Robert H. Ray Named Rice Trustee, Advisors Added To Governors

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Thresher Reporter

Chairman George Brown of the Board of Trustees announced the advancement of Mr. William A. Kirkland from Trustee to Trustee Emeritus. Replacing Mr. Kirkland on the Board will be Mr. Robert H. Ray.

Mr. Brown also announced the election of two prominent Houstonians to the Board. They are Charles W. Duncan and Harry K. Smith, who will both serve four year terms as Governor Advisors.

Mr. Ray has been associated with the Board since 1949, serving as both advisor and term member. He is the Executive Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of Mandrel Industries, Inc. He graduated from Rice with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1925. His son Taylor is also an alumnus of Rice.

Mr. Ray is extremely active in civic and cultural affairs in Houston. He serves as a Director of the University State Bank and of the University Savings and Loan Association.

He is currently a Trustee of Houston Baptist College, a sponsor member of the Houston Symphony Society, the YMCA, and the Pin Oaks Charity Horse Show. He is also active in the "R" Club, the Rice Associates, and the Owl Club.

Mr. Duncan is President of the Duncan Foods Company, a subsidiary of the Coca-Cola Company. Mr. Duncan said that he was "very complimented to have been nominated," and that he would try "to further the best interests of Rice in carrying out the plans of Chairman Brown in the next four years."

Rice Graduate
He is a member of the Rice Associates, the Young Presidents' Organization, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity, Sigma Iota Epsilon Honorary Management Fraternity, the Community Council, and the United Fund Board of Trustees. He is also a graduate of Rice, having received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1947.

Mr. Smith was President of the Big Three Industrial Gas and Equipment Company from 1955 to 1964. He is now Chairman and Chief Executive. He is also a Trustee of Lake Erie College and the University of St. Thomas.

Mr. Smith was instrumental in establishing the Kopper-Smith Foundation for Religious, Charitable, Scientific and Educational Institutions in 1953 and the B. K. Smith Memorial Chair in History at the University of St. Thomas in 1956.

ROBERT H. RAY
New Trustee