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TEMPORARY CHAOS will certainly result. But the real benefit will be to create a fluid situation in which all restrictions should be removed from those who must create the simplified and authorize the results. The Rice people will be aware of the fact that one quarter of last year's freshman class went on a run which was the subject of an editorial in last week's Thresher.

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know and respect — and, we hope, are respected by — a very large number of its officers and faculty. This is the start — only the start — of an effort to enable us as students to regain our self-respect and initiative so that the Institute will once more realize we are here.

THERE IS nothing in the world, except possibly the Bible, which does not sooner or later require replacement or extensive revision. The Student Association is, however, not divine — nor is its constitution inspired scripture. Some day the changes now proposed may be remembered as the best thing that ever happened to Rice students.

—ED SUMMERS

Spring Grid Practice Begins

Delayed one week by the weather, Coach Jess Neley called the 1959 Rice Owls to their first practice of the spring last Monday afternoon. Reporting for the first workout were seventy-one hopefuls. Missing due to scholastic difficulty, track, or other reasons were Tackles Dan Molin, Billy Ford, Guard Larry Raines and Don Clontz, and Halfbacks Larry Duett and Don Parrish. Most of these are expected to report in the fall, however.

Several freshman team graduates stood out during the first week's practices, particularly Tackle Robert Johnson and Fullback Roland Jackson. Gold jerseys, emblematic of first team status, went to Jim Szwarz and Bill Simmonett, ends; Gene Miller and Don Rathe, tackles; Bobby Lively and Rufus King, guards; Boyd King, center; Jon Schamb, quarterback; Billy Bucek and Max Webb, halfbacks; and Jackson, fullback.

Bernhard Among Finalists In Oratory Contest

Jim Bernhard was one of three finalists at the Edward Everett Oratory Contest held at the Harvard Invitational Debate Tournament last weekend. The two teams representing Rice at this tournament for the first time were Jim Bernhard and Neil Anderson, and Gerald Daniels and Charles Farnell. Each of these teams won six out of a total of eight. EMU, the only Southwest Conference school at the tournament, was defeated by Farnell and Daniels.

The junior division of the debating team transplanted in full force on the Baylor tournament last weekend, with Jim Bob Doty winning third place in extemporaneous speaking. Also representing Rice there were Ray Martin, John Wolf, Gary Webb, Harry Reasoner, John Shamblin, Buddy Hora, Joel Rosenthal, Syd Nathans, Bill Pannill, Victor Emanuel, Joel Rochman, Charles Kipple and Joel Bluin.

Photo Contest Closes March 15

The annual Collegiate Photo Competition, has set March 15, 1959 as the deadline for receiving prints.

The competition, the only one whose rules are made up by college students for college students, is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Mu, honorary photjournalism fraternity, the National Press Photographers' Assn., the Encyclopedia Britannica, the American Association of College Unions and LIFE. Judging will take place March 29, at the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, during KAM's national convention.

Classifications and Prizes

Awards include an all-expense trip to LIFE for the Portfolio winner; sets of Encyclopedia Britannica for first-place winners in the following classifications: News, Features, Sports, Pictorial, Portrait or Characer, and Feature Story (Series or sequences).

Second place winners, in each category shall receive a plaque contributed by Kappa Alpha Mu. Third place winners, in all divisions, shall receive the two-volume Britannica World Language Dictionary, giving word equivalents in seven languages.

In addition, RHO Chapter of Kappa Alpha Mu presents a traveling trophy, to the "Photomaker of the Year"; a plaque for the single picture or set of pictures which best portray a phase of college life.

Contest Rules and Entry Forms

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PARKING PROBLEM POOP PROOFFERED FOR PROFIT

By CLAIRE PLUNGUIAN

The parking situation at Rice obviously needs to be classified. Loud complaints have been ringing from all sides about tow-away fines paid when cars were not towed away, boats put on parked cars, and tickets handed out during Christmas vacation. So for the benefit of all those who would like to know exactly what the poop is, the following rules are set forth:

1. All parking regulations on the campus, except where otherwise specified, are in effect 24 hours a day, all year round, including vacations. There was no announcement that these regulations would be relaxed during any vacations, as indeed they were not.

2. The Hamman Hall fee parking lot, the Lovett lot, the Physics lot, the Chemistry lot, and the Library lot are legal after 6 pm on any night.

3. The three towaway zones, illegal at any time, are behind Will Rice, the Hanszen, and the Baker commons. In cases the wrecker has already called before it is discovered that the car could not be towed, since the car is later in a legal parking lot.

4. "Boots," locks on the back wheel so the car cannot be moved, are put on cars to force the owner to settle up his parking ticket. They are put on a car after six or more tickets have been left unpaid for five or more days after the proper interval, even if the car is later in a legal parking lot.

5. Anyone who is forced to park his car illegally because of a mechanical failure will be excused from a fine upon telling this to Mr. Sims, Adviser to Men. Anyone who has questions about the parking situation may be referred to Mr. Sims.

6. If the towaway fees regardless of whether the car has actually been towed or not was decided upon in an administrative meeting after Christmas, and will henceforth be consistently followed.

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Efficiency with the students' needs in mind is the controlling theme of the new campus store in the Student Center. Many new policies, including vacations, are behind the students. The fact is that for the first time, space permits all items in a group to be displayed simultaneously. This creates the illusion of a bigger stock. Two areas, internationally known Hummel figurines. These outstanding additions are of a class equal to those found in any gift shop in Houston.

60-Foot Mufflers
Other items, such as stationery, seem to have been broadened. In fact everything but those mentioned unmentionables. However, the sale of Rice garters shows the trend is moving upward into this area and further developments in Rice-type clothing should prove interesting.

More Brewing
The book store shows the real improvements in efficiency. Soon, shelves will be labeled with course, professor, and required text so that one may examine freely the material for any course he may be contemplating. The new policy of direct student handling of books, instead of the former middleman, allows a less hurried atmosphere and more time for intellectual browsing.

Outstanding...and they are Mild!

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Why has student spirit at Rice lost what it had a few years ago? One reason is the student government. The student has been divided between class and college, club and school to a point where he is easily conquered. No one takes an overall view of the college, the Student Association, and the class for the student's loyalty has left duties well, such as sending honorees, keeping a calendar, and corresponding with other campuses. The Inter-College Council is occupied with the duties of college administration, college night speakers, etc., and has no real voice on the campus. It did, however, propose a solution to the student government problem, and did discuss it fully, which is more than the Student Council got around to this week. The Council failed to discuss the points involved in a revolutionary change in campus government; it merely took a considerable amount of time deciding how to refer the question to a proper committee. If we are to have a workable form of government before another year of inefficiency, perhaps student spirit will rise.

Graduates' Wives To Meet Feb. 18
Mr. Huber Harrison Griffin, Interior Designer at Sunland Furniture Company, will speak to the Graduate Wives' Club of Wednesday, February 18th. Mr. Griffin's subject will be "Interior Decorating Today." The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. V. Houston on the campus at 7:45 pm.

Goody Travis
"Is Physics True?" was Tuesday evening's faculty lecture by Rice's physics professor, Dr. R. R. Rorschach. The essence of his talk was based on two pertinent questions: 1) What is the true value of physics? and 2) Is physics relevant to human experience?

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Honor System
In Library Will Be Considered
By BARRY MOORE
At Rice the Honor System is under close scrutiny. The library, which has noticed an increased number of missing books, has begun a rather meticulous survey of the system, which extends over student conduct and activities in the library.

$1000 Losses
Dr. Harold Craig, librarian, stated that various plans are being discussed by the library staff to cope with the losses in books which cost the school thousands of dollars per year. (There has been a lot of unauthorized borrowing, although Rice students were not entirely responsible.)

"Overstretch the System"
To put the library under some sort of enforcing body such as the Honor Council, Dr. Craig stated, would "overstretch the Honor System." Something based more on the student's personal honorable conduct would be better.

Council Investigation
Harvin Moore, chairman of the Honor Council, stated that the body had written to various schools all over the country requesting information about other schools' approach to the library-honor system question. He stated that the Council is still considering the problem and has not arrived at any particular plan of action. Moore stated that the Council prefers that nothing be done as far as placing the library under a set of rules. In other words, the Honor Council, as well as the library, favors a "spirit-wise" extension of the Honor System.

Changes In View
Because of misuse of open-stack library privileges, an under handicap is being worked on students, instructors, and the library staff. Nothing as yet is definite, but major changes might be in view for the Honor System as it applies to the Fondren Library.

Webb Is Expert On Colt .45 vs West
By FRANK DENT
The Texas historian who is closely identified with the development of the Colt revolver's importance in Western history is a visiting professor at Rice this semester—Dr. Walter Prescott Webb.

"Too Simple"
Concerning his theory of the revolver, Dr. Webb said "Don't play this up by itself; it makes history look too simple." For Dr. Webb, a professor at Texas A&M University, the uniqueness of the history of the American West must be traced to many factors, of which the role of the revolver is only one. These factors are best understood in contrast to those which influenced history of the eastern U.S. For Dr. Webb, the contrast between the eastern and western U.S. is best seen at the "institutional fault line." Across this line the old solutions to life's practical problems were no-longer valid. It marked a change in technique of living from the humid, timbered east to the semi-arid, barren plains of the west.

Rail Fences vs. Barbed Wire
This contrast is seen in many ways: the log cabin of the East as opposed to the dugout of the West, rail fences as opposed to barbed wire, Dallas as opposed to Ft. Worth, and the West's different need for a different weapon.

On the Western plains, the Easterner's long rifle was unsuited for fighting the new herd of horses Indians. The long rifle not only required two feet firmly planted, it also required a support for the long barrel. Then, too, there was only one shot to fend off the many arrows of the Indians.

Six Shots For Indians
Thus, when the revolver was invented by Samuel Colt, the Texas Rangers were quick to see its usefulness to the West. The six shots, or twelve, if one carried two revolvers, were an adequate match for the Western Indians. The pioneers could then chase the Indians and expand easily into new territory.

Degrees from SMU to Oxford
At the University of Texas, most of Dr. Webb's classes are graduate courses. He has been there since 1914, including his undergraduate and graduate years. Dr. Webb has received honorary degrees from SMU, Chicago and Oxford. He has recently been appointed by Lyndon Johnson as consultant on irrigation and water conservation.

At Oxford, Dr. Webb held the Harnsworth Chair of American History for a year where he noted that English University students, a select three percent, were "not too interested in American History."

Dr. Webb is the author of various books on the American West, among them The Great Frontier and The Texas Rangers.

In the Hall of Rice so far has "confirmed the impression of the Institute." He says that the Rice graduates at Texas have always been of high quality. "The selective process certainly shows up," said Dr. Webb.

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Although the courses are designed for graduate students, undergraduates in their last two years at a university will be considered. However, those studying "Aspects of English Law and Jurisprudence" must either hold a law degree or be enrolled in a law school. Twelve to twenty nationalities are usually represented in each course.

The Summer School fees, including full board, residence and tuition, range between £80-£84 (approximately $226-238). A few scholarships are available which partially cover university fees of well-qualified students.

In Austria there are two summer schools of interest to American students. The University of Vienna will give courses at its St. Wolfgang Campus near Salzburg. Students can study international relations, European economics and social problems, European history, music, art, psychology and German language. All courses, except German language, are taught in English. Students who have completed at least two years of college work are eligible to apply for either a three or six week program. The cost of the six week program, including registration, tuition, maintenance, tours and attendance at the Salzburg Festival is $280. A few scholarships are open in six week programs, covering tuition and maintenance.

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What engineer doesn't! Seeing finished hardware is a special kind of satisfaction. Matter of fact, an engineer needs to be close to his product through out design. He should be in close touch with lab and field testing of his own components, see the final product. At least, that's the way we feel at Tareytons.

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Mud Tracked Into MSC Increasing

By BURTON SILVERMAN

Do you students feel the eyes of administrative people giving you dirty looks everywhere you track mud into the Student Center? Well, do not blame the administration because it is re-landscaping the grounds, leaving mud where grass and sidewalks should be before the job is done, someday in the future (near or far), and this will not be a permissible excuse. Also, do not worry about the spilled coffee, for it is not strong enough to make a permanent stain.

Put Away That Slide Rule!

Science students, especially freshmen, how dare you forget to bring your slide-rule to class? Do you know that such negligence can cause the frustration of the lecturer when he has set up a sample problem but has not made the calculations to find the answer? The poor man must then attempt to estimate the answer? The poor man must then attempt to estimate the answer over to give you some idea of how the problem works out, and yet he must not use too much of the lecture time! Also, you all must realize that each departmentocompletes the hour examination on succeeding days... so, from now on, be alert, be wise, and... Mud Outside, Too!

It seems as if a ruling was made authorizing the Student Center and books and coats in the future. Students had better be careful where their place their belongings, for there is a rumor that sometimes auctions are planned for the future.

If any students have any complaints concerning this, bring it to the Student Center, and let its collective brilliance and ample artistic and social facilities serve you well.

An Auction Perhaps?

By FRANK DENT

Recent phenomena have been occurring... our representative said... Chance Vought. Ask our representative.

Devil's General" Set For Thursday

The German Film Club will present its third movie on Thursday, February 19. The film is "The Devil's General." It was recently produced in Germany and the original German sound track will be used with the movie. Memberships for the second semi

How That Ring Gets Around

From the Bells!

If you're wondering where the new day is coming from, the administration has brilliantly shown its collective brilliance and slide-rule sharpness by taking the ten minute period between the "five-bell" and the "five-after-bell" bell plus the miscellaneous seconds between each "chuckle" of the chimneys (when they chime... this is the variable factor), and lumping these together in the following equational form:

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Integrate in the complex plane by the delta process as the pattern progresses... to graph the results to find the solution for the number of parallel parallelepipeds; now double-differentiate the whole mess to obtain homogeneous quad-linear a nd circulinear equations of the second order with Runge-Kutta coefficients.

Gram-Date

For the student the answer is 85. This means that every thirty-fifth day will be the dawn of the new student day... a whole extra day... GRUN-Date!

"No More Between Classes" Of course this completely worked out.

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THE OWLOOK

By CLARENCE TETTS

Suppose you are a spectator watching the Rice-Arkansas game last Monday night, and since you are a traveling salesman or something, this is the first time you’ve seen Rice play in two years. You remember of those times because you saw them play when they were sophomores, and remembering the potential these boys showed them, you set down, anticipating an easy win for the Owls.

As play progresses, however, you wonder at the tenacity of the Arkansans club as they hang close to the Owls, leaving at halftime only two points behind. You light a cigarette, settle back to listen to the band play some marches or something, and gradually become aware of the creature sitting next to you. He is of medium height, rather thin, and during the first half, has been the source of several shouted phrases, some directed at the Owls, some at the referees, and others at the cheerleaders. When someone mentions that the Owls are ahead, he expresses his displeasure in a manner which seems to suggest that the band is simply playing for the fans.

Having no idea as to the conference race this season, you casually lean over to ask whether the Owls are in first or second place. The person replies, “Yes, and we will play host to Doc Hayes’ third place Mustangs.” After suffering a humiliating 72-54 defeat to the Owls last Saturday, surely it should be out for revenge. And with the sign that improvement which the Owls have shown Monday, victory is certainly within reach. The Mustangs will probably employ a semi-zone defense which was so successful against the Owls in Dallas. In this unusual usage, the three outside men play a zone defense while the men under the basket play man for man. Saturday’s game was led by the fine play of Bobby James and Fred Marsel. Also turned in fine performances for the Mustangs were Steve Strange and Flashy Max Williams. SMU is a hustling ballclub, as attested to by the fact that although they average only 61 in height, the Ponies outrebounded Rice 35-44 in Dallas. At any rate it should be a fine game.

particularly interesting will be the duel between Dallas Ball and Steve Strange, and flashy Max Williams, perhaps the two finest guards in the conference.

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"The Nature of Man" In Topic For New Lecture Series

By KIT KELLOGG

"The Nature of Man," a new campus lecture series sponsored by the Canterbury Association, will present Dr. Konstantin E. Konda- 
leva as its initial speaker on Monday, February 18, at 7 pm.

The series will continue every Monday evening until May 4, with eleven guest speakers chosen from some of the outstanding

The intention of the series is to encourage the speaker to pre-

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DR. LESTER MANFELD (March 3), Dr. 
Paul Pfaffen (April 10), Dr. James 
Chillman (March 16), Mr. 
George Williams (March 30), and 
Dr. John R. Pickard (April 27).

The remaining lectures will be announced later.

These seminars will be given in the Projection Room, second floor, 
Fondren Library, at 7 pm on M o n d a y evenings, beginning 
February 18. It is hoped that they will attract a large and 
interested audience and that the lectures will stimulate participa-
tion by all during the discussion period.

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