RG’s Vent Venom

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In the Women’s Section of The Sunday Chronicle, eight Rice men expressed their frank viewpoints about the Rice girls.

Since then the girls have talked about little else and the Rice boys have laughed at their plight. Boycott signs sprang up on every bulletin board, and numerous other protest notices were posted at Jones.

BY THE TIME this goes to press, The Chronicle will have printed an article similar to that in last Sunday’s paper, only it is by a panel of girls. Generally the girls think that the male

panel, hand-picked by SA president Harry Lynch and consisting of Harry Lynch, Jack Lowe, Jim Rhiones, Steve Riter, George Fowler, Phil Kusnetzky, Hugh Robertson, and John Fowler, was not a representative group of boys.

Five of the eight are Rally Club members; six of the eight are from Hanszen College; and seven of the eight are seniors. Most of these boys don’t make a habit of dating Rice girls, anyway. One of them has only asked out one Rice girl one time.

THE OPINIONS of the girls on the Sunday article seemed to fall into three categories. First there were those who thought it was ridiculous, but typical of the “Illustrious 8.” They felt it was hardly worth comment. One girl passed it off by saying the group would be more at home in a brothel. Some thought parts of it were justified, but highly exaggerated.

One girl said, “So what! We’re used to it by now.” Another said, “It’s nothing novel, just the same old song, second verse.” Most of the girls thought it shouldn’t have been printed in a city-wide paper because people who don’t go to Rice won’t understand. Another choice comment was, “The boys would be afraid to say anything else.”

THE SECOND group thought it was quite funny and found nothing objectionable about it.

They said that Rice girls shouldn’t feel so bad. The problem is the same at other colleges and the flack other girls get is worse. Some thought the article could have been clever, but that it was poorly written — just one reporter’s method of getting her name in print.

Now we come to the third faction of girls — those who were “enraged.” The biggest gripe was the idea of having to ask a girl out weeks ahead of time. This is not true. There are still many girls that don’t have dates for Homecoming weekend or wouldn’t have if it weren’t for the Aggies.

MOST GIRLS agree that two weeks ahead is far enough in advance to ask a girl to a major function and one week for a regular Saturday night date. Some girls even hesitate to accept a date any further in advance for fear of having a “falling out” before the date. Besides, it’s not the girl’s fault she has a date. The boys do the asking.

A lot of complaining was done about Lynch taking part in the panel. Some girls seem to think that as president of the Student Association he should represent the whole student body and not sell one-fifth of them down the river.

ONE JONES resident asked, “What do they think they are — God’s gift to women?” Another complaint of the boys was that of the dorm hours. They don’t realize that the hours at Jones are the best of any girls’ dorm in the Southwest Conference and better than most in the United States.

The girls weren’t the only people who made comments about the article. Most of the boys agreed with it but thought it was a little exaggerated. One thought it was a “great eye-opener” and that the girls should take it as constructive criticism.

Some boys on the panel claimed that their words were often twisted and misquoted. Other panel members refused to comment. A popular opinion was aptly expressed by one Rice senior, “The girls complaining the loudest are those benefiting the most from the ratio.”