Rice women consider slacks rule; Colleges begin election of officers

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Jones College senior and Junci-Your Rosemary as Direc-
tor of Freshman Orientation for tor, Brown College,
next year. Brown College
has named Cindy Foster, a
sophomore, to the same post.

The decision on the Young-er College cabinet, Gary Horn-
berger was elected. He is a
off-campus representative in a
special election last week.

Will Rice College election
deadlines have been announced. Filing
deadline is March 3 for the
district election slates
for March 9. Speeches by can-
didates will be given March 5-6.

Two resolutions concerning membership of the Will Rice
College will be submitted to a col-
lege vote on Tuesday, February 28.

Cabinet nominees for Han-
sen advocates were named last
week. Clark Gregg and La-
Wilson are the nominees for
the March 3 election.

The women students of Rice
University will hold a referen-
dum March 15 to decide whether
they will allow themselves
to wear shorts and slacks to
class.

The issue has come under
discussion in the women's col-
lege recently, as neither col-
lege has made University-wide
dress rules a part of its own
student-made regulations, and
no University official claims
responsible for such policies.

When Jones College revised its
"residence rules" in the spring
of 1965, it made no rule
concerning such dress. Brown
College, in drawing up its rules,
did the same.

Such rules did exist, however,
at one time (in the days when women were not seen
outside their residence halls
and were cut off from the "main
campus" for purposes of resi-
dence), the rule was, however, apparently
dropped, and almost forgotten.

The Dean of Women's office
now claims no responsibility
for the existence or enforcement
of such a rule. Moreover, since the
existence of rules of both colleges,
approved by established constitu-
tional procedures and the Un-
dergraduate Affairs Committee,
make no mention of dress rules
outside actual college areas, no
apparent no such rule exists.

Existing constitutional
procedures would specify that if
any such rule were to exist, it
would have to be explicitly in-
stitutionalized, presumably through
constitutional procedures. In
both colleges, such procedure requires
approval by the Col-
lege Cabinet. The rule change
would then be subject to
approval by the master and the
Undergraduate Affairs Com-
mittee.

The decision to hold the re-
ferendum was made when Dr. Trenton Wann, Jones Master,
told the cabinet that the
apparent feeling among the faculty that some sort of rule did exist
called for some measures to clarify the situation. The cabi-
et not only voted to hold a referendum, but to require a
majority for decisive ac-
tion.

Brown College hold floor
meetings on the subject, and
decided that the issue was
important and should not be
ignored. Negotiations with
Jones, however, produced a
compromise which would pro-
duce a uniform solution.