Committee Is Tracing Source of Malady

S. W. C. Turns Down Applications

NSA Head Proposes Rice Organization; Gives Aim of Group

Council Votes Down Refferendum In Long Session Discussing Lits

Mr. G. B. Hamman, a member of the health services committee, said in an interview Wednesday that there was no indication of a bacteriological infection, but added that some of the water samples had not been completed. Samples were checked from twelve students and members of the kitchen staff.

A report from the health services commission indicated that there were no indications of a bacteriological infection, but added that some of the water samples had not been completed. The tests were being conducted on a regular basis, and the results will be available in the near future.

According to Mr. Hamman, the kitchen staff is being checked on a regular basis, and the results will be available in the near future.

Just Talking

The PALs Plan Charity

The PALs are planning their annual Christmas charity for the children of the United States National Student Association. This year, the club will entertain the pre-school group with refreshments and toys for all. The club members are preparing for the event and are looking forward to it.

SLIS Entertains Freshmen

The SLIS entertained freshmen with a special Christmas party. The students were served a meal and refreshments, and the event was well-received.

Student Body Joins in Christmas Meeting

The student body joined in a Christmas meeting held at the University of Texas. The meeting was well-attended, with a large number of students present.

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New Constitution Deserves
Thoughtful Consideration

Immediately after the Christmas holidays, and before mid-term finals, Rice students will be confronted with a new Student Association Constitution, and with a set of By-Laws to make that constitution operative. If this constitution is to serve as it should, and if the labors of the few who have drawn it are to be rewarded, all students will have to accept their responsibilities as citizens by giving this proposed constitution the careful consideration it deserves.

Though it is impossible to name all that has contributed to the document, a partial list may be offered to the students for consideration:

- Martel Bryant, Tempe Havas, and J. D. Bugg, who were responsible for the matter which has been most discussed, the mass of material that has been assimilated.
- Students in the Little Chapel, who have kept in touch with the student body.
- Students in the Thresher, who have kept in touch with the student body.

Faculty Women Express
Thanks For Cooperation

The results of the clothing drive sponsored by the Faculty Women's Club between November 1 and December 2 were very gratifying. We should like to thank all the students who donated both money and used clothing and so helped us send 740 pounds of clothing to Europe. 1050 pounds to the Czech Relief Committee for Political Refugees in Frankfort, Germany; 250 pounds to the Relief Committee of the city of Louvain; and 260 pounds to the Unitarian Service Committee in New York for further distribution in the countries where help is needed. Of the $1315.00 donated, only a portion was needed to cover the cost of postage. Therefore, we were able to buy at a wholesale price 12 yards of cotton fannel, 2 dozen large spools of thread, and 100 yards of assorted buttons. These new materials were added to the three shipments of used clothing.

There were many people whose help and work made the clothing drive successful. Our thanks go to each individual who will also know the satisfaction that comes from helping others. We should like to express particular thanks to the P.A.L.S. for contributing to the document, a partial list may be offered to the students for consideration:

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Staff Replies to Mills;
Answer Three Questions

THE THRESHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Mills,

This reply is not a critical study of the attitude which your letter demonstrated, rather it is simply a answer to the questions you asked.

The issue which was published in the Thresher December 4 was part of a series of articles on educational qualifications for admission to Rice. Houston and I felt that the situation in which Mr. Sweatt and other Negroes find themselves is an integral part of this question, particularly in the South. The article was presented to the students as it should have been, though the pen of a student.

Any student admitted to either the graduate or undergraduate school here should not expect and should not receive special privileges, re- strictions, or attention because of nationality, race creed, or political belief. Similarly, all students who apply for admission to the Institute should have equal qualification and satisfy no scholastic qualification and capabilities.

Neither the Thresher nor any other organization on the campus interferes with the students' personal lives in any way, and there can be no reasons for interference or intervention at any time in the future. The problems of dating are the concern only of the students involved and their families, not those of the Thresher, the Administration, or any other group on or off the campus.

I would like to ask you for an explanation of the reasons for your letter.

Sincerely,
ROBERT McLENNELY
Assistant Editor

Christmas Is Charity

One week from today, Christians all over the world will say, "Today is Christmas." The familiar greeting will be "Merry Christmas." Homes will have Christmas Trees, Christmas Wreaths, and Christmas Parties. People will be exchanging Christmas presents.

But there are many reasons: forer of habit, commercialism, belief in the commemorated birth of Christ, and belief in the universal need for a Christ. And there is a need for Christmas. In the stepped-up tempo of modern civilization, with its occupational diseases of ulcers, psychoneuroses, and chronic digestive tract is imperative. Not a negage of season, as in summer vacations, but a change of attitudes, of states of mind. Christmas is this—Five to six weeks before and after December 25 of each year, men become less self-seeking, less frantic. There are even a blessed few who do with the joy of giving.

But the immediate good of the Christmas season is more important, for it is real. The spirit that attacks the hardness of men's hearts is real. And perhaps if it is much enriching, there is much giving. If there is irritation, it is far outweighed by the fact that Christmas spaetcute to church than any other reason, or seasons. If there is commercialism, there is the great generosity of the fortunate toward the less fortunate. If there is death, this period is the only time for living for us.

We think to ourselves that we are more fortunate than others, we will receive bigger presents, have a bigger tree, a bigger dinner, a bigger party. Is this true? Do they possess what makes a merry Christmas? Is it not possible that a meager gift, in a meager home, can cause as much, if not more, happiness than any other season, or seasons. If there is much giving, there is much more attacks the hardness of men's hearts is real. And any no reasons for interference or intervention at any time in the future. The problems of dating are the concern only of the students involved and their families, not those of the Thresher, the Administration, or any other group on or off the campus.

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Avila Maria Club Gives Party
The Ave Maria Club sponsored an open Christmas party at the Holy Rosary Auditorium Friday night from 7 to 11. The refreshments were punch, popcorn, and egg nog. A juke-box furnished music for dancing.

Owls Defeat Kats
As Rice Cagers Run Hot, Cold—End Hot

Rice's basketball team ran hot and cold last Tuesday night, but they wound up hot and defeated Sam Houston, 68-66, in an overtime game. Warren Switzer's final field goal, before the Owl Captain fouled out, proved to be the margin of victory. Bob Fuey's tip-in, and Joe McDermott's two short baskets, accounted for the other six points in the five-minute overtime period. The regulation game ended 60-60, when Sam Houston tied it up on a last second tip-in by Phillips.

Bill Tom was the big gun in the Rice attack. The tall Rice center poured in 30 points during the night, including 18 field goals. Tom was the heart of Rice's late first-half and late game rallies, scoring 24 of his points in the last ten minutes of each half (12 each half).

The Owls found the ball handler they needed, as Paul Vahlidick returned to action. Teamming with Charlie Tipton, whose six points came at opportune times, Vahlidick gave the Owls a needed spark. Tipton came up with his usual 10 plus points, this time, 11 to trail Tom in the scoring department.

By rough calculation, Rice sank only about one-third of their shots; but Sam Houston fared little better, getting approximately 28.6% in. Some amazing refereeing featured the contest, including one decision in which one of the gentlemen in black and white must have even seen through a thrasher player.

Rice trailed most of the first half of the game, but pulled up to within one point, 26-27, at half, mostly on Tipton shooting. Sam Houston, paced by Watkins four straight field goals, led 44-34 at about the nine minute mark. Rice, again led by Tom, came back strong, and took the lead for one of the few times during the night, 60-57, with about a minute to go. In the overtime period Rice went ahead, 65-63, and held on to win their third game of the season.

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Ping Pong Ladder
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Radio Biology Course Offered As Experiment

In September Rice inaugurated a radio biology course. This course was designed primarily to reach the fundamental techniques in radio biological research. The accent is placed upon laboratory work, individual research using radio isotopes. There are three lecture courses scheduled a week and students spend approximately four laboratory hours a week. The purpose of this course is to stimulate further research interest.

It is not the purpose of the course to stimulate interest in radio isotopes as an end, but the use of radio isotopes as one might use a microscope, as a research tool," said Clark Read, Biology Fellow.

With the use of isotopes the new field of "health physics" is being developed. Students are being encouraged to develop an interest in this field, the study of protection of human beings from radiation.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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Blue Bolts Will Make Home Debut Tonight

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