Drama Club Offers Plays Tuesday
Procurment Office Established for Rice Institute Alumnae

Alumni Association Acts On Idea From Dr. Houston

An alumni placement service will serve as a common point for the various departments of the Institute in handling employment requests. It will assist in contacting those firms for employment.

The service, which went into effect January 1, 1949, is the outgrowth of an idea suggested by Dr. W. V. Houston to the alumni association when asked how the alumni should be of more service to Rice. Any alumni or student, whether or not he holds a degree from Rice, is eligible for the benefits of the placement service. Alumni or students may obtain an application blank from the Secretary, by letter or by telephone from the alumni office, room 205, Lovett Hall.

When an application is received it will be referred for confidential evaluation to the academic department in which the applicant is interested. The next step will be taken by the student's own personal interest department. He must take his training. Then the placement office can act.

SEE DETAILED OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE — PAGE 5

pertinent organizations desiring employment will be contacted. If desired, the placement service will arrange interviews.

Alumni recommended for a position will be notified of the details of the job. So that records may be kept correct, alumni recommended should notify the placement office of the decision reached.

When a permanent position (three months or over) is obtained through the placement service, alcoholic and non-alcoholic contributions of ten percent of the first month's salary will aid in defraying the expenses of the place- ment service. Alumni or students, however, are not expected from candidates for degrees who are placed by the service before July 1st, following receipt of degrees.

The placement office also maintains a file of information about the types of employment offered by various companies. Alumni are invited to consult this file at their convenience.

Whitleck Zander, Jr., in addition to his duties as alumni association executive secretary, will serve as placement director.

Indoor Moor Featured at Dance

The O.W.L.S. “Moonlight Fantas- ty” formal dance will be presented tomorrow from 9 to 11 at Elmo's. Karl Dryer’s Orchestra will provide music.

Decorations will produce a very romantic atmosphere complete with moon and starlight. The floor will not be overcrowded with tables, as there will be the room to appreciatively dance, and there will be plenty of room for socializing.

Tickets are on sale in the Student Lounge at $2.00 a couple and $1.75, stag. No coupons will be allowed.

Lawyer Tells PSA

Students to Know What They Believe

By Don Kirby

Mr. Chas. B. Brown, prominent Houston lawyer, spoke Thursday at the P.S.A. meeting on “What a College Education Should Provide Today.”

“Time’s wasting,” said Mr. Brown, “but I think that we need a practical education, and we need to know how to read and write. But most of all, we need something to believe in. This is the most important thing in the world. A belief is worth more than all the money in the world.”

People should learn to think and believe in something. It can be as simple as belonging to a group of strikers in Michigan to go on strike. The make-up of the people involved are important. Another is a belief in the Spanish people. The Communists, the Fascists, the Nazis, want to control the leaders in our country, because the leaders are the people of the people.

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Mr. Brown mentioned a field of study which a college student should become familiar with: science, history, literature, and philosophy.

You should know something about the wonders of science,” he continued, “but you should also read science’s limitations.

Recently, great scientific minds as that of Einstein himself have turned away from materialism toward religion. Einstein and other realist say that science alone is not enough.”

Furthermore, I don’t think you need to have a course in good beliefs. You can find out on your own. I think you should spend a great deal of time as well as your college courses in literature and philosophy.

Answering the question, “Where do you turn for your beliefs?” Mr. Brown said, “You need all the help you can get in finding your beliefs. Each of you should spend some time in good beliefs. I think you should spend a great deal of time as well as your college courses in literature and philosophy.”

REEMPHASIZED

The next rules for the Student Lounge are being reprinted with the hope that they emphasize the situation now at hand may be remedied. A few new additions which merit attention.

Return Coke Bottles to the Receptacles Properly

This is easy — just return the coke bottle as soon as you finish drinking your coke. Don’t wait and forget. Pick up your trash and put it in the wastebasket.

All of it, the little bits of scrap paper, the empty cigarette packages, the paper bags, newspapers, etc., KEEP YOUR CIGARETTES IN THE ASH TRAYS.

Don’t crush them out, don’t flick them across the floor. Please Leave Class Suggestions on the edge of table.

If you take your food outside the room, take your dishes and silverware back. DON’T SIT ON TABLES. DON’T PUT FEET ON TABLES.

There are some who have to look back farther, to the days of the Untouchables — the days of the dirt, of the trash, of the litter, of the◁ destroyed buildings. This is the constant battle. This is the trouble. This is the problem.

Attendance and length of time one has been an active member of the organization will be considered.

Wednesday, January 12

Mr. Richard H. Warren, of the Engineering College and a member of the Student Council, will speak at 10 a.m. in Autry House. His topic will be “Ways and Means” by Noel Coward.

The Student Council passed a motion Thursday to conduct an Instructor rating poll before the end of the semester. Tom Eubank moved that a poll be conducted before the close of this semester so that student opinions wouldn’t be influenced by first semester grades. John Perlin also pointed out that some Engineering classes would change instructors for the second term and that students would obviously be acquainted with an instructor at the end of the first term before taking him for the second term.

The motion was passed and J. S. Benefeld and Betty Caucus was appointed as a Committee to see about conducting the poll.

Just Talking

... OWLS Celebrate

The members of the O. W. L. S. and dates celebrated Christmas with an informal party at Spring Branch Fan Club Thursday night. A bar- ter supper was served at 7:30. Santa (Curly Lewis) distributed gifts which will be given to the Basset Settlement. Dancing followed.

Second Chance for Direcories

Student Directories will be distributed by the Student Council Monday, January 3, and Thursday, January 6. All members of the O. W. L. S. and dates are invited to attend.

Engineers Beer Up Before Dance Tonight

The Engineering Society will hold its first “party” of the year Saturday at the Legion Hall of Post 17. Numerous maps are posted at the various points around the campus. The hall is held by the Marine Corp and Pillet store on University Blvd. The party is open to all who want to attend, the price is $0.25 couple. Stag. College Cessnes, who is in charge of this party, says that if this is successful, then we hope to have a few more of this kind.

The big affair starts at 7 and officially ends at 9. Plenty of time to go to the dance afterwards.
Interest In Local Election
Vital To Good Government

What makes democracy work? What factors enable free men to govern themselves without cor-
ruption? Probably the primary consideration is the in-

terest of the people in their local government.

Students of Rice have shown that they are aware of this fact. The student body is about to consider an important question. It is up to the students to be interested in the outcome.

The Editor

THE THRESHER

Another Letter From Alum
Mills, Five More Questions

2070 Dryden Road, Houston, Texas
January 5, 1949

Mr. Brady Tyson, Editor
The Rice Thresher
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Tyson,

In reply to my letter of Dec. 9th, an explanation of the reasons for my letter was requested by your assistant editor. While I had not intended to write you a second letter, it becomes necessary because of the question directed to me and the vague answer given to the third question in my letter of Dec. 9th. If I had read carefully, some of the earlier editions of the Thresher, I suppose I would not have been necessary for me to write you in order to determine definitely what your policy was in regard to the race question. I could not force myself to believe, after reading the Thresher of Dec. 4th, that the Editor of the Thresher was in favor of admitting Negroes to Rice Institute. I decided, therefore, that the most logical procedure for securing immediate and correct information, would be to write a letter to the Editor.

I have four or five additional questions to ask:

1. In the Houston Post of Tuesday, Dec. 21st, you were quoted as saying "The editorial represents the policy of the Thresher."

2. What method is used for selecting the Editor and Assistant Editor of the Thresher?

3. Since your letter to question number three in my letter of Dec. 9th was rather vague, I will ask the question again and request a direct answer of "yes" or "no." Would you be opposed to a Negro student of Rice dating your best girl friend, sister or other co-ed?

4. If Negroes are admitted to Rice (as you are advocating), all facilities must be made available for them. Would you be opposed to a Negro student of Rice being assigned as your roommate in the dormitories? Please answer "yes" or "no."

5. Do you think the President and Board of Trustees capable of determining the policies of Rice Institute, or do they need advice from the Thresher?

A reply to the above questions is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

COY W. MILLS

THE EDITOR REPLIES

Mr. Coy W. Mills,
2070 Dryden Road
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mills,

I am sorry that our editorial position dismayed you, and we, of course, stand ever ready to hear arguments as to why it should be changed or amended. Our editorial policy represents what we think is right; but we offer the Thresher as a forum to discuss any ideas that students may feel need discussion.

Your letter offers no refutation of our expressed editorial stance; instead it offers your personal incivility. Instead you ask questions of a personal nature, and there is room for doubt as to whether we are discussing the issue at all. It is hard to answer such questions of due respect for your association with Rice, your obvious interest in affairs concerning Rice, and your prestige in the city of Houston, will endeavor to do it as best as I can. I have the questions pointed at me, personally, in your letter. The editorial position of the Thresher is further stated in our editorial subheads.

Question No. 1: "(Would you agree to submit the issue to a vote of the student body, and if a majority of the students do not favor the admission of Negroes to Rice, then you and your entire staff resign?)"

I should personally be delighted to see the question put to a student vote, provided, of course, that the students were given ample time and opportunity to hear both sides fairly and dispassionately discussed. I don't think it would be too much hope that you, Mr. Mills, would consent to debate the question before a forum at Rice.

I do not pretend to be able to speak for the whole staff, but personally I have no reason why I should be expected to resign because my view does not especially agree with the contemporary majority opinion on the campus, even in a particular issue. It would be impossible to represent the majority opinion on every issue, for the simple reason that it is not always possible to ascertain the majority opinion. I feel that it is the job of an editor to debate the question before a forum at Rice.

(I continued on Page 3)

Dooze—dooze everything

ALLEGRO: -"The Battle of Hymns of the Repub-

ANNOUNCER: Ladies, are you tired of using
soaps that walk into the tub, turn on the water and wash all by themselves? (strong emphasis).

DOOZE (strong emphasis), dose nothing but make suds, and not by itself. You have to work with it. (slightly) In hard water it perishes, in soft water it's flat. It takes none of the work of any soap. It gives you all you of the glorious satisfaction of scrubbing your fingers to the bone. Now again, you can tell your husband, (enthusiastically) I've stood in the water for a hot tub! (DOOZE (strong emphasis) is expensive.)

DOOZE (strong emphasis) enables the entire family can afford it, so if you are poor or average, do not attempt. It will break your bank balance as well as your back. If your clothes are not dirty, DOOZE (strong emphasis) will make them that way. It leaves puck marks in your face skin and eats holes in your dishes. Remember, women, use DOOZE (strong emphasis). DOOZE (strong emphasis) does nothing but make suds.

EVERY DAY LIFE

BABBER SHOP QUARTET: Use that soap! (regale)
ANNOUNCER: (with ascending
inflection). And now we rejoin "Mother Corey's
Vilure." Our little drama of everyday life is in
every day home. You will remember, last time, Sister Bootsie was making a dress for her prom night. (She was out in the backyard with a hoe, and sweat, old Mother Corey was recuperating from a double hernia.) Since then she has been busy trying to find the right fabric to be two-headed and they were discussing the problem of appointment. Now as we reach this gala family gathering, Mother Corey and the kitchen (strong emphasis) DOOZE her dishes.

(a Strauss of Adagio Lang Syne)

Sister Bootsie (her mother humming an aria from "Tristan and Isolde")

Clutter of dishes

Sister Bootsie, gasping. (slam of door, footstep, gasp)

ANNOUNCER: Mother Corey! Mama! Mama! Eddie can't go to the dances.

MOTHER COREY (compassionately): Quiet down. Sister have some sense.

SISTER BOOTSIE: Well, mama, you know how Eddie is always writing things for that nasty old school paper. Well, mama, last week he got thrown out of some ebony girls, just this morning he was attacked by fifty nasty old male. He is in the hospital now with three broken ribs and a mean old concussion. (Sobs.)

MOTHER COREY (compassionately): Shush your chatter child. We got trouble.

SISTER BOOTSIE (sobbing again): Well, don't worry, Mama, dear, everything will turn out all right 3 times. (Strains of Auld Lang Syne.)

FINALE

ANNOUNCER (strongly): And so we leave our happy family for another day. We will see them, remember, use DOOZE (strong emphasis). A few good things are better than none. Remember, use DOOZE (strong emphasis) in your purse wherever you go, to weldings, dines, downtown, and shopping all the many little activities which make a woman's life a full and happy one. Because DOOZE (strong emphasis) dose nothing but make suds. Remember, if you can't afford a small patch of Doos, we have an offer for you too: all at neighborhood groceries, only 50 cents, a big price for guaranteed results with DOOZE (strong emphasis). Remember, DOOZE (strong emphasis) does nothing but make suds.
**Editor’s Answer---**

(Continued from Page 2) To publish an accurate and responsible newspaper, and to stimulate student thought by publishing editorials that represent an idealistic and high plane of commerce upon happenings that concern all of us.

**Question No. 2: (What method is used for selecting the Editor and Assistant Editor of the Thresher?)**

The Assistant Editor is elected by the Student Senate, serves one term, and then automatically becomes Editor.

**Question No. 3.** (Were you opposed to a Negro student of Yale dating your best girl friend, sister or other so-called?)

This is the personal question, so I guess I'll have to answer it personally. I am not sure why the question was asked, but here goes...

We can't tell how many faithful fans with the students themselves.

"Our display of spirit at a game is pathetic. The cheerleaders try their best and get poor results. We yell only at an important game, but we need it just as much at an average game," Carolyn Stokes said. We were getting before it is too late.

The Eminent McGeever. "I don't think..."

Now, if there is nothing radically wrong with our cheerleaders or the team, let them know it. In order to publish an accurate and responsible newspaper, and to stimulate student thought by publishing editorials that represent an idealistic and high plane of commerce upon happenings that concern all of us, our display of spirit is magnified by our cooperation when we use the cards. (Bill Jones. "If you liked Monte's acrobatics..."

Jerry Etheridge said, "The student body here is more matured than at some other schools. We have a deeper feeling for Rice than can be shown by yelling. Our spirit is not lacking, we just need the team to win, but feel that loud yelling will not help matters any.

Nancy Baker's explanation was, "Some of us really don't know the yells. It would help if pre-rallies were given at more opportune times for the entire student body instead of only for the dormitory students."

A few students said that it was not because the cheerleaders overworked the cheering section, and thus cause a paralysis of our vocal cords. Farrell Ealson said: "The yells are not too frequent; the cheerleaders lose their breath at the best moment."

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"Two Rice Economists Profess Say New Year Will Be Prosperous"

**By Abraham Nac.**

Nineteen-forty-nine will be a prosperous year on the whole, according to the general opinions of economists who attended the recent convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 28-30. According to Mr. James E. B. Giles and Mr. John E. Hodges, members of the Economics Department at Rice, the large majority of the economists shared this opinion, although there were a few who were very pessimistic.

The number one problem presented at the convention was the feeding of ideas on the outlook for 1949. The economists were a long way from agreement on the exact level of prosperity which the U. S. will maintain this year, but on the whole they believe that 1949 will be just as good as 1948. However, there is little better, in national income. Furthermore, they believe that the "high level of business activity will continue in 1949."

**Not Foolish Optimists**

This does not mean that the economists who gathered in Cleveland are a bunch of foolish optimists, seeing nothing but good ahead for the nation. They are also of the opinion that the "soft spot" which appeared in the economy of the U.S. last year is not isolated cases. Weaknesses have been shown that may show up more clearly in 1949, but which might not show up until 1950. While emphasizing the fact that it is hard to look that far in advance, Mr. Giles and Mr. Hodges declared that it was the general opinion that we are headed to a readjustment within the next twelve to twenty-four months.

The only question existing is how severe this readjustment will be. Most economists think that it will be rather mild. The minor readjustment which they foresee will mean a check-up in production, downward trend in prices, and some increase in unemployment, although nothing as serious as when the Wagner act was passed and consequendy the tariff was raised in the provisions of that law. This raised business' hopes that it was in another period of what it calls "perception." Of course, they never had any doubts that the Tariff-Hart- ley Law would be repealed.

**Anti-Monopoly Action**

Perhaps one of the main questions that were left unanswered. For some of the economists present, though, this question will resemble that of 1938, which was short but of a sharp character. While emphasizing the fact that it is hard to look that far in advance, the economists who gathered in Cleveland are not foolish optimists, since they possess no such thing as a dog in the manger. They are of the opinion that 1949 will be just as good as 1948. However, there is little better, in national income. Furthermore, they believe that the "high level of business activity will continue in 1949."

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THOSE SERVED
Alumni of The Rice Institute
Undergraduate Students
Unemployed: The primary purpose of the service is to assist unem-
ployed Rice alumni to obtain employment.
Retirement: The service also assists employed Rice alumni who may wish to change their positions.

Candidates for Degrees: The service assists candidates for degrees to find employment by arranging interviews with firms interested in their talents. These interviews are arranged prior to Commencement in cooperation with heads or members of the departments concerned.

CONTRIBUTION: When a permanent position (three months or over) is obtained through the efforts of the Alumni Placement Service, a contribution of ten per cent of the first month's salary is customary. This contribution is used to help defray the expenses of the service.

RECOMMENDATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI, and should be forwarded to the Alumni Placement Service, The Rice Institute, P. O. Box 1892, Houston, Texas.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED FROM CANDIDATES.

FOR DEGREES, who are placed

by the Placement Office prior to
July 1, following receipt of degrees.

After that date, however, applicants will be expected to follow the same procedures as outlined for other classifications.

OFFICE
Location: Lovett, Hall, Room 209
The Rice Institute
Post Office Box 1892
Houston 1, Texas

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Telephone: Justin 6-4141, Extension 218

REGISTRATION
Part-Time: The service will assist alumni and students in obtaining part-time work.
The word 'Alumni,' includes those who have attended Rice Institute even though they did not receive a degree.

Any alumni who may be classified in one of the above divisions may register with the Placement Service by completing an application obtainable or request to the Placement office, made in person, by letter, or by telephone.

No registration fee is charged.

RECOMMENDATION
The procedure for the selection of an applicant is as follows: when an application is filled out, reference estimates will be sent to Faculty members who are familiar with the applicant's school work or business record. These estimates will be filed with the application, and will be available for interviewers and business concerns. The Placement office and the Faculty will work hand-in-hand in making every possible effort to secure a job for each applicant.

NOTIFICATION
All alumni recommended for a position are notified of the details of the job by letter, telephone, or telegram, whichever may be felt to be the most expedient. These alumni are requested to ADVISE THE PLACEMENT SERVICE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER THEY ARE INTERESTED OR NOT.

APPLICATION
Alumni applying to a firm or an individual on recommendation of the Placement Service of The Rice Institute should mention this fact to the employer. An early application is usually desirable.

AN APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO THE PLACEMENT OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY DECISION REACHED BY AN EMPLOYER TO WHOM HE HAS BEEN REFERRED. If an applicant obtains a position, the application is removed from the active files of the Placement Service unless requested otherwise.

It is the policy of the Alumni Placement Service to notify the Placement Service of the names of all alumni who are placed in jobs.

Wedding Bells Ring For Many Students

In addition to the usual holiday festivities, many Rice students and alumni were married during the holidays, many Rice students and alumni were married. The following is a list of some of the weddings that took place:

Barbara Underwood to Paul Leonard, Lulline Powell to Jack Koore, Billy Ruth Buckner to Mel Ready, Joy Vittitus to Robin Reed and Ann Hughes to Gilbert Tennach.

Among the newly engaged couples on campus are Norma Tabor and Jimmy Armstrong, Betty Dargan and Tommy Beach, Carolyn Delhomme and John Jackson, Rosmary Biamonte and Fred Allen, Mary Louise Roseman and Tommy Breed, and Mary Simpson and Tommy Smith.

There are several new members of the Rice Institute Library Staff.

Mr. David Webb (A.B. University of North Carolina; A.B.L.S. Emory, A.M.L.S. Michigan) is the new Associate Librarian. In addition to being in charge of technical processes, Mr. Webb is also acting as Technological Reference Librarian. He is the person to whom you should go if you need assistance in very-fying a title, finding a reference, or furnishing general information on a subject in any of the fields of natural science or engineering.

Mrs. Helen Wheat (B.A. North Texas State Teachers) is the new Assistant Librarian. She will receive your orders for new books, unless there is some special problem which you wish to discuss with the Librarian or the Assistant Librarian. If you wish to know whether a recently ordered book has arrived, call her.

Malcolm Herndon (B.A. Rice) and Helen Chilman (B.A. Mt. Holy-

Hill) are the new Assistants in the Catalog Department.

Mrs. Margaret Eckel (B.A. Rice) is in charge of circulation in the Physics and Chemistry Libraries.

Mrs. Ruth Catterbury (B.A. Wol-

sley; D.S. Simmons) has charge of the second floor desk in L.H. in the mornings.
Proposed Campanile By-Laws

I. The Campanile shall be the official Yearbook of the Rice Institute Student Association, and shall be controlled by that Association, the duly elected officers of the Campanile, and the Rice Student Council.

II. The (elected) officers of the Campanile shall be: The Editor, the Assistant Editor, the Business Manager, and the Assistant Business Manager. All officers must be in good academic standing at the Rice Institute.

A. The Assistant Editor and the Assistant Business Manager of the Campanile shall be elected at the General Election each spring under rules established by the Student Council.

B. Candidates for Assistant Editor must be prospective sophomores or juniors, and must certify to the Student Council election committee that they have served a minimum of sixteen weeks on the editorial staff of the Campanile.

C. Candidates for Assistant Business Manager must be prospective sophomores or juniors, and must have taken B.A. 200 or B.A. 220, or their equivalent, or must certify to the election committee that they intend to take the course the year they serve as Assistant Business Manager.

D. The term of all elected officers shall be one academic year, beginning at the start of the school year following the General Election at which they were elected. Upon completion of the term as Assistant Editor or Assistant Business Manager they shall automatically become Editor and Business Manager for the next year.

III. The Campanile may derive financial support from the sale of advertising in addition to its Blanket Tax apportionment. All advertising contracts must be in writing and signed by the advertiser and the seller with a duplicate kept available in the Business Manager's files. The financial status of the Campanile shall be regularly reported to the students and the Student Council.

A. The Campanile shall hire an auditor who shall be named with the consent of the Dean for Student Activities.

B. The Business Manager and the Editor shall make all disbursements of Campanile money deemed necessary for the best publication of the Campanile.

C. The profits of the Campanile shall be equally divided between the Editor and Business Manager at the end of the year and after the books have been closed, provided that the total profit as divided does not exceed $1,000. If the profits of the Campanile exceed such an amount the residue shall be set aside by the Student Council in a fund that may be spent for new equipment, or to meet future losses of the Campanile, upon application by future Editors and Business Managers to the Student Council. This fund may also be used to pay Editors and Business Managers during years when the council votes to give the Editor and Business Manager pay even though the Campanile showed no profit that year.

D. Every student paying a Student Blanket Tax may receive a Campanile.
Council Stresses Accuracy, Applauds Truth and Justice

by David Braden

The Student Council in meeting Thursday briefly covered the world situation from the press to the truth and justice and back again. The final conclusion was that reporting of student activities be done as accurately as possible. The prearrangements delivered were started off by Jetta Schumacher’s motion that all articles to be printed in off campus publications concerning Rice student opinion and activities be first approved by the president of the Student Association.

David Miller rose to the situation by declaring that such a motion, if passed, would be hard to enforce, undemocratic and unnecessary. Fints Cowan suggested that it would do more harm than good. Bob Flack, who is the Houston Post Rice correspondent said it was possible to have a tacit agreement between the reporter and news source—but a good report would get the news he was after in spite of controlled sources.

Jimmie Meyers, president of the Student Association asked Jetta Schumacher to take the chair, recommenced himself, and gave his opinion: “I recognized the need for more money, he points out, but if we try to promote a cleaner game, it would cost the promoters more money, he points out, but it would promote a cleaner game. In any case, this situation has been suggested by a network sports commentator—I believe it was Joe Cavanaugh. He suggested three referees for basketball. Each would be paid $100, third of the court to cover. It would cost the promoters more money, he points out, but it would promote a cleaner game.

Until the number and position of the referees are changed, however, our hats are off to the fellows who try to call the fouls.

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You must be a male citizen, between 20 and 26 years old, physically sound, and have at least 2 years of college (or be able to pass the equivalent examination administered by the interviewer). The second group of married men may apply.

HERE’S WHERE TO GO FOR DETAILS:
PLACE Room 205—LeVell Hall, Placement Office.
DATE Jan. 10, 11, and 12, 1949
TIME 9:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.
Two Dubb Players Make Top Ten Scoring
Bracket in Intramural Basketball League

by Dewey Genevich

With plenty of free-scoring games in this year's basketball intramural season, there were no habitual high scorers. However, the rest had contributed their best efforts to the overall teamwork on each team. Among the ten top scorers only one team, the Dubbs, had two men. This points to the fact that each team is paced by one outstanding player with the other teammates furnishing the set-up.

Gil Thweatt, pairing the Arch- Sharps, is high scorer at the moment with 28 points. Gil has played consistently good ball in every game, averaging 7 points per game. His high in scoring is Perly of the Final Five, 16 points behind Thweatt with 39 markers. Close behind are Ot- sted of the Bobcats with 28, Bamb- liers' Bill Gref and Dubbs' John Finch tied with 33 points apiece, and Keith playing for the BeBops, Ro- mers for the Famous Five, and J. Mayers for the Hot Shots with 39 points apiece. One point behind is Watson, the second Dubbs mate, with 29 and Burton of the J. I. Cruds with 34.

Fine teamwork and some brilli- ant court shot playing coupled with fine defense in the person of John Barker and Ernest Carlson have made this year's intramurals one of the best at Rice.

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The second game played Monday saw the greatest score piled up by one team so far this year as the Tortilla Flats trounced the Famous Five 79-33. High point man was Melvin Moody who did everything but dropkick baskets in as he racked up 28 points. G. Wallek, his team- mate, was second with 18 while D. Weldon pushed in 14 points. B. Gregory led the Feeble Five scoring with 15 points.

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Students Must Help Choose Library Books

by Elta Collid

"The Rice Library must anticipate the needs and wants of the students in order to supply them with the proper books at the right moment," said Dr. William S. Dix, librarian. Every good library must have a basic collection of books which include a cross-section of human knowledge and many recognized re- ferences. The basic reference section in Rice works with established reputa- tions are selected by the librar- ian. Besides this nucleus, the Rice Library must choose the other books it considers essential and desirable. Books, magazines, and periodicals related to the in- dividual departments of the school depend on the choice of the special- ists of the departments, who are kept up to date on recent publications by catalogues sent to them so the library receives them. Two sources of books besides outright purchases are gifts and ex-

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Americans Embracing Music Passionately

by Dan Blessie

American life is emberscent with music to such an extent that many people are anxious to learn more about it—how to appreciate it and enjoy it. Appreciation of music will train one's ears for music in general and develop for solo instruments in concert style. Chamber music has become very popular, but aside from the concert hall and recital, there is little opportunity for people in general to become familiar with chamber music. This is a deep cultural loss, for some of the finest thoughts of master composers are in this form. It has a personal charm, due largely to the solo expression of each instrument, and an intimacy from small surroundings which contributes to the fascination it has for its devotees.

The heart of chamber music is the string quartet. A string quartet is a group of four people—two violins, a viola and a 'cello, respectively the soprano, tenor, bass and base of musical writing. Here is the fundamental element of the musical art. Ex- panded, it is the basic choir of the symphony orchestra. The fact is, the string quartet is a symphony in miniature, but with a more personal touch. The form is the same. In the quartet, however, a composer must depend, not on mass of sound, not on brass or percussion, but on sheer musical value. Even so, there is an amazing variety of color in the string quartet. In the hands of artists, the instruments can produce the coloring of many instruments.

The development of the string quartet is attributed largely to Joseph Haydn who lived in the eighteenth century. He is also known as the father of the symphony. In those days, noblemen engaged musicians to compose and to perform for their guests. Today, through the passing of time, we have seen music become more and more a heritage of the people. There are two principal reasons why the treasures of chamber music are not more generally known. One is that it is a highly specialized branch of music which requires the finest training and experience. Frequent rehearsal is essential to produce the teamwork and finesse necessary to good quartet playing. Also the amount of preparation necessary and the necessity that the performance be in intimate surroundings make financial returns quite limited. First-rank string quartets have usually had private backing to enable the artists to live and perform through the passing of time.

A step to make available the rich heritage of chamber music for the Southwest region by sponsoring a string quartet has been made in Houston by the formation of a non-profit organization called the Music Guild. The Music Guild String Quartet are now accepted part of Houston's musical life. The quartet in its present form is the result of good planning. The advantages of such a group of resident quartet is obvious. Meanwhile, if you want to widen your musical horizon, take a try at listening to a string quartet. A good start would be to get any quartet by Haydn on records from your music store. After that try some Mozart and Beethoven. From there on a new world is open to you.

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