David Riesman To Arrive Tuesday, Will Speak At Hanszen Symposium

By HARVEY POLLARD

David Riesman will visit Rice University next Tuesday, October 15, 1963. He will be the guest of Hanszen College and the Anthropology Department.

RIESMAN COMES to Rice as speaker in Hanszen’s annual Fall Symposium. His talk on Wednesday, at 7 pm, will deal with “The College System and Higher Education.”

“The Peace Corps in Perspective,” will be the title of Riesman’s lecture on Thursday evening at 8 p.m., Hamman Auditorium. He will attempt to relate the Peace Corps to the “American historical missionary attitudes.”

HANSZEN COLLEGE and Dr. Edward Norbeck, Chairman of Anthropology, will greet Riesman and his wife when they arrive at 4:30 pm Tuesday.

An open house on Wednesday morning at the home of the Master will open the Fall Symposium. After lunch in the Hanszen Commons, Riesman will conduct an informal discussion session in the college lounge.

Riesman’s formal College-Night speech will be followed by question and answer period.

RON LOEHMAN, Hanszen College Symposium Chairman, announced two preliminary college programs in preparation for the Riesman visit.

Last night, Dr. Richard Randolph of the Anthropology Department delivered a talk entitled, “Riesman in Context.” Dr. Randolph attempted to relate Riesman to current trends in anthropological thought.

“The Psychological Riesman” will be the general subject of a discussion by Dr. Bert Kaplan, Friday evening, 7:00 pm, at Hanszen. Dr. Kaplan, a new addition to the faculty, is the Chairman of the Psychology Department.

Riesman’s visit to the campus will be financed by Ford Foundation funds, according to Dr. Norbeck.

Riesman will hold two informal sessions for the Behavioral Science Program participants in the Ford College Career Program from 10:00-11:30 am and 2:00-3:00 pm Thursday.

RIESMAN WILL stay until Friday, when he will address the Harvard Club of Houston.

He is perhaps best known for his “Lonely Crowd.” This book was described by Margaret Mead as “stimulating and provocative.” It attempts to show the evolution of social character from an inner directedness to another directedness. Because man’s social character is directed to points external to himself, Riesman suggests that man leaves his inner self in a “vacuum.” This emptiness is the element of loneliness.

“INDIVIDUALISM Reconsidered” is a more recent work. According to the “Saturday Review,” it supports “our unalienable right... to allergies and aspiring tablets.” Dr. Kaplan’s talk plans to use some of basic ideas in this book as an explanation of the psychological origins of some Riesman’s concepts.

“Constraint and Variety in American Education” is his latest book. Among other things, it contain an indictment of authoritarinism in university life. Riesman plans to use parts

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(Continued from Page 1) of this book as a text in several of his talks at Rice. 

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