

# Swamp to Space: Key Dates Mark University Story

1891—William Marsh Rice willed his personal fortune to an institution of art, letters and science in the city of Houston.

1912—The four building campus opened to 77 freshmen and nine faculty members. Rice Owls admitted to the Southwest Conference.

1916—39 students of original freshman class graduate.

1924—Of necessity, freshman enrollment limited to 450. Chemistry Building planned.

1946—Dr. William V. Houston, Professor of Physics at CalTech, named second president as Dr. Lovett retired.

1949-52—Rice Stadium, a gymnasium and a nuclear research laboratory opened.

1957—College system established with five colleges.

1960—The name Rice Institute changed to Rice University.

1961—Kenneth S. Pitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of California, named third president.

1963—Margaret Root Brown College for women donated.