Meet New Tony

Waters 'Very Much In Favor' of Proposed All-School Exhibition

by Orella Catlin

Mr. J. B. Waters, Professor of Electrical Engineering and head of that department, said Monday that he was "very much in favor" of a bi-annual all-school exhibition, the old Engineering Show expanded to include all departments of the school.

He explained that he thought the increased student interest that would be obtained would make participation of all departments worthwhile. He said that the one point that he wanted to emphasize was that "It's an awful lot of work for the students."

He continued, saying, "If the students wait until the last minute, construction should be started before Christmas, if possible sometime in October. Students should be assigned projects and the leaders of the show should be appointed by the end of the year preceding the show." Mr. Waters added:

"There are many problems which will arise and must be met," he said. "For instance often the headboard wall sockets, while sufficient for ordinary purposes, will not be near enough to the added load of the exhibits and wiring and sockets must be replaced in the whole best to fit the position vacated by his uncle. In a recent interview, he reaffirmed this and said that he had nothing to add other than that he is enjoying the job. New Tony said that he is plentifully supplied with equipment and all necessary materials.

With regard to the effect of this winter's severe freeze, New Tony said that although it is still too early to tell, he doesn't think that many of the azaleas and cape jasmines bushes were seriously damaged. However, he warned that they should not expect the blossoms until next Tuesday, March 8. Members should wear coats and overcoats in the cold.

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Should the students of Rice decide that they want an all-school show bi-annually, as a post-war replacement of the more limited Engineering Show, which they could do no better than to further expedite their talents and imagination by assigning to the show the perpetual support of the Forum Committee to plan and arrange speakers for regular programs on many subjects which should be of interest to a great number of students.

Some of these Forum programs have been well-attended, but many of the audiences have been disappointing to both committee members and speakers. Only fifteen persons were in Anderson Hall, last week, to hear four professors discuss the faculty-ruling poll. Other attempts to interest the Negro in a "pathless method" of acquiring "culture" these programs are, and how many advantages they present. A few weeks a week devoted to discussion of campus problems or world problems is little to spend while gaining much.

The Forum Committee meetings are held every Friday at noon in A. H. Any student who may have suggestions for programs, or who merely wishes to sit in on a meeting, is invited to attend. If anyone has suggestions, let the committee hear them. Every member is anxious to bring the students the type of programs they want.

**Forum Programs Lack Support of Students**

Visa Gloria Wilson is now Assistant Editor of the Forum. She plans to bring the students the type of programs they want. This committee functions for students, and with the students' help, could be presented for the enjoyment and education of the visitors.

The idea of a single, charity drive to raise money for the student newspaper appeared to be a far-fetched one. But the students insist that profits on the book be used for the support of Caen. The newspaper is a profit-making enterprise, and the profits are to be used for the support of Caen.

**Letters to the Editor**

Student Says Lack of Interest in Activities Due to Co-ordination

In the Editor's

May 14

In Wednesday's issue of the Threshold you deplored the seeming lack of interest in the Interfraternity, state-wide bridge tournament which was held that night. I saw the importance of this lack of co-ordination in scheduling various social events. Witness the last few Forum programs. On the same nights that these programs were scheduled, Rice also had other activities which were bound to compete for attendance. I don't doubt that this lack of interest at the Frat Forum would have been much greater, but for the good subjects that had been scheduled on different nights. I also believe that there would have been a much greater attendance at the bridge tournament, if it had been on the right of the Texas basketball game.

It seems that Rice has a good idea of putting out a calendar each week. In this way, one can see to it that there are not any events scheduled which would conflict. However, when this same man, who undoubtedly knew that there was an important game Wednes-

day, also scheduled an event which would interest many of the "short bridge players" at Rice for the same night, it was wondered if the book is going on. Maybe there's a good reason for the tournament taking place in the evening, but if so, I sincerely hope the officials in charge will let the students know what it was.

ABRAHAM MAR.
Oxonian Discusses England's State Medical Program

National Health Act
Supported By People

by S. H. Elmer

During the last few months the question of reforming the American medical system has been heatedly debated. It is the purpose of this article to explain the aims and organisation of the national health system in England, a system which may contain ideas to the American people.

Comparisons between countries are always dangerous, for different circumstances demand different treatment. Probably the need for medical reform was greater in Britain than it is in the United States, because it is not unlikely that the services available there were not of as high a standard as they are here. Moreover the British faced a less difficult task in nationalising their system. The country is much smaller than America and administrative problems are proportionately less. And under the unitary system of government which obtains in Britain, no difficult problems of federal-state relations are involved, the national government has worked to close co-operation with local and municipal authorities for over a hundred years, a co-operation made easy by the undisputed ascendancy of the national government. It is not an insurance scheme. Everyone is entitled to use any complete public service—18,165 out of 21,000 have already done so. They are paid a fixed annual amount for each public patient on their books, and part of this is shared by the health authority to which these patients belong.

The National Health Service act makes it the duty of the Minister of Health to promote the establishment in England and Wales of a comprehensive health service designed to secure improvement in the physical and mental health of the people of England and Wales and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness. This service is a charge on the national income. It is not an insurance scheme. Everyone is entitled to use any complete part or all of the service. Most of the cost of running the service is to be paid out of the national exchequer, a cost estimated to amount to £720,000,000 in the first nine months of operation.

The basis of the scheme is the family doctor service, which is administered by 138 local executive councils, of which half the members were at last able to effect a compromise with the government. The plan came into effect on July 5, 1948, and it is yet too early to deliver judgment on its success. I propose therefore merely to outline the organisation which has been set up.

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SUCCESS OF SEASON DEPENDS ON GAME FRIDAY NIGHT AT COLLEGE STATION

by David Miller

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Atchison, the Owls' starting center, is named sixth man of the year, in the standing. Rice is in second place, a half game behind Baylor and having to win only a win to send the Southwest Conference into a three-way tie for first place. Arkansas and Baylor assured themselves of their first place shares with wins Monday, the Ruckerbacks whipping the Aggies, 61-46, and the Bears edging TCU, 49-42. Rice had thrown the conference into a jumbled last Saturday when the Owls turned in another great game to whip Arkansas, 64-48. The Saturday game saw Rice winning much easier than expected. The Owls were seeded only one, early in the game, then grabbed a big lead and took it to 15 points midway in the second half, and coasted in.

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