Professors Discuss Rating Poll Value At Forum Thursday

The value and future of the Instructor Rating Poll will be the subject of the Rice forum tomorrow night. The program will begin at 8 p.m., in room 110 Anderson Hall, and will conclude at 10 p.m. as is the custom of forum programs. Four professors will give their views on the poll, its value, and possible changes and improvements. The Dean for Student Activities, Hugh S. Cameron; Dr. C. F. Squire, Assistant Professor of Physics; Dr. J. R. Fuller, Assistant Professor of Philosophy; and Mr. H. W. Warren, Instructor in English, will be the speakers. After the speeches, an open question and answer period will be sponsored.

All students are invited to attend the forum, and to offer their suggestions and criticisms, according to Bob Plage, chairman of the Forum committee.

RAF Sings Famous Five Wins Final by One Point

The R. A. F. were the 1949 intercollegiate basketball champions last Wednesday but it wasn't quite good enough to stop the blistering shot of Jack McPhail, Earl Bellamy, and a few others, with 29 points and 10 points respectively. The R. A. F. players did not have services of their center and leader one, Gerald Whelchel, and this was perhaps the reason for such a close game. There were two referees, Bowman and Wallis, who have to officiate at the game, and it was a clean game, only 11 fouls being called, eight on the Famous Five.

Church-LaborRelation

Will Be PSA Topic

Rev. F. E. McRae will speak to the Presbyterian Student Association on "The Church and the Labor Relations" tomorrow night at Autry House.

Student Council

The Senior Cabinet had an open meeting at noon today in Anderson Hall 106. The main purpose of the meeting was the consideration of the new constitution, and the Central Student Council. Several new students attended and assisted in the final revision.

Dean's Notice

Notice

The Choral Club is planning a picnic for this coming Saturday afternoon, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. The Club will be held at Hermann Park, but everyone coming is to meet first at A-House.

All members urged to attend and bring those who might be interested in becoming members. The membership drive is not yet over although over 20 were presented last Thursday night. Dinner for the winning team will be held later.

New Gage Lab

The Rice Engineering Society will present the first postwar engineering Show in the spring of 1949, it was announced Tuesday. In a letter to R. E. Schwartz and A. R. Berk, Dr. W. V. Houston gave the final permission which will allow the Engineering Society to begin concrete planning.

Dr. Houston had only two objections to the show as presented in the past: "First is the question of a suitable name for the show which involves more than the engineering departments of the Institute. Second is the undeniability of having this show used as a means of commercial advertising. The show should be essentially based on Rice Institute activities, and carried on by persons associated with the school."

Professor L. R. Lyon was asked by Dr. Houston to serve as chairman of a faculty committee to deal with matters concerning the Engineering show, his letter read: Dr. Houston asked the Engineering Society to keep in close contact with this committee during all the planning necessary for the show.

Edgar Sharp, newly elected president of the Engineering society, said Monday that an extensive two-year plan is under way to develop an extensive engineering show here at Rice in April, 1949. The Engineering show was canceled during the war, but Sharp expressed the hope that thorough planning will again place them on a national basis.

The purpose of the original Engineering show was to bring out originality and practicality in Rice engineers by ingenious devices and demonstrations. Sharp explained how also develops interest in the school in the part of engineering companies and serves as excellent publicity for the nation.

The last Engineering show, held in 1948, included such exhibits as a gyro bicycle weighing over 300 pounds and tubes in the shape of the letters R which were coated with aluminodium in the manner of ice box coils. The electrical engineers have built a model railroad with over a mile of track, running in the laboratory. Sharp pointed out that the Rice Engineering Society is a purely extra-curricular activity which sponsors pertinent lectures from various engineering engineers in and around Houston. Under-classmen, particularly sophomores and juniors are urged to participate in the Engineering Society and help with the plans for the 1949 show.

President

John N. Lomonte—attended Al- long Avenue, Vice-president of So- mers and Junior classes, Secretary- treasurer of Senior class, First- generation in both R. O. C. and To- mason's Platform: "The President of the Freshman class is responsible for the Freshman Dance and Picnic, I believe a town student should be elected for this office, but more people in the city and can therefore make better arrangements for the dance as to the location of the Freshman Picnic, transportation of the Freshman students to and from the pic- nic, and also the many arrangements for the dance.

Vice-President

W. L. Shockley—W. L. Shockley—a Dallas dorm student; member of Quill and Scroll, Phi Delta Phi, member of President of Officier's Club, Vice-president of Senior class. Shockley's platform: "Unifying the Freshman class for more social life. The no-date dances at Autry House will help a lot if they are backed by everyone. Picnics on the campus instead of in a distant part of town would make it possible for dormitory and town students to be more familiar. Interdepartmental varsity services held on the campus would be another worthwhile accomplish- ment. If I am elected I will see that these things are accomplished as far as the scope of the office permits."

Secretary-Treasurer

Vicky Schartner—Vicky Schartner—Vice-presi- dent and president of a social club, Nai- on the campus instead of in a distant part of town; would make it possible for intervening friendship be- tween upper and freshman classes."

John N. Lomonte—attended Al- long Avenue, Vice-president of So- mers and Junior classes, Secretary- treasurer of Senior class, First- generation in both R. O. C. and To- mason's Platform: "The President of the Freshman class is responsible for the Freshman Dance and Picnic, I believe a town student should be elected for this office, but more people in the city and can therefore make better arrangements for the dance as to the location of the Freshman Picnic, transportation of the Freshman students to and from the pic- nic, and also the many arrangements for the dance.

Vicky Schartner—Vicky Schartner—Vice-presi- dent and president of a social club, Nai- on the campus instead of in a distant part of town; would make it possible for intervening friendship be- tween upper and freshman classes."

Marilyn Marks

Marilyn Marks—a graduate of North Dallas High School, member of National Honor Society, secretary of Student Council, editor of the newspaper, and member, Mr. Rapoport and senior j porium committee, treasurer of a social club, and member of the school glee club. She is also class president and vice-president with the president to make class conventions.

R. E. Schwartz—Chairman of the Ave Maria club picnic, will be held Saturday in Memorial Park. All members will meet in front of A-House at 2:00 p.m.

Ten Candidates Toss Hats in Ring; Qualifications Listed

The petitions of candidates for Freshman Class officers were considered and approved at a special meeting of the Student Council Saturday noon. The candidates, who will speak at a Forum Political Rally Saturday, are listed alphabetically under the offices for which they are running.

President

John N. Lomonte—attended Al- long Avenue, Vice-president of So- mers and Junior classes, Secretary- treasurer of Senior class, First- generation in both R. O. C. and To- mason's Platform: "The President of the Freshman class is responsible for the Freshman Dance and Picnic, I believe a town student should be elected for this office, but more people in the city and can therefore make better arrangements for the dance as to the location of the Freshman Picnic, transportation of the Freshman students to and from the pic- nic, and also the many arrangements for the dance.

Vice-President

W. L. Shockley—W. L. Shockley—a Dallas dorm student; member of Quill and Scroll, Phi Delta Phi, member of President of Officier's Club, Vice-president of Senior class. Shockley's platform: "Unifying the Freshman class for more social life. The no-date dances at Autry House will help a lot if they are backed by everyone. Picnics on the campus instead of in a distant part of town would make it possible for dormitory and town students to be more familiar. Interdepartmental varsity services held on the campus would be another worthwhile accomplish- ment. If I am elected I will see that these things are accomplished as far as the scope of the office permits."

Secretary-Treasurer

Madeline Johnson—Madeline Johnson—Graduate of Lamar High School, member of the National Honor Society, and a Chemistry major at Rice. I favor the elimination of fraternities between dorm and town students that has hampered in many freshman classes in the past. I would also like to see the planning and achievement of a successful Freshman dance to set the class of '49 on its feet financially. Another point which I consider im- portant is the building of co-opera- tion between upper and freshmen classes, such as in "the national dances.

Nancy Markley

Nancy Markley—Graduate of Mar- ners, member of Student Coun- cil, National Honor Society, Rec- eived at arms of Mayor; Alumnus Senior Cabinet member. Besides the necessary duties of the office, the Vice-president and the other class officers in planning social functions. I have in mind something else which is badly needed. This is the promotion of more relationships among freshman class members. Many of the town students are not acquainted with some of the new gage lab technicians use gaging instruments.

Speakers Slated at Political Rally Saturday; Two Ten Candidates Toss Hats in Ring; Qualifications Listed

The petitions of candidates for Freshman Class officers were considered and approved at a special meeting of the Student Council Saturday noon. The candidates, who will speak at a Forum Political Rally Saturday, are listed alphabetically under the offices for which they are running.

President

John N. Lomonte—attended Al- long Avenue, Vice-president of So- mers and Junior classes, Secretary- treasurer of Senior class, First- generation in both R. O. C. and To- mason's Platform: "The President of the Freshman class is responsible for the Freshman Dance and Picnic, I believe a town student should be elected for this office, but more people in the city and can therefore make better arrangements for the dance as to the location of the Freshman Picnic, transportation of the Freshman students to and from the pic- nic, and also the many arrangements for the dance.

Vice-President

W. L. Shockley—W. L. Shockley—a Dallas dorm student; member of Quill and Scroll, Phi Delta Phi, member of President of Officier's Club, Vice-president of Senior class. Shockley's platform: "Unifying the Freshman class for more social life. The no-date dances at Autry House will help a lot if they are backed by everyone. Picnics on the campus instead of in a distant part of town would make it possible for dormitory and town students to be more familiar. Interdepartmental varsity services held on the campus would be another worthwhile accomplish- ment. If I am elected I will see that these things are accomplished as far as the scope of the office permits."

Secretary-Treasurer

Madeline Johnson—Madeline Johnson—Graduate of Lamar High School, member of the National Honor Society, and a Chemistry major at Rice. I favor the elimination of fraternities between dorm and town students that has hampered in many freshman classes in the past. I would also like to see the planning and achievement of a successful Freshman dance to set the class of '49 on its feet financially. Another point which I consider im- portant is the building of co-opera- tion between upper and freshmen classes, such as in "the national dances.

Nancy Markley

Nancy Markley—Graduate of Mar- ners, member of Student Coun- cil, National Honor Society, Rec- eived at arms of Mayor; Alumnus Senior Cabinet member. Besides the necessary duties of the office, the Vice-president and the other class officers in planning social functions. I have in mind something else which is badly needed. This is the promotion of more relationships among freshman class members. Many of the town students are not acquainted with some of the new gage lab technicians use gaging instruments.
College Bridge Contest

Deserves Rice Support

In view of the widespread popularity of Bridge as a pastime at the Rice Institute, it seems strange that the Intercolligate Bridge Tournament has been received with such tepid apathy. The first notice of the tournament was printed in The Thresher last Saturday. By Monday noon, Mr. Cameron had received only two applications. The tournament itself will be to take place Wednesday night in the Student Lounge.

There are perhaps eight hundred bridge players here at Rice. Surely none of them considers himself to be a good player. It would be discouraging to think that these good players are too lazy to go to the Lounge. The rewards offered are certainly worth the effort.

As the matter stands now, with the paucity of students entered, the competition cannot be strong. Eight finalists to be chosen from the Rice Institute. It only eight players enter, they will win automatically, but if less than eight students sign up, there can be no contest. In all other sports, Rice competes with other schools, why should Rice of almost universal interest be so neglected?

Attendance Suggested

At Council Meeting

Today at noon the Student Council is having a special meeting in order to give the students a last chance to present the revision of the new constitution. The proposed draft of the constitution was published in full in last Thursday's The Thresher.

It is inevitable that some students will disagree with portions of the new constitution. It is a group, however, heterogeneous, can please everybody. The Student Council and its Constitutional Committee are not only willing, but anxious to hear at this time the objections, complaints, suggestions, and amendments proposed. All suggestions will probably centralize activities at the Institute for a long time and affect a great many people, it is certainly an obligation to each student to attune the meeting and express his opinion. Student Government is no better or worse than the students themselves make it.

WEDNESDAY EDITION

Managing Editor
Emmett McGeevers
Assistant
Vester Frand

Editor
Brady Tyson
Assistant Editor
John McWhirter
Assistant Business Manager
Nancy Hood
Assistant Business Manager
Tom Smith

NEWS
Dee Davis
Ted Connell
David Miller
Howard Wood
E. J. Bannister
Dewey Gonzales
Evan Stiles
Assistant
Nancy Hood
Salesman
Barry Hawkins

REGULAR REPORTERS
Jack Handler
Carol Ashler
Funfare
Betty Faye Grooms
Linda Chandler
Sue McCray

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
"Muriel"-Miss Patricia Moore

Editorial
The Thresher is endorsed with an imposing responsibility — it is a newspaper monopoly. It is the responsibility of each student to reflect upon his responsibilities to his student readers. The Thresher's task is very important, and should be performed with due seriousness and with a full realization of the importance of the task. The Thresher is also the meeting ground for expression of student opinions concerning not only campus issues, but local, state, national, moral, political, educational, artistic, economic, and cultural issues that may be of particular interest to groups of students. As an organ through which editors are expressd, the freedom of expression is afforded by the editors, and exercised by the students, far more than in any other forum.

The Thresher has the opportunity and the responsibility to prove its excellence in the work of student journalism. 

News Monopoly Should Not Be Taken
As Monopoly of Editorial Thought

The Thresher is endorsed with an imposing responsibility — it is a newspaper monopoly. It is the responsibility of each student to reflect upon his responsibilities to his student readers. The Thresher's task is very important, and should be performed with due seriousness and with a full realization of the importance of the task. The Thresher is also the meeting ground for expression of student opinions concerning not only campus issues, but local, state, national, moral, political, educational, artistic, economic, and cultural issues that may be of particular interest to groups of students. As an organ through which editors are expressd, the freedom of expression is afforded by the editors, and exercised by the students, far more than in any other forum.

The Thresher has the opportunity and the responsibility to prove its excellence in the work of student journalism.
Critic Lauds Lipkin; Applauds Culture; Salutes Kurtz and Urges Bas-Relief

by Clarke Foster

Finding a night of empty time on my agenda last Friday, I decided to hunt out Houston's intellectual and chase down the side-streets of the Music Hall. Those who know me have said my pursuit of culture is more of an obsession than an inclination, but, nevertheless, I walked out of the Music Hall with an infinite feeling of uplift. As I soared through the realms of Pure Art and Pure Redemption on my way to the can, I recollected my days playing the Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto. My joy was as strong that it frequently balanced upwards to the heights of reverence, ecstasy, and occasionally dipped downwards to the realms of reverie. Seymour Lipkin, last Friday's quasi-pianist, played brilliantly. His show was even better than his playing. As he approached a soft, tender sound, the audience really did enjoy that concert. When the piano could be heard above the noise of Mr. Lipkin's feet, he showed that he has a great deal of potential artistry. His encore, well chosen and brief, proved that he has more genius than appeared during his major work. Perhaps, he found the orchestra annoying.

The first half of the program was well rounded out with another winner, the voluptuous "Scheherazade Suite" by Rimsky-Korsakov, which was rendered mainly by the concert-master's resplendence in his solo violin passages and other apparent orchestral imperfections. The work, however, was given a highly dramatic interpretation, well received by almost every auditor.

Critic Lauds Thorin Questions Lipkin

by Walter Power

Erica Thorin's recital last week at the Music Hall provided an outstanding example of an artist's complete mastery of his or her instrument.
Owls Vie with Longhorns Tonight; Wrestle Razorbacks Saturday

Tonight, the Rice Owl basketball team will play the first of two crucial games this week. The opposition will be the Texas Longhorns, who, along with Rice and Baylor, are in a tie for second place in the conference behind Arkansas. The other crucial game, of course, will be against Arkansas Saturday night. The winner of tonight's tussle will in all likelihood finish in a tie for first place in case Rice trips Arkansas, or in a tie for second place in case Rice fails to stop the Razorbacks.

It would be wise for all who care to see both the game and the scoreboard to come early because an overflow crowd is expected. The big reason (besides the fact that both teams are well up in the flag chase) is that this will be the last chance for Rice fans to see Al Madsen, the diminutive Longhorn eager who has so endeared himself to the followers of Rice basketball. Yes, Al is a senior this year as is his chief mate, Slater Martin, a lad who should receive All American mention. So Madsen will probably be out to close his career in a blaze of glory by setting a record in being fouled and collecting free shots. Hence, an interesting contest is in the offing. Also starting for the Longhorns will be Philip George, Tom Hamilton, and Vilbry White, currently the hottest Texas goaller.

Game time will be 8:15, and the game will be preceded by a game between the freshmen of the two schools at 6:15.