Plains Well Under Way For Semi-Centennial

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"The Board of Governors has approved a generous financial allotment (the exact amount was not released) for the Semi-Centennial Year," announced Dr. Carey Croneis, Chancellor and executive director for the celebration activities.

Special ceremonies will take place on October 10, 11, and 12, in 1962. Alumni, faculty and a student committee have already been organized to plan the special activities.

THE CEREMONIES will begin on Thursday, October 10, with the formal inauguration of Dr. Kenneth Pitzer as President of the University. In the evening there will be a banquet at the Rice Hotel, which an estimated 1200 people will attend.

A nationally or internationally known figure will give one of the major addresses of the celebration on Thursday morning. And that afternoon and on October 12, individual speakers and panels, chosen by the departments of humanities, science, and engineering, will speak.

Dr. Croneis stressed that the students are an integral part of these activities and are expected to participate as much as possible.

THE PURPOSE of the Semi-Centennial, as released by the Board of Governors, is not just to commemorate the first fifty years of Rice University, but to "recreate the international academic enthusiasm engendered by the opening ceremonies in the Fall of 1912, and to present to the world at large, plans and projects whose fruition will make secure the place of Rice University in the forefront of the world's distinguished institutions of higher learning."

At the dedication ceremonies in 1912, distinguished academic figures from all over the world were present. To recreate the enthusiasm which surrounded the beginning days at Rice, the de-
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Semi-Centennial ceremonies.

ALTHOUGH NO final plans have been announced, about half of the money allotted for the special activities during 1962 will be used to invite individuals, well-known in their fields of study, to hold lectures or special seminars on campus during the fiftieth anniversary year.

The Anniversary Committee is headed by H. A. Wilson, Honorary Chairman; H. Malcolm Lovett, Chairman; and John D. Simpson, Co-Chairman. The rest of the committee is composed of trustees, faculty and alumni.

Dean G. H. Richter is serving as coordinator of the academic committee.

The student committee for both this year and next year will be made up of the five college presidents and the president of the Student Association.

THE ADMINISTRATION has also urged many national organizations to hold their conventions in Houston and to use some of the campus facilities.

In November 1962, the Geological Society of America will hold its 75th anniversary proceedings in Houston. Also the American Physical Society and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, among other national organizations, will hold conventions locally during the Semi-Centennial Year.