

# RICE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

and

## DISTINGUISHED R MAN AWARD



### SEVENTH ANNUAL PRESENTATION

7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1976

R ROOM

RICE STADIUM

HOUSTON, TEXAS

"To be eligible to receive the Hall of Fame award, the recipient shall possess or shall have possessed, in addition to outstanding ability in sport or sports, other qualifications such as sportsmanship, character and integrity, and be one who has brought great distinction to Rice University; and shall have completed his athletic eligibility or services with the Athletic Department of Rice University at least five (5) years prior to his selection."

The qualifications for the Distinguished R Man Award are as follows:

Must be a member of the R Association.

Must have lettered in athletics at Rice.

Must have shown an interest in athletics at Rice after graduation.

## For Rice's Honor. . .

JOHN B. HUDSON is one of several great Rice athletes of the Class of '54 that produced perhaps more famous Owls than any other since senior-dominated teams played in the football Cotton Bowl and the NCAA basketball playoffs. . . Hudson was a key man on that Southwest Conference co-championship grid team, and was one of four men on it who won All-American honors that season or the next — David "Kosse" Johnson, Dicky Maegle, Richard Chapman, and Hudson. . . John was named to the NEA news feature service All-American first team in '53, a highly respected selection, although honors were divided among so many Owls he didn't make consensus All-America. . . For sure, Hudson was a champion among his peers as a tri-captain (with Richard Chapman and Leo Rucka) on that 9-2 and Cotton Bowl champ squad. . . And to answer the obvious question, yes, he was playing that day of the "bench tackle" of Maegle by Alabama in the 28-6 Owl victory in Dallas. . . A line in John's player sketch in the '53 grid brochure perhaps says the most in the fewest words to describe Hudson's career as an Owl, "The guard from Center is a converted tackle." Explanation: John came to Rice from the town of Center in East Texas, developed primarily as a defensive tackle in two-platoon ball under "Bloody Joe" Davis, but when the major rules change to one platoon football went into effect his senior season of 1953, Hudson became a starting guard (along with Kenny Paul) on that famous championship team. . . John described his Rice years as consisting of "football, education, and fun," and he was successful in all three! His gridiron exploits brought him that All-America honor and the sweet memories of a winning senior season. His education helped him earn a position with American General Life Insurance Company, and he has been with that organization for over 20 years in an executive capacity, the last several in Victoria, where he is a prominent citizen as well as business man. . .

J. TOM COX, the Rice Institute Class of 1950, is a man who epitomizes the best in Rice athletics because he used his education and lessons as a superior performer in sports to become a successful citizen and businessman. . . Tom Cox is now a C.P.A. in Dallas with Wing Industries, the Door Company, but to Owl students, exes, and fans of the late 1940's he was one of the finest track men of all Southwest or national history. . . The beloved late Emmett Brunson, who developed Tom with his coaching skills, fussed many years after it happened that Cox was "robbed" of an NCAA title in the 440 yard dash in 1950 when a foul claim against the winner to Tom's runnerup honor was denied. . . But Tom Cox won so many honors that disappointment was eased at least some. He was All-American in 1949 and 1950, a member of the Owls' splendid national best record mile relay unit of 1949, and had the nation's best 400 time in 1950. . . He anchored record setting Rice relay units at the Texas and Kansas Relays and the SWC meet of 1950. . . He was elected the Outstanding Athlete of the Gulf AAU in 1950 and nominated for the Sullivan Award, highest honor for an American amateur athlete. . . Tom qualified for the U. S. team for the Pan American Games held in Buenos Aires in 1951, but declined the invitation to enter the U. S. Navy for service as a line officer in the combat zone of the Korean conflict. . . After his military stint, Cox returned to his home town of Dallas and began his successful business career. . . This is his second time to be named to a Hall of Fame, for he was chosen for the one of the top performers of history of the famed Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa in 1957. . . But this is a special one for Tom Cox, the Owl track captain for "Brun" in 1950, and he joins three classmates in the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame, all former grid standouts in Joe Watson, Gerald Weatherly, and Froggie Williams. . .

DR. GAYLORD JOHNSON, SR. joins a selective list of nominees for the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame, even within that distinguished group that numbers only 60 to this year's ceremony . . . Dr. Johnson becomes only the fifth member who earned his special acclaim for accomplishments other than as an outstanding Owl athlete. The late Phil Arbuckle was inducted a year ago for his contribution to Rice athletics as the university's first coach, and he had the best winning record as head football coach . . . Jess Neely and Joe Davis were the remarkable head coach—line coach duo who brought so much success to Rice for the longest period of time with continuous service as Owl mentors for 27 years . . . And beloved Eddie Wojecki, the late great trainer of so many Owl athletes, served with Neely and Davis for over



HARRY FOUKE

the ranks of national athletic powers, even with the smallest student body of any "major" college in the nation. . . Dr. Johnson played a big role in that advance when he began his full time athletic administrative phase of a brilliant career with his appointment as Business Manager of Athletics by John W. Heisman in 1926. When the latter resigned as coach and athletic director in 1927, Dr. Johnson took over the full direction of the athletic department and was a highly respected administrator until he helped in the selection of Jess Neely to become athletic director and head grid coach in 1940. Dr. Johnson then left the department to go into the business world in Houston, but has been an avid supporter of Owl athletics through the years since leaving Rice. . . In his tenure he saw Rice develop great athletes of national and world renown. There are far too many to mention here, but several are among those he joins in the Hall of Fame, such as Fred Wolcott, Emmett Brunson, Bill Wallace and John McCauley, Lou Hassell, Bob Kinney, and several more. As veteran sportswriter Clark Nealon once emphasized to Dr. Johnson, he had served during the "Golden Age of Rice Athletics." Dr. Johnson has had the rare privilege of an association with Rice since the school began! He applied for entrance to the first class, in 1912, in the original downtown office of Mr. McCants before the campus came into use, although he didn't enter until 1913 because of illness. . . World War I interrupted his studies, in addition to another illness, so it was in 1921 he earned his B.A. He then attained his M.A. in 1923, and his Ph. D. in organic chemistry in 1925. Although he taught chemistry at Rice, his real interest was athletics and so he moved into that area full time in 1926 until 1940. Although he was never enthusiastic about it, a couple generations of "R" men would be disappointed if there wasn't a reference here to his nickname among the Owl athletes he aided in so many ways, for the "Red Dog" was a dynamo as he charged over the campus

or wherever his duties took Rice Institute athletic programs

KENDALL L. RHINE, Class of '35, in addition to the selective of Fame, for he is certain players in all Owl cage history this splendid athlete playing career will always will remember the line" when it was free in under the late Coach Illinois to develop into a senior year was under Coach passing, and with teammates camp through his four year three winning seasons. . . T but own a host of honors who made use of his remarks "wing span spread" to the followed older brother Paul after their discovery by Co River from St. Louis, w game. . . He was SWC "Sop as a junior he tied for f rebounding with an SWC named All-SWC. . . As a SWC in both scoring and time record for career p season (584 to Gene Schw games), and most in one ga Rhine made the Helms Fo was NCAA All-District 6, the Year by Coach & At

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HARRY H. FOUKE, Rice Institute Class of '35, became the highly coveted honor of "Distinguished R Man," impressive since Fouke has spent a lot of time in his alma mater! However, it is a special tribute to this member of the "R" Association who bestow this great honor chosen for this significant award at this time. . . This reflects a growing trend of a fierce and spirited, but healthy rivalry between Rice and its neighboring NCAA member institution, the University of Houston. . . In any other of so many who have contributed to the the UH Cougars to national power in college athletics is the only director of athletics the school ever has had began plans to enter the college athletic field in 194 Cougars are in their fifth year as a member of the SW round robin schedule toward the SWC grid title. . . V athletics are aware that Rice has played a key role in was their early use of Rice Stadium to help in building boost to the Cougar program, and it was Rice that their successful bid for SWC membership in the ear occasion to honor Harry Fouke by his alma mater is the entire field of college athletics as a long time member the National Association of Collegiate Directors of At city has benefitted by the work and accomplishment service to the NCAA, the SWC, and related organizations sketch in the UH football brochure specifies "Fouke goals as UH athletic director in 1971. He signed the basketball games between Houston and Rice and also a bership to the Southwest Conference on behalf of the Fouke was honored by the Houston sports community "Mr. Sportsman" at a citywide banquet, and then was President's Award given annually to an outstanding n a significant honor from his alma mater, where he received undergraduate athlete in 1935 when he was winner of around athletic, academic, and sportsmanship excellence halfback for the Owls from 1932 to 1934, and was (several years Director of Athletics for Rice and so in tion with Fouke until retiring to the position of Co Athletics this year). . . That famous '34 team under Rice the Owls' first of six SWC titles or co-champio Rice from Main High in San Antonio, where his family early years in his native Texarkana, Arkansas (six bco After his successful four years at Rice as both a school head football and track coach at San Antonio Tech in Jefferson High before moving to the Houston school appointment as UH's first and only director of athletic will covet victory over Rice when it is a frequent O sports, Fouke has contributed favorably in many ways and the man have nurtured an exchange of respect th some competition through the years for these respected



## PROGRAM

RECEPTION . . . *Honorees, their families, and officials of the R Association*

*Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres*

WELCOME

By James T. Fox, '62  
President, R Association

For the University

Dr. Norman Hackerman  
President

TRIBUTES TO HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Gerald C. Weatherly, '50  
Chairman

*John B. Hudson, '54*

By Dr. Richard A. Chapman, '54

*J. Tom Cox, '50*

By Gerald C. Weatherly, '50

*Dr. Gaylord Johnson, '21*

By W. C. "Speedy" Moore, '40

*Kendall L. Rhine, '65*

By Larry M. Phillips, '64

*Malcolm E. Walker, '65*

By William D. Walker II, '65

*Vern V. McGrew, '50*

By Henry C. Coffman, '48

Award to Distinguished R. Man for 1976

*Harry H. Fouke, '35*

By A. M. "Red" Bale, '36

*" . . . For Rice's Honor"*

*All*

## PREVIOUSLY INDUCTED

### HALL OF FAME

\*Philip H. Arbuckle, '06 (Chicago)  
\*H. L. "Tony" Bell, '19  
\*Claude Bracey, '30  
Louis H. "Smoky" Brothers, '36  
\*W. Edward "Mike" Brown, '17  
\*Emmett Brunson, '29  
Frank Carswell, '41  
Richard Chapman, '54  
Bill Tom Closs, '43  
\*Leslie Coleman, '22  
W. M. "Bill" Cummins, '48  
Robert W. "Bobby" Curtis, '48  
Joe W. Davis, '28  
(Southwestern of Memphis)  
Gilbert "Buddy" Dial, '59  
\*Eddie Dyer, '22  
R. T. "Tally" Eaton, '36  
Frank Guernsey, '41  
Fred Hansen, '63  
Fred "Moose" Hartman, '41

Lou Hassell, '33  
Bill Henry, '45  
\*Jake Hess, '32  
Wilbur Hess, '35  
King Hill, '58  
Bill Howton, '52  
Weldon Humble, '47  
David "Kosse" Johnson, '54  
Robert E. "Bob" Johnston, '62  
\*E. F. "Tiny" Kalb, '18  
Huey Keeney, '49  
\*Lawrence M. Kingsland, '19  
Bob Kinney, '42  
\*Chester F. "Smokey" Klaerner, '33  
Don K. Lance, '58  
\*Marion "Preacher" Lindsey, '22  
Dick Maegle, '55  
John W. Magee, '48  
John R. "Bobby" May, '65  
H. Palmer "Peg" Melton, '24  
\*John McCauley, '36

Jess Neely, '24 (Vanderbilt)  
Hamilton J. Nichols, Jr., '47  
Jack Patterson, '39  
Frank Ryan, '58  
Gene Schwinger, '54  
Fred J. Stancliff, '26  
\*A. M. "Tommie" Tomforde, '17  
\*John "Big Heavy" Underwood, '22  
\*Wash "Little Heavy" Underwood, '27  
Griff D. Vance, '20  
Bill Wallace, '36  
George Walmsley, '48  
Joe L. Watson, '50  
Gerald Weatherly, '50  
John B. "Buddy" Weaver, '52  
Dave Weichert, '37  
James "Froggie" Williams, '50  
Harry Witt, '33  
\*Eddie Wojecki (Trainer)  
\*Fred Wolcott, '40

*\*Deceased*

### DISTINGUISHED R MEN

1969 — Herbert Allen

1972 — Emmett Brunson, '29\*

1970 — H. L. "Tony" Bell, '19\*

John B. Coffee, '34

1971 — H. Malcolm Lovett, '21

Weldon G. Humble, '47

Fred J. Stancliff, '26

George R. Miner, '50

Lou Hassell, '33

Ralph W. Noble, II, '48

Howard D. Fulwiler, '17

1973 — A. M. "Red" Bale, '36

1974 — Robert F. "Bob" Loughridge, '28

1975 — Dr. James Greenwood, Jr., '27

*\*Now deceased*