Four Provost's Lectures set

Provost William B. Gordon has scheduled four "new Provost's Lectures" this semester, aimed at "promoting the Rice faculty as a community of scholars." The first lecture, scheduled for Monday, January 17, in 301 Sewall Hall, will be given by David W. Brady, Herbert S. Autrey professor of political science. His lecture is titled "What Do Elections Matter?"

Other lectures this semester will be given by: Martin J. Wiener, Mary Gibbs Jones professor of history, on "Economic Growth and Cultural History: The British Example." Monday, February 14.

George J. Schroepfer, professor of political science and chairman of Rice's biochemistry department, will speak on "New Inhibitors of Cholesterol Synthesis of Possible Importance in Medicine." Monday, April 11.

Frank K. Tittel, professor of electrical engineering, will deliver a talk on "The Light Fantastic." Monday, March 14.

The lectures and related events are open to the public.

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M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, he has synthesized compounds that control cholesterol levels in animals without harmful side effects and is on the verge of arranging tests on humans. This could prove of importance to human health.

Tittel joined Rice's electrical engineering department in 1967 following seven years' work at General Electric's Research and Development Center in Schenectady, N.Y., where he pioneered several laser devices and systems. In an introduction before Houston business executives a month ago, he was described as "a humanist-scientist engineer--a man who looks far beyond the technological confines of his specialty into the social, economic, and political dimensions of the laser's challenge and promise." His research at Rice has included assignments for the National Science Foundation, NASA, and the departments of the Navy and Energy.

His study and teaching have taken him to the Max-Planck Institut in Gottingen in 1973 and Munich in 1980 and to several Japanese and Chinese research institutions this past summer.

The staff of On Campus is still reeling from the shock of having its announcement of Machine of the Year--the computer--scooped by Time magazine. In a surprise move that can only be termed a "preemptive strike" On Campus's somewhat more famous competitor announced in its January 3, 1983 edition that its Man of the Year was no man at all but that marvelous machine that is transforming all our lives day by day.

Speculation abounds over who might have leaked the news of the On Campus choice to the popular weekly, but editorial ethics preclude comment until results of lie detector tests are in.

The staff first began considering the computer as its most likely candidate for "the single person or thing that has had the most impact..."