Chancellor Cronies dies at 70

Coryne Cronies, now Chancellor and acting President of Rice University, died Saturday morning after a month of ill health following surgery. Dr. Cronies was one of the nation's leading geologists, had been active in state and civic affairs, and had taken a concerted part in Rice teaching and administration until his retirement last August. Upon retirement, he was made Chancellor Emeritus. The Rice community honored him with a memorial service Tuesday night conducted by Dr. John Neale, Jr., and Dr. Raduav A. Tannen. More than the honors and recognitions he brought himself, Rice and of which some are listed below, Rice will miss his warmth and wit and his presence.

Dr. Cronies was graduated (1927) from Denison University with junior year Phi Beta Kappa honors. He took his doctorate at Harvard in 1927 and immediately became a faculty of the University of Chicago. During sixteen years at Chicago, Dr. Cronies was at various times consultant to the National Defense Research Committee and to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. He was also Head of the Hall of Science at the Chicago World's Fair (1933), as well as a member of the first National Science Foundation Committee on Mathematics, Physical and Engineering Sciences. He is a former member of the National Mangrove Panel of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee, of the National Advisory Committee on Graduate Education, and of the Academic Board of the U.S. Naval Academy. Presently he is a member of the Science Information Council of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Cronies is a past president of the American Geological Institute, the National Association of Geology Teachers, and the Western Society of Paleontologists and Mineralogists. He is the author or co-author of several books and numerous scientific articles and reviews. He has served as chair- man of the Board of Educators of the United Educators, Chicago, and is a member of the Chicago Council on Labor and Row, publications in the Earth Sciences. Dr. Cronies has been awarded the Sidney Powers Gold Medal of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Gold Medal of the Rice Alumni Association, the Kemp Gold Medal of Columbia University, the Founders Medal of Austin College, and a charter member of the Academy of Texas. He also was designated Phi Beta Delta Theta's national "Phi of the Year" (1969), and was "Key Mountain of the Year" (1969).

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To the editor:

The January 20 editorial analyzing "problems" at Rice is off to a poor start. "Publish or perish?" is not an externally imposed dictum. It is a colorful expression of the desire of the Rice faculty to preserve a genuinely intellectual atmosphere. It is not the President, Board of Governors, or Dean of Undergraduate Affairs that demands that candidates for faculty tenure be involved in the creation of new knowledge; rather it is we the faculty who pass judgment on ourselves.

The existence of moderately large classes at Rice free small moments of time that enable faculty to participate in the expansion of knowledge, and that existence is passed on to the students. A sure pathway to intellectual boredom is a faculty of dilettantes (sic) devoted exclusively to the "undergraduate educational experience." Education at Rice is intended as an aid to self motivated thinking, not a substitute for it. Uniformly smaller classes will mean more teaching by people with less to teach, and it will result in a drop in the quality of lectures now being delivered. There exist such universities for those who want them. I hope the Thresher will consider the need to defend the active intellectual life by supporting the active aspirations that create it. They allow us all to share in mankind's greatest adventure.

Donald D. Clayton
Professor of Physics
and Space Science

The editor replies:

First of all, Dr. Clayton, the fact that "publish or perish?" is self-imposed by the faculty makes it all the less excusable. Obviously research helps some of the faculty avoid intellectual stagnation, but what of the students? Many would be overjoyed to see the classroom become as "colorful" an expression of the faculty's desire "to have a genuinely intellectual atmosphere" as you report Rice laboratories to be.

Mardis chips in on black recruits

To the Editor:

While it is true Rice is recruiting in the "necessary" steps to recruit black faculty and students, there is a big difference between taking "necessary" steps and taking "positive" ones.

It seems to me that Rice's efforts in the area of minority recruiting is another instance of our failure to take advantage of our position on the academic scene. While Rice has the opportunity and the resources to be a leader in education, we somehow manage to remain a second step or two behind other schools (except, perhaps, in terms of physical plant and athletics).

I don't think Lockett Hall will crumble into ruins if we begin crawling in the general direction of progressive education—and a positive minority recruiting program is a good starting point.

Joe Mardis

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reverberations

by JER MARDIS

Real poll picks have arrived at Rice, for the first time since the campus was divided into precincts. No. 361. Rice was given this precinct in order to neutralize the effects of a predictably liberal influence in Rice's old precinct—no. 40. Having a precinct all to ourselves means that students will have to conduct elections, select committee-men to county party committees, hold precinct conventions and appoint delegates to senatorial district conventions. These political processes will be discussed in detail in later articles.

The first step to be taken in any political activity is to register to vote. While a large number of Rice students have already registered, if we are to have any impact everyone must be registered. Of particular importance in the registration of off-campus students, for they can influence the political character of their precincts even though their numbers may be small.

The Social Concerns Committee has deputy registrars in each of the colleges who will be calling students to make sure they are registered. If you have not registered or if you have questions concerning registration, contact one of these people: Roger Smith, Bob Quartel, Hanszen; Bonnie Mos-kins, Jones; Lynn Branschol; Christi Oliver, Brown; Harry Turvey, Terry Hempfill, Will Rice; George Bodenheim, Richardson; Tim Barry, Wies; Rick Boat, Lovett; Claude Trevo, Baker.

Cherrypickers score

by MIKE BOOS

Benji Bengston of the Campus scored in 27 points, but his teammates threw up long shots from outside, instead of feeding the big man in the middle, and let the Cherry Pickers defeat them 67-62 for the Men's Intramural Basketball Championship. The Pickers were balanced in their scoring, with Greg Winstim putting in 18; Mark Friedman, 17; John Caudrea, 14 and Shadle Vincent, 13.

College basketball begins on Friday, with the overwhelming favorite, Will Rice meeting Richardmson at 7 pm. The nuclei of the Cherry Pickers, and fossie all reside in Will Rice and it looks like cross in-divisionalism could destroy WRC's hopes of victory. They are three deep in every position and "have fury in their hearts." On Saturday, at 1 pm, Hans-zen and Lovett meet in the other first round match. Baker and Wiess drew byes and advanced to the second round.

Volleyball enters its third week, with no real surprises. In the powerful. Monday League, The Bang Gang and Night Flyers continue to dominate, although each lost one game to the ever powerful Eric's Burdon.

Rice's women's extramural basketball team lost its opening game against San Jacinto JC, 14-12. The girls play four eight minute quarters. Rice shot 31% and 33% from the field. Our leading scorers were Kap and Worleys, with 5 and 4 points, respectively.

Major Phil Norman defeated Science A. Selms for the Handball Singles title. "He gave it to me," says Army.

Women's intramural basketball began yesterday, with the Layups, from the 8th floor of Brown, easily trouncing a team from Jones, who hadn't decided upon a name yet. The game was close, as the Layups took a 2-1 lead in the first quarter, and held on during the scoreless second eight minute period, which one might have called a defensive battle. In the second half, Ann Farnam scored two quick baskets, to put the game away. The Layups won 5 for 17 from the field and 5 of 11 from the free throw line.

There are only three teams entered, the other being from Brown, and the next game will be February 9th, at 4:30 pm.

Uncle Rote wants you

A sophomore, or junior in a five year academic program, may qualify for enrollment in the advanced course of the NROTC Navy-Marine College Program, Capt. E. E. Potter, Rice NROTC commanding officer, announced this week. Upon completion of this semester, selected students will be ordered to a six-week training course at the University of North Carolina or UCLA and then enroll at the junior level, in the Rice University NROTC College Program at the beginning of the fall semester. Com-

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