**FOR TEACHING**

**Senior Class Award Honors Loewenheim**

*By PALMER BEARD*

Dr. Francis L. Loewenheim, Assistant Professor of History, has been presented the Senior Class Award for Outstanding Contribution to Undergraduate Education.

The winner of the award is chosen by the twenty non-senior members of the graduating senior, according to the procedure set up by the Class of 1958, which established the award. It gives recognition to the unexcelled contributions of one, who has done notable work in the field of undergraduate education.

When interviewed by The Thresher Dr. Loewenheim said, "Well, the award has given me very great personal satisfaction. It is one of the most wonderful things that has happened to me in my three years at Rice."

"I am most grateful to all the people who wrote so well and so generously to select me for this honor."

Dr. LOEWENHEIM is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and received his Ph.D. from Columbia. He was a Research Assistant and Instructor of History at Princeton from 1939 to 1956 and was Visiting Professor of History at William and Mary and the University of Illinois before coming to Rice in 1956.

In 1953-1954, he was Chief of Reference of the Historical Division of The Department of State.

Dr. Loewenheim specializes in modern European History with emphasis on Navy and the Development of the State Department. He will teach at Michigan State University this summer, offering what is essentially the first semester of his undergraduate course at Rice, Modern Europe since 1911. He will also conduct a graduate seminar on the Munich Crisis while at Michigan State.

In line with his specialty, he is co-author of a comparative history of the Parties in the United States and Germany, and he is a member of the Political Committee of the National Association for Colored People (Continued on Page 4)

**Colleges Name New Associates**

Appointments of new faculty associates have been announced by the men's colleges.

Announced as Resident Associate at Baker was John W. Johnson, Lecturer in Commerce.

Hensson College has announced three new non-resident Associates, W. C. Penn, Assistant Professor of Biology; J. C. Purcell, Assistant Professor of Geology and Alan Grob, Assistant Professor of English.

Rice, the East, has announced their new Associate Professor of Architecture, and Edward T. Blumcraft, who is also a graduate of the University of Illinois, has been named as Assistant Professor of Architecture.

The new Resident Associate of Will Rice College is G. F. Schulz, Visiting Lecturer in German, Near Non-resident Associate at Will Rice is J. A. Lechich, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, and Resident Associate of Anthropology is Dr. E. O. Edwards, Head of the Department of Economics, and Business Administration, and Dr. William H. Masterman, Assistant Professor of History, are the professors. Dr. H. Malcolm Lovett, '35, architect.

The three Rice University professors are among several hundred professors across the nation who are members of an organization which the "United States Flag Committee" charges gives every indication of being "the core or cause of the spread of un-American activities at the colleges and universities of this nation today."

The organization to which they refer is the Council on Foreign Relations, described as "a propaganda agency of the United States government, with all of its international links." It is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace. General Dwight Eisenhower, among others, has served as chairman of study groups under its auspices. The Flag Committee was formed in 1948.

Mr. Fowler Named For Fellowship

George E. Fowler, III, a fifth year architectural student, was announced as the winner of the William Wand Watkins Traveling Fellowship for Advanced Study in Architecture for the 1957-1958 academic year.

The fellowship carries a stipend of $2,000 for a two years study in Europe.

Philip T. Y. Chang received the National Science Foundation Fellowship for study in the Barnard College School of Architecture.

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**Annual Arts Aid**

Senior Vice-President and Treasurer, Colson Natural Gas Corp.; Dr. H. Edmunds, '50, attorney, and both J. B. McRae Jr., Jr., architect.

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**From Prom To Commencement: Seniors Move Into Last Four Days**

Wednesday, May 28, is kickoff date for a four-day round of activities beginning with the Class of 1962 Senior Prom and ending with Commencement on Saturday, June 2.

THE PROM will be held at the Houston Country Club from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Music will be provided by the orchestra of Ed Gerashle.

Following a one-day recovery period, seniors will continue their activities on Friday, June 1 at 2:30 p.m. when Research Awards will be presented in various academic fields at the Fondren Library Reading Room.

**BACCALAUREATE service** will be scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Friday night. Dr. Robert E. Fitch, Dean of the School of Religion, will be the Baccalaureate speaker.

On Saturday, the Association of Alumni will honor the graduates with a reception-buffet supper in the Grand Hall of the Memorial Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Also on Saturday, the Alumni Association will have a luncheon for graduates, parents, and guests of graduates at 12:00 noon in the Grand Hall.

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Volume 43: It's Over

Today The Thresher publishes its first post-finals issue in twenty years. The last such issue appeared in June, 1942, as the institute prepared to shift to wartime footing.

The Thresher would like to express appreciation to those staff members who contributed their time and effort to round out this issue, to Mr. Bill Heckt for his reflections on Rice's transition in the last six years, and to those freshmen on pages three and four, without whose help this issue would not have been possible.

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The following article was contributed to The Thresher by Mr. Bill Heckt of The Thresher's editorial staff. While a student at Rice or as an alumnus, he has written and contributed to the school's literary, historical, and literary publications.

The Thresher is a student publication.

Editorial

SOMETIME AFTER 6:30 ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 2, a speaker will address members of the class of 1958. It will mark the end of an era, and perhaps a new beginning for those who will listen and for those who will leave.

It is the cap to four years of ancient form which has been learned, and the beginning of another. It is not the fitting that graduation speech preserves the memory of a tradition and a gesture which proves on close examination to mean nothing. In this respect, graduation is not the end, but the beginning for the graduates of Rice University.

The class of 1958 has been lucky, however. Her members have been the last to live in a university that enclosed them in its humid, clammy grip. The air of shabby gentility. It was too self-conscious to be right. It was too small to be rigid.

The class has been learning. It has been forgetting. It has been in the air of desperate pride about it, not being like all the rest. It, too, has been learning.

The place where they arrived in the fall of 1954, and in which they will leave, is no place to talk of them in the condition of air of shabby gentility. It was too self-conscious to be right. It was too small to be rigid.

SOMETHING IS RIGHT. It is not that we are doing, but that we are living. It is not that we are learning, but that we are growing. It is not that we are being, but that we are striving.

AFTER SIX YEARS AT RICE

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My Room was in the West Hall, new and modern, having living quarters published in the Catalogue. It was a 2x2 with a 2x2, not a 2x1,1/2. The rooms of the class of 1957 were formed from 2x1,1/2's, and the following year the 2x2's were formed. The new rooms were furnished with modern furniture from the University's surplus.

The hall walls were painted a light lilac-gray, the same color of paint that had been put on in 1917. The hall lighting was miserable, but at least it was electric and not candle powered. The halls of the class of 1958 were like Christmas trees compared to the halls of the class of 1957.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK, as I gazed around in 403 West Hall, I was illuminated by the light of a wiring in the floor, it really sunk home to me what dungeons the dorms really were. There were us living in a room that wouldn't pass for a broom closet.

The floor was absolutely black with thirty-nine years of grime and grime. The furniture, too, was black with age; but it had even more rare qualities. It was falling apart. Each time one of my newly made drawer, or one of my newly made washers, the back of a drawer, or the handle, or both, right, or both, left, or both, was exposed. We opened the drawers and left them open.

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The TOTAL EFFECT of the system was to atomize the freshman class. Students were completely individualized, and it was so accident that the school slogan was "we're our own bug." Furthermore, there were few bright lights on the faculty to make it all worthwhile. We talked about apathy and lack of culture now; no one people liked Harwood (particularly the Freshmen) for different reasons. The college system itself has humanized the living conditions. It makes it possible to understand what is going on. It is a very good thing that there has been a remarkable change in the outlook of the students, for the old bitter cynicism has given way in most cases in an attitude of helpfulness.

The change in the academic side of the Institute has been no less astonishing. The curriculum is rationalized for 1957-58, with further improvements coming in the next few years. A few Young Turks were brought in who have made a great difference in the faculty. Lordenbaum, Coop, Mankey, Aubrey Williams, Galambo—"I can't name them all."

One very important product of the work of Dr. Masterson as Rice's principal has been his appointment (and I'm sure before he has contributed an enormous amount to the continuation and direction of Rice's improvement.

At LAST, so long last, the Institute became a university. It is not perfect, but it is one hell of a lot cleaner than before. What's more, the change is still going on. Good professors are still being lost; but the same spirits which brought them will bring others.

The question for this academic community now is, has the direction of Rice's appointment changed? Do we like the new direction in which the school is moving?

IT IS NO secret that President Platzer has opened making Rice the home of a high-powered graduate school. Now it is time to see if the change is being followed through.

But is it possible? Is it wise? Isn't Duke's plan too? While this program increases the chances for undergraduate tuition? Is on Rice's most natural policy to present a really first-class undergraduate institution, with a limited, but also first-rate graduate school in a few feasible fields? You wouldn't get a second chance.
There is no doubt that men are different. But they are also the same. One trouble with education in the West is that it has emphasized these respects in which men are different; this is what excessive specialization means. That excessive specialization means that excessive specialization means.

If you have here is a prescription for the disintegration of society through the disintegration of the educational system. This process is now going on in the United States.

—R. M. Hutchins, The Conflict in Education

Whether or not everyone agrees with all that Mr. Hutchins says above, there does seem to be a general consensus that too much specialization is bad. Moreover, it appears that it can rather easily be argued that there is indeed too much specialization in the modern university. When students are educated so narrowly that they cannot converse intelligently with anyone outside their specialty—as those at a fairly advanced level often are—then we have not a university but a multiversity.

OF COURSE a university should allow one to specialize; it is primarily one's basic, pre-university education which should provide the common background necessary for intelligent communication.

But since high schools rarely supply any kind of education which requires nearly as much intelligence as one will eventually possess, one's really serious education is usually only of the specialized type.

IN ORDER to gain knowledge outside their special fields, then, students resort to reading on their own. However, since each student usually chooses different reading matter, students' informal education of this sort is even more disintegrated than is their formal education.

The Book-of-the-Semester program attempts to remedy somewhat this kind of disintegration of education at Rice.

UNDER THIS program students and faculty members agree to choose the same books as part of their informal reading for one semester. Regularly scheduled discussions, as well as many informal, unplanned sessions, will be held throughout the semester in the hope that some of the intellectual energy of the Rice campus may be devoted to a common end rather than merely to many diversified ends.

THE BOOKS chosen for the first semester of the 1962-1963 school year are David Riesman's The Lonely Crowd and Philip Wylie's Generation of Vipers, both of which will be available at the campus store.

It is felt that a comparison of these two critiques of modern society will provide discussion topics of great interest and value. It is hoped that this will indeed be the case.

—WILL HARRIS

Sophs To Experiment; Name Class Council

By BILL LIEBLICH

Dave Wilmelsem, President of the Class of 1966, announced this week for a Sophomore Council, which has been formed with the purpose of initiating new life in the class system.

The Council, which consists of two representatives from each

Perrine To Seattle

Mr. Richard H. Perrine, Reference Librarian at the Fondren Library, is in Seattle as a professorial librarian on the staff of "Library 21," the American Library Association's exhibit for the Seattle World's Fair.

THIS LIBRARY, which was designed in cooperation with leading electronic firms and publishers, is designed to show the Library of the Future, the library of the 21st Century.

The objective is to dramatize the importance of making fuller use of recorded knowledge and information and of providing an efficient organization of information essential to schools, business, industry, and government.

Seventy-two librarians have been selected from across the country to serve for a month at the exhibit in groups of twelve. Mr. Perrine was selected for the first group. With him are librarians from all over the United States.

college, will meet regularly next year and will have standing committees on such areas of concern as class goals and service projects.

WILHELMSEN cited several points for the Council idea. It will provide more ideas and better communication among class members, he said, and will serve to promote more class and school spirit.

The Council will also attempt to aid in the education of freshmen with regard to the possibilities of their class government. One project already underway is the publishing of a booklet to be sent to the incoming freshmen in September.

THE MEMBERS of the Council, chosen from a field of thirty, forty applicants, are: Baker, Don Harry and Joe Simmons; Hansen, Harry Burrow and Ross Jackson; Jones, Anna Byrnes and Marcia Pieper; Wios, Greg Holland and Carroll Keillers; and Will Rice, Osa Harris and Jack Robertson.

Said Wilmelsem: "The class system is not trial. What we do will help determine whether or not class government should be abolished. We are trying to make the class system better than it has been and with the interest and participation that we have already seen, I believe we will have a very successful year."

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ARROW
From the "Cam Lunde Collection"
The Executive Committee of the Senate held a brief meeting Thursday afternoon to wind up the year's business.

On the recommendation of President McGowen, David Grady was appointed as editor of next year's Janus.

A POLL of all Senate members resulted in the decision to choose the SMU game on October 20 as our football holiday next fall. A request will be made to the administration for this traditional free weekend. Subject to their approval, Counterman Dale Friend will begin plans this summer for a Senate all-school party to be held somewhere in "Big D" the game.

In other business, Bob Clarke gave a report on the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee meeting which he and John Sylvester attended at Rice University on May 18. A resolution was introduced by Rice asking the Southwest Conference Secretaries to lower the price of guest-student tickets from $4 to $2.

THE RESOLUTION passed unanimously, and final action will be initiated by the individual student governments in the Conference. It is not certain what the results will be.

Ponds were appropriated to pay part of the expenses for Griffin Smith, Thresher Editor, and Clarke, S. A. President, to attend the National Student Association editor's conference, student body president's conference, and the National Congress during the last two weeks of August at Ohio State University.

"ATTENDANCE at these meetings hopefully will provide an opportunity to talk with student leaders from all over the United States, particularly those representing colleges and universities having similar circumstances and problems as Rice," said Clarke. "For example, this was one of the first times we have been able to meet with representatives from schools having a college system."

A full report of what happens in Columbus will be made next fall.

CORRECTION

Tim Osborne of the Development Office announced that he was incorrectly reported in the last issue of the Thresher as having been a recipient of the Nobel Price. His name is Tim Osborne.

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The second volume of this work is now in preparation. He is also completing a book entitled "The Emergence of Humankind." Previous recipients of the award are Dr. Neil G. Nelson, of the Department of Philosophy; Dr. Calvin C. Savage of the Department of English; Dr. John T. Jones, President of the National Science Foundation; Dr. George Carman, Editor of the Houston Post; and John D. Wright, Editor of the Houston Post.

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Department of Foreign Languages; Dr. J. B. Pickard, of the Department of English; and Dr. Murphy T. Hinsdale, formerly of the Department of Civil Engineering.

German Society Inducts Elects At a banquet in 6th Maple Room Restaurant on April 25th, Delta Phi Alpha, the German Honor Society, accepted twelve new members: Karen Grover, Barbara Decker, John Sizemore, Julian Green, Roger W. Minor, Florence Haupt, Patricia West, Blanche McCullough, Margaret Breed, Anne Watts, Robert Willard, and Elizabeth Wilson.

Donald Haygood, this year's president, presided over the meeting. The new German Consul, Dr. Robert Fabel, made an informal address in German.

Officers for next year will be: Julian Greene, president; Joni Grady, vice president; and Anne Watts, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Joseph Wilson is the faculty advisor.

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Council, including the presidents of Columbia, Dartmouth, Illinois, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale.

The theme of the Bulletin is the supposed domination of American political life by the Council for Foreign Relations. They ask, "Who is running the country?" The total listing of those running the country includes 40 percent of the members of the Cabinet, including government officials, journalists, businessmen, and educators.

AMONG THE more than 1000 council members named, besides Drs. Cameron, Tansoff, and Craig, are Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Gen. David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of RCA; John DOS Whitney, Editor of the New York Herald-Tribune; David Lawrence, editor of US News and World Report, and Roger M. Rough, Chairman of the Board of United States Steel.

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