Honor System In Library Will Be Considered

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At Rice the Honor System is under close scrutiny. The library, which has noticed an increased number of missing books, has begun a rather meticulous survey of the system, which extends over student conduct and activities in the library.

$1000 Losses

Dr. Hardin Craig, Librarian, stated that various plans are being discussed by the library staff to cope with the losses in books which cost the school thousands of dollars per year. (There has been a lot of unauthorized borrowing, although Rice students were not entirely responsible.)

"Overstretch the System"

To put the library under some sort of enforcing body such as the Honor Council, Dr. Craig stated, would "overstretch the Honor System. Something based more on the student's personal honorable conduct would be better."

Council Investigation

Harvin Moore, chairman of the Honor Council, stated that the body had written to various schools all over the country requesting information about other schools' approach to the library-honor system question. As yet, the Council is still considering the problem and has not arrived at any particular plan of action. Moore stated that the Council prefers that nothing be done as far as placing the library under a set of rules. In other words, the Honor Council, as well as the library, favors a "spirit-wise" extension of the Honor System.

Changes In View

Because of misuse of open-stack library privileges, an undue hardship is being worked on students, instructors, and the library staff. Nothing as yet is definite, but major changes might be in view for the Honor System as it applies to the Fondren Library.