Margrave takes Grad. Dean post

Rice University, News

The appointment of Dr. John L. Margrave, professor of chemistry and head of the chemistry department, to be Rice University's representative to the state legislature, following Dr. George Holmes Richter's resignation effective July 1, was announced recently by Dr. Paul M. Walker, the state legislature's representative to the state legislature. A faculty member at Rice since 1962, Dr. Margrave was selected by the chemistry department to fill the position vacated by Dr. Richter.

Dr. Margrave is a member of the American Chemical Society and is a former president of the society's Houston Chapter. He is currently serving as the society's representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Margrave is expected to begin his duties on July 1.

Black recruiting campaign gets underway at Rice

by MORTY RICH

Much has been said and written about the fact that there are no black faculty at Rice. The Thrasher, the University's official newspaper, recently published a series of articles on this subject.

The series, which ran in the fall of last year, was prompted by a student's complaint that the lack of black faculty was causing a perceived lack of opportunities for black students.

The series was also intended to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage the university to take steps to address it.

The series included articles on the history of black students at Rice, the reasons for the lack of black faculty, and the potential benefits of having a diverse faculty.

The series also included interviews with black students and parents, as well as with faculty members who have had experience with black students.

The series was well-received, and it is hoped that it will help to bring about change at Rice.

The university has since taken steps to address the issue of black faculty, including the creation of a task force to study the issue and the appointment of a new dean of the college of engineering.

Tex PIRG will begin organizing

by LEIGHTON READ

The Texas Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) has announced that it will begin organizing at Rice University this year.

PIRG is a national organization that works to improve the quality of life for all Americans by advocating for public policies that promote economic, social, and environmental justice.

The organization has a long history of success in organizing campaigns on a variety of issues, including consumer protection, environmental justice, and public health.

The Rice chapter of PIRG is expected to focus on issues that are important to the Rice community, such as environmental sustainability, affordable housing, and access to quality healthcare.

The organization is looking for people who are interested in helping to organize a campaign at Rice and in making a difference in their community.

If you are interested in learning more about PIRG or in helping to organize a campaign at Rice, please contact the organization at the phone number or email address provided.

The organization is committed to creating a more just and democratic society, and it is looking for people who are passionate about making a difference in the world.
Rice's strength as a university lies in the high quality undergraduate education it provides. Historically this has been characteristic and it must remain so if Rice is to be an institution with a future greater than its past.

Academic excellence results primarily from the interaction of a superior faculty and student body in an atmosphere unusually congenial to intellectual pursuit. Of late, however, the atmosphere at Rice has become increasingly insecure and less conducive to the cultivation of an outstanding undergraduate educational experience. Students, faculty, trustees and administration must determine whether we are drifting toward mediocrity by accepting the status quo. To this end, the Thresher will present this coming semester articles and editorials devoted to an examination of university priorities in a number of critical areas.

For example, current large class size and the "public-or-period" dictum run contrary to traditional emphasis on undergraduate teaching. Rice loudly advertises a 9:1 student-teacher ratio, yet freshman (and non-freshman) classes are as large as 150 are commonplace. There is a strong tendency to support research and publication at the expense of undergraduate teaching. This fundamental disparity between the university's stated educational goals and actual student-faculty interaction is frustrating to students and faculty and constitutes the single most persistent obstacle to quality education.

Financial aid is another area in which the university seems to have turned its back on a heritage of excellence. Just last year we saw the trustees delete from the catalog a test that prohibits students from taking any course that requires a test "that is not suitable" for the student. This action actions is, in the opinion of many, to deny admission because of an inability to pay tuition." This sudden about-face has consistently come under fire during the last year—and rightly so. Preliminary indications are that student financial aid as a percentage of need is decreasing significantly; and that an increasing number of students accepted by Rice are choosing to go elsewhere (because of financial considerations).

A related topic is that of admissions. The Rice admissions office is currently notifying not only under the burden of decreased financial aid, but also under a 6%-in-state, 35%-out-of-state quota system. In view of the fact that more than 50% of our applicants now come from out-of-state, it appears that there is no better time than the present to redefine the objectives of this aspect of Rice's policy. In addition to geographical quotas, ineffective area quotas and minority admissions require our attention. Rice has an option; we can continue to be satisfied with being "the best school in Texas" or we can adopt a less regional and build upon Rice's strengths. This will require pursuit of the best student body attainable within the applicant pool by actively supporting a more open admissions policy.

Another example of the slipping commitment to excellence is the football situation. It is not at all clear that the quality of the university is, or ever will be, enhanced by financing semi-professional athletics through deficit spending; particularly not since budgetary deficits are charged to the quality of the university. It is similarly unclear whether the $350,000 addition to the stadium (financed by a "loan" from the endowment) has raised the cost of publishing a level which will not allow annual publication, production without dramatically reducing the quality and size of the annual and reviews have hurt advertising.

II. There has been no real increase in the blanket tax for the last two years. The last increase, which took effect in 1969, raised the per-student allotment from $5 to $7, but also allowed students to have their individual pictures in the book; free. (Prior to 1969 you had to pay $2.50 or $8.00 to have your mug-shot in.)

III. There will be a bigger, better book with the increased revenues; the 1972 book, which will NOT be affected by the vote, should have about 100 more pages than last year's; but the break-even point for advertising sales is $45,000, twice last year's amount.

The Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, in conjunction with the Department of Philosophy at Rice University, has sponsored a series of lectures and discussions by Professor Walter Kaufman of Princeton University. Professor Kaufman is a well-known author, scholar, and translator. Mr. Kaufman was born in Freiburg, Germany, in 1921, but spent most of his youth in Berlin before coming to the U. S. in 1939. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Williams College in 1941 and received his M.A. a year later from Harvard University. After military service, including fifteen months overseas, he got his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1947 and joined the Philosophy faculty.

Walter Kaufman's major interest is indicated by his publications: Nietzsche; Critique of Religion and Philosophy; From Shakespeare to Existentialism; The Faith of a Heretic; Cain and Other Poems; Religion and Tragedy and Philosophy. He is now completing a book, entitled Beyond Justice and Equality. Mr. Kaufmann has edited Excerpts from Buber's I and Thou; Nietzsche; Critique of Religion; and Philosophy; From Shakespeare to Existentialism; and Being Human.

Early in the year I questioned in print whether Rice wanted a Campanile at all, or, better said, whether a Campanile can ever be a measure of execution and not just a production what yearbooks are supposed (sic) to do.

Now a tax referendum is before the students and Mr. Elder's letter, without bringing up the question of the continued existence of the Campanile, exhorts them to vote to increase the blanket tax.

But perhaps the referendum should be seen more broadly as the first step towards total renunciation of the Campanile. In that cause, I personally urge a No vote.

Speaking for the Thresher, however, and therefore without editorial prejudice, I urge students to consider whether they want the Campanile at all, perhaps to indicate such advice on what they have about this matter on the ballot.

Elder urges Yes to Campanile tax

To the editor:

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Turley, chemistry notable, dies

Dr. Richard B. Turley, professor of chemistry, died Dec. 5 in Boston. Dr. Turley was a 1948 Rice graduate and returned to Rivercrest after a long illness.

Dr. Turley had been one of the nation's foremost organic chemists. He had B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard and was a former fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He had worked with Dr. E. R. DuBois on the biochemical studies that earned Kendall the Nobel Prize.

Dr. Turley was on the Rice faculty from 1951 until his death and had been chairman of the chemistry department from 1960 to 1962. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and was on the advisory board of the American Chemical Society, the American Chemical Society and the American Society of London, and Sigma Xi.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Halina Turner, his two sons, Richard B. Turner Jr. and William B. Turner, and a daughter, Tamara Turner.

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**Rice students report on NSF-funded summer research**

Thirty-three skiers from Rice Ski Club skisplited the slopes the first week of January as the club made its second annual trip to Aspen, Colorado. A heterogeneous cross section of Rice students traveled by the chair lifts at Buttermilk, Snowmass, Highlands, and Ajax Mountain. The members seemed much improved since their disastrous trip the year before; near all were able to parallel down mogul fields from the unique tilley. In addition, several of the outstanding presentations from the American Astronomical Society, which were noted in the mercury level samples of crabs captured during the 90-day period of sampling, nor were there any apparent differences in concentration in regard to the sex of the species.

Blue crabs were noted by the team as being the only commercial species frequently exhibiting mercury concentrations higher than that specified by the FDA, and they suggested that blue crabs from the area of Morgan's Point should be continuously monitored by the responsible agencies. The group drew several general conclusions pertaining to the majority of marine life tested.

1. Mercury concentration values with the sake of comparable differences between different levels are manifested in different species, and concentration appears to increase with size in most species. Significant differences exist between the concentration of mercury found in different species of the same sample, with the highest concentration found in the liver and muscles.

2. In addition to marine crabs, samples of sediment were collected at all four sites. Sediments were usually found from the beach, lower tidal flat, shallow water, and water depth, respectively.

3. Different methods of mercury concentration in the sediments for marine crabs were attempted. While no single method proved to be entirely satisfactory because of the widespread varying sample types, enough data was produced to justify several important conclusions. Sediments containing either clay or shell in high proportions tended to have high levels of mercury concentration. Sandy sediments were usually lower in mercury concentrations than other types of sediment.

4. Muddy sediments were higher in mercury concentrations than sandy sediments by a factor of about five. In all cases, the sediments in Trinity Bay ranked highest in mercury concentration levels followed by Eagle's Point, West Bay, and Morgan's Point. This is due to the reverse of the concentration gradient found in the same area. However, it is the same as the gradient of mud concentration in the sediments. This led the team to conclude that the mud in the sediments may be acting as a retaining agent to prevent mercury present in the sediments from escaping into the environment.

The paper was judged as one of the outstanding presentations of the AAAS meeting, and the group plans to continue analysis of more of the dataset gathered that summer.

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Kudos and raspberries awarded year-end film fare

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By MARK SCHEID

Rugby open season

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For those over 21 — Daily Fire 'Til Two

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This Saturday at 7:00, the Rugby Club will open its spring season with a match against BYU. Come and support your favorite team! Admission is free.

Organized in January, 1969, the Rugby Club has had a successful season. This fall they finished with a 6-1-2 record and a tie for the first place in the Texas Rugby League.

This spring, in addition to the regular league games, the rugby team will make its traditional trip to the Mardis Gras in New Orleans.

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B’ball hopes renounced in favor of honest pessimism

By Chris Saari, Greg Norris, and Bill Jones

This is the first time that the Thresher has written about the Rice basketball team since before Christmas, perhaps it is just as well. Before the Christmas break the Owls looked like they might have been able to salvage a respectable season, winning four in a row at home. This was not to be, however, and lost the next five in a row. Winning four in a row at home as the Owls took to the road the next five in a row. The road trip was not a total loss, however, as they held their opponents to less than a 100 points, but surprisingly held their own, sparked the play. This was also the Owls, who showed any signs of life, as he displayed “movement” on the court, which was indeed unusual for anyone wearing a blue jersey.

The real disappointment of the night was that the Owls never challenged the Texas Longhorns, and never recruited Pruzine to cope with these cold nights. Rice basketball under Don Knodel seems to have been a hit in 10 point games, but it doesn’t see a Kneeder, but has resembled a Kneede-doodled team with so little desire.

Going into conference play against Texas, many Owl boosters had visions of another Conference title. Even Coach Knodel was quoted after the Hawaii game as saying, “We can win it.”

However, the spark which separates a winner from a loser is lacking on this team. Of course this hasn’t been helped by the fact that no less than 10 different players have started games this year, and no one knows who is going to play from one game to the next. The tough pre-Conference schedule didn’t help the confidence of the inexperienced Owls, but after 13 games it isn’t unreasonable to expect some sort of consistency to develop. It is obvious that the team is not lacking athletic ability (6+ diff. ft), but something is definitely missing.

And if the coaching staff or the team doesn’t find out what it is quickly, the Owls will have no hope of a respectable season.

Meanwhile, the Rice Owlets have continued to exceed expectations. With only three non-seniors, the Owlets have compiled an impressive 23 record against tough competition. Against a U of Houston team, which Coach Guy Lewis said was his best ever, the Owlets barely lost (52-88).

In Austin the Rice freshmen, paced by Jim Mortiere’s 26 points, defeated a strong Texas team, 70-65. With no players fouling out, the freshmen were able to keep control of the game. We hope that unlike the last two Rice freshmen teams, who also had great records, this team keeps its winning ways.

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