

## Two Freshmen

The traditional welcome to freshmen is extended this fall to include Rice's third president—Dr. Kenneth Pitzer. There are a number of parallels between the class of '65, Dr. Pitzer, and Rice herself.

Education, not unlike a business corporation, faces the problem of realizing potential. There can be little doubt about the potential of this year's incoming group; Rice has great "raw material." The machines which must prevent the loss of such excellent material are being installed. Unlike past years, the class of '65 faces the academic year with a sense of genuine optimism thanks to a revamped freshman week. These are students with much intellectual curiosity who now seek to whet their appetites. They should be given every opportunity to do so.

Similarly, Rice is a school with an excellent potential seeking top-notch output. Not unlike these freshmen, she runs a risk of losing such potential because of a curious process by which old problems become fused into the word "tradition."

Dr. Pitzer and Rice approach their semi-centennial year together. The two of them, like the incoming class, realize that youth is no longer an excuse for mediocrity. In a sense, Rice is gripped by a "freshman," pioneer spirit. We welcome it with open arms.