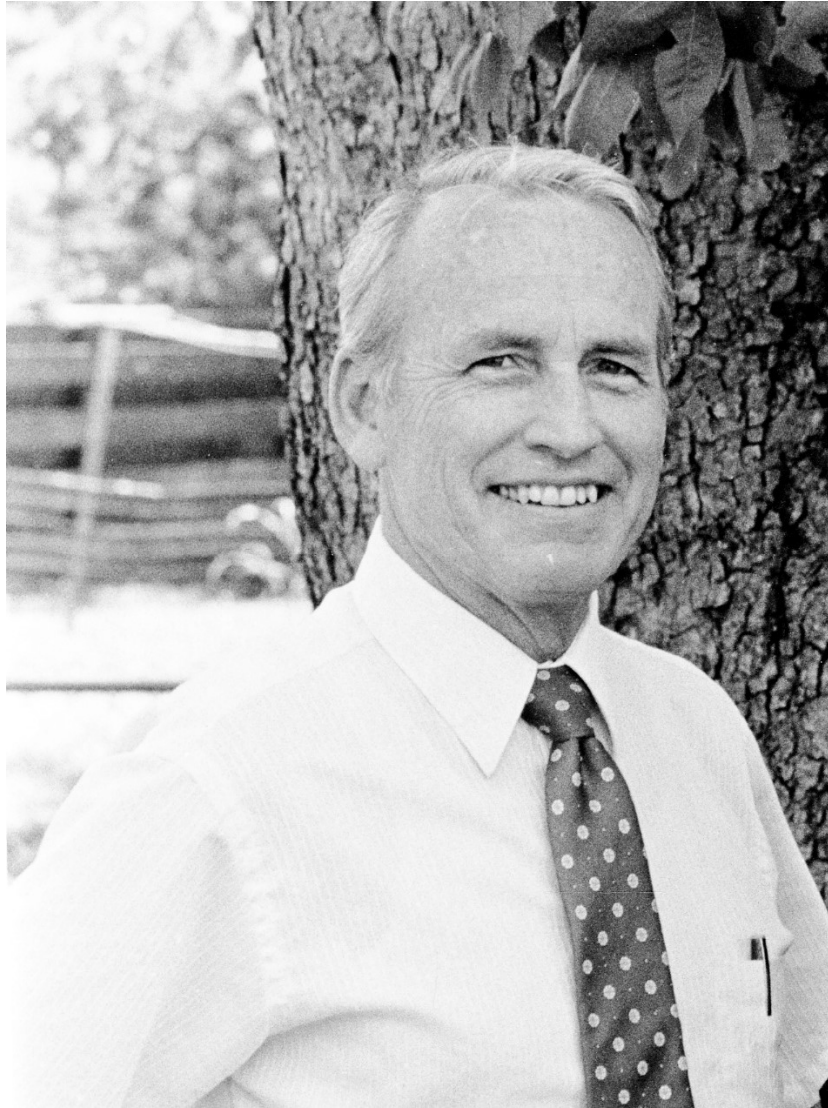


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**Ron Rice's Art Work**



## Professional information

Ronald Maburn Rice (1933-2021) was an artist for almost sixty years and worked in almost every medium of commercial art. He began his career in Dallas, Texas where he worked in an animation studio at the Dallas Times Herald and at WFAA TV. Later he worked in art and marketing departments of local television, newspaper, outdoor advertising, and independent art studios. He was the graphic artist for both local newspapers, first at The *Shreveport Journal* and then he retired from The *Times* in 1998.

During his entire professional career, he was also a free-lance artist and was commissioned for countless caricatures of individuals, families, athletes, and professional leaders of Shreveport and Bossier City. Of all the artwork that he produced, he was probably most proud of his originals and prints of his beloved LSU Tigers in both football and baseball.

**Ron Rice “Drawing and baseball...that’s what I do! In between the two, I’m addicted to good, old movies. Art and baseball came to me about the same time at age thirteen. I did work harder at developing my abilities at baseball. That got me a baseball scholarship to Centenary College. Art was put on hold.**

**That got me a pro baseball contract and a *brief career*....a broken hand in the middle of the first season was the reason, not the curve ball!! Pro baseball came to an end.**

**That got me drafted into the U.S. Army, in the Canal Zone, where I played two seasons of baseball.**

**It was time to get back to art. I had no formal training, so I enrolled at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. After two years there, I landed my first art job with a newspaper in Dallas, Texas.**

**My art/marketing career has been with newspapers and television. I did manage to squeeze in 37 summers and two high school seasons of coaching baseball.**

**Now retired from all that, I’m doing what I have the most fun with...cartooning animals, and stories of the Louisiana bayou...one of which is the Bayou Bengal. ...and in between, watching good, old movies.” (from Ron Rice website)**

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## Ron Rice Art Work, 1942- 2011

### Box 1 About Ron Rice

Portrait: (copy) 14x16 of Ron Rice

Photograph: Ron Rice at his desk.

Obituary: Ronald M. Rice 1933-2021

Article from the Daily Cartoonist re: Ron Rice

Article by Rueben Wright re: Ron Rice

“Drawing and baseball! That’s what I do” from Rice website.

Photograph: Ron Rice with Homer Peel, 1985. Peel was the greatest hitter in Texas League in the 1920s-1930s. Ron coached his son Skip Peel in Legion Baseball.

### Box 2

Portfolio (‘Ron Rice’ embossed) contains:

Some of Rice’s works: drawing-Pope John Paul II

drawing- Colin Powell

drawing (color)-Tom Selleck

drawing-John Lennon

drawing-Clementine Hunter

drawing (color)-Edward J. DeBartolo

drawing-Irv Zeidman as Tevye

drawing- conductor John Shenaut

Photograph: President Ford with Ron Rice and Stan Tiner looking at newspapers containing graphics of Ford by Rice

Photographs (2) Shreveport Sports-

Rice’s retirement caricature by Pulitzer Prize winner, Jim Borgman, 1998

Newspaper: “*Ron Rice retires...city in turmoil*”, card with good wishes from newspaper staff, June 26, 1998

Newspaper: “*Meet The Journal Folks*” Graphics Ron Rice Illustrator. 1974

Newspaper: "A Caricaturist's Personality Portraits' How Rice brings out the personality of his subjects"

Newspaper: *Centenary's Caricatures*- How he draws caricatures, 2004

### **Box 3 Early drawings by Ronald Rice**

1942: First illustrated poem. when Rice was 9 years old. "Fishing"

1945: Wild West saloon brawl (color), when Rice was 12 years old. Also, Vikings, Marco Polo, western themes with fighting and horses.

1946: Wild West saloon brawl, when he was 13 years old.

1948: Bucking Horse in rodeo, when Rice was 15 years old.

1948-1951: Collage (26x24) of wild animals-lions, tigers, coyote, elephant, tree kangaroo, orangutan, gorilla, mandrill, hippopotamus, leopard, black Howler monkey, water buffalo, American tapir, jaguar. Probably when Rice was in high school. His sketch book pages show his interest in football with a sense of humor in play. Horses and western themes also continue.

1957: Ron Rice is in the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida and his art school project of Frank Sinatra in grease pencil and ink is included here.

1958: On set of movie *Horse Soldiers*, Ron sketched John Wayne and William Holden.

1959: First on-air logo design, channel 3 February 15, 1959. "*I was the first art department for channel 3*" (Ron Rice)

1962: Sports color cartoons used on KTBS-TV Sports Show.

1962: Tommy Davis 49ers. Charcoal and color ink. Drawn free-hand from photograph.

1965: Two art jobs (pamphlets) for WFAA-TV, Dallas, Texas.

1965: 16x20 charcoal of Bonneau Peters, owner of the original Shreveport Sports.

1966: Cover art while working at WFAA-TV. Job title: Assistant to Promotions.

#### **Box 4**

**Editorial Cartoons** and Illustrations for Shreveport Journal and Shreveport Times 1980s & 1990s. Edwin Edwards, Buddy Roemer, Sam Jones, Fred Dent, David Duke, Sen. Russell Long, Cong, Joe Waggonner, Buddy Leach, gambling etc.

**State Of Mine**, Political Cartoon strips – The Times 1984-1998

**Friends & Neighbors** local cartoon strips-The Times. Over 100 strips were created between 1991 and 1993.

#### **Box 5      Caricatures**

Sheriff Don Hathaway

Paul Carmouche

Cecil Ramey-local attorney

Pope John Paul II

Fr. Pike Thomas

Grits Gresham

Maestro John Shanult

Hal Holbrook

Alphonse Jackson

James Coburn

Art Sour

F.D. Roosevelt

Gus Mijalis

Tom Selleck

George Dement

Colin Powell

J. Bennett Johnson

Pres. George Bush

Mimi Hussey

Pope John Paul II

John Hussey

Greg Tarver

Van Cliburn

Bill Hall

Edward J. deBartolo

Joe Waggonner

Clifton Guevara

Ed Baswell

Judge Henry Politz

Russell Long

## **Box 6**

Collages of various art subjects and other drawings

## **Box 7 Tear sheets of Ron Rice's art:**

Tear sheets of illustrations and cartoons while working 8 years with the Shreveport Journal from 1976-1984

- 1) Tear sheets from The Times 1985-1994
- 2) From 1995-1999 Ron worked in Marketing.

## **Box 8 Sports-LSU- poster art**

Baseball- 2009 National Champions "Super Tiger"

Football-2008 BCS Championship Game LSU 38, Ohio State 24

"Tiger Bait"

"Liberty Bowl" Tiger Bell Ringer

SEC- LSU Coach Charlie McClendon and tiger-1973

Baseball-Opponents' mascots in boat

Football-SEC Chase

"Bayou Bengal" Opponents' mascots fear entrance to Tiger Stadium

Baseball-LSU 2009 National Champions

Football-LSU 9, Alabama 6, 2011

Football- 1966 Cotton Bowl- LSU 14, Arkansas 7, 1966

Football- 1965 Sugar Bowl, LSU 13, Syracuse 10

Football- 1963 Cotton Bowl LSU 13, Texas 0

Football- 1959 Sugar Bowl, LSU 7, Clemson 0

Football- 2004 Sugar Bowl, LSU 21, Oklahoma 14

Football- Third National Title, LSU 38 OSU 24

Football- 1997 Independence Bowl, LSU 27, Notre Dame 9

"A Tiger Tale" How LSU Became a Football Power"

## **Box 9      Sports**

14x23 collage-various sports

14x20 collage Times Sports-Big Game Hunt

14x15 collage "Whatever Happened to 1981?"

15x20 Billy Martin 1980

16x20 Tommy Davis Fair Park 1952

16 x 20 (2) unidentified football players

16x20 Design for front page of 1986 Ark-La-Tex High School Football section

14x 22 2001 Southwood High School Cowboys baseball coaches.

16 x 22 Captain Shreve State Champions 1973

14 x 20 2001 Gator Run

Cover for Captains Official program 1987

Texas League sketch 1982, 1989

Captain Shreve sketch State AAAA Champions 1972

NSU 2 sketches

Terry Bradshaw 1972 Division Title vs Miami Dolphins

1980 tear sheet for Jerry Byrd' column re: Rogers Hampton

Copy "J.W. Jones" article; Cover-Texas League Media Aide 1984

Sketches: Pat Tilley Robert Parish, Connie Mack Rae, Paul 'Hoss' Geisler, Cotton Geisler, Cotton Borner, Eddie Townsend, Cherokee Rhone, Jack Clark, Cajun Kings

## **Box 10      Other projects**

"Possum & Sweet Potatoes" drawings for a cookbook which Ron Rice did in 2010.

"What If...?" *"Ron was always thinking of original ideas for cartoon strips. This 'What If...?' series was one that he submitted for publication, but it was not accepted. He never gave up and submitted ideas periodically. However, he was only published in the local paper." (Angelina Rice)*

"The Trouble With Duck Hunting" A playful collection of waterfowl art prints by Illustrator Ron Rice

"A Century of Centenary Athletics" Ron Rice, Centenary alumnus and one-time Centenary baseball player captured the proud legacy of Centenary athletics with the official print of the centennial. 1994.

*“As admissions staff, tour guides and recruiters move on once a year in August and September I photograph and draw the new replacements for the wall display. This project has been so well received, I expect it to continue for years, The date of this writing is Nov. 30, 2008” (Ron Rice)*

“In the Pursuit of Texas League Trivia” series. *“I created The Texas League Trivia simple drawings –fun baseball history about 100 drawings“ 1985 (Ron Rice)*

“The Sports Dictionary” gives a brief, factual definition of a sports term illustrated in the contemporary style of cartoonist Ron Rice. Weekly Sports Section 1974-1975

Poems and illustration: *“Fishin’ and grinning”* 1994

*“Quarterback Sack”*; *“Just wat the doctor ordered”* 1994

*“Bayou Bear”* 1983

**Box 11 Additional drawings:**

Westside Wildcats K-5 for Principal Dawson, undated

Gator Run 5 K 2009, 2010

Special Section : Outlook ‘89

Cover art for weekend section of The Ozarks undated

Advertisement for Willow Point townhouses.

Promotion illustrations for Outdoor Editor Reeves Field

Times and Journal Christmas greetings

1984 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Elvis’s first professional recording

LSUS Red River Bend Revue-Stage Art for Miriam Sklar Event

Design for newspaper rackcard: Captains, football, baseball (5)

Bass Unlimited Banquet & Auction, 2003

1195 Capilano, Shreveport, LA- residence

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

July 11, 1987 drawing of two woodpeckers *“Saw both woodpeckers in same small tree at the same time. I had never seen this before. Just before sunset. This is a wooded neighborhood, not many homes. 3329 Judy Ln in West Shreveport near Cross Lake” (Ron Rice)*



**Box 12**      **Creating a cartoon illustration or illustrating an article:**

1. Creating a cartoon illustrating the NCAA basketball Final Four tournament in New Orleans played in the Super Dome, from working, fine tuning to moving characters around.
2. Illustrating a story or article. This example is of the John J. Welsh C.C. C #1 Cotton Valley Field oil well.