end the war

In conjunction with the National Vietnam Moratorium on October 15, the Student Association, Forum Committee, and Student Center Board have planned a series of activities, highlighted by a series of speeches in the Miller Outdoor Theater in Hermann Park from 3 to 6 pm.

The three main speakers will be U. S. Congressman Bob Eckhardt, State Senator Barbara Jordan, and dean of the TCU Law School, Kenneth Tallant. In addition to these persons, tentative plans have been made for at least two Rice students to speak briefly concerning the war.

A march by Rice students will assemble at 3:30 pm in the quadrangle and proceed across Main Street to Hermann Park for the speeches.

The Student Center Board is sponsoring an exhibit entitled "Reflections on War" to open Tuesday night, October 14, at 7:30 pm, with a film presentation at 8 pm in the RMC. The show is a multi-media view of the diverse aspects of war to be presented in works of art, photos, films, and sounds.

Beginning at midnight there will be a vigil at Willy's statue and a Reading of the Dead from the list of Vietnam casualties. Interested persons should contact Bennett Folk in the SA office on the second floor of the EMC.

Dr. Paul E. Pfister will be the main speaker in a program for the "Rededication to Peace" at the RMC Wednesday morning. Throughout the day, students and faculty representatives will conduct teach-ins around campus.

The Rice Players production of "AMERICA Hurrah!" by Jean-Claude van Itallie will conclude the Moratorium activities. The show will run Oct. 15-18 at 8 pm in Hamman Hall.

The SA has commanded the call for a moratorium on "business as usual" to the attention of the students and faculty. There are no plans for a suspension of classes, but individuals are encouraged to observe the moratorium as they see fit.

Perhaps the most significant expression of public disorder in history will occur next week. Moratorium Day will be far more than a nationally coordinated student effort: Congress, Wall Street, churches, even entire cities have joined in declaring a temporary halt to normal activity for the purpose of expressing opinion and discussing the alternatives to the disastrous and demoralizing war.

Those to whom the show of opinion is directed are already running scared. President Nixon's office has begged for a moratorium of its own: an end to the moratorium. The Young Americans for Freedom have engaged sympathetic attorneys to handle suits against professors or administrators who prevent YAF members from attending classes that day. And the President of the United States has defiantly proclaimed that he will not "be affected whatever" by such shows of opinion.

The ludicrous sight of the "all-American" college student filing suit because he got a day off from class is balanced by the incredible statement by an elected official that public opinion will not affect him.

The extent and strength of discontent must be made known. For once, the factionalized U. S. peace movement has agreed on something: a date for a concerted effort to make its strength felt, in a legitimate, peaceful and orderly manner.

October 15 then becomes the date on which every American must make his stand known.

The management of this nation, the loss of its resources (not the least of which are its dead, disaffected or diverted young people,) and the shameful manifestations of its military and economic power must be ended.

Let us hope that the President will be affected.

Ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American nation. Over the last few years, millions of Americans have campaigned, protested, and demonstrated against the war. Few now defend the war, yet it continues. Death and destruction are unabated; bombs and fire continue to devastate South Vietnam. Billions of dollars are spent on war while the urgent domestic problems of this country remain unattended. Moreover, the war has had a corrosive influence on every aspect of American life, and much of the national discontent can be traced to its influence.

The discredited policies of the past which have brought about this American tragedy have not been changed. We follow the same military advice which has created a futile and bloody conflict while we cling to the same policies which have caused the Paris negotiations to falter. The token displacement of 25,000 troops over a three month period simply is not the substantial change in policy that is so desperately needed.

Thus it is necessary for all those who desire peace to become active again and help bring pressure to bear on the present Administration.

We call for a periodic moratorium on "business as usual" in order that students, faculty members and concerned citizens can devote time and energy to the important work of taking the issue of peace in Vietnam to the larger community.

If the war continues this fall and there is no firm commitment to American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement on October 15, participating members of the academic community will extend the entire day organizing against the war and working in the community to get others to join us in an enlarged and lengthened moratorium in November. This process will continue until there is American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement.

We call upon all members of the university community to support the moratorium, and we commit ourselves to organize this effort on our campus and in the larger community. We ask others to join us.

The above "Student Call for a Vietnam Moratorium" has been signed by nearly 800 college student body presidents and campus newspaper editors, including the president of the Rice student body and the three editors of the Thresher.
The Establishment had been too busy publicly to destroy the first significant opposition that had existed in the US for a long time. Freedom of dissent had been pushed too far. Aid was being turned because the situation was tense. The political science course proves the nation had just right of the students, who have dominated the situation, to make decisions that concern them. The establishment had acted as it did, for the people that count are the minority that runs society.

The end will be the same, whether the establishment has acted to as it has. The freedom of expression in the United States is still a fundamental issue.

Zack Murray
Editor-in-Chief

Rice hosts meet of Tau Beta Pi

The Student Conference on Development and Education (SCED) was held at the Shamrock Hotel on Thursday, October 13. Tau Beta Pi members were awarded with certificates for their achievements.

David Weekley, president of Rice University, presented the certificates to the students.

The Rice Student Senate passed a resolution to invite more students to the conference, and the invited students were appointed to the conference committee.

Mr. Rice Sena supports moratorium letter

The Student Senate unanimously approved a letter Tuesday to the students expressing their support for the establishment.

The letter states, "We fully support the establishment in its efforts to maintain peace and order in the United States. We believe that the establishment has the right to act in the best interest of the students."

The letter was signed by the entire Student Senate, and it was sent to the students along with the resolution.

The letter was read in the Student Senate meeting on Tuesday, and it was approved by a show of hands.

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Playwright's Showcase to present 'a gentle anti-war play' this Friday

Amid all the talk of "Vietnam" and "protest," playwright's Showcase at the Asty House has been quietly preparing "a gentle anti-war play" of its own for presentation starting this Friday. Billed as such by its director, Roger E. Glade, the project is a "Summertree" by Ron Cowen. It is the story of a boy and his family during and after the war that every student is afraid might be his own.

The reason Glade gives for doing "Summertree" is not to pol- lute, "Although we can never war a shameful affaire rather because the play employs an extremely delicate climatic tech- nique to carry the action."

"It is rather like a movie, except that all the scenes are set chronologically under Glade explained. The order in which they appear seems senseless, but exactly is precisely constructed emotionally."

The author is not able to view events in the light of what will happen, as well as in the light of what already has happened.

The connection drawn in the first paragraph would be much easier if Rice people will admit that they also have a need - that to become socially aware of the entire limits of Rice Univer- sity. "Social awareness" has un- fortunately become a cliché by this time. If you would like to help to this social situation go and talk to one of the following and then really go and do something - to help; etc. Suggestions welcomed.

I have never had such a fine group of people in the college community. It is to some a place to be an orphan or an old. Rice is a com- munity of 2400 people.

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Jones social concern

There are two simple facts which have in most cases been unexplained. Houston is in some a place to be an orphan or an old. Rice is a com- munity of 2400 people.

This play has to flow," he concluded, "and I'm doing my best to be certain the scenes between episodes don't stop.

"Summertree" opens this Fri- day night and continues Fri- day and Saturdays at 8 p.m. for the next three weeks. Tick- ets are $1.50 and reservations can be had by calling the Asty House, 524-3168.

Mathematics problem: If 100 American soldiers are killed this week; if 500 Viet- namese are killed this week; if the blooded number of what Ameri- can politicians refer to as North and South Vietnam- eans (fighting men are killed); if 10,000 are captured and 600 people left dead, homeless, or "relocated" to American concentration camps, then how many days has it been since a Viet- namese child was shot at, and friends left in positions of power before just one direct action to relieve them of such, to look in safety deplorable place where they will be forced down David Rockefeller's agenda.

In the outer limits of Rice University there is an of- ficers who haven't the gump- tured children from toddler to halibut of rats, unorgan- ized people, sickness, unpaved roads and depression. Houston is to some a place to be an orphan or an old. Rice is a com- munity of 2400 people.

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There was no alternative press in Houston before we came," says Vicky Smith, one of the six co-founders of the News. "Some of us got together and talked last year," she said. "Later, after getting some ideas at a southern underground press conference in Atlanta, we decided to investigate the possibilities in Houston." Vicky, 25, graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism. Later she worked as a printer for SDS in Chicago before going to LINS.

The first issue came out June 5. Thorne Dyer, a 24-year-old alumni of Bellaire High School, said that the Space City staff were able to recognize a viable New Left community movement in Houston for the first time.

There had been isolated ele-
ments of radical thought be-
fore—at U of H, TSU, in the black and brown communities, among workers," he said. "But before very recently there was no real 'movement' to which more than a few could relate in a comprehensive way."

No alternative

Before SCN began operations this year, there was no press medium for the presentation of radical perspectives; the conservative, establishment-controlled Post and Chronicle conveniently neglected (and still do) to give more than token acknowledgement to the existence of social and structural problems with which radical elements have become involved.

"We want to show people that struggles which seem isolated are actually very closely as-

This idea held. He cited the problems which students face in their attempts to fight segre-
gation, the draft, and pig-
embodying the exploitation and degradation of women; the plight of black and brown-skinned Americans; and the war in Vietnam as examples of issues which are connected on local, national and international lev-
els of concern.

"Having initial difficulties with harassment and fund-
raising, SCN's circulation has
hurt. There's doubled in the last months of its existence. More than 15,000 copies of the first issue, which dealt primarily with the Jones empire and the Houston "Foundation," were distributed. One Space City spokesman estimated that the effective circulation was actu-
al about ten times greater.

Distributing

From the beginning, distribu-
tion has been one of the paper's major problems.

"A couple weeks ago we had about 20 retail outlets handling the paper," Dyer said. These included mainly newstands and record shops in the city. Be-
cause of certain pressures, how-
ever, certain dealers, particu-
larly in the Westheimer area, have systematically discontinued handling the News.

"We think they were intimi-
ated by the Klan," Dyer said.

The largest increase has come from street sales. Salesmen include SCN staff, who find selling a convenient way to supple-
ment their incomes, and kids who work for the offi
f, pick up a batch of papers at ten cents apiece, and sell each for twenty
cents.

Community service

"Not only does this get the
paper distributed," Dyer said, "but it's also a community serv-
ise. The kids make a dime from each copy they sell, which is more than a lot of them could make at any other job."

The salesmen have encoun-
tered very little harassment on the streets, according to Vicky Smith. "People are generally very open to the paper," she said. "Reading overcomes the 'take a bath' and 'get a haircut' crudities about 10-11."

Street sales, subscriptions,

and advertising revenues reach the point where they now match the costs of pro-
ducing the paper every other
two weeks. It wasn't that easy at
the beginning. The initial funds necessary to start operating came from a variety of sources: principality fund-raising; credit benefits to the personal sav-
ing accounts; and a small amount from the personal sav-
ings of some of the staff.

"Raising the money was pretty hard at first," says Vicky Smith. "There had been quite a few failures with similar Houston ventures before, and people were a bit reluctant to do a cause they didn't think would be successful."

Collective

Editorial policy and all other decisions affecting Space City News are made by a collective of the six individuals who were re-
ponsible for the enterprise. Each has equal functions and power; there is no other editor-in-chief.

One member of the collective said, "We were opposed to hav-
ing one individual responsible for the enterprise-making. At the same time, we felt it was nec-
essary to have some sort of structure to give the paper a sense of continuity and perma-
nence."

For these six, working the News and its ever-increasing number of sections has been a full-time job. There are other
staff, however, who collect at the

the current issue contains a well-researched a.d. objective article on the Houston Endow-
ment, Inc, a foundation which controls a large portion of the city's land and resources. This accor-
ding to the SCN staff, is to be the first of several "smack-
Maked" pieces aimed at ex-
posing certain institutions. Fu-
ture articles will deal with hos-
pitals and health care: trans-
portation; and pollution.

The response to pieces of this nature has been very good, one mem-
ber indicated.

In the bulk of the paper's copy is usually devoted to articles dealing with at-
tempts to expose the inherent corruptions of the "power-estab-
lishment." These pieces assume any of several formats: lengthy, re-
search articles dealing with so-
cial problems, oppression, and solutions (Vicky Smith's scrutinizing series on "Abortion" is an example); opinion pieces which attack such things as the war in Vietnam and the black-brown struggle; and pieces aimed at exposing the radical elements in Houston into a viable Hou-
sonton radical "movement."

A primary goal is to expose the masses to the result of an overt conspiracy by a small elite group; the prob-
lem, views from a radical perspective, stem from inherent flaws and inadequacies built into the

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Vietnam analysis – continued

After careful planning, Hanoi set up the National Liberation Front in 1960 and started sending large shipments of arms and supplies to the guerrillas in the South. By the year's end, nineteen village chiefs and supplies to the guerillas in the South. By the end of the year, nineteen village chiefs

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The war is not one of aggression in the strict sense. The majority of the Viet Cong are disgruntled South Vietnamese who probably have good cause for revolution. South Vietnam is civil war bolstered by North Vietnamese regulars.

Thieu

Late in 1961, the first American soldier died. In 1962, we began our direct intervention. In 1963 there were 13,000 American soldiers in Vietnam; today there are 500,000. “But why?” Diem was assassinated in 1963, which was the only way to get rid of him. This was a long term investment in the future of South Vietnam. The eventual strongman who emerged, General Thieu, is certainly a vast improvement over Diem.

This act of blood, while necessary, created a chaotic situation almost resulting in victory for General Giap and Uncle Ho. The new military regime were on the same level as the guerrillas. They had themselves usurped power using revolutionary tactics.

Today, after much blood, sweat, and tears, the Viet Cong are in a worse plight than ever before but still fighting and still not defeated. Continually harassed, their morale has decreased and desertion has increased dramatically. Wild disconnected attacks following no particular strategy have been the only offensive actions in the last several months.

Has our involvement in Southeast Asia been worth the price? Is continuous involvement warranted? I think the answer to both questions is yes.

Muggeridge

Let me, however, say precisely what I mean by “yes.” My “yes” is a complex answer. I think that Malcolm Muggeridge, the English writer, has said it best:

"If I hate the Cold War, as I do all wars; but I have to recognize that it exists, and that it can't be by its nature be settled even by the withdrawal or surrender of one side. If, for instance, the Americans were to withdraw from Vietnam, the Cold War would then probably blow up in an active form in Asia or India and the Americans would be faced with the same dilemma in those areas.

...I cannot say that I am in favor of the intervention of the United States in Vietnam, any more than I am in favor of the intervention of the Chinese or the Russians... nor can I say that I am against the intervention of any of them because I recognize that, given the present state of affairs in the world, they consider that their intervention is an inescapable obligation. In other words, under no conceivable present circumstances will the South Vietnamese he left alone to arrange their own Government and way of life..."

Cold feet

This is the plight of the world in the middle of the twentieth century. It seems to me false and dangerously misleading to suggest that any particular aspect of this plight is capable of a solution in its own account, any more than, when I have a fever, it can be cured by cooling my hands or feet..."

"I hope that the world will recover from this sickness; but until it does, I will not comfort myself or others by pretending that the tragedy of Vietnam is due to American or to Communist aggression, or that the withdrawal or surrender of one side or the other would end or even ameliorate the tragedy."

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College administrators plan tactics to deal with dissidents

By RICK FITCH

College Press Service

New BAM members have been welcomed to the rice thresher with the news of the reemergence of masks. This fall, he has surveyed 60% of the American society. The cover clause facility of the people as well as the public, and the maximum penalties are the desired of the foreman of the labor dispute, the student member has jurisdiction in misconduct cases. The University has a real and problems, which permeate all aspects of the Rice community and in Hermann Park.

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("TV") portrays the h o m e o t o x i c of a minefield, tasteless form which is steadily over- taking the American mind, turning its audience into one large society of simulation comedy characters.

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Owl fans see Blue shades of 1966

BY THRESHER SPORTS ANALYST

Well, you can bet the ranch nobody's going to come from behind to beat the Owls this week. The schedule has given them an open date, an assignment comparable in fancy only to a reduction in size for the Tin Soldiers of VMI. The ball club gets a break, and those who watch the Owls wish they had a break.

This notion of the Boys in Blue seems very much like the 1966 bunch. That team was also young and inexperienced, and its spirit was the same blend of despair and enthusiasm that the Owls have today. Unfortunately for the 1966 group the spirit was not directed to the changeover to the Hagan regime, and last year's record attests to the fact that those sophs never achieved their potential. A better future, let us hope, is in store for this bunch, for they seem to have the making of greatness.

The 1966 team was a good one despite its unimpressive record—only two wins. It could just as easily have had only two losses, for it was seldom out of any game, Texas, and Arkansas, and of course LSU, should be the only games this year's team has no real chance of winning. Unfortunately this 1968 bunch has above signs against both Cal and LSU of having the same fatal flaw which kept the 1966 Birds from flying even when they were a lead and the clock dying, giving the ball away without a kick—a lot of people will spend next winter sitting around and wondering what might have been.

A major difference in the two teams is that while the 1966 team beat some people and scared the rest by lighting up the scoreboard, this year's—despite the presence of some several studs on the attacking platoon—lacks the defense. The secondary doesn't seem solid yet, but it has come a long way and is making its own sizable contribution. Overall this unit would appear to be on a par with any in the conference when it comes to stopping folks. Since 'you've got to stop the other guy from beating you before you can think about winning, defense seems the logical place to start building a winner.

A little more offense surely wouldn't hurt, though.

The main problem with the offense is a foolish lack of discipline in the design of the running attack. The problem is compounded by Hagan's aversion to putting the ball in the air, for it is only by throwing the ball that Rice can create any indentation on the part of the defense. His adamant refusal to pass against LSU—a team nobody has, and nobody will, run well against—killed hopes of even a close game. Against Cal the Owls came out throwing and the ball well as long as they kept putting it in the air with some regularity.

Inexeplicably, in the third quarter the Owls suddenly stopped thinking they moved to a 21-17 lead. It didn't really seem to make sense, for more than a quarter is a long time to try without a lead as thin as four points. The decision turned out to be, as much as anything else, the turning point in the game. If Rice, with the lead, could have gone into the end zone again, Cal's frenzied scoring drive would have served only to decrease its embarrassment to making the margin of defeat small.

Instead the Owls, with a chance to take command, saw their offense die and their hopes of victory come tumbling after. We can't count poor Rice—he hasn't had enough experience holding onto leads in his career—but let's hope from now on that when he sees a Rice lead by a few on the board, his only thoughts are of how to turn the fives into many.

Owls' defense fails to live up to the expectations of many Owls fans. The Owls' defense was comparable in ferocity only to a wildcat's jaws when it comes to stopping folks. Since 'you've got to stop the other guy from beating you before you can think about winning, defense seems the logical place to start building a winner. A little more offense surely wouldn't hurt, though.

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Hooters edge Comers, take lead

In the best game of last week's intramural football action, the Hooters upped the Comers to retain first place in the Wednesday league.
notes and notices

Rabbi Marc H. Tenenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, will talk on "The Stark White Relation: Myths and Realities" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 16 in the Rice University Memorial Chapel.

He told open to the public, without charge, is part of the Chapel Lecture Series.

A historian, writing in Commentary magazine, recently called Rabbi Tenenbaum "one of the leading figures among Jewish ecumenists" in the fields of interreligious, intercultural relations and social justice.

He is president of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, a coalition of Catholic, Protestant, black and brown community leaders devoted to organizing deprived ghetto citizens for their own development.

At Vatican Two, Rabbi Tenenbaum was the only Jewish religious leader in Rome at the time of the voting on "The Jewish Declaration" and was consulted on the document by Catholic and Protestant leaders.

Tanenbaum here for chapel series

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