

Ninth Annual Presentation

**RICE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
and
DISTINGUISHED R MAN AWARD**



7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1980

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RICE STADIUM

HOUSTON, TEXAS

HALL OF FAME

"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."

DISTINGUISHED R MAN

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.

Must be a graduate of Rice University.

Candidate must have led an exemplary life, well adjusted with respect to his personal, family, civic and public responsibilities and served his community in an outstanding manner.

Must have excelled and achieved distinction and success in his own chosen field of business or profession.

... From R Association By-Laws



DR. WALTER E. (ED) RED

A member of the 1964 USA Olympic team, the man with the short name and the long javelin throws placed 11th in that international competition in Tokyo, Japan. He was an Olympian teammate of the great Fred Hansen, also a Rice ex (and member of this Hall of Fame), who was the world champion pole vaulter of that era.

The strong arm Red set a Southwest Conference javelin throw record of 249.3 back in 1963 that stood until 1979, a remarkably long time for a track and field record to hold up in modern times. His career best was over 263 feet, and he was a three time Southwest Conference champion in his event under tutelage of the late Emmett Brunson, world famous former Owl coach.

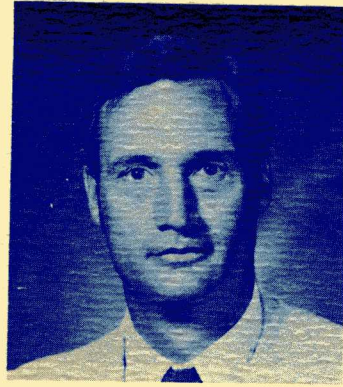
He is now Dr. Ed Red, who earned a Ph.D. from Arizona State University in 1972 after getting his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Rice in May of 1965. Dr. Red is now an Associate professor at Texas A. & M. after earlier teaching experience in the engineering programs of University of Southwestern Louisiana and University of New Mexico. He was a resident of Louisiana when he came to Rice in the early 1960's.

Dr. Red continued as a javelin competitor for several years after finishing Rice while earning his advanced degrees and going into teaching. After retiring from active competition, he coached several successful javelin throwers, including American record holder Mark Murro and his brother-in-law, Richard George, who participated in the 1976 Olympics at Montreal. He now coaches the javelin throwers at Texas A. & M. while teaching at Rice's rival Southwest Conference school.

Dr. Red and his wife JoAnn have three daughters. He is very active as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), and has been in Bishopric (Assistant Minister) while working in scouting and directing young men's programs.

The present Director of Athletics at Rice, Augie Erfurth, was assistant track coach to Brunson in the mid-sixties when Ed Red was the brilliant track star for the Owls. He especially remembers how Red competed so dramatically in the NCAA championships, even though edged by an Oregon star in that big meet held at Eugene, Oregon. But the career highlight had to be his successful bid to make the U.S. Olympic team to go on to Tokyo.

Dr. Red exemplifies the familiar story of a Rice athlete who succeeds in his athletic specialty, but also takes advantage of his Rice academic background to become successful in career endeavors. He is now a prominent associate professor of engineering at a respected institution, and a devoted family man. Success stories like that of Ed Red, an Owl out of the fine neighboring state of Louisiana, serve as an inspiration to every person related to Rice as a present or former student and athlete.



TOM ROBITAILLE

Long time boosters of Rice athletics may find it surprising that it has been over 20 years since Tall Tom Robitaille was a two-time All-Southwest Conference basketball star for the Owls, another case of "how time flies!"

He was considered a veritable giant of 6-9 and 225 when he enrolled at Rice in 1955, even though players of 6-9 and taller are almost commonplace these days. The Owl cage coach of that time, Don Suman, was elated when the all-state lad from West Texas (Graham) chose Rice over many schools when as a B-plus student and stellar athlete he was heavily recruited.

Tom came to Rice, and he then was known as "ROB-i-tell," as he was called by announcers, teammates, and fellow Rice students. But now you can call him "ROBE-i-taw" if you wish, for he uses that pronunciation nowadays. Tom says that is the proper way to call it, but he just didn't bother to correct it when popularly called "ROB-i-tell" in his Rice years!

By whatever way you call him, this friendly big man was one of the finest basketball players ever to play for Rice as he teamed for two varsity seasons with another stellar tall man from the same Northwest Texas area in 6-10 Temple Tucker of Bowie. They helped Rice to successful and winning seasons, although just missing on a couple SWC titles.

Robitaille was twice all-SWC in 1958 and 1959, and he was a recipient of a very coveted Rice plaque, the Billy Wahn Award, as MVP by secret ballot of teammates. He starred as an Owl cager with rabid support of a devoted family since his parents (now retired) saw virtually all Rice games, even including all-day trips from Graham to Houston. Family boosters also included older brother Barry and younger brother Ricky.

After graduation from Rice in 1959, Tom joined the Phillips Petroleum Company and has been with that firm ever since. He has served Phillips in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Albuquerque, Denver, and his present home of Great Falls, Montana. In 1971 he was promoted to District Manager as the youngest person to service in that capacity with the firm. He also is a director of the Montana Petroleum Association and active in the American Petroleum Institute.

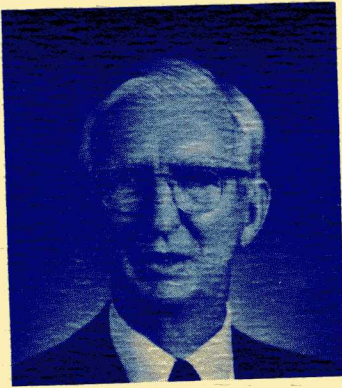
His first three years with Phillips he played on the firm's National AAU championship basketball team, and tours with that team included visits to Greece, Italy, Syria, Egypt, and other countries. He was the team's principal representative for newspaper, radio, and TV interviews. A significant honor, he was first alternate for the U.S. Olympic basketball team of 1960.

This marketing executive in the oil business is a devoted family man with a lovely wife in JoAnn, who graduated with honors from University of Houston in 1957, and was a school teacher in Dickinson and a legal secretary in Houston. The Robitailles have two daughters in Suzanne, a high school honor student and track athlete with several records who is now a freshman at Montana State, and Sara, also a track and basketball athlete who was an honors graduate from junior high last spring.

The Robitailles also raised JoAnn's two brothers and two sisters after her parents' deaths, and they all now are grown with families of their own.

The big hobby for the Robitaille family is showing Registered Quarter Horses, and the daughters have qualified horses for World Championship competition, and have been featured in national Quarter Horse publications.

It is a special privilege to have a fine alumnus in Tom Robitaille, a native of Fort Worth, in the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.



DR. ED T. SMITH

**Honorary Member
Rice Athletic Hall of Fame**

Since it was established over a decade ago and including tonight's honorees, 78 persons have been admitted to the highly selective Rice Athletic Hall of Fame. Until tonight, only five of those men had been in a special category of honorary members since they were neither graduates of Rice or former athletes as "R" men.

They were very special people, however, in giving so much of themselves in service to Rice. Those so recognized are famous former Owl coaches in the late Phil Arbuckle and Cecil Grigg, plus trainer Eddie Wojceki, and the now-retired former Rice great coaches Jess Neely and Joe Davis. Make way for another special Honorary member of the Hall tonight in retired Rice team physician Dr. Ed. T. Smith.

This splendid gentleman attended the University of Texas as an undergrad, and earned his M.D. from Baylor Medical School in Dallas in 1929. But soon after gaining his M.D. he began an association with then Rice Institute that has lasted over 50 years!

As a young intern in the fall of '29 he escorted an injured Owl griddier by wheelchair from a hospital to see his team play one Saturday afternoon, and "Dr. Ed" has been an Owl fan ever since. His official relationship began some years later when he had completed post-grad training to become an orthopedic surgeon, and in the early 1949's (soon after Neely regime began) he became orthopedic consultant to an earlier fine Rice team physician, Dr. Hugh Welsh.

In 1962 he was appointed "Head of Rice University medical athletic program." He served through the 1977 season, so all told gave 30 years of official duty to Rice athletics before stepping aside. His successor is another prominent orthopedic specialist who was his consultant for many years (and is his son-in-law) Dr. James E. Butler. Another close friend and follower of Rice athletics over a long span, too, as a consultant and still helping Owl athletes is Dr. Jack Brannon.

In June of 1974 Dr. Smith was named an Honorary Member of the "R" Association, and he describes this additional honor relating to the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame as "icing on the cake."

He recalls the first actual medical association with Rice was in his residency days to observe an operation for an arm injury. The patient was then a young Owl tackle named Lou Hassell, now a member of the Rice Hall of Fame.

A truly dedicated Owl booster, despite a busy and successful practice, Dr. Smith made virtually every Rice game, home and road, and a majority of the workouts during his service to the program.

He cites it is just impossible to single out any one game or experience or favorite player from so many to choose. But he relates, "I suppose that Cotton Bowl win over Alabama in the 1954 game and the bench tackle play rates high in the memories of every Owl fan."

Dr. Smith was born in Lexington, Oklahoma in 1901, and with a delay via World War I he didn't finish high school at Cleburne, Texas until 1922. Although he was a UT-Austin student three years, he never got a degree there since with top grades he won admission to Baylor med without one.

His loyal associate through his medical career has been charming wife, Bernice, who also is an avid Owl fan. Their three children are Mrs. Jay (Julia) Butler, wife of his successor as team physician; Dr. Taylor Smith, and Mrs. Robert (Martha) Nelson. His children and many grandchildren provide a lot of happiness for Dr. Smith — and also the hundreds of Rice student-athletes who have been under his care through the years.



JOYCE POUNDS HARDY

"Honorary R Person"

As the wife of a prominent Houston physician this lady is known as Mrs. Tom Hardy, mother of five children, who is legislative committeeman of the Harris County Medical Auxiliary, and a ruling elder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

She is the first woman to become president of the Association of Rice Alumni (1977), and in 1978 at Commencement she was winner of the Hugh Scott Cameron Award for Distinguished Service to Rice University. Mrs. Hardy is the Alumni Representative to the University Standing Committee on Athletics for a term extending to 1981.

All of this is to say this lovely lady is a bundle of energy with a great devotion to her alma mater, and it is on this occasion she is being recognized as the first Rice ex to be known as "Honorary R Person" by the "R" Association of ex-lettermen.

The recognition is for her many contributions to the athletic program as a whole, but as an undergrad student in the early forties when coed Joyce Pounds she earned on-field acclaim, though in those days women didn't receive athletic letters as they do now. She was captain of the P.A.L.S. softball team, and a starter on the basketball and bowling teams.

Joyce Hardy has been an inspirational leader in supporting the fast improving women's varsity athletic program at Rice, and in 1975 the university began giving an annual plaque known as the Joyce Pounds Hardy Award to Rice's Outstanding Woman Athlete of the Year. She is an inspirational booster and advisor for all Owl women athletes with vocal support at virtually every home event.

Joyce Hardy is not just a booster of the women's program. She is the first woman director of the Owl Club, the membership chairman of the Rice Rebounders basketball support group, and as earlier noted the alumni representative to the policy making Committee on Athletics.

Her most identifiable role, however, is that of "No. 1 Fan for the Rice baseball team." She never misses a home game, and when Dr. Tom's busy schedule permits, the Hardys follow the Owls of Coach Doug Osburn to road games. This was understandable when son Larry was a standout player for Rice before he graduated to go on to medical school over a year ago. But Joyce Hardy was an avid fan before Larry enrolled and since he's left Rice.

This lady's enthusiasm and good humor is infectious, and she thoroughly enjoys the give and take of good natured "razzing." Such as, she gets the "needle" about being a member of the Rice Class of '45, but not receiving her B.A. degree until 1967! Her rejoinder is that she did take a recess to have and raise five children between her sophomore and junior years, 20 years for that break!

Joyce Pounds Hardy indeed is most deserving the recognition accorded her by the "R" Association, and everyone associated with the expanding and improving women's athletic program join in this salute.

Rice Sports Hall of Fame sketches for wall with pic production
Bill Whitmore to Ed Tron et al via Steve Maniaci....

These are from ceremony of Feb 26, 1980 and briefed down from program

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PERCY ARTHUR

36' EUROSTILE
BOLD

Now and forevermore this man holds a special place in the history of Rice athletics, for he was the captain of the first Owl team to win a Southwest Conference football championship.

The year was 1934, and the success that season of the Rice Institute grid team was credited with a significant gain in prestige for the Southwest Conference as a strong league on the national level in college football.

The famous '34 Owls beat Purdue in early season on the same day Texas upset Notre Dame to prove Texas teams could play with the best. Later that fall Rice defeated Texas in a dramatic game that earned the first-ever SWC crown for the Owls under new head coach Jimmy Kitts.

Bill Wallace was the All-America star who later was named to the National Football Hall of Fame, while he and teammate John McCauley were known as the "Touchdown Twins." Two team members in "Red" Bale and Harry Fouke went on to become athletic directors in the Southwest Conference. But the man who had the most playing time and was the inspirational leader as The Captain was Percy Arthur. He made Associated Press' All-America Honorable Mention.

Percy Arthur was a home town lad who helped the cause of the comparatively young institute of higher learning to become famous nationally. He was an all-city center for Reagan High of Houston, and later was named to the all-time Houston high school team of all players for the era of 1900-1950.

After his stellar play for the Owls under Coach Jack Meagher and then Kitts' title team of his senior season, Captain Arthur became Coach Arthur as an aide to Kitts for the 1937-38-39 Owl teams, and the '37 club under Captain Charlie Moore (also to become a long time Owl aide) won the second SWC title for Rice, and became the school's first bowl team by beating Colorado in the Cotton Bowl game of Jan. 1, 1938.

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In 1940 Percy Arthur left Rice and the world of athletics to become an insurance man. Not only was he highly successful in that field, but he continued his interest and support of Owl sports, and published two books on the duties of an athletic team captain, "You Are the Captain" (1963) and "Handbook for Team Captains" (1973).

He is also known as Colonel Arthur, since that was his rank when he was in the Air Force in World War II, and continued active in the reserves for many years. He received his B.S. degree from Rice Institute, 1935, and an M.A. from Columbia in 1936.

Percy Arthur married the former Ivy Alice Riu in 1940, and at this writing in 1980 the couple has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Captain Arthur truly is one of the great name players of all Rice Owl football history.

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KENNY PAUL

In all Rice grid history it is improbable that any Owl player competed with more total intensity and effort than this small but dynamic guard of the 1953 Southwest Conference co-title and Cotton Bowl winning Rice Institute Owls. Kenny Paul was a fantastically motivated player who gave inspired leadership as the solo captain of ~~the 1954 club~~ the 1954 club.

He is now Kenneth A. Paul, an attorney and businessman and farmer. After graduation from Rice, Class of '55, he was on ~~active duty for the U. S. Navy as an officer for two years, and~~ active duty for the U. S. Navy as an officer for two years, and

of Lamar, and the youngest at Rice.

So much for the "basic facts" of the Paul family; we now concentrate on the impressive gridiron career for Kenny as one of the finest players to serve in the 27-year reign of Jess Neely as head coach and Joe Davis as line coach of the Rice Owls, 1940-1966.

He came to Rice Institute from Lamar High, near the campus, but most experts doubted his chance for stardom. Although a star and fine captain as a Lamar Redskin, he was only 5-10 and probably fibbed a bit to claim he was 180. Yet, Kenny became twice All-SWC and was credited with a key role in Dick Maegle becoming an All-American and Hall of Fame player as a key blocker for his many spectacular runs. It was noteworthy in a year when Maegle was consensus All-American, his teammates voted Kenny Paul as the 1954 club George Martin Award as the MVP, and Maegle was the first to congratulate him for that significant honor.

Paul was born in California, but grew up in Houston and still maintains his home here, but also has property and does a lot of business in the Wharton area.

He was a fiery leader who played to the hilt, and despite his lack of size he was outstanding not only as a blocker, but in those two platoon days he held his own defensively against far bigger foes. Kenny Paul -- a superb leader and an all-time great Rice Owl gridder from the memorable Neely-Davis era.

DR. WALTER E. (ED) RED

He is now a distinguished academician who teaches engineering, but as a Rice undergrad student husky Ed Red brought international attention to Rice University by his exploits as one of the world's best performers in throwing the javelin.

The peak of his career came in the fall of 1964 when he placed 11th in the Olympic Games, held that year in Tokyo, for the USA. That was an unusually high finish for an American, for Europeans rather dominate that event at the world level of competition.

Strong arm Ed Red came to Rice from his native state of Louisiana to become one of the finest student-athletes to represent the Owls in school history.

Freshmen were not eligible for varsity competition in '61 or Ed would have been a four-time Southwest Conference champion, but he won the SWC title and set records in 1962, 1963, and 1964. In fact, his success began a string of javelin titles for the Owls of that era under Emmett Brunson and aide Augie Erfurth. Rice men won the javelin crown for the SWC 10 of 12 times, starting with Red's three in a row.

His career best ~~was 263 feet~~ as an Owl was 263 feet in summer competition at an AAU meet, but his SWC record of 249-3 set as a junior in 1963 stood for an amazing 16 years before it was broken finally in 1979.

Red continued as a javelin competitor for several years after getting his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Rice in 1965 while he was doing graduate work and teaching.

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After earning a Ph.D. from Arizona State in 1972, he moved on to teaching posts at U. of Southwest Louisiana and U. of New Mexico, and at this writing in 1980 was an associate professor at Texas A&M and helping coach Aggie javelin throwers as a special hobby.

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TOM ROBITAILLE

When this personable giant of a man played basketball for Rice, his named was pronounced "ROB-i-tell" by coach, teammates, students, fans, and announcers, et al. After all these years, NOW he tells us the family ~~pronounced~~ "prefers" pronunciation of "ROBE*i*-taw" but just never corrected folks when they called it the other way in those Rice years.

By whatever way you call him, Robitaille was one of the finest cagers ever to represent Rice, and he still gives the school a "favorable image" as a highly successful and respected corporation executive with Phillips Petroleum Company since his graduation in 1959.

As an undergrad out of ~~Graham~~ Graham High out in West Texas, Tall Tom was a "blue chip 6-9 prospect" who came to Rice under then Coach Don Suman. He teamed for two seasons with the stellar 6-10 ~~Tom~~ Temple Tucker from that same Northwest Texas area (Bowie) to give the Owls winning records on the courts.

Robitaille was All-Southwest Conference both in 1958 and 1959, and was the Owls' top scorer and rebounder in many games. He had strong support of his parents, older brother Barry, and younger brother Ricky, who attended most Owl games home and road. Barry preceded Tom at Rice, and represented him at the induction ceremonies into the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame. Tom could not attend because of an unavoidable conflict.

Although a native of Fort Worth who came to Rice from Graham, the big man long has been a resident of Montana after earlier serving the Phillips organization in Bartlesville, Albuquerque, and Denver. In 1971 he was the youngest man ever to be named a District Manager for Phillips with a transfer to Great Falls, Montana.

He and his family love the "great outdoors" of that area with the showing of registered quarter horses a big hobby. The Robitaille daughters have qualified horses for world championship competition.

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