Dean Lowe Says Space Age To Spur Humanities Advance

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“I intend to treat students on the mature level made possible by the caliber of students found at Rice.”

This is the policy revealed by Mrs. Alma Louise Lowe as she prepared to start the academic year as Rice’s first Dean of Women.

“THE FEW unfortunate incidents don’t represent Rice as a whole, and I feel that the tradition here is a consciousness of maintaining Rice’s high standards,” continued Dean Lowe.

“I think there is more responsibility on the part of students now than there was when I was last here in 1955. The taking of responsibility in disciplinary matters by the colleges is a fine idea. If the college officers can’t do the job, they are probably in the wrong place.”

Dean Lowe, who received her Ph. D. in English from Rice in 1955 and has been associated with various universities since that time, praised Rice’s scholastic reputation. “I have always heard of Rice’s high standards and I do think that they are held in high esteem all over the country. Rice’s reputation in academic circles abroad is growing also, and not just in the sciences.”

DEAN LOWE stated that Rice’s close connection with the growing space age will help not only the sciences but also the humanities. “Our being connected with the country’s space program will force us to quit wasting time on minor aspects of the humanities and spend more time on the essentials,” she stated. “I see the connection with space an advance, not a cutting down, of the humanities.”

Dean Lowe said that universities have generally been too slow in the past and that these new developments will force schools all over the country to speed things up.” She remarked, “There is no space for mediocrity in the space age, and I am sure these new developments will mean we will turn out better students.”