Security Plans May Be Remodeled Through More Funds, New Leader

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A proposal for revamping the Rice campus security setup has been submitted for study to an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees by Dean of Students Paul E. Pfeiffer.

“The need for an increase in security has been made obvious by the increased frequency of criminal activities of non-Rice people on this campus dating back to building vandalism in the men’s colleges last summer.”

According to Dean Pfeiffer, it rapidly became apparent that “Rice could expect an increasing frequency of roving groups on campus from the outside.”

The tentative plan calls for an increased yearly expenditure for security. The suggested first step would be the hiring of a man trained in police and university work to head the program. Dean Pfeiffer stated that “it is of first importance to get a man who understands police work, but who also understands what a university is all about.”

The second step would come with the building up of Rice's own small staff of campus police and the general phasing out of the Pinkertons. At the same time, the security communication system, particularly with regard to the women’s colleges, would be overhauled to allow a better co-ordination of the people on campus. Dean Pfeiffer emphasized that the mechanics accomplishing this have not been defined but he felt something should be done.

“The system suffers from the fact that I am forced to assume responsibility for the security setup, a responsibility for which I am not trained. What is needed is the choice of someone whose major re-

sponsibility would be to head up the security program and, more importantly, who knows what he is doing.”