Celestial Ball, Pals' Formal, This Saturday

Well, boys and girls, here it is! The big ball dance of the semester—\(\text{the PALS}^*\) Celestial Ball. When some of you note how far out these studying the heavenly constellations are ten misfortunes to student life, remember that the Celestial Ball will be just the manual to consol...

Page One will tell you that the Celestial Ball was held at the Rice Terrace on Saturday, 10 February, 1948. Thereby it the familiar invita-
hoying into the ears of the two or three thousand guests, rolling out of the formalities round up, and, in an informal setting, around in the Saturday night traffic, and somehow

...in the near future, Chief Sim-

Page Two announces that you spent 61.87 for a date ticket (or $2.00 for a friend ticket), and may have a bit of a hit with chin in hand someday after "I'm looking for you!" (And the PALS are determined to make it so!). Page One records actual time of operation from four hours to 21:00. Logs records time wellspent.

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This is an annual practice of the college, bringing competent persons to deliver lectures on current topics. Among the subjects to be discussed by Dr. Tsonaf are problems based on conviction and tolerance, moral problems in international relations, Russian literature and national character, and several informal groups will be organized. The series is sponsored by the college and Portland public library.

Dr. Tsonaf will return to Rice the following week to complete his series of lectures, which will be held on 6 March.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, 10 February 9 to 1 P. M.—Rice Terrace

SUNDAY, 11 February 8:15 P.M.—High School Gym

WEDNESDAY, 14 February RICE-Texas Basketball Game

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The Final Plea

The last few editorsials fills this space have dealt with the future. Now, it seems, it is time to think what we have tried to say previously, laying the emphasis where we have decided, after several false starts, it ultimately belongs. The ideas here in this copy and, because we do not want anybody else—member of the student body, faculty, or alumni—blamed for them.

Our main concern about Rice in the future is what its goals shall be. Rice was conceived of, and founded, as a school in the humanities, and in engineering and science. It has become, in thirty-three years, a school of engineering and science alone, speaking generally. The emphasis has been away from humanities. And we want to know why.

Why, for instance, should a university with so splendid a beginning in the humanities shunt off that field of study to a hopelessly inadequate grade school located on the other side of the intellectual tracks?

Furthermore, if we would glory as we do in the title of "the M. I. T. of the Southwest!" To be sure, M. I. T. is the best there is in its narrow field of endeavor. We started out on broader lines, and we should stay there.

It is not too late to stay there. Nowhere in the Southwest is there a university with the standards of Rice Institute. If we fail to teach the humanities, then nowhere in the Southwest is there provided a rigorous course in liberal education.

We have the nucleus here for a great humanities school. Our present is satisfactory if limited, our future would be glorious if we would expand—if we would progress instead of retrogress. But one man in the History department, one in the Philosophy. We offer too few courses, and worst of all, we do not support and encourage humanities endeavors.

It is not that engineering should be de-emphasized at all. If the institution could include a reference to us as the "M. I. T. of the Southwest," fine. But just part. We will have made real the founder's dream, we will have met the Southwest's crying need, and we will have been honest with ourselves and our students and alumni when, in addition, we are referred to as the Harvard or Yale of the Southwest—a university of breadth and distinction in art, science, and letters.

We cannot accomplish this purpose immediately or in the near future. But we can acknowledge from time to time that the humanities school does exist. We can be fair with it financially. We can, without too much loss of our narrow, little reputation, keep faith with the spirit of liberal learning.

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Where were the OWLS when the crisis of the year came? If they were not bad enough, they must have been doing a minimum. Perhaps the only way they can get their data under the OWLS is to report to the students.

"Mooaa!" Mike Tomfohrde, everybody's favorite rotter, was on the job Wednesday night for a car and the girls didn't answer. Perhaps they have been phony all along.

Was that Dan Dare or Bill Henry in that yellow jersey? Whoever he was, he made a fine date for Repeal.

Betty Mix and Betty Jo, what were those things you dropped out on? Alright, did you bring that date around? Some people thought Leggett drove one of the wagons.

At last people saw Garrison without makeup, after the rain and the shine. What wild! Ugh.

When will Margie Scott and Sara Nash transfer? Wants to find each other's back? Foley got out of that heartbreak zone. Why don't you try Good-eke? Where are Malcolm and Sydney going to quit flapping and go to it? It is of course Pearl and Pearson run around together when they battle each other; in other people privately.

Someone should buy Pat Ryan a handkerchief as a farewell gift. He's been sniffing for three hours, it's time to blow it!

Predictions: Greer Nunn will take the National before he gets to be an Admiral. Johnny Cox will turn out to be a swell guy. Holland will get wise to Kising. Marshall won't get wise to Jones (a Farmer doesn't throw back the only fish he can catch). The PALs and KIPS will muddle. (They have as much common.)

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What is the best course for you, my sweet, is the usual one. Surround yourself with books and papers, refuse all dates, and settle down to a quiet evening at the telephone with that exception.

FINALS—

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Rosemary-Grace—H. J. Nicholls

Marjorie Repass—Red Anderson

Ray-Way Thompson—Bill Maloney

Tov-Na—D. C. Redgrave

No conference meet at Austin, no trip to Shil Bech—the PALs are mighty fortunate.

Is It True?

That Alben Barkley has literally fallen for a Rice girl. Club 225 would like to know.

That your partner checks her classmates? That there is a West Texas Club? That wife is real, wife is earnest?

NOTICE

All of the Thresher staff and those wishing to become a part of the paper are requested to meet in A. B. 201 on Tuesday at 11:45. This is an important meeting.

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SPORTS STUFF

By G. Bryn

The prominent Owls have two

points to prove on Saturday, and a Yeomen's Day game

with T. U. before closing out the

season in Waco on the 13th. With

Converse-Dunkel

The Converse-Dunkel Basketball

Playoff for the week ending

Monday includes seven games of

interest to the Southwest Conference.

Last Saturday's EIU conformed

66.66% to Dunkel's predictions—so

far as winners went. R.U. (56.1)

crossed him up by taking Texas

(85.6) into camp, thereby retaining

second place in the league.

Arkansas (69.2) confirmed its

expecations by downing T.C.U. (40.0)

in a rough and tumble affair, per-

haps comparable to the little row in

the High School Gym on 13 Jan-

uary. The forecast slightly under-

estimated the power of the high-fly-

ing Owls, even including the rec-

ords. It only gave Rice (72.2) a

margin of five points margin over By-

yer (72.1).

Tuesday night, Texas (60.2) should

have downed their pet hate, A. & M.

(60.4), according to Dick Dunkel. At

the present writing, it is too early to

check his accuracy on this one.

Tonight Arkansas (69.2) hangers

with a non-conference match, Pitts-

burgh Teacher (54.4) and should

handle that team without too much
difficulty. Friday, S.M.U. (55.8) will

take on Bill Cumraing's time.

The thinly clad Owls started training

over the past two week-ends, a

necessity due to the size 12

court. Bird, Murph, and Clarence

Murphey 8 0  8

are as follows:

Name — Total Pins

"Bird" Chandler 9 0  9

Bill Scruggs 7 0  7

Clarence Murphey 8 0  8

"Willie" Roach 6 0  6

Brown 3 4  1

Hartman 2 7  0

Kiefer's 2 7  0

Individual Standings (Series)

Team — Total Pins

Individual Standings (High Game)

Team — Total Pins

Bowling Tourney Scores Announced

Over the past two week-ends, a

scheduled bowling tournament has been

in progress at the Recreation Rova-

tourney. The tournament is pri-

arily a team affair—although a

few individual entries are compe-

ting. The prizes are being offered by

the recreation department of the

Texas Navy Unit and by local busi-

nessmen. Among these prizes are

soccer tickets for each mem-

ber of the winning team and credits

towards the purchases in the ship's ser-

vice store for individual winners.

Standings through the first two

rounds of the three-week tournament

are as follows:

Team Standing

Individual Standings (Series)

Name — Total Pins

Kiefer's 2 7  0

Hartman 2 7  0

Individual Standings (High Game)

Team — Total Pins

Bowen 3 4  1

Hartman 2 7  0

Kiefer's 2 7  0

Individual Standings (Series)

Team — Total Pins

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Had spent about 30 % of their score

in the season in favor of Bill Scruggs to

no one's surprise.

Tomorrow night the Owls face

T.C.U. in Fort Worth and Saturday

take on S.M.U. in Dallas. Don't let

anyone tell you that those aren't
going to be tough games because

both the Mustangs and Frogs have

each won and nothing to lose. If

Bird doesn't slip up this week-end,

the chances of finishing with a 12

and 0 record are excellent.

PALS DANCE—

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of character this season. Seriously,

Rice (68.2) is picked to

The football squad of A. & M.

will come a non-conference rival, Pitts-

burgh Teacher (54.4) and should

The female of the species is more

deadly than the male—Dr. Davies.

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BEAT TEXAS
unwise and childish in taking the called "Slimes." Of course I did not songs that I've heard the seniors in which the whole (I doubt it) of Cornell, the seniors gather up theorque "to the (quote) "feeble-minded urchin in the world.)

sing are so vulgar that, I think, they much more brotherly manner—not by sarcasm and insults in a paper.

I oertainly did enjoy the latest edition.

unworthiness so much that he makes it his business to look into the matter more closely. He manages to meet the sister-in-law of the deceased lady, and sensing that she is a beauty in distress, he purposes to become her protector.

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