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DR. KEENE NEW PREXY OF S.I.A.A.

Dr. Jesse Keene has been named to the presidency of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, after serving as vice-president at large last year.

Dr. Keene, who was a three-leter man at Vanderbilt in football, track and basketball, has been chairman of the Spartan Athletic Committee since the late 1940's and his background has been a great help to our Spartan coaches.

He came to the University of Tampa in 1936 as line coach for the Spartans under Coach Nash Higgins and will be well remembered by those men from the early football teams.

The S.I.A.A. includes such well known schools as Wofford, Presbyterian, Stetson, Jacksonville State, Louisville Delta State, South-eastern Louisiana, and many others.

Our hearty congratulations to Dr. Keene and our deep thanks for his always enthusiastic support of our Alumni Association.

DR. PRUITT HONORED

Dr. Clarence M. Pruitt of the science department was honored by the National Association for Research in Science Teaching "for unselfish, dedicated, and distinguished services rendered as a member and officer for 30 years."

The citation was presented to Dr. Pruitt at the annual meeting, in Chicago, which was held recently. NARSTA will publish a five-volume work summarizing the methods, techniques, and finding of research studies in science teaching at all levels, 1892-1957. Dr. Pruitt will be a consultant.

Dr. Pruitt stated that one fact brought up at the meeting was that the tremendous increase and interest in science fiction enables youngsters to gain an interest and knowledge in science.

Professor Pruitt is also the editor of Science Education, a magazine for science teachers and professors which is the official organ of NARST, the National Council for Elementary Science, and the Association for Education of Teachers in Science.

NEW DORMITORIES

Greetings to you on this beautiful spring day. After so much cold weather during the past winter I am sure all of us are pleased and happy now that spring is here. In my last greeting to you and report on happenings at the University I told you that I hoped to be able to announce a building program in the near future. I am happy to announce the first phase of that program is now under way.

The University has been approved for a loan of \$440,000 with which to build two new dormitories, one to accommodate 55

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LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST IN MIAMI

The meeting of the F E A in Miami this year should provide a good opportunity for many of us to get together — to exchange notes — to learn first hand of recent happenings at the university. Dr. Rex C. Kidd, newly appointed Director of Teacher Training at the university, will be on hand to talk about "New Plans in Teacher Education". Dr. Kidd has done much in formulating a new set-up as far as teacher training is concerned. We think you will be interested in meeting him and hearing his remarks. Larry Donohue, Alumni President plans to be at the breakfast and Dean Boyd B. Burnside, secretary will attend. Now if you are there it will be a success! The day is Saturday, 26 April — The time 7:30 a.m. at the Del Prado Hotel — \$1.25 per person. It will be given on the program and we hope you will not let us down as we have to make a guarantee to hold a room and you would not want us to have to go into the "red". Make it a date and bring someone along with you — you do get up before breakfast anyway, don't you? ?

**ARE YOU A
CONTRIBUTING
MEMBER OF
YOUR
ALUMNI ASSN.?**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again I would like to review the goals that were set up by me and approved by your Board of Directors at the beginning of the year. It is evident that we must continue to work for them to assure success.

As a reminder of these goals—the first, and foremost was to put the Spartan Enterprises on a financially sound basis. I am very happy to report that we are accomplishing this and although we still have a long way to go to get back in the black again we are making excellent progress. Second, we set up a goal of 500 paid members. The third was to make the Spring Reunion a real success.

Right now we are concerned with membership. In November the Membership Committee sent out 2,400 letters to known addresses and we received back 105 paid memberships. Since that time 44 other alumni have sent in their contributions bringing the total to 149. Although this is a little disappointing in number, the total contributions are the highest we have ever had in any one year, totaling \$661.25. By simple arithmetic that leaves 351 memberships to go. Let me urge everyone to contribute something even if it is only a dollar, because this will entitle you to vote in the coming elections. No amount is too small or too large. We need your help!

We are especially urging contributions this year because, as mentioned at Homecoming, we are going to set up a Student Loan Fund for the next school year. This is being done to assist worthy prospective students in getting registered and started on their college careers.

See you all at the Spring Reunion! And don't forget—those attending the F E A Convention in Miami, we are planning a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, 26 April. Check the program for the location.

LAWRENCE DONOHUE.

LET US EDUCATE

By J. Jan Brazda

Before the post-Sputnik interest about the weak points of our educational system evaporates completely, let us once more look briefly on some of the problems that deserve our continuous consideration.

The American school system is certainly not inferior to the educational setup of any foreign country, Russia included. Nevertheless, the Europeans, and in some aspects even the Russians, could serve us as a good example in many respects.

Firstly, there seems to be the need to improve the effectiveness of our teaching methods in elementary and secondary education. There should be more work and less play in our lower levels. More emphasis should be put on curricula with definite subject matter, with a wider basis in the lower grades, leaving specialization to older and more mature students. Certain basic curriculum should be set up and made compulsory. No escape from difficult courses through easy substitution with "electives" should be tolerated. Also longer school hours and an increased amount of valid, effective and challenging homework, strictly enforced, would improve our elementary and secondary education.

Secondly, to be really effective, this process must be supported by a well co-ordinated system of guidance and counselling. Every student should be given a chance to discuss his scholastic problems with his superiors any time the student feels the need for it. Likewise, the teacher must have an unlimited chance to talk to the student at any time when there is the necessity for clarification of the causes of students' performance or behavior. It should constitute a mutual obligation - responsibility proposition. In this way the system of guidance and counselling will bring mutual results: The teacher and counsellor will gain the realization of each individual student's abilities and aptitudes, a necessary basis for the advisory work. The student will obtain much needed encouragement, enthusiasm, or at least realization of his responsibilities.

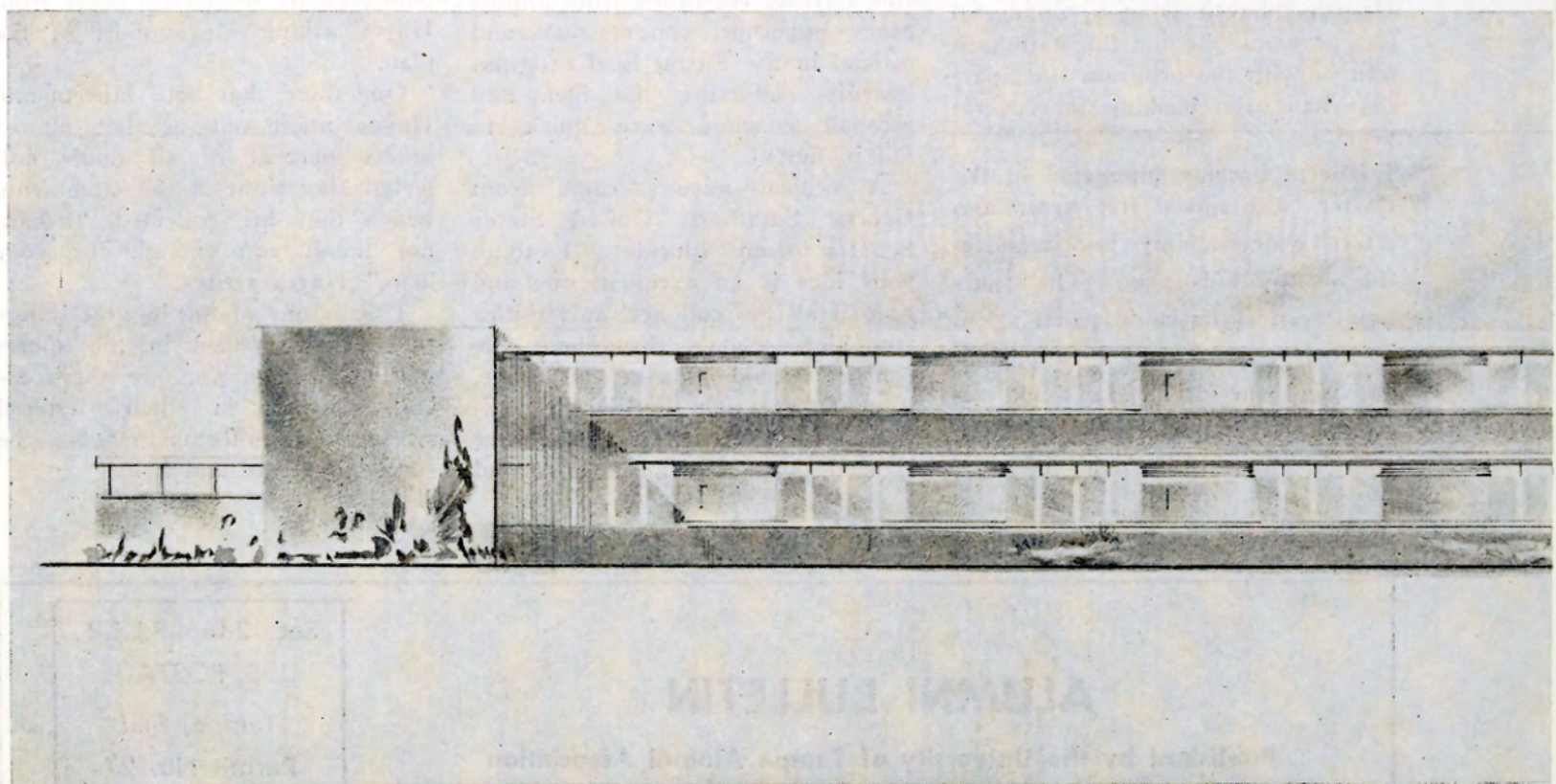
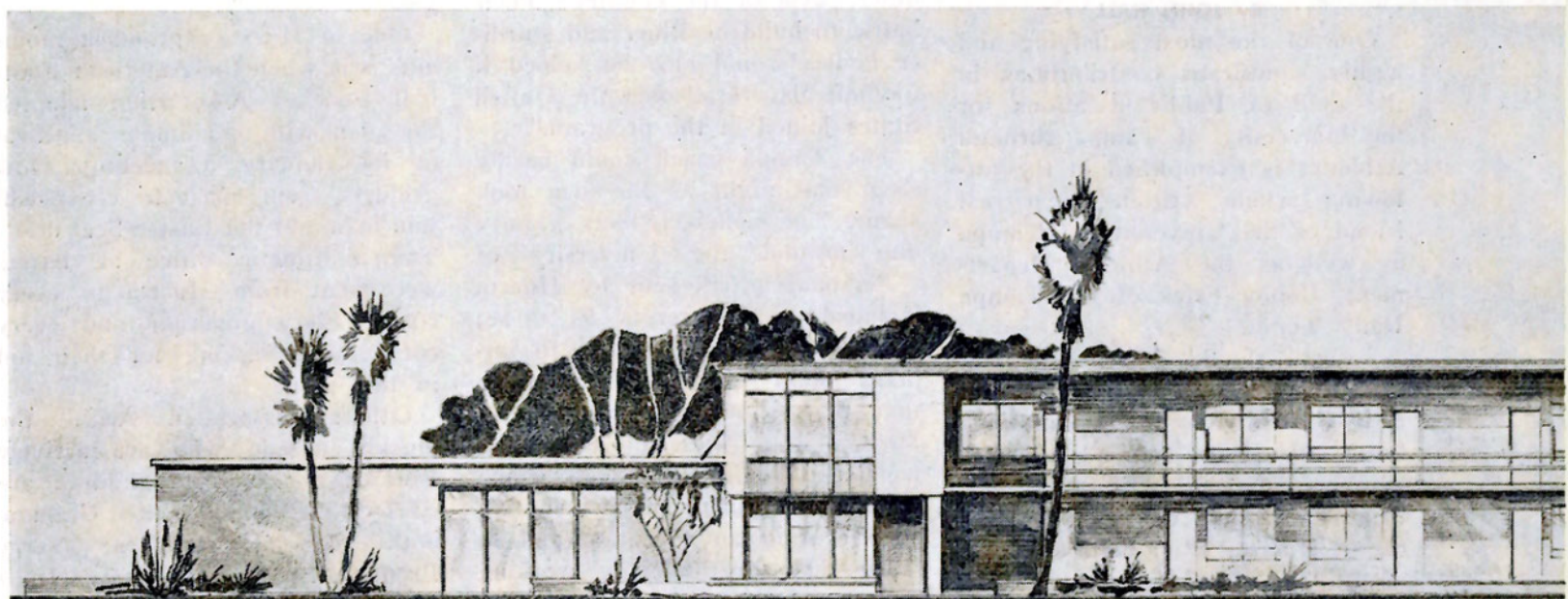
Thirdly, let us differentiate in education between democracy and "herdism" — a wasteful herding of our children in colleges and universities. Democratization of education, to be sure, means the equalization of the opportunity to study given rich and poor alike. This, however, should not lead us to the conclusion that everybody has to have a Bachelor's degree. As there are differences in physical capability among members of the human specie, so are there even greater differences in mental ability. In order to attain and maintain higher and continuously improving standards, education, especially higher education, must be a selective process based on the elimination of those less endowed with the capacity to learn.

Fourthly, as far as the momentary emphasis on the field of science is concerned, let us not forget that we could easily go overboard by producing "technical morons" — extremely specialized and perhaps highly competent in their own narrow field of technology — but totally ignorant and blind to the basic problems of our age and society.

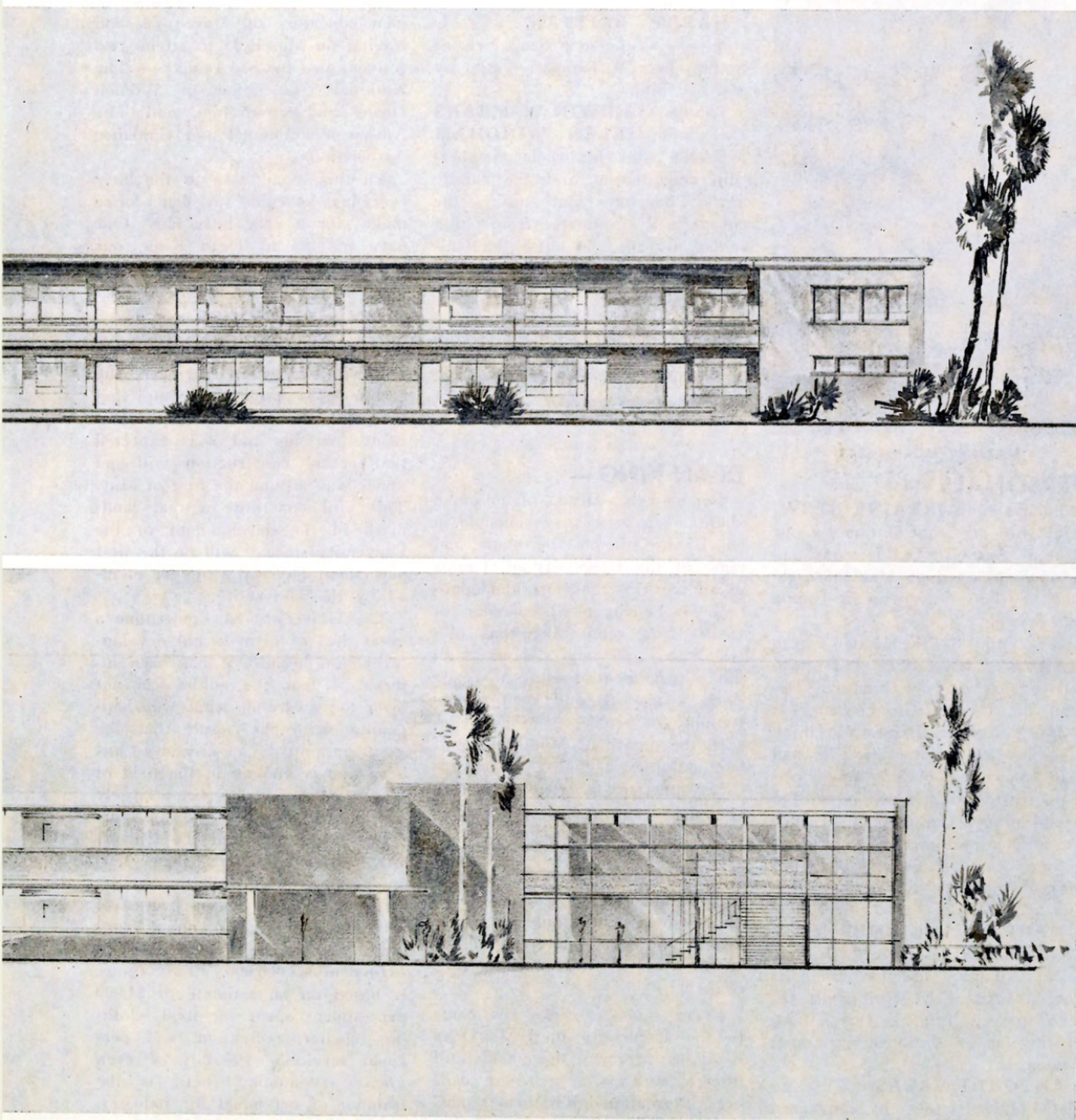
And finally, let us above all, instill in the minds of our students, young and old alike, that what our democracy needs most today is self-discipline and personal responsibility from each and every one of us. Somewhere along the line, probably due to a misconception and fallacy of its supposedly harmful effects on the independence and self-determination of our youngsters, we have come to neglect the emphasis on the importance of voluntary discipline. It seems today that this formidable virtue, without which this country of ours could have never gotten where it is in today's world, has been eliminated not only from education but from our mutual relations as well.

Democracy without self-discipline and the realization of personal responsibility is a contradiction in terms. Unfortunately, people are not born with the ability to practice democracy; they must be educated in that delicate art. Our job, therefore, is not only to teach; it is to educate for the future. Here lies our foremost task.

NEW DORMITORIES FOR UNIVERSITY



The plans for the construction of new dormitories for men and women are now complete. Actual breaking of ground should take place on or about 1 May 1958. The new womens residence hall will be located West of the main building in the area between the main building and the present City Auditorium. The mens residence hall will be located on the river adjacent to the present Tourist Center. The Women's hall will not only provide space for 55 women but will have a spacious lounge area with a kit-



chenette attached which will serve many needs at the university. The men's hall will be ultra modern in construction with no central corridor but with each room opening directly to the outside and will house 83 men. It will have a large lounge as well. We hope when you come around for Spring Reunion you will be able to see the start of both these buildings which constitute the first permanent buildings built by the university.



MARJORY MORINGSTAR

PERSONALS - - -

Thanks to **LORRAINE STEWART** for her contribution to our Alumni Association. Her husband is now stationed at MacDill Field and they hope to remain in Tampa for a while.

We enjoyed the letter from **HARVEY REILICH** (53) who tells us he has been living in Detroit for the past four years, at 19234 Votrobeck Drive. We think his idea of having our football team play one of the small colleges in that area is very good and would provide an excellent chance for alumni in that area to get together. Our Athletic Staff has been doing some work along that line already.

MARJORY DeKINDER MORINGSTAR writes from 1237 Oak, S.W., Atlanta, Ga. that there is now a Charles J. Moringstar, Jr., who arrived July 8, 1957. Capt. Moringstar is stationed in Saudi Arabia.

ANTONIO VARAS (57) completed eight weeks of Advanced Artillery Training on Feb. 7 at Fort Chaffee, Ark. His wife lives at 1010 22nd Ave. here in Tampa.

ROBERT S. BRYAN (56) is playing basketball on the 1st Division Infantry team at Fort Riley, Kansas. Bryan entered the Army last June and is now a photographer in Company B.

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN () is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri where he recently com-

pleted eight weeks of basic combat training.

HARRY BRITTAN () is employed at the new Sears Service Station here in Tampa — stop by and see him.

Thanks to **EDWIN W. MEANS** (37) and **HELEN WINDHAM MEANS** (38) for their membership contribution and the family news. They have four sons — the eldest will graduate from high school in June and enter the University of North Carolina in the fall. Their home is at 1632 Dilworth Rd. E., Charlotte, N. C.

MARY FRANCES McCOTTER ROSSETER is now a contributing member of our Association. She lives at 3807 Ridge Ave. in Tampa.

DEAN KING —

Our lovely Dean of Women maintains a very busy schedule in which she spreads the name and fame of the University of Tampa to all parts of the state and country. The engagement calendar of Dean King reads like that of real ambassador and she meets all the engagements with a ready smile, sharp wit and keen understanding of people.

In the month of March some of her activities included a trip to Clearwater with a group of foreign students from the University to put on a panel discussion for the Clearwater Women's Club. Dean King acted as moderator and the students answered questions about the customs, education, position of women and other interesting things in the countries from which they come.

Every semester since she came to the University in 1951, Dean King has arranged these panels of foreign students, which she calls her "International Relations Panel" and has taken them to speak before both men's and women's clubs all up and down the west coast of Florida. The response of the public has been enthusiastic and the feeling has been that the panel is doing much to further international understanding.

Other activities included assisting with the entertainment of the Directing Teachers when they visited the University March 17,

being initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma honorary sorority for women educators on March 22, and leaving on March 25 to attend two conventions in St. Louis — The National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, and The American Personnel and Guidance Association.

All this in addition to the busy everyday schedule at her office makes for a very busy lady. Our hats are off to Dean King, our lovely Ambassadors of Goodwill.

New Dormitories - - -

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women and one to accommodate 83 men. Mr. Eliot Fletcher, the architect, is presently completing blueprints preparatory to advertising for bids and it is expected that actual construction will get under way around the first of May. This will constitute a real landmark in the development of the University since it will be the first permanent physical structure erected by the University.

The University has undergone a great deal of growth and development but, because it has been internal, I fear the public has not been too aware of what was happening, with the result that the contribution the University has been and is making in the field of higher education has been largely overlooked. Most people are surprised when told that the University registered more than 1500 students last September, that its operating budget is in excess of \$800,000, and that its annual economic value to the community is in excess of \$2,000,000. (This figure is based on an estimate of \$1,000 per student spent for food, clothing, shelter, recreation, and personal services.) Possibly of even greater economic benefit is the training of personnel for industry, teaching and the professions.

The trustees are working on the problem of finding a new president for the University. They want to be sure they have an outstanding leader and educator who can enable the University to achieve its proper place in the educational world.

Yours for a greater and better University,

M. C. RHODES

SPARTAN SPORTS

By JOHN HALL

One of the most satisfying and highly significant contributions in the field of Public Relations for the University of Tampa through Athletics is exemplified in the following article written by a real friend of the University of Tampa as well as the Athletic Department, Bobby Frick of the Tampa Daily Times.

Tampa should be proud that football's support of the Easter Seal campaign on a nation-wide basis started in Tampa. And the man behind the idea is one of our brightest young citizens — Marcelino Huerta, Jr., athletic director of the University of Tampa.

When several thousand players in uniform go out and hit the line on March 29 for this very worthwhile program endorsed by the American Football Coaches Association, it will be because Huerta thought what a wonderful idea it would be for the nation to join in with the program the Spartans had been backing for several years.

Huerta became interested in the Easter Seal appeal five years ago after "watching my two wonderful healthy kids play." The Spartans were enthusiastic when asked by their popular coach to participate and the drive in Tampa received needed help.

But Huerta started thinking,

"What about the crippled kids in other parts of the country? Their battle to build healthier and sturdier bodies would also be helped if football players all over the United States joined in the program."

The Tampa coach could hardly sleep that night as his idea took shape. The next day was a busy one around the University of

Personal letters sent by Huerta included such excerpts as these: "Bill, I have always tried to impress upon our football players that they should be grateful for having been blessed with such wonderful bodies and minds which make them capable of participating and securing an education and to show their gratitude by working in some worthwhile project."

"I sure hope that this 'effort' catches fire and not only reaches the goal of \$15,000,000 but doubles it."

The response to Huerta's idea was terrific. He heard from almost every governor, congressman and official in the Easter Seal program heartily endorsing the idea and football coaches were quick to fall in line.

A typical answer came from George Smathers, United States Senator from Florida: "I think your idea is an excellent one and that, if all the colleges, universities and high schools throughout the country would join in this drive, it could not help but be successful. I wholeheartedly endorse your idea and hope that it will be carried

out, not only this year but in years to come."

One of Huerta's proudest moments was when the American Football Coaches Association adopted the plan with unanimous approval at its January 5 meeting. Now gridders from coast to coast will join in to aid the Easter Seal drive. Tampa athletic office as letters were sent from Huerta to every coach, every governor and every congressman asking for their aid in this plan.

Others associated with the pigskin parade who are actively working for crippled children are Earl "Red" Blaik, Otto Graham, both national sponsors; Terry Brennan, St. Joseph County (Ind.) chairman, and Tony Hinckle, state chairman for Indiana.

Woody Hayes, Ohio's "Coach of the Year," heads the campaign in his state and we are among sports editors all over the country who recently received a letter from Hayes asking for support of the plan.

One thing that both Huerta and Hayes point out is that almost ninety percent of all funds collected stay right in the state from which they are collected. "I cannot thank you enough for your help," Hayes writes.

This is one of the biggest things that has happened in the sports world so when you see the football players in their lettered sweaters or uniforms in action, be sure and dig in and help.

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