By MEL LACK

The task of writing this article was handed to me several weeks back in the library by Mr. Wise. I've been pondering over the subject of my little ditty. I thought about it on the actual bodies of the school but this is now by far the real, heady, and imaginative part of the day. I decided to look at "possible developments of College students at SA Meetings." However, word got to them and was spread round the halls, and there it was. All that was left was an idea story on "My Thanking Holiday," but I intend to save that for my Memoirs. I decided to write about the Student Center and why it is not. Wishing to include a wide range of views, I uncovered several other people's opinions: "What do you think of the Student Center as a whole?" It was not until recently that the general consensus was that the RMC is for the Bruin's benefit and not for ours.

What should a student center provide for the students? Well, obviously, in a system such as ours, it should provide the members of the various colleges with both on- and off-campus, that is, both on-campus and off-campus, with a place and opportunity for meeting informally — a neutral gathering place, so to speak.

TO AN EXTENT it does this for the off-campus people, and has been for many years a "home away from home." Some refer to it as the off-campus college, and it is held by many of the various colleges, both on- and off-campus, with a place and opportunity for meeting informally — a neutral gathering place, so to speak.

The RMC offers the on-campus people a place for coffee breaks and for walking through on their way to the Campus Store. Many people don't wish to be in a group and prefer to go to the college for coffee, or a corner, or for a private or semi-private conversation. Sarnies is noisy, crowded, and there's a joke box. Other locations are either overwhelming large or in the center of a thoroughfare.

The RMC does not have the lack of recreational facilities at the RMC. The college may be in some other building but the physical development is needed, and is more possible. In our grubby hall, many improvements have been suggested; an enclosed, refurbished TV room; a furnished lounge; a juke box; or a decent dance area. We need a new floor, but the juke box could be moved down there and be our new and beautiful vending machines — the basement an after-hours Sammy.

The project is being currently investigated by the Student Center Board and an organized plan for improvement will be presented to the administration.

Several barriers do exist. First, the basement is being used for storing equipment such as tables and chairs from the grand ballroom. The second and more indefinitely difficult barrier to overcome is the problem of the old 'long green' (i.e., $888). Of course, if more students were attracted to the RMC, more profit would be made on the greater volume of business...!
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would involve a campaign of encouragement and advertisement.

Movies are enjoyed by everyone who attends, and the quality has been exceptional. I don’t know whether we’ve repaid the debt from the Johnny Flash concert yet, but we’ll all be glad when the price is again 9c like in the good ol’ days.

Another worthwhile project which the RMC board might undertake is the providing of a better means of communication for use by all student organizations. Instead of a few tripod stands clothed in multicolored announcements, why not a calendar? The monthly calendar would have spaces for each day large enough for all events to be listed. Each organization could write in the various information on its scheduled events, thus keeping the students constantly informed of everything which is to happen. The posters with additional blurb would be posted on the bulletin board surrounding the calendar.

There are, I am sure, many other opinions, both praise and criticism, besides mine and the people with whom I talked. We have a student center board which provides us with a liaison to the administration and there should not have to be a liaison between the students and the Student Center board. We need to make the Rice Memorial Center into a Student Center, or else rent it out to Loew’s State.