New RMC Policies Announced; Forum Needs Money For Speakers

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Tuesday night, in a somewhat unspirited session, the Student Senate met to consider mostly old business.

First on the agenda was a report from Councilman-at-large John Bonds on the work of the Social Committee. Approval was given to his plans for the Homecoming activities which will take place the weekend of the Arkansas Game.

OFFICIAL announcement of these plans will be made as soon as the necessary contracts are signed.

Bonds also announced that the student center board has formulated the following policy concerning the use of facilities in the Memorial Center. Such facilities exist for the benefit of Rice students, faculty, and other personnel. While guests are welcome, continual use of equipment such as ping-pong tables by persons having no connection with Rice will be discouraged.

The Student Center Board has also made arrangements for Sammy's to remain open until 11:00 to serve coffee and soft drinks.

BOB CLARKE reported that the Forum Committee faces the following problem in planning the year’s program — they have no money to import speakers. While this would seem to be a considerable obstacle, as past Forum chairman will attest, Clarke and his committee have been exploring many ways of obtaining programs at a small cost. His initiative gives the student body cause for a great deal more hope than in years past.

A NEW VERSION of the Student Religious Council was created at the meeting. The council will no longer be concerned with the planning of chapel programs, but will “be reconstituted for the express and sole purpose of conducting ecumenical affairs between the several faiths and denominations.”

Among new business, the Senate proposed that October 28, the day of the Texas game, be made an all-school holiday.

IT WOULD SEEM that as a new school year opens there remain considerable areas where the Senate can move as an agent of student life. The real test of the Senate this year will not be whether it can act; but, more simply, how effectively it does act. The officers and members of the Senate seek your interest, your encouragement, and your judgment.