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Two Rice alumni were featured in an informal debate on the National Student Association before the members of the Student Senate last Wednesday night.

Having dispatched their regular business in a near-record twenty minutes, the senators adjourned to hear Reed Martin, Rice SA President in 1961-62, support Rice’s NSA membership against fellow Texas Law School student Buddy Herz, former Thresher editor.

MARTIN, WHO led Rice into the controversial organization little more than a year ago, urged the Senate to conduct a more thorough investigation of NSA and its benefits before making a decision concerning membership.

Herz, ably supported by SMU Law School student Richard Hewitt, contended that the organization cannot be reformed from within.

Hewitt told the senators that the executive committee of the group worried about the recent rash of withdrawals by major American universities. A member of the Student Assembly at Texas, Herz recently sponsored a motion which removed the state university from NSA.

A LETTER FROM NSA President Dennis Shaul was used by each side to demonstrate a point. The letter, which was read during the Senate meeting, invited Rice SA President Mike Jaffe to participate in a conference in Chicago on May 10 and 11. Delegates from member and ex-member schools of NSA will discuss the organization’s structure and attempt to outline necessary reforms.

Martin contended that the letter proves NSA’s willingness to reform. Hewitt replied that Shaul’s concern demonstrates the effectiveness of recent withdrawals and that Rice should add its weight to those schools protesting NSA’s controversial political activities.

EARLIER, JAFFE told the Senate that he will attend the (Continued on Page 5)
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Chicago conference at NSA’s expense. Rice will continue its NSA Study Group under the guidance of Ray Needham, although the group is currently without an official chairman.

Class government was featured in the Senate’s business meeting as Freshman President Ron Green asked his class be granted a loan of $80.62 to cover losses incurred at the recent Freshman-sponsored all-school dance. A motion to grant the loan was defeated, and the Senate will consider the matter further.