In Latest Thresher Poll

Students Vary In Opinion On Decision

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It was recently announced by the Board of Trustees of The Rice Institute, that the official name of this empedocletic institution of higher learning is to be changed from "The William Marsh Rice Institute for the Advancement of Letters, Science, and Art" to "The William Marsh Rice University."

The purpose of this change in nomenclature is to give proper expression to the breadth and variety of educational opportunities offered by the school.

Student Reflection

Last week a Thresher poll was taken to gauge student opinion on this proposed action. The poll's intent was to note the observations and reflections of several undergraduate students.

The first negative opinion was rendered by Neil Anderson, senior history major and recent recipient of the Rotary Foundation Fellowship. Neil was followed by Harry Reasoner, senior class president, who said, "Unless it is necessary, it is regrettable."

Confusion of Function

Jim Bob Doty, sophomore from Houston, based his approval of the proposal on the importance of clarifying the nature of the Rice curriculum. He pointed to publication of a book by Dr. Houston of The Rice Institute of "Technology," as indication of a nominal confusion of function and appearance.

Senior history major, Glenn Jarvis, was less definite than Doty, but thought that the proposed action would increase the school's prestige.

Long Overdue

Gary Webb, junior economics major and liberal democrat, also spoke favorably of the change, terming it "an intelligent and long overdue eradication of a fundamentally unwholesome condition."

Gunther Bradley, fifth year chemical engineer, appeared indifferent. "It makes little difference," he said, "whether you call a cesspool a cesspool or a sanitary reservoir."