointed out that union contract negotiations are carried on behind closed doors . . . hmmm, what say, Jimmy Rosborough . . .

Bill Sparr, Fiesta boss in 1948, recently called Mrs. Theo Hunnicutt, assistant registrar, from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Seems that Mrs. Hunnicutt thought Sparr was talking from "Baytown" and the conversation covered everything from "How are you doin'" to "the '49 Fiesta was almost as good as yours." Sparr is employed by Penn State College in Washington, Pa.

A new face can be seen around O'Kelley Motor Sales nowadays. Charlie Manichia, Cougar football hero in 1946, is one of their sales

Royce Lee's Are Parents of Son

A son, Terry Michael, was born March 25 at St. Joseph's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Royce E. Lee. He weighed six pounds two ounces at birth.

Mrs. Lee has attended the University. While a student, she was feature editor of The Cougar, president of the Press Association and assistant editor of The 1948 Housatonian.

Mr. Lee is a journalism student at the University.

representatives. Charlie, when he isn't selling Jeepsters, plays softball for Tony Martin and his team is currently leading the Texas Intercity League.

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By FOSTER WICK

U. of H. Students will get a lot more this year for their money when they pick up a copy of the 1949 Houstonian, a pictorial portrayal of events that made up the busiest year in the University's history.

The 1949 Houstonian carries a two page layout of activities of the Ex-Students Association, consisting of pictures of the officers and directors, Mrs. Cullen presenting Homecoming Queen Dolores Becker with flowers and the 80-foot Homecoming Bonfire built by Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

This is the first time in the yearbook's 15 year history that it has reached the students before the close of the Spring semester.

But that's not the only first for the 1949 Houstonian. The yearbook was printed by the comparatively new four-color lithography process for the first time. Another innovation in the book is the listing of home towns for all the students pictured.

To carry out the Frontier Fiesta theme of the yearbook, Phil Monroe, chief animator for Warner brothers studios in Hollywood, designed a gun-totin', Stetson-topped Cougar for the rustic cover.

The books 320 pages make it the biggest issue of a University yearbook since the first 40 page coverless Houstonian was distributed to pioneer University students back in 1934.

Harry Rogers, the editor, published his 1949 issue under handicap. Previous Houstonian editors, when confronted with printing problems, merely had to call a local printing plant to straighten out the trouble. Rogers had to deal with the Newsfoto Publishing company in San Angelo, some 400 miles from the campus.

Dedication of the book goes to past chairmen of Frontier Fiesta. Joe Potter was the first Fiesta foreman in 1940, Joe Koppel ran the big show in 1941, and was later killed in action. Johnny Goyen rode herd on the festivities when the show was revived in 1947 after its discontinuance during war years. Bill Sparr wore the big spurs in 1948, and Harry Scott bossed ac-

tivities during this year's Fiesta, which was called the Greatest College Show on Earth."

Advertising sections in school yearbooks have always been somewhat stereotyped, not so with the 1949 Houstonian. The Houstonian's advertising manager, Jack Wilson, dreamed up a unique system for getting maximum readership of the ads. His scheme fits in with the Fiesta theme.

Scattered through the 36-page ad section are pictures of famous Western characters such as: Jesse James, Judge Roy Bean, Frank Dalton, Pat Garrett, Pancho Villa, Kit Carson, and Billy the Kid. These characters are all played by bearded University students.

Rogers gives a good deal of credit to his staff for the 1949 yearbook in saying: "Any success the 1949 Houstonian may achieve would not have been possible without the sincere cooperation of the staff."

Get a copy Friday and judge for yourself.



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VALENTI ELECTED—

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Waldhauser, also a 1946 graduate, was another campus dynamo attending the University. Among activities he edited The Cougar, president of the sophomore class in 1944, and was chosen in "Who's Who in American Colleges." He is a former Ex-Student board member.

The glamour side of the new officers will have to be left up to the newly elected secretary, Mrs. Ray Curry Dwyer. Mrs. Dwyer, a 1947 grad, is not new to the University. She was elected as their first Homecoming Queen in 1947. She was Varsity Venus in 1946 and appeared in the beauty section of the yearbook a couple of years.

The man to handle the matters in the guise of Treasurer is Bill Gay, a member of the class of 1941. Bill was president of his class for the same year and held the job of treasurer last term.

The five new board of directors are: Lela Blount, Mrs. Minnie Black and Prentice Jackson, who will serve three year terms; Glendon Smith, a two year director; Thomas M. Scoggins, who will serve as a one year member.

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Cougars Win LSC Tennis Title

Morton Beats Teammate Lanham In All "U. of H." Tennis Finals

The University tennis team eliminated the rest of the Lone Star conference and then held a private tourney to determine the conference championship last weekend.

Paced by Jason Morton, the Cougars racked up 48 team points, while East Texas collected 12, and Southwest Texas squeezed out 3. None of the other schools scored.

Morton defeated his teammate, Jack Lanham, for the singles crown, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

In the doubles, Morton and Lanham teamed to win the crown from two other Cougars, Hugh Sweeney and Dick Lamb, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Morton breezed through the singles without losing a set in the two-day meet on Stephen F. Austin's concrete courts. Before defeating Lanham, he walloped Southwest Texas Henry Parish in the semi-finals, 6-0, 6-1.

Lanham had advanced with a morning victory over a third University player, Hugh Sweeney. Score of this one was 6-4, 6-4, and it was a minor upset since Sweeney was second-seeded behind Morton in the conference.

Morton and Lanham defeated Bob Fuller and George Whitley of East Texas before meeting Sweeney and Lamb who had eliminated Vernard Alexander and Bill McDowell of East Texas in the semi-finals.

The sweep gave the Cougars their third straight Lone Star Conference championship.

Cagers Awarded 48-49 Letters

Basketball lettermen for the 1948-'49 season were announced by Coach Alden Pasche at the annual basketball banquet held in Bill Williams' Pioneer room two weeks ago.

Letters were awarded to Louis Brown, Dick Berg, Marvin Reichle, Bill McPhail, Connie Pontikes, Gilbert Luton, L. D. Hendrix, and Royce Ray. Sam Alessandra received a letter as manager of the 1948-'49 Cougar quintet.

Special Awards

Highlighting the program was the presentation of the Ray Long and the Ben Noble awards. The Ben Noble award went to L. D. Hendrix for the most spirited Cougar basketball player. The Ray Long award was presented to Louis Brown, Co-captain and four-year letterman, for being the most valuable player on the squad.

Roger Jeffery, Ex-Student Board member, acted as master of ceremonies for the affair, and pulled some nifty cracks directed at the athletic staff, basketball team and administration.

University Cagers to Make History With Midwestern Road Trips Slated

Cougar cagers will make the longest road trip in our school's history this season, playing power-house middlewestern quintets Bradley university, Marquette, Loras, Creighton and Beloit colleges on one swing.

Basketball Coach Alden Pasche will take his traveling squad on the midwestern swing traveling most of the way by rail. The Cougars meet Bradley (formerly Bradley Tech) in Peoria, Ill., December 6. The Bradley Braves, one of the top-drawer fives of the Missouri Valley conference, have already been elected to play in the 1950 Sugar Bowl contest. Coached by Forrest Anderson, the Braves won 28 and lost 3 in the 1947-'48 season.

Cagers In Iowa

December 8, the squad moves to Dubuque, Iowa, to play Loras college. The Duhawks of the Iowa Collegiate conference took 21 games and lost 8 in the 1947-'48 season. Vince Dowd pilots the team.

The Cougars go to Beloit, Wis., December 9 to play super-strong Beloit college. The Blue Devils, coached by Dolph Stanley, won 24 games and lost but 3 during the '47-'48 season. Last year the Devils almost constantly ranked high on the National Collegiate Athletic bureau statistic sheets in scoring leaders and team defense work.

Marquette Five

A quick trip to Milwaukee, Wis., the following day will pit the Cougars against the Golden Avalanche five of Marquette college. Members of the National Collegiate loop, the Avalanche won 10, lost 15 in 1947-'48 season. Bill S. Chandler is responsible for the team's coaching.

On their way back to home hard-boards, the Cougars stop over in

Omaha, Neb., long enough to meet with Creighton university, also a Missouri Valley conference member. The Creighton Bluejays speared 13 opponents and lost to 10 during the 1947-'48 season. J. Belford coaches the Birds.

This is the second time the University has seen action in Midwest basketball houses. Twice before Coach Pasche led University teams to the National meet in Kansas City, Mo.

Hawkins Works As Hotel Lifeguard

Ken Hawkins, 1946 and 1947 University football letterman, will be assistant head lifeguard at the Shamrock hotel swimming pool from May until September.

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Melvin Kleb, the University's finest timber-topper, was forced to jump some almost insurmountable hurdles before he could ever enter a college track meet.

Before graduating from Reagan high school in Houston in 1942, Kleb ran the high hurdles in 14.8 seconds.

But Uncle Sam tapped him on the shoulder and Kleb found himself successively in an anti-aircraft division, in engineering classes operated by the army at Texas college of mines, and in infantry training at Camp Barkley.

In September 1944 Kleb went overseas. Two months later he was firing a machine gun through France. On January 16, 1945 he was in an outfit scheduled to make a daylight attack on a small wooded area near the Rhine river. But the

Germans turned the tables and captured the Americans before they reached the wood.

While on a three-day walk to a prison camp for Russians Kleb felt mighty discouraged. Entering a college track meet was farthest from his mind.

On refusing to divulge information at a German naval interrogation camp, Kleb was put into an unheated stone building in frigid weather for several days. A growth that had developed on the bottom of his left foot was one of the Houstonian's minor troubles.

The Americans were interned in a big German prison camp. Kleb again refused to cooperate with his hosts when he wouldn't dig gun emplacements. The complete lack of bedding and the meager food (a small piece of black bread, half pint of rutabaga soup, and three or four small potatoes per day) were among the inconveniences.

Liberators of the British Seventh army found that Kleb had pneumonia and yellow jaundice and flew him back to England to be hospitalized. After three months in the British hospital, Kleb was sent back by hospital ship and train to Brooke general hospital in San Antonio, where he was later discharged. The growth on his left foot was removed a couple more times in the meanwhile.

Kleb lost no time entering the University to study mechanical engineering. The ex-machine gunner started gunning his way over the hurdles with such speed that he became one of the Lone Star conference's best hurdlers on the Cougars' first track team in 1946. He is a fine broad jumper, but his foot just isn't serviceable enough for both hurdling and jumping.

The champ's wife, the former Merle Maxwell, and their small daughter Tina would be happy to have their father just walk. But they are doubly thrilled when his speed, agility, and footwork win blue ribbons.

Rice Gets The Bird, Suspects Fowl Play

Rice Institute was given the bird this week by University cheerleaders.

A small horned owl, found Wednesday by J. W. Ragsdale and Jerry Merchant, was presented to Rice as an understudy for their present mascot, a stuffed Great Horned owl.

Rice cheerleaders were presented with the owl in a "spirit of friendly rivalry," and with the provision that Rice reciprocate when they find a young cougar wandering around on their campus.

OOPS, WE ERRED

Yep, the Extra made a big mistake last month. In the story on page 7 of the April 25 issue entitled "Greek Student Finds Action Beats Words" we ran a picture of Trailer Village Mayor Alfred J. Tyler instead of the student Panayiotis Vaphiadis.

949 TO GRADUATE —

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George Peabody college of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address. Graduates will hear Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Methodist church at baccalaureate ceremonies Sunday night, June 5.

ANNUAL BARBECUE —

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be found on page 2 of The Extra.
"A program of entertainment will be furnished for the occasion similar to the one that was such a hit last year, Waldhauser said.

Cougar Golfers Place Second In Conference Meet Held At SFA

For the fourth time in as many years, the University team placed a close second to North Texas in the Lone Star conference golf meet. The LSC meet was played Saturday at the Piney Woods Country club course in Nacogdoches.

At the half-way point of the 36 hole grind the Cougars boasted a four stroke lead over

the powerful Denton aggregation. Ed Kingsbury, number one Cougar, came in with an even par 72. Roy Priest posted a 75 and Bill Dienstbach carded a one-under-par 71. Then came Bob Semaan, number four Cat linksman, with another 72.

Things were looking good for the Cougar four until the Eagles began their great stretch drive to win going away. The North Texans finished with a sensational four-man total of 582. The University team's total was 595, 27 strokes better than the third place team, Southwest Texas state.

Kingsbury and Dienstbach led the Cat "par-tusslers" with 148 each. Kingsbury had 72-76 and Dienstbach, after being tied for medalist through 18 holes with his 71, faded to a 77 in the afternoon round. Semaan posted a 72-77-149.

Priest had a consistent 75-75.

North Texas Gene Towry, Buster Reed tied for medalist with 142 totals. Eagle L. Crannell scored 75-73-148. Palmer Lawrence, number four on the NT team, carded 75-75.

Kingsbury, former state handed champion, and Dienstbach were playing their last round of Cougars.

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