Richard Collins

In order to represent the needs of students throughout the state to the Legislature in Austin, student governments from about 30 Texas colleges and universities have created the Texas Student Lobby. Rice was active in the formation of the Lobby and hopes to use it as a vehicle for informing legis-

lators on those issues affecting Rice students, both through visits to legislators, committee hearings, etc., and through the general lobbying program of TSL.

The Lobby is an offshoot of the Texas Intercollegiate Stud-
ent Association, to which the FA has belonged for several
years. Following the establish-
ment of a Board of Directors consisting of four state-sup-
ported and four private universi-
ties, TSL members considered
issues which might have effects
on students and chose six of these as the ones on which to

concentrate.

During the opening of the ses-
sion, the TSL office in Austin
has been a busy place. Seven
students from UT and South-
west Texas State have register-
ed as lobbyists, and students from other member schools have traveled to Austin or hosted receptions for legislators in their areas.

Here are the issues with which TSL is concerned together-
with some comments about
how they are faring in the Legis-
latives. Rice students will have
a chance to voice their stand on
these issues during a refer-
endum held in conjunction with the upcoming elections. The results will be presented to members of the Legislature.

Tuition Equalization

The Tuition Equalization
Measure passed during the
previous session set aside over
$1 million for Texas residents who attend private universities, within the state.

To be awarded on the basis of need, the amount for this pro-
gram was increased for this

ear year to include the fresh-

men classes which entered this
fall. In order to continue the
program and extend it to two more entering classes, thereby reaching steady oper-
ating levels, funds must be ap-
propriated under the Measure for the coming biennium. TSL is working with
Independence Colleges and Univer-
sities of Texas, the group which secured passage of the original bill, to assure appropriations of

$6.6 million for 1973-4 and $9.8

million for 1974-5. This pro-
gram is potentially a significant source of financial aid to Rice students in years to come.

Reform of Marijuana Laws

TSL is lobbying for the fol-
lowing changes:

1. Decriminalization of pri-

vate possession and use of

marijuana.

2. Amnesty for those present-

ly in prison due to the current

marijuana laws.

3. Decriminalization of non-

profit sales of small quantities.

There may be as many as 20 bills introduced on this subject. Those already introduced range from one to strengthen cur-

rent laws (by Lindon Williams of Houston) to one providing for decriminalization according to the guidelines above (by Ron Waters and Craig Washington of Houston). It should be pointed out that decriminaliza-
tion is not a step toward legalization; while possession

of marijuana would no longer be a criminal offense, sale for profit would remain so. Sen.

Neil Havens.

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Rice joins Texas Student Lobby; referendum on issues set

by CRAIG COLLINS

The Consumer Fraud Division of the Harris County Sheriff's department has a new head. Marvin Zindler was replaced as

chief of the department by Lt.

John Killian when Jack Haas

took over as sheriff at the first

of the year.

Zindler had put new life into
the department during his re-

cent reign. Dealt out in ex-

cessive suits and cowboy boots, the former shirt salesman was often in the news. Reporters and photographers often ac-

companied him on his raids of
dishonest dealerships. He some-
times became Devil with anger

when people told him how they

were cheated and, using a variety of methods, would get

immediate results.

Early last summer, I had oc-

casion to deal with Sgt. Zinder.

I was charged for over two

hours of labor time for a car

repair, though I waited only one hour for the work to be

done. I was told by the com-

pany that they always charge

the same price for that parti-

cular job, and, furthermore,

that I should be delighted that

they fixed my car so promptly. I

was promised a "whale of a
deal"; I got a whale of a bill.

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To the Rice Community:

Miller praises Thresher, security

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Janes laments bird's plight

To the Rice Community:

SA lifts RFP by-law restrictions
Texas Student Lobby ... (Continued from Page 1) comes out of the house, because these laws will not soon be reversed at the polls. TSL is working with the National Organization for Reform of theIllegal Drugs' (NORML) to craft its case. This week there will be NORML meetings at the colleges and the YMCA. NORML is gathering signatures on a statewide ballot, a prerequisite to getting theAlot of people are coming out to help with this task, the Self-Study Committee in the RMC or at ext. 3830 Richmond.

The findings of the four task forces will be presented for public review and comment at the February 15 hearing. Other task forces reporting will be Education and Prevention, Judicial and Law Enforcement, and Legislation and Funding. The task groups have been gathering data on drug-related problems here for the past year. McCurdy said the major goal of the Project DARE task forces is to develop and initiate a plan for the prevention, control and treatment of drug abuse. Final reports and recommendations of the task forces will not be completed until after the public hearing. Project DARE is funded by a $150,000 federal grant to the Harris County Mental Health and Mental Retardation. MHR has contracted with the Council on Welfare Planning and Administration for implementation of the grant.

As of Wednesday, only 7 out of 32 SA offices have been filed for, and no race is contested. Filing deadline is Friday, Feb. 13. Complete statements must be in the THRESHER office by 10 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

JFS provides special counsel

Sharon Blond, a social worker from the Jewish Family Service, is available for counsel- ing of Rice students. She is located in the Clergy Room in the annex of the EMRC each Thursday from 18 a.m. to 1 p.m. Miss Blond emphasized that the one-on-one advice is provided for all students, regardless of denomination. She explained that there is a need for a separate service for Jews because they may relate most easily with one of "the tribe." "When someone says that their Jewish mother is known, I know what they're talking about," she said. She described the service it provides, being basically social work instead of psychotherapy, dealing with the "here and now" of a problem. "We don't look to the sidereal period looking for answers."

Persons wishing to consult with Miss Blond should make contact by calling her at the JFS, at 667-0335 X 1222.

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department, last year, some 500
students enrolled in 20 men's
intramural events ranging from
softball, football in touch & field
to handball. And that's with a
student body of only some 2400
students. In addition the various
sports clubs participate in dis-
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Rugby to Karate. Faculty lea-
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many sports.

In spite of this interest, the
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could really need is a new basketball
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Next view the intramural program. The program at
Rice is as active and competi-
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Butterflies are free, and other truths, in two local plays

by R. DAVID DANOLO

I have always maintained that a three-character play is close to impossible to do, and view members of the genre with an inbred discomfort—not a predetermined viewpoint, mind you, because I always have my doubts. Unless, of course, the play is being done by people I hate (which hasn't happened, speculators).

Butterflies Are Free is basically a three-character type play with a fourth walk-on, which seems to have been added to provide what is usually, desperately needed—i.e., a new face to break up the tedium. Butterflies avoids the need by being attractive and radically pleasant throughout. Don Shewey is quite good as a blind panther-kougar with heightened senses that lead him to rebellion in a downtown garret. Don Burne, nineteen-year-old divorcee Jill Tanner (Shelley Moore) is also mired in the same condition, but can see. This happens to make her emotionally retarded to boot, but, at least the logic throughout the show is consistent.

The comedy in the script is adequate only when it's delivered correctly, which our three players do with surprising frequency. In other words, it's funny—in a neat, unoral kind of sense.

Most of the plot is handled with minimum suspension of disbelief and maximum ingenuity, to the credit of director Kim Hanson. He seems to have mastered the art of changing moods quite well, though other things. The actors extend real emotions, also to their personal credit, and sometimes actively communicate, even with their eyes. Shewey's eyes work well in what seems to be an authentic, "blind-as-a-bat" world (his make-up, though, seemed to suggest more than a fringed cotton bag). Moore's eyes sparkle when she really gets moving and loses opening night jitters. Her stamina is excellent though, and these disappear with plenty of time left for her to develop a good characterization of an "it" girl out of Hollywood's immediate past. The same kind of an "it" girl was played by Televa Barnes in Don Shewey's and Marty Ewell, a silly school girl transformed by Ford in a most lovely way; Rod Rich as Alma's suitor all maintain their small roles with elegance.

Unfortunately, Williams has provided this company in the Southwest Theater with a very good play, and with something to say, but has done it with a rather heavy hand. "In the Village" isn't a straight play in theater-in-the-round, or semi-round, is an impediment, rather than a novel way to present a play in a strange and unsuitable mode. Butterflies is played a little straighter and easier, and will run through Saturday.

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notes and notices

Lecture — Lionel J. Castilla, Controller, City of Houston, will speak Thursday, Feb. 22 at Ham in 314 Sewall. His topic will be “Revenue Sharing and the Cities: The Houston Case.”

Law — Notre Dame School of Law will interview prospective students on Tuesday, Feb. 29 at 3:00. All students individually invited if desired will be from 2:30-5 p.m.

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Machinists are free ads for Rice people. Buy, sell, trade, in full your stuff. Call 314 Sewall, RMC, or call the Rice Library and ask the first reader on duty.

 Anyone with information on a house becoming available in May or June for roommates, and within biking distance of Rice, please contact Kit Carter, 521-6979.

To whom it may concern: The Rice Campus Post Office and Rice Mail, 528-8360, are no longer combined.

The Rice Program Council wishes to announce that it is now easier for children and their parents to attend their scuba classes, which will be held over Spring Break. For information on Abortion, Medical Referral, call Houston’s Choice, 740-7238.

For sale — Fine Kona 740 Stereo headphones, Bargain price. Can be picked up when Rice Players are playing Tuesday, March 12. Call 521-5985 and ask for Tom.


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