Malady Hits Dorms; Invasion This Year On Total War Basis
The customary disease of the dormitories, the so-called "Malady," so far unheard of this year, has broken out at last. The symptoms of this disease, mysterious that it is, unidentified, are diarrhea and extreme nausea.

Starting in the faculty tower in East Hall, the malady spread rapidly until it had infected all of the halls, and approximately 80 per cent of dorms students are infected in dorms where symptoms are greater or lesser degree. Five cases are severe enough to be transferred to the infirmary, and an estimated 250 other cases are bedridden in the halls.

According to the infirmary staff, the only treatment which alleviates the disease's symptoms is complete and a liquid diet.

All indications as to the possible source of the epidemic point to the warm, humid conditions from the "Rice Danube," which was recently installed in the residence halls. Authorities have promised immediate investigation, and students are urged not to go to the infirmary or leave the campus until the investigation is complete.

The campus To Be Issued After Easter Holidays
Starting immediately after the Easter vacation the 1950 edition of the Rice yearbook, the Campanile, will appear. As of the present time, plans are being made out between the hours of ten and two each day to complete necessary for obtaining one of these yearbooks. Due to the fines enjoyment of Eric Wilson, the editor, and Barbara Rice, the business manager, the Campanile is coming out two months ahead of time this year.

Continued in the 1950 edition of the Campanile are various full-page pictures of the Cotton Bowl Champions with highlights of the EMU, Texas, and Southern games with North Carolina. There are also miscellaneous pictures by Football Coach Jeny Norley, the campus activities, and the sports pages. In the Sports section is page of pictures of the Rice Basketball Team, which wound up the roll this year after winning the Championship last year and losing many star performers.

However, the book is not all devoted to Sports. There are pages of class pictures as well as sections devoted to Society, Favorites, Organizations, and Administration. In the Favor Section this year, a new feature-pictures of the ten outleading seniors at Rice Institute, which was voted upon by a committee composed of senior class and campus representatives. This year's seniors are: Finis Cowan, Dewey Davis, Davis, Gene Woolard, Allen King, Robert McFarland, and Erich Wolz.

Science and Arts Review
Visitors Participate In Show Exhibits
Several new exhibits have been recently added to the Rice Review of Science and Arts which should add immeasurably to the enlightenment and entertainment offered to visitors next April 14 and 15.

The electrical engineering department has erected an electric chair which all visitors will be able to test at their leisure. This is a special electric chair, which works like high frequency radiation and inductor, also like the hot dog cooker, it is an exhibit which will be demonstrated during the first half of the day.

The chemistry department is holding conferences on the economic effects of the �burnout� of the chemical industry. Representatives of the economic department will also participate in these conferences to ascertain any possible effects of the burning of the currency.

The physics department is also holding conferences on the economics of the burning of the currency. This department also participates in the burning of the currency but with the physics department's exhibit, the physics chair will be in the physics department's exhibit bill. This will be located in the lounge. Each visitor will be able to test the apparatus, which is in the physics department's exhibit.

Rice's Ugliest Man To Be Named
Prize Horror Will Receive Load of Valuables
In addition to campus reputation and notoriety
The first five finalists in the APO "ugliest man" contest will be presented at the Elk's Hall during the SLS's "Fools' Fantasy" Saturday night. The contest for the ugliest man at Rice is being sponsored by the APO in order to raise money for making improvements in the campus, such as: benches, lights on the tennis courts, etc.

It is customary with APO on campuses across the nation. The five finalists are to be presented at the Elk's Hall on April 1, by the SLS. The contest for the ugliest man will be held in the Elk's Hall at 9:30 P.M. There will be presented at the Elk's Hall during the SLS's "Fools' Fantasy" Saturday night. The contest for the ugliest man at Rice is being sponsored by the APO in order to raise money for making improvements in the campus, such as: benches, lights on the tennis courts, etc.

Easter Service To Be Held Monday
In Palmer Memorial
The Student Religious Council's annual Easter program will be held Wednesday night in Palmer Memorial Church (next to H-House). By Sunday Hunt, is chairman of the open- ing. The program will be presented at the Elk's Hall during the SLS "Fools' Fantasy" Saturday, April 1, by the SLS. The contest for the ugliest man will be held in the Elk's Hall at 10:00 P.M. There will be presented at the Elk's Hall during the SLS's "Fools' Fantasy" Saturday night. The contest for the ugliest man at Rice is being sponsored by the APO in order to raise money for making improvements in the campus, such as: benches, lights on the tennis courts, etc.

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The Student Activities Committee announced late Wednesday evening that due to the conflict that arises each year between senior's commencement activities and the final examinations, this year's senior class will be exempt from final examinations. This decision was reached at a joint meeting of the Student Activities Committee and the Board of Directors of the Institute which was held in Dean Cameron's office Tuesday.

Since the seniors will not be taking final exams during the exam period (which begins on May 16), the joint committees are planning to hold their commencement ceremonies and senior class will be held until May 16.

Each of the seniors will be taking only one or two classes to the seniors functioning and this plan will conflict with under- science, although there is some validity in this argument the seniors feel that taking too many points into consideration, they prefer being exempt from exams.

Seniors taking junior and sophomore courses are requested to consult their instructors concerning exams in these courses. The exam schedule for these cases will be left to the discretion of the individual instructor.

Any senior feeling that he is being unfairly treated, either those feeling their grades would be pulled up by the seniors are advised to consult their instructors concerning a possible individual examination.

It is considered that the "no exam" rule applies only to students wearing more than one major is required to take exams in these courses below three.
Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Emmett McGiever
Assistant Business Manager

The Rice Institute Student Association this year faced with the serious problem of choosing an editor for the yearbook. There are students who have not been tendered a position as an editor. In previous years, you will remember, an assistant editor was elected to serve immediately under the editor and learn whatever he or she could before being elected to do the job in his or her absence the next year when he or she assumed the editor's position.

Student elections are not free from political influence. The Student Association is, of course, in the hands of those who have been successful in the past. Those who have served in other capacities may or may not be elected to serve in the Student Association. It is obvious that there is no level playing field for candidates who have not been tendered a position as an editor.

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UT Fights Over Negroes, Loyalty

All Student Referendum Squelched
By Student Court After Bitter Ror

Last year, the University of Texas held an all-student referendum to determine student opinion on various topics. The referendum was initiated by the student government, and financed with student funds. This year there will be no referendum, ostensibly because it is impossible due to a discrepancy in the terms "statutory initiative," and "statutory referendum." This was the reason given officially by the student court which killed the idea.

The reasons outlined by "The Daily Texan" are quite different. There were two main issues in the referendum - objection of negro entrance to the University, and approval of the "loyalty oath" (which is now mandatory for both students and employees of the University).

Reason For Veto

Tom Affleck, a student at the University, filed a petition with the student court for a restrictive injunction against the referendum. The following is his statement of his reasons according to the "Texas Daily Texan":

"I investigated the possibility of forming a referendum and found that I had a strong case. I did not file suit because I felt it would be better for the University to be a voice, and not make it part of the law."

"I would like to emphasize that there are no sponsors other than myself behind this referendum, although others want and would like to have it too," he declared.

"Another charge made is that we, the students, are playing into the hands of various subverive groups. In California, there was an organization which was playing into the hands of their own groups, and equally, this is not the case here."

"These tactics are calculated either to protect these two spring terms to be used for political purposes, or to participate consideration of the referendum until its opponents may have time to prepare propaganda to distort true student opinion on these issues to make seem narrower than they actually are, public chairman stated.

California Loyalties

By Charles Row

Texas University is not the only school with a loyalty dispute these days. The Board of Regents of the University issued a policy that all faculty members and employees on the eight campuses of the University, or they will not be rehired at the next school year.

With an estimated 95 per cent of the department heads opposed to the oath, only twelve of eighteen regents voting for it, the faculty reaction was violent.

One man who has been with the UC faculty thirty-seven years and who has signed the oath, said, "I am absolutely sure that no conceivable damage to the university at the hands of hypocritical Communists among us possibly could have equalled the damage resulting from the illness and ill will and suspension, or expulsion, of the series of events occurring during the past eight months." He also added, "If the oath is not thrown out, it will be the litterest disappointment of my life.

Dr. Edward C. Tolman, psychology professor, declared, "I will stand by the oath as it stands. I will be fired or resign because inaction is liable to ruin the university."

Dr. Tolman formed himself into a committee to fight the regents and to raise money to carry on the battle. The State Supreme Court and the federal courts of appeals have declined to hear the case.

Dr. Tolman has since changed his mind.

"I am now of the opinion that the student body did not need any committees to do its thinking.

"I sincerely believe in the students' ability to do their thinking. They care about the oath because "the regents must do it," he said, to see why many professors feel that they cannot sign the oath. It is a case of doing constructive proceeding with prejudices against all party members."

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office according to the best of my ability; that I am not a member of the Communist Party or under my oath, or a party to any agreement or under any commitment that is in conflict with my obligations under the oath."
Photograph by Miller

The first Rice student featured in the Thresher Chesterfield Contest “Can You Identify” contest.
This lovely lady’s first name begins with a “K,” and she bails from Houston. For further information of her identity, look at the picture. Then turn in your choice in to the Thresher box or office, today (Friday) you will win a carton of Chesterfield. There will be 3 winners this week. If you don’t know the Mystery lady, try again next week.

Baker First Edition

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more benefit to more people by donating it to the Fondren Library. The collection is really the former manner of “Poor Richard’s Almanac” which didn’t come out until the late 18th century whereas this collection dates back to medieval England or the 15th century. It contains all kinds of information which the modern student would be interested in knowing and surprisingly enough, not a few questions used on quiz shows have been taken from copies of this Baker collection. It contains information dealing with economic, social, and political aspects of an earlier England which will be of interest to religious controversies that arose in this period.

The Magna Charta is discussed at length, as well as the royalty concerning America at this time. Since these facts would be of vital interest to almost every government and British history, I would recommend it to those professors who teach such courses. If the student who has an off hour would browse around at this part of the library, he would undoubtedly be amazed at the wealth of information contained in this collection available to one and all.

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Society

The engagement and approaching marriages of Beverly Hawkins and Carrol Camden were announced last Sunday. The couple has set June 12 for the wedding.

Also announced Sunday was the approaching marriage of Mary Je Roberts and Buster Matheson, who have set June 9 as their big day. This couple was chosen to be the guests of a new program, Engagement Party, held Sunday evening. Last Sunday, Mary Jo and Buster were presented with many gifts for their future home.

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will be solved to the satisfaction of the majority of the student body, as soon as possible, we hope. A definite precedent should be established so that no similar confusion will arise in future elections.

—Ray Bosse

illegal, several engineers failed to win the prize. The party, however, was a happy one, with much congratulating to and from each guest. Refreshments were enjoyably

Civil Engineers

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civil engineer. This is expected to be one of the most spectacular exhibits in the show, with the area being developed in the area of the parking lot to be transformed into a combined marsh and mountain range.

The business administration department will give hourly lectures on income tax problems. Among subjects covered will be—how to keep a special set of books for Uncle Sam, how to benevolently calculate dependents, and how to be happy through interest. The philosophy department will contribute to this last series of lectures.

Today MSF will hear a talk by Father Robert Miller, head of the departments of psychology and philosophy of St. Thomas. Father Miller graduated from the University of Toronto, received his Ph. D. from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, and did graduate work in psychology at the University of Chicago. All Catholics are cordially invited to visit MSF today. That’s at 12:15 in the Exum Room.

Campanile Is Early

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presented the yearbook. The event is being planned by the social chairman of the new Pledge, who are Bernie Hansen, Laura Lee Lee, Patsi Eisel, and Mary Schuler.

The first meeting of the newest exclusive organization of Rice students was held last Saturday night, at the home of the C. O. Pledge, who were in empty beer cans were thrown out. The party ended on a rather low note when the Frank Long house had a flat tire at one A.M. Members insist that they are not discouraged, in spite of the fact that not a single one of the group had more than ten cents in pockets or purse. Another “meeting” of this exclusive club is scheduled in the near future.

The Thresher Society plans to have a tea next Tuesday, April 4, in honor of the old class. The tea is to be held at the home of Mrs. R.E. Rice, 2600 Caroline. At this time, the sponsors of the literary societies will be presented.

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Run-off Elections

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Mrs. W. O. Milligan and Mrs. G. H. Daniels will run on the sprint relay. The Slimes should sparkle in other events, too: the 100, where Dean stands and Oliver LeBlanc.

In freshmen competition, the event which the Slimes should shine in is the freshmen sprint medley relay, which will have Horton Nesrsta, Bobby Allen, Dean and Picton, Martha Hodge, Shirley Armstrong, and Carolyn Cay; Honor Council Representatives, Bruce Walters and Oliver LeBlanc.

In several field events and relays, Ted Hota looks ready to throw the javelin 200 feet, and he probably will have to if he is going to win.

Vern McInerney will be out to gain revenge on Bob Walters of Texas who beat him in the high jump at the West Texas Relays last week; and Rice's three relay teams, the mile relay, the sprint relay, and the sprint medley relay will be definite threats.

The mile relaymen, Jim Hoff, Jack Hudgins, Tom Cox, and Red Brown, will be favored to win their specialty in this meet just as they will be favored to win all of their meets this year. Last week, they won at Odessa last week when Lowell Hawkins, the steer anchorman, turned a blistering 1:53.8 last leg to overtake Byrd and win.

The Slimes should shine in the javelin 200 feet, and he probably is capable of doing very well, and so, a record for them in this event: is not beyond the realm of possibility.

The make-up of the other freshman relay teams, the sprint and the mile relay, is not known, but if it is the same as those who ran against A&M, Nesrsta, Bobby Allen, Dean and Daniels will run on the sprint relay and Bob Wilt, Khleber Atwell, Norman Sauer, and Daniels will run on the mile relay.

The Slimes should sparkle in other events, too: the 100, where Dean has a good chance to win; the hurdles, where Allen is a top contender; and the mile, where Franko and Henry Winston appear to be in fine shape.

Intramurals

It doesn't often happen that Owlocers concern themselves with the intramural situation, neither being a participant, but one thing has come up that deserves attention in a big hurry.

After a talk with John Plumley, Assistant Director of Intramurals, several items of direct interest to quite a large percentage of the student body came to light.

More Space Needed

But the real story lies in the crowded conditions that the intramurals are carried on under. During the winter months when weather is bad and students are most interested in indoor sports, they have the PT 100 classes, varsity and freshman basketball, and sometimes even indoor workouts for spring training footballers to compete with or space. This means that during the afternoon the little gym is open at 4:30 for intramurals, and this, of course, cuts out any recreational basketball.

Coming in the winter it took 2½ months to crown one basketball champion. By using more gym hours better hours could be worked, more games played in the various leagues, and even possibly more than one "tournament" held.

This is a sad state of affairs which won't be corrected to any great extent when the new field house is erected. By leaving the old gym standing for intramural and recreational purposes even more interest should be taken in student participation.

According to plans, sometime in the near future some 500 more students will be granted the privilege to enter Rice. If 80% of the intake part in intramurals the facilities at the new field house, no matter how modern and good lookin' will be overtaxed to pitiful extent.

Of course management of 2 gyms would be a big problem, but when something that concerns 83% of the student body is roughly 1000 of the students are taking part in the RI intramural program. Any phys. ed. instructor will be quick to tell you that this is a terrific percentage.

Rice Chemists

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work of the Student Affiliate Chapter of the ACS.

At least 2000 people registered at the exhibit. They came from all over the US and many from foreign countries Canada, Japan, and Holland have representatives at the meeting. Dr. Nooto Kamayama, President of the Scientific Council of Japan, and Professor at the University of Tokyo is a guest at the home of Dr. Houston. Dr. Kamayama and Dr. Houston met when the Rice President visited the Far East at General MacArthur's invitation. Dr. Houston was believed to be a member of a rice processing company until he was unmasked a few days before his visit on campus.

There was a tour of the Penderel Library and a reception and tea at the Citizens House Monday. March 27 as a part of the Ladies' Program of the ACS meeting. Mrs. A. D. Garrison, Mrs. W. C. Miller, and Mrs. G. Riehler served on the Committee for the Ladies' Program.

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The Baylor Bears, representing the southwest section in the NCAA playoffs this past week-end, came mighty close to pulling the upset of the year. The Green and Gold quiet disposed of Brigham Young Friday afternoon 68-58, and came within two points of walking away with all the marbles, losing to highly rated Friday, 68-44, Saturday night. A last gasp rally won for the Bears against the Cougars from Utah, but another such rally fell short in the Brave battle.

Baylor achieved the impossible, almost, against Brigham Young. The Bears were behind four points with thirty seconds to go. Huntington made it 64-58, Gerald Cogg, a reserve who hit his 11 points in 9 Conference games but who tallied 19 in the two tourney games, tied it up, and then put in a free toss to make it 65-64. After the Cougars had tied it up, Huntington put in the winning free toss.

Against the Braves, the Bears didn't quite make it. They had led by 65-64, but their counter punch, after Bradley took a commanding lead, just didn't pay off with another knockout.

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