Candidates File Petitions For Election Monday Week

This week 128 petitions for Student Association and class offices were filed with the elections committee. Approximately one student out of eleven running for office in the general election will be elected March 29.

Running for President of the Student Association are Beth Hammond and J. S. Binford. Hammond bases his campaign on his record as a three-year veteran of the Student Council. Binford will strive to convince the students to elect him in order that he will be able to "give a practical view of government." Candidates for Secretary of the Student Association are Pat Finn, Betty Kayser, Geraldine Smith, and Kittie Colton. The position of Assistant Secretary of the Student Council has been elected by the council from among its members.

Tommy Adkins and Roy Woodmanse will compete for the position of Committee-at-Large. Nineteen University undergraduates will be chosen for the position of cheerleader. They are: Allen Kinghorn, Marty Gibson, James Cannon, and Delbert Leavell.

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Schumacher to Be 49 Rondele Queen

In all school election Monday, Jetta Schumacher was chosen to reign as queen of the 1949 Rondele, Peggy Allifrist and Allen Bay will be first and second runners-up. Thursday, the dumse and maids of the Rondele will be voted upon in a light vote. The senior class will be represented by Barcelona Martin, Kay Schneider, Colletta Bay, Anne Marie, Bertha Gray, Allen Park, and Colleen Allison.

Jetta Schumacher will be Freshman queen, with Romy Broun, Vicky Alifrist, and Karen Hager as maids. Mary Cox, Marilyn Morse, Margaret Blau, Paul Hall, and Paula Shredler are maidmen.

Field House Closes To Indoor Exercises

Mr. Hermes announced last Thursday that starting on Sunday, March 26, the Field House will not remain open to students for recreation. He explained that he was opened during the past two years only because half of the students had been taking advantage of it. An X-ray machine was needed in order to determine if the cox has tuberculosis, and the result will be mailed to the students, as used as an x-ray report.

This is a precautionary health measure, one which in no way is a penalty.

Embryonic Sailors Seek Dance Queen

Alan Morledge, chairman of the Student Council, announced late Thursday that nominations were in order for the queen of the Fall Navy Ball. A committee of Navy Ball officers will be formed to determine if the cox has tuberculosis, and the result will be mailed to the students, as used as an x-ray report. This is a precautionary health measure, one which in no way is a penalty.

Due to indoor weather because it afforded Stn op-

NOTICE

Dee Council established Thursday that applications for the position of Committee-at-Large of the Student Council Board must be submitted in writing. Pictures, large ones, are also requested.

Misses, one by one, will be chosen to serve on the committee. Misses will be chosen according to their qualifications, and their qualifications will be determined by the committee.

To Indoor Exercises

Mr. Heimann announced earlier this week that starting on Sunday, March 26, the Field House will be normally closed, and then only while in attendance. The responsibility for the care and maintenance of the student publica-

Student Rallies

Student political rallies to take place next week will be as follows: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Student Council Board. All candidates will speak in these forums which are held at noon.
Houston Sells Its Soul; Belittles Itself Too

On Thursday, March 17, Glen McCarthy's Shamrock Hotel opened. Celebrations were held in honor of the opening from the city of the $20,000,000 dollar hotel. A crowd of about 5000 Houstonians met the special train at the station and toasted the move with cheers and clapping.

Glen McCarthy has succeeded in a fast which has often been tried but never before accomplished. He has purchased the soul of Houston and with it soul goes the last asset. The land and its natural resources have long belonged to northern capital. The privileges of statehood are gradually being usurped by the national government. The bodies and effects of the people are employed by outside industries. But until last Thursday, Houston retained its soul. Then, Houstonians told their thoughts and affections for the dubious honor of living in the same city with the South's finest hotel. Is this worth the self-abasement which it cost?

In the sale of our natural resources, we obtained a rising standard of living. In the sale of our sovereign rights, we retained membership in the strongest nation in the world. In the sale of our labor, we obtained the necessities of life for ourselves and our families. In the latest battle of our political lives we gained an edifice of native limestone. We have belittled ourselves. Will the benefit prove to be worth the price?

THE THRESHER

Honor Council Member Is Doubtful of Ellis' Proposal

by Fliss Cowan

The last issue of the Thresher printed a letter from Jim Ellis, Junior Representative to the Honor Council. Ellis is doubtful that an amended honor system in which the first offense is a minor offense and the second offender would be regarded only as a warning, is going to be more effective than the present system. He would not try until two accusations had been filed against him.

The most important argument for the change was stated as follows: "This change makes the action easier on both the accused and the accuser. The accused after receiving a notice of his cheating, would realize that he had only one more chance and that he would have to be on his best behavior if he did not want to stand for trial cheating."

Considering the source of this suggestion, in the person of Jim Ellis, the letter writer, the proposal should be given serious consideration; but, it seems very doubtful that the change would accomplish the purpose which Jim desires.

The efficiency of such a system would depend to a large degree upon the impression which the warning made upon the offender. When we look at past experiences we realize that warnings have accomplished little or nothing.

In one case, a person who had been convicted and expelled returned to Rice after his sentence had been served. The man who had a somewhat lighter warning, cheated again, was hunted down, and the man convicted.

Jim may be correct. A warning system does make it easier to cheat from cheating; but past experience seems to indicate that warnings are usually not taken seriously by people who are unable to live up to their responsibilities to their fellow students.

The argument for a warning system is faced chiefly upon the claim that students would participate more actively in the affairs of the college, in the belief that the word of the Honor Council would be more effective than in the present system. The word of the Honor Council is not the easy way to insure the validity of examinations. If we are one would know whether his accusation would be a warning or the signal for trial.

Anyone who would refuse to turn continually searching for an easier way, a way to save his own skin and to protect his moral responsibility, then we can never keep the honor system.

In regard to Jim's claim that students would be more likely to think themselves guilty in offenders under a warning system, we hope to take a look at another sentence in his letter. He says, "No in a person under the present system, let's take a look at another sentence in his letter. He says, "No in a person under the present system, let's take a look at another sentence. He says, "No in the majority of the students would be more willing to turn in their cheaters under any system."

As far as I am concerned, I am more doubtful. He says, "Students have not been caught: so far nothing new with the same habit in his students by C. P. S. But if he is presenting fairly all sides of the problem as yet not clear in solution.

C Council Should Decide Society Rushing Rules

A short while ago representatives of the four Literary Societies approached the Student Activities Committee for consideration of changing rushing rules. They asked that freshman girls be selected and admitted to the Literary Societies at Thanksgiving time rather than after the first semester as the rules now specify.

The question of primary importance raised by this action of the Literary Societies is not concerned with what rushing rules should be instituted, but with who should institute them. The ideal of student government at Rice should be the legislation of student affairs by student themselves through their elected representatives. The review of these actions by the Student Activities Committee will be necessary as long as the present governmental system is in effect.

If this ideal is to be achieved rules governing legitimately student organizations should be originated in the Student Council.

If the editorial of the Literary Societies to change rushing rules in any other way can only be construed as an attempt to bypass the Student Council.

The violation of the ideals which the Literary Societies protest should be answered for by them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

S. H. E. Praises Thrasher Reknon

To the Editor of the Thrasher:

Dear Sir,

Two weeks ago I wrote to congratulate you on making your debut in the New York Times. It is with admiration tinged with a new respect that I observe you have now made a further step in local prominence in the current issue of the New Yorker. The Rice Institute is indeed fortunate to possess as editor a man made a further debut, this time in Vogue—and the other Literary Society presented during his maiden term of office.

The Rice Institute is indeed fortunate in the counsels of our idols, we have gained an edifice of native limestone. Our honor system would be held in more esteem and would operate more successfully if the majority of the students felt responsible for its maintenance.

He seems to base his arguments on the fact that the majority of the students don't feel responsible for the honor system. Judging from limited experience, I would judge that he is wrong.

D Box Lunch Picnic To Aid for Caen

The box supper sponsored by the Quiz-Lin Club Friday, April 2, is to aid for Caen. The box supper will be held promptly at five o'clock Sunday at the Field House. Girls from the different organizations who feel that the society is going to present a problem which they cannot solve will make the box supper. Each box will be sold for 50 cents.

The boys will eat with the girl whose name is in the box they buy.

SAREL, HENRY EIMER

The Editor Says —

Tuesday Forum Offers Students Excellent Program

(Editors' Note: The Editors decided to write a column.

"Should a Professor's Political Views Interfere with Teaching in a University?" is a significant subject for the Rice Forum. Students who raise this issue pass one up of their better Forum programs. (See on page 1.)

Any discussion such as this, dealing with the term "Academic Freedom," deserves at attempt to define the terms that will be used. "Academic Freedom" means many things to many people, but perhaps a useful basis of discussion such as the following could be used for Tuesday night's Forum:

Academic Freedom is the freedom of a professor to hold and defend any beliefs, religious, political, or economic views as long as those professor's colleagues are not being unable to fulfill his duties as a professor by being unqualified to teaching.

Now that acceptance there are accepted there will remain at least one perplexing problem as yet not solved in solution. Is there ability to imply the right to hold and defend opinions, if not, what are the duties and destroy the system of Academic Freedom? (Assuming for the moment that the given professor accepts the present system and fulfills his obligations, only to change the intellectual tyranny of any sort, whether by regularly established methods or by revolutionary methods.)

Besides this basic disagreement, which seems to us to be the only real one, other questions will probably arise Tuesday night:

Can a political party be considered and treated as a college student? Must it be considered and treated as a college student?

If a political party and its members can be declared guilty as a whole of the university community to be a free and independent political system?...

Next Issue: The Editor announces a contest.
The tennis courts are being rounded into shape for tennis play this spring and Mr. Hermance has requested that students who wish to play on the tennis courts must wear regulation tennis shoes. Nothing else will do because non-regulation tennis shoes mark up the courts.

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Rice Batters Outhit Cougars

By Norris Keelcr

The Rice baseballers took it on the chin from the University of Houston Tuesday and Wednesday in two close games. The first day's play resulted in a 3-3 tie. After a scoreless first inning, the Owls took the lead in the second and the third, but the Owls scored only one run in seven hits. On the other hand, Rice scored nine runs. They outhit the Cougars, eleven to ten. Rice Batters

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