New Administrative Post Created

Taff Will Speak At Rockwell Lectures

"Democracy in Politics and Economics" will be the subject for the Rockwell lecture series, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Students, faculty members, and alumni are invited to attend the lectures, which will be held in the Lecture Lounge of the Fondren Library, beginning at 8:15 each night.

Because of limited space in the picture room, reserved seat tickets are available to 3000 students and professors. Anyone who is interested may obtain tickets as long as they last, from Miss Wheeler, 214 Anderson Hall (phone 252), where the ticket offices will be located. Students with tickets will have a chance to get on one of the reserved seats, which will be reserved until 8:15.

Charles T. Taft, son of the late Dr. Charles M. Taft and grandson of the late Robert Taft, will deliver this, his first lecture in Rice as a lecturer in Rockwell Lectures. Mr. Taft is a prominent lawyer, public servant and churchman.

He has appeared before several governmental positions including the President's War Relief Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the State Department, as chairman of the federal tax and money committee and as director of community war services for the federal government.

An active worker in lay circles, Mr. Taft is chairman of the lay executive committee of the Work Council of Churches, and president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and a trustee of the Twenty-First Century Fund.

Alumni Association To Sponsor 'Rice Day' Celebration Tomorrow

Rice alumni will return to the Institute tomorrow for their annual giving get-together, "Rice Day." The program for the alumni will begin at 10 a.m. in the student center and end with movies and a dance in the Field House at 10 p.m.

The Financial education department has made the soft ball district games and the golf greens available for the returning alumni use during Rice Day. The games will be held in the stadium at 8:30 p.m. and the remaining contests at 1 p.m. set up carnival booths for amusements. Prizes will also be given to ticket holders to help add to the fun.

For the barrooms, Coach Neely will show a football picture in one of the gyms while a dance will be held in the Field House.

The Alumni Association has extended special invitations to Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Levee, and the members of the Board of Trustees for the special Alumni Alumni Association.

Arrangements for Rice Day have been handled by Willoughby Williams, Cape Dwiggins, B. B. Smith, George Pierce, Herbert Bollfrass, Walter Murphy, and Pat Gin.
Despite Doubting Souls, Dynamometer Runs

by Orville Duane Gathier

Last Wednesday a momentous event took place in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Laboratories. A deadly silence reigned over the laboratories. A tense group stood massed behind the dynamometer, intently, delicately, expensive form. The machine known as a Dynamometer.

The master switch was thrown. Voltage was sent to the panel board where it was checked. Sparks were obtainable and again and again the master switch was thrown. This time sparks were given off in both directions, obviously everything was working satisfactorily.

A few of the more doubting observers, one Roy Woodmanse and one Roy Gomper, were convinced that some pessimistic M.E. seniors began to hate the dynamometer.

After assuring by the crew that everything was now alright, Mr. Cameron threw the main circuit breaker, and after a prayer to the Great Dynamo, the dynamometer was ready to be put to use.

The two readings were played in the correct order and the dynamometer was ready to be put to use.

WEDNESDAY EDITION

Managing Editor — Emmett McGeever

Letters to the Editor — Writer Asks, ‘Where Are Library Fees?’

To the Editor:

We are looking with anticipation to the spring quarter. The library. It appears that the library will not be the only thing to start this month, whether it will be completed before the end of the present academic year I do not know.

The point I would like to bring to your attention, as well as to the attention of the students and Institute officials is that the students were charged an extra library fee this month.

I feel sure that this fee was collected with good intentions and is justifiable for the use of the library, but since there is no use this year the demerits caused for next year's fee for those who will return.

My library fee was paid by the government and all I have to benefit by the proposal is in the course of a taxpayer. Certainly Blue is not in a financial condition that would warrant obtaining funds in this fashion.

Sincerely,

Robert McIlhenny

The Rice Thrasher

Walter Conducts Magnificent Show

by Dan Blasius

Last week there were two magnificent shows. The first was the annual Choral Symphony on Monday, April 11, the Houston Symphony performed their regular show. On Sunday, April 17, the New York Philharmonic, under Bruno Walter, performed it the Carnegie Hall in New York.

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The Reason For Newspapers Existing

by David R. Deason

Newspaper readers have a role in play that is even more important than putting down a nickel on the newsstand. It goes back to the primary purpose of newspapers.

Newspapers exist not simply to inform, although that is one way to put it. What is the purpose of the information? Isn’t it in order that readers may be better citizens — more active citizens? Isn’t it, in order that they may use this part in making better communities and helping to attain peace and otherwise helping mankind along his long and difficult road out of darkness into light?

What citizens do with the information they get from newspapers is the vital thing. It is summarized in the words of National Newspaper Workers’ Union, “Your Right to Liberty Is the Key to All Your Liberties.”

Newspapers and newspaper men have not struggled and associated in the right to discover and tell the news, down through the years, just for the sake of making black marks on white paper.

This struggle of mankind was to make facts not only known, but operative. Free speech is a democratic business. It is a two-way street, and nothing any newspaper printing is of the slightest value until it is read and enters into the thinking of the reader. Once it is in his thinking, the need for action becomes apparent.

And so I say that the first need is to read a newspaper with awareness. With awareness of the citizen’s role to utilize the information he is getting. He uses that information to assess the men and women to whom he has given political power.

He uses it to govern many of his own most important decisions: in business, in his private and professional affairs. He uses it in determining his interests, his recreations, his entertainment.

He uses it to enrich his cultural and spiritual life. He uses it — or his wife does — to make better biscuits for breakfast.

Take this material, which comes to you every day or twice a day, and use it in shaping your career, shaping your life. Take it and make your community something to be proud of. Take it and use it — and you will have a foundation for the power of your aspirations. Take it and use it — and you will have a community to be proud of.


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PORTRAITURE

by David R. Deason
Rice Midshipmen To Cruise; Most Will Visit Galapagos

Captain N. D. Brantly, U. S. Navy, Professor of Naval Science, The Rice Institute, announced today that plans for the annual summer training cruises for midshipmen enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officers’ Training Corps have been completed. Approximately 32 midshipmen from The Rice Institute, including senior regular and senior contract students, junior regular students, and sophomore regular students, will participate in training aboard ships and at designated bases.

One senior contract student will make the East Coast cruise aboard the USS SICILY, an aircraft carrier or one of two destroyers, the USS FOX and the USS STORMES. Students participating in this cruise will embark at Norfolk, Virginia, on 24 June, visit the port of Quebec, maneuver off Cape Hatteras and return to Norfolk on 15 July.

Twelve senior regular students and thirty-three regular sophomores will cruise in the Pacific ocean. They will report to San Francisco on 21 June. Midshipmen training aboard ships will be spent aboard an aircraft carrier cruising in the Caribbean. During their stay at Little Creek they will participate in all phases of amphibious training and will make simulated amphibious attacks on enemy territory. Midshipmen from 51 other NROTC institutions, numbering approximately 324, will participate in training along with the Rice midshipmen.

Canch Zone during the period 18 June to 6 July. On 18 July they will return to Long Beach for a period of liberty and recreation. During the remainder of the cruise from 18 July until 29 July they will participate in maneuvers and training in the northern California area operating out of Long Beach and San Diego. On 29 July they will return to San Francisco and disembark on 30 July.

Thirty-three regular junior students will receive 6 weeks aviation training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and two weeks amphibious training at the Amphibious Training Base, Little Creek, Virginia. The Rice midshipmen of this class will report to Pensacola on 4 June, and upon completion of aviation training will move to Little Creek on 18 July. Upon completion of amphibious training they will be detached on 30 July.

Three senior Marine Corps Officer candidates will report to Marine Corps Schools, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, for training at the annual Marine Corps training camp for midshipmen. This summer camp will be for a period of eight weeks and will commence on 21 June. Midshipmen attending this camp will complete their training on 16 August. During this training midshipmen will receive basic training in close order drill, tactics, map reading, use of all types of arms and equipment, and field training necessary to qualify them for commission in the Marine Corps.

During the cruises the midshipmen will receive practical training and instruction in all phases of work aboard ship that is required for training of officers, including instruction in seamanship, navigation, gunnery, engineering, damage control, communications and administrative work. They will be assigned duties and responsibilities involving operation and maintenance of all types of equipment putting into actual operation knowledge gained through study of Naval Science courses at Rice Institute. During the remainder of the cruise all phases of aviation, including participation in actual air operations, is anticipated that one week will be spent aboard an aircraft carrier cruising in the Caribbean. During their stay at Little Creek they will participate in all phases of amphibious training and will make simulated amphibious attacks on enemy territory. Midshipmen from 51 other NROTC institutions, numbering approximately 324, will participate in training along with the Rice midshipmen.

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BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM
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Something ought to be done about the Philistines in charge of KTRH. In his 460 of the first movement a raucous voice interrupts the second section of the Coda to inform us that we are listening to KTRH, completely ruining the effect of the last 80 bars of this Coda. This in addition to that charming tone which comes every hour on the hour.

THE TRESHER

Corpus Meeting Proves Successful

If nothing else, the triumphant track meet at Corpus Christi last week between Rice and A&M, and Texas showed that the Owls are going to pick up some points which they hadn't been figured to pick up in the conference meet next month.

The Rice sprint relay team, which Brunson decided to run only a couple of weeks ago, firmly established itself as the second best in the conference (and the best in UT injuries persist) by convincingly whipping the Ags and crippled Stens. The time of 42.4 was a new record for this meet. On the team were: Tex Cox, Tony Carr, Angie Erfurth, and Red Brown. Brown turning a close duel into a runaway as he ran Angie anchorman Bill Napier into the ground to win going away.

Other good news came from the sport circle where fast developing Joe McPhail surprised all observers by taking second behind A&M's George Kaders, beating out UT's Petrowich and Vyukhal who had been beating him consistently so far this year. Joe has shown more improvement in his event than any other man on the team and should soon consolidate his position as the No. 1 man in the conference, maybe breaking in ahead of Kaders occasionally.

Red Brown, too, had a good day. Running before the home folks, he added to his sprint relay laurels, a second to Perry Samuels in the 100, and a record breaking first in the 220, lowering Charlie Parker's 21.4 to 21.3. Other Rice points on the track events came in the 440 where Cox took third as Holbrook did a 21.3. Other Rice points on the track events came in the 440 where Otha Byrd took third as Holbrook did a 21.4. Other Rice points on the track events came in the 440 where Otha Byrd placed fourth as J. D. Hampton did a 4:17.3. Both of these times were records.

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the same style a so direct comparison can be attempted. The New York Philharmonic has an edge due to the fact that Dr. Walter is the foremost interpreter of Beethoven today and gave a more consistent performance. Both orchestras exhibited the finest phrasing and projected tone in the movement; but Dr. Walter's tuttis in the heroic, second period Beethoven style came through with more sincerity. This is mostly due to the fact that he provides a more substantial harmonic basis instead of just accentuated violin tone. David Wul- lig is an excellent companion to Sol Goodman of the New York Philharmonic, exceptionally in the second movement, which required a more touch on the tympani.

The New York men know how to choose soloists. The baritone with the Houston Symphony was very discouraged about having to go through with his part. After one has just renounced melancholy, Humor, and, after much debate, Beautify, then to start the "Praise of Joy" with a rather tired and disabdoned tone is a little repayment to the spirit of the music. The fourth movement calls for much virulence to be solitude and the New York quartet had what the Houston one did not. However, this was more than made up in the difference between the so-called professional group, the Westminster Choir, and the so-called amateur group, the The Houston Choir. The choir was a little flat in a spirit and tone that the Westminster Choir did not even approach. The death of the two readings was approximately the same as the difference was a study in the City Auditorium vs. the engineers on the FM circuits.

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Mr. Kurtz, before leaving for his vacation, left this gem behind for our mediation: "A city which can support one symphony concert each week has culture, an orchestra, an orchestra which can play one concert a week is moving in company with the big major orchestras of the nation which also deliver a concert a week."

The criteria of musical culture in a city lies in the general level of musical knowledge and aesthetic appreciation of its constituents and rests in the budget of the Symphony.