Thirty-First Commencement Held 25 June

On Monday, 25 June, at nine o'clock, the thirty-first commencement exercises was held in the court of the Chemistry Laboratories. The traditional academic procession from the administration building, through the court, and by the statue of William Marsh Rice was led by Dr. Lovett, Dr. Wilson, and John A. Macurdy, senior class speaker. Following the procession the choir "West Central Spirituals" sang by permission of "Lord of All Being, Thorned Alex" Rev. Macurdy gave the invocation and Dr. Lovett delivered the address of the gifts and scholarships for the coming year.

In closing, Dr. Lovett asked that the names of the "Wade Deahl" silent tribute to Rice men killed in the service during the current war. The choir sang "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past." Degrees were conferred in convocation, and Dr. Lovett gave the address to the class. Following the singing of the "Wade Deahl" and "America," Rev. Macurdy pronounced the benediction.

Movies For Navy In Coming Months Listed by Lt. Reese

Lt. L. W. Reese, Navy Welfare and Recreation Officer released the following schedule of movies to be shown during the next two months. July 18 'Twice Blessed' -- None selected
Aug. 1 "Bellboy" -- None selected
Aug. 15 "Her Highness and the Guv'nor" -- None selected
Aug. 22 "Wonderman" -- Back to Batavia
Aug. 29 "Campanile" -- None selected

These movies are shown on Wednesdays evenings in the Physics Amphitheater for the naval trainees. A schedule will be shown along with each picture. Plans are now in progress for another Navy Recreation Dance the date to be announced later.

Navy Urged to Buy Blanket Taxes 20 July

There will be a table sponsored by the Navy on Wednesday, 20 July at the Navy pay lines on 20 July for the purpose of selling blanket taxes to naval students. These taxes admit to the field house awaiting completion of the problem of new equipment required. These rooms have been constructed to provide living quarters for officers; cadets, special trainees, and students in the vicinity of Los Angeles. Among those who were present were Thomas Bannor, Jr., B.A. 1922, William Bush, B.S. 1921, Charlotte Collins Johnson, B.A. 1922 (Mrs. Charles F.); Pauline Susan, B.A. 1922; Nellie McNeill Sanders, B.A. 1904 (Mrs. R. M.); Harry Russell Standliff, B.A. 1893 (Mrs. T. H.); and Lt. (jg) John Stoner, Jr., B.S. in Ch.E. 1939.

Meek Named Presxy By Women's Council For Current Term

Officers of the Women's Council for the current term were recently pieced at a meeting at the home of Mary Simpson, treasurer. First Vice President was chosen as sophomore representative to replace the outgoing term. She is a junior majoring in English. This leaves the following kind word in the "Campanile. We promise you a day, a week, a month, a year, and the girls will come around for the annual vice versa dance and other social affairs.

Twenty P.E.'s Move Into Temporary Living Quarters

With the advent of the new summer season, twenty PE majors moved into temporary quarters in the field house awaiting completion of their permanent quarters in the north side of the football stadium. These rooms have been constructed to provide living quarters for officers; cadets, special trainees, and students in the vicinity of Los Angeles. Among those who were present were Thomas Bannor, Jr., B.A. 1922, William Bush, B.S. 1921, Charlotte Collins Johnson, B.A. 1922 (Mrs. Charles F.); Pauline Susan, B.A. 1922; Nellie McNeill Sanders, B.A. 1904 (Mrs. R. M.); Harry Russell Standliff, B.A. 1893 (Mrs. T. H.); and Lt. (jg) John Stoner, Jr., B.S. in Ch.E. 1939.

OWB Director Manager Attempting To Trap Slimes For Dirty Work

A recent communication from the business manager of that degenerate campus publication, the Owl, re- quests that the following notice be published:

"Any student who has been at Rice long enough to attain even supreme standing should know better than to try to make a name for himself in the columns of the Owl. There is no place for such "Dicks!"

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTICE

The first meeting of the Student Council will be held next Tuesday, 15 July, in A.B. 201 at 9:00 a.m. All members are urged to attend this important session.

Girls' Club Meets At A-House Friday To Elect Officers

The Girls' Club will hold its first meeting at A-House Friday, 15 July, at 12:45. All freshmen girls present at the field house awaiting completion of the permanent quarters in the north side of the football stadium.

Fire of Unknown Origin Causes Heavy Damage to Annex

Discovery By Two Naval Trainees Too Late to Halt Blaze Without Assistance From City Department

A fire discovered late Saturday afternoon by two naval trainees, responsible for heavy damage to the democratic annex building. Many partitions were burned out, most of the windows were smashed, part of the roof caved in, and the interior of the building was gutted or damaged by water.

Lt. Black Comes To Rice NROTC As Instructor

'"May I introduce to you Lieutenant S. V. Black. Black is the new N.R.O.T.C. Seamanship instructor at Rice. This assignment is only temporary, however, for he will soon assume his duties as an Ordnance instructor. Having just finished training at Ordnance School at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. Lt. Black will make a capable man in his new assignment."

There is no doubt about it, Lt. Black has been around. After graduating from V.F. at Northwestern University in May 1942, he received his commission, and reported to Pan- ama as an Operators Watch Officer. He was stationed at the Pacifc Coast for a month and then reported on board the U.S.S. Concord. During a period of twenty-six months in the Pacific he was active with a trunk force and anti-coastal bombardment. Yes, there is no doubt about it.

Lt. Black starts from Pensacola, Louisiana, which is not so far away from here-just across the bay. Before joining the navy he attended Northwestern Louisiana State Institution. Well, to you, Lt. Black, glad to have you aboard.

P.S.A. Stages Party At Y.M.C.A. Saturday--Everybody Invited

"Saturday Night is the loveliest night in the week" is due a revival this week. All because the P.S.A. is having the laziest, bestest and wittiest party ever!

The new navy lads and freshman girls who with P.S.A. parties before are in for a "one surprising big time swimming, dancing, drinking and games, and a grand general mix of new and old friends are all on the calendar. Extra are to be furnished in abundance, and for free.

Starts at eight on the "Y." which is ever so easy to reach via the bus or two good legs. Everything, especially everybody now around 17-18, and that means all the real stuff of the Campanile. We promise you a fat commission on all ads sold.

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Twin taunting, Harold Fisch and J. H. Stone were alone in the engineering section of the campus when they noticed smoke through the windows of the locked building. They broke a pane and attempted to put out the fire with an extinguish-er, but the water no con-usrion near enough to be used. The fire was then restored, and the two students called the light pumps and two ladder trucks.

Much valuable and hard-to-re-place material belonging back to fire and the navy was ruined. The area was covered by insurance, but the problem of new equipment re- mains. Engineering classes are be- hold on schedule, but lab work will be postponed until the building can be cleaned and restocked.

E. Lee Bond, contractor, has been assigned to the repair work. W. Ward Watkins, professor of archi- tecture and curator of buildings and grounds, stated that work was start- ed promptly. The scaffold- ing equipment still in usable condi- tion was to be used. Costs are to be furnished in the "Campanile. We promise you a day, a week, a month, a year, and the girls will come around for the annual vice versa dance and other social affairs.

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Dr. Tsanoff Given Leave of Absence To Teach in A.S.S

A leave of absence has been granted to Dr. Rudolph Andrea Tsanoff, professor of philosophy here at Rice, by the American Philosophical Association, the Southern Society of Philosophers and the Southern Philosophical Society. A letter from the "Southern Philosophical Society" states that Dr. Tsanoff has written four books in the field of philosophy of religion, in which he is considered an authori- tative in the field. Rice and the navy was ruined. The area was covered by insurance, but the problem of new equipment re- mains. Engineering classes are be- hold on schedule, but lab work will be postponed until the building can be cleaned and restocked.

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So that the Student Association may know, we present the rules and principles by which the Thresher operates and by which it determines the cause to champion:

1. The Thresher will attempt complete campus coverage by regular assignments of staff members to all departments and weekly assignments of reporters to specific events in order that no phase of campus activities may be neglected. News will be printed in completely unbiased but comprehensive fashion.

2. A newspaper is presumed to have many functions: It is an independent interpreter, lending its strength to the principles by which the Thresher operates and by which it determines the cause to champion: (continued)

3. The Thresher will direct special attention on student interests whereupon this editorial promise, and receive no guarantee of support, or indeed, of any political advertisements will be accepted and printed impartially, regardless of whether or not the Thresher is supporting the candidate editorially.

4. Expressions of public opinion are healthy expression of democratic right and will be received every consideration from the Thresher.

5. The Thresher will direct special attention on student government. We feel that only through knowledge of its workings can the Student Association progress to better and more complete use of its powers and rights.

6. According to John Donaldson of the Disciple's Student Fellowship (Christian Student Organization), plans are underway for a meeting of their organization in the near future. The date of this meeting will be announced later.

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The close of last semester saw the finish of the spring intra-murals, but too late to give the results in the interest of The Thresher as here are. In basketball the Gehe easily defeated the Freshman Five 75-10. In tennis it was a little closer contest with Howard Smith taking Bob Shenold by a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 count. In baseball Bob Willard and Ralph Hazlett battled it out to the tune of 11-17, 11-15, 21-11, with Willard coming out on the long end. The winners of all of those contests received the usual certificates awarded to intra-mural champs.

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