Senate worried over enrollment

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The Student Senate this week heard reports on the revised language requirements proposal, the problem of the relation between new admissions and dormitory space, and the Intercollege court.

Ken Kennedy gave a resume of the language situation. The Margarve Committee voted a month ago to eliminate the third year requirement with an alternative prescribed by the department. This was compromised with the views of the language departments and the following proposal was made by the Committee.

Alternatives

Group A majors would have to show third year competency. Group B and C majors could: a) show second year competency and take a third, b) show second year competency in two languages, c) show third year competency, d) take two years at Rice plus a substitute course approved by the department.

SCEP supported this proposal with two reservations. They saw no reason to distinguish between groups B and C and group A. SCEP also feared the department could use their power of granting permission for a substitute course as a tacit means of imposing an additional departmental requirement.

In addition, the departments should not force any undergraduate to take one particular language.

Dorms

President Hafter voiced concern that there has been no concerted effort to reconcile the problem of increased enrollment with the existing dormitory facilities.

The admissions will be up in 1967 and with the large present freshman class, the problem will be acute. A committee was appointed to meet with Dean McCully and others.

As evidenced by Mickey Guiberteau’s recent endeavor in jurisprudence, the Intercollege Courts, function as a civil bench (with respect to college disputes) lacks an adequate trial procedure.

Bird

Hafter suggested that its constitution be overhauled with the possible goal of forming a disciplinary body at the University level. A committee was appointed.

Ken Hanson said that the student discount cards, with about 23 businesses, should be out Saturday. Barney Giesen reported Homecoming cost $416.99. Hafter mentioned the upcoming ISA conference and model UN.

Ed Buckner ended with a heart-rending plea for financial help for the Bird. The Senate graciously complied and agreed to help this noble institution lest it fold.