A.I.A. Puts Rice Department On Probation

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The whispers around campus are true: the Architecture Department is no longer accredited.

The American Institute of Architects imposed the probationary loss of accreditation after an inspection of Rice's architectural facilities last May. The inspecting committee, which was critical of the department's administration, reported an insufficient permanent faculty, cramped working space, and inadequate library.

AMONG THE first steps taken to remedy the situation was the hiring of a new department chairman, Mr. William W. Caudill of Houston. His firm, Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott, is renowned for its campus architecture, having designed approximately 250 schools in eighteen states and three foreign countries.

Mr. Caudill, who holds degrees from Oklahoma State University and M.I.T., was staff specialist for the Rice Graduate School of Architecture in 1960 and has taught at Princeton, Cornell, and Harvard. He has also served as chairman of the A.I.A. National School Committee.

TWO MORE new faculty members were added to the department: Mr. William N. Lacy as assistant chairman, and Mr. Paul Grillo of Notre Dame.

The architectural library has been expanded, and the department will be given more space in Anderson Hall. When Rayzor there, Hall is completed, the department will establish its offices.

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All off-campus seniors desiring parking stickers for the Hamman Parking Lot (Auditorium Lot) are requested to pick up their stickers at the office of the Dean of Students.
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(Continued from Page 1) confident that accreditation will be regained next May when the A.I.A. makes its second visit. If this happens as expected, no Rice architects will be hurt by the probation.

The reinstatement of accreditation would be effected before 1962 commencement, and last year’s seniors graduated from a still-accredited school.