The William M. Rice Institute, 1952-53

Rice Looks To Future
By William V. Houston

From time to time during the current academic year attention has been called to the fact that forty years have passed since the Rice Institute opened. The reunion at the end of the coming summer of Mr. J. T. McCants, our Burnam, emphasizes the end of the opening generation. Dr. Lovett, the last active member of the staff to have been present the early days when Dr. Lovett assembled the first faculty, erected the first buildings, and set the new institution on its forward path. As one of the few remaining persons whose memory spans the whole of Rice's history, and as one who has been intimately acquainted with so many of Rice's students, Mr. McCants will be a source of mingled feelings of regret and appreciation for his years of service.

The ideals and objectives of the Rice Institute were well formulated in 1912. They include emphasis on the development of each student as an individual, devotion to the highest standards of scholarship, and belief that the future welfare of our country depends upon utilization of the full capabilities of its citizens.

The academic policy as formulated by Dr. Lovett and his associates has stood the test of time. The financial policy as formulated by the "emergency loan program" of 1912 has proved fruit in the continued solvency of Rice. This fund was established forty-seven years ago as a reserve to sustain the financial capability of the institutions.

The success of these policies, furthermore, is evidenced by the fine body of Rice Alumna. It is still small compared with larger institutions, but the number of it believes that a better body of American citizens could be found anywhere. I hope it may be possible some time for the Association of Rice Alumna to make a study of the activities of its members, of their contributions to civic and professional affairs, and of their part in the development of the communities in which they live. Such studies have been made of other alumni groups, and it is certainly in such evaluation that the worth of an institution becomes evident.

As we have planned, however, before the past forty years, we also should pause to look forward. What is the expression of our confidence in the fact that we are on the right path. We can engage only now to the importance of our confidence in the importance of our individuals. We have

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Rice Grows For Forty Years With Principle of Excellence
By Emmett B. McGeever

What is the history of a university? Is it the file of financial statements? Is it the dates and inscriptions on cornerstones? Is it the old bound copies of a newspaper? Is it the yearbook? Is it the list of scholarly discoveries and publications? Is it the sports record?

No, it is not any of these. It is the history of the students and faculty in whose lives the university plays a major role. It is the history of those who have been intimately acquainted with the university.

The history of the William Marsh Rice Institute for the Advancement of Science, Letters and Art is reflected in the history of its times, which it leads and stimulates.

Rice Institute was established in 1912 for the Advancement of Science, Letters and Art, as a result of the efforts of William M. Rice.

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Alumni Are a Part of Rice—Past, Present, And Future

By Carl Higl

Alumni are of service individually, as a group, and in determining particular programs. The Alumni of the Rice Institute are putting its product, the character. By the quality of the Alumni one can fairly judge the character of the school. Thus individually what we do bears upon the future of the Rice Institute.

As a group, Alumni also serve through advice and counsel to the school administration on its policies.

However, it is through the work of our Alumni office that the great variety of voluntary effort on the part of our interested members that we make our most positive contribution.

This is to be seen in the many specific programs we undertake: the organization of out-of-town Alumni Alumnae Clubs, the operation within our Alumni placement center for senior students, the work of our Alumni groups who appear in the high schools seeking to make the Institute better known and to encourage the enrollment of better students, our persistent efforts to secure contributions to our Library, our program to encourage gifts of equipment, scholarships, endowments from both Alumni and friends, our work in building up the band through procurement of band scholarships, our sponsorship of the athletic program in a number of ways, and finally our support of the film "Through the Sallyport.", which in telling the story of Rice during its first forty years will fulfill the hopes that have long existed that the Rice Institute's endowment.

A bequest in the will of the late J. Newton Rayzor, an alumnus and Life Trustee of the Rice Institute's endowment, will permit additional emphasis of the importance of geology in the Gulf Coast area.

In a very short time this Chair establishment of the Chair of Geology among the most strong departments of science and engineering, there should be developed at the Rice Institute a department of geology among the most important for the future of the Rice Institute.

A number of additional projects are in the planning stages. It is in the area of those specific, positive contributions remaining time, effort and planning that we can be of the most service to the school.

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The social life of these first four years is recalled by a number of invitations and programs. A group of the dance programs tied together by the strings and gowns made an interesting display. In those days the dances had members of the family and their wives invited as chaperones. Now it seems we would welcome it with open arms. For the first freshman class. For the academic year 1912-13 only freshmen were admitted to the Institute. For the second session there were only freshmen, but there were seniors and juniors, the Class of 1916.

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East-West -- 1953

Forty Years of Traditions Give Rice
A Valuable Heritage For Future Growth

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East-West -- 1912

Willoughby C. Williams '39
Carl Illig '30
Phil Peden '38
Charles Hamilton '28
John Holland '30
Walter Pye '26
John Coffee '34
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Eddie Dyer '36
Gordon Turrentine '28

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Edmund M. Dupree '16

Pearl Harbor and by the spring of 1942, Rice had made definite plans for providing the means to accommodate a maximum number of eligible personnel in minimum time. Navy cadets, navy and coast guard, came through the V-12 program. Dormitories were reserved for them and over 500 blue and white blazers were delivered to the campus. The navy rotated for a month, and a month long program was worked out.

Navy

Contemporary documents on the war attest to the plight of the fair sex, which was received with admirable attention throughout the country. The term "eligible" was in great vogue, and at Rice as at other colleges, there was some security. The girls formed groups, and to be eligible was an inevitable attachment itself to their social position. Ordinary functions of the social and extracurricular type for most part continued unchanged, and regular social events sponsored the "eligible" and the "non-eligible" of the V-12 students.

In 1941, at the age of 76, Dr. Lovett announced his resignation as President of the Rice Institute. The announcement came as a surprise to all and left them to the tender mercies of the abnormal conditions of that time.

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In the twenties, four new buildings were added to the campus. Four SALLYPORTS for the use of students were added to West Hall, and another was placed in the dormitory, West Hall, for the use of students while enhancing Rice's standing with their scholarly achievements. Among the attitudes expressed by Dr. Lovett as the guiding principles of the Institute was the "school" system popular in England. Accordingly, quarters for teachers were made a part of the dormitories from the first, and an effort was made to achieve a closer personal and tutorial relationship between students and faculty than was common in most American universities.

The scarcity of capable unmarried teachers caused the plan to subside before 1920, as the first teachers who participated, McCann, Caldwell, Allen, Bush, Hopkins, Peden, McCollough, Etchison, and others left or were married.

World War I

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Everyman's New Year's Wish For Rice

Faithful may thy people prove in resolute endeavor
Comrades of the Founder on high quest for human kind.
Forward-looking, pioneering spirits, may they ever
Keep thee in remembrance, alma mater of the mind.

Sacred are thy precincts to the light and love of learning:
Science, art, and letters thy glad temples liberate.
Beauty, truth, and worship yield their glory to all thy yearning
God keep thee free and make thy children great.

Rose-gray rise thy towers through pearl-gray mists of morning;
Piercing star of the afterglow thou art.
Fragrant are thy courts with the incense of my longings
Keep me in remembrance, charmed cloister of the heart.

—Edgar O. Lovett
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in every way for Rice Institute and Houston!

North-South — 1953

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In 1942-52, there are still 18 World War II veterans, and the vanguard of a new group, from Korea—10 of them—are now enrolled.

Sports, which had taken a slump all over the nation, picked up in the first fully post-war year. The Owls won the SWC championship in football in '46 and beat the Tennessee Vols in the Orange Bowl.

The buildings went up with startling rapidity. There were four months from 1944-45 with no contractor's shuffle hung at the Institute's gate. Anderson Hall was completed in 1947, Abercrombie Laboratory in 1948, the President's Home and Fondren Library in 1949, Wimberly Hall and the 70,000-seat Rice Stadium in 1950, the Gymnasium in 1951, and the High Voltage Laboratory in 1953.

Today

In 1944, the Rice student body has increased to over 1600 and is increasing yearly by leaps and bounds. Sixteen new buildings have been erected since Rice's share of the war effort was finished in 1941, and Rice began to forecast a return on the investments made for the nation. By 1950, Rice was in the first fully post-war year. The Owls won the SWC championship in football in '46 and beat the Tennessee Vols in the Orange Bowl.

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What is the history of a university? What is given here is only the framework upon which the history is built. The history of a university is the record of all the thoughts of its members. The history of Rice is the tale of the thoughts and actions the Institute as stimulated, viewed in the light of the ideal: excellence.
Basketball

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Rice Stands High In College

Southwest Conference performers.

The highlights of the Rice athletic

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Six SALLYPORT

The Owls have won two clear-cut

Basketball

College Sport

By Bill Whitmore

You can count on your fingers the "little schools" of the United States that have achieved national fame, that breed of intercollegiate athletes. Along with our own Rice Institute, such schools as Colgate, Holy Cross, Wake Forest, College of the Pacific, William & Mary, and Martin-Hannum are among the few with enrollment under 3,000 who have been consistently successful in athletics.

A good institution with unusually high academic standards and an enrollment held to about 1,500, Rice nevertheless has converted this limited manpower into a host of honors since the days of the first class in 1912.

Honors

Certainly no other school of comparable size—not a good major-

ity of the larger universities for that matter—can match the record of the Rice Owls in several sports. Here are some of the highlights of the Rice athletic program.

Football

The Owls have played in three major bowl games (Cotton Bowl of '38 and '39 and Orange Bowl of '47) and won them all.

In the unusually tough Southwest Conference, Rice teams have won the title three times ('34, '39, '49) and shared it once ('49). The 1949 team ranked fifth in the nation.

The Owls have had seven players to make at least one major All- American selection, a host of All-Southwest Conference performers.

Track & Field

Rice has contributed three

ponents, a coach, and a trainer to the U.S. Olympic teams of past years. One or two others would have made it had it not been for cancellation of the games in '40 and '41 because of World War II.

Six Rice men have won first places in national competition in track and field, while several others have placed high in national meets.

Rice holds more Southwest Conference titles in track than any school except Texas and Oklahoma.

Basketball

The Owls have won two clear-cut S.W.C. championships and have shared in five others.

Rice teams have participated in Western NCAA playoffs and in the National Invitational Tournament in New York.

Rice players hold the all-time scoring record in the Southwest Conference in rushing and all-around halfback play.

Review

Exciting some of the highlights of the

Ms. Lee Robinson '50 and Olie Cordill going well, won the


By the early twenties, Rice was

more a little more into the spotlight, paced by the famed Underwood brothers, John and Wally. John known as "Heavy" and "Little Heavy";', and the first Owls to

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