Dear Player Patron,

The Rice Players would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the opening of what we hope will be one of the most exciting seasons in Rice history.

As you may know, under the direction of Neil Havens, 1965-1966 was incredibly successful -- both from the financial and from the artistic standpoint. A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, the REACTION drama festival, TELEMACHUS CLAY, JULIUS CAESAR, all formed the basis of a program which won its own share of critical acclaim.

Sadly, it's over.

However, the Players are proud and pleased to announce the beginning of a new and even more exciting program with the performance of Harold Pinter's THE BIRTHDAY PARTY from October 12 (Wednesday) through October 15 (Saturday). The play is one of Pinter's finest and only recently has been released for production in this area. The Rice Players feel that performance of THE BIRTHDAY PARTY may well represent a milestone in Houston theatre history in that it is one of the first performances of a full-length Pinter play in this area, and Harold Pinter has already been widely recognized as one of the major British dramatists to watch on the modern scene.

But more than THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, the Players promise an entire season of exciting drama. In November comes our One-Acts festival featuring the best student work we have to offer. In March, another major production -- title as yet undecided but the list of those under consideration are all wild and interesting. Finally, in April, our fifteenth annual Shakespeare Festival. This we guarantee -- but more important is the fact that, with the Players, anything can happen in the way of extra, smaller, "workshop" productions.

We'd like you and all your friends to join us for a season we think will be fun. You can use the handy order blank below. The cost is nominal -- only $3.50 for four productions ($2.50 for any student or members of Rice Faculty and staff).

For this price, you receive a ticket good for reserved seats for all Rice Player productions. When you wish a specific performance, all you have to do is present your season ticket at the box office and receive a ticket good for the seat of your choice. Furthermore, if you desire, you may use the order blank to reserve your seats for THE BIRTHDAY PARTY as well. Otherwise, the box office will open October 6 in the Rice Memorial Center.

Please, won't you accept our invitation? You will never regret it.

Yours truly,

Roger S. Glade
Co-ordinator
THE RICE PLAYERS