Sophomores stand to gain a wider choice of electives, prospective secondary school students and teachers a new program, and all students a rigorously enforced Dead Week under recently proved measures of the faculty council.

The New Science major will require at least two years' course in each of three sciences—biology, chemistry, and physics. Also required will be a concentration involving at least two advanced courses in a particular science. Only students working toward a secondary teaching certificate will be eligible for enrollment in the new curriculum.

This new program was devised to meet one of the two alternatives plans by which a student may prepare to teach in Texas secondary schools, instead of requiring teaching ability in two separatefields, as the other alternative, this plan calls for proficiency in a composite area, as an general science.

The Teacher Education Council will be in charge of the program. This Council reviews the various programs for teacher preparation. It is made up of faculty members representing the different fields of study.

The program has been approved by the State Department of Education and also meets the University art science department's requirements.

The change in the sophomore offering was initially approved by the Humanities Department last year. The purpose of this measure is to make a wider choice of courses available to Sophomores.

Under this present system, coursework would have been required after being fired from Wallops Island, Virginia, on January 14. Dr. Brian J. O'Brien and his team were disappointed nevertheless, for the Nile koala had been a valuable tool in the detection of many laboratory reports requiring work outside the laboratory period.

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For non-majors, the beginning science course is terminal, and what value there is to be in their university education in that science is contained in the first-year course or not at all. But in most cases, the beginning course here is an integrated part of the pre-professional curriculum, designed to prepare the student major for advanced work in his field.

What is left for the non-major at the end of any such course is a base on which no superstructure is to be built. And it is a base, most who have taken these courses will tell you, which is quite weak and thankfully forgotten. When the memory has willingly given up what has seemed all year a useless burden, little remains but the savagery of a man or the awfulness of a Mystery whose secrets only the Blessed may know.

The answer we hear most often from those who defend these courses is that "one learns science by doing science." But what is "doing," for example, in the freshman physics course is not really physics but an introduction to it, and what the non-major does is not science but hard work. The beginning student lacks the tools and some more advanced than others, does not solve the non-major does there is not science but hard rote learning.

The first attempt was financially disastrous, the second was not because of their difficulty alone—many things, most of our beginning science courses do not make any one particularly eager to try again. But there is a real market for such entertainment on the campus, as any group of students and able enough in physics it would discover.

Part of the problem has been the insensitivity of the groups involved in the planning. You do not book a major entertainer with the same ease and abandon with which you handle a local, combo, and you do not publicize a $1000 performer with the same posters you use to advertise a student dance.

Arranging for a national figure in any field to appear on campus is a major undertaking, and the whole endeavor must be approached with a comprehensive commitment of time and effort. Concrete arrangements must be made far in advance, the handling of specific details must be delegated and executed early.

The major problem is undoubtedly publicity. Rice audiences by themselves are unlikely to provide a sufficient financial base on which to build such entertainment, but the University is a large city and the right kind of publicity directed at the right groups of its citizens would undoubtedly attract sufficient crowds to pay the cost of the project itself.

There are three requirements for a successful program of big-name entertainment: a judicious choice of performers, an effective campaign of publicity, and an early start. Surely, there are students to be found who will meet all of them.

EJK

Josh White and After

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On Posting Grades

Eager groups of students have been seen clustered around the bulletin boards on which the final grades and semester averages of a few courses have been posted. History 110, for example, some French courses. Why can't there be more of these clusters?
Texas Ex Protests

Raisin Yes, Harvey No

Finishing on a sea of post-final fans, we have been rudely expelled by several importunate photographers who have been seen to us express that this the noise on the very banks of the Texas athletic scene.

Jerry Epstein

Ryne Dislikes

Pennies, Ice On Court

A & M in a game which may well have a pronounced affect on the order of the Southwest Conference. I have always appreciated this games traditionally promoted.

Bill Proctor's locker.

Let's appreciate your salute. From a school which has its own anti-football ideas in a senior capacity. The salute seems just tribute.

If it is true that all roads lead down, then, we shall travel the road with the memory of the cooling breezes that blow upon the summer. And we will come away that our goal, and neighbors, Rice, will feel these breezes first hand some day.

1 Texas Ex

Nasty Cheers Are

"Joviality of the Epitome" I am writing this to protest the spirit of profanity as an integral part of several of the cheers heard at Rice athletic contests.

1. Profanity in no way increases the effectiveness of the cheering.

2. Fellow students are sincerely offended by the use of such language. These same people, who are our friends, perhaps even players, of the team that we pretend to encourage and inspire.

3. Personally I have no part in profanity, and I am a witness to the rule that it is not in a question of the propriety of it to me.

4. The idea of the word is rather than it is a question of human feelings. Why should spectators, human beings, be subjected to something so senseless?

Fully aware that such yells had their inception long before the present administration, I think that the present administration is in the unfortunate position to show that they are capable of better judgment than were their predecessors (like myself) and eliminate this bit of slangishness from the Rice athletic scene.

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Baker 39

SIGHTS—

and SOUNDS

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Theater

A Raisin in the Sun

There was only really one word for its—report.

A ray of light has dawned on the bleak scene of the current Houston Theater season. Director David Danielson has put a coat of unusually good negro social satire produced in the past year. In the Sun the University of St. Thomas and have to fall in house and standing even more

A season is obvious. In Houston, amateur theater has succeeded, at least in this program, in doing that which they are not only extremely unhallowed "professional" and "n-r-professional" theaters.

They have accomplished this merely by performing a well-acted and technically perfect play.

THE DIRECTOR DANNENBAUM

(largely responsible for the success of the Players' J.E.B. and inter, and, though one could

We salute you for your in:

But throwing coins, ice, and any litter left unnoticed are clearly offensive as something so senseless.

ANY LITTER left unnoticed for coming-to-rest. The junior

angles that the balls follow be-

more in spite of the acting than because of it.

The play has been produced under the auspices of the Houston Council on Human Relations, and, though one could be a nut-picker and find flaws here, there, its virtual faultlessness overthrows its faults.

Tentatively, the run of the play is going to be extended another two weeks, perhaps, on the Theater Stage, Inc. It may not be worth noting how the cramped apartment setting does at a large stage. Tickets will be

It's a Good. Ticket prices are

Harvey

Alley Theater

How do you like your white bread? Maybe bad or Fried? If noon comes, then you may find the recent production of the Alley Theater just for you—warm, barely, and a little bad.

The play of course, is Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize winner "Harvey" which succeeds in getting laughs at the Alley even in spite of the acting because of it.

In the sun.

But I am sort of unfortu-

的基本股: 基本股, 不能撤回, 确保所有其他投资者的利益不受损害。
Incidental Intelligence

Not much happened during the finale, so we offer the following purportedly true story told by a student who got it from his roommate:

"Mathematics 101 several years ago, Mathematics professor Lincoln K. Durst, a master of the double entendre, held a contest of some sort on a dry day in the sun, gave a test on probability which probably looked something like this: "There are 18,000 students at the University. Assuming that nobody has more than three initials, how many possible combinations of initials are there at the University?"

"Yes, students tripped up by calculating only those with a full three initials; some clever ones included a calculation for those with two. When the test was returned, Durst, who was the student, announced that not one person in the class had answered the question correctly. He calculated, for those with three initials, a few for two, but every student left the people with only one.

"The class hissed. One red-clad student blurted out: 'Isn't this getting a little absurd, Mr. Durst? Just how many people do you know with only one name?'

"Durst passed, stared at the window; then, with the sly grin known only to those who have taken a Durst course, replied: 'Ever heard of Tanz?'"
Research Grants
Give Summer Aid
To Assistant Profs

Rice has joined Yale as one of the two major American universities to offer liberal research grants to Assistant Professors in the Humanities. President Pitter announced the $1000 grants at the first faculty meeting of the year.

THE ASSISTANT Professor may divide the money between research costs and a summer fellowship. All Assistant Professors in Economics, English, German, French, History, and Philosophy will receive a grant for any reasonable research project--the first summer. They may then compete for an extension. One extra grant will probably be offered for an acceptable project. At least two months of the summer must be spent on the project.

The Humanities Department hopes these grants will ease the financial position of the Assistant Professor and attract new faculty members.

Dr. H. JOHN RATH, head of the History Department, stated that the new grants would "give the Assistant Professor a chance to go ahead with research without the financial worry and assure them that Rice is supporting them."

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SLLS Dance
Mike Groves' Band will play at the all-school Groundhog Eve Dance to be presented by the SLLS on Saturday, February 1, from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am at the American Legion Hall, 3006 Brauns. The cost is 75c per person; setups are only 10c. The dance will follow the Rice-A. D. M basketball game.

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"The shaped charge of explosives fired on schedule, and the springs in the nose cone separated the instruments from the shell at the correct altitude of 140,000 feet, exposing the geiger counters and photoemulators as planned," Lee Rates reported in a publicity release to the Thresher.

THE SECONDARY objectives of the project were also accomplished. As Dr. O'Brien said, the graduate students who have built the electronic instrument package and fired it have achieved rare experiences in rocketry and space instrumentation.

The next Rice space probe will also be fired from Wallops Island sometime early in February. The last two scheduled shots and an additional one will be launched in March from the joint Canadian-American scientific installation at Port Churchill, Canada.

This location is close to the Arctic Circle and is therefore a good base for the study of the aurora borealis. When all the data is in, Dr. O'Brien hopes to be able to tell whether or not the aurora and the airflow are any different space phenomena.

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Wishemeyer has been named Director of Region M of the IEEE in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Since he came to Rice in 1939, he has been active in the scientific, professional and academic affairs of the Southwest, and is currently an advisor to student electrical engineering groups in the area.

DR. GERALD C. PHILLIPS, Chairman of the Rice University Department of Physics, has been named by the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as visiting scientist.

As a visiting scientist in physics, Dr. Phillips will travel to college and university campuses throughout the coming year to give lectures, meet with students and discuss efforts to promote a greater interest in physics and physics education with faculty members.

College Room Shortage
No Longer A Problem

By SANDY COYNE

In contrast to the room shortage at the beginning of the first semester, the colleges are now able to handle most of their demand for on-campus living space. With available space next to the beginning of this semester, most persons desiring rooms will be able to get them.

ACCORDING TO Will Rice President Richard Long, the number of people desiring to move on campus are about balanced by those who wish to move off. Jim Stuten of Wicos College says that "the real trouble was at the start of the year" and that most applicants will probably be able to get back on campus. Baker College has some vacancies at present and no waiting to get in.

The shifting is usually coordinated by one person in the college who keeps the waiting list of those desiring campus space. The colleges have different systems for determining eligibility. Most colleges discriminate against persons living in Houston (except seniors), in an attempt to allow all freshmen desiring to live on campus to do so.

In JONES COLLEGE all undergraduates under 21 are required to live in the college or in TWU unless living at home with their parents.

Some students, of course, prefer to live off-campus. The primary reason is apparently to escape the noise and constant association with so many people. Some need quiet to study; others need it for sleep. It is an advantage to "get away from the pressure" by being able to leave the campus at the end of the day. Inflexible meal schedules and generally exorbitant costs are other reasons for leaving the colleges.

ON THE OTHER hand, many students prefer the college for some of the same reasons that cause people to leave. Some students like to be close to college to enjoy the "fellowship." Many like the convenience of having meals always ready at the same time and may even find it less expensive.

At present most colleges hold 200 to 230 residents. Will Rice has 201 residents and 198 non-residents; Hanszen has 220 on-campus with 38 off. Baker College has 320 non-residents while 209 members live on-campus; Wicos College has only 195 residents with 148 members off-campus. Jones College, the largest, has 312 members in the college, 82 in TWU, and 100 living off-campus.

The BIGGEST factor in the on-campus or off-campus question is the importance of residence to the college system. The college system is much more effective when students are in regular contact with it through their residence in the colleges.

Upclassmen, however, somehow make up for the benefits they are greatest in the Freshman and Sophomore classes. As a result, more upperclassmen live off-campus by choice than any other class.

THE COLLEGES makes efforts to accommodate non-residents into the college. The colleges have off-campus representatives in their governments. Jones College has an Active-Off-Campus Committee that works closely with non-residents regularly. The college tries various devices to communicate with members, such as newsletters in Hanszen and Will Rice. They attempt to bring non-resident students to the colleges more often with meal subsidies and other attractions.

In general, however, the students themselves assume responsibility for taking advantage of the college system when he moves off the campus.

John LaCost wanted a part in scientific progress.

He has it at Western Electric.

John LaCost received his B.S.E.E. from the University of Illinois in 1962. One of the factors which influenced him to join Western Electric was the quick manner in which new engineers become operational.

During the short time John has been with us, he has worked in several areas which are vital to the nation's communications complex. And with his continued and advanced engineering concepts like revolutionary and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems. He is also aware of the continued opportunity and educational and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems. He is also aware of the continued opportunity and educational and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems. He is also aware of the continued opportunity and educational and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems.

John's future at Western Electric looks promising indeed. He hopes he will be working with revolutionary and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems. He is also aware of the continued opportunity and educational and advanced engineering concepts like electronic switching, the camera industry, computer-controlled production lines and microwave systems.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, January 31 at 8 pm in the FLLL concentration and to organize the interested students are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held at the Rice Stadium Parking lot. Curtain升 or Rich or Beth, both in Wiess College, for details.

Kultur—Dr. Donald Lee, Anthropologist, will speak Friday, January 31 at 8 pm in the FLLL and "Extended Area of Culture.

Health Insurance—Students interested in subscribing to the student health insurance program are invited to contact the Office of Student Health Service, first floor, old Nassau, before February 1.

Social Work—The kick-off meeting for the spring session of the Sun Palms Tutoring project will be held tonight at 7 pm in the Student Health Service, Veteran and prospective members are invited.

Work Abroad—Students who might want to work abroad are invited to attend a meeting at the American Student Information Service, 22 Avenue De La Liberte, Grand Duch of Luxembourg, for the 24th meeting of the incident complete list of jobs available and a travel grant application. The prospectus costs a dollar and will follow by air mail.

Tycoons—Harold E. Metcalfe of the University of Chicago will be on campus February 11, from 9 am to 3 pm to discuss the nation's economic problems and career opportunities to interested students. Students interested contact the Placement Office for further details.

SCEP—(Continued from Page 3) and the possibility of liberalized course requirements. When pressed on the possible ramifications of these proposed changes. Mr. McCree replied, "The problems themselves will be on study and new ideas. If the results are worthwhile, they will stand by themselves. The administration is sincerely interested in them.

SCEP is working through a new Planning Committee, established last year by President Pitzer to formulate a ten year plan and initiate a critical self-study of the university. This committee, headed by Dr. D. S. Brothers, is concerned with undergraduate instruction.

Chairman McCree remarked to the Trustees that "we feel that each of these areas is important. We will try to alleviate the human resources that become available as well as possible." The meeting will be held to consider which of these areas merits the most concentration and to organize the necessary committees. Interested students are invited to attend.

THE RICE SYMPHONY TO RENDER RICE ACADEMIC OVERTURE

Dr. Allen B. Trubritt's prize-winning "Rice Sem-annual Overture in D" will be played February 3 and 4 by the Houston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sir John Barbirolli. Dr. Trubritt, who won $1000 for his orchestral composition commemorating Rice University's 50th Anniversary, will come to Houston from his home in In- dia, Pennsylvania, for the premier performance of his com- position. The concert will be held in Rice's Duson Auditorium February 3. HIS WORK WAS chosen by Sir John Barbirolli from a group of 36 manuscripts submitted by com- posers across the nation after Professor Arthur Hall of the School of Music at Rice and Dr. Elmer S. Blocker of the graduate department of music at the University of Houston has made the final screening. Thomas Sherman, conductor of the Little Orchestra Society of New York had made the semi-final decision.

Dr. Trubritt is a member of the music faculty at the State College, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania. He received Bachelor and Mas- ter of Music Education degrees at Rice, and a M.A. and Ed.D. from Columbia University. He has served as Professor of Music at the University of New York and as Chairman of the Depart- ment of Health and Physical Education.

His election was confirmed this month at the 50th Con- vention of the NCCEA in Dallas.

Dr. WESTON is Elected President As P.E. Association Meets

Dr. Arthur Weston, Professor of Health and Physical Educa- tion, was elected President of the National College Physical Educa- tion Association at the University of Chicago Convention.

His election was confirmed this month at the 50th Con- vention of the NCCEA in Dallas.

Dr. WESTON, a specialist in the history and philosophy of physi- cal education and the physiology of exercise, joined the Rice faculty in 1962. In 1962 he was named Chairman of the Depart- ment of Health and Physical Education.

A native of Portland Maine, he received his B.A. from the University of Maine; and his M.A. and Ed.D. from Columbia University. He served as Super- intendent of the New York City Police Athletic League before coming to Rice.

In ADDITION TO more than 14 articles on health and physical education, Dr. Weston has had two papers published: "An Evalu- ation of Physical Education Pro- gram in Main Secondary Schools" and "The Making of American Physical Education." He has been given a third volume to be released soon.

At THE SAME convention, two other members of the Rice Health and Physical Education Department, Dr. Frank Bearden and Mr. Gilbert Hermane, de- livered paper.

Dr. Bearden's paper was en- titled "Psychological Approach in Teaching Physical Education" and Mr. Hermane's covered the history of the NCAA's conflict with the AAI.

Weston is a member of the American Academy of Sports Medicine, the College Physical Education Association, and the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recrea- tion.

Dr. Weston is presently on leave of absence, serving as Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department at Brooklyn College. He will re- turn to Rice in the fall.

Language Institute To Be Held Here

For High School Spanish Teachers

To conclude the first year that it has offered an academic major in Spanish, Rice will host a Summer Language Institute in Spanish from June 8-July 17. This Institute will be a great way to learn the language of Spanish and to gain significant language correction. The second program will open on the first week in Spanish. The program will project and will open important improvements in teaching methods, such as the emphasis on the linguistic com- mand of the language rather than strict grammatical correction. The participants can apply credits toward a college degree in Spanish.

This is the first time that an Institute for Spanish has been held at Rice. According to Dr. Castaneda, the Director of the Institute, there have already been a large number of applications from several states. The second program will be held in June. The six-week period and will make use of the language lab facilities. Under trained and experienced guidance, they will develop their linguistic ability, for only Spanish will be spoken.

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Tony Confined By Fall; Campus Fixture Absent

BY SANDY COYNER

Because of an accident last August 30 in Founders Library, Tony Martin a much beloved figure on the Rice campus, has been confined to a wheelchair in Hermann Hospital and may continue to be there for six months or more.

Tony, who is now 52, has worked with the Rice University Building and Ground Crews since he was 9. As Grounds Foreman, he has directed much of the work done on the Rice campus.

BY HIS FRIENDLINESS, enthusiasm, and dependability, he has won the respect and friendship of faculty, administration, co-workers, and students.

On August 29, while taking down draperies in the Science Reading Room of the Library, Tony fell from the ladder and suffered multiple compound fractures of the left arm and a fractured left hip.

WHILE IN the hospital he has undergone several operations and is confined to a wheelchair. Although his arm is no longer in a cast, he does not have complete use of it; he cannot walk since his hip will not yet support his own weight.

Because of his energetic nature, Tony's enforced confinement is most expressive to him. He always runs his crew with efficiency and dependability. In his zeal to see that jobs were done correctly, he often did much of the actual work himself.

BUT SINCE August Tony has not even been able to see the Rice campus. He wants desperately to be able to walk again, and it is possible that he may be able to do so in the near future. Meanwhile he says "It's like a Jailhouse here."

In sympathy, many of his friends at the University have contributed to numerous collections made for him. When it became evident that his stay in the hospital would be a long one, the TV set rented for him was replaced with a set donated by President Pilkett.

FOR CHRISTMAS he received a university friends a cowboy hat, two cowboy shirts, and pajamas.

Since Tony wants to learn to write and read, the University may be able to help him with this during his convalescence. Tony is responsible for much of the beauty of today's campus. When he started working here, Rice was three buildings and three dorms. He helped fill in the swamp at the North end of the campus, and is responsible for much of the present landscaping.

TONY HAS FIVE children, all grown, and two grandchildren. His dad and uncle before him were also well-known figures on the Rice campus.

Though his many friends visit him regularly, Tony wants very much to be able to walk and return to his job at Rice soon. He is friendly to everyone and welcomes visitors to Room 433, Hermann Hospital. Though he is best known by faculty and co-workers, it is impossible to meet him and not like him.
Owls Beat Trinity In San Antonio; Rhine Scores 28

By FYRAS CALHOUN

Margaret Bland scored a career-high 28 points, including the game-winning basket at the buzzer, to lead Rice to a 71-36 victory over Trinity in a Southwestern Conference game Wednesday night.

After being tied for first place the first half of the season, the Owls now have a one-game advantage over Trinity and a full-game lead over SMU. The Owls are 7-1 in SWC play, while Trinity and SMU are 6-2. Rice is 12-3 overall, while Trinity is 10-5 and SMU is 11-5.

Before winning the conference title, the Owls need to win three of their last four games. Trinity and SMU each have two games left, while Rice has one game remaining.

The Owls are now in position to win the SWC championship for the first time since 1959. If they win their final game, they will be guaranteed at least a share of the title.

SPORTS NOTES

The SCUBA diving club will meet at 7 p.m. next week in the swimming pool. The Handball club will meet Friday at 7 p.m. Wendell Lienesch, student in-structor, has announced the formation of a wrestling and weight-training club which will meet four times a week.

The Club will hold its annual session tonight in the apparatus room.

Mural Play Back; Four Tournaments Begin This Week

Returning from the semester break, Rice intramural athletes reconvened on action last week. Returning from the semester break, Rice intramural athletes reconvened on action last week. Returning from the semester break, Rice intramural athletes reconvened on action last week. Returning from the semester break, Rice intramural athletes reconvened on action last week.


day at River Oaks Country Club.

The Aggies, who picked up as high as six in an eight-team league, are at present in front. Texas, the consensus choice for the championship, has lost only two of its first three games. And second place is more popular than Kay's after 10,000 screaming West Texans—even when the opponents are lopsided victories over Georgia Tech, Rice and Oklahoma City.

Greatness more than once this season. With the season half over, they have the benefit of sophomores' attitude and仍未果。
They Also Serve Who Only Stand And Wait On Us

NORTH	A Q 10 9 8
East	K 10 9 8 x
South	J x x Diamonds 10 x x
West	A Q x Spades K J x

NORTH SOUTH
A K Q Clubs J x x
K x x x Diamonds A Q J x
A Q x Spades K J

A K Q 10 9 8 x x x x
J x 4 3 2 x
Hears K J x x

Here the combined holding is 27 high card points, but if South held the queen of diamonds instead of the queen of spades, the slam contract would be an excellent one, standing a 50 per cent chance against a club lead, and being virtually beaten against any other lead. This brings us to the second principle: it’s as important to stay out of unmakeable slams as it is to bid the ones you make.

Some kinds of newsworthy people never provide a “bouquet” opportunity to bid slam. For instance, South, a good big man from Houston, is the sort of player who made the type of slam he passed in the usual suit, 2) if so, do you have a diamond fit, and 3) if so, are any of your points in spades? Minus! South, played by Rice senior Clyde Mushou, needs two heart tricks to go with three spade winners, four diamonds, and three clubs.

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