Higginbotham New Dean, Replaces Sims

Dr. Sanford W. Higginbotham, a 1934 graduate of Rice University, will return to his alma mater July 1 as Dean of Students and Assistant to the President, holding the same position he left for an inter-university study in American colleges and universities, and for an international assistant on the Journal of Southern History, editor of the Mississippi State and Local History.

He served as a graduate officer of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, the American Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and the American Association for State and Local History.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Higginbotham lectured in history at the Atlantic City Center of Rutgers University before joining the faculty of the University of Mississippi in 1956, where he was University Editor as well as Professor of History.

HIGGINBOTHAM has been the Director of the Bureau of Research and has served on records of the Pennsylvania Historical Society Museum, on the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi, and on various denominational clubs, as a member of the Board of Directors of Delta Phi Epsilon and the Pennsylvania College Women’s League, and as Founder and Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering.

By DOUG JOHNSON

Fulbright Awarded To Diana Thomas

Diana Thomas, senior foreign languages major from New Orleans, has been awarded a 1961-62 Fulbright Scholarship for graduate study in German literature at the University of Munich.

She is one of approximately nine hundred students selected for the honor by the Board of Foreign Scholars, the members of which are appointed by the President of the United States.

Baker Initiates Mentor Program

Twelve seniors and juniors will serve as counselors to the freshmen of Baker College. Chosen were seniors John Fulcher, Charles Giraud, Dewey Kerbe, Charles Kipler, Charles Moore, Gene Richey, Jack Schwartz, Roy Seaberg, and Dick Viebig, and seniors George Martin, Art Slaughter, and Frank Jones.

These advisors, to be called Mentors, were selected by special committee of the Baker Cabinet from many candidates who took interest in the advice and demonstrated qualities of interest and character who would make them both liked and respected by freshmen.

While high academic standing, ards were desirable, the Mentors are chosen to be counselors in all respects, and the Mentor program was not intended to gain recognition, was only on academic performance.

By STEPHEN McCLEARY

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**Operation Abolition**

The following official appeal to The New York Times is printed by permission of the editors of The Thresher.

The film entitled "Operation Abolition" is an official production of the House Un-American Activities Committee dealing with the activities against the Communist organizations in San Francisco last May. It gives a misleading impression that demonstrators were organized and financed by communists in order to disrupt the committee and to publish by the committee itself, with the implication that the demonstrations were Communist-inspired. Defense Department purchase of prints for its libraries would make them available to the public.

The only solution to this most pressing problem is the establishment of a full understanding of the conflict between God and Satan for the destiny of man and the Crusader's notion that men serve God by joining him in his antithesis. Welch exhorts his followers to read Romans 13: "Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the light of Christ." The Methodist Church has been strengthened by the almost feudal, vassal-like relationship between Welch and the members of his society, over whom he exercised monotonous control. On pages 188-189 of the Blue Book, Welch says, "The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body. A Republican form of government or of organization has many attractions and advantages, under certain favorable conditions. But under less happy circumstances it lends itself too readily to inflation, distortion, and disruption. And democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans both found out..." In order to maintain any semblance of a democratic system by pointing out the voluntary nature of the society: should Rice approve of it.

**Welch Cites Need For Radical Action**

By FYRAS CALHOUN

Welch and his ideas fail to appeal to the rank-and-file conservative. His supporters are a different kind of person. The subscriber to Playboy is a different kind of person. The subscriber to the Welsh philosophy accepts life's certain assertions which many Americans consider highly anticommitment groups such as his." His philosophy and his philosophy are not the same.

It is the acceptance of such premises which nurtures and de- shapes the welch philosophy in the minds of its adherents. These premises are fully convinced that the Communist threat is not a real, imminent, and substantial threat. It is one that immediate measures are sometimes necessary to restore the American system.

How has Robert Welch pres- entered his case in order to elicit this response? His message is a mixture of isolated facts, un- proven but-to-come- believable assertions, and an emotional- religio-political-rationo-call for action; he capitalizes on the unawareness and the insecurity of many Am- ricans about the Communist threat.

These people seek to over- come their frustrating sense of helplessness by rallying around a leader who offers them a per- sonal, active role in the struggle. Once they have accepted Welch's dictum that the large and ever- increasing Communist infiltration in our government has rendered it incapable of providing effective defense, they strike out in all directions. However, Welch's absolute concepts of good versus evil have a direct effect on the lives of his fol-owers. In the eyes of the Birch Movement, all actions under the standard of truth and justice, are called good or bad, right or wrong. This is the sin of the enemy. This absolutism has its roots in the medieval ideas of the conflict between God and Satan for the destiny of man and the Crusader's notion that men serve God by joining him in his antithesis. Welch exhorts his followers to read Romans 13: "Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the light of Christ."

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**Megalomania**

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Perhaps the caliber of its students is on a par with those of Harvard, M. T. L., and Princeton, as statistics have shown, but can the same be said of its professors? If Rice instituted a first-rate instruction and professional work, then the students who have chosen to face this are disapponted to see dynamic newcomers to the Rice faculty resign, for whatever their overt reasons. The chances which con- front them at Rice are somewhat more stifling than encouraging. Dynamic leadership is the only solution to this most pressing problem.

And there are other hypocrisies which by tidy rationalization are allowed to tarnish Welch's standing as a citizen, and which are the result of his mind's intelligence and re-evaluation of ideas. This is Inept among the outstanding, deeply entrenched customs which refute a myth that must be realized.

The only violence shown in the film is that of the demonstrations—by a majority of the editorial staff of The Thresher. Times on Monday, May 8, and gives expression to a view of the Activities Committee dealing with the demonstra- tions against it during hearings in San Francisco last May. It gives a misleading impression that demonstrators were organized and financed by communists in order to disrupt the committee and to publish by the committee itself, with the implication that the demonstrations were Communist-inspired. Defense Department purchase of prints for its libraries would make them available to the public.

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By LARRY MOORE

At their last meeting of the academic year, the Student Senate cleared away some old business and organized a number of committees whose work over the summer will hopefully get next year off to a good start.

John Bonds reported that at a meeting of the social committee on Monday night, next year’s social calendar was set up. One closed date for an all school function was allowed to the Student Association, to each class, and to each college. Since, of the college officials, only Jones and Wiese requested such a date, there will be only eight closed dates next year.

The SENATE next passed a resolution in favor of a full delivery for next year’s Campanile. This action was necessary before final approval from the Administration can be obtained.

Bob Clarke submitted for approval the following members of the Forum Committee: Charles Kippie, Betty Branard, Charles Girard, Fybar Callnow, Ken Carr, Larry Moore, and Ken Anderson. He also asked that Mike Burk- ley be allowed to serve on the committee to handle publicity, and that Dr. Rimlinger be made the faculty advisor.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Senate expressed concern that there might be a heavily conservative bias to the committee, but after the initial tendentious of certain of the members were pointed out, the recommendations were approved.

Acting on a previous resolution that the Chairmen of the Publications Board no longer supervise specifically the Councilman-at-Large, but simply a member of the Executive Committee, the Senate approved the appointment of Bethie Rollins to this post.

A further appointment to handle coordination of Freshman Orientation Activities is Doug Johnston.

PRESIDENT MARTIN announced that the Senate is going ahead to organize a Student Judicial Council. Martin described the purpose of such a council as two-fold. First, it would serve to investigate discipline matters and procedures. Second, it would make recommendations to the faculty members controlling discipline and meet with them when necessary.

Martin said that he and Larry Moore would make an investigation over the summer of student discipline bodies at other colleges and seek the best means to implement this program at Rice.

Judy Poinsett proposed that representatives from each college compile a book over the summer, which would have the pictures of every entering freshman.

The Thresher has been unable to find a new editorial in one of the T's, but might be cancelled because of an administrative detail this fall.—Ed.

My plea: Please don’t let these papers.

To the Administration enough to make plans for the University of Chicago (University of Chicago Expedition to Iran)." Dr. Norbeck mentioned the general trend of the methods that Hole will be using to determine whether many of the great antiquity that he describes. One of the methods is by radioactive carbon. Individual grain seeds would be tested, the results being possible by fire being carbonized by or being preserved from insects in some other way. Another method would be to examine pottery found on the same levels of ground for impressions made by those ancient ornamental craftsmen on the unfired clay.

Dr. HOLE will be making his explorations with a company of about eight or ten, and will camp in the dangerous hill country until late next fall. He will then leave the faculty at Rice in the second semester.

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ments are strengthening their

this year only, Biology

THE PHYSICS department expects no major changes and the geology department reports the addition of Dr. Horstfell, who obtained his doctorate from Yale, but no curriculum changes.

The four engineering departments will supplement their graduate programs and hope to award several doctors in the next few years. Another change affecting all departments will be the replacing of the engineering computer (not the big computer) by an IBM 650.

ELECTRICAL ENGIN EERS will take a new course, EE 365b (materials science), from the ME department. EE seniors will take ME 464a (classical thermodynamics) and ME 460b (statistical thermodynamics) instead of ME 462. The new course work will be more theoretical. EE 463 has been dropped.

There will be two visiting professors. Dr. M. J. Jevons from Birmingham, England, and Dr. Johan Zuidweg from Voorburg, in the Netherlands. An addition may also be made to the permanent staff to aid in developing the graduate program.

IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, CE 355 (surveying) has been replaced by a more theoretical course, CE 356 (engineering measurements). A new course, CE 490 (computer techniques) has been added.

Senior CE's will take EE 340a (electronics) and EE 413b (machine and circuits) instead of EE 403. And this solution is over- simplified. Society members believe that active, aggressive leadership is the key to defeating Communism, and they feel the organization would be to give up the fight.

The fact remains that the Birch Society, an organization which aspires to national prominence, has rejected the basic principles of parliamentary government, democracy, and the

Do our liberties so weaken us in order to win the battle against Communism? And having done so, what system shall we then adopt?

THE BIRCH SOCIETY requires only that the United States also be an English-speaking country, and therefore Welch's ability to defend and expose Communism among us. And Welch is not lack-

ig in this area. "Now there are ways of siding up both individuals and organizations in this battle, which can only come with experience, a knowledge of the interlocking pieces and personalities, and a feel for the way the Communist work, and while of course I can make mistakes, too, I know . . . that I have a fairly sensitive nose in this area." (pp. 160-161)

WHAT FEW "MISTAKES" to which Welch may admit will be counted as inconsequential, despite the irreparable damage done top people and institutions. Welch openly advocates McCarr-

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THE GROUP SWORE AN OATH OF SECRECY TO PROTECT THE SOURCES OF THEIR INFORMATION. THE MISSION WAS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND MEET WITH THE LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF BORROWING THE SHAPED PIECE OF PARCHMENT. THE STUDENTS WERE DETERMINED TO LEARN THE truth ABOUT THE DRUIDS AND THEIR CEREMONIES.

THEIR SEARCH LED THEM TO A RARITAN GROUNDED KNIGHT KNOWN AS COCO, WHO WAS CAPABLE OF BENDING SUBSTANCES WITH HIS THOUGHTS. WITH THE HELP OF COCO, THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO UNCOVER A SECRETS ABOUT THE DRUID'S MYSTERIES. THEY DISCOVERED THAT THE DRUIDS WERE MORE THAN JUST SUPERSTITIONS AND THAT THEY HAD A DEEPER MEANING THAN JUST THEIR MISTLETOE CEREMONY.

THE THRESHER

Old Parchment Found; Students Made Front

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Conservative Group Organizes At Rice

During the past few months, a small group of Rice students has been holding informal study sessions to inform themselves on conservative policies.

To date, the study group has brought in several speakers, including William R. Looney, a retired trial lawyer for Texas and noted constitutional conservative. The group, according to member Boyd King, plans to become a formal body at the end of the present academic year. It will begin active support of conservative candidates for public office and other activities next year.

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The Year In Review; Orchids To All, Etc...

By CHUCK YINGLING

Well, here it is, nearly the end of another year, most of us are still here, and with this weekend's action, the 1960-'61 sports program of Rice University comes to a close. So it is only fitting that we sit back and take a last look at the year in review.

Of course, everyone knows that the football team wound up with a 7-3 record in regular season play, tied for second place in the SWC, and nearly became the upset of the year.

OUTSTANDING play from such people as Billy Cox, Boyd and Rufus King, Bobby Lively, Max Webb, Robert Johnston, Johnny Burrell, and Roland Jackson made the Owls tough indeed. And with a potent nucleus of talent returning, as well as some promising freshmen, the outlook is even brighter for next year.

In basketball, Coach Frank's five, ahead a unanimous pick for last place, surprised everybody by finishing with a .5 conference record and fifth place. Included were victories over Texas and eventual champ Texas Tech.

Bill Smith, Dick Park, Mike Maroney, Ollie Shipley, and Jim Fox all turned in outstanding performances on the court. Of these, only Smith and Park graduated, and Kendall Rhine & Co. from this year's fresh squad promise strong replacements. A first division finish is within easy range for next year's cagers.

SAMMY GIAMMALVA's strong tennis team lost the conference because of a puzzling 5-1 loss to Texas A&M, but still be as strong, but frosh Fritz Kim's five, almost a unanimous title in this week's tournament. The Owls are some of these will be walking the court. Of these, everybody by finishing with a 7-7 record.

Neeley and his hard-working staff for a job well done, and by thanks to the student body of this great athletic program.

Bowlers Take 4th In A&M Tourney

The Rice Bowling league finished the last week of season play Saturday. The Woodchoppers won the league with a record of 35 wins and 11 losses. Ending up in second place were the Fearless Froshes 29-15-13 and close behind were the Ballingerites 31-18-9.

The members of the winning tea included Jack Calfo, Dave George, Bob Hood, and Marshall Williams. Each of the bowlers on the first and second place teams received individual trophies.

HOOD RECEIVED top honors in every division. He captured high individual game, high series, and high average. Farmer of the Ballingerites took second in every division and each received trophies for their accomplishments.

Recently at the Intercollegiate Bowling Tournament at Texas A&M Rice Bowlers Farmer, Dale Friend, Williams, Litt Fowler, George, and Phil Smith took fourth place out of 22 schools competing.

Friend was high among Rice bowlers in singles and the doubles team of Farmer and Friend led the Rice participants. The Ballingerites won 2nd high game and Frank Bertram won the tournament and 2nd high series to take home the only trophies.

Friend will be in charge of the league next year.

Wiese Wins With Double; Other 'Mural Results Told

A bases-loaded double by Dr. Dwight Brothers paced Wiese College to a 2-0 victory over Hannon and the College Softball championship Monday. Bobby Boursou was the winning pitcher while the loss was charged to Max Klossel.

Wiese advanced to the finals by beating Baker 8-2 while Hannon beat Will Rice 14-13 in four inning base-on-balls parity.

New records in the 440 yard sprint relay, broad jump, were set in the Track and Field Meet May 4. Butch Blumke took high point honors by winning the 60 yard low hurdles, broad jump, and running a leg in the relay.

Mike Irwin cleared 5' 11" to edge Vic Swedlund in the high jump. Other events and winners: 30 yd dash, John O'Keefe, 5-7, 75 yd dash, O'Keefe, 6-2, 100 yd dash, John Burrell, 10-4; 440 yd dash, Bruce Thompson, 55.8; 60 yd low hurdles, Blumke, 7.6; 440 yd relay, Billy Hale, Blumke, Dale Baker, Bob Wayt, 48.8; Shot Put, John- nny Nichols, 54 5/16; Softball Throw, Wayt, 210' 10"; Broad Jump, Blumke, 20' 11"; Standing Broad Jump, Bill Hedback, 9' 1".

The OWLS took the Women's Intramural Meet with 12 points to ERE's 16 and PAUS's 5. Triple winners were Lucy Methardt and Sherry Landesman.

The results of the College Rifle Match are Hannon 62, Wiese 551, Baker 525, and Will Rice 526. Hanson was led by Bob Hope with 215 out of a possible 150. Lou Bertch was high for the girls with 113.

John Stevens won the Wowe College Ping Pong Tournament while B. J. Knight was second in the Wowe College Tennis Tournament.

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Dr. Carey Croneis, Acting President, has announced the following Rice University faculty promotions, effective September 1, 1961:

Advancing from Associate Professor to Full Professor will be:
- H. K. Beckmann, Mechanical Engineering
- J. T. Cope, English
- Jim Douglas, Mathematics
- J. L. Davies, Biology
- Martin Graham, Electrical Engineering
- R. E. Borschbach, Physicists

PROMOTED FROM Assistant Professor to Associate Professor are:
- Lee Hodges, Foreign Languages
- Robert Myers, Foreign Languages
- Guy Johnson, Jr., Mathematics
- Sam H. Davis, Chemical Engineering
- E. C. Holt, Civil Engineering
- F. W. Bearden, Physical Education

Instructors A. C. L. Barnard, Physics, and James W. Campbell, Biology, will have the rank of Assistant Professor.

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First there is Air Force ROTC. Another program, relatively new, is Officer Training School. Here the navigator training program enables you to win a flying rating and a commission. And, of course, there's your base pay. Then add on such things as tax-free rations and quarters allowances, free medical care, retirement provision, perhaps flight pay, and 30 days' vacation per year. It comes to an attractive figure.

One thing more. As an officer, you'll become eligible for the Air Force Institute of Technology. While on active duty many officers will win graduate degrees at Air Force expense.

Why not contact your local Air Force Recruiter. Or write to Officer Career Information, Dept. SC15, Box 7608, Washington, D.C., if you want further information about the navigator training or Officer Training School programs.

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