









Over the T-Cup

# UTSA Initiation Held for 150 Girls

Initiation of 150 girls into UTSA clubs and announcement of the UTSA officer with the highest scholastic average highlighted the UTSA super party Wednesday night.

Joan Ragdale, president of UTSA, won first place in the scholastic award with a 2.8 average. Her name will be engraved on the scholarship plaque as the outstanding UTSA officer of the year.

Orvilla Taylor, past leader of Canter Club, was second with a 2.6; Lois Olivard, leader of Bow and Arrow, was third with a 2.55; and Mildred Little, past UTSA president was fourth with a 2.54 average.

Andrews Dormitory will have its annual fall open house Friday from 8 to 12 p.m. The informal dance will have as a theme "Halloween Motive." Chairman of the open house is Mary Velasco. Boys' dormitories and fraternities have been invited.

Mrs. Maye Korioth, former USO supervisor at Sherman, and M. L. Harper, special services director at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, will speak Friday night at 8 o'clock at the occupational and recreational therapy workshop being held at the University Methodist Education Center.

The Campus Guild will have an open house for its next door neighbor, the Sigma Delta Tau sorority, Sunday afternoon.

Bob Waldron, Campus Guild

Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music fraternity for women, will have an informal rush party for prospective members Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. The Alpha Chi Omega house will be decorated in a Halloween theme, Martha Keller, president, said.

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# Dynamic Learning Advocated By Czech Benedictine Monk

"Pageantry" is perhaps the word that one hears most often in talking with the Rev. Ernest Ziska, Benedictine monk who is teaching Czech at the University this year.

"The pageantry of life and the soul of the people and the nation are all part of teaching a language," Father Ziska says. "You must teach all subjects of a culture, of the imagination, the heart and the mind."

Reared in a small Czechoslovakian textile center, the son of a weaver, Father Ziska grew up in an atmosphere of ruined castles which "reeked with history." The countryside was haunted with the traditions and legends of the Czech people and the air seemed

alive with ghosts of past heroes such as the great Jan Zizka, whose name the monk bears.

It is something of this romance that Father Ziska has tried to put into his teaching.

"From the time I arrived in this country, I sensed that my future lay in education—in bringing a sense of the spirit and beauty of the land to the Czech immigrants, and in presenting their cultural heritage to the young."

Dr. Ziska wrote these ideas into his doctor's dissertation which he completed in 1931 while studying at Charles V. University in Prague. Written in Czech, the book was later translated into English. President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote Father Ziska a letter of congratulations when it was published.

Since he was ordained at the Benedictine Abbey in Lisle, Ill., in 1923, Father Ziska has had a varied career as teacher, lecturer, youth director and missionary, and served 30 months during World War II as an Army chaplain. He was known as "the singing chaplain on the bike."

In 1948 he went back to Czechoslovakia on a five-month lecture and observation tour. It was at the time that the Communists were taking over control, and Father Ziska was the last person to be publicly entertained in the palace of Archbishop Beran in Prague.

"I was always watched by the Communist police and heckled by Communists," he recalled. "They would ask about the Marshall Plan and President Truman. I showed films with my lectures, and the people would tell me that they were like a 'breath from another world.'"

Father Ziska knew the Mazarzyks, father and son, and President Benes, both from his visits to his native land and their visits to the United States, when he was sometimes called upon to help entertain them.

Father Ziska came to the United States in 1903 with his parents when he was 14 years old. As a teen-ager in Cleveland, he saw clearly the need for teachers among his fellow immigrants who could help them adjust the old ways with the new.

He decided on taking orders when he was nineteen and began his training at John Carroll University, a Jesuit school in Cleveland, and Rochester Seminary. In 1917 he entered the Benedictine Abbey at Lisle. He has also studied at the University of Chicago, Loyola University, Columbia University, and Notre Dame.

Among his other activities, Father Ziska writes a column which is published in Czech-language papers in Texas. He began writing feature stories while he was in the Army and continued with a series on his European trip.

The Benedictine order has been historically the preserver of culture in Europe from the time of its founding in the sixth century. "We differ from the Jesuits in that we teach through the feelings and heart; the Jesuits teach the liberal arts and sciences, the Benedictines mostly the fine arts," the father explained.

The aim of all his teaching is to translate the Czechoslovakian culture into everyday life and to keep the songs and stories of the Czech people alive. To do this, Father Ziska uses films, exhibits, dramatic productions and singing in his classes. He is thinking of promoting a radio program on which his classes would present plays and songs in Czech.

"The greatest thing that you can do, whether you are preaching or teaching, is to make people think with you as well as listen," he sums up his philosophy. "This is what I call dynamic learning."

## Down The Aisle

### Mr. Pharis Weds Miss Marti

Jeanne Anne Marti, University graduate and member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, married William Henry Pharis Jr. at the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth October 11. Both are from Fort Worth.

Mary Frances Williams was married to Dr. Louis Tobian Jr. October 18. The bride was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at the University.

Dr. Tobian was graduated from the University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The engagement of Margaret Glanville and Dr. Walter Claude Autrey Jr. has been announced. She is a graduate of SMU. He attended the University and received his degree from Southwestern Medical School. They will be married November 24.

Winfrey Frances Stripling and Walter G. Hartley Jr. will be married November 22 in Dallas. The bride-elect attended George Washington University and the Washington College of Music, and graduated from the University. Hartley is a graduate of the SMU School of Law and attended Tulane University. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

Peggye A. Basham and Dick McMahan were married in Whitney August 4.

The bride is a former University student. Both are attending North Texas State College.

Judith Ann West and James Evan Stockton were married October 13 in an informal double-ring ceremony at the University Baptist Chapel.

The bride and groom are ex-students of the University. Mrs. Stockton was secretary of the Home Economics Club and a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Miss Charity Eidson, University graduate from Hamilton, and Grover C. Herring Jr. of Dallas will exchange marriage vows at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Hamilton November 11.

### Freshman Journalist Is DAV Contest Winner

"Everybody has a dream. That dream is to be somebody," began the prize-winning theme written by Patricia Mahfouz, third-place winner in last year's Disabled American Veterans essay contest.

Pat, now a freshman in the University, entered the contest last year. She won first place and \$80 in the state division, and third place and \$300 with an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. in the national contest.

The subject of the theme was "Equal Opportunity in Employment for the Physically Handicapped." She stressed that in a democracy there is an equal opportunity for all.

Pat's expense-paid trip was to the state convention of the DAV in Fort Worth, where she was guest speaker. Then came her

Washington trip.

"The most impressive and memorable thing I saw there was the changing of the guards at Arlington Cemetery," Pat reminisces.

She also likes to remember the unusual circumstance of the judging of the DAV contest entries. The essays were transcribed in braille and sent to Helen Keller, well-known deaf and blind woman.

Pat, who is from Burkeville, was editor of the annual, president of the Future Homemakers of America, secretary of her class, Future Farmers of America sweetheart, and was twice voted "the most intellectual girl." She was valedictorian of her class.

A journalism major, Pat won the Wilbur S. Davidson scholarship this year. She works at the Texas Employment Commission.

## Greek Gambits

### Beta's to Stage 'Roaring 20's'

Beta Theta Pi fraternity will have a "Roaring 20's" party Friday evening from 8:30 to midnight at Cedar Crest Lodge for the members and pledges.

New officers of the Anacola Auxiliary are Mrs. Henry Moore, president; Mrs. Dexter C. Kinney, vice-president; Mrs. Jank Ison, secretary; Mrs. Oliver Bruck, treasurer; Mrs. Wayne H. Holtzman, historian; and Mrs. Hal C. Weaver, corresponding secretary.

Members of their dates will dance to a four-man Dixieland band led by Marcus Adams.

Chaperons will be Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reinke, Mr. and Mrs. Conwell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Davis, and Mrs. Zula Ligon, house-mother.

Saturday, preceding the Rice game, the Beta's will have a buffet lunch for members and their guests.

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity will have its fifth annual homecoming banquet Saturday at 6 p.m. in the chapter house. Guests will be E. L. Howell, chapter advisor; Jim Hall, alumni secretary; Dr. Franklin Adams, faculty advisor; C. E. Cooke Jr., Darwin Benedum, and Ray C. Wilson.

The banquet will be followed

by a formal initiation and a party at Cedar Crest Lodge for the members and pledges.

W. L. Heaton, city fire marshal, discussed fire precautions in women's campus living quarters at the first meeting of the House Chairmen's Association Wednesday night in the Texas Union.

Heaton emphasized the necessity of holding fire drills for each house and dormitory, and urged that house chairmen stress the dangers of smoking in bed and report any fire hazards. He strengthened his plea by quoting statistics of several Austin fires.

### UT Donates Half In Clothing Drive

Half of the clothes donated in the recent Clothes for Korea Drive in Austin came from University students, said John Barclay of the Central Christian Church Saturday.

Mr. Barclay, who headed the drive in Austin, said the clothes should reach Koreans between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The clothes will be shipped Monday by freight to Oakland. Mr. Barclay extended his thanks to the University and to H. A. Dunn, building crew foreman, who was chairman of the drive on the campus.

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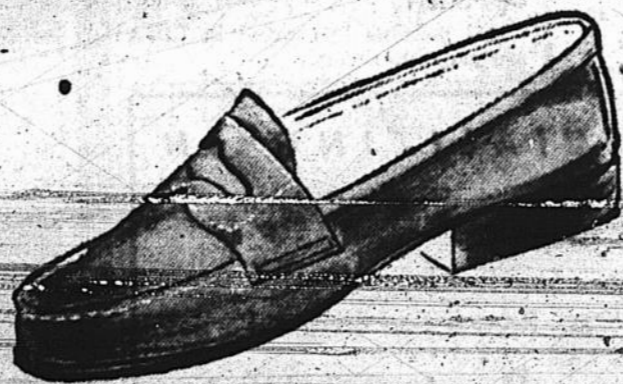
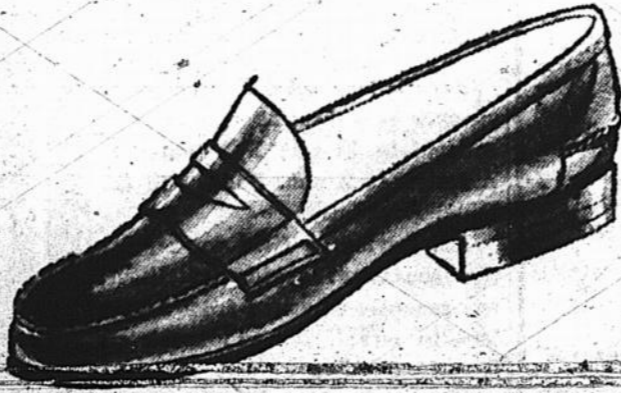
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