

**All-School Picnic**

The third annual all-school gathering, held before the game last Saturday, was a big success in spite of a slight rain. The picture above was taken before the pep rally.

—(Photo by Bob Amerman)

**PALs Gives Burlesque**

For Rice Naval Trainees

By Barbara Ewing

"Gobs of Love for the Navy" was a hilarious success. This burlesque was presented with great enthusiasm especially by the PALs, last night at Audy House. The theme was a sailor's dream with all the trimmings. The fantasy opened with a sailor chorus, which was followed by the dreams—and oh, what a dream!

Highlights were the appearance of root-sitter Joyce Pounds by blonde "campsie cutie" Mary Hendrick; the sax-siren chorus, starring June Whittington, the "vixen" girl; and the Petty girls, who constituted a big part of the evening's entertainment.

Among the sailors in the next crew were Wilber, played by Nancy McLean; Ed Bottke, played by Eselle Lindsley; Clinton Boo, by Louise Pullen; Stanley Corpse, by Barbara Curtis; Pat Ryan, by Anne Landrum; Fort Worth Hawkins, by Mary Jean Hanover and "Superman" Sturgeon, by Betty Lou Johnson. The always sailor was Marie Jo Johnstone, and his friend was Joan Crow. Helen Palmer interpolated the acts on and off the stage.

In the leg department were Mary Cicero Zarrill, Ada Dunn, Beth Hurst, Katherine Thompson, and Alice "Babe" Lammas as Petty girls. The strip tease actress was Gladys Jackson, and the bloodstream was effectively portrayed by Elizabeth Stirling.

In all, "Gobs of Love for the Navy" was very entertaining and amusing. Much credit is due to Kiki Smith, director; Joyce Pounds, producer, and Betty Ruth Babcock, pianist.

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**Victory-Hungry Owls To Invade Louisiana For Night Game**

Rice Line Must Stop Tiger Ground and Aerial Threats; Van Buren-Sheffield Duel Looms

By Mildred McCall

This week our Owls invade enemy territory when they travel to Baton Rouge for a night game against the LSU aggregation. The struggle will probably be one fought chiefly on the ground as both teams seem to favor that type of offense. The LSU pass attack which set up their winning touchdown last week against Georgia is not, however, to be discounted.

This renewal of a rivalry which had its beginning back in 1932 should be an exciting one in the rule of interesting games. Lining the Tiger bench will be big Steve Van Buren, a triple-threat man from New Orleans. Coach Bernie Moore depends on him as a valuable asset. Also, Line Coach Joe Davis of Rice, who scouted LSU last week, warns* that his charges that this Tiger star will be hard to stop. When the defense goes in close to bottle him up behind the line, he shadowboxed with a pan, then on the next play runs all over the spread-out line. The same Saturday night could develop into a duel between Van Buren and Sheffield, who is no slouch himself.

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**EBLS Presents A "Harvest Ball" On October 9**

The Rice Territorial will be the scene of the first social society dance of the year when the EBLS presents the "Harvest Ball" on October 9. From 8 to 12. This fete will be the second semi-formal of the year. Tickets are on sale at $2.00 each or $1.15 per couple. A harvest theme, as suggested by its name, will be carried out in the decorations. The Navy Orchestra, having proved itself a popular organization at the Sophomore dance, will be presented again with more new musical arrangements.

Committees for the dance have been announced for a new yell contest to be held this week and the first of next week. Anyone who has an idea for a new yell is asked to write it down and drop it in a box which will be in Bolsmift until noon Wednesday, October 6. The prize for the best choice submitted will be two tickets to the Rice-Tulane game; winner for second place will receive one ticket.

Contestants may enter as many yells as they wish.

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**NROTC Rifle Team Defeats Tulane By Two Points**

After losing its first match for the year to the U. of Virginia by a rather wide margin, the Rice football NROTC Rifle team came back to defeat the Tulane University by a score of two points. Tulane fired a score of 893 points out of a perfect 1000, and Rice fired 898. In announcing these results, Chief Lynd, the range instructor, credited Miller Ligon with the highest score of 184.

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**Pistol Packin' Mama**

By Cecile Bass

If you were within 25 feet of "A" House last Saturday afternoon, you no doubt heard the Navy orchestra's rendition of "Pistol Packin' Mama."

When I first walked in, the music sounded pretty bad, so I frowned at Beverley Bixby. But as she was reading my mind, quickly said, "Oh, it's just the first time they've played it." Well after that, it began to sound better. Hugh Saye and his friend was Jane Crow. Helen Collins hadn't put in his appearance yet. Hugh is a pass, then on the next play runs all over the spread-out line. The game Saturday night could develop into a duel between Van Buren and Sheffield, who is no slouch himself.

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**For Retirement**

By Bobbi Sabel

Captain Theodore A. Thomson, Jr., received orders this week from the Navy Headquarters detaching him from the Navy V-12 Unit, preparatory to being transferred to the Reserve Unit due to physical disability in line of duty.

As yet it is not known who will succeed Captain Thomson, but the Navy is considering his successor now, and the decision will be announced in a week or two. Commander Whiteford, next senior line officer, will be temporary commander until the navy definitely decides who will replace Captain Thomson.

Commanded Five Units

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How a socialistic state, as we, as Americans, can be ingenious enough to devise some method of managing our affairs without giving up our economical and political freedom.

First, it is well to examine the necessity of a change. The opposition states that there is room for improvement. Germans have anything ever connected with human beings existed without out of improvement? But merely because a large plant does not function to the best of its ability, do the owners stop work altogether, and start on something new without first determining if some type of improvement can be made on the present one? Such analogous proceedings by the American public at this time would indeed prove foolish and ineffective. There are indeed improvements to be made, too numerous to mention, but this should be the method of attack: one of constructive criticism rather than one of ruthless destruction.

There is one other point which is in need of clarification. The critic jumps to the false conclusion that any progress made will necessarily have to be made under the supervision of federal government. This is a non sequitur. The argument of necessity for a stronger governmental control over that of the democracies is exactly the same argument used by Hitler on the German people in 1934. Look to what Hitler said in his address to the people on March 21, 1934.

The proposed changes for the people's good are mere welfare. Such a proposed federalism is socialistic government, denied. On the contrary, the first paragraph admits the thesis that the people have their hands tied, and the writer of the letter in the "Letters to the Editor" section of this issue would have The Thresher involve Rice in the same type of notoriety.

In this letter, no specific point is proved, or no positive fact is advanced, regardless of what they may be.—D.E.H.
By Mildred McCall

At this point the news that Rice definitely did not win the opening game last Saturday night has probably even penetrated the wide of the backwoods country around Baton Rouge; therefore, any attempt to conceal the fact would only make the Bajan, Bangal laugh. It seems that in spite of this writer's optimism last week, we came out on the wrong end of the score. Well, I only said I was looking for a Rice victory — and I still am! One Glenn Doles just kicked our team into the hole once too often, and the less said about that matter the better. Enough. Post mortem have already been held this week.

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unrestricted enterprise is congruous with our democracy. Congestion may be necessary in the maintenance of any particular form of economic or financial system; rather it is a system which allows for changes as the public need and opinion demand. Hence, if the system is incapable of adequately providing the people with food, clothing, shelter, and the other necessities for full development, the monopoly can make changes by sleeping through those people favoring a new policy or a modification of the present policy. Too many of us have failed to distinguish between our democracy and some conventional policies of our government.

Many persons fail to realize that the government not only represents the people, but actually is the people; any policies made by the democracy, directly or indirectly, come from the people. Hence, instead of "federal control vs. free enterprise," the real question is, "Should our democracy be based on beneficial policies of the federal government, or does our democracy exempt us from changes that can be made by the people?" — J. M. C.

**Naval Band**

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Marine Band, which sometimes can be heard from areas of the campus, is composed of the following personnel:

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**EBLS Presents**

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**Guest Editor**

In the editorial, Free Enterprise沃 counts, it was stated that this country is steadily becoming more socialistic in its organization. This fact, however, does not mean that we shall have to depend on the hands of the federal government under the jurisdiction of numerous bureaus. In addition, the article spoke of the results of such a centralized system of government—business policies made by federal officials, and other professions would be controlled, and all of our actions would be regulated by one federal bureau or another.

It is not sufficient to meet this present tendency toward more governmental control, however, by merely condemning the bureaucracy and the administration. The majority of those who oppose so-called "democracy" have done so arbitrarily, i.e., they have failed to consider both the purpose of these controls, and their ultimate benefits. For example, those who denounce the OPA by stating vague generalities concerning the situation of many isolated businesses, fail to do what will happen if price controls are lifted or raised to the extent where they are ineffective. Similarly, those condemning the increased governmental activity in the medical profession denounce the need for better medical facilities in this country, nor offer a better way of getting those facilities to all of the people. The same reasoning is used in the postwar planning. This opposing Mr. William's "fair share of milk" program because of its idealism and increased federal control, neither deny that a new and perhaps better program, nor offer a better suggestion for a remedy.

In the last war, men talked of a new world, but, on the other hand, the heart was only anxious to get back to just the same little world that he knew. "Partly as a result of this kind of thinking, the world is now involved in another conflict. We all, I assume, accept the view that we have one chance in the possibly of possible development of humanity and society. Therefore, it is not sufficient to fight only for what we had before the war; rather, we should fight our way toward a new and richer life, where we will have an increased opportunity for all of us. Thus, we will have a better and a better education.

The above reasoning will be necessary if any program is to be effective; the more federal control there is, the more people have imposed the end of free enterprise. Fortunately, the public is one of the best expressions of our democracy; we have a voice in our society. We are able to make all the necessary changes and to live according to our own will.

We should not generalize by saying that...