New Machine Not 1st Atom Smasher At Rice Says Bonner

The 7 million volt Van de Graaff accelerator which is installed in the Nuclear Research Laboratory will undoubtedly prove to be a very important instrument in furthering nuclear research. This accelerator and the building which houses it, provides one of the two or three best facilities of this type in the world.

The Nuclear Laboratory is one of the few buildings which have been specifically designed for such an accelerator.

Some of you may be unaware that this is not the first atomic pile. The research in this field was begun in 1938 under the guidance of Professor H. A. Wilson. The first accelerator was a 200,000 volt machine built in 1938, and the present, a 7,000,000 volt Van de Graaff accelerator which was completed in 1952.

This new equipment and building, if properly staffed and used, should materially aid in unveiling many of the fundamentals of nuclear physics. Scientists in this research should also be of significant use in the applications of nuclear physics to the rapidly expanding field of medicine.

W. T. Bonner

Houston Firms Build Laboratory To House Machine

The Nuclear Research Laboratory was designed especially for the Accelerator, and the architects, Abel B. Pierce and George Pierce, worked with the members of the Physics Department to produce a building meeting the strict requirements necessary in such a laboratory.

W. P. Moore was the structural engineer; H. E. Boyer, Jr., the mechanical engineer. The general contractors were the Texas Gulf Construction Company, Inc. Way Engineering were the air conditioning contractors.

The machine was built by the High Voltage Engineering Corporation, in Massachusetts. It was tested in Boston, and a charge equivalent to 6,000,000 volts was reached. Physicists here believe that seven million volts will be achieved. The machine is now at Houston, to be reconsecrated in the new building. The equipment cost a total of one-half million dollars.

Twenty-five Rice students will be on hand during the exhibit, to enable visitors to see the various parts of the equipment. Before actual experimentation takes place, walls of concrete and concrete block will be erected around the machine to protect these operating and observers in the building, from beta, gamma rays, and neutrons.

The research will be conducted under the direction of Drs. T. W. Bonner, J. R. Risher, and G. C. Reynolds.

The New Rice Nuclear Physics Research Laboratory

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As the charged particles are shot toward the target, the material being experimented with, they pass through a magnetic field. This field permits only those particles traveling at the proper speed to reach the target, causing nuclear disintegration to take place. To cause any change, a particle must strike the 20-foot steel tank, and be under a high pressure of a mixture of nitrogen and carbon dioxide, to disintegrate the walls of the target and the machine. Within this tank is a chrome-plated sphere measuring between two and three feet in diameter, placed atop a 9-foot column of insulating material. This column is made of short glass cylinders separated by metal plates. Inside the column are a bell for carrying the electric charge to the sphere, and two vacuum tubes.

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Schedule of Events

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U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Show Will Open Sunday

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The exhibit is the traveling portion of the American Museum of Atomic Energy at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

It will contain 30 boys' exhibits which will trace the development of nuclear science and point out the possibilities of atomic energy in the future.

For Rice students will act as guides during the evening hours of the first week.

The show and the Nuclear Research Laboratory will observe the same opening hours—from 1 to 9 PM Sunday and from 2 to 9 PM Monday through Friday.

The exhibit will include a miniature atomic pile on nuclear action, (Continued on Page 8)
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By ROY V. TALMADGE

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Outstanding Ten of '53 Senior

Six girls and four boys made up the list of 1953's outstanding seniors which were announced Monday by the joint faculty-student committee that chose these seniors from a list of 21 eligible seniors. Outstanding seniors were Patti Ambrose, Alllyce Tinsley Cole, Carolyn Coy, Dorothy Kelly, Oliver Harris Jr., Julia Nance, Ronald Poston, Reba Wallace, Bruce Wallace, and Beverly Ward.

The following is a resume of their activities during their four years at Rice:

**Ambrose, Cole**
- R.A. in History
- Senior Class Vice-President '52-'53: OWLS 49-53, Parliamentary 51-52, President '52-'53: Women's Council '52-'53; Niece Club '50-'53, Vice-President '51-'53; Religious Council '52-'53; Charities Committee '51-'52; Dean's List '51, '53, '55; Archi-Arts Honoree '52; Beauty '52; Bonded Maid '51, '52; Favorite '51, '52; Junior Prom Princess '52; Navy Princess '82; Representative to TCU Ranch Week '52; Cotton Bowl Princess '53.

**Cole, Alllyce Tinsley**
- R.A. in History
- OWLS '49-'53, Thresher '49-'53, Make-up Editor '49-'50, Managing Editor '50-'51, Associate Editor '52-'53, Editor '52-'53; Forum '52-'53; Drum Major '51-'53; Student Council '50-'51: The Rice Players, Co-ordinator '52-'53.

**LeBlanc, McCane**
- R.A. in Chemistry
- Senior Class President '52-'53; Honor Council '52-'53, Chairman '52-'53; Student Council '51-'52; Rally Club '51-'52, Freshman Orientation Committee Chairman '51; Dance Committee '52-'53.

**McCane, John Dowell**
- R.A. in Pre-Law
- Senior Class President '52-'53; Student Association Treasurer '51-'52: Junior A.A. '51-'53; Rally Club '51-'52, Chairman '51-'52; Students Council President '52-'53; Student Council '52-'53, Student Council Editor '51-'52, Vice-President '52-'53: OWLS '49-'53, Student Council '50-'51, Winchester '49-'50, Junior Class Council '51-'52, Qualification Test Committee '52-'53, Representative to TCU Ranch Week '52; Rice Honoree '51, '52; Arts Honoree '52; Bonded Maid '50, Duchess '51, Favorite '51-'53; Beauty '52.

**Coy, Dorothy Marie**
- R.A. in History
- Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, Executive Secretary '51-'53; Student Council President '52-'53; Sophomore Class Vice-President '52-'53; OWLS '49-'53; Student Council '50-'51, Winchester '49-'50, Junior Class Council '51-'52, Qualification Test Committee '52-'53, Representative to TCU Ranch Week '52; Rice Honoree '51, '52; Arts Honoree '52; Bonded Maid '50, Duchess '51, Favorite '51-'53; Beauty '52.

**Poston, Reba**
- R.A. in Pre-Law
- Student Association President '52-'53; Student Association Treasurer '51-'52: Junior A.A. '51-'53; Rally Club '51-'52, Chairman '52-'53; Student Council '51-'52; Senate of Directors '52-'53.

**Wallace, Beverly Grace**
- R.A. in English
- Student Association Vice-President '52-'53; Student Council '52-'53; OWLS '49-'53, Social Chairmen '50-'51; Junior A.A. '51-'53; Rally Club '51-'52, Chairman '51-'52; Students Council Editor '51-'52, Favorite '51, '52; Beauty '51; Archi-Arts Honoree '52; Bonded Maid '50, Duchess '51, Favorite '51-'53; Beauty '52; Homecoming Princess '51, '52; Rice Honoree '51, '52; Arts Honoree '52; Bonded Maid '50, Duchess '51, Favorite '51-'53; Beauty '52.

**Coy, Carolyn Susan**
- R.A. in Mathematics
- Student Association Secretary '51-'53, Student Council '52-'53, Winner Stag '50-'51, Junior Class Council '51-'52, Quartermaster '50-'51; Beauty '50; Favorite '51, '52, '53; Junior Prom Princess '52; Navy Ball Princess '52; Rondelet Maid '50, '51, '52; Rice Honoree '51, '52; Arts Honoree '52; Bonded Maid '50, Duchess '51, Favorite '51-'53; Beauty '52.

**McClane, Julia Nance**
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**Picton, Bass Campbell**
- R.A. in Pre-Law
- Texas Intercollegiate Student Association Executive Vice-President '52-'53, Student Council Treasurer '51-'52: Rally Club '51-'52, Vice-President '51-'52; Associated Students of Rice Board of Directors '51-'52.
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**Tell Mother I'll Be There**

(From a Romantic Ballad)

When one eye looks at you at the other looks at her. That is, they never look in the same direction at the same time. When you talk to her you watch them and wonder if she sees out of both and if she's watching behind either. This watching makes conversation difficult and you have to make up every new and interesting story to keep her attention. You have to make her feel that you remember everything she says anyway because she dips Tube Rose and has to keep her mouth almost fixed to keep it from running down her chin. You imagine her bad teeth because you never see them. Her hair looks as if it might be detachable and you know by her skin and belly that she doesn't eat often enough.

What she does do is drink beer. How much she drinks you can only estimate because she goes from place to place. She has in each one as many as she can buy and then she cools off. After her money is gone and everybody has quit her and the rest of her was going to the next one. But one thing you always know is that she'll be back.

She dips and drinks and does other things she chews. I don't mean tobacco but Dubble Bubble. She always has a penknife and a piece of block of black gum and you wonder if she gets rid of the smell first.

This is what Trufaut said:

And this damned woman come in my place—I'd seen her a few times before. I'd never had any trouble with her but I never gave her much. I was sitting at the bar in the gate. I saw her lean the beer at Joe and started drinking right. I knew I wasn't going to keep it long before she'd start talking. She can talk the way Trufaut did (I'd already decided it wouldn't be me).

Well when this queer look darts come in around nine that's all Johnny was waiting for—somebody to take it out on don't you see—and started right in. In the old gal got her beer and she coiled off quietly and the rest of us was getting a big kick out of it even if first thing any of us knew she was throwing eggs I had settled at the end of the chair, left, and right and middle. I was sitting on a young son of a bitch (she didn't make no distinction) Johnny yelled but the older just kept laughing and threw one at the kids of the boys piled her arms. Get her out of here! She was holding her beer. I could hear her laugh about it after the boys come back and said she'd stumbled off down the street.

We all laughed about it after we gave the thing cleaned up. Johnny shouted and heaved around until the rest of us—when she had the money to pay for—somebody to take it out on don't you see. She was laughing about it after the kids piled her arms. Get her out of here! She was holding her beer. I could hear her laugh about it after we gave her the chance to jump around and then.

But we was got away it about the tenth time when somebody coined up a good name for Irish, The Egg Woman, as we been callin her that ever since.

This is what Joe said:

She lives in the same house with me. I wasn't sure if it until yesterday when I started to live in. I was going to my friends and she was coming down. I was looking at her I saw she was Irish you good friend and you good. She saw me the Irish you good friend you good. She saw me her the Irish you good friend and you good.

We all got sixes and she got one to drink. I didn't feel as if I was going to get the money she said some woman give it to her but the woman was her. I went to get her beer and she was there and she was there and she was there. So she saw what Irish you good friend you good. She saw me her the Irish you good friend and you good.

She gave her the chance to jump around and then.

Hurry to get away From what is mine.

How deeply I love my sorrow

Weary of looking at my ankles.

And your hands elapsed about my ankles.

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The Passion of St. Blakemore

A MIRACLE PLAY

Place: The Glass Menagerie

The Passion of Second Virtue: DISTRUST OF ALL LITERARIE

First Virtue: Not only canst, but ist! So

Everyman: Thy wordes finde fertile soil in

Saint Blakemore: Patron Saint of En-

Fourth Virtue: Also, by thee troth! Canst be?

Three Latter and Perilous Times,

Distrust of all Virtue)

Go, Virtues! Go torment my vanquished

Fourth Virtue: Has thon said it; wise thy

Virtue)

Second Virtue: Thou hast said it; wise thy

More people smoke Camels than any other cigarette!
Remember Vote For Rondelet Queen, Princesses Today

From The Top of The Lamp Post
By AMTC

Looking back through the files we discover with horror that we have been slighting the lits. Either that or lost the memory for any slighted can expect full public notice of any corrections made to the tabulations listed below.

As before the lits with asterisks by their names are the ones whose constitution definitely demands them to one literary meeting a month.

In addition, the Pals sponsored the first group of Rice players productions and the Owls are sponsoring the second. The new Literary Anthology is also under the protectingegis of the Owen Wisters.

By AMTC

October 6

Forum Tonight! Discussion of Riceducation

The vital issue of "What part should extracurricular activities play in a Riceducation?" will be the subject for discussion tonight in the lecture lounge at 8. Dealing with the problem from a faculty standpoint will be Dean McIlhine and Visiting Professor William Thorp. George Miron, Julia Martin, and Annet Willows will bring other points of view to bear upon the matter.

"In spite of the Freshman-Soph" war," said Harry O'Keefe, head of the Forum Committee, "we hope every student will attend; for this Forum-touches every Rice student."

French Owls Elect Youngblood Prexy For Fall Semester

Lea Hibeux, Rice French Club, elected next year's officers at a meeting February 10. Jean Youngblood was elected President. Other officers will be Kit Bailey, vice-president; Irene Zakrzewska, secretary; Oscar Toogood, treasurer. These officers-elect will assist this year's officers and take office next fall.

An Evening of Irish Drama Set For A-House Next Week

An Evening of Irish Drama will go on the boards at A-House Thursday and Friday, March 12-13 as the Rice Players present a group of three one act plays. The program under the sponsorship of the OWLS includes "The Inca of Perusalem," by G. B. Shaw; "Land of Heart's Desire," by William Butler Yeats; and "Ward on the Windowpane," by Yeats and Lady Augusta Gregory.

"The Inca of Perusalem" is being directed by George Speltius, and the cast includes Sandy Haves, Patricia Cunningham, Jim Young, Etty Reindi, Tom Bonner, and Raymond O'Keefe.

James Korges will direct "Land of Heart's Desire," and the cast features Mary Adkins, Gloria Bourgeois, Doris Neal, Frederick Woods, James Korges, and Patty Lee.

"In Ward on the Windowpane" we have Sandy Haven, Mrs. Madeleine Bartlett, Marge Adicks, Bill Welt, Marion Boone, and Mark Norris. This play will be directed by Neil O'Brian.

Tickets for these productions are seventy five cents, and can be obtained at the ticket booth in the lounge, or from any OWL. Curtain time is 8:15.

An appreciative audience listened intently for well over an hour last Monday night as Mr. R. N. Bergendoff, proved himself the best speaker in this year's Rice Institute Engineering Lecture Series. A Kansas City Consulting Engineer, Mr. Bergendoff discussed expressionways—the highways of tomorrow and the bridge design, especially from the standpoint of safety and appearance.

Speaking without notes, Mr. Bergendoff intrigued his audience with his ability to state off statistics concerning high bridge lengths and other figures about bridges.
Pony Surge Drops Owls From Title Tie

by Bucky Bryan at the outset, pulled the Owls in to within two points of the rampaging Mustangs. Billy Wehn entered the game at this point and sparked a rally, as he has so often done this season. One-handier by Schwingler knotted the score at 21-21, and a jump shot by Wehn at the midway point in the period made it 24-24, after a Mustang rally.

Coach "Doc" Hayes boys seemed to be always one step ahead of the Owls, as that lead continued to escape their grasp. However, with three minutes remaining, a tip-on from Schwingler made it 30-28. As the Ponies brought the ball down the court, Monte Brelches made the ball and raced down the court for a crisp shot and to give Rice the lead. SMU pulled ahead once again, and at halftime it was 32-30.

The Ponies almost put the game on ice in the third period. Field goal by Jim Bryant, Charles Galley, and Clayton, plus a free throw by Art Barnes, gave SMU a 7 point lead before Rice could count a marker. Schwingler and Wehn led the Owl counterattack that pared the lead to one point before Bryant and John Galters made it 81-80 as the third period reached its conclusion.

Marvin Trosin, playing his last game for Rice, paced the Owl surge in the opening of the last stanza. The hustling guard capped his work with a crisp shot that gave Rice a six point lead 86-80, with five minutes left. In the process, Art Parzana committed his fifth personal, and the outlook was bright for the Blue squad.

But no one counted on the determination of the Mustangs. Kastman wiped out in two points, followed by jump shots from Bryant and Fink, and free throws by Kastman and Galley and the score read SMU 67, Rice 62.

The Rice Chapter of Delta Phi Alpha, national honorary German fraternity, elected Thursday, February 2, John Ferguson, a graduate of Rice, President; James T. Machacek, graduate assistant in German; Treasurer, and Mary Leslie Jackson, Secretary.

AEC Offers New Grad Fellowships In Health Physics

Rice seniors majoring in chemistry, physics, or engineering are eligible for AEC Atomic Energy Commission-sponsored graduate fellowships in radiological physics for the 1964-65 school year.

Radiological physics is a new and expanding field of science. It is concerned with health physics, radiation monitoring and control, radiisotope measurements and similar activities associated with the use of radiotopes or the release of nuclear energy.

Up to 78 fellowships may be awarded, granted to fully-accredited graduate students to carry out research in three areas: 1) the University of Rochester and Brookhaven National Laboratory, another by the University of Washington and the Harford Works of the AEC, and the third by Vanderbilt University and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In each case, nine months of course work at the university is followed by three months of additional study and field training at the cooperating AEC installation.

ROTC Plans Military Ball For March Date

Plans for the Army ROTC's second annual Military Ball to be held from 9-12 PM on March 20 at the Ellington Air Force Base Officers Club are progressing rapidly. Highlight of the evening will be the commissioning of the new Co-ed Cadet and two Co-ed Captains. These girls will be chosen from Rice students by the Army for their military training and intelligence.

Last year's sponsors were Colonel Mary Miller and Co-ed Cadets Carol Smith and Beverly Ward. Howard Lutz and his orchestra will play for the ball, and the cadets and coeds hope to get professional entertainment from Fort Sam Houston, according to Conway Jordan, publicity chairman.

Bill Harrison, chairman of the sponsor committee, has announced that the commissioning ceremony will begin at 11:45 PM. The dinner will be served at 8:30PM. After the dinner, the Army will regale the guests, and at 10:00PM, each cadet will be chosen to dance with a member of the hostesses' party.

Additional information on the program may be obtained from the ROTC Department heads or direct from the Institute at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
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Visitors may insert ordinary silver dimes for bombardment with neutrons. The radioactive dimes will be sealed in plastic covers for souvenirs.

There will be a baby Van de Graaff Machine which generates only a fraction of the 7,000,000 volts Rice's giant machine is capable of. Actually, the smaller machine, which generates only 200,000 volts of static electricity, will demonstrate the first step toward smashing atoms.

The show will include several Geiger counters so that spectators may test their own irradiated dimes or test any old rocks throwing around that appear suspiciously to contain uranium.

The exhibit is free, but you bring your own rocks.

The exhibit is being sponsored by The Houston Post in cooperation with the State Extension Service of the University of Texas.

The use of radioisotopes (atoms which give off radiation) in the fields of medicine and agriculture will be explained in a number of exhibits. You can see an atom actually split in the eyes of a Geiger counter.

The show was fitted out and put on the road by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. The Institute is a non-profit educational corporation sponsored by Rice and 29 other universities.

It was organized so that faculty members and graduate students of the participating universities could make full use of the unique facilities of Oak Ridge in their research programs.

A cutaway model of the cobalt 60 unit to be used at the M. D. Anderson Hospital for cancer treatment and research will also be on exhibit.

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