

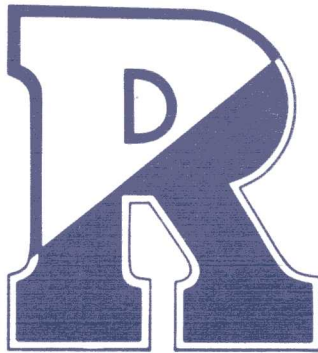
*The "R" Association Proudly Presents The*

**Seventeenth Ceremony**

**RICE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**and**

**DISTINGUISHED "R" AWARD**



**7 pm, Thursday, October 13, 1988**

**Owl Club**

**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 service with the Athletic Department of Rice University at least five (5) years prior to his selection."

**DISTINGUISHED "R" AWARD**

The qualifications for the Distinguished "R" 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.

## PROGRAM

WELCOME

REMARKS

RICE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The 1969 4 x 440 yard track relay team (Bill Askey, '70; Conley Brown, '69; Steve Straub, '72; Dale Bernauer, '70)

W.A. "Bart" Goforth '73, President "R" Association  
Jerry Berndt, Athletic Director

John Nichols, '63

Gary Butler, '72

Ricky Pierce, '82

Dr. G. Walter McReynolds, P.A., '65

Dr. George E. Rupp, President, Rice University

DISTINGUISHED "R" AWARD

REMARKS

- \*Philip H. Arbuckle, '06 (Chicago)
- \*Percy Arthur, '35
- A.M. "Red" Bale, '36
- Calvin Bell, '39
- \*H.L. "Tony" Bell, '19
- \*Claude Bracey, '30
- \*Dr. Jack Brannon, UT '33
- Warren Brattlof, '65
- Louis H. "Smokey" Brothers, '36
- \*W. Edward "Mike" Brown
- \*Emmett Brunson, '29
- Johnny Burrell, '62
- Frank Carswell, '41
- Richard Chapman, '54
- Bill Tom Closs, '43
- \*Leslie Coleman, '22
- \*Henry G. "Hank" Coffman, '48
- \*Quinn Connelly, '34
- \*J. Tom Cox, '50
- W.M. "Bill" Cummins, '48
- Robert W. "Bobby" Curtis, '48
- Joe W. Davis, '28  
(Southwestern of Memphis)
- \*Edwin W. DePrato, '22
- Gilbert "Buddy" Dial, '59
- \*Eddie Dyer, '22
- \*R.T. "Tally" Eaton, '36
- Augie Erfurth, '49
- Ronnie Fisher, '61
- James T. Fox, '62
- Dr. John Garrett, '57
- James Gerhardt, '51
- Samuel Giammalva, UT
- Arthur C. "Art" Goforth, '42
- Dr. Joseph Greenwood, '30
- \*Cecil B. Grigg (Austin College)
- Frank Guernsey, '41

## PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- W.R. "Mike" Hale, '33
- Dr. Fred Hansen, '63
- \*Fred "Moose" Hartman, '41
- \*Lou Hassell, '33
- \*Bill Henry, '45
- Bruce Henley, '74
- \*Jake Hess, '32
- Wilbur Hess, '35
- King Hill, '58
- Bill Howton, '52
- John B. Hudson, '54
- Weldon Humble, '47
- Roland Jackson, '63
- David "Kosse" Johnson, '54
- \*Dr. Gaylord Johnson, '21
- Robert E. "Bob" Johnston, '62
- \*E.F. "Tiny" Kalb, '18
- Mrs. Kathryn Pearson Keating, '36
- Huey Keeney, '49
- Rufus King, '61
- \*Lawrence M. Kingsland, '19
- \*Bob Kinney, '42
- \*Chester F. "Smokey" Klaerner, '33
- Tommy Kramer, '77
- Richard Kristinik, '61
- Don K. Lance, '58
- \*Dr. Charles P. "Chuck" Latourette, '67
- \*Marion "Preacher" Lindsey, '22
- Dick Maegle, '55
- John W. Magee, '48
- John R. "Bobby" May, '65
- \*H. Palmer "Peg" Melton, '24
- \*John McCauley, '36
- Vern V. McGrew, '50
- \*Jess Neely, '24 (Vanderbilt)
- Hamilton J. Nichols, Jr., '47
- Jack Patterson, '39

- Kenny Paul, '54
- James C. "Jess" Perry, Jr., '35
- Dr. Walter E. "Ed" Red, '65
- Gary Reist, '71
- Kendall L. Rhine, '65
- Don Rhoden, '53
- Dr. Dave Roberts, '74
- Tom Robitaille, '59
- Roger Roitsch, '71
- \*Carl F. "Buddy" Russ, '48
- Dr. Frank Ryan, '58
- Gene Schwinger, '54
- Jerry Sims, '58
- Dr. Ed. T. Smith (Team Physician)
- Fred J. Stancliff, '26
- Don Suman, '45
- James Sykes, '77
- John Sylvester, Sr., '36
- Henry R. Timmons, '21
- \*A.M. "Tommy" Tomforde, '17
- \*John "Big Heavy" Underwood, '22
- \*Wash "Little Heavy" Underwood, '27
- \*Griff D. Vance, '20
- Malcolm E. Walker, '65
- Bill Wallace, '36
- Dr. George Walmsley, '48
- Joe L. Watson, '50
- Gerald Weatherly, '50
- John B. "Buddy" Weaver, '52
- Dave Weichert, '37
- Jeff Wells, '76
- James "Froggie" Williams, '50
- Jesse Willis, '30
- Harry Witt, '33
- \*Eddie Wojcecki (Trainer)
- \*Fred Wolcott, '40
- \*George A. "Grandpa" Wood, '27

## PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED "R" AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1969 -- Herbert Allen
- 1970 -- \*H.L. "Tony" Bell, '19
- 1971 -- H. Malcolm Lovett, '21
- Fred J. Stancliff, '26
- \*Lou Hassell, '33
- 1972 -- \*Emmett Brunson, '29
- John B. Coffee, '34
- Weldon G. Humble, '47
- George R. Miner, '50
- 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
- 1976 -- Harry H. Fouke, '35
- 1978 -- W.C. "Speedy" Moore, '40
- 1980 -- W.E. "Billy Ed" Daniels, '53
- \*W.L. "Dutch" McKinnon, '29
- Lyle L. Payne, '30
- 1981 -- Gilbert Leach, '30
- W.C. Treadway, '54

- 1982 -- James V. Carroll, '30
- J.D. Bucky Allshouse, '71
- Joe McDermott, '51
- 1984 -- Vincent Buckley, '47
- 1985 -- Alan J. Chapman, '45
- Wendel D. Ley, '32
- 1986 -- James K. Nance, '38
- 1987 -- Lew W. Harpold, '56

\*Deceased

## 1988 Rice Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee



John Nichols, Rice '63

October 13, 1988, is a special day to remember in the life of Johnny Nichols. This is his 47th birthday (born at St. Joseph's in Houston in 1941), and tonight he is inducted into the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame! As "dessert" tomorrow and Saturday he joins his teammates of the 1963 Rice Owls in a silver anniversary reunion and celebration at the Tides II Motor Inn and at the Rice-Texas Tech game at Rice Stadium.

Now in his 21st year as a successful attorney in Houston, Johnny is a partner in the firm of Nichols & Cole and specializes in family law, personal injury law, and civil trial law. He got his law degree from UH Law School in 1967, and has been honored as one of the best family lawyers in the country by *Best Lawyers in America, 1st & 2nd editions*. He began his career as a trial lawyer with Fulbright & Jaworski before his partnership with Warren Cole.

Our interest in this program, however, is his sports deeds while a Rice Owl griddier from 1959 through that memorable 1963 campaign in the Jess Neely era at Rice, with Joe Davis his line coach.

A treasured memory of the time? Johnny loves to tell it. "Our TCU game at Fort Worth was delayed until a week after the regular season ended because of the Kennedy assassination. By then I'd been given a bunch of honors -- all-SWC guard, team co-captain, an invitation to the North-South all-star game, and the Rice MVP George Martin Award. Early on at TCU their center knocked the livin' hell out of me on a fierce block. As I staggered off the field, ol' coach Joe Davis grumbled to me, 'I guess that guy didn't read all about you, did he?'" Johnny recalls.

Now, as he looks back, Nichols says how much it meant to him to play with teammates and under coaches of such 'class' status like Neely and his staff,

and with guys like Robert Johnston (a Rhodes Scholar), the King brothers Rufus and Boyd, and so many more.

Nichols also likes the present coaching staff and players at Rice who remind him of some of the best qualities of his contemporaries. "I like our coaches and athletes of now in the Berndt regime who personify the best in character of college sports."

As befitting a man who practices in family law, Johnny is proud of his supportive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols (his father was an owner in the construction chemicals field before retiring) of Galena Park. His wife is the former Deena K. Counts, and they have four children in Robyn (21), a model; Jack (20), a student at UT Austin; John, Jr. (19), a student at UH; and Travis (16).

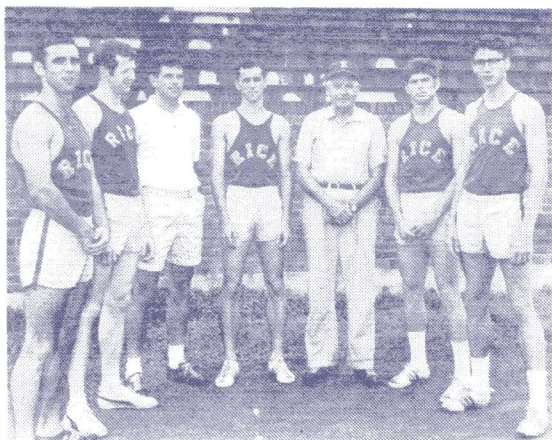
Johnny showed his leadership early when he was grid co-captain and student council president before graduating from Galena Park High. He was a natural for Rice as a talented athlete with a flair for leadership.

Now it all comes together for a momentous weekend for all the Nichols clan -- birthday, reunion with 1963 team pals, and recognition of his honors as all-SWC, a team captain (along with Jerry Kelley), Martin MVP Award all leading to his new status as a deserving member of the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.



# RICE

## 1988 Rice Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



(From left to right) Steve Straub, Rice '72, Bill Askey, '70, assistant coach Bobby May, Conley Brown, '69, head coach Emmett Brunson, Dr. Dale Bernauer, '70, Chip Grandjean, '71.

This is a unique award for an athletic hall of fame. It is for a unit rather than an individual. Four men equally share the honor of induction into the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame as a special relay unit, the Owls' magnificent 1969 mile relay team.

The honorees are listed below their group photo by name, and we will honor each man individually tonight, but first let's see why the group was so special to merit this unusual recognition.

In the summer of 1969 -- 20 years ago this coming June -- this foursome from a relatively small American university (Rice's enrollment was then under 2,000) had the best mile relay time in the world when they blazed to a 3:05.1 victory over powerhouse UCLA at the prestigious Kennedy Games on the Cal-Berkeley campus.

A week or so later after a cross-country flight to Knoxville where the NCAA Championships were hosted by the University of Tennessee, the Owls were edged for the NCAA crown by the Bruins, but by less than a second as they ran a 3:04.7 in one of the great relay races in USA track and

field history.

The Owls were under severe stress that memorable day. While working out after arriving in Knoxville, their famed coach, Emmett Brunson, suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in serious condition. UT-Austin coach Jack Patterson (an ex-Owl under Brunson) told Rice officials not to worry, he would take the Owls in with his Longhorn bunch to coach them and oversee their needs.

The Longhorns had a terrific mile relay unit, too, and had beaten Rice for the SWC title at Waco in May. But in the Kennedy Games and the NCAA's the Owls were ahead of UT, so Patterson coached a unit that beat his very own.

Each of the four runners, as well as splendid alternates in Chip Grandjean and Dr. Mike Casey, competed well in individual events, such as the 100, 220, and 440 (this was before USA track converted to meters). Grandjean later would anchor a Rice mile relay team to an SWC triumph to give the Owls of coach Augie Erfurth an SWC team title. Casey was a 1968 relay regular who was replaced by sophomore whiz Steve Straub in 1969, but ran some in preliminary races with the unit and was a key team man.

Due to space limitations we'll be unable to give all the pertinent information about each of these fine athletes (J. Fred Duckett should do nicely to fill in the details when presenting the award in their honor), so, instead, we'll only fill you on some brief highlights. But the best note of all is that each one of them has used his Rice degree to become a success in life after finishing as a student and athlete at the school.

**Bill Askey** -- The leadoff man on the relay team... A strong redhead junior out of Lee High in Baytown... Was also a fine sprinter... Now the treasurer of COLOR TEC, a one-hour photo service firm in Houston... Lives on a 10-acre spread in Magnolia, just north of Houston, with wife Ellen and daughter Susan, a freshman at Southwest Texas State, and son Phillip, a junior at Magnolia High... Remains active in military reserve.

**Conley Brown** -- Ran important second leg (running the curve) on team... Ran countless races on sprint, sprint medley, two-mile, and mile-relay teams... Was also a tremendous 440 man... Won titles galore at Texas, Kansas, Drake, Penn, Modesto, Ty Terrell, and LSU Relays plus SWC, NCAA, USTFF, and AAU titles... An all-time city of Houston HISD great at San Jacinto High... Continues to coach track today in Schulenberg... Also very active in church work.

**Steve Straub** -- The 'kid' of the bunch as a sophomore in 1969; ran third leg... Now a veteran of many years at Rice as first an assistant and then being named the head coach of the Rice men's track team in 1979... Career competitive peak was making finals of 800 meters at 1972 U.S. Olympic Trials... An SWC champion before he became the current Rice coach of numerous conference champions... A star at St. Pius X High in Houston... Whole family is very Rice-oriented; dad, Charles, and his mother and brother have worked for Owl athletics, and son Andy was a Rice baseball batboy, and is now a promising young athlete approaching high school age.

**Dr. Dale Bernauer** -- Anchor man who was one of the all-time Rice track greats with far more honors and awards than can be listed in this space... Went on to medical school, and inspired by popular veteran Rice team physician Dr. Ed T. Smith, he also became an orthopedic surgeon... Has had his practice in Lake Charles, La., where he and his family have resided many years... Was a super prep at Jefferson High in Port Arthur.

## 1988 Rice Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee



Gary Butler, Rice '72

Rice has had a host of exceptional ends, and this man was one of the best with a bunch of honors to prove it! Gary Butler was a second-team all-America tight end in 1972. In almost any other year would have been a consensus first-team all-America, but that year was the season when Southern Cal pushed Charles Young as its top star while number one in the nation.

As it was, Gary was the first NFL draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in the 1973 draft and started for coach Hank Stram's Chiefs as a rookie in 1973. Despite a knee injury, Butler stayed in the NFL through 1977 with the Chiefs, Chicago Bears, Oakland, and Tampa Bay.

His Rice years from fall of 1969 to spring of 1973 were good ones despite a flurry of grid coaching changes to play under Bo Hagan, Bill Peterson, and Al Conover. He led the Owls in receiving in 1971 and 1972 (also leading the conference in receiving that latter year) and was an all-SWC tight end and the recipient of the coveted George Martin Award as Owl MVP as a senior in 1972. In post-season action, he played in the North-South All-Star game, the Senior Bowl, and the Chicago All-Star game.

Although he now lives in Aurora, Colorado, the big redhead was born in Houston and grew up in nearby Conroe. His birthdate is Jan. 11, 1951.

It was a recruiting coup for Rice in the transition period from Emmett Brunson to Augie Erfurth as track coach when the Owls got the blue chip duo of state pole vault champion Dave Roberts and state discus champion Butler from Conroe in 1969. Roberts went on to become the world record holder, while Butler competed brilliantly in track and football for the Owls. Now it has come full circle with both these men in the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.

Butler has used his Rice education to good advantage as he now owns a petroleum landman consulting business, the Contex Energy Company, in Denver, while living in suburban Aurora. He got his start in this field under another ex-Owl standout end of the 1950's, Murff Bledsoe III, in Houston as a petroleum landman after he completed his pro grid years. He was with Bledsoe from 1978 until starting his own company in Denver in January, 1986.

He married the former Libby Fowler in 1975, and the couple has been blessed with three children in Katie (12), Blake (7), and Crockett (5).

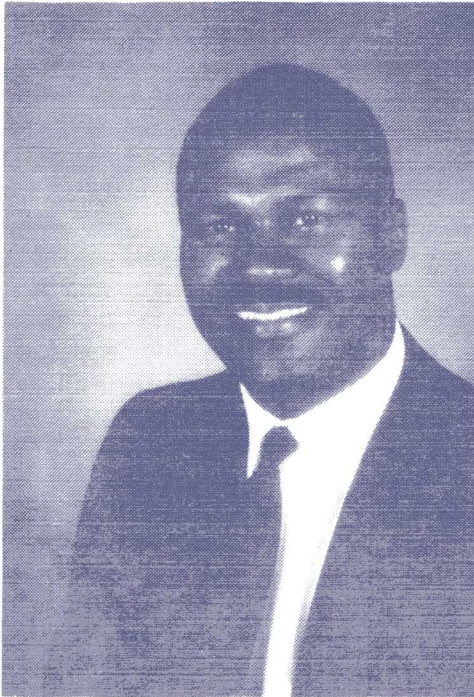
The husky redhead does some gardening, plays golf, and teaches his kids a bit of baseball. Now that he lives in Colorado he has taken up snow skiing, though he notes "I found out a mountain hits harder than any Aggie linebacker."

A splendid athlete who made his mark with the pros, and then did well in business and as a fine family man, Gary Butler of the 1972 Owls is a worthy addition to the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.



# RICE

## 1988 Athletic Rice Hall of Fame Inductee



Ricky Pierce, Rice '82

You could write a whole book about this fabulous former Rice super star basketball player and still not cover all the pertinent details. The bottom line is that Ricky Pierce partisans claim, with a lot of justification, that Ricky may well be the *Best Ever Owl* cager. He is in the top echelon of greatest Rice athletes of any sport, so an obvious selection for the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame, for which he only became eligible within the past year (at least five years out of school).

Pierce is now a veteran and a highly rated star of the Milwaukee Bucks of the National Basketball Association. A year ago he was the recipient of a coveted award as the best "sixth man" (non-starter) of all the NBA. He is definitely a major force with the Bucks in his seventh season in the pros.

Our concern here is Ricky's three golden years as a Rice Owl from the fall of '79 to the spring of '82 when he was the rage of the Southwest Conference.

Honors? There are too many to list them all here in a limited space. But the 'biggies' include:

- 1981-82 Southwest Conference Player of the Year.
- All-America on several selections, and all-SWC, of course.
- Top career scorer in Rice history (1,847 points, 1979-82).
- Top season scorer in Rice history (804 in 1981-82).
- Highest Rice season per-game scoring average, 26.8 in 1981-82.
- Rice record-holder for most field goals and free throws, season and career.
- Rice's Billy Wohn MVP Award and numerous others.

As much or more as all his honors and awards that commend his ability as a player, Pierce earns his Hall of Fame recognition for his interest and dedication to support the cage program at his alma mater since he completed his time at Rice. In the off season, he does conditioning workouts with current Owl players and gives them valuable tips on bettering themselves on and off the court. Owl head coach Scott Thompson and staff did not arrive until Ricky was long gone to the NBA, but have found the ex-Owl star to be a strong booster of their current efforts to get Rice back into top SWC contention.

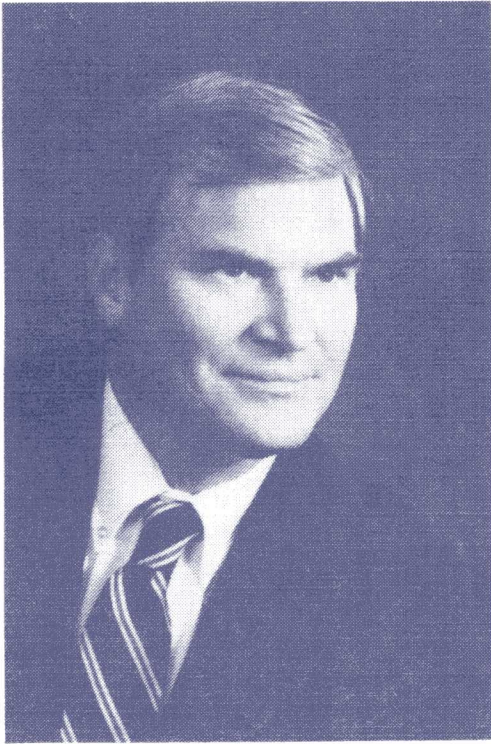
Ricky was born August 19, 1959, in Dallas and grew up in the suburb of Garland. He was Texas all-state for three years at Garland High under coach George Johnson and a high school all-America. After a year at Walla Walla Junior College in Washington, he entered Rice to play as a sophomore under coach Mike Schuler (now the coach of the NBA Portland Trailblazers) and finished for the Owls under coach Tommy Suits with those many honors and records.

He is married to the former Joyce Wright and his wife is quite a well-known celebrity as a former singer with the group, The Fifth Dimension.

Rice has had many real superb cagers through the years, including such former NBA standouts as Bob Kinney and Bill Tom Closs, and a consensus all-America in the 1940's in Bill Henry. Such men as Gene Schwinger, Don Lance, Temple Tucker, Tom Robitaille, Kendall Rhine, Elbert Darden and many more made their marks as Owls. But many experts believe that Ricky Pierce is the best ever and certainly most deserving to be a new member of the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame.



# RICE



**Dr. G. Walter McReynolds, P.A., Rice '65**

## 1988 Distinguished "R" Award Recipient

If ever a man fully personified the specific qualifications of the "R" Association's "Distinguished R Award" it is the 1988 recipient, prominent Houston ear, nose, & throat surgeon, Dr. Walter McReynolds.

He was not only a letterman Owl, Walter was an outstanding athlete as football quarterback and starter for Rice games of 1963 and 1964, and most of 1962.

He was a Rice graduate, Class of 1965, with many academic and campus achievements during his pre-medical studies while an undergrad to qualify for medical school.

The qualifications also say the honoree must have shown an interest in athletics at Rice after graduation. No doubt about it, this man has been an avid booster of the total athletic program ever since he completed his undergraduate studies and has been very active in the "R" Association and Owl Club ever since.

As stated on this program cover, "the 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." It would take far more space than allotted here to cover the numerous civic and community service deeds of Dr. McReynolds. He has been involved in countless worthy projects with civic clubs, church work, and a host of leadership assignments.

The candidate also "must have excelled and achieved distinction and success in his own chosen field of business or profession." Dr. McReynolds is one of the most successful and respected ear, nose, and throat specialists in Houston. After graduating from the University of Texas Medical School in 1969, he received further specialized training in ear, nose and throat. He has served as a clinical associate professor at UTMB in otolaryngology while continuing an outstanding private practice in Houston. He has served as president of the Houston Otolaryngology Society.

He has a splendid family life. Walter glows with pride in his lovely wife, the former Linda Duyck of Florida, and two charming daughters, Merritt and Larkin. Merritt, 19, is following her dad to Rice as she is now into her freshman year with the Class of 1992. Larkin is 17 and is a junior at The Kinkaid School of the Southwest Prep Conference.

Walter's mother still lives in Galveston, the widow of his late father, Dr. G.S. McReynolds, a prominent physician of otolaryngology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

It was on the famous vacation island of Galveston that young Walter McReynolds first became known as a scholar-athlete. He was an all-around leader and was elected captain of both the football and basketball teams at Galveston's famous old Ball High, and became the Texas' All-State AAAA (then top classification) quarterback for a strong team.

Walter McReynolds came to Rice in 1960 and achieved great success as an undergrad. He continues to serve his alma mater in the more than two decades since his 1965 graduation. He has served as president of the Owl Club, president of the Rice Alumni Association, and as a director of the "R" Association. Also, he has been chairman of the annual fall "An Evening in Rice's Honour" major fund-raiser for Rice Athletics at River Oaks Country Club, with able support by Linda.

McReynolds made a memorable Owl debut as quarterback when a sophomore in 1962. Veteran QB's Billy Cox and Randy Kerbow were felled by injuries a week prior to the opening game against LSU. In front of 67,000 screaming people in Baton Rouge, the young 19-year-old threw a TD pass to Gene Fleming to give underdog Rice a 6-6 shocking tie.

He had a host of fine games as QB of the '63 team having its 25th reunion this weekend, and as a tri-captain (with Malcolm Walker and Billy Hale) in 1964 -- a year when the all-SWC team included such all-time SWC greats as Donny Anderson, Tommy Nobis, Lawrence Elkins, Ken Hatfield, and from Rice, Walker and Dale Callihan.

In 1965, he was honored with the Bob Quin Award, annually given to the Rice athlete who best demonstrates sportsmanship in athletics, leadership and scholarship.

SWC football was at a peak in 1964, and Dr. Walter McReynolds was a key part of it, and a champion of Rice and college sports ever since.