A STEP IN THE MUD?

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IN THE INTEREST of offering to the public both sides of the controversial constitution question after it has already passed, the Thresher presents an unheared conversation between two typical, unbiased, unconcerned students; one non-resident, the other non-sensical.

B. Hey you, non-resident, off-campus-uninterested Rice student, whaddya think about the new constitution?

F. Why not? I think this furor is just a lot of excitement. After all, don't you think that if you put the old constitution up next to the proposed one they would be side by side?

B. With an opinion like that you must have been to a Forum discussion.

F. No, I heard a red-headed radical telling an uninterested group of non-residents why they were going to vote against.

B. I understand his plan was to hand the off-campus students together. Then they could all be residents in an off-campus non-resident college.

F. And for their college symbol they could have an ostrich with his head in the sand and his fingers crossed.

B. Hoonyahaa. This must really be a thinking man's constitution 'cause all the good guys are for it. I got the same mimeographed letter from the Book Store, Battlesteins, MSM, TGIF, Eva Braun Lit. Society, RGLS, the "Group," Burns Detective Agency, Campus Cleaners, Kays ....

F. There was so much publicity (Continued on Page 6)
that I even got one letter against it. It had one argument stated 14 different ways and urging a vote against. Man, I like a letter that draws its own conclusion while urging us non-interested people to be interested and think for ourselves.

B. Say, you’re getting pretty hot under the collar, but that’s OK, you aren’t very hot above it.

F. Don’t you think the non-residents need a representative to tell the council that they are interested?

B. No, that’s plainly stipulated in the new constitution. Didn’t you read it?

F. Read it? I didn’t even remember to bring my blanket tax.

B. Well, you should have voted. Carrying on with the present government is nowheresville. A step anywhere would be a step in the right direction.

F. On this campus, one step anywhere is likely to be into the mud. All the now constitution would do would put two do-nothing groups into one do-nothing group.

B. But by concentration you could tell definitely that they were doing nothing. What we need is a government like they have at Harvard.

F. If you like the government somewhere else, why don’t you go there?

B. Because I bought an atlas for History 110 and I’m going to stay here until we have a map where I can use it.

F. Shsssh, don’t you think that the framers of the proposed const. would have exhibited greater equity and foresight in declaring a moratorium on this plebiscite until all possible ramifications of the problem could have been fully exploited and the findings accurately made known to the public?

B. They were, they were; didn’t you read that editorial in the Thresher?

F. Why no, I figured that if Peanuts didn’t have anything about the constitution I wasn’t interested.

B. You know what your trouble is? You’re typical.

F. So who cares anyway?

B. About what?

F. Student government.

B. Oh.