Rice Players To Offer Poignant Drama

By HARRISON MARTIN
Thresher Staff

The Rice Players will present "Tea and Sympathy," by R. W. Anderson, at Hanson Hall on November 29 and December 1 at 8:15 p.m.

The play is the moving story of a school boy falsely accused of homosexuality. Against the web of hostilities spun by this scandal, Anderson paints a portrait of the characters, revealing their personalities through many subtlest of insights.

Suspected Youth

Tom Lee, portrayed by Syd Nathans, is the gentle, quiet boy in a New England private school who is suspected of homosexuality by the dean, the housemaster, his fellow students, and even his father.

He is described by these "regular fellows" as being an "off-color." All they needed was the slightest whiff of suspicion to make him a complete outcast.

Fatlie Defense

The housemaster's wife, played by Juliet Johnson, is herself an "off-color" in these brutal surroundings. She understands Tom and attempts to defend him but is defeated utterly.

Finally, recognizing the school for what it is, she turns against it and in a poignant final scene, restores to Tom his self-respect.

Other Characters

The semiretired housemaster is portrayed by Arnold Victor, and Tom's bewildered father by Justin Kidd. Also in the play are Johnnie Lee Myrick as a gossipy master's wife, Ed Meador as Tom's roommate, and Glenn Howard as one of the instructors.

The half-educated jocks who are Tom's fellow students are played by Max Minta, Louis Bell, and Mike Blocher.

Professional Director

Coupled with the sensitive acting, all the fine, fine voice work is the professional directing of Mrs. Ivan Pierre who has received her M.A. in Production Work from the University of Texas. Aiding in the presentation is Dr. Jack Connor, the Players' faculty advisor.

On November 23 a special preview of the play will be given for representatives of the press and various Houston drama critics.

Tea And Sympathy Production
Scheduled Monday and Tuesday

For this occasion, the Rice Players will put on a production of "Tea and Sympathy," by R. W. Anderson, at Hanson Hall.

The play is set in the countryside, and the audience is transported into the lives of the characters.

"Tea And Sympathy" is a play that deals with serious themes and is a true reflection of the human experience.

The players have worked hard to bring this production to life, and it is sure to be a memorable experience for all who attend.

Come support the Rice Players and enjoy a captivating performance of "Tea And Sympathy."
Thanksgiving '59

Thanksgiving, 1959—a truly American holiday. Newspapers throughout the world will devote much space to informing readers of the religious and spiritual overtones of the day.

We of The Thresher sincerely hope that each of our readers will realize the meaning of the word, Thanksgiving, and that each in his own way will give thanks to Almighty for His blessings. Thanksgiving, 1959—a day of peace—for peace is God's most precious gift.

A Fine Job

Congratulations to the Rice 150-pound football team that opened its season with a 22-20 scrimmage victory over the Bellaire High School. Although outweighted by nearly 40 pounds per man in the line, the defenders of the Buffaloes showed the determination and desire which was responsible for the team’s illustrious record this year.

We heartily commend the “junior varsity” team and its coach Cecil Grigg for showing us—and the entire Southwest Conference—that a non-scholarship group of students, playing on their own time for their own satisfaction, can become a reality.

To The Colleges

Following our enjoyable viewing of the EBLS production of “Annie Get Your Gun,” we wondered why more student-talented-studied shows could not be produced at the Institute.

Currently the EBLS and PASL are the only literary societies with stage shows, while the other Rice groups which perform theatrically is the excellent Rice Players.

We wonder if the College system could not step in and function as a source of entertainment both for themselves and for the Rice student body. With individual college efforts not showing only the intramurals, dances, beer-drinking and bicycle riding, and Homecoming Floats, we of The Thresher would applaud an attempt by a college to present some form of stage or variety show.

Anyone ever thought of a college minstrel or the like?

EBLS Melodrama...

Captivating 'Annie' Receives Praise

By BILL DELANEY

Thresher Assistant Editor

The Elisabeth Baldwin Literary Society can be justly proud of its entertaining presentations of "Annie Get Your Gun" last weekend.

And it should be especially proud of Barbara Long, who this observer never doubted was the flaxen-haired, droopy-eyed lovable gun-totin’ gal, and Director Janie Scigliano, who again showed that what a production uses as a premise does not have to be crude to be thoroughly enjoyable.

Captivating Annie

Checking and cheering through the show’s well-worn tunes, the perfectly-cast role of Annie, Barbara Long, was audience as she exchanged her gun for her hat, by the arrangers and Jim Orchestra and Tom Graham.

Bob Moody and Deanna Day also performed well in rather difficult supporting roles as members of the Buffalo Bill group.

Good Music Rules

Believable acting in several minor roles—Little Day as Ma Wilson, Pat Joss as Butch’s sociable girlfriend, Alex Greenwood as Chief Sitting Bull, Bob Miller, Maxine Barnes, Ev Louden and Betsy Miles as Annie’s little brother and sisters — greatly added to the main line’s presentation of Facts, which could easily have been a long and tiresome production.

The EBLS provided quite adequate backing, often adding and very seldom detracting from the efforts of the cast.

Music, Costumes, Sets

The musical backing, well arranged by Jay Butler and John Fowler, was also well performed —although the saxophone seemed out of place in a couple of numbers —by the arrangers and Jim Orchestra and Tom Graham.

Judy Levy’s costuming and Little Day’s sets also added to the success of the production, as did the work of others backstage under the direction of Darden Lloyd.

Bob Miller handled the lighting, while Flo Fisher was in charge of properties.

Broadway Tradition

Card Nixon was business manager, Co-ordinator of the production was Evelyn Thomas.

With “Annie,” “The Girl Friend,” and other EBLS successes of recent years, it seems that Rice Broadway productions are becoming a tradition at Rice, and for these noble efforts the EBLS should be commended.

The Alley Theater is currently offering a special feature for Rice students and faculty members.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

"THANKS, BUT EVERY TIME WE HAVE A 'LUXE' PRODUCTION HERE AT NEWSHALL THE DISCUSSION ALWAYS GETS AROUND TO GUNS..."

Vic Emanuel

Top Political Parties Invade Rice Campus

Rice students interested in politics should participate in one of the campus political clubs. Both major parties are represented on the campus. But the question must arise, "Why should I be interested in politics in the first place?"

The answer to this question is that (1) learning about politics is part of a liberal education and (2) politics is the art of making a government run and is essential to its operation. Since we are citizens of a democracy in theory we are part of the government since the whole of the citizenry is the government according to democratic theory. "People Are the Government."

How true a democracy a government is, depends directly to what extent the statement "we are the government" is true. If one believes that since a knowledge of politics is necessary to run the government and since in a democracy the people are the government, it is essential that the people have a knowledge of politics.

Also despite the fact that our forefathers didn’t envision the growth of political parties, it is this growth which has enabled our country to function. Thus the present way to become an active participant in a democracy is to be informed of the political party whose beliefs coincide most nearly with your own.

Young Democrats

The Young Democrats Club is headed by Gary Webb, the faculty sponsor is Professor George G. Williams of the English Department. This group held bi-monthly meetings and sends a delegation to the Young Democrats state convention which is held in the spring. At their last meeting, the Rice (Continued on Page 4)

Hymn...

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The Thresher, sponsored by the Student Associated and Body Hers, editor of The Thresher.

Ivy Alton, Thresher assistant editor, will be the person to whom any further notices should be directed. In the event of her absence, the student editor’s address will be available.

Nuana Morales will be appointed as president of the Student Associated and Secretary of the Student Associated. The Student Associated will be responsible for the publication of the Thresher.

Newspaper subscriptions will be accepted by telephone (913-241-225) or mail. Office of The Thresher is located on the second floor of the Student Associated Building.

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For December 16

SCONA, Texas A & M's Student Conference on Student Affairs, is scheduled to commence Wednesday, December 16, to last until Saturday. The annual affair features national political leaders as guest speakers, and is represented by colleges within a general 500 mile area.

The program centers around student discussion, study groups, high-lighted in the past by such well-known individuals as General Carlos Romulo, Lyndon Johnson, Robert Humphrey, and Time Magazine's John Scit.

Along the same general lines is West Point's Student Conference on United States Affairs, held generally about the same time of year. The special guests for both conferences have not yet been announced.

Rice in the past has been represented on the average two students at SCUBA and three at SCONA. Those that wish to be entertained should apply to Francis L. Lowenheim in the History Department or to Martin Craig in the Library. Rice representatives will be selected from the applications by a committee made up of faculty members.

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Student Essay Interprets Function of University

Following is a portion of a Notre Dame University Scholastic essay on "Education and the University" by Michael Butler, senior mathematics major.

At the university the great thoughts and intellectual achievements of ancestors are passed down to their cultural heirs, and it is here that the young learn to respect and critically examine the thoughts and intellectual achievements of ancestors.

Notre Dame University is far from being a static mouthpiece of the past. Any university which fails to express a sense of awareness of its cultural tradition, which seeks to give its cultural heritage a new life, will die.

There is nothing in our world so necessary as the constant process of becoming; that which, strictly speaking, remains the same. Everything is in the process of becoming something else, and all that ceases to grow decays and dies.

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**Frogs Stomp, Owls Sputter**

By TED HERMANN

Thresher Sports Editor

Saturday's game with TCU proved to be the same old story for the Rice Owls. Long on yardage, but short on scoring, the Owls absorbed their sixth defeat of the season 35-6 and boosted the Horned Frogs into Houston's first scoring, the Owls absorbed their sixth defeat of the season

Frogs Dominate

Completely dominated by the big, hard charging Frogs from the first down, the Owls displayed the pattern of the season as they racked up seventeen first downs to TCU's sixteen and gained only 38 yards less on offense than did the title hungry Owls. But with rough, efficient play the Frogs utilized over two-thirds of their yardage on touchdown drives while the Owls saw their yardage wasted between the thirty yard lines.

Thus, behind All-America candidates John Spikes, Don Floyd, and Bob Lilly, coach Abe Martin gained his fourth bowl invitation in the last five seasons and continued his quest for a share of many seasons. A fact which

**Hard To Believe**

Last week's defeat was the sixth of the season for the Owls against one win. A fact which

anyone, acquainted only with Rice's game statistics, would find awful hard to believe. Through nine games, the Owls trailed their opponents by only eighteen yards per game in rushing, by 36 yards per game in passing, and only 56 yards per game in total offense.

The only two statistics which paint a completely picture for the Owls are fumbles and passing. In nine encounters Rice has lost sixteen fumbles as compared to only nine for its opponents; the Owl passers have completed approximately 42,000 calls each day. He is also responsible for auxiliary services such as information and the Telephone Company switchboard.

**Bill Dugan goes over work schedules with Chief Operator Merle Brauch in the Des Moines toll center.**

Bill Dugan wanted responsibility.

See how he's done in just four years.

When William P. Dugan graduated from State University of Iowa in 1955, he had a degree in business administration, a wife, and a firm resolution to get ahead in business. Bill went to work with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company at Des Moines.

"I wanted to work where I'd find real opportunities for advancement and get the training necessary to take advantage of them," he says. "I couldn't have made a better choice."

Ten months of diversified training taught Bill the "language" of the business and gave him the know-how and self-assurance he needed. He was transferred to the Traffic Department at Cedar Rapids where he gained experience in operating

room procedures, force scheduling and training and in supervising operating personnel. He returned to Des Moines and in February, 1959, was promoted to District Traffic Supervisor there.

Today, Bill heads up an organization of ten supervisory people and about 250 telephone operators who handle approximately 42,000 calls each day. He is also responsible for auxiliary services such as information and the Telephone Company switchboard.

"This is a booming business," says Bill. "There are new problems coming up every day to keep my job interesting and challenging. I don't know where a man can find more genuine opportunities to improve himself."

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Owlets Finish Season by Losing to Cubs

The 1959 Rice Owlets, one of the nation's finest junior college teams, were not expected to have a well-rounded team, as Rice concentrated on recruiting backs and consequently failed to have much depth in the interior line. In fact, the Owlets had only ten men between the ends on the entire 35-man squad.

Academic Awards To Be Presented At ROTC Review

Academic awards will be presented at the year's first review of the Rice Army R.O.T.C. unit on the Lovett Hall parade grounds at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday, December 1.

Spice of Rice...

Will Rice is planning a dance for the same night, December 5. Social chairmen have not announced definite plans, but it will be a semi-formal dance and will be held probably in the commons.

Top Political...

Chapter decided to co-operate with the state group in circulating petitions to abolish the poll tax and attempt to secure aspirant Presidential candidates or other political figures to speak on campus.

Spice of Rice...

Spice of Rice... (Continued from Page 4)

The Owlets, who defeated the Aggie fish and Del Mar, one of the most surprising teams in conference freshman play, finished out their season Thursday, losing to the Baylor Cubs. This left the Slimes with a season record of two wins and three losses, and a fourth place finish in the Southwest conference freshman loop.

Owlets...

Owlets Finish Season by Losing to Cubs (Continued from Page 5)

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