Brotzen's Duties As Dean Of Engineering Added To Heavy Academic Responsibilities

By BOB HAYES

Dr. Franz R. Brotzen has replaced Dr. Le Van Griffis as Dean of Engineering at Rice. Dr. Griffis has accepted a job as Vice President of the The Southwest Research Institute, and has charge of opening and directing a new Houston laboratory. The Southwest Research Institute is a non-profit organization which emphasizes industrial research.

AS NEW DEAN of Engineering, Dr. Brotzen feels that the undergraduate engineering program at Rice is basically a "good thing," although there is room for improvement in certain areas. The graduate program, he says, has grown, and will continue to be increased in both size and quality.

Dr. Brotzen, in his new capacity of Dean of Engineering, does not consider himself primarily an administrator, but rather a teacher and a scholar. He does not intend to decrease his teaching or research load as a result of his new job.

FRANZ BROTZEN was born in Berlin, Germany, on the west side. He started in mechanical engineering there at the Technical University. During the depression he took a job with a company which sent him to South America. While there, he dabbled in cattle ranching on the side.

In 1941, just seven days before the Pearl Harbor attack, he came to the United States. During the war, his knowledge of languages enabled him to serve effectively as a member of the U. S. Army Intelligence.

Dr. Brotzen continued his formal education a few years after the war at Case Institute, where he received his B. S. in Metallurgical Engineering in 1950. After attending George Washington University for a short period of time, he returned to Case, and received his Ph. D. in Physical Metallurgy in 1954.

DR. BROTZEN came to Rice in 1954, where he has been ever since, except for the year 1960-61, during which time he did work at Stuttgart, Germany under a Guggenheim Fellowship grant.

Dr. Brotzen is also the chairman of the Committee on Interdepartmental Grants and Contracts. As chairman of this committee, he is responsible for coordinating Rice's activities in the recently include seventeen differ-

N. A. S. A. program which current projects in five departments.