'GALILEO'S' CARDINAL

Colorful Davies Ends Career

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After fifty-two years of the most colorful lectures in Rice history, Dr. Joseph I. Davies of the biology department will retire at the end of this term.

Almost a legend in his own time, Dr. Davies' Biology 100 has long been one of the most talked-about courses in the freshman curriculum. Most of this interest was generated by the white-haired professor's rapier wit, deep affection for his individual students, and flair for the theatrical which demonstrated that "education can be fun."

It was this theatrical flair which eventually led Dr. Davies to the Rice Player stage in their production of 'Galileo' as the old cardinal.

His deep affection for students has made him one of the campus favorites and a highly esteemed associate of Hanszen College.

Moreover, he is a professional scientist, a member of Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Zoologists, and the Houston Philosophical Society.

Having come to Rice with the equivalent of two years of high school as an assistant to Sir Julian Huxley, Dr. Davies leaves as a full professor specializing in embryology.

He will be sorely missed.