Freshmen Hear Houston Address At Matriculation

"An education can be gotten, can be obtained, but cannot be given." This, in essence, was the fundamental point of Dr. Houston's Matriculation Address to the Freshmen Class. You must have the desire to learn, he pointed out, for knowledge can never be poured into an unwilling mind.

Dr. Houston began his speech by welcoming the class of '59, and delivering a sincere invitation to the Freshmen to come and visit him individually. "I get almost no opportunity to become acquainted personally with you, but I hope this one-sidedness may be remedied as soon as possible," he commented.

His speech went on to cover orientation, and how important a program is to the Freshmen. "One of its vital functions," Dr. Houston said, "is to give you an opportunity to choose your weapons and site the enemy. And yet much of this cannot happen until the Freshman Class." He added that he hoped the Freshmen would remember that they have the right to battle the Class of '58 with brains rather than Brawn, and make the yearly cliff less violent.

Passing on to the more serious aspect of his address, Dr. Houston encouraged the new students to press forward during the next four years in search of "A pleasant plateau swept by the clear sky of new ideas." He reminded the freshmen that here before them was an unlimited opportunity to attain their educational, religious, philosophical, and political opportunity to educate themselves with the fundamental concepts of Americanism.

SUNDAY FACULTY LECTURES BEGIN ON OCTOBER 2.

The schedule for the new series of the Rice Institute Faculty Lectures has been completed for the Fall Semester. With the exception of the October 15 lecture, all lectures will be held on Sunday afternoons in the Rice Library Lounge. The exception as always will be posted soon on the bulletin board.

The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 2—Dr. Tennant—"The Belief in Progress" October 17—Dr. Ackers—"Studies in the Earth" October 31—Dr. Adams—"Age of the Earth" Nov. 1—Dr. Sullivan—"Michaelelio and the Bruges Madonna" Nov. 8—Dr. Mardel—"Title not available." Dec. 4—Dr. Mardel—"Little Known Aspects of General Houston's Personality"
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THE THRESHER

THE COMMONS PROBLEM

This week more and more upper-classmen left the Rice dorms for apartments until one apartment project near campus has held but 52 seniors plus numerous juniors and sophomores. These represent only a few of the Rice men who are leaving campus lodgings—because of the food.

The apparent inability of the Commons to serve good food to dorm residents has long been a problem on our campus, but in the past year or so this problem has grown until it is completely out of hand. Committees have been appointed, have met, and have reported. Yet men are leaving the dorms because of the food.

After last spring's deplorable demonstration in Commons, the YU Committee met and made several suggestions which they felt would improve the situation. For the most part the suggestions paralleled those made by other committees which had faced the same problem previously. They tried to provide the usual menu; more care to be taken in cleaning silverware, china and glasses; more variety in the noon meal; hot cereal and hot eggs at breakfast; and in the Hall Committee activity in obtaining preferential lists, etc.

Today, these suggestions are still only suggestions for the most part. The silverware is cleaner as a new equipment has been purchased for it and the glasses are better, but that is the only item which has been adequately implemented.

The suggestion for meal tickets is perhaps the most interesting. The Hall Committee has long felt that if students were willing to pay the dorms that we would have to be better to meet the competition of off-campus restaurants. The administration feels that unless the competition is met, Rice must provide students with a well balanced, inexpensive menu.

Eating in the same place day after day is, in itself, conducive to dissatisfaction; but the situation in Commons is more extensive than this. Unless something is done to solve this problem, there may not be a need for more Rice dorms, but rather a need for more Houston apartments.

Roadblock Remorse

During the math review and registration, traffic flowed freely across the campus, but now that school is again underway it's back! The roadblock, complete with its no right turn and curve signs is again part of our campus.

Last year when it was first put up we were told that it was placed there to stop Heustonians from using the Rice campus for a short-cut; yet no one was concerned with their using our roads before the students arrived. The roadblock does stop cross-campus traffic, but it is only effective when students don't want it up, it will remain across the road. It is up because there is a difference of opinion as to our campus situation, and unfortunately, student opinion counts little.

The Rice THRASHER

How The Rice Girl Is Made

By Harry S. and Jack B. Hjoie

September 13, 1941

Local Phenomenon

By Donna Paul

Roost Needs Cheaper Cheese, Lounge Enhanced by Chess Players

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The Long Gray Line

They call it the long gray line and the faces are not the uniform that gives it the color. "The lost line" of last week's Thresher editorial has been found, not in the air conditioned comfort of the library in so many years, but in the heat of the sun in front of Lovett Hall. Our "steady registration" took from one to three hours to pass about six desks, all of which had to be passed in line, even when we had no business there. Unfortunately, our registration has met a fate common to all scientific advances, it was hailed with enthusiasm, decried by the masses of bridge enthusiasts who make a dandy obstacle course on the way to the Thresher office, we noticed two of our national wizards playing . . . chess. There amidst the year of the jocks, bridge was playing with them as they sat—eyes alert, minds concentrating on the game of chess, the intellectual challenge ... chess. We were so thrilled by the prospect of at last witnessing the long awaited Rice Renaissance, that we hereby promises—although we may kick the shins of sprawling bridge players with aissuement, though we may utter rasty words as we climb their shoulders and crawl through their legs on the way to the office, we will never harm the chess players. We take our helmet off to you.
an ex-Rice man, who thinks Rice gals are tops. Patsy Botts, and Florence Cray (among others) deserted their lil clan to help (?) them do some rushing. Naomi Robins, Lannie Price — it's your eye on the ring finger.

President. Meridith, our Dean of Women, and John Parish, Assistant to the President, Scott Middleton, Saucy Covington, and other BSU'ers retreated to and watched Nancy Head, Margie Wise, Linda Davis, Sue Thrus—selves at the blue-gray game Friday night. After the game, the frosh probably digging around at their garden party; the OWLS EB's gave the boys a chance to be neglected by the lit members and ing of avoiding the sophomore slump—it seems that the freshmen girls will be stuck at their own cheering section at games—without dates. No further comment.

All the freshman girls who survived summer rush, and all the upper class girls who survived summer lit meetings (some people never went—did) are at it again. During the summer, the PALS and the EIB's gave the boys a chance to be neglected by the lit members and latch on to the freshmen at a dinner dance and a cloudy boy party, respectively . . . For the first round of rush parties, the OK's were sensibilities at a Fissi; the CR's celebrated everyone's birthday; the MELLs were "underwater" (?) the PALS sipped tea; the EIB's weighed anchor (but avoided weighing members); the VCE's probably digging around at their garden party; the OWLS were june—rolls at theiriddle party; and the SIV's got mixed up and celebrated Christmas a little prematurely.

A mad rush to do much partying before classes started Monday, and was helped along by some sophomore boys, including the honoring Dan Caddell, Tommy Caty, and Honda. Their nightly parties on the parking lot and at the Banks dwellings predict a raidy year —

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Religious Activities

Saturday A.M., during the annual tour of the campus for the freshmen, the new students were welcomed and given an extensive program for the year than ever before; this year there were over 70 Baptist groups, Dr. Kraus from Rice, and outstanding workers from several of the Baptist Churches led discussion groups.

P. A.—Meetings have begun for the Presbyterians, each Wednesday at noon in Anderson Hall 108. Westminster Fellowships will be scheduled each Sunday evening at 5:45 at the First Presbyterian Church, for refreshments and fellowship.

This Sunday the Newman Club will begin a full fall of activities for Catholic students with the dedication of St. Mary's Student Center. (See story on page 11.)

The Rice Men's Glee Club will hold its first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 27. All men who like to sing are invited. Neither talent nor training is any importance as far as the club is concerned.

The Glee Club has a more extensive program for the year than ever before; this means more fun for all.

Beauty Battle In October

Believe it or not there are beauties at Rice! Yes, this year like every other year fifty beautiful girls will be picked and then judged. The first elimination will be held Tuesday, October 4, on the third floor of the library. The judges are the exceptions of the football team Eddie Rayburn and Marshall Crawford; Presidents of the eight literary societies, Kay Lynch O.W.L.S., Margie Jarboe E.B.L., R. Joan Smith P.A.L.E., Rose Marie Black S.E.L.S., Sally Allen M.E.L.S., Wanda Bagland V.G.L.S., Nancy Green O.K.L.S., Maxine Adair C.E.L.S.

Also judges will be the editors of Publications of Campanile; Juanita Jones and Thresher A. Beerman, the head cheerleaders Joan Ryla, Bert McPremyer, President of Student Association; and President of the Women's Council, Joan Smith.

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BOWLING BALL FOR CENTERPIECE

Ann Bosler

A. Bowing Ball for Centerpiece

B. Black and white party at the club's Thursday noon meeting

C. Dancing at night in the clubhouse

D. The house will hold its first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 27.

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The beauty contest will be announced at the Campanile Dance, March 24, along with the festivities and outstanding seniormates.

Be sure and keep your eyes open for the "beauties" of the Rice campus.
Alley Features New Production

By MORRIS AND MORRIS

The Alley Theater is currently presenting A Fantasy — a play of The Rainmaker, a comedy by Richard Nash. This play has drawn a large audience and is the second production of the season that has broken the bank. The theater has a policy of allowing no weather conditions to interfere with the legitimate stage.

Although I missed the television production I would venture a guess that the present version bears little resemblance to it. In fact, I was reminded more of something in another of the mass media. The thesis appears to have been taken from Houston's well-known mid-eight radio program. Mr. Nash's characters are seeking "the fresh, new day when men and dreams meet again in reality."

While this thesis is about as old hat as Math 100, it is presented with humor, grace, and poetry. Let's face it: the mere fact that a modern American play has a theme is a mark in its favor. A Fantasy.

Even more to the point, Nash handles his thesis admirably. The Rainmaker is a fantasy — extravagant in part, and realistic in part. Several passages are reminiscent of Gertrude Stein's work — word repetitions, assonances, and alliteration combine to achieve a sort of poetry, and yet there is always a down-to-earth quality of real speech.

Nina Vance's direction is unusually perceptive. The actor singing rather than speak their lines (except Emory Thompson — be he can't sing). Gestures and stage movements are extravagant. Done totally realistically the play would sink to the level of Pinter. (With the retirement of M. Morris and the advent of H. Morris, reference to Pinter from now on will be made strictly by special permission of our vendors.) In Pinter it seems to me essential that the audience be convinced that he is here exists, and that he is a real human being who visits us. In Nash, the actor's generic sentence is allowed for an instant to believe that the Rainmaker is real. And this is a matter because the other characters are equally unreal.

Polly Campbell gives a sensitive and enjoyable performance as the plain girl afraid of spine tingles. It is unfortunate that we are seldom permitted to forget that she's an actress.

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He and his wife will leave New York City September 22 and will go to Denmark by way of The Hague, where they will take a short visit.

Mrs. McGee Now Asst. Registrar

Mrs. Hugh E. McGee, the former Miss Dorothy Kelly, has been named to take over Mr. Peckham's position as Assistant to the Registrar. Mrs. McGee graduated from Rice with a B.A. in 1953. During her four years at Rice she held the offices of V.P. of the Student Senate, a student council member, Executive Secretary of T.S.A., Sophomore Vice-President, and Outstanding Senior. Since her graduation from Rice Mrs. McGee has held the position of Office Manager.
Six Conference Wins Predicted for Tomorrow

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By ALAN RINGOLD

From all indications this should be the Owls’ year to howl. The experts have been humbling themselves in print. It is time for Rice to take the SEC with a vengeance and go nose to nose with the Big Eight. For the first time the Owls have been designated as All-American candidates.

The big problem will be replacing Dirck Meek and Ken Paul, who were key men for Rice in 1954, and Dinkel, who may have shown Rice a better team than the experts give it credit for. The Aggies are improving by the day and are looking forward to getting back into the win column after nine straight defeats. Could be close — TExAS A&M.

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The big news

breaks in...

Two new campus styles arrive, via Arrow. This button-down shirt, with soft roll collar, marks a great advance—a new front and adjustable back strap. Chino slacks in black, tan and grey. $5.95. Oxford shirt, $5.50, in stripes and solid colors.

Intersections Titled Viewed

As Good Chance to Rank High

By Ricc Aston

Could be that this season the Owls will have one of their best

cut intersectional schedules. Like Rice, most of opponents are known to be strong, but are un-

tried. This week will tell the tale

as the Owls will not make the same

mistake at halftime. Here’s hoping

if they hadn’t changed their at-

titude at halftime. Here’s hoping

for fine play at end and should

be a fine passer, Bart Starr.

The quarterback slot finds four

top notch prospects handling the

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CHEVRON GETS "NEW LOOK"

The "New Look" Chevron was formally inaugurated last Monday evening by a meeting of the officers and executive council to outline plans for coming events. Keeping in line with the "new look," the group planned ideas for more spirited enjoyment by the membership, making it possible for the Military Ball is not until February, several of the present students that they were upholding Rice tradition by having gotten their coats early.

Boosting the largest black tan balance on the campus, the band has been doing their job. Members from the various sections leaders made the cheerers to publicize imminent election.

The campaign is now at its peak coming to the Sophomore-Freshman assembly over the new Freshman girls. Nancy Head, vice-president of the Sophomore Class, and her crew of date-happy Sophomore boys will "guide" the Freshmen boys. Nancy Head, secretary, told the Sophomore Class, and her crew of date-happy Sophomore girls will "indistinguishate" the female slimes.

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PADDLE AND PINAFORE MARK GUIDANCE START

Monday, September 19, was a blue Monday for all the class of ’59 as it marked the official beginning of Freshmen Guidance. (spelled PADDLE for boys, PINAFORE for girls.) This period formally known as Guidance and also called other names will last until the end of November or until the expiration of the Freshman Class. Don Caddes, president of the Sophomore Class, John Shubert, and Tommy Hunter, the Sophomore Class, and the crew of date-happy Sophomore girls will "indistinguishate" the female slimes.

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(1) Freshmen need not roll up hair. Just wear your class too large sleaze every day.

(2) Freshmen need not worry about asking for dates. Freshmen dress and white pinfore will be checked by section leader.

(3) Freshmen need not worry about dates for home football games—you can't have any.

(4) Freshmen will get to see the "whistles" in action as they must attend a student council meeting.

(5) Freshmen will be able to learn to sign their name as lists are passed around.

(6) Freshmen will get plenty of exercise as they cut out corners by walking on grass. (7) Freshmen are enabled to learn to talk as they must speak to everyone.

There are numerous other advantages for Freshman boys and girls who will find as guidance continues, but these couldn't be mentioned here for fear of censure.

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Who Stole Shasta's Cover?

Authorities from a local institution located across town telephoned Rice this week in a search of the cover to the cage of a certain four-legged mascot known as Shasta.

The theft which occurred during a football game last week-end was held to Rice students, but since a police car was located in the immediate area of the large covered cage, Rice authorities denied the charge on the grounds that the crime could not have been perpetuated by South Main students under the circumstances.

However, only four hours after the above-mentioned telephone conversation, a tarpskin with red and blue lettering and approximate large enough to cover a lion's cage was seen hanging from the top of Anderson Hall. It was promptly removed and taken back to its cage by a certain individual who resides in Lovett Hall during daylight.

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