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Benefits Of College Council Cited

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SA President Jerry Haf ter has taken the first step toward establishing a Houston Council of Colleges by inviting representatives from Houston's five other colleges to a meeting on May 11.

The purpose of the council, which would consist of the University of Houston, Houston Baptist College, Texas Southern University, the University of St. Thomas, Sacred Heart Dominican College, and Rice, was explained by Haf ter at the Tuesday night meeting of the Student Senate.

Proposed aims include establishment of a city-wide student discount service, coordination of speaker programs, cooperation in community projects such as blood drives, and increased inter-college use of libraries.

Social Programs

Other purposes are the joint offering of travel opportunities such as the European flight, greater exchange in social activities, and coordination in bringing "big-name" entertainers to Houston.

A twelve-point report on Rice athletics was given by Bill Merriman who has studied this question with Dr. Chapman.

Fifty athletic scholarships are given a year with most of these being awarded to football players.

Academic Athletes

On the question of the academic standing of Rice athletes, Merriman stated that not one of this year's athletes was in the bottom half of his class and two thirds were in the upper fourth of their high school class.

"In order to help freshman athletes, who were reported to have lower verbal college board scores, a speed reading course has been established," commented Merriman.

CEEB Scores

The average total college board scores were 1100, while twelve of the fifty athletes scored over 1200.

The report stated that Rice has no working out-of-state recruting plan for athletes. Ken Kennedy suggested that this matter of recruiting be studied.

When the study of Rice athletes is completed, the Senate plans to put its findings into written form and make these results available to all those interested.

Wading through a maze of parliamentary procedure, the Senate passed a motion to give its representative to the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship committee meeting. Kennedy, authorization to study the matter of the apparent inactivity of the committee and to report his finding to the Senate.

The debate involved whether the Senate would give its representative authorization to withdraw from the committee if no effective measures were taken during the meeting which will be held May 7 in Austin.

Finance

Kennedy, Bob Menius, and Jerry Manheim were approved as the new members of the Senate financial committee at Tuesday's meeting.

The Senate appropriated sixty dollars instead of its usual thirty to help Brown and Jones pay for the Student Association luncheon during Rondelet.