Student Contributions Needed For New Literary Magazine

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For many years Rice has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the nation’s top science schools; this reputation is such that very few non-Rice people even know that fifty percent of our student body are academic majors rather than science-engineering ones.

Why is this so? It is due at least in part to the academic students’ lack of interest in getting their writing published in a Rice literary magazine or in any of the journals published by other universities or literary organizations.

RICE ENGINEERING majors have their work brought before the public by means of articles printed in The Rice Engineer, the IRE Student Quarterly, and other journals.

On the other hand, Rice humanity majors have shown little interest in turning out first-rate material for Rice literary magazines; The Rice Mill of 1958 contained mediocre expositions taken from only a small segment of the Rice student body, and the Janus of 1960 achieved greatness and considerable national acclaim mainly because of its excellent format and its inclusion of many talented non-Rice writers.

WITH THE THOUGHT in mind that Rice academic interest might be stimulated if students were guaranteed an outlet for their writing, the Student Senate has decided to reorganize Janus on the basis that the majority of articles published would come from Rice students and faculty. At the first Janus staff meeting held last Tuesday, a good number of people signed up for editing and financial work. Unfortunately, there were only several prospective writers.

The editors of Janus wish to assure the student body that although satires, short stories, and poetry are especially needed, articles of a historical, philosophical, political, and general scientific nature are also welcomed. Students interested in seeing their work published should contact as soon as possible any one of the following editors: Helen Hendrick, 318 S. Jones; Gordon Green, 252 Wiess; David Miller, 253 Baker; Hardee Kilgore, 208 Will Rice; or Patrick McGowan, 231 Hanszen.