Arrangements Listed As Ike’s Visit Nears

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Arrangements neared completion today for President Eisenhower’s first visit to the Rice campus since November 10, 1950, when the ex-general and then president of Columbia University held an informal chat with students and faculty.

The colleges were issued 1275 tickets this week for the undergraduate student body, and as The Thresher went to press the colleges reported their supplies running out or exhausted. However, administration officials assured The Thresher Thursday that “every student who wants a seat will get one.”

SATURDAY MORNING, students without tickets may obtain them from their colleges, which will receive some extra tickets to the student section and a larger number made available by the Board of Governors and the Rice Associates.

At 5:30 pm Monday all gates to the campus will be closed, except the entrances and exits to the stadium parking lot. Students can leave through the Rice Boulevard exit by Hamman Hall until 7 pm. There is to be no moving traffic on the campus after 7 pm.

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THE DOORS to the gym will be opened at 7 pm, and all students are expected to be seated by 8 pm when the ceremonies begin.

Students will be seated on the bleachers at right angles to the small court, where the speakers' platform will be located (See adjacent diagram). They should sit as closely as possible until the entire student body has been seated.

On the platform will be members of the Presidential Party, the Rice faculty, the Board of Governors, other Rice officials, student and alumni leaders, an honor guard of 49 Rice AROTC and NROTC cadets, and special guests.

INCLUDED among these guests is Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, editor of The Houston Post and former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under President Eisenhower. Other guests include chancellors, presidents, and other dignitaries from Southwest Conference schools, and General A. D. D. Bruce, Chancellor of the University of Houston.

Representing the Rice student body on the platform will be the members of the Student Senate, the Chairman of the Honor Council, and the editors of The Thresher and The Campanile.

Persons to be seated on the platform will enter in an abbreviated academic procession wearing caps and gowns.

The Rice Band will perform the processional and recessional, “Hail to the Chief,” “America,” and other appropriate selections.