Catalogue lists new university controls

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A few added paragraphs in next year's edition of Rice University's catalogue, "General Announcements," have already attracted the attention of Rice students. These additions have been interpreted as defining the university's view of the relation between students and university authorities.

The added paragraphs were read into the minutes of the Student Senate meeting Tuesday evening. The Senate expects to consider at its next meeting a reply to this explicit statement of university policy.

The Student Life section begins with the following paragraphs, under the heading "Student Responsibility":

"Rice University as a matter of educational policy encourages student self-government and self-discipline within the framework of the general objectives of the University.

"It assumes that the students, having voluntarily enrolled, are in accord with its objectives and philosophy and that they will abide by its regulations and accepted practices.

"Each member of the University community is expected to govern his conduct by standards of good taste and ethical judgment and to exercise his responsibility as a member of the community even when these standards are disregarded by others.

"All resident students are held responsible for the observance of the residential college regulations in addition to the general regulations applying to all students. The University likewise has a proper concern with any behavior on or off campus which may bring discredit to the individual or to the University.

"Individual or collective enterprises off the campus which use the name of the University require the approval of University authorities.

"The University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the University."

The last sentence has caused most of the controversy.

The following sentences have been added to the subdivision on the residential colleges:

"The masters of the colleges have direct responsibility for all aspects of student life in their respective colleges. They are particularly responsible for stimulating intellectual and cultural interests, for encouraging student self-discipline and good behavior, and for the development of effective student government within the colleges.

"In the women's colleges the Dean of Women, assisted by the Resident Supervisors, has a primary role in personal counseling and discipline. Other members of the faculty are selected by the Masters, with the advice of the members of the colleges, as resident and nonresident Associates to assist the Masters in carrying out their responsibilities."

A paragraph on discipline, appended to the one on "Student Government," reads as follows:

"Most disciplinary offenses are tried in student courts. The Honor Council, as noted above, administers the honor system and conducts hearings and trials for offenses against it. Each college has a court which enforces college and University regulations among its members.

"An Inter-College Court has authority over offenses by student organizations and may act upon request in matters of an all-school nature involving members of more than one college.

"The University administration retains ultimate authority and responsibility in all matters of discipline."