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Another possibility, said Dr. Saas, is a senior seminar, perhaps worth one credit, led by professors visiting from other schools. This would have the additional value of giving students some basis for choosing graduate schools.

Honors programs will continue at Rice after the Ford Program ends. A probably casual- ity will be the grants for summer work, as several of the Program Directors are not sanguine about the chances of the University’s budgeting funds for this. But several depart- ments plan significant improve- ments in the program curricu- lum and it seems likely that the honors programs at Rice will continue stronger, if anything, than before.