

An Open Letter

To all contributors to the Student Legal Aid Fund:

Last year the undersigned, together with Professor A. J. Lohwater, canvassed the faculty in order to raise money to assist in paying the legal fees of four Rice University students arrested during a "stand-in" demonstration at the Union Station. The sum raised was \$625.50, which was placed in the University State Bank to the account of the Student Legal Aid Fund. One of the students was indicted for unlawful assembly, brought to trial, and fined \$100.00. The case was taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld the decision. The other students have not been brought to trial, although their cases have not been dismissed.

With the concurrence of all parties involved, \$400.00 of the fund was expended in the trial and appeal of this first case. The balance of \$225.50 has been placed in a savings account at the University State Bank, where it will be available for the legal expenses of the other three students, if they should be brought to trial.

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