Faculty Alters Honors, Withdrawal Criteria

The Rice faculty, meeting in Hamman Hall on December 15, assigned to the Faculty Honors Review Committee tightened the provisions for "enforced withdrawal," and approved on first reading two new undergraduate majors.

Effective immediately, the Dean's List will be renamed the Honor Roll. Two students of each sex will be eligible for the new Honor Roll: those who have made no grade of less than "2", and those who have made grades of "3" or higher. It is provided that these two grades be given as many grades of "1" as of "3". No student with a grade below "3" is eligible.

President K. S. Pitzer said that he expected the new provisions would increase the Honor Roll by about one-third over last year's Dean's Lists. The two semester lists are now already the highest in Rice history.

The Toughest Rule: "enforced withdrawal" states that a student can be required to leave the University if he fails to assume his responsibilities as a student evidenced by excessive absence from classes or laboratory sessions or continued failure to perform required assignments.

With this idea in mind, a question is being circulated throughout the faculty this week. It should be returned as quickly as possible.

Prof. B. Doty of Houston, former president of the Texas Institute of Technology, said that the idea that Baylor students might be corrupted by the language of the press is "a nice rationalization." He conceded that character is "an inborn thing."
The high school student arriving at Rice has set his standards high. If he is a liberal arts major, he expects to find "the Harvard of the South," with all the intangibles that the phrase implies; if a science-engineering student, he is convinced that his new University is fully the equal of M.I.T. and Cal Tech, but of the legend of M.I.T. and Cal Tech.

That he is all too often disappointed in his expectations is apparent from the reaction of more than a first-year man when he gets his first semester at Rice; there is a serious disillusionment about the University which is not simply a product of unreasonable hopes. Recently, the editor on this page published a letter which he recognized as a state of mind which students are concerned with the sort of education they are getting.

It is fair enough to ask: What is the famous 10:1 student-faculty ratio worth, to the freshman? Since Rice is a junior university, is it graduate students who are graduate students? Only the most exceptional of these is able to provide the intellectual guidance necessary for good teaching. Three years ago a graduate student in charge of a freshman mathematics class bluntly told his group on the first day, "You'll have to learn this course out of the book. I'm too busy with my own work to spend any time outside of class with you."

Such an attitude, of course is typical—most graduate students are sincerely interested in the welfare of their class—but the fact remains that they have neither the time nor the experience which teaching freshmen demands. Apparently it will take determined action from the President himself to correct this problem. A correspondence course initiated two months ago that graduate students not teach freshmen; English; yet they continue to do so.

But the problem of disillusionment involves more than just graduate teaching, and cannot be solved so simply. For years Rice has been codding a few well-meaning, dedicated men on its faculty who are lacking in the vitality which must accompany first-rate instruction and professional work. We cannot speak for the President or for engineering, but we know that from the student point of view, Rice's strength in the humanities lies in a small fraction of its potential. For instance, perhaps it is a state of mind in which most graduate students are concerned with the sort of education they are getting.

The problems of students' disillusionment with their instructors is disturbing for one reason, and one reason only: the sincerity of the crop.

They may be unhappy with Rice for a variety of reasons—not enough student activities or social life, too much assigned work or too severe grading practices, too much financial aid, too many regulations, too many professors in the middle of "an intellectual desert," and so on. At least it is far from the major centers of academic life on the East and West coasts. Fine faculty members must be persuaded to come to this part of the country.

But the effort must be made. Simply taking freshman instruction out of the hands of graduate students is not enough. Rice must provide more and capable faculty members to take their place, and to provide better advanced instruction than many professors are now able to offer.

Rice cannot afford the dissatisfaction which continues to exist among her students, and which has chances to find verbal expression in one freshman's letter. Throughout her history, the University's reputation has been built largely on the potential of her freshmen instead of the product she graduates. If this disillusionment continues, she may discover tomorrow that her source of greatest pride has somehow lost its luster.

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A topic that has provoked some thoughtful discussion of late is that of attendance at college nights. The problem is that on college nights not infrequently does a large contingent of the membership get up and leave after the meal before the guest speaks.

This exodus not only embarrasses the master, the officers, and the program chairman; but also those members of the college who take pride in the college's appearance.

WHEN REGARD to this problem, there are many possible points of view. The first is that any speaker knows that what he will have to say will not be of interest to everyone in a body that is heterogeneous as a college. Therefore he will certainly be offended if someone leaves.

There is much cogency in this position, but I basically think that when the exodus becomes appreciable, it will do to maintain that there is really no problem at all. A second proposal is that the college be announced as being present in all the colleges, and that members who do not care to attend be allowed to eat in another college while members in other colleges are interested, etc. If the announced topic be allowed to remain.

THE EXCEPTION of such an exchange program would, however, involve a rather complicated machinery of communication. It would obviously break down if there were more people desiring to skip the college night than available replacements from other colleges.

A similar proposal is that members who are unable to attend the college night sign it in advance with the headwaiter and eat in another college or eat early. In a second meeting, due to the overcrowded conditions of all the colleges, there is obviously insufficient room to serve one college to feed members of another (when some colleges do not even have room to have a full-scale Associate night). There are other objections to the training room proposal.

A SUGGESTION which strikes me as possibly the most satisfactory is that the college simply announce that there are only insufficient room for one college night. There would seem to be no problem at all. If the announced topic be allowed to remain.

Students Criticize Policies Of RMC In Poll

By JOHN ROBERT BEHRMAN

Numerous students volunteered comments on the Rice Memorial Center this week and we offer some of the printable ones.

First, a few unconventional gripes:

"The patio between the grand hall and the chapel needs some grass safety. When its dry, the place looks shabby, and of course, when it’s wet..."

"By Thursday afternoon, the entrance is in a shambles, what with newspapers and bulletins scattered all over. I hold the Thresher responsible for this," said the wife of a grad student.

THOSE MOST directly affected by EMC policy are the off-campus people. Universally, they were unhappy about closing the food line before they could get there, at least, an evening meal. Off-campus people had the following suggestions for meeting their needs and drawing more customers.

"A couple of free phones for off-campus calls," suggested a Wire B grad.

I THINK a post office would be a great help for all students and I know off-campus people could really use some of these rental mail boxes. After all, Rice is the closest thing to a permanent mailing address most of us have..."—Willie Ritter '66.

"We need a quiet room with a television set to work. None of the college TV sets work. The RMC set works poorly and there is always someone rehearsing this or that or moving furniture or something else," said a faculty member.

ONE OFF-CAMPUS student summed up feelings toward closing the serving line: "The last time I went into Sammy’s to get some food, I regretted it. It’s a waste of food these days..."

On-campus opinion could be typified by the following response to a query about the RMC: "Well, just a minute, let me think of something." Strong support for current RMC policy came from the night shift at the Dutch Kettle.

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Centennial Ramblings

By LARRY CONNELLY

Mr. Connolly, a PhD candidate in Southern American History, is currently the Rice faculty liaison officer for the Centennial of the Civil War. "Will Bureau Speaks Jefferson" is scheduled for publication this month by McClure-Mill & Co.

While on a collecting trip last summer in Alabama, I blundered on Ezra King's Civil War Museum, Gift Shop and Chemise Bedecked Stand on Alabama State Route 99, next to the battle marker designated the battle of Crude's Mill Alabama. (Note: this was the third battle of Crude's Mill—don't let a Civil War buff catch you with your cartridge box on this one.) I was hardly inside the door and past the display of Cherokee Indian tomahawks made in Hohen, New Hampshire, stamped with a Confederate flag, when I ran into Miss Abena Glick, assistant at Dave Springs Two-Seed-in the Spirit-Primitive Baptist Reforming Bunion Water Baptisms Only Church, Reformed. Miss Glick is also historian of the Hamilton County Mississippi Ladies Confederate Battlefield Marking Association, and a member of the Ladies auxiliary of the Glick Mississippi Confederate Sons of Battle, called BOBs for short.

Miss Glick put down her handbag made out of the dried skin of a Michigan infantryman and escorted me through the shop's museum, which was sponsored by the General Simon Buckner Chapter of the United Dopes of the Confederacy. A large collection of old Confederates and old Confederate items can be found here. She pointed out Little Star Nell Potzerson's collection of stuffed Confederate brigadier generals, a tree stump Robert E. Lee once sat on while being treated for athlete's foot, and the stuffed horse, Horatio, favorite mount of General Horace's nagging hindquarters. This drive is sponsored by the U.D.C. Horace's Hindquarters Chapter.

Next to the museum is the craft shop, where such nifty-made items as handmade Indian Silver Hammered Zipper Flies, Smoky Mountain Pottery, Ozark Mountain Pottery, Rocky Mountain Pottery, and genuine Civil War rifles (used in old confederate re-enactments) can be purchased.

Five miles west of the gift shop is Little Pigs Eye Creek, where Sherman's 80,000 troops were halted at the creek bridge by one Willard Stump who operated the toll bridge. Stump placed himself squarely in front of the army and defied Sherman's troops to cross. Sherman replied in "a pig's eye!" and ordered the troops on. Stump held firm. His descendants are invited to drop by on week-ends and help look for Willard. Archivists thought they had found him fifteen years ago, but a closer examination proved they had found a cow hound with a slipped disc in his tail.

Hurrying back to Nashville to arrive in time for the Grand Old Opry, I crossed Bumbling Branch, where Georgia Congressman Fathick Sowlessum announced his candidacy in 1864 to the Confederate Congress. While speaking, he was interrupted by the approach of the Yankees, and in five minutes his whole electoral district was Federal territory. Undaunted, this southern patriot immediately announced his candidacy for the United States Congress.
Youngsters Find Christmas At Hanszen, Wiess Parties

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Down With Mystery Meat

Ralph Thornton, right, current Man of the Month, spearheading the food protest movement, reported that student interest is apparently running high. About 40% of the ballots concerning the food sent out to the residents of the five colleges have been returned.

Concerning the quality of the food, 25% deemed it "bad," 42% "fair," 25% "good," and a mere 2% "excellent." The quantity of food followed the same lines, with votes of 31%, 41%, 22%, and 6% respectively.

THE REACTION was some-
by Fryar Calhoun

Realism Tempers Student Idealism

The days that the center will be open are Tuesday, December 21; Wednesday, December 28; and Wednesday, January 4.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1962

The author of this article, a junior history and philosophy major, was one of the three students from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and India who gathered last week in Columbia to discuss on specifics, thematic, and generalities.

The THE EMPHASIS was definitely on ability and knowledge, and the participants—whether engineering, mathematics, or liberal arts students—were obviously intelligent and well-informed. Knowledgeable, convincing speakers were well received, but bumbling performances such as Wadsworth's speech or Vice President Johnson's question session met with criticism.

While few felt that they had solved any major problems, they were just as unwilling to admit that these problems are insoluble. And insofar as rational discussion, investigation, and dedication are involved, the SCONA delegation means to seek their solution.

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Forum Speaker Emphasizes Dangers Of Nuclear Buildup

By KEN DESMAY
Mr. Mason Willrich, in his Forum speech on Tuesday night, December 11, outlined the dangers of the present arms buildup and summarized the general prospects for disarmament.

"The present arms race is in an extremely paradoxical one," Mr. Willrich explained, "in that the more we increase our military defenses, the more our national security is threatened.

"THE NATURE of this paradox lies in the fact that, with our arms buildup, we reach a certain point of maximum reliability strength after which no further addition of missiles will increase our counter-attacking force."

"When that point has been reached, the chance of accidental war is maximized," Mr. Willrich continued, pointing out three major areas in which this maximization occurs.

FIRST, THE chance of nuclear force spreading to smaller, less responsible nations is heightened.

SECOND, the tendency for small scale conflicts to be enlarged by the alternative of nuclear weapons. Mr. Willrich explained that the reliance on nuclear weapons "influences the decisions in small conflicts, and presents the constant threat of turning them into full-scale nuclear wars."

However, he expressed concern over the prospects of nuclear war, pointing to the need for arms control, the stopping of small scale conflicts, and the need to keep the operation solvent.

Mr. Willrich concluded that the conference can make significant contributions to world peace, because, "as long as we are here talking it out, the chance of fighting it out is diminished."

INOCVATIONS—(Continued From Page 1) perub and to I'd yield, not a sermon.

CLARK also suggested that clerical and ministerial work be handled by a committee instead of just one person. He mentioned the possibility of the Inter-Fellow Council's taking over the job.

SA Vice-President Carr stated that he personally had heard no complaints, in asking ministers to give the opening prayer, he did not ask more than one minister from any one denomination.

Rice played six home games this year. Invocations were given by Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, and Unitarian ministers, each some preliminary conclusion of the speakers, but without any easy answers or gimmick solutions.

"In reviewing the possible ways to avert these and other dangers arising from the arms situation, Mr. Willrich concluded, "the need for a more open and cooperative atmosphere in international negotiations," as seriously in regard to restricting nuclear club and keeping implementation of our arms from extending to outer space.

AB FOR checking the danger of escalation, comment was made that "if Mr. McNamaras policy to localities conflicts, and to keep the number of alternatives to nuclear force high, means maintaining a strong and ready force of conventional arms." Also mentioned were the proposals for more direct communication between Kennedy and Khrushchev, in case of impending attack.

Mr. Willrich said that in regard to these proposals and in general disarmament negotiations, "nothing substantive came out of the Geneva Conference of this year, but certain policy goals and negotiation terms between the U.S. and Russia have been agreed on, and we are heading in the right direction."

"OF COURSE, the problem of inspection is no secret," he added, "and while the Russians argue, with some validity, that inspection across their country would be confined only to disarmament, but also of arms, we answer that this is a necessary condition.

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"THE ADMINISTRATION is the important instrument in the acquisition and retention of an outstanding faculty, and they must help keep alive the carefully captured spirit of the place. Yet they must also attend to such mundane problems as the cultivation of the patrons and benefactors whose help is needed to keep the operation solvent."

In this vein, Dr. Croneis commented that the administration must deal increasingly with the government, whose help is needed "completely rationalizing." However, Rice does not at present rely heavily on government money, he said, "other schools as M.I.T. and Cal Tech finance as much as 90% of their budgets through government assistance."

"THE CHANCELLOR indicated that he sees nothing wrong in this, and predicted that skyrocketing costs, particularly at the graduate level, would inevitably force the government to take a much larger role in the financing of U. S. colleges and universities. Other points in Dr. Croneis' Decologue included the necessity of having a formal program for the growth and balance of the university, the need of an outstanding faculty and student body, as well as a legal and active alumni.

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Three Frosh Are Victors

Winners in the recent Freshman elections are welcomed into the Establishment by SA President Bob Clarke. Left to right above are Clarke; Ron Green, who narrowly defeated write-in candidate Ralph Parks for the Presidency; Brenda Bayre, the new Vice President; and Chris Grigasy, the Secretary-Treasurer for the class.

—Photo by Bruce Herron

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tails. Then at some specific time, say 7:00, those who were interested in the speaker might return to the dining area where a number of chairs had been set up before the lecture. Thus, those who could not stay might slip out unobtrusively.

There is some varying degree of merit in each of the above proposals, and each recommendation should be thoroughly explored before any decision is made. It seems to me, however, that a great deal more than simply the college night is at stake. However, an opposition will be made regarding the relationship of an individual with his college. DORIS A. CROMER: I have the right to require anything of an individual in return for not only providing him with a place to live convenient to classrooms but also offering him a variety of extracurricular activities such as intramural sports, a newsletter publication, and recreation facilities.

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It's that other, EMU and SMU fail in line next, then crop a hodgepodge of tail-enders in Baylor, TCU, and Texas Tech. A lot more will be known about the Owls after tonight, when Johnny Franklin's all-Junior line-up will open at home against Centenary. The Owls are simply too good to be losing, and if they don't snap out of it soon, they'll find themselves with an 0-4 record on January 3, when the revenge game against Texas in Gregory Gymnasium.

The Rice freshmen will open at home against Centenary. The Owls are simply too good to continue losing, and to Jerry Lucas, who almost made all-SWC as a lineman and to the Yankees in the World Series. The crowds at Gregory are famous. Whatever the face becomes particularly displaced with an official's decision, they shower penalties and paper upon the visiting team, and it was at Gregory last year that a potential riot was held only when the Texas band hastily played the national anthem. (No, not the Eyes of Texas.)

The Rice Owls know all about Gregory Gymnasium and the jinx. For it has been 13 long years since the Owls carried back a regular conference win to Houston. They've come close since then, but very, very close—and will try again on January 22, February 21 or 22. The Owls started magnificent, and the Texas Techers on cars again. To the Houston Oilers, who always win when their backs are against the wall, and to the Green Bay Packers, who never let themselves be put in such a position... and to the Tulane Green Wave, who are, period, and to Colorado, who finally made a recovery.

To all the people connected with sports—fan, player, and coach alike—we wish all of them a Happy New Year.

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Gymnasium Jinx—
(Continued from Page 1) second 27 points on his left hand shot. The Owls couldn't guard him closely, and Brown could pull away. Now the shoe was on the other foot. Texas led, seemingly out of the race, but could pull away. The Owls stayed with the game all the way, shooting distance, then pulled to 77-75 with two free throws coming. The first was in, but the second rimmed, missed. Three minutes to go...

Texas went up by three, back down to one, up again to three, and eventually led 82-80, with just seconds to go. In fact, there were only four seconds left when Longhorn missed a free throw, while rebounced, called time out before he hit the floor, and then watched in amazement as three seconds ticked off the clock.

Gregory GYM erupted, perhaps stimulated somewhat by a few Owls who charged the timecourt. After the storm Jim Fez threw the ball into Rhine, who buried the ball full-length of the court, only to find it hit just above the basket and bound away. The Jim had held...

It was impossible that night to recall February 22, 1961, when the Owls led a superior Texas team 77-72 with less than three minutes left, and possessed the ball.

Texas won, 81-79.
Gregory Gym had come together again.

Sigma Tau Picks 4

Sigma Tau, the honorary engineering fraternity, initiated four new members on Wednesday, December 12.

The initiation was conducted by Ray Wilson, Sigma Tau president, and keys were awarded to the new members by Professor J. S. Waters, faculty sponsor.

The new members are R. M. Artz, F. E. Grove, R. N. Joliet, and F. W. Sharp.

Erik the Red had no choice—but Vitalis with V-7 keeps your hair neat all day without grease. Erik the Red had no choice—but Vitalis with V-7 keeps your hair neat all day without grease.