Rice Places One In Region Finals For 1965 Rhodes

Winnie Senior Walter Johnson, Jr., will be Rice's lone representative at the national scholarship regional finals to be held in New Orleans next Saturday.

Johnson, a physics major from Camden, Arkansas, won his place in the finals at the Arkansas State University interviews held in Little Rock this week. Students may enter the Rhodes competition either in their home state or in the state where they attended college.

Competing against eleven other finalists from the six-state regional will be Derkacz, who will be trying for one of four scholarship likely to be awarded by the interviewing committee.

Texas Interviews

In the Texas state interviews and in the campus Interview, those places in the finals were given to Stanford University senior Thomas A. Cotton and University of Texas seniors G. C. Krane and C. F. Kech. Student interviews are held in all Texas colleges, as well as in the University of Texas, in an Electrical Engineering major at Stanford and plans to read history at Oxford.

Rice's delegation to the Texas interviews was comprised of seniors Donald Alvin Alton, Mark W. Booth, David Louis Gunnerson, and Don S. Alton and Siegmund are members of Will Rice Booth, Booth and Galien of Baker.

Also A Drummer

The committee which interviews the students have been headed by Marcus of Dallas, Dr. Carlston Chapman of the University of Texas School of Medicine, Professor Joseph McKnight of the SMU School of Law, and Dr. Raymond Pruitt, Robert Elkel and Raymond of the Rice University.

Johnson returned to the campus the same night. A member of the Beta Kapau and Fellow of Winse College, he will study physics at Oxford.

NYC Charter Jet To Leave Friday

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The Christmas story once again peaks out upon a happy little stereophonic, filter- world of parking tickets, bluebooks and deserts.

The booming carols in glittering, teem- ing department stores remind us of the joyous message — that we can serving our books for bottles and speed over turnpikes to share a few precious days with our families, old friends, and perhaps lavishing what remains of ourselves and our wallets on a special someone.

Strange that the humble birth of a baby in a obscure village of the Near East a couple of thousand years ago should so disrupt the pattern of the Good Life that even the New York Stock Exchange pauses for the day.

Odd that church bells in Brussels, Bost-, ton, Buena Aires and Biloxi ring out to commemorate the birth of a child who would never know the intracacies of economic warfare and foreign policy, much less the diplomacy of cocktail party eti- quette.

Funny that angels and shepherds should share top billing with Maverick, missiles and sensational murderers.

More unusual still are the moments amid tinsel and egg-nog when we realize that this celebrated infant of a far-off time and place was a living symbol of all the love and humanity that man can ever hope to know.

The above editorial was written in 1959 by the Thresher Associate Editor, Bill Delaney. It has been reprinted in the page before Christ- mas each year since.

The University's Early Decision Plan, put into operaion this past February, has gained the last school year, gave us something of a start this week when we learned the results: 125 accepted back, earning 121,120.

What of the commonly-voiced doubt that Rice could attract the Super-Boards group only with the no-tuition lure? Groundless, perhaps, judging on early re- turns.

The Myth, to whatever extent it is a myth, lives on in the hearts of the lemmings.

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No Senate meeting this week. No Sen- ate meeting last week. Nor the week be- fore.

During that period a master of one of the colleges resigned; President Pitzer issued a statement of policy hamstring- ing hopefully one of the Senate's two major committees; old business (as distin- guished from minutes) gathers dust. No meeting, no debate, no resolutions, no action of any kind.

The Senate neither leads nor follows. It never the initiator of policy in any area, it sluggishly if at all reacts to questions, controverses, or unmet needs in "other" areas of the campus than the little-used SA office.

The areas of neglect read in one section like the catalogue of vital questions fac- ing Rice undergraduates; in another as an exhaustive list of programs student gov- ernments across the country have devised to benefit, amuse, or enlighten the stu- dents they claim to represent.

The Forum Committee is a case in point. Vital issues come up, and mostly go, on the Rice campus, but the Forum arranges no forums (the free, local people variety, as with the "Rice Myth" forums two years back). Just one of the five colleges (Will Rice) presents a speaker virtually every week, including not a few very good ones; the Forum gets three speakers in four months. Gus Hall or no, the Senate has permitted its number one committee to go into virtually complete obscurity without a senatorial whimper, question or complaint.

Shuffling our file, we note:

- The reading period extension, which figured in some hopeful discussions with the faculty last semester: no action, no word, no complaints.
- Residents of the colleges continue to live under a sharply restrictive rule on Open House. One college broaches the is- sue, a few more join in to study the ques- tions involved; the Senate has not the wit to see the possibilities of its potential for coordinating their studies, giving more bureaucratic or other support or help.
- Free Speech: President Pitzer's retro- grade statement at the University Assembly demanded an immediate reply. It got none since a quorum couldn't be gotten up; this issue, as clear-cut a challenge as we have seen on this campus in many years, was, like so many less dramatic questions, not dealt with. It shows every prospect now of fading into the Senate's "Curb." The list goes on and on.

For at least the past two years, the SA has been asking student discontent; we thought last year when the Senate's pre- mier achievement was its decisive approval of an (unsuccessful) entry into a national turtle-race rally, we were confident that the SA had finally reached its nadir.

We were wrong.

One year's government hasn't even en- tered its turtle.

As The Turtle Turns

We blame our editor's failure to appr...
Poems Do Not Good Drama Make

By STEVE THORPE

There has, for the longest time, been a small group of di-

rectors who have errors, that a play written in verse was drama, and those who, equally small group of English professors have sworn that it was no drama at all.

What this all boils down to is something like the debate over Shakespeare —it is all quite academic since directors still direct drama and professors still profess.

Now, W. H. Auden has written a beautiful poem which he titled "The Meditation of Simeon" and which, to compound the situation, he designated as an "obscure". Here is one piece of Auden's which would assume that it should function well as a dramatic piece.

Of course, that poetry should be read aloud is not to be forgotten — but poetry has to rely solely on language to get the message across, and hence it tends to be a great deal more con-
densed, I would say, drama which can play on the emotions of an audience through stage di-

rectory.

Read, Don't Listen

Considering this, thin, it hardly seems surprising that to understand a poem completely, you have to put down and read it.

I do digress.

The point, of all the above is really quite simple. "For the Time Being" is, indeed, a beautiful poem, fraught with multitudinous poetic images and a question which all look fine on paper.

It is a poem and not a drama —no amount of emotion or em-

ulation or gestilation will make such passages as "the Meditation of Simeon" anything better than horribly ob-

scure.

Splitting Headache

"For the Time Being" re-

quires, if read aloud, the com-

plete and uninterrupted con-

centration of the audience for

the better part of two hours. Auden piles image upon image

upon image, until, if the listen-

er can continue his train of thought. Indeed, some of Herold's lines are so long and involved that it was amazing what he had said at the beginning of a sentence when he had finished it.

So the audience has two alternatives. They can either sit there and listen themselves off, thereby losing the significance of the poem — or they can con-

centrate, catch a bit of the message, and leave with a splitting headache.

Certainly, there are beautiful, lucid, and dramatic passages in "For The Time Being" many of them — but there is just so much that Auden tries to get across in so many different ways, that "changes of mood" are about the only thing an audience can hope to catch without more mental effort than they are willing to expend.

Did Their Best

In short, "For the Time Be-

ing" is not well enough design-

ed to be heard once and under-

stood — even literally.

The Players did the best they could. Lawton Tollett's Simeon was as clear as he could possibly be, and Bob Stut's Joseph was especially impres-

sive. The choral work was, on the whole, excellent, and the general staging was simple and dignified.

Everything was as it should have been — except that he should have called his work "an ode".

Before preparations can be begun, administration approval is necessary. Also funds, per-

sumably from some foundation such as Ford or Guggenheim, must be found.

Woodward said the objective of the new program is to free the students from the pressures of examination and "forced" development, and to call de-

trimental to the educational system.

The student would be allow-

ed full freedom to "read, think, and learn as he will." In short, the individual would fit the educational system to his own personal need, and there-

by, according to Woodward, open fully the worth of univers-

ity life and education.

Self Discipline

The program assumes a great deal of self-discipline on the part of the student. With no tests, required papers, or mas-

culty lectures, the student should be completely on his own to spend his time in anyway he pleases.

Dr. Roy Talmage, Master of Wiess, posed the question whether free students were mature enough to enter such a program, especially at Rice where entrance requirements are based on the test and grade point standard.

Dr. Paul Pfleiffer of the Electrical Engineering Depart-

ment asked how students would possibly know how they stood in such a curriculum. Fears and apprehensions to the point of unwill-

ingness, he suggested, would be heightened by the fact that they had no grade through which they could evaluate their per-

formance.

Modify Admissions

Woodward allowed that cer-

tainty there are those to whom this program would be a de-

triment under present ad-

mission policies. Some new method for admission would have to be found, he suggested.

Another point based cen-

tered on the fact that the pro-

gram demands a great deal from the professor. In order to conscientiously evaluate his student, he should have each individual attention, and prepare seminars and lectures, the professor will have to be found, he suggested.

Since research publications are the only means for advance-

ment in professional circles, it was suggested by Dr. Talmage that the professor would be stigmatized in his position, re-

lated simply to the task of teaching.

With the Rice administrative policy concerning faculty pub-

lications and original work a problem might well arise, though occasionally a semester of leave of absence for research could alleviate the problem, Dr. Woodward felt.
Sheriff Squelches Rice Lime Run; Day Was Interrupted

Sheriff’s Office ordered the participants to get off the streets in 30 minutes.

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De Hartog Inspires Student Help At Taub, JD; Nurse Denies Need

BY MORAG FULLIGOE

Thresher Staff Writer

The 60 voice Wiess choruses volunteered to take nursing aid training, the nursing aid training at the hospital, the hospital, and were told that only 10 volunteers signed up to take the training.

Mr. de Hartog, a Quaker, spent much time referring to the rule of “love your neighbor as yourself” for every five cents of talk.

It was consistent with men by several members of his faith to volunteer to work in the hospital, and with numerous authorities on government, education and business.

Round-Table Discussion

Among the students, who were divided into eight small roundtable groups, was sparked by a running debate between Lewis U. Hanke, Professor of Latin American History at Columbia University, and John Dubois, Latin American correspondent for the Chicago Tribune Press Service.

Hanke urged the delegates not to allow an overemphasis on the threat of Communism to detract their attention from Latin America’s particular and growing problems.

Dobbs countered with a detailed documentary of Communist in Latin America was the main point of contention at the tenth annual Student Conference on National Affairs. Students from 75 Canadian, United States and Latin American universities, including Hanssen, junior Bill Broyles and Dr. Robert Ullrich.

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There are other advantages expected from the change. "We hope the presence of a female in the office will add to the general atmosphere of the lounge area," Wiess President Bill McGregor explains.

Baker and Hanssen have indicated an interest in instituting the same plan. Baker hopes to follow suit as soon as possible. Hanssen is handicapped by the present lack of facilities, which, however, should be available next year.

Will at Rice this time also lacks the faculty following a wait-and-see policy, doubting whether one person can handle all the work.

The person hired will be selected by the college president and president. McGregor predicts a maturely trained woman for Wiss. It is reported on the campus that representatives among members of Wiess has been very favorable.
Hand Off China-USSR Urged By Freedman

We have seen the Moscow-Peking quarrel in the wrong perspective according to Max Freedman, Washington correspondent for the Chicago Daily News. "Far too many people take as the gospel version propaganda put out by the Kremlin."

Freedman spoke Thursday in the RNC to the Houston United Nations Association of the U.S.A. and the Houston Council on Human Rights. He argued that the image of Red China as a "power mad monster" unafraid of nuclear war is not supported by either the pronouncements or actions of the Chinese government, but is an image concocted and spread by the Russian propagandists.

China More Rational Freedman supported this statement by comparing instances in which China had acted more rationally than Russia. China stopped shelling Quemoy and Matsu before a serious conflict broke out and has avoided direct involvement in Viet Nam.

When the presence of Russian missiles in Cuba was made public, the Chinese government issued a statement charging "there is no warrant for the action of the Kremlin's smuggling missiles in Cuba."

Considering United States foreign policy relative to the U.S.-Soviet rift, Freedman emphasized that we must remember "the quarrel is not over us but other Communist parties in the rest of the world."

He suggested that the United States policy be one of "verbal disarmament." "Our policy towards the Moscow-Peking quarrel should be hands off and words off."

Tip Prevent Recognition Freedman stated that he considers it impossible for the United States to recognize China while we are under our present obligations to Formosa.

"That does not mean in any way that the present American policy is satisfactory."

It is senseless to believe that we can "starve China into good behavior by withholding American trade," said Freedman. The American embargo of China should be reconsidered.

Freedman strongly opposed the State Department's travel ban on China. "Until we have American reporters working in China, the American people will not be adequately served."

Phrases used by the Kremlin's smug spokesman "in the parking lot, Richy, with all those Dodge Coronets around it." defined in the text as an image constructed and spread by the Russian propaganda agents put out by the Kremlin.

"Bumping' Keeps Times Off Time"

"Nothing more can be done," says EMC director W. S. Red, referring to the late delivery of the New York Times to the campus store. Mr. Red attributes this primarily to the Times being shuttled aside or "bumped" in Atlanta, where the papers change jets en route to Houston. Eastern classifies the Times as air freight. This is lower in priority than air mail, passengers, baggage, and air express. If there is a heavy volume of air mail, lower priority items are bumped aside to await the next flight. This includes the Times.

The next possible flight to Houston is a slow propeller plane. Its uncertain arrival in Houston is in the afternoon. If the papers are delivered to the bookstore after 4 pm when it is closed, the papers must be delivered the next morning.

This route is the fastest and most practical one to Houston. On any route, by any line, the papers may be "bumped." Mr. Red and Professor Francis L. Leeuwenhoek of the History Department have talked to representatives of the Times, Eastern, and others involved but there does not seem to be any hope of improving delivery.

Comes out of the 78 revolutions per minute, and you get a thrill."

"The student has a longer period in which to choose his school." Mr. Giese amended the statement that early decision candidates were required to meet the same standards as regular admission candidates. Some latitude was allowed on SAT scores for senior-year subjects that hadn't been taken by the candidates. "Otherwise, all requirements were the same."

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By DANIEL ALBRIGHT
Thresher Staff Reporter

Bob Lowenstein was unbelievably short, not exactly a dem- ented ego ("James Bond") forever lighting cigarettes, kiting metal strangers, forgetting their names, and falling over his own feet.

Much of the suspense of the script was caused by Vesper, played by the semirealistic Lilli Milan, because everyone kept waiting for her to walk out onto the stage again.

"De Shaba Goes to College" was a one-joke routine, but the joke was — well, decide for yourself. A student wearing a very little pig's tail. In the obvious position comes into the office of Dr. Skabbs, doctor for a small Southern University.

Piggy Bottom The doctor is perplexed, but he looks in a reference book and finds "Piggy bottom! A tail told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

In questionable taste? — who are they? an actor in a James Bond parody, called, appropriately enough, "Finger."

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Busy Stadium
Rice Stadium will play host to the best that college and Texas high school football have to offer Saturday. Jerry Rhone, NCAA passing champion, leads the Tulsa Hurricane against Ole Miss at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Blisbonnet Bowl. Tickets are $4.50 and $2.50.

Later in the evening at 8, Galena Park, the alma mater of Rhone's son receiver Howard Twelley, will meet Garland for the AAAA crown of Texas schoolboy football. Garland is the defending state champion.

Intra Basketball Leaders Emerge
The intramural basketball race has boiled down to one team dominating each league. The Pathetics have pretty well panned up the Monday League, The Gunners are leading the Tuesday League, Grand Prix leads up the Wednesday League, Rice Pastorals leads the Thursday League, and the Nads are winning the Friday League.

Only one week of play remains in League basketball, that being after Christmas holidays. The college and league playoffs should be held shortly after finals.

Kevin Balack is still in the leading scorer in the basketball hoops, hitting for 22.3 for the Neo Jas. Jim Parker of the Nads has taken over second place with an 18.3 average, and Dale Dierberg of Frumious Bandersnatch is third with a 17 point mean.

Touch football has finally come to a close as Will Rice grabbed the college consolation round with a 25-13 victory over Wiest. Mike Evans teased for three scores to Chip Travis and to Nolan Lehman for the other. Gary Zimmerman helped Redwine for one touchdown and ran for another for Wiest.

Baker took the College championship, the Pathetics were intramural league champions, and the Baker Frosh were victorious in the Freshman League.

REBOUND BATTLE—Rice's Travis McColl (54) fights the Aggies' Bill Garway (53) for the ball as the Owls fell to their fourth straight loss 69-60, in the first game of the Bluebonnet Classic last night. Rice takes on A&M, 50-40 losers to Houston tonight at 7:00 pm.

Offense is Nice, Too
By STUART GLASS, Thresher Sports Editor

According to Naismith's first law of basketball, even if a team has nobody who can shoot the ball, it still probably won't get shut out. So there's no reason to be shocked that Rice scored 69 points against A&M last night in the first round of the Bluebonnet Classic games.

The first corollary of this is that if a team can't score, it had better concentrate on defense. And that is what Rice did, working some sloppy basketball in the first half, and one of those was on a rebound.

The farmers only got 69 points. Nevertheless, this total is nothing to sneeze at. The game was the last for the Owls until after the Christmas holidays, when they take on Lous Morris, there, on January 11.

FRESH BEAT Houston Baptist 77-57, Even Slate at 2-2 Before Holidays

The Rice Fresh proved out its season record at 2-2 with an easy 77-57 victory over Houston Baptist College in a solo basketball contest Tuesday in the Rice gym.

Farrar Stockton, a 6'6" forward from Dallas, and Bill Howard, a 6' guard from Clear Creek, led the way on the first half barrage, as the Owlets jumped to a 45-22 lead at intermission. Howard hit on three straight long jumpers and Stockton added inside rebounds to push the lead at one time to 40-16.

But the tired Fresh lapsed into some sloppy basketball in the second half against the clearly outclassed Spartans, and although the game was never in question, the lead did shrink to 14 points toward the end of the game.

Part of the disorganization can be attributed to the fact that Coach Allen Davis had his charges switch into a zone defense after a score, and a man-for-man otherwise. The inexperienced Owlets came down on defense more than a little confused on numerous occasions.

The Owlets finished the game with 21 points, high for the contest. Ronnie Hamilton had 15, Larry Miller had 12, and Howard hit for nine.

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Rice Pastorals lead at 2-2 with an 83-41 win over Hanszen. Karter Frosh were victorious in the Freshman League.

Leaders Emerge

The Pathetics have pretty well panned up the Monday League, The Gunners are leading the Tuesday League, Grand Prix leads up the Wednesday League, and the Nads are winning the Friday League.

Only one week of play remains in League basketball, that being after Christmas holidays. The college and league playoffs should be held shortly after finals.

Kevin Balack is still in the leading scorer in the basketball hoops, hitting for 22.3 for the Neo Jas. Jim Parker of the Nads has taken over second place with an 18.3 average, and Dale Dierberg of Frumious Bandersnatch is third with a 17 point mean.

Touch football has finally come to a close as Will Rice grabbed the college consolation round with a 25-13 victory over Wiest. Mike Evans teased for three scores to Chip Travis and to Nolan Lehman for the other. Gary Zimmerman helped Redwine for one touchdown and ran for another for Wiest.

Baker took the College championship, the Pathetics were intramural league champions, and the Baker Frosh were victorious in the Freshman League.

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