Rice University

Thresher Notified Name Changed Today in Austin

In the absence of President Houston, who is away from the city to deliver a lecture at the Ohio State University, the following announcement was made to the Thresher Wednesday morning by Prof. T. N. Marsh, Assistant to the President:

"The Board of Governors of the Rice Institute has approved and filed this morning with the Texas Secretary of State the change of the name of the Institute to William Marsh Rice University. The new name will become effective on July 1, 1960."

President Lovett Used Term ‘University’ Often

H. Malcolm Lovett

I have been asked about the views of my father on the name of Rice. To him Rice was first, last and always a university and should have been known by this broader term. He told me just that on a number of occasions. He rarely referred to the Rice Institute in any document or public statement without the phrase “a university of liberal and technical learning.” Similar phrases appear in his notes made in the spring of 1908 in his own handwriting on recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

My earliest recollection of confusion over Rice’s name is of a trip I took with my father to Boston in the fall of 1910 to see Ralph Adams Cram about building plans. We were crossing the Hudson river by ferryboat from Jersey City to New York City at dusk on an October day. He met a friend of Princeton days whom he had not seen for a long time. This friend made some observation about Rice obviously based on his impressions from the word “Institute.” My father handed the friend the pamphlet or prospectus that he carried, pointing out the plot of the 300 acre campus prepared by Mr. Cram on which appeared the proposed quadrangle for schools or colleges of humanities, science, art and mathematics.

Early Writings

Show University Original Intent

The man most closely associated with The Rice Institute in its early years was Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, the first president. It is clear from Dr. Lovett’s writings and from his discussions with his son, Malcolm Lovett, that he always thought of Rice as a university, not an institute.

In Volume 1, Number 1 of The Rice Institute Pamphlets (April, 1910), Dr. Lovett wrote on "The Meaning of the New Institute." In this paper, he stated: "... in the spirit of the founder’s dedication of the Institute, it was proposed that the new institution should enter upon a university program, beginning at the science end. As regards the liberal and technical learning..."

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LOVETT CORNERSTONE—REMEMINDER FOR FUTURE

The Institute

At 10:14 a.m. Wednesday, the phone rang in the office of assistant to the president Thad Marsh. The caller was Mr. Malcolm Lovett, son of the first president of the Rice Institute.

Five minutes earlier we had been informed that during the afternoon a representative of the Institute would file with the Texas secretary of state a petition for changing the afternoon a representative of the Institute would file with the Texas secretary of state a petition for changing the name of the Institute to William Marsh Rice University. But the phone call broke the news. The petition had been filed earlier than expected.

Mr. Marsh needed to utter just four words, “It has proved and filed this morning with the Texas Secretary of State the change of the name of the Institute to William Marsh Rice University.” Mr. Marsh then needed to utter just four more words, “The new name will become effective on July 1, 1960.”

lovett cornerstone—reminder for future

Buddy Herz

Thresher Editor

INSTITUTE SEAL—ANTIQUATED IN JULY

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1960

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Early Writings...

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the degrees given by Rice since its opening. I do not recall that during my father's lifetime any proposals to change Rice's name were made. If the present proposal had been made, I am sure that he would have favored it. The proposed name does honor to the founder and rolls into one all-inclusive word "University" the phrase "For the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art." The real reason for changing the name is to call Rice what it is—a university.

Piper Slacks

by H-I-S

Pipers lead the poll for campus popularity! Dig the reasons... guys look sharper in pencil-slim Pipers. They like the lower ride on the hips... the side buckles that replace belts... the Continental slant of the front pockets. $4.95 to $8.95, in a host of washable fabrics at on-the-ball campus shops.

The Rice Institute thus aspirer to university standing of the highest grade... "Friends of education in America would insist that the term "Institute" is too narrow in its connotation, friends of science in Europe would contend that it is too broad. . . . I have implied our belief that the college and the professional school thrive best in a university atmosphere. I have also said that that university programme with us, is to have no upper limit, and that its lower limit is to be no lower than that of the

President...

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Accordingly it is as a university, that the Institute proposes to begin, a university of liberal and technical learning, where liberal studies may be studied liberally or technically, where technical subjects may be pursued either technically or liberally, where whatever of professional training is offered is to be based as far as possible on a broad general education."

Additional indications of Dr. Lovett's strong conviction in regard to the new institution being a university is found in the diploma which he personally wrote and designed. Three separate times the diploma speaks of The Rice Institute as a university: "... an American University; ... in the presence of the Trustee Faculty Students and Friends of This University; ... a Student of the University."