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SA awaits decision on gym use for Hoffman engagement

The Student Association Senate formally notified Dean of Student Affairs Wierum yesterday of their intention to sponsor the appearance of Abbie Hoffman and Leonard Weinglass. The notification, which was accompanied by a formal request to use the facilities of the Student Center and the Rice gymnasia, was made the day before the vote in the Student Center Board was scheduled to be held. The Association indicated that they had issued the invitation which they issued last week.

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A sign displayed across the front of the Grand Hall read, "Free speech has not yet reached this University."

The SA released a statement at that time endorsing the position of the "local radical movement" in drawing the Hoffman invitation "on the basis of the rulings of the independent courts in cases of student expression." To enlarge upon the issue, the paper said that Hoffman would "probably speak at Rice the evening of April 12."

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The statement whichSEQ. it was, in its terms, "contemptuous;" to give in to the force from the outside, and that if freedom of speech did in fact still exist, Hoffman and Weinglass must be permitted to speak. Earlier on Tuesday, Abbie Hoffman, newly-appointed chairman of the Student Senate, held a press conference to announce that her committee had voted to withdraw the Hoffman invitation.

The statement which she released was agreed to by the members of the Senate and the Women's Committee, which had voted earlier Tuesday in a special meeting to uphold their Sunday night decision, which had been to support Hoffman's appearance on campus, subject to security measures.

But he said that because of an undercurrent of vigilism combined with events on the Rice campus over the past few days, he could not permit Hoffman to speak at Rice.

"We must face the realities of the moment," Vandiver said. "I feel that my responsibility to realities." The Senate reaffirmed their stand that day in a statement which concluded, "We reaffirm our commitment to bring Abbie Hoffman and Leonard Weinglass to Rice.

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Challenge to Integrity

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Concern with behavior not beliefs

It is not a good policy to deny Rice students the right to select outside speakers of their choice to talk on campus, however odious we might consider the speaker's beliefs. It is worse policy to foreclose the speaker's right to select his own campus audience. The Freedom of Speech Committee is for the development of the academic point of view, Rice students and faculty, and the university community as a whole. Two kinds of conditions must be employed in a policy of free speech: (1) those which are inherent in the system of free speech and require no alteration; (2) those which can be changed by mutual agreement and require no alteration. By this standard, some speakers are appropriate for campus discussion, while others are not. The former are those whose speeches are of general interest and are not impugned by any allegations of violence or incitement to violence. The latter are those whose speeches are limited to specific issues and are likely to be divisive if not controlled by the administration.

Freedom of speech is an absolute which cannot be diluted by the imposition of conditions, or by the creation of new forms of speech which would violate the bounds of the community's sphere of right and responsibility. A free society is a democracy, and democracy requires an atmosphere of free speech and academic freedom which, by all reasonable standards, merits respect and deserves the support of all reasonable people. This university must move now to restructure itself, to port the University Council proposal as an important step in this direction. This university must move now to restructure itself, to port the University Council proposal as an important step in this direction.

Rice University, 1970
University Council proposed as a forum for shaping policy

The University Welfare Committee has proposed a council to advise the president in matters concerning the university community. Their communication and as follows:

It is recognized that ultimate responsibility and authority for the operation of the University is vested in the Office of the President. Before reaching decisions affecting the academic life of the University, the President would wish to be apprised of the attitudes of the various elements of the University. The changes proposed here are, therefore, aimed at establishing effective means of communication between the administration and other parts of the University.

A. The University Council
1. Composition

The primary organization for the discussion of policy decisions should continue to be the Faculty Council, to be renamed the "University Council." Two standing committees should be added to the membership of the Council, presently composed of elected faculty members, the President and five administrative officers. The Council may choose to make further alterations in its composition, but only by affirmative votes of the President and of at least two-thirds of the complete membership of the Council. Elected faculty members must constitute a majority of the total membership. The total membership shall not exceed 20.

(a) The University Council may establish guidelines, with the concurrence of the President, for the selection of Administrative Officers, College Masters, Departmental Chairmen, and Chairmen of the Standing University Committees, and may review the procedures followed when such appointments are made. The University Council shall also establish, with the concurrence of the President, the membership of the Standing University Committees.

The University Council, in consultation with the President, may, if necessary, review the performance of the above-mentioned appointees, and, should circumstances warrant, recommend termination of such appointments.

(b) The University Council should actively participate in the determination of general plans and goals for the University. They should be aided by access to all relevant information. The burden of achieving constructive cooperation in these matters would be in the hands of the Council and the President.

(c) Recommendations for tenure and promotion of faculty members shall be reviewed by the University Council and either approved or disapproved by it.

(d) Modifications in curricula and degree requirements shall be approved by the University Council before further action.

(e) The University Council should, when necessary, review and recommend changes in the operation of such academic-related programs as the College, the athletic program, the ROTC, and the Business Office.

(f) The faculty membership of the standing committees of the University shall be responsible to the Council and to the President.

(g) The University Council should appoint a constitutional committee to draw up a constitution or book of policy for the operation of faculty affairs. This committee should be in charge of the Faculty Council.

The faculty members on the standing council to report within a University council shall be members of the Faculty Council, a committee independent of the University Council. They should elect from among their members a Speaker to serve as a presiding officer of Faculty Council meetings, and University Council meetings that the President is unable to attend. The Faculty Council should meet separately when they deem it necessary.

C. A Forum for Public Faculty Debate

The first item following the President's announcement on the agenda of such meeting of the general faculty shall be a period of open discussion. After the open discussion (Continued on Page ?)

Drouilhet hits money contribution

To the Editors:

In recent years it has been fashionable to question the morality of university investments in various corporations. On the other hand, no one has ever mentioned the morality of paying honorariums to certain speakers who appear on campus.

It is one thing to pay a controversial speaker for an appearance, but quite another to pay a convicted criminal for his services, thus subsidizing criminal activities.

Such an issue has arisen in the case of the visit to Rice University of Abbie Hoffman and Sandy Weinglass, one of whom is a convicted criminal. Allowing him to speak free, with only travel expenses paid for, is justifiable by free speech arguments; but the free speech argument cannot be used to force paying him $250.

Financial subsidization of a criminal's efforts cannot be excused; once he effectively faces his audience to pay his fines, he has the privilege of hearing him speak, his right to be heard and that audience's right to hear him most certainly can and should be overload.

The right of free speech should not go hand in hand with the "right" of a criminal to raise funds for his own use. It is indefensible that the Student Senate has provided Abbie Hoffman with such an opportunity.

I regret being a member of an organization (the SA) that now sponsors what can only be termed fund raising benefits for proven enemies of American society.

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Baker, '70

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At the beginning of the 1970-71 academic year, the controversy was referred to the Welfare Committee, a committee composed of nine faculty members. The precedent for this step had been set in previous years. Pirtle’s 1965 decision concerning disputes between faculty and students and a student organization which called for 8:30 pm as a normal security procedure. Moments later the committee, which affirmed the right of the Student Council Board to consider Hoffman and Weirung, subject to stringent security precautions which stated that he would not rescind the tenure decisions. Dr. Alan Grob told a group of the students who had gathered at 1 pm to discuss the events leading up to the Hoffman controversy. It took the fire to be set up the event, could have been set up the event, could have been set up the event.

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Theatrical production of "The Comic Illusion" by Pierre Corneille is presented this week by the Jones College Theater. The play is playing to enthusiastic audiences.

The plot of "The Comic Illusion" involves the son of a father who is a famous magician. The son is considered a failure and is not noticed by his father. The play begins with the son, trying to find fame and fortune as a magician, but his performances are lackluster. His father, on the other hand, is performing at a high level, but the son is embarrassed by his father's success.

The play is set off by a dramatic entrance of the lost son. The magician, doddering, benevolently omniscient, conjures up a play within a play to summarize the melodramatic sexual and social consequences of the last scene. The end of the play is a surprise ending that is also a theory of the life art relation. At this point the order may reevaluate the whole thing as a Pirandelloesque, Navakovsky, Barchian, Borgen (some, "modern"), bafflingly obscure, pretentious play about Illusion (life is art, after all, but when you get down to it).

In the Jones production, a different response is more appropriate. Take the play as a campus period piece in which characters strike excessive poses and call each other such names as "insolent knave" and "impudent fool." The farcical melodrama is uneven but generally funny.

Angel Silvia plays a marvelously braggart soldier, though her bravura and physical style tend to lessen the presence of the other actors. Becky Greene and Janet Hudson do nicely in roles calling for quick shifts in amorous emotion. Curt Lang is effective in the leading role, but Silvia rules the scene when he is on stage. After he runs away in the next to last act, terrified by rumored valets, the play never really recovers.

Miss Taurog's translation succeeds in capturing a period of elegance. The text displays a resourceful English, often deviating from the literal to natural English vocal effects and witty cadences.

One wishes that the performance were more consistently stylized, playing up rather than smoothing over the played-upherent artificiality, stressed by the ending. But Miss Taurog's direction gives coherence and elegance. The text displays art, after all, but when you get down to it.

If you miss this premiere of Miss Taurog's production of "The Comic Illusion" you will probably miss any production of it forever. But there are plenty of other reasons for seeing it.
By PETER ROBIE

Tenure issue still pursued through SA, committee actions

The purpose of this article is to acquaint people with Dr. Milburn's tenure at Rice and the fact that his SA is taking issue to his granted tenure. We hope people will show a continued interest in this issue of tenure, for we have already lost too many good teachers because of the undemocratic process by which tenure decisions are made.

Dr. Milburn did his undergraduate and graduate work at Rice. He received his Ph.D. in German in 1934 and became Assistant Professor in German at Rice. At the same year, he had already held the post of Lecturer, a Faculty position, for two years before he became an Assistant Professor.

The fall of 1968, Milburn was tentatively recommended for tenure by the chairman of the German Department, Dr. Kahn. During the Masterman incident, Kahn called the German Department together and instructed the professors that they not to discuss the crisis with any students. This invasion of the teachers' political rights was ignored by the procedure of the faculty members of the Department.

When the Masterman incident was resolved, Dr. Milburn was notified that the recommendation for his promotion had been reversed and pealed this reversal to the Faculty Council. The Council postponed the final decision on Dr. Milburn's tenure (and the tenure of three other members of the German Department, Drs. Topletz and Koepsel) for one year. They also assured the professors that the decisions on tenure would be handled by the Dean, Hansmann (Dr. Milburn) instead of the German Department chairman.

When spring of this year rolled around, the Faculty Council began to discuss whether or not a decision should be granted to these teachers. A month ago, it was determined that the four German teachers had all been turned down (even though one of them, Dr. Koepsel, had been promised tenure when he came to Rice). The SA formed a committee on tenure and teaching to investigate these decisions, and some opening facts came to light: 1. Unknown to what the Faculty Council had promised, the chairman of the German Department, continued to make decisions on matters relating to German, Lawy- era tenure; 2. The Faculty Council had done nothing to evaluate the teaching ability of Dr. Milburn (or of any of the other professors recommended).

The committee has concluded that the SA Committee that they will reconvene and restate the case of Dr. Milburn if we can provide the SA with Dr. Milburn's good teaching and outstanding university standing. The committee has also decided to send this letter out to all of Dr. Milburn's former and present students, asking them to evaluate Dr. Milburn's teaching ability. In relation to Dr. Milburn's university service, the Hanszen Cabinet followed the following resolution last Mon- day (April 6):

"We, the Hanszen Cabinet, unanimously urge the Faculty Council to recommend to the University Council the tenure of Dr. Milburn, tenure, both on the basis of good teaching and outstanding university service as a Hanszen Associate. Dr. Milburn has been one of the student's best associates, teaching one of the most popular college courses in the university (the rock music course), acting as a personal counselor to many members of the college. We feel that if Dr. Milburn left the university, Rice would suffer enormous loss."

The SA Committee asks any- one who has any statements about Dr. Milburn to address them to the Committee immediately (i.e., not later than April 10). We will have a definite state- ment about Dr. Milburn's tenure before the end of the year.

Interviews set for SA committees

Interviews for student posi- tion: University Faculty Committee will be conducted April 12-17. Several of these committee members will be present: Faculty Committee, 1 study report; Faculty Committee, 2 study report; Faculty Committee, 3 study report. All interested students should contact the SA office for further information.

The positions include the following: Faculty of the Undergraduate Committee: Admissions, 1 student; Faculty of the Graduate Committee: Salubri- ty, 2 voting members; Examina- tion, 2 voting members; Stu- dent Health, 1 voting member; Religious Activities, 1 voting member; Student Health, 1 voting member; Undergraduate, 2 voting members; Undergraduate Curriculum, 2 voting mem- bers; Undergraduate Teaching, 2 voting members; Undergraduate Experience (UCB), 2 voting members; and Undergraduate Council, 2 voting members. The student commit- tee for which a chairmen is to be appointed, are the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEDP) and the Student Comm. on Admissions Policy (SCAP).

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Shelton, Mark Thurston, Don—attended the training sessions, Ellis. The members, chosen are Ronnie Dutcher, David Board, and is operated by a self of at least two more. One of these is he Student Association. It is counseling centers, with plans for have started three draft coun-

troup of interested people who will counselors for the Houston area. The will be in front of the RMC on Tuesday.

Environment — On Monday, April 20, at 2 pm, Dr. William Cooper will open Environmental Awareness Week at Rice with an address in Hamman Hall entitled "The Nature of the Environmental Problem: A Systems Approach." Dr. Cooper will follow this address on the same date with a talk in the Lovett College Commons at 7 pm entitled "The Balanced Design of Society and the Environment."

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books to be mailed are due in the Rock Campus office no later than Wednesday, April 15, on the second floor of the RMC.