ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS*

The trustees and others have been much occupied for the past year with the building program of the Rice Institute. They determined the first and most pressing needs to be for a library and for a classroom building. Both of these have been authorized; and construction is expected to begin on the classroom building this summer.

The library is a much larger and more elaborate building. The work on the plans is being energetically pushed by the architects and the Library Committee. The present estimated cost of this building is $1,700,000. I am most happy to be able to announce at this time that a major portion of this cost has just been given to the Rice Institute. I should like to read to you some excerpts from a letter received by the trustees from Mrs. Ella F. Fondren, a citizen of Houston well known to many of you. She writes as follows:

Because of our sincere interest in the Rice Institute and its future success, Mr. Fondren and I were considering the matter of making some contribution to its program when our plans were interrupted by his untimely death. Since that time a formulation of a definite plan has been held in abeyance because of the problems pertaining to the administration of his estate and the uncertainty of the war years.

During recent weeks my children and I called on Mr. C. A. Dwyer to ascertain how we might render some substantial service. Later we... learned of your expansion program and it is our desire to have some part therein, and to this end, write this letter.

*Scholarship awards were based on the work of the session from July, 1945, to March, 1946; the class standing following each name is as of that academic year.

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When Mr. Fondren and I were talking over our original plans, we thought that a library building would ultimately be needed by your institution; and now that such a building is being contemplated, the children and I desire to make a contribution for this definite purpose.

It gives me great pleasure to advise you at this time that there will be made available to Rice Institute one million dollars for the purpose of erecting a library building.

Because of this generous gift, the trustees have decided to name the building the Fondren Library in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Sr., and their children.

You will all realize that this is a definite milestone in the growth of the Rice Institute. I am sure that I represent the trustees, the faculty, the students, and all the friends of the Rice Institute in expressing to Mrs. Fondren and her children their sincere thanks and gratitude. With this generous gift as a starting point, the trustees feel confident that others will soon contribute the balance necessary to complete the library and to carry out the remainder of the urgent building program.

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GRAHAM BAKER STUDENT*
Isaac Dvoretsky, of the Sophomore Class
HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE GRAHAM BAKER STUDENTSHIP
Melvin Abbe Dow, of the Sophomore Class
AXSON CLUB'S ELLEN AXSON WILSON SCHOLAR
Shirley Beth Nyberg, of the Junior Class
ELIZABETH BALDWIN LITERARY SOCIETY SCHOLAR
Emily Ruth Butler, of the Sophomore Class
JUNIOR ENGINEERING SCHOLAR†
Gilbert Henry Tausch, of the Junior Class

*The Graham Baker Studentship is awarded to that student in the three lower classes who earns the highest scholastic standing for the academic year.
†The Junior Engineering Scholarship is awarded to that male student in a regular engineering course of the Junior year who has the highest scholastic standing in his courses taken that academic year.
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THOMAS R. FRANKLIN AND JULIA H. FRANKLIN SCHOLARS
(alphabetical)
John Gibbs Barrett, of the Sophomore Class
Evelyn Louise McNeill, of the Sophomore Class
Marion Doris Merseburger, of the Sophomore Class

LADY GEDDES PRIZE IN WRITING
Donald Victor Lasof, of the Freshman Class

The awards of other endowed scholarships and fellowships were deferred.

Throughout its history the Institute has maintained from year to year an additional number of fellowships and assistants in various departments. Announcements of these appointments appear in the current catalogue.