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SAHCCB Enraged By Expansion Program

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Rice student organization was not pleased with the invasion of the Porta-Can into the campus near the Rice Library.

Last Monday morning, April 18, the spirit of Paul Revere rode once more on the Rice campus. Early risers who ventured into the main quadrangle were greeted with the sight of a mysterious object beneath the Sallyport, that hallowed archway of Lovett Hall.

Apparently a group of students, annoyed with the hideous aspect of a Porta-Can which was spoiling the view of the campus near the RMC, decided to take matters into their own hands and express their disapproval by moving the ugly structure to the middle of the Sallyport. For two days, the Porta-Can had been plastered with signs which read, “CON-

DEMENDED by the Student Ad Hoc Committee for Campus Beauty.”

A Pure Masterpiece

Although the members of the SAHCCB still remain nameless, usually reliable sources revealed Tuesday that the heist was a masterpiece of planning and execution. The night before the coup, a small scouting party ventured forth to case the campus. They discovered that, after 12:00 midnight, only two Pinkies remain effective anywhere on the campus: one who rides around the bike loop every hour (on the hour!) and another who stands in front of the Biology Building counting stars.

A spot light, which illuminates the center of the academic quadrangle and could have caused major problems, was found to be controlled by a well-labeled switch on the third floor of Anderson Hall. It is rumored that another potentially dangerous light was eliminated by a deft hammer blow.

Dodged Pinkies

The SAHCCB, apparently a small, tightly-knit group of ten or twelve idealistic crusaders, began their main invasion at 2:07:31 Monday morning, right after the Pinkie's hourly tour. Walkie-talkies issued up-to-the-minute bulletins on automobile and Pinkie activity from a station near the RMC and a radio-equipped car. Inter-Pinkie communication was cut off with a jamming transmitter.

Meanwhile, the main invasion force attacked the Porta-Can near the Library. Originally, the group is said to have planned to move the RMC can only, but since it was raining, the SAHCCB reasoned, “Any Porta-Can in a storm.” Rumor has it that the can was loaded on a pushcart and shoved through the Library cloister, pushed right down the center of the academic quadrangle, and set down in the middle of the Sallyport.

The group then moved to the RMC Porta-Can, the main objective of their wrath. Diversional activity in the form of fire-crackers and light-switching in the Geology building was planned on the off-chance that the Bio building Pinkie was where he was supposed to be, but at 2:25 he was nowhere to be seen. The other Porta-Can was thus quickly moved without incident to the men's college crosswalk. The entire operation was brought off without a peep from the Pinkies.

Not Through Yet

For unknown reasons, University gnomes didn't permit the can to remain in the Sallyport. By 8:30 the next morning, there was no evidence of the nefarious deed, save one picture taken by a Johnny-on-the-spot photographer. The SAHCCB is not through yet, however. Plans are already in the works for a flare-lit balloon contraption to float both Porta-Cans away from the campus and out to sea. After that, the Library and the RMC will go.

“Today the Porta-Can, tomorrow the world,” a leader of the SAHCCB has been rumored to exclaim.

SALLY PORTA-CAN
Gift of SAHCCB