Kit Reid Plays
For Seniors' Final Dance

The Last Rice Formal of the Year

— that's the Senior Dance, folks, in case you haven't heard—will be held at the River Oaks Country Club's 4-Square Hall on Thursday, 14 February, at 12:15.

And it will not be the Last but the Best, for we're going to be a celebration of finishing those finals and the last time to see all your friends for a while.

The scroll committees for the Dance have prepared Kit Reid's orchestra for the occasion, which revolves an old Rice custom and promises the way for a real return to a college atmosphere on the campus when all the boys come back to make Rice "like it used to be."

The theme is a rather secret one, but after tumbling Jean Brooks's arm a little while last night, she was unable to tell, namely and to wit, that the Renaissance will be very good and most formal.

The banquet will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. at River Oaks. Seniors are requested to bring their hire for themselves and their date as no one will be permitted to enter unless they present their hire.

Tickets may be obtained in Bailly Hall this week. Couples $2.50, Single $1.25. Bridesmaids and guests pay at the door due to the club's restrictions.

Dr. T. W. Bonner To Address A.I.E.E.'s Next Meeting

Dr. T. W. Bonner of the physics department will speak to the Rice Branch of the A.I.E.E. at applications of ultra-high frequencies Thursday night, 14 February, at 7:45 p.m. in the M.L. building. As he worked during the war at the well-known radio lab at M.I.T., Dr. Bonner's talk should offer a great deal of interesting and pertinent information.

It should be of special advantage to those going into the electrical engineering field who will be at Rice next semester. In this reconstruction will be evident the need for additional radio engineers, and the university has already made an appeal for available people to turn over to the military their time to calling lists of people for the A.I.E.E. The chief interest of the club was made to be available for the A.I.E.E.

To be eligible for this program, candidates must not have reached their 25th birthday, have completed 12 years of school, and must be approved by the Navy Department's pilot service. Men will be selected Cades in the V-5 program and will undergo approximately 14 weeks of pre-flight training, 39 weeks of basic flight training, and 12 weeks of advanced flight training. Upon completion of this training, the Cades will be immediately eligible for an A-Line, B-Line, or as a Second Line, U.S.M.C.

It seems that the program was the equal of pre-war training, but it will look quite different. Don't look for your Thresher on Thursdays any more. The daily publication has been changed to Friday. Also, news will be issued as it is received.

The advertising staff is to be

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Rally Club Names New Officers To Serve During Coming Term

At the regular meeting of the Rally Club on 4 February the offices of the club were elected by the next semester:

President—H. Eddie Graham
Vice-President—Jack Thompson
Secretary—Leo Rave
Treasurer—Frank禮

The membership of the Rally Club wishes to extend its appreciation to the student body for their cooperation and backing in the various activities that the club has sponsored this past season.

Dr. Houston Hopes to Be Present
At 9:00 Exercises Both Mornings; Services to Be at St. Paul's

The sermon of the thirty-second commencement of the Rice Institute will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, President of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, 3 March, at nine o'clock, at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

On Monday morning, 4 March, at the same hour, the choir, the graduating exercises will be held. At three o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Van Dusen will make the invocation and pronounce the benediction. Since 1919 there has been no commence- ment speaker. Dr. and Mrs. Houston and their daughter, Miss Harriet Anne Houston, hope to arrive in Houston in time to be present at the exercises on both mornings.

The Rev. Van Dusen is a Philadelphia by birth. He is a Princeton graduate in the class of 1915, of the Union Theological Seminary in 1919, and received the degree of doctor of philosophy from Edinburgh University, Scotland, in 1912.

He is, locally, the instructor at the Union Theological Seminary in 1920, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, 1927-30, Associate Professor, 1930-35, Professor of Systematic Theology since 1935. Dean of Union Seminary (Continued on page 5)

L. Ducker Goes On Inactive List After 20 Months Here

On 25 January, 1946, Lt. R. E. Ducker was transferred to inactive duty, after 20 months at The Rice Institute. Before joining the navy, Lt. Ducker attended Michigan State Normal College where he worked out his undergraduate work in mathematics. He took his graduate work at the University of Michigan. After he completed his college work, he taught for several years in the public schools of Michigan. Lt. Ducker was commissioned as Ensign on 13 April, 1942. He re- ceived basic aircraft training at NAS Quonset Point, R.I., and was stationed at Newport, R.I. and was made a Lt. Cdr. upon his transfer to Rice. During his tour of duty at Rice, Lt. Ducker taught Guidance and Navigation. He also was made Second Battalion Officer and finally Regimental Officer, to make the officers and men of the NROTC Unit feel better.
**Editorsials**

**Dedication**

Unless we get overly energetic or the business manager hustles around and gets a lot of ads next week—will highly and likely—this is the last issue of Volume XXXII of the Thresher. We want to take this opportunity to dedicate the volume to our retiring president, Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, and to his successor, Dr. William V. Houston. In his years here Doctor Lovett has rendered invaluable service to Rice; this is our way of thanking him. Doctor Houston will find himself faced with many difficulties as well as many pleasures; this is our way of extending to him our very best wishes.

**And Purposes**

There comes a time in everyone's life when he feels like saying, no irreverence intended, "Thank God, that's over." Well, on first thought we feel that way too, but on second thought we thought we have a good deal of regret at leaving the job now. It has been a lot of fun, and we have worked with the finest publication staff in the Institute. To the members of that staff: "Thanks!"

In looking back we see that we have accomplished much, and left undone much that we wished to do. Where we have offended we have done so without intending the sort of criticism that is not constructive. We have criticized in the spirit of desire to see improvement in those things we love best.

There has been an honest attempt—not always successful—to give complete coverage to all campus news, and to end the reign of Stuff—that little product of little minds. We have done our best to foster and defend we have done so without intending the sort of criticism that is not constructive. We have criticized in the spirit of desire to see improvement in those things we love best.

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**SHARP like the student who hits it**

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**Found in an Ancient Thresher:**

What have you done?

"I am a student" Peter asked.

"That I should the bell.

Come in, poor boy, select your carpet, you've had your carpet, share of hell.

"Shawn of hell.

**A Book of Verses underneath the Bed,**

**A Jug of Wine, a Leaf of Bread—and Thou**

Besides me singing in the wilderness—Oh, Wilderness were Paradise now!—The Rubaiyat.
If he suffered on Okinawa won't till the 1947 season. Hope the foot tack.

The quintet that played were Harmon Walters, Chick Herbert, and Bun Dawson, Bill Yeoman, and Bass of the Night Owls and the PALS. The excellent floor play of Mr. Mayfield's and Mrs. Mayfield's Team.

The baseball team had its first workouts this week, facing the long Mississippi State University Tigers. The infield and outfield stops are pretty well covered with the pitching and catching staffs needing strengthening.

There are no more unbeaten cage games in the nation so Nancy generally bowed to the strong North Carolina team. Other sights saw New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas fall to the Owls, and the Owls are well covered in the pitching and catching.

The OWLS and PALS played a double header this week, the Owls winning 7-6 in the first game and the PALS winning 8-2 in the second.

Girls' Basketball Finale In Sight

Playoff for the championship the girls' basketball league will be Friday night at 7:30 in the Field House. The two contenders will be the PALS, with a record of five wins and one loss, and the Girls' Club, with four wins and one loss. In the round of the tournament, the PALS blanked the Girls' Club, but in the second round, the Girls' Club bounced back to hand the PALS their first defeat in two years.

Wednesday afternoon closed the regular season and the Owls and the PALS were still at the top.

The Girls' Club was making many points, but the Owls were not able to score more. However, they did manage to stop the Owls in the last minute of the game, leaving them with a final score of 22 to 22.

The score was tied at 22 with only seconds remaining on the clock. The Owls managed to get a shot in and were able to secure the win with a final score of 23 to 22.

Rice Beats the Aggies Again; Or, All the Sharecroppers' Wailing Was In Vain, Score: 64-59

In the most thrilling game of the season, the Owls came through and stopped the Aggies from winning.

The mighty Hard's Hillers win the American League. The Owls were defeated by the Fireballs, the Owls 64-59.

The game was the first in the series and was won by the Owls. The Owls are the best team ever to get on a court and consist of Jamie Davin, Bill Yeoman, and Bass of the Night Owls.

The Owls played their hearts out and were able to score against the Owls for the remainder of the game.

Once the Owls got hot, nothing could stop them. They were able to stem the Rice offense. During the last five minutes the Owls were able to score and close the game.

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