Festival Set October 10-12

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A schedule of events for Rice's Semicentennial was announced today by Dr. Carey Croneis, Chancellor.

Highlight of the year-long celebration will be the inauguration of Dr. Kenneth S. Pitzer as Rice's third president on October 10.

An Academic festival, featuring a score of noted speakers and representatives from over 100 universities and 75 learned societies, will follow the inauguration on October 11 and 12.

Various departments also plan symposia, visiting lecturers, and national meetings throughout the year.

No classes will be held during the inauguration and festival, Chancellor Croneis said. Classes will recess at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, and resume at 8 a.m. Monday, October 15.

Chancellor Croneis encouraged students to participate in the week's activities, emphasizing that all campus lectures and events would be open to students.

The festival will take place on the same days which saw a similar celebration at Rice's opening fifty years before. At that time, a distinguished array of the world's leading scholars gathered on the Rice campus. "We hope this event will attract attention to Rice's plans for the future, as well as its past accomplishments," Chancellor Croneis said.

For the first time in its history, Rice will award medals of honor. Equivalent to an honorary degree, between 25 and 50 such medals, struck in gold, are to be presented to a select group of guests. All participants will receive a similar bronze medalion. The alumni plan to make available a group of commemorative items such as chairs, mugs, plates, stationary, and souvenir desk medals.

Professor H. A. Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Physics, is honorary chairman of the Semicentennial program; H. Malcolm Lovett will serve as Chairman and John D. Simpson as Co-Chairman. Chancellor Croneis is executive director.