OLD COHEN HOUSE IS HAVING ITS FACE LIFTED

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Thirty years ago in memory of his mother and father, George S. Cohen donated Cohen House for the use of Rice faculty members. This year the same gentleman offered an additional two-hundred thousand dollars to be used in extensively remodeling, air-conditioning, and modernizing the present structure.

In addition to the present walk-in entrance on the west, a new portecochere entrance to the left is the new dining room, straight ahead is the patio, and to the right is the old dining room.

A Landscaped Garden

The new 32-person dining room sports a carpeted hardwood floor and a wall of plate glass overlooking a beautifully landscaped garden on the east. Simply rolling back the rug provides a fine dance floor. The flagstone patio is slightly elevated and is now covered with a skylighted roof. The old dining room has a capacity of forty-six and is intended for use as a private dining room. These eating rooms can be easily accommodated by the adjoining huge modern kitchen.

Complete With Fireplace

Other rooms on the ground level are the spacious lounge complete with fireplace, game room with card tables, committee room for private conferences, and manager’s office where controls for the hi-fi system are located.

Quarters for the manager and assistant manager are found on the second and third floors respectively. Both the two other upstairs rooms are on the second floor. They are the library and a two-tabled billiard room.

The Club has 150 full members and about 100 guest members.

150 Members

Regular members are made up exclusively of the Rice faculty and guest memberships have been extended to Rice Institute Associates, administrators, and class A graduates.

Barring any further delays the Cohen House’s “new look” should be completed about the fifteenth of December.