Student officials seek new policy in college change

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The college presidents and SA president Jerry Hafter have submitted to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee a Statement of more liberal policy for changes in college membership.

Under the present system, an individual can change college only with the unanimous consent of all the masters. The policy is otherwise silent, as to justifiable reasons for such a change.

The proposed policy calls for a petition giving “substantive reasons” for the change. It requires that changes have the consent of four masters, including those of the two colleges concerned.

One Shot

A student will be allowed only one change during his Rice career. The transferee may not avoid restrictions and punishments by changing his college.

One of the college presidents pointed out that the plan’s conservative outlook was aimed at allowing changes only for “substantive reasons.” That is, free exchange was neither encouraged nor envisioned.

Monday night, the Baker College Cabinet unanimously endorsed the plan, with the recommendation that only the consent of the masters concerned be required.

Home-sick

The feeling was that some persons have good reason to be at home in a college other than their own.

Adjustments in membership could both aid the colleges and their members in enjoying the benefits of the college system.

In submitting this proposal, the college presidents asked that the cases be examined individually in order to strengthen the college system. No fraternity-type “rushing” or vindicative “exile” is intended.