Committee recommends Commerce Dept. dissolution

by DOUGLAS APPLING
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
This article paraphrases the report and the recommendations on the Commerce Program prepared by the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum. These recommendations have been passed by the University Council and submitted to the faculty for approval; they will take effect after passing two readings. A chronology of the reports on the Commerce Department is included to give the recommendations of the various committees some perspective. February 1971—A proposal to establish the Commerce Department was passed by the faculty "with substantial controversy." March 1971—A second committee chaired by Professor Fulton reported on the Commerce Program and made several recommendations, among which was to continue the program with another review at the end of three years. March 1975—Acting President Vandervoort appointed another ad hoc committee to study and evaluate the Commerce Program, chaired by Professor Schum.
April 1971—The Schum Committee report, setting out six alternative proposals concerning the Commerce department, was submitted to President Hackerman. November 1971—The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum, in a practically oriented business, will be among the first national examples to be extensively used in architectural education." Crain explained that the Center will have direct authority for contracts and grants and its financial management will be separate from that of Rice University.

January 11, 1973
Rice incorporates non-profit architectural design center

Rice University President Norman Hackerman today announced the appointment of 12 prominent Houstonians to serve one-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Rice Center for Community Design and Research. With the selection of the Board, the Center becomes operational. It is a non-profit public foundation incorporated in the State of Texas for pursuit of education and environmental design, planning, and research. Hackerman said that the Center was developed primarily to provide educational experience in "real world" design problems for Rice graduate students in architecture. "The Center will serve as an important teaching tool," he said. "It will provide an additional means for involving faculty and graduate students in advanced research and will be a new resource for the University's contact with the community," he explained. In addition the students will receive both academic credit and compensation for their work in the Center. This becomes an alternate form of salary for graduate students.

Several members of the Board are nationally known educators and practitioners in architecture, urban planning, and business. These include: a Practicing Director of the Rice School of Architecture, a nationally known educator and practitioner in progressive health care services. George Pierce, principal in the firm of Pierce, Goodwin & Flanagan, Architects, P.A. President of the Texas Architectural Foundation and Texas Society of Architects, and a Rice alumnus active in University and community affairs.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and referred them to the faculty for their consideration. In November 1971, the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum received a petition from the Commerce Department to "recommend to the general faculty that the Department of Commerce be made a fully accredited undergraduate department of the Humanities Division of the University, with its courses open for elective and/or major credit as appropriate to all students." After considerable discussion and a consultation with President Hackerman, the Committee took up the tasks of (1) evaluating the present requirements for students in the new Center. UNSCR graduates with honors

by FORREST JOHNSON
The Architecture Department never really builds anything. Some variants from buildings to complex to whole city but only in model form. So, if your project won't fit on a coffee table, you've got a monster. An exception occurred last year. Students in Arch 300 were told, "Design within a cube something of use." John Mirk and Al Prüstt interpreted this to mean that they could build a geodesic dome. Geodesic shapes were first used for cartography and later applied to architecture by Buckminster Fuller. They approximate a sphere, or section of a sphere, with a symmetrical surface of simple geometric shapes, chiefly triangles. Prüstt and Mirk's first attempt was an eight-foot-high model from material about as sturdy as Tinker Toys. They scrapped it and tried again with stronger stuff. They spent (Continued on Page 5)
Holcomb defends textbook test

To the Rice Community:

I would like some of the circumstances and ideas pertaining to the writing and publishing of A Short Collection of Comments Concerning the Place to be publicly known so that certain misconceptions encountered by Steve Jackson's article in the November 30, issue of the Thresher might be dispelled.

First, it must be understood that I was responsible only for the writing of the text. Layout, typography and general design were left entirely to others. Leighton Road has told me that he and Bonnie Hiskins did the final layout and I believe Frank Favelic, editor of the 1972 Campanile, was responsible for the photographic work.

Second, I organized and wrote the book with two purposes in mind: to provide students with the most significant information in the least amount of space and to provide a thoughtful consideration of experiences gathered while at the University.


Fifth, I have provided an early architectural history of Rice and Muir. It was not written for the students; it is a mere collection of personal letters from William Marsh Rice, paying particular attention to the development of the plans. McEnany, Kobrasky, Winship and my personal experiences can account for all stories cited in the "People" section.

McEnany has made many "vagaries" in his book, and not rulers or design. Since it goes.

I am grateful to those who have helped me in the preparation of this book, several of whom I mention. Just a few names: John Kobrasky, Robert Winship, Dr. Clark P. Reed, and Skip Smith.

Lee deeries "R" Room subsidy

An open letter to the Board of Trustees:

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to several requests for financial contributions to the Campanile, a student newspaper at Rice University. In 1971 I attended an alumni dinner in Washington where Dr. McCants mentioned the announced construction of a $250,000 addition. Dr. McCants emphasized that it would not impose any cost on the budget of the University. I have now learned that the University made an interest-free loan to the R.A. to finance this construction.

Just as in 1970 the U.S. taxpayers pay over $8 billion in 1970 to provide credit subsidies to various groups in our country, it is only fair that students of Rice University thousands of dollars to provide our credit subsidy to the R.A. I resent being given partial and misleading information by the administration of Rice. The Board of Trustees and the administration demonstrate that they are able to exercise responsibility and honest management of the university's funds, I will not support any effort to increase these funds.

Sincerely,

Douglas Lee, Levin '70
Staff Economist
Joint Economic Committee

Psychiatric Service under study

To the Rice Community:

To evaluate both our present Psychiatric Office and our informally structured counseling system, we need your help. After interviewing the staff of the Health and Psychiatric Services, we have been told by the counselors at Rice with personal problems, the Student Health Committee has been formed to gather student opinion on psychiatric services at Rice. These questionnaires will be sent out on this coming Monday to a random sample of the student body. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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Job counseling tests planned

Basic career counseling tests will be offered, primarily for freshmen and sophomores, but open to all undergraduates on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17. The tests will be given by counselors of the Vocational Guidance Service at 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. each day in Sewall Hall 301. Interested students will be given appointments for the tests in Lovett Hall 101 by Friday, January 12. There is no charge.

Those who cannot meet any one of the four times specified for the tests may meet with the counselors, who will be available in Sewall Hall 301 Monday through Thursday and in Lovett Hall 101 on Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Students will receive results of the tests in about three weeks and may at that time arrange appointments with the counselor for interpretation of the tests.
Stephen D. Baker, associate professor of physics, has recently been appointed as the new Hanszen Master at the Rice University.

The position of the master is an honorific one that has been held by prominent figures in the history of Rice University. Previous masters include H. W. DRIVE, tower-zenith geodesic dome. It was designed and built by the late J. G. Sherman, who also served as master. The dome was completed in 1963 and has since become a landmark on the Rice University campus.

The dome is a five-story structure with a diameter of 118 feet and a height of 150 feet. It is made of steel and weighs approximately 1,600 tons. The dome is used for various purposes, including as a gymnasium, a lecture hall, and as a venue for special events.

In recent years, the dome has been used for a variety of purposes, including as a site for scientific research and as a location for cultural events. It is also a popular location for visitors to Rice University, who often tour the dome and learn about its history and significance.

The dome is an important part of the Rice University community, and its presence on the campus serves as a reminder of the university's commitment to excellence in all areas of endeavor.
NSL backs CRADF in fight for student air discounts

Through the sponsorship of the National Student Lobby and Continental Marketing Corporation, the COALITION TO RETAIN AIR DISCOUNT FARES (CRADF) has been formed.

On December 7, 1972, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced the results of their Domestic Passenger-Fare Investigation: "that youth standby, youth reservation and family fares are unjustly discriminatory and that family and youth reservation fares are also unreasonable." The Board also declared that "cancellation of these fares pending further hearing on the question of an adjustment... is normal fares.

The purpose of CRADF, according to Russell Lehman, President of Continental Marketing Corporation, a youth fare card sales concern, "will be to alert every traveler affected, advise them that they may lose out from 35% to 50% in fare reductions if they don't act now, and provide them with a vehicle to express their views so that they will be heard."

An open appeal is being mailed to all college newspapers in the form of an ad that can be placed by the editor as a service for his readers. The ad will carry several home letters, to be signed by readers, appealing to Congress to act on legislation that can pave the way for continuation of these discount fares. The letters will be submitted to the CRADF Office in Washington, D.C. where they will be systematically sorted by Congressional District, counted to measure response, and finally to be submitted to the proper Congressmen.

National Student Lobby leaders will then go into action. They will visit the members of the House and Senate Commerce Committees in an effort to get at least one Republican and one Democratic sponsor for necessary legislation from each chamber. They will work with staffs of the committees, aides, legislators, women, and other groups interested in preserving the discount fares.

On February 28th a National Student Lobby conference will be held, with students from all parts of the country in attendance. The conference will consider three students and two children.

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Some 5-million students traveled using this discount fare in the past year. This contributed to unfair price reductions if they don't act now, and provided them with a vehicle to express their views so that they will be heard."

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Owl cage season opens with great defense but little else

by BILL JONES

With this article, The Thresher Sports Staff takes its final pre-season look at the Owl basketball team. The Owls played some six games while the student body was recuperating. Included were two home games which drew crowds almost large enough to warrant using several rows of bleachers.

Before an estimated 1,000 people, (students, cuts, hot-dog, players, and coaches) they opened their holiday packages with a relatively easy 72-56 win over VMI. Although the first half was close, the Owls easily pulled away in the second half against an inferior VMI team, forcing Keed-Fast's home-to everywhere to hope that Murphy Streakfield would return. Rice featured no real scoring leaders as several players scored less than 15, but greater than 8 points. But, yea, VMI is as easy to pull away in the second half. The Owls dropped their first home game in the Owls dropped their first home game at the Owl basketball team.

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most reasonable. Unpopular alternatives

The Committee's deliberations over the past months have been frustrating and drawn out. The Committee has focused its discussion on the reports prepared by the Patton Commission, the Rice Commission, and by Professor Hale; interviews with students, faculty and student buildings; and written proposals from various faculty members. The Committee also found helpful meet-

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America on film as Marvin Gardens and a promised land

by H. DAVID DANGOLO

Sometimes a film works so hard that it’s difficult to recognize all of its other responsibilities, and the inevitable result is a rather stilted film.

But such successes are not unattainable. Bob Rafelson and company have obviously worked hard on their film The King of Marvin Gardens not only to produce a film but also to create an uncondi-
tional statement as well. This is a doubly difficult feat, and success in varying de-
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move restrictions on the courses but keep major, (4) Change the administration of the pro-
gram, (5) Improve business re-

lations and faculty salaries, but re-

tain the present restricted status, and (6) Eliminate the Commerce major, but continue to offer Commerce courses on an unrestricted basis.

On the basis of the discussion presented in this article, the Committee voted unanimously that the Bachelor of Commerce Program be phased out, that the program be continued only until students enrolled graduate, and that students who are

now enrolled in Commerce should be allowed to count Com-

merce courses as a required ele-
vative electives if they transfer in a Bachelor of Arts Program. The Committee also voted (with one dissenting) that the Commerce Department should be phased out as well.

Intellectual obligation

The Committee recognizes that Professor Hale has clearly stated that the University has an interest in the students of the Commerce Program well, has maintained the Commerce Department with very limited support and has assisted and directed by another

coordinator, Lawrence Anderson, and Nicholas John-

son, PIOC Commissioner.

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Economic Preview of 1973 —

This year's Economic Preview will be presented by the Houston

Chamber of Commerce, will dis-

cuss prospects for construction, finance and marketing in Houston for the coming year, January 17.

If you wish to attend any of the above programs, applications must be filed by 3 p.m., Jan. 15 in the SA Office.

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Ms. Bell: On Wed & Fri.

Bob: Nice, attractive young man.

Ms. Bell: I don’t think so.

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The 1972-73 academic year and loss credit in the course in which the violation occurred.

Diaphragm—A student has been placed on disciplinary probation for the spring semester of 1972-73 academic year for an Honor System violation.

Prints—A special two-day exhibition of original lithographs, woodcuts and woodcut prints will be held between 9 am and 9 pm, April 17 and 18 in the Bire Memorial Center. The exhibit by the Lakeville Studio of Lakeville, Michigan, contains prints by old and modern masters including Abbeert Duveen, Jacques Callet, Georges Roux and Pablo Picasso. Also shown will be works by contemporary artists Leonard Haskin, Gato Andriacici, Mark Tohey and S. W. Hayter. All work is to be displayed and are available for purchase.

Senate plans giant bull session

On Monday night, Jan. 22, the SA is sponsoring "proof of vacam," to find out what Rice students think about the Vietnam war. Join us in the Grand Hall.

To be held in the Grand Hall of the BMC, the program will take the form of an extended question-answer and debate session. Those interested in debating should contact the Senate.

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