RUTC forum discussion examines freedom, responsibility, complexity

BY HOWARD SIMMS

The results of this evening's discussion ranged widely in the forum of RUTC in the Physics Amphitheater last night.

The forum began with Dr. Steiger's discussion of the Biology Department, which stressed one's responsibility and need to study the effects of science. Whether a scientist is paid by the state or not, he believed it was one's responsibility and duty to contribute to the public good. This viewpoint was both true and commendable.

The forum was then opened to a heated discussion over the policies of the University. Some members felt that the University should be more open to student influence and input, while others believed that the University should remain in control of its own affairs. The discussion became quite heated, with students and faculty members arguing over the University's policies and their implications for the future of the institution.

JAMES A. CASTANEDA
Will Rice's New Master

WRC elects Alexander in run-off; Anne Jones voted president

Will Rice and Jones elected president of the first two college cabinets for 1969-70 this week.

In a run-off yesterday, B. Ford Alexander was elected president of Will Rice College. He defeated Zon Middendorf in the first of the college spring elections.

Anne Jones was named president of Jones in their election yesterday.

Rudd sick: Mark Rudd is ill and will be unable to speak at Rice tonight. He will be in Houston at Rice sometime between March 19 and 27.

CASTANEDA picked as WRC master; replaces Fulton at semester's end

BY CHARLES ZALIKOWSKI

This week in Rice's history, the death of C. Sumner Hunter, former First Master of WRC, left a void to be filled. The position of First Master is the most prestigious of all Rice positions, and many Rice students will undoubtedly miss the unique personality of Mr. Hunter.

Rice alumni and students have been saddened by the loss of Mr. Hunter, and many have expressed their thoughts and feelings in various ways. The student body has expressed its sentiments by signing the condolences book which was placed in the main entrance of the Rice Student Union. The book was filled with messages of sympathy and support from students, faculty, and staff.

Among the messages were those from Rice's administration, the Rice Student Union, and the Rice alumni association. The students expressed their feelings through various forms of media, including the Rice Thresher, the Rice Alumni magazine, and the Rice Student Union's website.

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The Rice administration was well on the road to making a grave error when it discontinued the ROTC program early this week. The proposal was that the university's disassociation from ROTC was necessary because of its disapproval of the military training activities from which the commissioned officers who now receive R.O.T.C. training must be repaid, with interest. "The Case Against ROTC" is expected or which at least some of the "political elite?" Almost all the facts. Moreover, these profits have been calculated on a per capita basis, but the per capita income of Iran's 25 million people."

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Fitzpatrick says military is simply tool of politicians

To the Editor: The current "dole" over ROTC sparked by the SDS again points out the childish and irrational thinking which seems to dominate this small group of handful radicals. Since nothing at all can possibly come from their emotional and melodramatic posturings, it is perhaps foolish to write this letter, but I think it will do my heart good to see both sides of a story for once in the lamentable Thresher.

As in his fiasco over the Johnson lectures, the militarist has again supported the suppression of freedom of speech and opportunity, which is an admitted goal of the Marxist-oriented New Left. All the while demanding recognition and approval of SROCU and the SDS, he denies the rights of the student desiring the benefits of life and the challenges of which is monetary. Perhaps a conclusion to be drawn is that any infantile in the face of present facts, ROTC will be implemented when the world is full of love, but the angry faces and the vile words of our little, nonpolitical, spineless, complete only one of us.

I admit my prejudices in this matter, since my father is in the military and has been working for twenty years for half the pay he could receive in a civilian life. He is ruled, however, by a regard and respect for his country and its people. I merely attempt to defend them against their declared and resolved enemies. Perhaps the members of the SDS would prefer to live in their dream world of good will, but any small amount of fairness should prevent them from drowning down a reluctant citizen into the catastrophic decision which could only follow the immediate establishment of our defense organization. Perhaps in a hundred years man will have advanced as far as the mind of the medical projects him; but for now, the armed forces and ROTC must remain, though voluntary, assets of any imperilment.

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Buynoski: don't assume conclusion

To the Editor: The SDS open letter of last week expresses only one narrow viewpoint of U.S. foreign policy.

While I am not going to claim that the U.S. does not think right, neither will I accept the view that this country is a neo-colonial, exploitative state. There is far too much evidence of Aramco and all which is incomparable and all which is incomparable and all which is incomparable and all which is incomparable. For example: recent developments only that of rice thresher, February 20, 1969—page 3
Willie Morris, the youngest editor of the nation's oldest magazine, Harper's, will talk about "Autobiographical Writing in America" at 8 pm tomorrow aburt "Autobiographical Writing in America." The Harper's editor will lecture on autobiographical writing at the Chese Lecture Hall. Two years ago, Morris attended the literary world when, at age 32, he wrote his self-proclaimed "autobiography in mid-passage," "North Toward Home." "No one at 32 should write his memoirs," wrote John Kenneth Galbraith of the book. "Wille Morris is the only exception. This is the most sen-

Harper's editor will lecture on autobiographical writing

Mississippi born

Morris was born and raised in Yazoo City, Miss., where he developed a fondness for baseball and writing, among other pursuits. Sent on a box by his father to the University of Texas for his college education, he later became editor of the Daily Texan, the student newspaper there. After four years at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, he returned to edit The Texan, a newspaper at the request of its founder and then editor, Ronnie Dugger. In 1967, he moved to New York to become the eighth and youngest editor-in-chief in the 118-year history of Harper's Magazine.

In "North Toward Home," Morris tells frankly and unpretentiously of his personal odyssey from the unthinking segregationist boy who once roughed up a 9-year-old Negro child without knowing why, to something of a literary lion in the high-powered intellectual circles of the East. Along the way, he relates how he escaped the UT Board of Regents when he editorialized in the Daily Texan against the oil depletion allowance, and ruffled the feathers of the John Birch Soc-

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Lee Otis Johnson: black victim of overt Houston racism

By KAROLYN KENDRICK

Life for any black man in Houston is tough. Police harassment takes many forms, including beatings in the police station park lot. Charges of police brutality are then billed by a Houston Grand Jury.

In 1967 a police bullet felled three black youths who were sharing a black's car to spark the TDU riot that resulted in five black lives being charged under the archaic Texas law with first-degree murder.

Life for a Houston black is tough, as if Lee Otis Johnson, you happen to be outspoken in addition to being black, justice in Texas in a Houston court is non-existent.

"Peace bond"

In the early spring of 1967 the administration of Texas Southern University banned the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee from the campus and dismissed the organization's faculty adviser, Mack Jones. Lee Otis Johnson and other black leaders organized a protest demonstration.

They were arrested, and placed under a "peace bond" of $5,000, which the Court of Criminal Appeals refused to lower. When supporters marched on the courthouse in protest, a hearing was set and the bond reduced to $1,000.

However Lee Otis Johnson was forbidden by the court from gathering with more than three people and forbidden to make public speeches.

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Lee Otis Johnson writes from prison. On April 14, 1968 Johnson spoke at a memorial meeting for Martin Luther King. He was sharply critical of Mayor Welch and Houston Police Chief Herman Short.

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SA debates constitution revisions
By LAURA KAPLAN
Discussion concerning the restructured Student Association constitution continued at the Senate meeting Tuesday night. Debate among the senators and four college presidents in attendance focused on three issues: the idea of a preamble which clearly outlined the philosophy of the organization, incorporation of the Student Association as a legally autonomous body with dependent student organizations, and abolition of the presidency.

Preamble, incorporation
Lee Horstman presented suggestions for a clearer preamble and internal structure in the constitution, drawn largely from a National Student Association publication on the role and structure of student government. He gave examples of such drawn from the constitutions of the Student Association of the University of Rochester and Temple University.

There was general agreement that a more explicit preamble would be an asset, and the frame of the Rochester preamble was approved, with a few minor changes, for the new constitution.

The suggestion for incorporation was also stimulated by Horstman's presentation. A large number of legal details would be involved with incorporation, however. Skaaren commented that he had contacted a lawyer who would be willing to work with the Senate on this project.

No decision was reached concerning the exact structure of the executive, because no general consensus could be reached. There is no argument against the three vice-presidents, but the role which would be held by a president remains unsolved under those conditions.

No class requirements
The major changes in the new document include the following:

The classes as voting units have been abolished, with the exception of the freshman class which will be disfranchised to elect its representative to the Senate in the fall. With this, there will be no class requirements for any Student Association officers.

The amendment procedure will be greatly simplified to require only a two-thirds vote of the Senate, rather than a three quarter vote of the Student body, which had proven almost impossible to achieve.

A by-law change will also require only a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Approval required
Ratification of the new constitution will require a two-thirds vote of the Senate, two thirds of the student body voting, and approval of the college governments on the pertinent pages. That is, since the college governments are defined as independent organizations, they are only required to approve parts of the constitution which directly affect them. In this case, it is the inclusion of college presidents in the Senate. Abolish SCB

In other business, Student Center Board Chairman Karen Skaaren suggested that the SCB be abolished as an independent organization. She felt that its budget was too small to present real log-name entertainment, but it was too large to be justified in terms of its present activities. Its main function has been to present movies on Sunday night, but this has been a failure in terms of attendance. Further, the Library Alumni Association recently volunteered to assume sponsorship of these movies.

Abolish SCB

The SCB gets a $1 allotment from each blanket tax. Horstman felt that the functions of the SCB could be effectively combined in the Forum committee, and that the additional funds would greatly aid their activities, which this year have included cooperating with various college presentations.

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Rice Campus Store
Overtime loss another one-pointer

By DAVID NORMAN

The Battle of the Court will surely take its place in the annals of Southwest Conference basketball as one of the great games since 1960 campaign. This now-historic date saw a confidant corps from Texas A&M troop into Houston, where they met the Rice Owls, and later limp from the court with the narrowed victory margin in a battle that had assumed the proportions of an epic struggle.

The Owls had concocted an effective ambush through the dual diversionary tactics of a disappointing season record and a deceptive defeat earlier at the hands of the Dongfanging Aggies. It is of note that the Owls threatened to blow the Aggie offense wide open earlier in the same week, with an actual victory over 1963-ranked Baylor and a moral conquest of 17th-ranked Dayton. Evidently advance Aggie reconnaissance failed to recognize these omens of impending danger.

So the Farmers dribbled unaware into a base-line screen of deadly shooting by marksmen Greg Williams and Tom Myers. With Gary Reit directing attack against an Aggie zone, the Owls either routed their way through to the basket with a pattern achievement effectively worked throughout most of the season, or stopped short and fired over Aggie defenses with their customary accuracy.

Despite the fact that Myers was relatively cold, hitting only 60 percent of his field shots compared to a usual 80 and 44 one-quarter points per game, he pushed the Owls to an early lead, and Williams and Reit maintained scoring pressure and team field goal percentage. And so the Owls dominated the first 36 minutes of action.

On defense, Steve Wemple again functioned as the pillar of strength that Coach Knodel rallied his forces around. The zone defenses he and his compatriots erected repeatedly parried the Aggie offensive thrust. Wemple should himself be awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery and devotion to duty in handling the Aggie behemoth duo of Burns and McKinney at the waist. The elbows and crushing bodies underneath the basket.

The A&M basketball team did have some fight left, however. With four minutes left in the game and Aggie tails between Aggie legs, with the scoreboard reading a 10-54 Rice lead on the scoreboard, Coach Shirley Metcalf released his secret weapon—the full-court press. It might have been given warfare as far as Rice was concerned. Owl responses froze and Owl coordination faltered. At the end of the one-minute blitzkrieg the Aggies had broken the back of the Owl uprising, and owned a 72-70 lead.

The rest is past history. Rice fought back in earnest another lead, only to be tied at the buzzer by a fantastic corner shot from the least expected source, post-man Peret. In overtime the Owls once again blotted out a lead, but Aggie momentum wiped it away and blunted Aggie back prevented Rice's last minute desperation attempt from falling in.

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That our circumstances must be changed fundamentally

and without these changes everything we try to do must fail

"Madness," Julio Cortazar says somewhere in the middle of "Hopscotch," "is a dream that has taken root." The dream is, if you will, Western civiliza-
tion; our metaphor for it is the mental hospital of Charonet, where the inmates are perform-
ing, for the benefit of a faintly eclectic but receptive audience, a précis of the French Revolu-
tion.

Scattered about the stage, each of us enacts his own au-
titide drama, but is subject to certain invisible and indepen-
dent rhythms which periodically bring us together to perform our clockwork mime of com-
merce, murder, or copulation.

It is the mechanism of history.

The important thing

is to pull yourself up by your own ear

to turn yourself inside out

and see the whole world with

fresh eyes.

Jean-Paul Marat cries out, in the midst of the chaos—told

then finds himself confronted

with a girl who has just died.

But now I'm aware that I was blind

and now I can see into your mind

and so I say I go

to murder you Marat and free

all mankind.

That is, of course, the dia-

gram of Peter Weiss' play,

which the Rice Players, after

six weeks of rehearsal, will

offer next Monday through Sat-

day at Hamman Hall: "The

Rice Thresher Section Two.

What we do not realize until

the simple initial instruction to

make something happen is

an anonymous error of

responsive madness is how wide

a range of experience these

cliques simulate and amplify,

even beyond the point of "pro-
tension." Because they are

cliques they are basic, but also

because they are cliques they

are denatured, unalterable,

evanescent. The first fact

means that we cannot escape

from them; the second that

they offer us no emotional certain-

ly. There is no dependable reality

but the terrible energy with

which they show themselves.

Physically.

Reteceive

This is the emotional circle

completely entering from

the simple initial instruction to

accelerate and develop a per-

sonal eccentricity. I worked on

some twitches and ticks that I

had noticed myself using in cer-

tain moments of stress, and slowly
developed them into a fairly

inertial style of bodily

movement.

This itself was easy and

safe enough to do; but when these

habits were put into the con-

text of reacting to and partici-

pating in the play, an alarming

danger and consequence began:

a twitch is an unstructured dis-

charge of pure nervous energy—

energy therefore easily shaped by what is going on around it.

Mental Struggle

I found myself developing

character whose response

was directly and fanatically to the cinematic emotion of the situ-

ation, without regard to sex.

And now I go

Why does everything sound

soft?

"I am left with a question

that's always open" says Sade.

in a voice which is unfeelingly adequate to his play. The last

word is not spoken by either

of the principals, but by the

anonymous inmates in their

final song. Irrespective of its

patriotic lyrics, it welds them

through sheer physical rhythm

into a maddening instrument of re-

venge upon the audience. The

found rules almost perfectly

suited to their particular talents.

Bennett Fall's flashy Sade

rather perplexes me, but his

authority (the whipping sound) is firm: Roberta Reeds (Corday),

Angel Silva (Marat), Ruth Mc-

Gil (S imone), and Donald

Bayne (Hour) are very good,

and I am extremely impressed

by Charles Tanner's Marat.
more threshing
Uniforms and universities —
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visors, machinery, educators, and knew-how there would be no developing nations. You could have given Egypt all the

Brown Scholarship. Give away that all field that George E. Brown convinced the Trustees to purchase back in 1942 as well as the $27 million it has yielded to the endowment fund. And, my goodman, Brown led the highly-successful $83 million campaign, so give that money away, too. Most of it was derived from capitalistic profits anyway.

Your demands sound pretty ridiculous when put in a context like that. Rice University would be in a bad way if it had not been for the personal sacrifices of time and money that Mr. Brown has made. And he is not the only one. If the University is to assume financial responsibility for all those students presently at Rice unable to continue without ROTC financial aid," then should it not also assume financial responsibility for those students who are at Rice because scholarships from capitalistic corporations such as Continental Oil, General Motor, Gulf, and others? The right to help secure the free-society and your "freedom for all" are not the only ones in the hope that future generations, more enlightened than we, will be able to secure complete freedom (within the limits which must be established in a viable, functioning society) for all men in perpetuity.

It is paradoxical that you are all oil companies to the world is the very reason the existence of a strong, capably-officered United States military establishment, strategically deployed throughout the world is the very reason the United States military establishment, strategically deployed throughout the world is the very reason the world.cannot, against their military intervention are numerous. Ask the students of these countries the consequences of speaking out against their establishments.

The right to take ROTC is the roject to me that "the students, and all students who are at Rice on paper. If you doubt it for a minute, think about HUNGARY. Think about CZECHOSLOVAKIA. KIA. Other examples of such military intervention are numerous. Ask the students of three countries the consequences of speaking out against their establishments,esium to the U.S. "imperialism" is USSR aggression? How long would your so-called "liberated society" and your "freedom for all" survive if the Soviets in control of Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America? The right to take ROTC is the right to help secure the freedoms we now have for ourselves and others in the hope that future generations, more enlightened than we, will be able to secure complete freedom (within the limits which must be estabished in a viable, functioning society) for all men in perpetuity.

It is paradoxical that you are determined to dismantle that system which guarantees your right to do so.

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Group questions Thresher objectivity and academic value

To the Editor:

In the past, it has been our opinion that the appropriate response to the rantings of the Thresher was laughter—to protest either the content or conclusions of Rice’s “student newspaper” seemed as pointless as crying out against the babbling of children or delusions of madmen. However, your last issue is outside even the usual Thresher limits of poor judgment, bias, and plain dishonesty, and hence requires comment.

For a start, there are the “Colleges Press Service” items on pages one (“Implacable honesty, and hence requires judgement, bias, and plain dishonesty, and hence requires comment”), five (“Palach self-immolation . . .”), and six (“No understanding”). To imply—by the use of headlines and datelines—that these items are news is completely dishonest. The bulk of these “stories” is personal opinion; the very few facts contained are selectively chosen, unrepresentative, and, in at least one case, untrue (“. . . no press censorship of significance in Czechoslovakia . . . “Oh!”) We suggest that the Thresher concern itself with news, not with propaganda disguised as news.

Now in regard to the editor’s impartiality: once again you allow Karolyn Kendrick to wow us with her detachment and objectivity as she describes Erwin Kelly’s speech about San Francisco State. Miss Kendrick has previously shown us her ad- ministration for free speech and fairness by helping to harass and shut down a visiting lecturer in the Chem Lecture Hall last month. She then described the events to the readers of the Thresher, in a description equally as distorted as her present article.

That you allow her, and others, to use the Thresher to distort the facts while “reporting” campus events is an insult, and leaves some doubt as to your devotion to the truth you claim to love.

And then there is the editorial—stuffed full of the usual dribble such as “. . . ROTC is inconsistent with academic free- dom.” The question of academic freedom is wholly irrelevant so long as the courses are voluntary. In addition, the question can only be raised legitimately when an instructor is prevented from teaching that which he considers to be the truth. Have any of the ROTC instructors at Rice complained of such a hindrance?

As to “academic value,” we will take your concern about the quality of ROTC courses seriously when you turn the same vengeance against the abundance of “jelly-roll” courses in the academic and S-E curricula.

In closing, our purpose is to protest this year’s Thresher. We hope that in the future the Thresher will perform its appropriate service of objectively reporting the news; our emphases is on the words objectively and news.

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Military is essential –

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large professor, physicist, machinist or dicto dinger, and cer-

tainly legitimate a position than that of a professional revolutionist.

The fact that different skills are necessary to be a competent military officer then these skills necessary to be an anthropo-

poles does not meanumps, there is no place for ROTC in the University. Chemis-

tist receive different instruction than does a historian, but that by no means implies that chemistry has no place in the University.

Similarly, whether or not ROTC courses are easier than other courses offered by the University is not essentially re-

levant to the issue. There are many yes self courses offered, such as Math 104, Physics 101, and Engineering 200 that are of inferior academic quality to the upper level ROTC courses. Mr. Bahler is wrong when he states "any personal of an ROTC text-book should be enough to prove that these courses have negligible academic value." We invite him to the NROTC build-

ing to observe the evidence.

Who would think of an his-

torian teaching physics? Like-

wise why should anyone but military personnel teach ROTC? Who better knows the subject than the man whose vocation it is?

We admit that ROTC is cer-

tainly different from the rest of the University in respect to its structure and course content. The science and engineer-

ing departments are necessarily structured differently with different course content than are the academic departments.

The military is an area of man's reality as essential to the education of the individual and the understanding of society as Commerce, football, physi-

ics, English, and the Thresher.

Mr. Bahler seems intent upon censoring of the University. Our former President, Lyndon Johnson has no place on cam-

pus, so we are told, because he is "immoral." The underlying reason is that Mr. Johnson disagrees with Mr. Bahler. Mr. Bahler desires ROTC on cam-

pus not for the reasons stated but because ROTC presents a viewpoint not in agreement with Mr. Bahler.

The Thresher gets a subsidy of $6,000 a year, earned from the student body at the begin-

ning of the fall semester. Mr. Bahler will receive approxima-

tely $600 plus $20 a month

business expenses this year. We

have heard two character as-

sassinations of two Presidents

by a bigot masquerading under

the disguise of a liberal college

editor. Somehow we fail to see

how the quality of Mr. Bahler's

verbiage has matched our fi-

nancial investment.

Why is an idea, a belief, or a

position so wrong simply be-

cause Mr. Bahler or Mr. Denny

disagree with it? If ROTC is to be driven off campus, then let us also remove the Thresher, the SDR, and half the rest of the University.

We maintain however that the jock, the weanie, the SDS, and the administration all have equal right to a position on this campus. If the students of this university are to receive a liberal education, then it is im-

perative that all views be aired and all organizations be rep-

resented.

Mr. Bahler is overly dramatic

in his emphasis on the power of advertising. Suppose the in-

coming freshman is "indoctrinated" by this advertising into joining ROTC? he is under no obliga-

tion until his junior year when he signs a contract obligating him from two to four years in

the regular armed forces. Any-

one is free to desert at any time he wishes up to his junior year. There are quite a few stu-

dents on this campus who can testify to this. We invite Mr. Bahler to discuss his other ac-

cusations with the ROTC units on campus who can testify to this. We invite Mr. Bahler to discuss his other accusations with the ROTC UNITS ON

CAMPUS SO THAT HE MIGHT LEARN A LITTLE

about their operation instead of relying upon the view he gets from the second floor of the

RMC.

We the undersigned faculty, students, and staff of Rice Uni-

versity are not in explicit agree-

ment with the entirety of the forgoing analysis; however we-

are in general agreement with the overall view expressed.

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