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Jousts in two tournaments have produced two trophies for Rice debaters, traditionally weak sisters in Southwest debate.

The trophies, one a third place in junior division debate at the 41-college T.C.U. debate tournament, the other a third place in the Bellaire High School's College Division tournament, were won by Eddie Price, freshman debater from Houston's Spring Branch High School, with two different colleagues.

Price teamed with Linda Boles, another freshman, from Houston's Waltrip High School, to produce the T.C.U. trophy. The team was defeated by Abilene Christian College in the semifinals, after surviving the octa- and quarter-final rounds.

At Bellaire, Price was teamed with Mike Jaffe, a sophomore from Hillcrest High School in Dallas. Price and Jaffe won five straight debates until their defeat in the semi-finals by the University of Houston's "A" debate team.

Other Rice teams at the T.C.U. tournament were Jim Doyle and Sears McGee, who went 5-1 in the preliminary rounds, then lost to Kansas State Teacher's College of Emporia in the octa-final round of senior men's division; Bill Pannill and Eugene Keilin, who squeezed into the senior division octa-finals after losing two debates in the prelims, and promptly lost to another team from Kansas State Teacher's of Emporia; and Jim Stones and Don Carson, who won three debates and lost three in junior men's division.

Teams were jiggled at the six-college Bellaire tournament, as the largest number (seven) of Rice debate teams to attend a tournament in recent years entered.

Other than Price and Jaffe, Jim Stones and Bill Berg were eliminated in the quarter-final round, and Martha McLaughlin and Linda Boles in the octa-finals.

Other Rice teams who went to the tournament, but did not bring home any bacon were Bill Pannill and Reed Martin, Carroll Shaddock and Kenn Carr, and Ed Hughes and James Anderson.

Although none of the victories were particularly decisive, the squad expressed optimism in signs of rebuilding.

Rice is noted for having top debate talent, but for never using it.

But, as the T.C.U. debate coach, Professor Dave Matheny, expressed it:

"I'd coach debate at Rice for a year for free, if they'd pay me a second year's salary for my won-lost record the first year."

With the Southwest Conference debate tournament coming up the first weekend in December, the uncoached Rice squad will try to make good on Matheny's appraisal of its potential.