Wadsworth Discloses New Plans, Seeks Reputation For Humanities

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"I'm split three ways." was the reply of Dr. Philip A. Wadsworth when asked about his duties at Rice this year. Dr. Wadsworth is the University of Illinois professor whom President Pitzer appointed last spring to serve as Dean of Humanities.

Before being appointed to the deanship Dr. Wadsworth had been selected to serve as the chairman of the Rice French Department. In addition to his two administrative positions he will teach a graduate seminar in French poetry.

Work With Faculty

As Dean of Humanities Dr. Wadsworth noted, "My own work will be principally with the faculty." The office will serve as a general clearinghouse handling interdepartmental problems.

In an effort to improve the quality of a Rice education in the humanities, Dr. Wadsworth will offer guidelines of leadership, try to strengthen weak departments, and direct recruiting.

From his French Department chair Dr. Wadsworth pointed out typical advances. With one exception, each graduate teaching assistant in French will have only one undergraduate class to teach. The Department will have Professor Louis Landre, an authority on comparative literature from the Sorbonne, on the Rice faculty one semester each year.

Dr. Wadsworth indicated that he would study the relation between the sciences and the humanities on the Rice campus, but he said that he had not been here long enough to make any statement on the subject yet.

Rice Not Tech School

Tis only comment was, "Rice's reputation as an engineering institute is unfortunate. The Humanities have been well treated for a long time here at Rice."

The Wadsworths have been in Houston since July. During the summer Dr. Wadsworth spent three weeks doing research in Paris and nursing a broken ankle.

Dr. Wadsworth is a 1935 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University. He received his Ph. D. from Yale in 1939. He has served on the faculty of Northwestern University and the University of Illinois.