

Social Activity Curtailment To Be Less Severe

Mr. Sims, Adviser to Men, revealed in an interview Tuesday that the recently-announced rule on no social functions on week nights (see last week's Student Council column in the *Thresher*) is not quite as restrictive as it may sound. This decision was not an attempt by the Administration to rule the personal life of Rice students, but an attempt to remove Administration sanction from the continuance of an overburdened social calendar.

The rule was originally made last February by the Executive Committee because of alarm over the fact that one quarter of last year's freshman class went on academic probation the first semester of last year. It was not announced to the students at that time because it was intended merely as a guide for the Social Committee, an all-student committee of the Student Association on which no faculty member has any authority. Mr. Sims stated that the Executive Committee is well aware, however, that upperclassmen usually know how to manage their time better than freshmen.

Parties, dances, and productions are included under "social functions," while organization meetings, the Forum, and other activities of a cultural nature are not. Mr. Sims stressed that this is a general rule for functions that are put on the official social calendar, and does not affect any organizations that do not choose to put their events on the social calendar. Any organizations wishing to hold a function in exception of this rule, he added, should see Hardee Kilgore, chairman of the Social Committee.