First Mardi Gras At Coliseum
Next Month
On February 17, 1960, Houston will have its first annual Mardi Gras Ball, to be held at the Sam Houston Coliseum. There will be a King—and it is hoped that Bob Hope will preside—and Queen, chosen by the7 College and University of Houston’s Lions clubs and the University of South Texas College. The famous young and colorful Mardi Gras Ball in New Orleans will reign as Honorary Queen.

This will be the first Mardi Gras Ball sponsored by the University of St. Thomas, and there will be an attendance of about 6,000 people. The ladies will dress in Mardi Gras costume and wear masks, while the men will wear tuxedos.

There will be dancing to the music of Carmen Cavallero and his band; there will be a parade of floats, sponsored by various civic organizations; there will be a Carnival Midway. Many valuable prizes have been donated. Among them are a $1,000 house on Rice campus, and a $500 house in Houston. The Rice students will be responsible for selling tickets for the Mardi Gras Ball, and the proceeds will be used to finance the student government.

A.F. of L. Pickets New Stadium

The Rice Stadium dispute continues, and there is no sign of any settlement in sight. The two unions involved are the Building Trades Union, which was the subject of the complaint earlier this year, and the Construction Workers Union. The building trades union is affiliated with the AFL, while the Construction Workers Union is affiliated with the CIO. The dispute is over the use of union labor on the new stadium project.

Decline of West is Forum Topic

By Dewey Consolled

Tuesday evening three Forum speakers grappled with a problem which has intelligent, informed, concerned men for many years: "Is Western Civilization Declining?"

Dr. E. W. M. Draper, a member of the Historical Society of America, presented the first lecture of the evening. His thesis was that the west was not only not declining, but was actually advancing in science and technology.

Dr. A. B. Smith, a sociologist, agreed with Dr. Draper, but added that the west was facing new challenges in the future. He predicted that the west would have to adapt to the needs of the western world in order to continue to thrive.

Dr. D. F. D. Brown, a historian, presented the third lecture of the evening. His thesis was that the west was actually in decline, that the west was facing new challenges in the future, and that the west would have to adapt to the needs of the western world in order to continue to thrive.

The debate was rounded out by Dr. D. F. D. Brown, a historian, who presented the fourth and final lecture of the evening. His thesis was that the west was actually in decline, that the west was facing new challenges in the future, and that the west would have to adapt to the needs of the western world in order to continue to thrive.

Union Protests Use of Open Shop

By Emmett McGeever

Papermakers are walking their slow, picket lines for two days as they strike against the construction site of the new stadium.

The strike is over the use of non-union labor on the new stadium project. The building trades union, which is affiliated with the AFL, is opposed to the use of non-union labor, while the construction workers union is affiliated with the CIO and is in favor of the use of non-union labor.

The strike is expected to last for several days, and the two unions are expected to continue to negotiate over the issue.
Construction

It seems quite possible that the monasteries of the middle ages and the castles of the later ages were built for too much on the unsteady limb of public opinion this time. This is the same limb that the United States Workers have been tightrope walking for the past two years, with notable success. But, just the same, all unions have been standing over since the war. Although the AFL has jumped from point to point of objection in this century, it seems that the same old fight for the closed shop—nopardois! the closed shop is illegal—the unions can arouse their power as well as capital and management, as we have seen in recent years.

It has been said that the unions are the third alternative to fascism and communism. But are they an alternative to the latter? Remember that the unions are the proletariat, the workers out of whom the revolution is supposed to arise. What we are fighting are not the unions, but the social system in which the unions exist. Must we wait until the unions are crushed before we can begin the attack on the system?...This was the idea that the end justifies the means and proceeded to point out that the left-wing American newspaper publishers were the ones who started the revolution in the first place.

The old Alchemist's den had as its audience was greatly reduced, and the roommate knock her off as an affair, giving the impression that the show was not worth seeing.

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The Architectural Society of Rice Institute will meet Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Foren Library Lecture Room. Mr. Karl Karmaz, nationally famous architect, will speak informally and answer questions about his career and the architectural field. He will answer questions on topics which have great importance for the students of architecture.

Both of these lectures are open to the public and all who are interested are cordially invited. These topics will be presented by Dr. G. M. Poter, President of the Texas Academy of Sciences and who has traveled widely and spoken on numerous topics, in a discussion entitled "Notes on Mediterranean Architectures."

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SWC Opens Race; SMU Takes Two

Last week, Southwest Conference basketball teams hit the .500 mark against the opposition, for once. Yes, last week the Conference flag chased opened.

Perched on top of the league at this writing are the strong SMU Mustangs, victorious over Texas A&M, 63-49; and Rice, 65-41. The Ponies feature the pivot play of Paul McDowell, a mighty sweet guard, Walt Davis, Bill Tashrobe, and Wallace Moon are the other A&M starters.

In the cellar currently are TCU and Texas. The Longhorns have lost Al Madsen and Sister Martin, but Tom Hamilton is still around. Hamilton hit a total of 80 in the first two battles, and tallied 181 last year. Frank Woodcock, Bill Hoffman, Joe Falk, and Dickie Harris were slated to get the starting nods last night against the Owls.

The Herd Fagans, losers of two, are the hustling Texas Aggies. Left-Termer John DeWitt again has led the Cadet attack with 22 points in their two games, against SMU and the win over TCU, 40-45. Jewell McNew, a mighty sweet guard, Walt Davis, Bill Tashrobe, and Wallace Moon are the other A&M starters.

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Joe McDermott is the leading scorer; KU Falls To Owls Who Fall To SMU

The Owl cagers have jumped into sudden prominence in the SWC picture as a definite contender for the laurels in what appears to be a wide open race as they split even in their first two games.

Opening the schedule with Kansas University, the Blue Team reacted up an 81-64 victory. The Young-Tigers' George McLean fouled out early in the fourth quarter, although he had already hit for 20 points—good for high point man for the game. Joe McDermott opened up and nailed 35-high for the Owls, Warren Switzer shot 14 points, and J. D. White got 15. Warren Switzer looked good as a front line guard where he joined the ever-hustling Charlie Tipton.

The next night Coach Suman nightly wished his charges had some more of their dead-eyes hitting as the Ponies from SMU edged the Owls, 63-51. Big Paul Mitchell, a lad with springs in his legs, gave the Owls plenty of woe. The Lufkin Junior—McDermott again was high for the Institute with 19.

The Owl chances were hurt when Switzer fouled out with some 20 minutes remaining.

A bad tip from center in the last two minutes when the Owls were fighting to steal the ball from the Villa Point Ponies, was the highpoint of a generally sloppy exhibition of officiating. The Mustangs were hurt as well as the Owls, but the KU lads had many questionable decisions called against them late in the game—stopping their usual second-half spurt.

Joe McDermott is the leading point maker for the SWC cagers, as he has totaled 216 points for an 18 average. Warren Switzer is usually among the top five in point scoring. One of the major factors in the Owl showing is the play of Ralph Graywood and Jim Gorden. The closeness of the race is shown by the defeat of SMU by the Texas Christian cagers Tuesday night.

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