RICE ROADS UNDERGOING ‘RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD’

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The general plan for roads on the Rice campus in the past few years seems to have been the replacement of parking areas by grass or mud, which is procured by digging holes in other streets, and the addition of more cars to the stadium parking lot.

A “Reconstruction”

Passage on roads is being temporarily hampered by the exclusive use of some roads by heavy construction vehicles which start work entirely too early in the morning. Although some roads are being torn up, all will be fixed in the reconstruction period.

No More Service Road

One road that is being used and demolished is the one west of the Library. In only a few months however, the road, which offers a unique if not odd head-on view into Hamman Auditorium, will be taken up. Its function as a service road for Fondren will be adopted by the shiny new asphalt highway which cuts across the southern part of the Library grounds. Its placement will make parking quite awkward behind the Library so this lot may be the next to go.

A Formal Garden

The staff parking space in front of Lovett Hall will disappear in a few years to become a formal garden which the staff will probably feel like walking through if they have to park in the stadium lot.

Although Dean Richter confesses he knows about the road plans after the men have manned their bulldozers, he predicts that the ultimate road plan for Rice will be a circle from the stadium lot past the men’s dorms, around Lovett and back to the stadium past the Chemistry building.

No Parking, No Cars

This will leave no parking area, thus no cars on campus. It looks as if walking canes, hiking boots, and Absorbine Jr. will be the next additions to the Co-op’s stock.