Tuesday Lecture To View World's Food Problems

Professor Merrill Kelly Bennett, of Stanford University, will lecture on "Population and Food Supply" Tuesday evening, February 14, at 8:15, in the Administration. Dr. Bennett, who received his master's degree from Harvard and the degree of doctor of philosophy from Stanford, is now Executive Director of the Food Research Institute, Professor of Economic Geography, and Dean of the School of Social Sciences, at Stanford University. He has worked on food problems for many years and has had wide experience. He was Weld Fellow in Economics at Harvard University, 1925-26, and held a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship in 1931-32. He became chief statistician in the Office of Price Control, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in 1942, and Chief of the Food Programs, Foreign Economic Administration.

Dr. Bennett is a fellow of the American Statistical Association, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Economic Association, the American Farm Economic Association, and the American Association of Geography.

Dr. Bennett has published numerous articles on the agricultural situation of the United States; international trade, prices, stocks, production and consumption of wheat and other food staples, and international comparisons of standards of living. He is the author of "Farm Cost Studies in the United States," "Their Development, Applications, and Limitations," 1929; "Rice for Peace," 1941; "Food for Peace," 1941, and "Food for the Moon?", 1944; and also numerous monographs in Wheat Studies of the Food Research Institute.

The "Battalion," student newspaper at Texas A&M College, has taken a stand in favor of proposal by the Student Senate that the Student Body be permitted to purchase a number of tickets to the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day. In an editorial, "The Battalion" said, "The Cotton Bowl is an event that every Aggie should enjoy.

As agreeing to the proposal, Student Council met Thursday evening, April 28, and unanimously approved the request for 500 Cotton Bowl tickets.

The Student Council meeting, attended by the Student Body representatives and faculty members, also heard the report of the Student Senate that it had approved the proposal. The Senate also considered the proposal and recommended it to the Student Council for approval.

The Student Council meeting was held in the Student Senate Room, and was attended by over 50 members of the Student Body and faculty members.

The Student Council meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by President Tyree Bell. Mr. Bell explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to consider the proposal for the purchase of Cotton Bowl tickets.

Mr. Bell said, "The purpose of the proposal is to give each school the opportunity to purchase a number of tickets to the Cotton Bowl game."

A letter to Tyree Bell, President of the Student Council, was read by Mr. Bell. In the letter, Mr. Bell wrote, "I am writing to let you know that I will be in the Student Senate Room tonight at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the proposal for the purchase of Cotton Bowl tickets."

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Bell called for the proposal. He read the letter from Mr. Bell, and then asked for any questions or comments from the Student Body representatives.

Mr. Bell then asked for any further discussion on the proposal. The Student Body representatives expressed their support for the proposal.

The Student Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after the proposal was approved.
Freshmen Obligated
To Think, Vote Carefully
Every freshman has an obligation to vote in his coming class election—an obligation to vote carefully. But meeting this simple obligation is not enough. Each freshman should accept the responsibility which is placed upon him by his membership in the freshman class, the Student Association, and as a student at the Rice Institute. The implication of this obligation and responsibility is the intelligent care and class, the Student Association, and as a student at the Rice Institute. The implication of this obligation and responsibility is the intelligent care of their school, the campus and the Rice community. This implies an intelligent acceptance of the responsibility of every student for the things that happen at Rice. Each student should accept the responsibility for his part in the activities and events of the school year. He should have a sense of personal participation and accomplishment.

Unfortunately, it has been impossible to fulfill this policy so far this year. Agencies have been allowed by the Student Council or by the Administration to conduct charity drives among Rice students. This happened because the desire of the students to have one charity drive each year was so strong that any other plan would be looked upon with disfavor. Nonetheless, this policy must be enunciated if a drive is to be successful. All students must understand and approve this policy. However, student organizations should still support charities of their own choosing, but they should not allow the charity drive to be the only means for raising funds on the campus. The Charity Proposal Reviewed

In the last general election, the students approved a charity policy whereby aid would be extended to one foreign school which has been...
Dr. Lear Says...
Not Necessarily Bad, Though Possibly No Longer Useful
by Finis Cowan

“The poll tax is not such a bad thing. It is possible that it has been more useful than I used to think. I am unable to get excited over the dispute,” said Dr. Floyd S. Lear, professor of History at Rice, when interviewed Tuesday.

Dr. Lear pointed out that the most important thing to remember in the debate is that the federal government has no constitutional power or the right to outlaw the poll tax. Article I, of the Federal constitution clearly states that the House of Representatives shall be elected by the people of the states and that the Congress and each state has the qualifications requisite for voting for their most elected of the state legislature.

Thus, the federal government is not empowered by the state to dictate voting qualifications, it can only determine the qualifications for voting for their state and local legislatures. However, the logic of the conclusion, the idea that the federal government in its capacity as under any conditions for voting would mean that the government in Washington could say to the state of Texas, “Here is the list of voting qualifications for the Houston school board.

Constitutional Amendment

Dr. Lear is of the opinion that the poll tax lists are often corrupt and that demand on the people is occasionally listed as voter; but it is just as easy for corrupt election officials to absorb a system whereby people register as it is for them to abuse a poll tax.

When asked to outline the historical background of the poll tax, Dr. Lear showed that the poll tax itself is probably an outgrowth of the ancient system of qualifications for voting. In the early years of the Republic, each state had its own considerable amount of property before he could vote. Now, however, the poll tax can not be considered a property qualification since it is hardly more than the price of a movie. In addition, the state of Texas has provision whereby one may gain exemption from the poll tax by taking a pauper’s oath.

From Reconstruction

“However,” said Dr. Lear, “the poll tax in its present form has grown out of the conditions following reconstruction. I pointed out that the purpose during that period had been to prevent the newly freed Negro from voting. As such, the poll tax and the poll tax that the Negroes had to pay to go to school, own a considerable amount of property, before he could vote. Now, however, the poll tax can not be considered a property qualification since it is hardly more than the price of a movie. In addition, the state of Texas has provision whereby one may gain exemption from the poll tax by taking a pauper’s oath.

Col. George Peddy Would...
Vote Against The Abolition of The Poll Tax At This Time

By Rush Moody

Col. George B. Peddy, outstanding Houston attorney and prominent candidate for senator in the recent election, was asked for his opinion of the Texas poll tax. Col. Peddy asked: 1. if he was in favor of the retention of the poll tax in Texas, 2. if he thought the tax was beneficial, 3. if abolition should come, should it be by through federal or state action?

Mr. Peddy’s view was this: “I think that the poll tax is a direct prohibition of the right of Americans to vote. Thus, if the fereral government should not be allowed to ancroach on the states’ rights, Mr. Peddy further stated that he did not consider the poll tax wrong or detrimental because it serves as a stimulant to many negligent voters. I do not see its effect to the backwood communities to de-velop a method of registration for these people don’t care particularly much of what the government does. I do not object to pay-ment of my poll tax for my right to vote,” said Mr. Peddy.

State Action Only

When questioned about the best possible method of abolition of the poll tax if abolition is to come, Mr. Peddy pleaded for state action only and warned against federal government intervention as another step toward over-centralization and federalization.

In conclusion Mr. Peddy stated, “I am not the most ardent of believers of the poll tax; however, I see no burning need for its re-cessions. I do feel certain—and I can- not say in strong enough words that I feel that the federal government should not be allowed to accroach up-on the right of the state to place and make voting qualifications.”

Local Attorney Says...

W.A. Combs Defends God Given Right of Americans To Vote

By Dewey Gonsoulin

Mr. W. A. Combs, prominent local attorney and member of the Democratic County Committee, favors complete abolition of the Texas poll tax. Mr. Combs was asked the following questions in an interview Wednesday.

Do you think that the poll tax is a necessity?—No, I do not think it should be re-visited—I think that it should be abolished.

Why, Mr. Combs, do you think that it should be abolished?

“I think it should be abolished by state action—butsince the state governments have refused to do this, it should be repealed by federal action. It is the privilege of the right, and the duties of every American citizen to do something about the poll tax; since the states will not act, the federal government has the right to prohibit the poll tax requirement for voting, at least as far as federal offices are concerned.

Why should it not be done by the states?

“Those who believe that poll tax revision should be left to the states are not interested in the poll tax to be revised—they want to leave it to the backwood communities to de-cide. I know and you know that those people don’t care particularly whether the poll tax is changed. I believe it is not a question of which government should do it—once or federal. If the states fail in their duty by the neglect, the federal government should do it. It is a question of which government does it so often has done, must stop it. Suppose we abolish the Social Security—it would be better to abolish the state. Who would do it, the federal government had to provide for Social Security. Now, the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting has to be done away with in my opinion.”

Col. George Peddy was.
Due to the current interest in the poll tax and in President Truman’s civil rights proposals, three prominent political thinkers of Houston have been interviewed. Dr. Floyd S. Lear, professor of history, believes that the poll tax is not the evil. W. A. Combs, local attorney, thinks that the federal government should abolish the poll tax; and Colonel George Peddy is of the opinion that the poll tax definitely should not be abolished at the present time.

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Council Rating Blanks Produce Interesting, Unusual Results

By Georgia Hink, Raey Boone, and Jeanne Lewis

Taking advantage of their opportunity to criticize their professors, either complimentarily or unfavorably, Rice students filled out the Student Council-sponsored rating blanks, this week, with some interesting and unusual results. Some of these results will be discussed February 24 in a Forum meeting by four Rice professors.

The opinion of some members of the faculty was that the success of the poll is doubtful, because of the types of rating sheet being used. B. B. Hudson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, explained that the three rating polls are of little value unless properly designed. They should be conducted with purely objective questions, which can be answered by "yes" or "no." Mr. Hudson expressed the belief that "rating scales represent a really technical problem. The Rice scale contains many of the faults which have led other organizations such as the army and the State department to abandon the use of such rating polls."

Other suggestions included any requirement of the students to state their professional ambitions whether they are taking the course by choice, compulsion, or for credit.

On the other hand, Abner Uryer said, "It would be unfair to any unfair professor— it is a natural revenge."

If constructive, not destructive criticisms are given, it should accomplish its purpose," Leonard Martin said.

Willy Pitchen pointed out that the instructors who are the least and most interested in their jobs also have the most interest in their class's feeling towards them with or without the aid of the poll. When questioned about the present blanks used for the I.R.P., Tom Smith said, "The form is very complete and seems to cover everything. The results need more on the attention given to it by the students as they answer the questions."

After sifting over the answers given to this week's question, I believe that most of the student body is solidly behind the I.R.P. and are in favor of its continuation. Yes, we all have high hopes that a word to the wise is sufficient, especially so, since this has been our only chance to inform our instructors of their faults without endangering a successful continuation of our courses.

Friday is Deadline For Petitions

Ben Hammond, chairman of the Student Council Election Committee, announced Thursday that Freshman elections will be conducted on Monday, February 28. All petitions for student offices must be submitted by noon Friday, Feb. 18, and no accounts must be turned in by noon of Saturday the 20th.

Shortly after the Council considered the election rules as revised by the Election Committee, the Council decided to let the Honor Council decide as to whether or not the speaking of Honor Council candidates at Forum Political Rallies should be construed as campaign. The election rules were further clarified by a motion of Nancy Hoad, subsequently passed, stating that candidates violating any election rules pertaining to expense accounts would be automatically disqualified by the Election Committee and disposed of all other violators shall be left to the Election Committee. This motion was passed in order to eliminate much of the confusion occurring during last year's campaign.

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Craig's
Ex-Football Player Adorns New Lab; Symbol Draws Power—Utility From Sun

Ex-college football players may enter a variety of professions, but about the most unique one would be that of a sculptor.

William M. McVey is just such a person. A Rice alumnus, class of '27, he played football here in '23 and '24 as an offensive guard and defensive tackle. His latest work, a relief, adorns the facade of the new Abercrombie Laboratory building which was dedicated November 20 as a part of Homecoming. Name Drawing Power

This figure is the symbol of man drawing power from nature (represented by the sun) and transforming it into useful utility. Carved in deep, foot-and-a-half relief the figure is clad in the traditional draped robe. "Using the robe," McVey says, "eliminates two problems."

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The other thing is that a robe gives the figure an ageless quality. Putting modern day clothes on a figure would date it extremely."Uncle Jupe," McVey was insistent that the figure represented no one person. Homecoming's architect, calls it "Uncle Jupe." Chiseled Out Tons

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TURPIN, MCBRIDE STAR IN INTRAMURAL PLAY

By Dewey Gosselin

FAMOUS FIVE FLATTEN FIVE MACS FOR 41-38 WIN

In a very close game Thursday afternoon, March 29, the Famous Five, led by Jack Turpin with 16 points, beat the Five Macs 41-38.

TURPIN MAKES HISTORY

Turpin, who was the high scorer of the Famous Five, not only led his team to victory, but also surpassed the career high of his predecessor, Jack McBride, who scored 22 points. Turpin's 16 points in the game are a testament to his skill and determination.

STEALING THE SHOW

Gerald Weatherly, with 10 points, was also a key player in the Famous Five's victory. His timely baskets and defense helped secure the win.

THE MACS

On the other hand, Durkee paced the Five Macs with 16 points, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Famous Five's determined effort. The Macs' rally was valiant but ultimately not enough to secure the win.

EFFORT TO SQUELCH RALLY

At the end of the third period, the Famous Five led the Macs by a score of 64-59. Despite the Macs' best efforts, the Famous Five's sharpshooting of Weatherly and McBride, along with Turpin's high point total, proved too much for the Macs to handle.

ARROW TIES

SHIRTS and TIES

Rice Primarily Undergraduate, No Change Proposed, Says Ryron

By Bill Collins

During the past few months, the various Houston colleges and universities have carried reports to the effect that Rice intends to become, or already is, a purely a graduate school. Mr. L. B. Ryon announced Wednesday that such reports were mis-quotsations. Although there is a definite move in that direction, the school is still strong in undergraduate studies.

THE FUTURE OF RICE

The strengthening of the undergraduate school is a welcome development. The expansion of Rice's graduate program has been necessary to meet the demand for engineering graduates, and it is doubtless that the proportion of graduate students to undergraduate students will be greatly increased in coming years.

At present, Rice corresponds to over 100 other universities, offering courses in graduate and undergraduate studies. A student in Rice is enrolled in the course in which he is interested and is responsible for his own progress. Rice is not a university, but rather an engineering school where the student is responsible for his own work.

THE ENLARGING OF RICE

The enlarging of Rice's graduate program is a reflection of the importance of engineering in today's world. The expanding of Rice's undergraduate program is a natural consequence of the need for engineers.

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In an interview with Coach Jess Neely Wednesday morning, I was impressed with Mr. Neely's sincere desire to cooperate with Rice in every way. I also got some facts on the new mid-term P. E.'s as admitted.

To be eligible under Southwest Conference rules, a player must be attending a member school one calendar year. The six football players, therefore, gained no advantage because of the three-year limit on Conference competition. The football players will get an extra spring training session, yes, but the main reason for the mid-term admission was to get the boys at Rice. In years past, the Institute has lost athletes (and others) who sincerely wanted to come to Rice, but who could not afford to wait from February to September until Rice's term began.

Rice is a member of the Southwest Conference, and has been for many years. Of the six other Conference schools, all have mid-term admissions—with Rice the last to join the swing (at least in part). In fact, Rice is one of the few colleges in the South that do not have a mid-term admission in football. Mid-term admission for athletes at Rice will enable a high-school player to choose between seven Conference schools, and still attend Rice in competing athletically with the other Conference schools on a completely equal basis.

In a column not too long ago, we pointed out the poor placing of the score-board at the City Auditorium—one of the disadvantages of playing 30 games there. Mr. Neely explained that due to the late date at which the Conference schedule was formulated it was impossible for Rice to play more than two games at the High School Field. House the place the Coaches as well as the fans feel is the best of the limited facilities in Houston. To avoid confusion Rice decided to play all Conference games in the City Auditorium.

The limited facilities of Houston point to the need for a new, large, broad gym. Rice's present gym house on the Rice campus would be the answer to a lot of grievances.

**TRENDS**

The Owlook

MARTIN and MILLER

Coach, Assistants

Workout Yesterday

As of Thursday plans had not been changed to open spring football training February 11. Coach Neely, with assistants Cecil Grigg, Red kale, Charley Moore, and Harold Stockbridge, will send the grididers throughout over four weeks of workouts. There will be an intra-squad game each Saturday after the first Saturday, and the spring training session will conclude with a scrimmage game on Saturday, March 12.

The squad will be largely composed of players who will be seniors next year. Lettermen who will be playing their last season in 1949 will be lesenmen John Anderson, Derwood Lee, Ralph Murphy, Jark Price, S. J. Robertson, Carl Schwatz, Bud Grant, Jack Hodgins, Cesar Bernal, Joe Gerhardt will be out after basketball.

To date coach Brunson has scheduled 12 meets. The opener is the Border Olympics at Laredo. The sole home appearance is in a dual meet with the Texas Aggies on April 8th. The Southwest Conference meet is on May 13 and 14 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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If present plans are carried through, this school will have a fairly large staff and its own buildings and equipment. At present, the expansion is being done gradually and at such a time as the Rice graduate school assumes a position of leadership, it will not have outdistanced the undergraduate school.

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Owls Defeat T.C.U. Mustangs; Remain Much In Conference Picture

The senior class will meet one of its judges and the president of the M.E. student body will be present to make decisions.

Spring Training

Working for the first time as team mates, with the returning varsity non will be some 25 members from Charley Moore's and Harold Stockbridge, 1949 freshman teams Billy Burkhalter, Teddy Rige's, Mike Michin, Lester Johnson, Gene Silvis, Gus Christensen, J. K. King, Robby Brown, and John Dukas will furnish fresh competition for the Southfield and Dr. Bullock,伯尼 McCurry, Buddy Wilson, Billy Valentin, Ed McLaughlin, Jerald Oliver, Brittin Smith, James Timmons, Ted Watson, Hardy Dean, Bill Gallher, Bob Hard, Charlie Day, Charles Staino, and Bob Hard will be working in the line.

Rice's basketballing Owls, bounce back from Monday's one-point loss to S. M. U., swept past T. C. U. and the Mustangs on Wednesday and Thursday nights, to stay very much in the Southwest Conference title picture. The scores were Rice 66, T. C. U. 89, on Wednesday, and Rice 62, S. M. U. 80, on Thursday Night. On another Conference game Wednesday night, S. M. U. defeated Texas A&M, 48-38.

In the T. C. U. game, Rice, never behind, won a hard-fought victory. Joe McDermott, the Sophomore Owl forward, began living up to his freshman meeting aura, and scored 25 points, 15 in the first 20 minutes. Julius Dobson, the 29-year-old center for the Purple, also tallied 23, 11 of them coming after Bill Tom had acquired his fourth foul about midway in the second half. Warren Switzer gave the Owls a 6-0 lead very early in the game, but Dobson accrued four—and losing (for all, he made 7 out of 10) and Bill Morris's two long shots cut it to 10-10. Rice raced to a 9-5 margin before Joe McDermott and Charlie Tighe put the Owls ahead, 10-9. Brown made it 11-10, but Dave Cook and Tighe hit to give the Owls a 14-11 advantage. Rice led for the remainder of the game, although Prewitt closed the gap at 17-16 about midway in the second half. Bill Tom's 31 points in two days and Thursday nights, to stay very much in the conference picture.

NOTICE

Major Brown is going to conduct an amateur program in Houston on March 16, 1949. Auditions will be held from February 11-13. Finals will be conducted in the form of a stage show at the Metropolitan Theatre March 3-4. For complete information see Dean Cameron.