

Back Fund Drive -- This Means You

(AN EDITORIAL)

By JIM PALMER

Everybody can't give \$100 to the Exes' Fund Raising Drive as did Minerva Black, but to make this drive a success, every ex-student who receives this newspaper should take off a second and send his bit to the "cause."

Objective of the drive is to get for the Cougar

teams some means of transportation, preferably one or more station wagons.

But more important than the concrete objective is the need for the first time in University history to establish a real unity of action among every Ex.

The amount of money is important, of course,

but more important is for every ex-student to contribute to this Red and White campaign, whether it be one dollar, five dollars, or \$100.

If you wait and send the money later, you'll probably forget it, for we are all human. Even Exes! So, take out your pen and send a draft immediately to the Ex-Students Association, so that the Cougars and the Exes may speed on to victory.

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FUND DRIVE LAGS WITH ONLY \$630.54 TO DATE

University Given Highest Award By French Gov't

The University of Houston has been placed on the list of American associate members of the Institut des Hautes Etudes Americaines of Paris, France, Jules A. Vern, head of the French department, has announced.

Mr. Vern explained that associate membership is the highest honor given to American colleges and universities.

"Only French writers may become members of the institute," Mr. Vern said. "We are proud that we have been selected as an associate member. Our university is the only university in the South so listed."

As an associate member, the University French department will contribute to the institute's monthly review, "Les Etudes Americaines." Featured in the latest issue of the review is an article about the University's French magazine, "Le Bayou."

Other American correspondents of the institute include Stanford university, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Chicago university, Notre Dame, Harvard, Michigan university, Princeton university, St. Louis university, and Columbia university.

Excavation Almost Complete On New Cullen Building

About 90 per cent of the excavation for the Ezekiel Cullen Administration building is now complete, John D. Kenney, Jr., project engineer of Bellows Construction Co., has announced. Within one or two weeks, excavation is expected to be completed, he said.

Bottom and side beams for the first floor are being built in the north wing. Footings are being poured in the center section, and the ground floor wall forms are underway in the south wing of the deluxe administration building, Mr. Kenney said.

"It will be one of the finest buildings the Bellows Construction Co. has ever built," A. G. Gardner, superintendent of construction, said.

The front wing of the building, facing the reflection pool, will be 434 feet long. From the front wing

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\$200.00 NEARER—Tom Menefee, president of the Exes accepts \$100.00 checks from Mrs. Minerva Black, class of '46 and Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, university president. President Oberholtzer said that he would match the first \$100.00 contribution to the Exes FIRST FUND DRIVE, and Mrs. Black, who gave the needed donation in the name of her class, holds him to his generous promise. (See "Scroll of Honor" for the latest list of contributors)—Staff photo by Dan Hardy.

E. E. Oberholtzer, Minerva Black Give \$100 Each

By JACK VALENTI

There is joy in the Ex-Students tonight!

When Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer offered to match the first \$100 donation, there was a dubious faith in the hearts of those Ex-Students who desperately want this fund drive to be successful. Then came forward Minerva Black, clad in all the shining habiliments of a friend indeed.

Said Minerva: "Here's my hundred."

Said the good doctor: "As I promised, here's my hundred."

Said all Ex-Students (in chorus, of course): "Now, we're really moving."

Elsewhere on this page is further chronicling of Mrs. Black's generosity, bless her.

At this juncture, if executive secretary Johnny Goyen were called on to assess the success so far, he might be tempted to spread his hands and say something like "if only more of you would take this to heart."

About \$600 has actually been received, with commitments for a hundred-odd more. On the average, each student has been contributing approximately \$6.00. The important word in the previous sentence is the word "contributing." That's what we have to do.

As explained in earlier issues of the EXTRA, Ex-Students pay no dues, but contribute each year to a fund drive of worthy antecedents. This year, transportation for the Athletic Department is the object. The athletes need transportation badly, sorely; a first-class university such as ours ought to travel first-class and what finer measure of support could the athletes want from their alumni than this gesture of cooperation.

When you get the next letter from the Association, dig into your jeans and give. It matters not how much the contribution, but the fact that you did contribute.

We Ex-Students need a success now so that we can move ahead into the future with confidence and pride.

Give, give, give.

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EX-STUDENTS' SCROLL OF HONOR

The following names are those Ex-Students and friends who have contributed to the first Ex-Student Association's Annual Fund Drive. If your name is missing please fill out the draft sent you by the association and be one of the many who will make the FIRST ANNUAL FUND DRIVE a gigantic success.

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The President's Message

Dear Exes

For the past month and a half, your officers and board of directors have been doing everything in their power to impress upon you the importance of successfully putting over our **FIRST ANNUAL FUND DRIVE**. We all have a habit of putting off until tomorrow what should be done today, but if we are to accomplish our goal, by having at least one station wagon for the athletic department to be presented to them during Homecoming, we are all going to have to pitch in and help immediately.

To date, we have approximately \$630.00 which is a splendid turnout considering that less than 100 Exes made this possible. The idea is to have all of our 2500 active Exes contribute something, no matter how small. Very few of us can follow Minerva Black's and Dr. Oberholtzer's \$100.00 contributions, but all of us can be a part of this first undertaking by sending in some small contribution as our token of loyalty to this young organization.

Let's all get behind this first project and make it go over in a manner that will make every Ex proud to be a member of this fast growing organization.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Menefee

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OFF THE BEAM

By JACK VALENTI

Well sir, let me spin you as miserable a tale as you'll read in a day's hard riding . . . it all began one Sunday ayem when a group of laughing, light-hearted young men boarded Elliott Loy's stout craft, the TRADEWIND for a little old deepsea fishing trip . . . there was manly talk and a confident spirit within all . . . with a hornpipe and a blow-the-man down, the TRADEWIND slid away from the pier (No. 18 at Galveston) into the horizon . . . if there was a spanking breeze that gurgled the water, no one seemed to notice and there was much bolting down of soggy sandwiches and smoking of thick, black cigars . . . about 40 miles as the crow flies, if that ebony creature were dumb enough to be flying at the time, up swirled the kind of splattering rain and roaring wind that must have been present when Magellan rounded the Cape . . . the TRADEWIND stood on its stern and then sterned on its stodd; she pitched, she rolled, she did everything but play patty cake with the sea turtles . . . there were those eerie moments when there was bitter silence and the only sound that could be heard were stomachs doing a half-gainer . . . then it started, a phenomena which proved conclusively the weakness of the human spirit . . . Buddy Toomey's face began purpling, a fuzzy, sizzle-sozzle purple, and before you could say point to leeward, he was crumpled over the rail . . . Johnny Goyen, a huddled pathetic figure wallowing on the deck, clutched at his throat and in frenzied desperation, joined Toomey at the edge . . . after that, the traffic at the rail was heavier than coffee-time at the Humble building . . . Tommy Schexnayder half crawled, half-bubbled to the side . . . Horace Norman clung feebly to a stanchion, his face a grisly green, his glazed eyes spinning like a slot-machine . . . Charley Whitehead sprawled near the fan-tail, head-up and not giving a tinker's tinkle whether the world kept or not . . . Evan Weaver was lumped against the anchor chain, measuring with desperate faith, the distance to the rail and betting he wouldn't make it . . . Jim Thompson and Jackie Toomey flopped in the galley, arms and legs a-kimbo, their pasty-colored complexions blending beautifully with the alabaster wainscoting . . . even old salt Loy, bearing up splendidly at first, dropped his rod-and-reel, and sped, jet-like, to the side where he fixed his eyes on the horizon with rivets . . . only John McKerihan, cactus Pryor, of KNUZ and Cacti's corncert fame, and Dick Kercheval. Still belting the soda-pop and sloping sandwiches down, were unmoved . . . when finally, the captain turned the TRADEWIND home, sans fish, sans appetites, and sans the greater portion of what constitutes the inside or the human body, mute thanks welled up in the hearts of everyone . . . yes, sir, that was the best little ole fishing trip anyone ever had . . . and I wasn't unhappy at all that in my mind I had given 28 million dollars for one square foot of earth, that wasn't moving or tossing, or pitching, but lying wonderfully, deliciously still . . . avast there . . .

36. Young Cuny is the son of Gene Sr. and the former Charlotte Walsler, and appeared in a play for 30 months old. The young star is 4 1/2 months old.

Sigvard B. Nelson was recently appointed an account executive with Charles Crosson & Co. . . . Dolores Delhomme Lanford and hubby are mixing pleasure with business by living on a big ranch, raising live stock and enjoying life . . . Another Ex who is having herself a good time while grabbing more of that higher larnin' is Ruth Nell Minster who is working on her master's in Colorado Springs . . . Pasadena's history dept. claims Ruth Cox Gray this summer, while Betty McGehee Hafner attends the U. of H. eying a master's in education . . . Come September Mrs. Bonnie Hazel Martin will teach Social Science in Cedar Bayou High school, and Mrs. Hazel S. Haines will report to the Brazosport School System. Mr. and Mrs. George Bletsch, of Baytown, just returned from their vacation which included travel through nine states . . . Congrats to Fanny Kirkpatrick Caldwell and her son David, Jr., who enter Houston on May 8, 1948.

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For other bits of news of a less "growsome" nature . . . Some Sunday afternoon, just for laffs, stop by Lubbock softball field and see some of the Exes, representing the Jaycees, in action. Last week Raymond Pearson's right hand man, Roger Jeffery, pitched a 17 hit—12 run game. Everybody hit, even Tom Menefee's 18 month son who pinch hit for John "Hose" Carrigan and got a single . . . Thanks to Norma Lynn Wood we caught the June 14 issue of "Life" Mag which carries a full page picture of actor-to-be Gene Cuny, Jr. The pix is on page

Athletic Department To Be Featured On August 16-20 On KTRH

The University of Houston athletic department will be featured on a series of special broadcasts on radio station KTRH August 16 through 20, from 6:15 to 6:30.

Broadcasts will consist of interviews with coaches and athletes. One of the University's first athletes, G. L. Howell, will be presented on one of the programs.

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Exes Wed in June-July Ceremonies

By MARGARET KRUEGER
Society Editor

1947 Graduate Weds

Miss Joyce Litherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Owen Litherland, became the bride of Joseph H. Goode, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Goode, Thursday, June 17. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Irwin T. Andrews, assisted by Rev. Nye Litherland, grandfather of the bride, at the Epworth Methodist church.

Music for the wedding was provided by Mrs. LaRue Cash and Mrs. Fred Gervode.

Assisting at the reception that followed at the home of the bride's parents were Miss Dorothy Ann Tucker, Miss Kathryn Babin, Miss Norma Jean Rechig, Miss Barbara Litherland and Mrs. W. L. Kohlherfel.

The couple left later for a wedding trip to Colorado. For travel the bride chose a chocolate brown shantung suit, white accessories, white wool topper and brown orchid corsage. The couple will make their home in Houston.

Mrs. Goode graduated from the University in 1947 with a B.S. degree in Art Education. While at the University she was vice-president of her class, a member of the Student Council and of many other campus organizations.

Miss Lillian Jeannette Matteson Married

Another June bride was the former Miss Lillian Jeannette Matteson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Matteson. She became the bride of Mr. Jack Williams Apple late in June.

The ceremony was performed in the Trinity Episcopal church.

Betrothal Announced

Miss Helen Reeves and Robert and Robert Bruce Carter, Jr., will be married August 25 at Trinity Epis-

copal church. The betrothal was announced July 11 by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Reeves. The prospective groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Carter.

Miss Gloria Beraud Griggs Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kidded Griggs announced the engagement of their daughter Gloria Beraud, to William Brown Hodge, Jr., at a coffee given Saturday morning at their home.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hodge.

Miss Adele Skinner Weds

Mrs. John M. Burns was Miss Adele Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha W. Skinner, before her marriage at St. John the Divine church. Mrs. Mary Burns of New York City is the groom's mother.

Miss Martie Jean McCain Marries

Miss Martie Jean McCain became the bride of Alan H. McLane, Jr., Friday, June 25. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin McCain. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLane are the parents of the groom.

The double ring ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Methodist

church by the Rev. Leo Allen. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The matron of honor, Mrs. L. R. Sligh, was gowned in green organza created with a short peplum and full skirt. Her bouquet was of deep red roses.

The house party included Miss Jane Mitchell, Miss Evie Jo Craven, Mrs. Paul A. Hudson and Mrs. C. J. Adkins.

For her wedding trip Mrs. McLane, Jr., wore a moss green linen suit with white accessories. The couple will make their home in Houston.

The bride attended the University of Houston from 1941 to 1943.

Miss Barbara Babcock Weds

Miss Barbara Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Babcock of St. Joseph, Missouri, became the bride of Mr. Joe Tamesy, June 12. The wedding was held in the evening in the Francis St. Methodist Church in St. Joseph.

Jeannine Schmitt, the maid of honor wore a gown of pink net with a peplum over the full skirt. The sweetheart neckline was edged with a pleated yoke of the same material. She carried a colonial bouquet tied with blue ribbon.

The bride graduated from the University of Houston in 1948 with a B.B.A. degree in secretarial science. She was treasurer and vice president of her class while at the University.

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Townsend Receives Trophy



BIG SMILES were in order when Byron Townsend, Odessa high's great back, was presented the University Ex-Students association trophy as Texas' Outstanding High School football player for 1947. Townsend was voted the trophy by the Texas Sports Writers association. The presentation was made in Odessa last month. In the usual order, Bill Swanson, a member of the Exes' executive board, Johnny Goyen, executive secretary of the ExStudent association, Townsend, Elmer Simmons, assistant football coach at the University, and W. O. Shafer, county attorney of Ector county.—Photo by Bill Shoopman—Odessa, Texas.

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Morton Captures Houston Open Net Crown

By BEN FORTSON

Jason Morton, University tennis champion, added to his growing agenda of victories when he defeated Howard Startzman 6-2, 9-11, 6-2, 6-2, to take the first annual Houston open tennis crown.

Morton, who appeared somewhat off his game Saturday, was at his best Sunday. His drop shot won him many points from the hard-working Startzman.

The fourth-seeded Startzman, who usually plays his best game rushing the net, was kept on the back-line much of the time by Morton's long drives.

With the exception of the second set, the match was the University star's all the way. In the second

set Startzman managed to break Morton's service then hold his own to take the set in the overtime period. The remaining two sets went smoothly for the consistent Morton and he finished the match in excellent form.

Weaver Is Coach Of Bay City Jr. High

Evan Weaver, co-captain of the 1947 Cougar football team, will report August 15 to assume his duties as athletic coach of Bay City junior high school.

Weaver, an all-around athlete, holds two football numerals from Baylor university. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball at Milby high school before graduating from there in 1941.

A terminal man on the 1946 and '47 Red and White grid squads Weaver was president of the Varsity "H" association this year.

He will teach arithmetic in the eighth grade in the Bay City school. When he reports for work, Weaver will take his wife, Mrs. Marie Weaver, and their two daughters, Anita Marie, 4, and Linda Faye, 3.

The new coach is a Marine corps veteran, and spent more than three years in the South Pacific during the war. (For more information on Weaver see "off the Beam" on page 2.)

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