"Malady' Breaks Out in Dorms Again

Invitation Societies May Standardize "Drawing" Procedure

Constitutional Committee Considers Compromises Offered by Lit Girls

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Tuesday the constitutional committee of the Student Council met at noon with the four presidents of the Literary Societies and the president of the Rally Club to consider procedures used in selecting members. Tom Eubank is the chairman of the committee, and other members are Marti Bryant, J. D. Sugg, and Jimmy Meyers, member ex officio.

Eubank started the meeting by explaining the plan that had been used by the committee, and by outlining the circumstances leading up to the committee meeting. A question involving the invitation procedures of one of the literary societies was brought before the committee. The committee decided to stand in favor of a straight 5/6 vote. She stated further, "On some occasions it has been sort of hodge podge. PALS. She stated further, "On some occasions it has been sort of hodge podge. PALS.

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Bolik may not be included in the 40-50 students reported to the Student Counsel, in the efforts to get at the root of the problem. With the student health department they were not tested short and several weeks later. But by this time the attacks in the dorms seem to be different from the dysentery which hit there before final exams last year. Tests were made at the state and local health departments and were definitely proved to be organic.

However, the characteristics symptoms which included chills, fever and nausea are not found in the dysentery cases.

This attack reached its peak between 5:30 and 6:00 Monday morning. Many students missed classes that morning, but the epidemic had run its course by 24 hours. There have been scattered cases during the week, but there were not 20-30 cases as reported. The cases, however, were of a generally different type than those Monday morning.

Some action has already been taken to find the source of the "malady" but results will not be known until the end of the week. Specimens have been sent to Baylor for examination, including some from the hospital who were slightly affected. Mr. Holcomb, director of the engineering society, has appointed a committee of students to report action taken and findings to the Student Council. Included in the committee are Earl Yancey, Jim Kelly, and Jack Cooper.

Mieyer, school nurse, said that the cause had not been determined, and withheld an opinion as to the type of affection until more detailed tests were known. However, she stated that the spread of the disease was further greatly due to be lack of cleanliness on the part of some students. She said that faucets and telephones as well as bed and sheets were carriers of transmission.

There is a general lack of coordination in the efforts to get at the root of the problem. With the student health department the Student Council and the Health committee conducting investigations, and thewachers taking it upon themselves to make statements to the local paper, the word may well prevent the rapid action being taken.
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New Constitution Offers Chance for Progress Now

The Constitutional Committee of the Student Council has presented the first step for the consideration of the student body. Probably class meetings will be held, and class student council representatives will explain the provisions of the new constitution to the class meetings. If any improvements are suggested or demanded by the students they will be considered by the Council. If there is strong enough demand for any change, or if there is a split opinion on an important matter, the issue may be submitted to a student referendum separate and apart from the ratification vote scheduled after Christmas.

The Constitutional Committee will offer the students some of the proposed By-Laws with the Student Constitution. The new constitution is much shorter than the old, and is much better organized. Many of the suggestions of the council will be gained by the By-Laws, which will be much more flexible than before.

Offered with an opportunity like this the present council has the opportunity to show itself capable of offering future students of Rice a well-equipped and efficient student government; one that will be adequate to every need of the future student body.

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Basketeers Split Pair in Louisiana; Bill Tom Leads Conference Scorers

The Rice Owl basketeers look as if they will be as strong this year as any other team in the conference. Their trip with Texas to Louisiana showed them as good as the Longhorns, while the rest of the conference enjoyed mediocre opening weeks.

Both Rice and Texas dropped games to the powerful Tulane Green Wave, Rice going down, 65-54, and Texas falling 56-39. For the Owls, Bill Tom and Warren Switzer kept up their sensational goalling, hitting 18 and 17 points, respectively. Switzer was especially effective on his shots from the side.

Against L. S. U., sophomore Joe McDermott came into his own as he did a fine job on the backboards and poured 17 points through the hoop. The score was Rice 51, L. S. U. 39. Texas had topped the Tigers, 60-45. Although he was held to 6 points in the tussle, Tom took over the scoring lead in the conference, having scored 46 in 3 games.

Gridders to Be Feted

The E Association will honor the 1948 Rice football team this Thursday evening at 6:30 with a banquet at the Houston Club. Letters will be awarded and the recipient of the George Martin award will be named.

Intramural Notes

Thursday, Dec. 9; Hot Rocks vs. Slippery Slimes, Zoomers vs. Famous Five.

Friday, Dec. 10; Donkeys vs. Foullin' Five, Five Macs vs. Rockets.

The 1948 boys tennis doubles in intramurals was finally wound up last week with George Francisco and Willie Lumia coming out as the champions.

Rice Boys Enter Amateur Cage League

A team of Rice boys has entered the fast Major City amateur basketball league this year. The team is currently known as the Rice Ragnots, but it is seeking a sponsor, and the name is due for a change. The team is made up of Jack McBride, Red Howton, Harmon Carswell, James Williams, Charles Swatz, Tom Smith, Tom Hopkins, Gerald Weatherly, Bobby Lantry, and Billy Willard. In their first game last week, the Ragnots dropped a 56-31 decision to Bill Henry and his Shur Start Battery team.

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“Messiah” to be Presented Tonight

By Dan Blossom

The annual presentation of Handel’s magnificent oratorio “Messiah” by the House- onn Ontario Society will take place at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, and Thursday, Dec. 9, at the First Methodist Church. The concert is FREE and open to the public. Handel’s masterpiece will be handled with a 150 voice choir under the direction of Walter Jenkins. Organist is Herbert Bohlhoff and a concert of the Metropolitan Ballet will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Doris Dor, will be one of the soloists.

This colossal oratorio can only be properly appreciated as “live” music. Part the First deals with the prophecies of the coming of Christ. This section has many beautiful solo passages such as “Comfort Ye My People” No. 2, and “Every Valley Shall be Exalted” No. 3. Part the Second deals with the life of Christ on earth. This part is the most famous of the three as it contains the most deeply moving arias and transcendental choral work of Handel’s literature. Listen to “He Was Despised and Rejected” of Morn No. 25, “All We Like Sheep” No. 26, “Why do the Nations Rage” No. 42, and the stupendous closing “Hallelujah Chorus” No. 46. Part the Third, stating Handel’s faith in the ultimate faith in the resurrection of Christ as a gift of God, is quietly beautiful in this secure faith. The “Amen Chorus” No. 59, is noteworthy here.

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