

# Meek's 'New Look' Crew In 'Alumni Bowl' March 31

One hundred and seven men dressed in football regalia descended upon the practice field March 1 and the leather-popping could be heard clear across the campus.

Almost three weeks later the fierce practice sessions still were going on, with nearly 90 players still trying to make spots for themselves on the '55 Cougar varsity.

Spring action will be climaxed at Public School Stadium March 31 when the players will be pitted against each other in the traditional Red-White spring game. Starting time is 8 p.m.

Head Coach Bill Meek, obviously pleased with the spirit and willingness of the group, also was impressed with the speed of several

of the backs. Singled out for special attention were Fullback Don Carraway and halfbacks Jerry Franks and O'Dell Grant.

Carraway is scrapping it out with Letterman Curley Johnson for the starting fullback post. Franks and Grant are trying to displace two more lettermen, Don Hargrove and Ken Stegall, at halfback positions.

Coaches Meek, John Cudmore, Royal Pierce, Jim LaRue, Clyde Van Sickle and Marvin Franklin are sporting smiles seldom seen on the faces of traditionally-pessimistic football mentors. Railbirds who have caught some of the Wheeler Street practices claim, "The downfield blocking is so rough it hurts the spectators."

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the spring game is expected to draw the greatest crowd ever assembled for a training game in Houston. Tickets, priced at \$1, are being distributed by alumni groups, campus sororities, fraternities and independent organizations.

Also co-operating in the ticket drive are approximately 40 stores in the Gulf Coast Stores chain.



Head Coach Bill Meek was greeted with a flood of football talent when spring practice opened March 1. Here he gives a few pointers to part of the 107-man squad.

—Photo Courtesy Houston Post

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# C - DAY TO FETE THOUSANDS -- FREE



Pretty Barbara Lou Hicks, freshman interior decorating major from Houston and an Alumni office secretary, proves that Fiesta soon will be with us again. Here she's scraping the fuzz from the face of Russ White, freshman optometry major from Lake City, S.C.

—Photo by Don Uhrbrock

## Pre - Fiesta Barbecue Scheduled March 19

Alumni, as well as students and faculty members, are invited to the annual barbecue sponsored by Frontier Fiesta March 19 at the Fiesta Lot.

The barbecue is held each year to encourage interest in the student extravaganza among Houston businessmen and city officials as well as students and teachers at the University.

Starting time is 6:30—and it's free.

Another big pre-Fiesta event, the

Outlaw Ride, opens April 15 when a whiskered band of students starts down the trail toward Fiesta City. The ride will originate from a point about 70 miles from Houston, and the outlaws will stage a mock bank robbery along the way.

They will arrive in Houston April 18, the opening day of Fiesta.

Between 40 and 50 trail-riders will brave the hazards of rainstorms and saddle-sores to make the trip,

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## Blood Wanted!

The Alumni Association is out for blood. New blood, that is, on the Board of Directors. April 13 is the date of the general meeting at which nominations may be made.

The location is 104 Roy Cullen and the time is 7:30 p.m. The positions of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and five board spots will be open.

Any contributing member is eligible for nomination, and contributions will be accepted up to the time the slate officially is closed.

## University Needs Financial Help, Cullen Asserts

The University is seriously in need of financial assistance, H. R. Cullen, chairman of the board of regents, told a group attending a Career Day luncheon on campus earlier this month.

"I am sure that when the good people of this area learn the true picture, they will come to our assistance," Cullen, one of the school's chief benefactors, said.

"I have given the University somewhat over \$11,000,000. Aside from this, I have given the school an oil royalty interest which has earned, up to the last statement, \$1,700,000. This fund has been applied against the indebtedness of the dormitories," he added.

Cullen said he also has given the school a working interest in leases which so far has netted \$954,000.

Statements made by press and radio about his wealth and the great amount he has given have been misleading, Cullen said. He stressed the fact that he will be able to give the school only modest financial support in the future.

## Bar-BQ, Fashion Show, Fiesta Acts, Swimming Party Scheduled April 30

Every girl grad is Queen for a day and every man is King. That's Corral Day 1955.

Swimming in the new pool, a pool-side fashion show, tours of the campus and its new buildings, a big barbecue dinner, an evening show packed with Frontier Fiesta talent, installation of officers and topped off with a coffee, donuts and dance bull session—that's the agenda for April 30. And it's absolutely free.

You don't have to worry about getting a baby-sitter, either, 'cause the kids are invited too. In fact they'll get special souvenirs.

Hal Collins, Corral Day chairman, has released a program of activities starting at 3:30 p.m. At that time registration will be followed by the swimming party. Grads who haven't been on campus for some time may prefer to delay the swimming to take a quick guided tour of the ever-changing grounds and buildings. At 5 p.m., still at pool-

side, a style show will be presented by the Fashion. Models will be your favorite former classmates. Immediately following the style show is the traditional barbecue dinner featuring everything from beef to toothpicks, with nothing skipped in between.

Last year's dinner ruined several Exes' diets and the threat is even greater this year.

Allowing a few minutes for digestive juices to catch up, the gang will assemble in Cullen Auditorium for the traditional Corral Day program. Special guests will include faculty members with 21 years of service, members of the Board of

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Closes March 26

## 'Carmen,' Houston Symphony Conclude Fine Arts Festival

An English version of "Carmen" and Sir Thomas Beecham's appearance with the Houston Symphony Orchestra highlight the final week of the University Fine Arts Festival in Cullen Auditorium March 20-26.

A third feature of the festival is a free concert of music by American composers March 20 at 3:30 p.m., sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, professional women's fraternity in music.

The series, which opened March 9, is the University's contribution to the Houston Fine Arts Festival. "Carmen," presented by the University Opera Workshop, will be of-

fered March 23 and 25 at 8:15 p.m. Dorothy Hutchinson and Joe Truncals will sing the lead roles.

The Houston Symphony Concert, with Beecham conducting, is scheduled for March 24 at 8:15 p.m.

Dancing, drama and music featured the first portion of the program, with Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" and Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" playing important roles. Concerts by the University band, chorus and orchestra also were presented.

Ed Gerlach's stage band provided music for Arlyr Sinclair's dance group in its performance March 16.

## BILLBOARD

Before we get into personalities, Billboard reminds you of the numerous Alumni functions you should have on your calendar. The Spring FB game, March 31; Alumni Elections, April 13; Frontier Fiesta, April 18 through 23; and Corral Day, April 30.

A future Cougar for **Royston Patterson '47** and **Mary (Lipscomb), '53**. Born December 29, the lad saved Daddy some money on income taxes. Named Royston III.

**Jose Matos Pulido, '48**, now with the Bank of Commerce in Maracaibo, Venezuela, stopped by the A-office with a nice contribution. Jose is on his honeymoon with his lovely Venezuelan bride, and plans to cover seven countries during the tour between SA and Canada.

Guess everyone saw **Gloria Gillespie**, our '53 Homecoming Queen, featured on the Chronicle magazine cover February 20. Gloria was represented as a typical second grade school teacher. Either Billboard was too young to appreciate it when we were in the second grade or the schools are improving tremendously.

Iowa State University sends a note to the effect that **Georgia Bernadette Wright** received her master of arts degree from that institution in February.

**Richard E. Kennell** and **George P. Slade** both are recent graduates of the Marine Corps basic officers' course. From Quantico, Va., the boys are slated for Fleet Duty or specialty schools.

Stanolind announces two grads hired and another transferred. The new employees are **Samuel A. Bender, '55**, and **Jack H. Tharp, '55**. Both are petroleum engineers. Transferred from Casper, Wyo., to the Riverton producing area is **Deral H. Brewer, '48**, also a PE.

Anyone seen **Joe Smith, '53**? Announced last month as the new EXtra advertising manager, little Joe hasn't been seen around these parts since. So, the job's still open. It is strictly commission, but could pay well.

Former backfield coach **Elmer Simmons** thinking about the insurance business while ex-line coach **Harden Cooper** already is in it with both feet. **Clyde V. Lee** still taking it easy around his home, rumored to be entering the real estate game.

UH Journalism Prof. **Jim F. Palmer** and wife **Pat (Olive), '53**, welcomed **Kathleen Olive Palmer** at Memorial March 3. The journalistic-type nickname for the newcomer is "Kopy," taken from the three initials.

And it's a boy for the **John Chapmans**. John, '52, is a TV wheel at KPRC-TV. Norma is a former Alumni office secretary. Eight-pound twelve-ounce **Robert Bruce** arrived March 14.

Be nice to **Arthur Renaud, '50**. Now in the First Teller's spot with City National Bank, he soon may be the man to see for that loan.

Bumped into grad and sideline coach **Don Mapp** on the Simpson-Gilman lot. Don says he has a special deal for EXes, but Billboard is too broke to swap off that Model A.

**George Hines**, last year's outstanding lineman, looking all out of place in civvies on the spring practice sidelines. George and the Varsity H are helping push tickets for the spring game. Got your's yet?

Another Ex in the news-pix is **Roger Jeffery**. Rog is prexy of the YMCA Touchdown Club, and was pictured presenting a large portrait to **Stephen F. Austin** in honor of its football success last season. Can't find Roger's official year of graduation from UH, but his friends report that it occurred about the turn of the century.

**Gordon Dunlap, '50**, and wife **Joe (Simms)** getting settled in their new home in the Inwood Terrace area. Gordon claims his two girls are pretty sweet, but the new boy is "real mean."

Another Stanolind release shows two '53 grads added to its accounting department. **Paul H. Spies** is listed as an intermediate clerk, and **Wesley Leon Fielder** as a junior accountant.

Two of our Exes are becoming one. **Tasos John Pappadas** and **Eunice Glaros** took their vows at the Hellenic Orthodox Church last month. Congratulations. All Billboard knows is what you tell us. Make it easy on us and drop a line now and then to let us know what YOU are doing.

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**Norma Brady**, representing Phi Delta Tau fraternity, is the University's basketball queen for the '54-'55 season. She was presented at the Cougars' finale with St. Louis U. Feb. 28.

—Photo by Firuz Makulu

## Cougars Close With 15-10 Slate; Boldebeck, Foster Lead Scorers

Three consecutive Missouri Valley Conference losses late in February brought Houston's '54-'55 basketball campaign to an unhappy finish. The Cougars lost road games to Oklahoma A&M and Tulsa and fell to St. Louis' Billikens in the finale at home.

The defeats dropped Houston to fifth place in the six-team MVC

## Music Library Adds Valuable Scores, Books, Recordings

Several valuable additions to the Bayard Turner Gross Dudley Memorial Music Library of the University have been received in recent weeks, according to Dr. Merrills Lewis, music department chairman.

Included are several scores and books on music presented by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baker Jr. and the complete works of Bach and Beethoven given by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dudley and Bayard T. Gross.

Also scores, books and recordings contributed by Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Sines and a library of 78 recordings, including symphonies and concertos, presented by Joseph R. Crump, professor of engineering at the University.

## City Clears Tract Near UH Campus

The 39-acre tract of land across Cullen Boulevard from the Fiesta Lot has been cleared by City of Houston workers.

The city will maintain the grounds from now on. Clearance and upkeep of the tract are expected to enhance the appearance of adjacent University grounds.

City Parks Director A. R. Moser said the city has no immediate plans for building or additional work on the site.

race and brought its season's record to 15-10.

Joe Todd, a hot-and-cold soph, took a liking to the baskets at Public School Field House Feb. 28 to help his St. Louis teammates edge the Cougars 90-87.

Houston, hoping to close its season with a victory, couldn't keep up with Todd and Co., although the Red and White did manage to fight back from a 54-45 halftime deficit.

Don Boldebeck's 18 points brought his total for the year to 606, far ahead of Jack Foster, the second-place finisher, who rang up 352. Big Bolde averaged 24.2 throughout the season and set a new school record with the 50 markers he scored in Houston's second meeting with Sam Houston State.

Other top Houston scorers were Lupe Lopez with 217, Jim Hatton with 212, Jerry Pettiette, 160, and Herb Hoskins, 116. Boldebeck, Foster, Lopez and Hoskins return to the team next year.

Lopez, with 46.5, was the team leader in field goal percentage. The speedy junior also led free-throw shooters with 75 of 94 for 79 per cent.

## It's Not an Oil Strike on Campus --- Just Geophysics Students at Work

The seismic truck you might see on campus, with its crew busily taking measurements, doesn't mean that a new oil strike soon will be made in the vicinity.

The measurements-takers simply are doing classwork in a new geophysics laboratory course being offered at the University.

Geophysics, one of the earth sciences, makes use of the basic principles of physics, math, engineering, geology and chemistry. Students study the characteristics of the earth, both external and internal, plus its atmosphere and

## Optometry Dept. Schedules Contest For Gals In Specs

A pretty girl wearing glasses is still a pretty girl.

Proving the truth of that statement is the aim of University optometry students, sponsors of a contest to name "Miss UH Beauty with Glasses."

Coeds competing for the title will have their portraits, with glasses on, done by the school's photography department.

Besides her title, the winner will receive a \$25 savings bond.

The University contest has an indirect tie-in with a national search for "Miss U. S. Beauty With Glasses." Coeds entering the school-sponsored contest also may compete for the national title if they have the necessary modeling experience.

## 'Preacher' Franklin New UH Assistant

An ordained Methodist minister became Houston's fifth football assistant late in February when Marvin (Preacher) Franklin joined Head Coach Bill Meek's staff.

The 39-year-old Franklin has been head coach at Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Neb., for the past three years. Before that he served as an assistant to Howie O'Dell and Herman Hickman at Yale (where he studied three years in divinity school), and assisted Ray Morrison at Temple University.

A three-year letterman in college football, Franklin was a star end and captain of the 1938 Vanderbilt eleven. During World War II he was a navy chaplain, serving 19 months in the South Pacific.

Franklin, married and the father of three children, will specialize in coaching the ends under Coach Meek.

## Shakespeare Facsimile Bought for UH Library

A photo-facsimile of the first folio edition of William Shakespeare's plays has been added to the Anderson Library.

The English department ordered the facsimile for the library.

This is the first time an edition of this sort has been published since 1910, when a British firm made the material available, according to Dr. Howard McGaw, director of libraries.

## Cougar Boxers Face LSU Here March 26

Cougar boxers close out their regular season here at 8 p.m. March 26 when they meet Louisiana State.

Houston has tied two and lost one in matches so far this year. The loss came to the same LSU crew, 8-0.

water-covered areas.

Under the direction of Dr. Richard A. Geyer, assistant professor of physics and geology, the course gives students a chance to get practical experience in the field, using equipment donated by several Houston oil companies.

Among the several pieces of field equipment given to the department, according to Dr. T. N. Hatfield, physics department chairman, are a fully equipped seismic truck, from the Texas Company, and a gravity meter given by Standard Oil of Texas.

# New UH Vice - President Has Academic, Military Background

Dr. Clanton W. Williams, who became the University's first academic vice-president Jan. 18, brought with him an unusual background of academic and military experience.

A teacher at the age of 18, Dr. Williams later received his BA at Davidson College and his MA at the University of Alabama. As soon as he completed his master's degree, he joined the faculty at Alabama and was associated with the school until he was named to the University's vice-presidential position.

But he found time to do lots of things between the time he started teaching at Alabama and the time he came to Houston. He finished work on his PhD at Vanderbilt, and during World War II served as an Army Air Force historian.

In '46 he was named special consultant to the Department of Defense. An appointment as consultant to the U. S. Commission of Education followed in 1948.

Recalled to active duty during the Korean War, Dr. Williams became a staff officer of the Air University, writing for and lecturing to military schools at home and overseas.

A large part of Dr. Williams' new job consists of hiring new teachers for the school.

"The University needs and deserves the finest faculty available," he maintains. He feels certain fundamentals must be stressed if the school is to become one of America's educational leaders.

Those basic necessities are:

1. Finest faculty available.
2. Adequate library facilities.
3. Research and writing on the part of faculty members.

"The University has a great future which, to date, has been only partially realized," Dr. Williams

says. "This institution is on the threshold of great academic achievement."



DR. CLANTON W. WILLIAMS  
"UH has great future . . ."

## Osburn Leads Hitters

### Cougars Try A&M March 19

Texas A&M will furnish the opposition March 19 as Coach Lovette Hill's Cougar basketballers try to bring their season's record to the 500 mark.

Game time is 2 p.m. at Public School Stadium.

The Aggies, with one of their finest teams in years, initiated Houston's season March 5 by jolting the Red and White 7-0.

Long John Dean picked an opportune time for his first base hit of 1955, March 12 as the Cougars grabbed the second game of a pair with the Baylor Bears.

Dean lofted a tenth-inning home run over the left field fence with two on and two out, giving Houston a 5-2 victory, its first of the year.

Sophomore Jim Shindler, who relieved in the seventh, got credit for the win. He allowed only one hit and fanned five in his four-inning stint. Doug Osburn and Wayne (Trummy) Tucker, with three hits apiece, paced the Cougar attack.

The victory avenged the 5-3 setback Baylor had pinned on Houston the day before.

Osburn set a blistering pace at the plate during the Cougars' first three games, whacking seven hits in 12 trips for a .583 average.

The senior letterman, in addition to his solid hitting, showed his ability as a handyman in the Baylor series. He played the first game at shortstop, started the second one on the mound and finished up at his normal third base spot.

He's also ready for duty behind the plate when the occasion demands.

## UH Ex-Student Heads Fiesta . . . . . Group Using Hypnosis In Medical Treatment

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under the leadership of Trail Boss Sam Morrow.

Another big event, the "Miss Annie Oakley" contest, began March 14 with nearly 100 coeds entered. Qualifying rounds will continue until mid-April as judges try to narrow the field to 20 sharpshooters.

University Graduate Harold Crasilneck is using hypnosis to help patients recover from near-fatal burns.

Dr. Crasilneck, who earned his PhD in psychology here last August, heads a five-man team from the Southwestern Medical Center which uses hypnosis on patients at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Published reports show the success of the novel treatment. In one case the patient's skin grafts were not healing properly because he refused to take proper nourishment. Through hypnosis the patient was induced to take more food. Within a week he showed definite signs of improvement.

## University to Graduate 1000 Students in June

The University will graduate more than 1000 students this June, according to figures released early in March.

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### Gazette To Follow Old - Style Format

Frontier Fiesta's official newspaper, the "Gazette," will have an "old time" look this year, according to John Pate, recently-elected editor of the publication.

The paper will be patterned after a typical western weekly of the late 1800's. The staff will use make-up and writing patterns similar to papers of that era.

W. Dan Oana, senior journalism major, is managing editor, with Mike Ferguson, Jerry Ezell, Ben Lacy and Carol Kay serving as associate editors.

The staff will consist of members of Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternities.

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"Well then, how many of you haven't read the chapter?" he pressed. Every hand in the room went toward the ceiling. The instructor registered dismay.

Finally somebody in the back of the room boomed "Have you read it?"

"Lord, I don't even know the title of the book?" came back the substitute's reply.

### KUHT Airs Meetings Of Local School Board

University television station KUHT has begun broadcasts of board meetings of the Houston Independent School District.

Coverage began with the March 14 meeting and is scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The board meets twice monthly. KUHT will telecast the first meeting each month.

It is believed that this series will be the first regular telecast of public school board meetings.

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### 75 Students Participate In Teaching Program

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The students are working under the supervision of teachers in the public schools during this final phase of their pre-professional training.

Dr. L. E. Freeman, professor of secondary education, is co-ordinator and director of the program. Schools in Houston, Deer Park, Pasadena and Spring Branch are co-operating in the program.

### C-Day To Fete...

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Regents and President A. D. Bruce.

The outcome of the 1955 alumni elections will be announced and the new officers installed. Also to be honored at this session are those Exes who have the most children, have traveled the farthest to be present, and winners in other "mostest" categories still to be decided.

Spicing the show will be top acts from this year's Fiesta, which means the best entertainment in Houston will be on the Cullen stage.

About 10 p.m. the crowd will move back to the old cafeteria for coffee, donuts, soft music and a chance to table-hop with old friends.

Y'all come, now.

### Technical Library Open To Science Students

A technical library service for personnel in geology, physics and geophysics now is available in Anderson Library.

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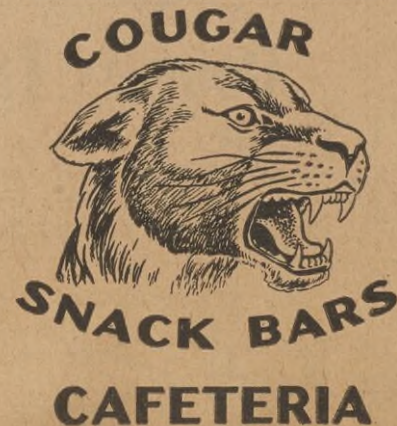
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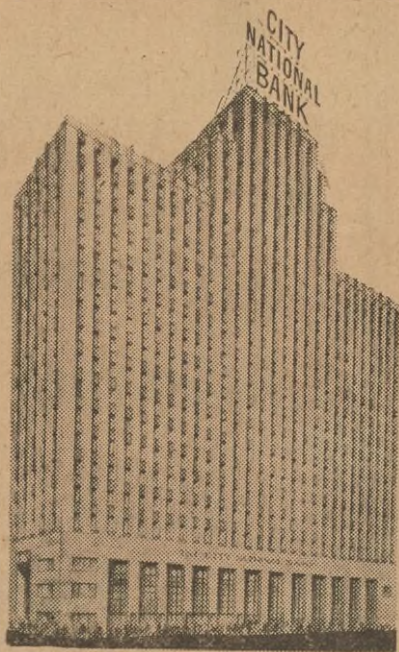
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