A Year Of Creative Endeavor Produces Results At Rice

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Planning, is the first comprehensive review in three years, and in fact, the most comprehensive ever undertaken at Rice.

Juhnke regards this year's Review as a completely new project, since there were few records left from three years ago. With this year's experience, SCEP will be able to improve, getting more widespread response.

Distribution Requirements
Regarding the language requirements, Juhnke said that SCEP had been "quite successful in arousing interest in students and faculty;" some departments have indicated that they plan significant improvements. Revision of the three year language requirement for freshmen is being discussed by the faculty.

Areas that SCEP was not able to concentrate on this year are the group C requirements for freshmen, and the need for a more liberal educational base for SE's in their freshman and sophomore years.

Allen Blackburn, chairman of the Tuition and Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee spent the first semester examining University policy on the waiving of tuition for students not graduating on schedule. Few problems were revealed in this area, and the committee was satisfied that there was equitable treatment for returning seniors.

During the second semester, this committee and the Admissions Committee conducted a survey to determine the effect of the tuition policy on the background of the freshman class, as compared to the classes that entered on a tuition-free basis.

Aside from the expected results, such as a highly urban background, and well-educated parents, the survey revealed little of value because of ineffective distribution (50% complete) and difficulties in the composition of the questionnaire.

With two classes under tuition next year, it is expected that a better study can be made.

Guided Tours
Charles Shanor, chairman of the Student Committee on Admissions Procedure, reported that SCAP continued to cooperate with the Admissions Office by helping interview prospective freshmen and giving them guided tours of the campus.

Shanor recommended that the SCAP chairman be placed on the University Committee on Admissions.

The Student Center Board, directed by Chairman Mike Karchner, sponsored a varied program which featured the Isotonin and Ussachevsky concerts.

Tug-of-War
For those who preferred "popular" music, the SCB brought to the campus folk singer Carolyn Hester and also Hot Nuts, described by Karchner as "outstanding in their field."

The SCB also sponsored the President's Christmas Party, a Camp-out Dance, numerous pre-game buffets, 19 Sunday Night Movies, art exhibits, and Talent '66 auditions.

The SCB engineered the Rice-U of H Tug-of-War, which sent a dozen Goliaths from U of H into Rice's famous Slime Pit. The efforts of the Twelve Strong Men from Rice aggrandized the SCB's treasure chest by $300, thanks to publicity-minded radio station KILT.

Forum Speaker
The Rice Forum Committee, under Chairman Paul Brewer, sponsored various campus speakers, including Rep. Charles Weltner of Georgia, Arkansas politician Winthrop Rockefeller, Professors Anthony Nemetz and Jose Baguero, and Sociologist Seymour Lipset in cooperation with the Political Science and Sociology Departments.

Late in the second semester, the Speaker of the California Assembly, Jesse Unruh, was brought to the campus as was civil rights leader James Forman, in cooperation with Will Rice College. The Committee also co-sponsored John Howard Griffin's "Racial In America" speech with Hansen College.

The Committee, in addition, organized two panel discussions: one on student demonstrations, and another two-part discussion of "The Future of Rice University."

Needham on Parking
Ray Needham, reviewing his year as chairman of the Parking Committee, expressed dissatisfaction over Senate response to the committee's efforts. Needham said that after long hours working with Dean Pfeiffer devising a plan for student review of parking tickets, the Senate refused to accept the plan when it was presented.

The committee then divided into two parts, one to work with the Inter-college Court on parking cases, and the other to advise the Senate on parking problems. However, Needham continued, neither subcommittee ever really materialized.

"I found it educational to observe that when the students were given a responsibility they had requested, they refused to accept it, but went right on asking for other responsibilities and griping." Needham concluded.