Rice Loses One of Its Best Friends

Rice lost one of its oldest and best friends this summer when President Emeritus Edgar Odell Lovett died at 86.

By JOAN FEILD

Dr. Lovett, who retired as Rice's president in 1946, was its first, beginning his term in 1932 on the opening of the Institute. A professor of mathematics and astronomy at Princeton, he was recruited to the Rice yard by then President Woodrow Wilson.

Before Rice opened, Dr. Lovett toured the world's universities—including those of Russia and Japan — seeking the best in faculty and educational methods for Rice. During his career, he is studied and taught at such places as Bethesda College, the University of Virginia, and the University of Leipzig.

A lover of Greek classics, it was Dr. Lovett who had insisted on the building later named in his honor the new famous quotation: “Rather, as Democritus, would I know the cause of death than that of the Persian.”

Dr. Lovett was indeed a man who lived by that principle.

WHERE’S THE FRESHMAN PICNIC?—This map shows the location of the H and H Guest Ranch, with Rice as the starting point.

15 New Pros Join Faculty

New faces will be peering over benches at students this year in practically all departments at Rice.

The list of faculty members who joined the Rice staff for the fall 1957 semester includes Dr. Arnold Tunby, noted historian and author of the semi-volume "A Study of History," and of "An Historian’s Approach to Religion." Dr. Tunby will be on the campus during December and January as an H. Armstrong Visitor Professor of History.

Six Richard V. Southwell, former director of the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London and professor of engineering at Oxford, will be visiting professor of mechanical engineering.

Associate Prof

Named associate professor of electrical engineering, Dr. Mariano Dominguez received his doctorate degree at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and since 1950 has been employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratories on electronics projects.

Educated in Peru and Germany, Dr. Jorge Ajwarajo joins the staff as assistant professor of biology. He comes to Rice from the M. D. Anderson Institute. He has been in the U.S. since 1940 and received his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California.

Five College Members

John the Divine Church, Miss Paula Meredith, Advisor to Women, and Mrs. Mosle in a double ring ceremony. The new position was filled in New Mexico. Mrs. Mosle is employed as an investment banker. Mrs. Mosle will continue in her position as Advisor to Women.

Paula Meredith

Now Mrs. Mosle

On August 15, 1957, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Mosle of Houston were married.

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Council Faces Dilemma At Beginning of Year

The Student Council was scheduled to meet Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m. to decide one of the thorniest problems ever encountered by an incoming class.

With several important student offices deferred until the beginning of the fall semester, the Council was expected to fill these positions with appointments until a special election can be held.

According to a Student Association spokesman, the office of Student Council president, formally held by Don Caddels, is vacant. The head cheerleader position, formerly filled by Bob Pulfer, will be filled by Rondelet, Senior Prom, according to the spokesmen.

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The Rice University Student Union is planning a party on Friday, September 14, and a retreat at Camp Tahos September 15. Freshmen and old members are invited to both events. Cars will leave for Tahos at 8:30 a.m. Sunday from Astry House.

The Presbyterian Student Association invites all interested students to its Westminister Fellowship meeting at First Presbyterian Church Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Bellel, for Jewish students, will have a buffet supper and dance for old and new members sometime this month, but no date has been set. The organization will have regular meetings once a month, and plans to attend some of the Houston Symphony concerts as a group.

The Episcopalian Canterbury Club meets regularly the second Monday of each month at Astry House. They will meet for corporate Eucharist Thursday in the Palmer Memorial chapel.

SOPH PARTY ON FRIDAY 13

The class of 1960 (the sophomores, for those who can't add) will get this year's social season off with a pop with a party at Dorothy Wilson's. Friday night.

The party at 3600 Sunset Blvd. begins at 7:30, and on a night like Friday the thirteenth, who knows what can happen? You'll sophomores come!

Barlett Reaches Miss GOP Finals

Ann Bartlett, who was chosen as Miss Young Republican of the year during the 1956 national convention in Chicago, has won the Republican Miss Young America District Two Pageant. Ann was one of the seven finalists for the national Miss Young America contest at Atlantic City, N.J., this summer.

Miss Young America was chosen on the basis of both beauty and brains in the contest, which drew candidates from all over the United States. Beverly Scott, blonde Beverly was chosen to represent Texas last spring as a representative of the Texas College Republicans at the national convention.

The unusual two-week seminar, which started August 19, is designed to aid Conoco's management training program, and to help the company achieve its long-range objectives.

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The Flat Top Specialists
In the past, I have often heard persons lament Houston's lack of cultural activities, and among those who have done so is "Rice Bananas," a traditional joke. At Rice, one must walk upright and whistle only your own time ...

...the way to attract a sell-out crowd in the theatre is to present a bit of "Americanism"—such as a certain soaring, pompom-sprouting lion, whose name I will not mention since THEIR is a reasonable collocation.

I believe Houston does suffer from a cultural gap—its growth has been too fast. But also, I believe this gap is being filled rapidly. Two full-time, professional theatres, a musical theatre, a respected symphony orchestra, plus many small societies and organizations, are working earnestly to supply the people of Houston with the music, drama, and art which they are demanding in their lives today.

Fine Arts or Drama Critic is the title which I believe was given to me when I got this job. I fear the name critic. If critics had been the absolute arbiters of the title which I believe was given to me when I got this job, I would never have ventured to walk upright and whistle only your own time ... how we used to court.

"Rice Renaissance" is a tradition at Rice, and among the students the name is very familiar. I believe that you are demanding in your lives today."
What We Believe

Like the Mayfly, the college newspaper is a short-lived creature. While the poor fly has only a single day, the college publication has, at most, twelve months.

Unlike most other newspapers, the college journal can sustain no continuity of policy. With each new year, comes an eager new editor, and the readers must become oriented anew to the paper's editorial idiosyncrasies—its political ideology, its pet grievances, its crusading (and usually fruitless) campaigns—all designed at the whim of the currently-reigning editor.

In the case, it naturally behoves an incoming editor to prepare his readers for the intellectual jolt that will follow.

Using the convenient anonymity of the editorial "we," we will enumerate some of those authors which are "none of its business." But we feel that just as a college student's interests are wider than the confines of his campus, so his newspaper should be wide enough to include areas which merit his attention. The fact that we are not international experts should not prevent our voicing opinions, however ill-founded, on important topics of the day.

Rules of journalism may be broken with careless abandon, our reasoning may not always be crystal-clear, and we expect a few well-barbed attacks of criticism at times which seem anti-student. Not that our editorial whips weekly as we mount our white charger, we still hope recognizing the somewhat limited influence of a college publication, so his newspaper should be wide enough to include areas which merit his attention. The fact that we are not international experts should not prevent our voicing opinions, however ill-founded, on important topics of the day.

A Lasting Monument

Not many present-day Rice students ever met Dr. Edgar Ockel Lovett. As President Emeritus of the Rice Institute he no longer came into daily contact with the young men and women on campus.

But every Rice student, from the very first one to that freshman who signed his registration card five minutes ago, can see the results of his wisdom, planning and foresight. It was Dr. Lovett who set the gears of this university into motion and who envisioned the educational cohesion we are living in today.

Dr. Lovett is gone now. But his memory will be perpetuated by the existence of the Rice Institute, which is his monument.

A Seasoned with Ginger

Crusade Planned To Get Rid Of Sherbert

By Ginger Purington

This column is for people who don't like news, features, editorials, or anything else in the Thresher, but who have to read something during classes, bridge games, football games, or (this week) registration line.

We promise not to bother you with items about what the administration is doing (we don't really know) or what goes on inside the Student Council or anything else around here. We are concerned with real problems on campus—like why the Roost coffee cups dribble or leak, how anybody is going to cut classes without any nice tall ledges to hide behind, and why the machines in the lounge give you a lime rootshe when you push the coke button.

There will no doubt be other important issues this year, with the new dorms and the college system and the parking problem—we are looking forward with gloom to the first safari from the football stands at the stadium.

Meanwhile, the first semester is practically under way, the freshmen are here, the girls are already started on their bridge lessons in their plush new dorm—by the way, there seems to be some confusion about those orange sherbet cones. Dr. Houston announced recently that the Roost in the past couple of months has started serving orange sherbet. There are so many wonderful kinds of sherbert—raspberry, lemon, lime, pineapple, butterscotch, and they are working on one with a flavor for people, who like to lick S-cent spoons.

But the Roost has served orange.

Inside sources have revealed that it is the ice-cream man's fault because he doesn't deliver anything but orange sherbet, but the Roost is obviously cutting in on the issue. The fact remains that when you want a sherbert cone (they're not as fattening as ice cream) you go into the Roost and you get your orange.

It seems that only one kind of sherbet at a time can be kept in whatever it is they keep it in, so the only solution for the present (until we can go through the proper channels to support a committee to speak to the low-class sherbert) is for all the orange-sherbert lovers to rush right into the Roost and eat up all of it (the sherbet).

Thus they'll have to get something else. (There will be an informal meeting-to-draw-up-a-constitution for the Out With Orange Sherbert and eat one week under the counter in the Roost.)

So much for the first crusade. There will be others, and we will keep you informed on further developments, and it may be that we will see a cream cone eventually.

If you can't bear to see the Roost serve orange, you can always write to the Thresher.

Philip Dock is E.E. Scholar

Houston announced recently that Philip Eugene Dock, a senior in Electrical Engineering, has been named the Westinghouse Achievement Scholarship at Rice for the 1955-56 academic year. Dock, a Bachelor of Arts degree at the past June commencement, will receive a stipend of $400 for semester, which is $2000.00 which is made annually to a Rice student for the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.
From Philosophy To Bridge— There's Something For You Here

The date of September 24 has been set for all of Rice's organization trying out for the campus for incoming freshmen.

Each club will have an opportunity to tell the new students what activities it offers. The best will be able to sign them up.

Here are some of the organizations, which will be something here that interests you:

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY: Sponsors the annual Art-Shaft costume ball to raise money for the William Ward Watkins Traveling Fellowship. The president is Ted Richardson.

BARBERSHOP: Open to all, the Barbershop is a national service fraternity composed of college men who are interested in debate and public speaking. Harrison Waggoner leads this group whose activities consist of debate and public speaking. Harrison Waggoner leads this group whose activities consist of debate and public speaking.

BRIDGE CLUB: This organization sponsors weekly duplicate bridge tournaments for all students as well as bridge lessons for beginners.

B.A.G.E.: This group welcomes all chemical engineers and its program includes lectures throughout the year as well as an annual tour.

A.M.E.: This organization for mechanical engineers competes with other schools in the Southwest Conference by submitting members' papers to the contest. Tours and bridge parties round out the activities.

A.C.E.: This club for civil engineers has monthly meetings and prominent speakers for the benefit of the members.

A.I.C.E.: An organization for chemical engineering majors, this group is responsible for the chemical engineering division of the Exposition. Several planes and parties are held.

A.I.E.E.: The membership is almost exclusively advanced electrical engineering majors. Many speakers make the club's program interesting and the major project is part of the club's program.

L.E.B.I.: Open to French student, this organization offers films, talks, and parties to its members.

BAND: This group plays for all home football games as well as most out-of-town games. Basketball games, the Exposition, and Rice Day.

The social high-

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What's The Future Of Quidditch? Here's Story Of Past And Present

BY FRANK DENT

Gone are the proper meetings on those Monday nights in fall. Gone are the brooms and holding up the wall; Gone are the days of bowing down to Sam.

Some say the new guidance just ain't worth a . . . ! Better post can finish rewriting this song of Steven Foster to carry out the theme . . . Freshman guidance just aint what it used to be!

Perhaps the most significant change in program is the removal of the burden of guidance from the sophomore's shoulders to be placed upon those of administrative and judicial committees composed largely of upperclassmen.

The administrative committee is to be composed of one senior, the president and vice-president of the junior and sophomore classes, one freshman and another senior to act as chairman.

The judicial committee will have a chairman chosen by the senior or class B graduate, and there will be two members from each college in addition to one non-voting faculty member.

The administrative will decide on things to be done by or for the freshmen until their December elections whereas the judicial committee is to enforce the policies of the Student Council.

This Sammyn is made of reinforced fiberglass which makes it practically unburnable and un-breakable. (Cougars take notice.)

The old beat up Sammyn has (to put it mildly) had it. It was hauled away to an obscure cremation on an unknown garbage heap of Houston.

The present new Sammyn is occupying the old position . . . that of the library layer.

In addition to this there will be no more burning to grave images . . . namely Sammyn, our owl. Instead who will carry him to the games is a problem still to be solved.

The idea is that the new Sammyn will take the initiative with their own freshman and be responsible for some real constructive and personal guidance.

Honor Council Is Important Group

The Honor Council, composed of eleven members elected by the student body and two freshmen advisers appointed by the Council after mid-term, will be headed for a year by Jim Ranchey.

Vice-chairman is Frank Ryan, secretary is Harry Moore, and trial clerk is Jim Aronsen. Other members are David Eshenmacher, Matt Gerges, Russell Smith, Tim Stephens, Bob Hoeger, Mike Bennefield and Charles Reeves.

Activities of the Honor Council include informing students of the Honor System, resolving problems which arise during the school year concerning the Honor Code and holding trials for accused violators of the Honor System.

Other than the aims, the only old-style guidance tradition still in use will be the freshman registration. Banquets, bowties and plus-four will be a reminder of the past glory of guidance.

It is possible that there will be a "mammary paroxysm at the old fashioned slime parade with all its connotations will survive only as a fond memory of smeared lipstick and ripped pajamas in upperclassmen's minds. There is a strong possibility of a freshman ski, a volkscheering section for freshmen and their dates and even (wonder of wonders) a grooved pole grab.

The "New Idea" forever through are Monday night meetings in the dormitory cloisters and the solid sound of a well placed brownie.

Patti to Head For California Football Festival

Patti Blackledge, senior, and vice-president of the Student Association will represent Rice for the annual "Miss Football" contest at the University of California in Berkeley next week.

Patti is one of ten honorees chosen by student election last spring.

Other honorees will attend various university festivals throughout the year.

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