At 11:15 a.m. on February 16, the great legs of Gordon Baker began. Two of the college's finest freshmen boys walked into the Oklahoma Student Forum and handed Gordon up bodily and carried him downstairs into a waiting car. From there Gordon was taken by the University of Texas to the service of three outstanding and varied institutions of the country. He was a member of the corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a charter trustee of the Princeton University, and in 1944 he was elected a life trustee of the Rice Institute, a Board of Trustees, and in that same year he was an election to the Institute of Technology. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rice Institute for 4 years of 17, the investment of 20,000 shares of Rice Company stock.

The Junior class Duchess is

Joan Bennett—If elected, I will:
1. Make our class Duchesses known to the student body.
2. Prexy, Or Around
3. Close cooperation with the Student Council and other organizations.
4. Carry out the functions of my office to the best of my ability.
5. Represent you, the student body, in all school functions.

Secretary—
Paula Meredith—I have my platform on the fact that I have served a year on the Student Council and have had previous experience as Secretary.

Treasurer—Jim Gerhardt—My platform is to continue the work of the previous years, to work hard, and be ready to serve the student body. I am an outstanding and varied student body. I am a member of the student body. I am an outstanding and varied student body. I am an outstanding and varied student body. I am an outstanding and varied student body.

APO Sponsors Rice Tour For Boy Scouts

A group of 100 boys, aged 14-17, will be welcomed by Dr. Halstead, and guided around the campus on an all-day building tour. At 12, Dr. Halstead will present the tour and assist in guiding the Boy Scouts around the campus. The Boy Scouts will have a lunch at Autry House and will visit the library, the science building, and the engineering building. They will visit the library, and explore the facilities available to the Rice students. Dr. Halstead will give short talks on the various departments of the University.

The meeting will last from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Secret Ballot

Monday, students will go to the polls and vote in the first secret general elections at the Rice Institute. Hibberts, with numeral ballots and class lists, the term "secret ballot" was a euphemism which meant only that no one looked over the student's shoulder during the voting. That same thing is true of state elections now.

Actually, it is controversial whether or not Texas now has a secret ballot. The last legislation responded to demands for ballot reform by passing a law providing for lists and numbered ballots, but saying that the lists should be consulted only in case of a contest and should be destroyed 30 days after the election.

The initiation of the secret ballot on the campus is an excellent example of the word of campaign politics, which are often condemned as superficial. They are, or they can be, valuable laboratory training in the democratic processes of American government. The same process which procured his secret ballot for the Rice Institute Student Association can be utilized by the same voters, later, to bring the secret ballot to the state of Texas.

Don't go to the polls with the idea of participating in an all-school joke. The elections are a joke only if the students make them so.

This year we have unprecedented opportunities for knowing the intentions of the candidates: the Forum-sponsored rallies, the platforms on pages one and three of today's Thresher. Take advantage of them. The candidates are striving with might and main to let the students know what they think, so that the elections may be raised from the level of popularity contests. Those efforts shouldn't go to waste.

We've already had elections for Campanile favorites and Rondelet runners. Everyone should have had a chance already to express his preference in the conventional and democratic way.

The thing to do now is to see that the representatives elected Monday are just that—representatives.

Write-Ins

On the right hand side of this page is a letter to the editor from John Lynn, concerning write-in voting. The ideas expressed therein are worthy of notice by all members of the Student Association.

This is the first debate Lynn's motion to legalize write-ins, in the form presented and published by the Student Council to ignore any sizable write-in campaign. Although they can always seek shelter behind the plea of constitutionality, they will be subject to criticism, and just criticism at that, on the ground of paying too much attention to the Jetter of the law, and let the spirit go begging.

The letter to the Editor—

To this letter the Honor Council has placed two amend-

ments making it possible for a voter to express his preference for candidates other than those appearing on the ballot. The proposed amendments are similar, in that they do not make the write-in vote an official ballot, as it is in a popular election. The purpose of this letter is to explain the proposed amendments, not to comment on the nature of the vote or the necessity for it.

For there is a real need for a write-in vote. The election is important for the students, and they should have a vote that elects.
48 Platforms Express Candidates' Policies

Most Politicians Assume Firm Stand In Favor of Pure Representative Ideal

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Councilman—At-Large—

Bob Crickshank—Platform:

1. Better Co-operation between the various colleges, to be
2. More fully organized pep rallies.
4. PANICS in Fall and Spring.
5. Development of the student body.

Jr. Vice-President—

Alice Anbault—Qualifications:

1. A will and a way toward aiding the cheerleading team.
2. Willingness to cooperate with students.
3. More fully organized pep rallies.
4. Bigger and better pol. rallies.
5. More extensive use of flash cards.
6. Sponsoring the Senior Banquet.
7. Organizing Committees immediately.

Lawrence Westerfield—The following are specific items which I shall
1. To cooperate with the president, senior vice-president, and all other students of the Junior Class to hold open at all times for complaints, criticisms, or suggestions.
2. To keep the Junior dance and picnics that will be long
3. To do my "best" for the Junior

Senior President—

Glen Hare—Will serve as an effi-
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3. To hold this attitude.
4. To make it one of the biggest Willie Moreno—I am willing and
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Captors Betrayed At Freeport Cabin; Sophomores Pick Up Trail In Dallas

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one know that they were there. The paint job must not have been too good because as soon as they finished, the man ran into town and notified the authorities of their whereabouts. This bit of news coupled with reports that some of the nasty sophomores had broken into Allen Pierce's house in Dallas and found a note denoting the whereabouts of the hunted band, caused them to retrace their tracks and go back to Fort Worth. They got there at 5 AM and left at 5 PM to come back towards Houston after cleverly throwing the Sophomores off the track.

They spent the next day in woods outside of Livingston, an admirable effort to let Gordon get some fresh air before the dance. From there they went to Dayton where they met another carload of faithful freshmen and proceeded to the dance. Gordon made a dazzling entrance into the Crystal ballroom dressed in a very sheer silk crepe brown dress which was beautifully designed to show off his curves to their best advantage. Gordon was well taken care of the entire time although when he was not handcuffed to James Burley, he was handcuffed to the bed. Gordon sadly admitted that the locks on the handcuffs could not be picked. The freshman had him on a widely varied diet of beans (It's a good thing Fearless Freddie wasn't around) and ice cream rolls. When things got hand up, they went back to nature and went crabbing.

The upstanding little band of faithful full freshmen who escorted Gordon on his 1400 mile tour was composed of: James Burley, Wayne Bennett, James Baker, BobHimm (the Little One who is to be commanded for his services above and beyond the call of duty), Neil Marshall, and Al- len Pierce. The fact that they took good care of Mr. Baker is undisputed. Even Gordon when asked how it was, replied, "Oh, we had lots of fun!"

Due to the fact that they did not see a girl for 5 days, the fugitives adopted the name of "The Sexless Seven." 

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Soph Candidates Firmly Against Sin, Communism

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school as a whole. I would like to see a more realistic representation of our class. I would like for every student to know what happens in the Student Council rather than only the Council members.

Lyne Perigay— I have chosen the fol- lowing issues to stand for: 2. Retain valuable student tradi- tions.
4. Strive to work with and present ideas and problems of those I represent.

SOPHOMORE President - - -
John McCall—is a candidate for the listed office. I stand for a bigger, better Freshman Guidance Program and more class activities. If elected I promise to work hard, support and cooperate with the other class officers of the class and hopefully be of my best not to get captured next year. Virginia Lee Smith—
1. Extend Freshman Guidance. Freshmen must wear Slime Caps until Thanksgiving or be penalized for not doing so. Let there be more Slime Caps of smaller sizes so that Freshmen girls will not have to spin them on.
2. Support the policies of the President. The Class must have more voice in Sophomore government.
3. Extend and improve publicity for Sophomore projects.
4. Cooperation of officers and students to make the Sopho- more Class of 50-51 the best in the history of the Institute.

Vice-President - - -
Dorothy Kelso—As a candidate for Sophomore Vice-President, I stand for a bigger, better Sophomore year. If elected I promise to work hard, help all members of the Institute, and have more voice in Sophomore government.

Counselor:
1. Maintain and establish sound agreement between a 2 a p a groups and organizations.
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Brenda Gross—As a candidate for Student Council Representative is that they be familiar with all student affairs. This year's work on the Theher and Cammell has given me an insight into these affairs. However, experience is worthless unless the candidate has interest and prom- ises are worthless unless the can- didate desires to work. The Sopho- more representative should share the burden of the Sophomore and have more voice in Sophomore government.

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"Bring on those Texas Relays!" That was the way—it was the ticket—of the Slime Track Team. As the boys prepared for the big trip to Austin next week. The Slimes were beaten in the dual meet, 73-41, and probably would have been a lot closer had an unfortunate accident not occurred to Bobbie Allen, Slime's finest hurdlcr prospect.

Bobbio was leading the pack in the 120-yard high hurdles when he hit a hurdle and took a nasty fall. He gamely got up and tried to finish, but was shaken up and had bad leg bruises.

After that, he didn't even come close to running in the 220, and even the Aggies clean sweep in those two events. It is quite possible, if not probable, that Allen would have won both races, since the winning times were 16.6 and 22.0, respectively.

Bobbingi retarded the distance races for the "warty" lumps right over the horizon in the form of J. E. Franks and Henry Winston. Franks was parred in the first mile and the 880 in easy fashion. Henry Winston did not appear to be in top shape for the 880, yet, should be a real contender. Fred Johnson also has a good race in the 880, finishing third.

Also looking good was Norman Siasu, who, in the absence of ex-act, Betsy was snatched by the Sophomores and Puddie Hall and immediately proceeded to get her into a "headquarters".

The time was not too fast, but the cotton-topped slaw runner a good smart race, winning without much trouble.

The closest competition of the day was in the events where William Statler of A&M nosed out Bobbie Allen. Statler won in both the 100 and 200 with times of 10 seconds flat and 21-8. In the 100, Statler beat both Dean and Daniels out of the hole by about a half a stride and maintained his advantage all the way to the finish. The two Slimes finishing almost in a dead heat for second. In the 220, Statler and Dean left the pack behind and fought it out all the way with Statler pulling away to win by 5 yards.

The relays were split, Rice, with Robert, Daniels, Allen, and Statler (Continued on Page 6)

"Shipwreck" To Be Frock Dance Theme

The Freshman Dance will be held Saturday, March 28, from 8 PM to 1 AM in the Lounge. Music will be furnished by K.B. Brosi. The theme of the dance is a Ship-wreck. James Baker, Freshman Class president, has announced that there will be a floor show composed of local talent. Admission will be $1.25 stag and $1.50 date.

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THE THRASHER

Southwest Baseball Teams Compile 18-2 Record In Intersectional Play

The Southwest Conference took up where it left off last July by compiling an intersectional record of 18 won and 2 lost in the first five days of play. One loss was inflicted on the 1949 NCAA Champion Texas Longhorns by the Class AA San Antonio Missions, but the teams rebounded for wall-to-wall action against the AAA Milwaukee Brewers twice.

The Aggies swept a two-game series; with the U. of M., splitting with Ohio State, while Baylor swept a two-game series from Minnesota. TCU, SMU and Rice all turned in undefeated slates.

This weekend the Owls of Rice face the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Bears will gunning for revenge.

New Comedy
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play ends with a passage appropri-
ately selected from "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare.

Henry Walters, one of the authors, told how they got into the idea of writing the play. "Mr. Foster wrote the comedy in an effort to show some of the Happy Slaves that they were young, modern, and fully capable of handling the serious side of things. The comedy presentation was a production by the Sophomore Union and men and women, they have attempted to point out the futility of ideas at opposite extremes from the ideal. Essentially, however, the play is a character study of a "world class" impressively serious hero, Michael. The play is being directed by Dray- mond Lackert, Lackert has been active with the Dramatic Club for the past five years, and is working on the Texas State last summer.

The Chaffe Rice Literary Society is presenting its spring drama, a talk by Dr. Lester Manfield on Thursday, in the Panum Library Lecture Lounge. All are invited to hear "Gay Paree,—it still goes!"

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The varsity track team took as many firstplaces as A&M did in the dual track meet at College Station last week, but couldn't match the Aggies in second places, and consequently took a 73-65 defeat. The two schools pulled down eight firsts, but A&M garnered eleven seconds while Rice could manage only three, and therein lies the difference.

Rice fans in many cases had to sit and shuffle their feet in the stands where Red Brown came through as expected to win the 100 in 9.8 seconds, and the 220 in 21.4 seconds; Tom Cox's 0.6 triumph in the 440, where he led because the Aggies were behind, Bernard Place out of the loop. Brown crossed the finish line in 3:22.2 after the start. They held their ace in the sprint events. The sprint relay team looked particularly good as Cox, Brown, Ralph Grace, and Teddy Riggs ground out the distance in 42.7 seconds, winning by a good five or six yards.

The mile relay, coming quite close to beating A&M's Paul Leming, who is favored to win the conference championship, by a good five or six yards. The A&M mile relay, but he still couldn't beat the 440 to keep him fresh for the conference meet. Rice also looked very good in field events. Supposed to be beaten badly in these events, they were only beaten by 27-21, not too bad.

Tom Rote came through as expected for an easy win in the mile to with a leisure of 3:13.3, a pace which is quite interesting. Another bright spot were Bob Donaldson and Gerhardt both got world records of over 70 feet.

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