

Rice Athletic
Hall of Fame



First Annual
Presentation of Awards

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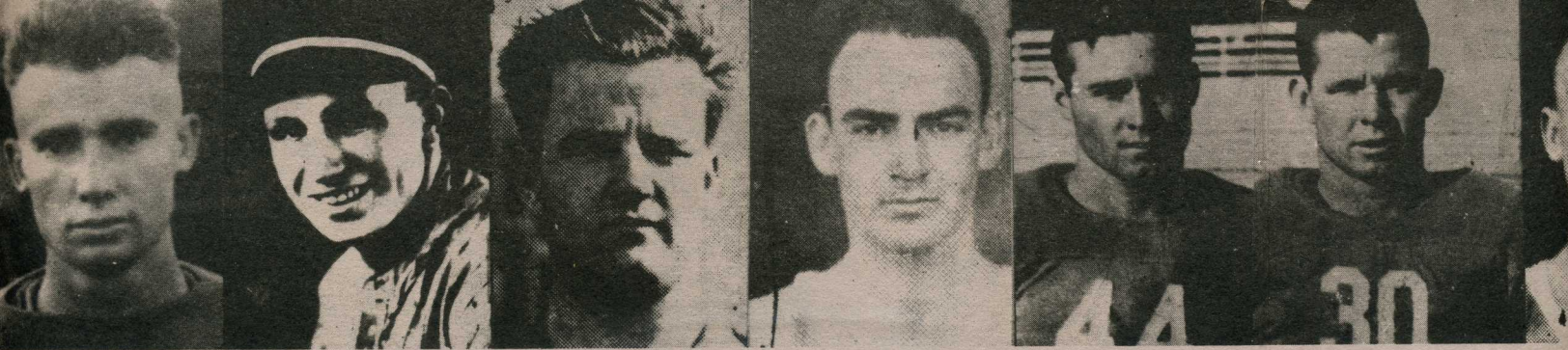
GRAND HALL

RICE MEMORIAL CENTER

HOUSTON, TEXAS

"To be eligible to receive the 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."

— FROM R ASSOCIATION BYLAWS



BELL

DYER

UNDERWOOD

BRUNSON

WALLACE

McCAULEY

For Rice's Honor...

The first 15 to be named to the Hall of Fame by the R Association in this inaugural Presentation of Awards are:

H. L. "TONY" BELL (1919) came from Edmond, Okla. to be a four-sport star of early days. He scored not only the first but also the second touchdown ever by Rice against Texas University, thereby leading the 1917 Owls to their first victory over the Longhorns. Halfback, infielder, basketball guard and track sprinter, Tony did it all with blazing speed and quickness. In 1958, he retired as assistant general manager after 38 years service with Southern Pacific Railroad. Now very active in Rice and R Associations affairs.

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The late EDDIE DYER (1922) was all-conference halfback and pitcher and captain of both football and baseball for Rice, playing in 1920-21-22. His great career in pro baseball climaxed as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals when they won the World Series in 1946. He came to Rice from Morgan City, La. After retiring from Big League baseball in 1950, Eddie founded a successful business in Houston. He became a civic leader of note before his death in 1964.

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WASH "LITTLE HEAVY" UNDERWOOD (1927) was one of the most versatile and colorful athletes of Rice history. During lean Rice years, "Heavy" was twice elected football captain as he twice won all-conference honors playing at center, also dropping back to do the team punting and some of its passing. In baseball he starred as a catcher, first baseman and outfielder. His teammates voted him the first two George Martin (Most Valuable Player) Awards. He is a successful businessman in his old home town, Honey Grove.

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EMMETT BRUNSON (1929) was both a champion on his own and a coach of champions. He helped win the 1928 Southwest Conference track title, Rice's first major championship, by winning the half and the mile and running behind only other Rice men in the two mile. A native Houstonian, he was track coach as well as athletic business manager for Rice from 1935 to 1970 with time out for War II Navy duty. His teams won five Southwest Conference championships. The Owls rank among the nation's top 15 in points scored in 46 national intercollegiate track and field championships, well ahead of any other Southwest Conference school. Brunson has just retired. He still lives close enough to the campus to hear the starting gun.



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The late CLAUDE BRACEY (1930) was Rice's first world record holder, first Olympian and first national intercollegiate champion. He tied Charlie Paddock's long-time 9.6 for the 100, then flashed the first 9.5 ever. He won both the 100 and the 220 to help Rice win the 1928 Southwest Conference championship, then duplicated these wins in the National Intercollegiate. He wound up winning a 1928 Olympic team berth at the National A.A.U. meet. Claude Bracey came to Rice after state championships for Humble High School. He died in 1938 in New Mexico.

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The late JAKE HESS (1932) was only five feet six when he came to Rice from Fort Worth. He had played only church league, never high school, basketball. He had played no tournament tennis. Yet he won Rice's first national tennis ranking and Rice's first All-American mention in basketball. "Little Jake" battled 'em all — from France's great international tennis star, Henri Cochet, across the net, to TCU's famed "Tree Top Tall" Ad Dietzel on the basketball court. He is the first Owl star whose name has been given to a campus installation — Rice's fine new tennis complex being "Jake Hess Stadium". At the peak of a successful business career in Houston, Jake Hess died in 1957.

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BILL WALLACE and the late JOHN McCAULEY are inseparable in Rice football history as "the Touchdown Twins" (1936). They teamed up amid a great band of Rice athletes to spearhead Rice's first Southwest Conference football championship drive in 1934 in a pressure-packed 9-1-1 season. The Rice Campanile (1935) summed it up: "In 1933 (when Wallace and McCauley were ineligible), Rice stood 143rd in the nation while in 1934 they stood seventh." Bill Wallace was named All-American by Associated Press and Collier's. "Big Jaw" McCauley was on the New York Sun's respected All-American team.

Wallace also was a champion hurdler and sprinter, first at Eagle Lake High then at Rice. He won the 220-yard lows in the Southwest Conference meet on a day in which he ran five races. He took third in the National Intercollegiate lows, beaten barely by Jesse Owens and Slats Hardin, both great Olympic champions. After a brief stint in coaching, Wallace went into business for himself. He is now located in Gainesville, Ga.

John McCauley came to Rice from Edinburg Junior College. He died in 1968, shortly after retiring from Hughes Tool Company in Midland.

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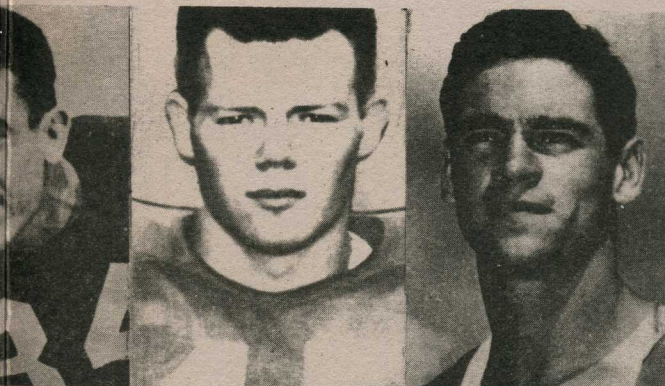
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... Rice's Glory

Flying FRED WOLCOTT (1940) set seven world's records, outdoors and indoors, in hurdle events in his three years competition for Rice. He led Rice to the conference track and field championship in 1938 and 1939. He won the 100-yard dash as well as both high and low hurdles and ran on the 440-yard relay to amass a never-equalled 49.25 points in three Southwest Conference meets. He won National Intercollegiate and National AAU titles in both highs and lows. War II robbed Wolcott of almost certain Olympic honors by forcing cancellation of the 1940 Games. Fred came to Rice from Snyder. He now has a successful oil-gas business, operating out of Houston.

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"BAT 'EM BOB" KINNEY (1942) was twice All-American and three times All-Southwest Conference in basketball. He scored more than 1000 points for Rice. He paced the Owls to two Southwest Conference team titles and one second in his varsity years, 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1942-42. A 6-7 center, he was noted for tip-ins and rebounding. Bob came to Rice from San Antonio (Jefferson) to play under Owl Coach Buster Brannon. After graduation, he played pro basketball for the Fort Wayne (Indiana) Pistons and Boston Celtics. Then he went into business in Fort Wayne, residing there since.

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WILLIAM G. (BIG BILL) HENRY (1945) was the first Rice basketball player to be acclaimed unanimously All-American. Under Coach Joe Davis in War II years, the Henry-led Owls shared the SWC title twice and won it outright with a 12-0 conference record and a 20-1 full season in 1944-45. Six feet nine and 220 pounds plus, Big Bill established then all-time scoring marks. His 280 in 1945's 12 victories stood in the SWC for a decade. After graduation and a brief time in pro basketball, Bill returned to his hometown, Dallas, where he has been successful in business and a civic leader as well as leading North Texas Owl booster since.

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WELDON HUMBLE (1947) was the first Rice man elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He was a consensus All-American at guard in 1946. Coming to Rice from San Antonio (Brackenridge), Humble was All-SWC guard and voted the George Martin Award as most valuable for Rice in 1942. After three years in the Marines including combat in the Pacific, he returned to Rice in 1946 to become all-everything as captain of the co-champion Owls who whipped Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

Humble also was a point-winning weight man in track and field. Humble went on to win all-pro football honors with the champion Cleveland Browns then Dallas Cowboys, even though recalled by the Marines during the Korean War. Now vice president of First City National Bank in Houston, Humble is active in support of Rice as a member of the Faculty Committee for Athletics representing the alumni.

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JAMES "FROGGIE" WILLIAMS (1950) also is in the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame won during a brilliant career as an Owl end climaxed with consensus All-American honors in 1949. A rare four-year varsity letterman, he played on the great 1946 co-champion Orange Bowl team as a freshman, in 1947, 1948 and as tri-captain on the 1949 SWC title club and Cotton Bowl champs. He was an all-state high school star at Waco before Rice. "Froggie" won Rice hearts by kicking the last-minute field goal that beat Texas in 1949 and led to Rice's most successful grid season ever, a 10-1 record and fifth in national ranking. Williams now is a successful businessman, living in Fort Worth.

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DICK MAEGLE (1955) will be forever associated with the unforgettable "bench tackle" seen on nationwide TV when Rice's 1953 co-champions defeated Alabama's Southeastern Conference champions 28-6 in the Jan. 1, 1954, Cotton Bowl. In that game, Maegle's total of 265 yards rushing was the best ever by any back in any major bowl game in history. He still is on the Cotton Bowl's all-time list. In 1954, he was almost unanimous All-American. Maegle went on to a fine big league pro career with San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Dallas before retiring at only 28 after a hampering injury. He now manages the Tideland near Rice Stadium, and for eight years has been color announcer for the Houston Oiler TV and radio broadcasts.

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FRED HANSEN (1963) set a world record in the pole vault then won a Gold Medal for the USA in the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo. Hansen set a new world record at 17-1 at a meet in Houston in June, 1964, improved that mark twice to 17-4 in the USA vs. Russia meet in July, won Olympic honors in the fall then retired — at the top. Hansen had been a splendid all-around athlete at Cuero High. He played freshman football at Rice, but then concentrated on track on the varsity. Hansen also ran on the sprint relay team, and won the SWC broad jump. He even scored SWC meet points in the javelin. Dr. Hansen now has his own dentistry practice in Houston. Currently he is a director of the R Association.

Fight On

PROGRAM

Invocation

RUFUS KING
Co-Captain 1960 Football; Past President, R Association

DINNER

Welcome

GENE SCHWINGER
President, R Association

Toastmaster

CLARK NEALON
Sports Director, The Houston Post

For The University

DR. NORMAN HACKERMAN
President

Presentation of Awards

FRED STANCLIFF
Secretary, R Association

JOSEPH S. GALLEGLY
Retired Professor

JOE DAVIS
Coach of Football and Basketball

"For Rice's Honor ..."

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