Senate Seeks To Expand Activity

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In an attempt “to humanize Rice,” re-evaluation of student activities, on and off campus, is to be the aim of the Student Association this year, according to President Bill Broyles.

The Senate held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday, September 28.

Broyles suggested setting up several organizations to “get the students’ minds and bodies off campus.” One of these is a committee on world affairs designed to stimulate campus interest in and discussion of foreign events. In connection with this Broyles hopes to have meetings with foreign students on campus and to make foreign magazines more readily available to Rice students.

Paralleling this committee on the domestic scene, a committee working under the existing political organizations on campus will try to generate student concern with problems in American government.

**Study Athletics**

Broyles hopes the students will do more than discuss these problems, but participate as well in the social work being done in Houston. A committee will be set up to coordinate student social projects and to inform the campus of other work.

A re-examination of Rice’s athletic program, both intercollegiate and intermural, will be under-taken in conjunction with the Thresher according to Broyles.

**Graduate Member**

The senate will also have to define its own role in the forthcoming year. Broyles suggested that a graduate senator be elected in an attempt to change the traditionally under-graduate-oriented SA. The Senate must also examine Rice’s standing in inter-college organizations, such as the National Student Association.

The first step toward this will be taken next month at the Texas Inter-collegiate Student Association Convention in Austin. Because of the expense Bill Broyles will be the only member to go. One of his aims will be to see if the organization is of any benefit to Rice.

**Discounts Obtained**

Jeff Norris, Vice President of the Senate, then discussed the new procedure for Committee reports, which will now be filed every month and sent to all the

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Jeff Corbin, Baker Mentor, reported that in Baker the Mentors are carrying out a survey of student opinion. There has been very little support for the suggestion of shortening the orientation program, he said.

Jones College President Joy Oppenheim said that in a straw vote held recently in the college, the girls voted almost unanimously in favor of keeping the program a week long.

Little Sympathy

Wiess College Fellow and Chief Justice Jimmy Cochran said that he found very little sympathy in the college for the proposal to shorten Freshman Week.

The Wiess fellows are conducting a survey similar to the one being done in Baker.

Dr. Masterson said that as soon as the masters have a good idea of the student opinion within their colleges, they will meet again to discuss the situation.