NROTC to Hold Annual Affair
This Saturday

The annual Navy Club dinner dance will be held at the Rice Ten- tance this Saturday, February 19, from 7:45 to 10:00, announced Tom Placek, club president, Tuesday. The committee will honor the 46 students of the NROTC first-classmen who are to be commissioned in March and the highlight of the evening will be the traditional presentation of a Navy Queen. The selection has been announced by Miss Ellen Hopkins.

As the dance is given only for members of the first battalion, officers associated with the first batch, and their dates, will be placed around the ballroom floors, and junior officers will be available during the dinner hour.

The Ellington Field Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. J. V. D. Bowker, will play from 7:00 to 10:00. At the beginning of a new era, the Houston girls, candidates for the Soda Queens, will receive their sashes.

The Ellington Field Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Wanda Lee Color, nominee for the Colors Queen, Miss Nancy Poe, nominated by Doug McElveen, Miss Martha Dobyns, nominated to Bill Baylor, and Miss Alice Ross, nominated by Bud McCall.

Voting at 8:00

The list will take place automatically, for each student with dates can take care of the Baylor Bears and arrive at the dance in time to vote. The ballot boxes will be placed around the floor, and juke-box music will, be much a part of Rice tradition as the Campanile tower or the Rice Fight song. A familiar figure to all students associated with the first battalion, officers will complete thirty members of the regiments so characteristic of the Navy Club.

The ballroom will be decorated on the Unexpired Term

Dear Members:

I urge "his boys"—for every student prater of the team than Tony. He heart. At the football rallies there the football he has been a life work and a consuming passion for the past few of the uninstructed slime, Tony has been a loyal and able member of the Rice staff for three semesters. It is, therefore, the hope of both Miss McColl and myself that you will accept the invitation of the Membership Committee of the Thresher to attend the annual dinner dance on the night of 10 February.

I have discussed the matter fully with Mr. H. W. Sargent, the editor, and our joint choice for the position of Assistant Editor is Tony. We are certain that Tony will be helpful to you if I should suggest any material for the Thresher.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie Meyers

On his navy experiences.

Wicks Is Appointed
New Editor to Fill Remainder of Term

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Junior Prom Queen, Madge West, a dark beauty, and an outstanding junior girl, graduated from San Antonio High School, was drum major of the Golden Gavotus, girls’ pop squad. Representing her school on the Student Council as a sophomore and a junior, Madge was recently chosen to be Rice’s nominee in a National Pin-Up Girl contest, as well as Queen of her class.

Pal’s Celestial Ball, 10 February, Will Be Gala Occasion

By Sadie Gwyn Allen

The Pallas Athene Literary Socie- ty takes great pleasure in announce- ing the Celestial Ball—and special pleasure in inviting everyone to come spend four gay, happy hours with us on the night of 10 February. Here are the vital statistics.

The fun will begin at 8:00, and at one o’clock will be "Godight Sweetheart." The theme of the evening will be the Rice Terences trans- formed into something out of this world. At least, the dance floor will be laid out for other planets in the South American Room! The tickets will be on sale Tuesday, February 9-10, at $2.50 per couple and $5.00 for single.

New hope: Now that there’s going to be so much fun! First and foremost, we are honored to have the Navy Orchestra as a great part of the evening’s entertainment. In case you haven’t heard, the Navy Orchestra has been in operation only for eight months, and is already famous for good music and short intermissions.

Second, Murray North, Louise Lowry, and the talented decoration committee have been working for weeks on an artistic arrangement unique in Student Faculty Publication

A Campus Landscape

Tony Martino Has Been
At Rice For Thirty Years

By Marie Virginia Barrett

Tony Martino, retired band leader, has been a part of Rice music for thirty years, although a familiar figure to all students, although unknown to some from the Sweet Feet Club or Theta Nu Xi—how many know he has a last name?—makes his rounds, supervising all the musical tasks and keeping the Rice campus filled with music. Tony is a job which is merely a means to an end, but for the football bands there has never been a more valid supposition. Tony has been the brains behind the Rice football band, and has never been a more valid supposition. Tony is the only known Rice supporter who has never failed to pick his team to win. Tony is clearly linked with Rice activities. In years when commencement took place on the campus in June instead of at the conveniences of the Navy, Tony was the unseen organ that formed or reorganized the jazz symphonies so that Rice students could graduate in the midst of the traditional Ilanios. It was Tony who constructed the parade and performed with the band, throughout unimproving architecture, given a campus a certain consistent aspect which could not be overlooked. The practices field is named in his honor.

To all who came to this country from Elia, Sicily, in 1908 in to join his two brothers already in this country was an important event for Captain James M. Baker, the original president of the band of transport, for some time coming to Rice 17 August, 1913.

Tony supervised almost all of the planning on the campus. A large portion of the landscapes were on his orders.

W. C. Fowler Spoke At Meeting of A.I.E.E.

At the regular meeting of the Rice Student Branch of the A.I.E.E, January 29, Mr. W. C. Fowler was guest speaker. Mr. Fowler is District Manager of the Ranger Electric Light and Power Company. He is a member of the Membership Committee of the national AIEE. He is a graduate of R.I.T. and Columbia University.

Mr. Fowler’s talk was entitled "The Significance of Measurements." He was introduced by Herbert W. Roberts.

Of Damage Control

Lt. Gilmore Reports To Rice as Teacher Of Damage Control

Lt. Gilmore, last addition to the Rice faculty of naval science instructors, will take over the duty of teaching damage control to N.R.O.T.C. trainees. Mr. Gilmore is a graduate of two and a half years of service, most of which has been spent at sea. Most of Lt. Gilmore’s youth was spent in Miami, Florida, although he was born and lived for almost nine years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, and received his B.S. degree in 1940. He spent a considerable amount of time on the job, gained experience in the manner he had been trained for the Mediterranean leave. He is a first class in the use of the gyro artificial horizon. He was assistant gunnery officer aboard the U.S.S. Colorado, our fleet electrically operated battleship.

A member of the group of most scribes to have surpassed even the notion of "significance of measurements," he brought a talk that was both highly interesting and educational in the use for which he intended it, the names of the ships.

Commissioned an Ensign

The navy career of Lt. Gilmore was started when he was commissioned through Ensign and sent to a university school at Annapolis. After this brief training period, he went to a first class school at Annapolis and Miami for sub school training. After this, he spent over three months in Miami and was assigned to an destroyer for about eighteen months hunting submarines and encountering landcraft. Lt. Gilmore took part in the investi- gations of Balcones, Anzio, St. Lopes, and other points in South Pacific. He was named a member of the American Theater ribbons and the Asiatic-Caribbean The- nian ribbon adorned with three stars, indicating the battles in which he has participated. His ship has credit for one IJS 110, shot down off Amis. He is the Third in Command.

When Mr. Gilmore’s L.C. duty began, he was third in command.

Wau Beta Pi Banquet
To Be held at Empire Room

Friday, 2 February, the members of the Wau Beta Pi will hold their banquet in the Empire Room. The ten newly elected members, the five old members, and members of the society on the faculty are invited to attend. In traditional manner, each new member will be asked to give a short talk on a subject which will be given him at the banquet. Dancing will follow the banquet which is scheduled to begin at eight. Charles A. Edinger, president, in charge of the function. The new members to be honored as the banquet are:


California Raiders win over Texas 57-46 as the best crowd that has attended Rice in its per- sonal property—to victory in spite of downfalls. As has been said that Tony is the only

Rice Practically In, But Steers, Ponies And Frogs Bar Way

By Woody Dryden

You might say that we are in like the proverbial movie star—that is, you might say if it want to disregard T.C.U. and S.M.U. Providing, of course, that we best Texas last night. Operating like real obelisks, the those eagors hovered their necks and came through the crucial test—namely Arkansa— with the colors flying and with no ailments thing the about a week’s sleep won’t cure.

Two last year crowds that paid from $21 to $50 per seat, and who even needed an A.A. pri- vilege to put one, the Baconsheilts and Owls really put on a show. The first game was won in the closing minutes of the first half as Rice, after a close matchup with the Owls, was pulled into an odious lead from which a tie scrub two minutes previously.

Lambert Field

In the second round Lambert tried everything in running in all manner of persons for their brothers to bleeding to the smoke, humid- ity, and fanfare, etc, but Rice wasn’t to be denied.

Arkansas pulled in within points of a tie in the fourth quarter but were quickly subdued by the superb shooting, and excel- lent team play all of the Owls. Rice pulled up into a twelve-point lead with just three minutes and counted to a 57-46 win.

Saturday Game Thriller

The Saturday game is said by many to have been the most exciting in the 43-41 Arkansas win of last year.

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CFANRDA FOR THE WEEK

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We Should Know

For some time, since December as a matter of fact, the editor has been trying on numerous occasions to get the Mrs. M. C. Co. to form a pledge, for the benefit of the Rice Society. The negotiations terminated last week with a complete failure. Mr. Wee, told over the phone that at this time, any statement of his regarding the pledges and the future would be unwise.

The purpose of this editorial is not to correct Mr. Wee, but to give a little idea of the kind of mind which Mr. Wee's statement reflects. Other trustees and members of the administration share in it.

The complete secrecy which surrounds the post-war plans for Rice is most regrettable. It leads one to conclude either: 1. There are no plans for the future; or 2. The plans which have been worked out involve changes which the trustees are not proud of, which they know will meet with disapproval, and which, therefore, they will put into effect before any adverse criticism could check them. These changes, of course, result in an engineering school, the Rice Institute of Technology, perhaps.

As for the first possibility, we do not believe that able businessmen would allow Rice to fall into such error as to be without a post-war program. We must, therefore, inevitably conclude that their program involves this technical emphasis in contradiction of the founder's purpose and of the South-west's needs.

It is, of course, no other alternative. The trustees may feel that any statement as to the future of Rice is unwise at the present because of the possibility that their promises and expectations may not be fulfilled. We do not, however, look for a detailed, specific plan. Some little indication that just a few improvements will be forthcoming would be gratifying enough. Rice's new library building would encourage students who have spent half a day going from building to building trying to track down a single reference.

The trustees are probably taken if they think this is no affair of the students. It concerns every student, every faculty member, every member of the alumni—in short, all those who are friends of Rice.

It is hard to keep faith in the Rice Institute when there seems to be nothing to hope for. The disappointment occasioned by the wartime decline of Rice (and we are generous in saying this) is high. It is hard to keep faith in the Rice Institute when there seems to be nothing to lose.

Secrecy, then, is no solution. If there are no plans, we should certainly have patience for a call for a technological school, we should know. Whatever is to happen, we should know.

As it stands now, we are on the road, with only the shadow of the right of night. Surely there must be something better for Rice in the future than that.

Society

By Rosalie Meek

Mrs. Margaret Hinderliter has announced the engagement of her daughter, Bertha Elizabeth, to Donald Massey. It is a most appropriate match, for the pledges of the Society.

The West Texas Club will entertain the Empire Room Saturday night. Members and their dates are invited.

Songs for Freshmen

RICE'S HONOR

(Continued from page 1)

The dance history of Rice Institute. We have had many good dances in the past and a number of memorable evenings have resulted in each and every program. We have had to accept some of the finest dancing in the last week or two. It is the best dancing that Rice has ever seen.

The Bonnet Song

Put on your gray bonnet,
Put on your gray bonnet,
With the blue ribbon on it,
For the Rice men love Gray.

The Bonnie Blue

Take rise of your gray bonnet,
Take rise of your gray bonnet,
Put on your gray bonnet,
For the Bonnie Blue is Gray.

Shoo, Shoo Sugar Blues

(Rev.琶. D. Love)

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**PALS Win as Cage Season for Girls Finally Ends**

The season of girls' basketball ended last week with the announcement that the PALS are winners, with no games lost or tied. Runner-up is the GIRLS CLUB with four wins and two losses (both to PALS). Tied for third place are OWLS and E.B.'s with one win and five losses each.

The final game was played with Girle's Club at 2 to 1 of the E.B.'s PALS scored 27 over the 11 of the OWLS and E.B. with one win and five losses each.

**INTRA-MURALS**

Last week in League I the Rag- (**Continued from page 1**) wins over Poynter of Fort Crockett. Groves finished the season with a murderous third round T.K.O. and trained the boys, and to Lt. H. W. Davis, who gave the support and cooperation of the Navy.

The Engineering Society held a dinner on Thursday at one o'clock. The Avenue Maria Club will gather at Autry House on Thursday at one o'clock. The Methodist Student Union convenes on Tuesday, 12:15 at Autry House, for an open meeting.

The Presbyterian Student Association will undoubtedly have most interesting sessions this Thursday in Autry House at 12:15.

**Club News**

This Friday being the first in the month, the Cranberry Club will hold its Corporate Commission on that morning at 7:00 Breakfast will be served afterward at Autry House.

There is to be a regular meeting of the Girle's Club Friday at 12:45 in Autry House.

The Ave Maria Club will gather at Autry House on Thursday at one o'clock.

When the Methodist Student Union convenes on Tuesday, 12:15 at Autry House, the speaker will be an el(46.1); Rice (65.1) to continue undefeated in as many years.

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**HI-HAT CLUB**

(MAIN AND BELLAIRE)

By Glenn Bryan

By Laura Gordon and Edith Graham

Capturing one championship and placing Rice on the map, Groves, a fighting crew of fifteen Rice V-12s and 150 men, defeated second place in the past Golden Gloves box- out tournament last weekend. Rice Owls, who had gained the finals after scoring a decisive victory over another, had little trouble with Bay-mer(27). Rice, 27, had only two weeks' preparation, but even so, Rice's Owls should be able to coast in for their third conference championship in as many years. Those diamond-studded gold basketballs are in sight, but an upset by some club such as T.C.U. wouldn't be too much out of order. The Frogs looked in football and have shown with several upsets that they must be reckoned with on the hard-boards also.

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—He—No, but I think my father was.

—Have not your hour, nor in vain pursued Of this and that, and that and this, and that

Better be in jouissance with the faithful fruit—

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—Tony Khamay.

—One of the white bird comes to

in a condition for immediate use, but are asked to wait months and months until

The donation was given by Women's Council and the Physical Education group, preceded by a ten-cent ticket which, with the admission to the game, is given to all the post, and will all the post members may gladly and quickly acquire.

There will be a call coming of the week and the week group appears at Washington during these last ten days—Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1932.

—He—Oh, I've been afraid of firearms ever since I was a baby.

—She—Was your mother frightened by a gun?

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