ELECTION

An Other Venomous Election Year?
Student Association President

Beller

University organizations, when compared with college governments, often appear disorganized and aimless. While the actions of the colleges are usually considered purposeful and serious, there is no one "college loyalty" to which the university organizations can appeal. Consequently, the function of intercollege groups such as the Student Association are often misunderstood by the students and under-valued by the administration.

The problems which arise from misjudgments concerning the functions of groups are in part from students' inability to work together outside the college. With no "college spirit" to bind them, many students become disillusioned with university affairs and inevitably add to the confusion. These students are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

I have worked for the past three years in both college and university activities. Within Richardson I have learned to work with people. I can do what I work together with a sense of dedication. As president of the SPC I have seen the need for college interaction and have worked to coordinate activities involving people from all colleges. It can work well with my peers, because I realize the importance of determination. In the college and university, I have worked with people to be part of the solution.

The Student Association President must accomplish his goals by working with many different types of people. A good president must appreciate the college system, and know how the university organizations can work. The Student Association should help the students to interact by providing a common meeting ground. If we don't work together, then the S.A. has no function. If we do work together, we can make a real difference.

Barber

This year's Student Association has done nothing. It's nobody's fault, but it's everybody's loss. Over $4000 of your dollars went down the drain, and the SA still hasn't done anything to improve security or food service, it hasn't brought any speakers to campus, and it hasn't even made any real efforts to reach off-campus people or help the college as a whole in their endeavors. It's been a bad year, and it sometimes seems we organized and did the SA all together. But there'll have to be a case. The SA doesn't have to do nothing. It can have an impact, actively within the Rice community, but "beyond the hedges" as well. The colleges do a fine job of handling most internal matters, but they can't do it all. The S.A. should handle the Escort Service—it's not fair for one or two colleges to bear the burden for all of our security. The SA should also coordinate other campus security efforts—the Masters and Presidents have enough to worry about already. And the SA should look into Food Service—somebody certainly needs to. The program does not currently fit the needs of most Rice students, nor is it optimally profitable for the University.

Outside the confines of Rice, the SA can have its most vital role—as the coordinator of lobbying efforts among student organizations throughout the state for reforms that would improve the quality of life in Houston, change that would make the Houston police no longer a source of fear, change that would get streets around the city resurfaced so every venture outside campus wouldn't necessitate realing your tires.

The 2500 undergraduate students at Rice can't make much of a difference in Houston by themselves. But supported by some 100,000 schools that we hear about, but still provide our student body with many needed services. Just because we don't hear about the plans and activities of the S.A. every week doesn't mean that it is not hard work. Our S.A. has probably not been as active as many other communities which needs to be built upon and expanded. Working in the area of external affairs, my first priority will be communication. Communication is essential to develop new ideas, to improve community relations, and to reduce the amount of repeated work. It is a two-way street and also the first step toward a successful year. I look forward to the opportunity of working with the newly elected officers and of representing the Rice student body. I hope that each of you will support the S.A. this coming year. Thank you.

External Affairs VP — Cockermah

All of us at Rice have a vague idea about what a student association is, and what it is supposed to do, yet our unique college system makes many of our activities different from the "average" student association. Granted, our S.A. probably has not been as active as many other colleges in any of their endeavors. It's been a bad year, and it sometimes seems we organized and did the SA all together. But there'll have to be a case. The SA doesn't have to do nothing. It can have an impact, actively within the Rice community, but "beyond the hedges" as well. The colleges do a fine job of handling most internal matters, but they can't do it all. The S.A. should handle the Escort Service—it's not fair for

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Internal Affairs VP — Muller

Looking back through several years of election statements in old Thresholds, I was struck by the way they all sounded the same. Statements that the S.A. was not working properly were obligatory, as were promises to work hard for the student body. Obviously, some of these promises were not carried out, since every year candidates have unfulfilled the same problems in the S.A.

The truth is that much of the work which the S.A. takes care of is pretty mundane. There are important jobs, like recommending people for the University Standing Committee, but there are also less consequential matters which must be attended to.

Most of the inconsequential things are handled pretty well, as are, I think, the more important things like the standing committee recommendations. The S.A. really fails only in those areas in which Rice undergraduates can easily be interested in the University. The S.A. cannot demand changes from the Administration, no matter how important, if the rest of the University is not interested.

I am very concerned with the declining condition of Fondren Library. Other matters, such as getting a student into the meetings of the Board of Governors are important—but these are problems which will not get worse every year. On the other hand, Fondren Library is at the center of a question involving Rice's future academic capacities, and it is a problem which definitely gets worse every year.

As Internal Affairs Vice President, I can do little but try to understand and to act on the problems which interest people concerned with the Library. If you are interested, please write me at Lovett College.

Thanks for your consideration.
**Butler**

"Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one."

-A.J. Smith, Dallas Times-Herald editor

The Thresher is your newspaper by definition; at least, that's what it says on the fine print on page two. Its primary purpose ought to be community service—keeping you informed of events on campus and in the university administration.

Yet in recent years, the Thresher's principal goal has been to present a clean picture of Rice to the students, rather than survive. It has had little time to consider the issues in this race for student office. I was chosen over the numerous applicants for an internship at the Houston Chronicle, and have been working there since May, 1977. I learned about the daily newspaper layout and production in addition to acquiring in-field training on the Harris County courthouse beat. I covered trials in both civil and criminal courts, including the $7.6 million Ash Robinson personal damages suit, the Joe Torres trial and probate litigation over the Howard Hughes will in state court.

Currently I am the Rice correspondent for the Chronicle, a writer for Sallyport, the Rice alumni magazine, and a member of the Thresher staff.

During my sophomore year, I took a leave of absence from Rice to study journalism at Texas A&M, which has a well-respected journalism department. I took courses in reporting, editing, layout, production, mass communications, technical writing and magazine writing. I am a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the journalism society, as well as the national Women In Communications Organization.

Last year I worked full-time for The Battalion, the Aggie newspaper. I saw The Battalion transformed from a mediocre, unexciting, typically "Aggie"-level publication to one capable of achieving first place in state competition and the Texas Press Association award for excellence. With the talent available at Rice and the experience I gained at The Battalion, I believe it is possible to dramatically improve the content of the Thresher. By implementing changes in layout, staff organization and the quality of writing—as we did at A&M—I am confident we can make the Thresher again competitive with other college publications.

I am sure I can do the best job and give Rice the kind of paper it deserves. If you would like to talk with me about my qualifications or plans, please call me at 526-8501. I would greatly appreciate your support on election day.

**Sullivan**

I think few people would disagree with the statement that the Thresher is not perfect. After all, Pulitzer Prizes aren't exactly cluttering up our wall space.

Many limitations are imposed on what the Thresher can accomplish by the simple fact that we're students, too. That means we have papers, exams, and all the other miserable stuff that goes with being a student at Rice.

Many of the Thresher's other shortcomings, however, could conceivably be eliminated. These problems are caused by the lack of planning that goes into many of the issues. In the past the editor has had so much of his time consumed by the effort to get the next issue to the stands, he had little time to consider what the Thresher would be doing in the next week, never mind what would happen the next semester. Unfortunately, this situation precludes the kind of long-range projects and special features that would make the Thresher more valuable to Rice students.

This same lack of planning means that production is usually put to the staff members and post regular office hours. This would make the Thresher more available to those people who need to get some item in the paper. Campus events would receive better publicity, and less of the paper would be filled with boring, dull material.

I ask you to carefully consider the issues in this race and my opinion in the S.A. elections tomorrow.
Senior Honor Council

Wenkert

TO THE JUNIOR CLASS: I am a junior, off-campus member of John College, and a Rice/Chem major. My name is Deborah Wenkert, and I'd like to be your representative on the honor council.

A university with an honor code has many obvious advantages over one without. It provides a more relaxed test atmosphere, improves the student many freedoms, reduces the dependence of one's grades on one's ability to take tests.

I was somewhat sceptical of the Honor Code when I first came to Rice; smart people aren't necessarily trustworthy, so what prevents the dishonest from cheating? I now believe it works as well as, if not better than, the testing procedures of other universities. A system based on honesty encourages a sense of pride. Hearing their peers speak admiringly of someone who has cheated and not been caught can encourage a student to try it himself. I have never actually seen anyone at Rice praised for having cheated; it would be absurd for two reasons: one, the chance of being caught, and the other, the cheat undetected, and it would be a violation of the Honor Code not to report such a conversation to the Honor Council. The fact that the members of the honor council are students, unless they choose otherwise, is an important aspect of the honor system here at Rice. The system that a cheater usurps is important to Rice and who have a strong desire to see it continue to function effectively. I am one such person, and I hope you will vote for me for Honor Council.

Sincerely, Deborah Wenkert

Montana

My name is Lou Ann Montana and I am running for the position of Senior Representative to the Honor Council. After working with the Honor Council for two years, my sophomore year as an ambassador and this year as Junior Representative and Trial Clerk, I feel I understand both how the Council functions and administering the Honor Code and what changes would improve its function and strengthen the Code itself.

Regarding "orientation," I believe we have succeeded in effective orientation of students and faculty. I'm interested in improving that process so that students entering Rice will be viewed as an extension of the undergraduate body, when much of the time they are from other schools and countries and are quite unfamiliar with the principles of Rice's Honor Code. In my opinion, there needs to be a specific effort to ensure orientation of graduate students, as well as entering freshmen.

Many times I am disturbed by the seemingly lack of student and faculty interest in the Honor System, not because I believe it is true but because I think the success of the Honor Council is dependent on the active interest of the Rice community in their job of administering the Honor Code. I believe the Code is integral to the Rice education. Thus, the Council is responsible for keeping the Honor system fair and objective.

Madden

Who's as honest as good old Montana?

With the wisdom of St. Paul, "Unbiased as a newborn babe and the fairest of them all!"

That, of course, is for you to decide. But as a candidate for Senior Representative to the Honor Council, I believe that I can fulfill the position with honesty and fairness.

The honor system is vital to Rice. It affords the student many freedoms including that of a take-home test or an extension that would otherwise be impossible. These freedoms enhance the value of a Rice education by promoting the development of intellectual integrity and exploring one's ideas. The Honor System, however, is only as strong as the backing it receives from the students and faculty. The responsibility of a Council member is to uphold the integrity of the system, striving for unity between the identity of the Honor Code and the reality of Rice life. I feel that I am well qualified to accept these responsibilities and would likely serve the student body as an Honor Council member.

Sincerely,

Catherine D. Anspoon
Brown 79

Campanile blanket tax

The Campanile is requesting a blanket tax increase to assure that all students who want Campanile are able to get them. To prevent the situation of this year, which is out of 77 books and have a waiting list of more than 30 for any yearbook, need to increase the blanket tax from $7.36 to $9.00. This should reduce increases in publishing costs and increases in the number of books ordered for several years.

The other alternatives are drastically to cut the number of pages in the book or to increase advertising revenue. The number of pages in the Campanile cannot be cut by a great amount without seriously affecting the quality of the paper. Net advertising revenue would have to triple before it could close to come close to overcoming the deficit. Advertising in the Campanile is essentially a public relations function (Graduate type of ad), so an increase of that magnitude is highly impossible.

If the blanket tax is not approved, a combination of office and advertising will have to be taken. A decrease in the number of books ordered and the number of pages in the book will compensate for the lack of adequate funding.

The present blanket tax for the Campanile totals approximately $18,750.00 (2500 x $7.36). Net advertising costs are about $10.00 per book, production, salaries, office and production supplies, etc. are approximately $1.50 per book. Net advertising an interest in the Campanile is sufficient to perform the necessary service. I have decided to take only a portion of the increase because this would limit the number of books ordered and the number of pages in the book.

Sincerely,

Becky Mathre
Senior Representative to the Honor Council

Anspoon

Dear Class of 1979,

Hello, my name is Catherine Anspoon. To identify myself, I'm a Brown College junior, my major is History (and possibly Business), and I'm from Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is a beautiful city (despite what you may have heard), and I'm really glad to be in Houston now, since I love Rice and having a chance to be a part of myself to our Class of 1979.

I am the business manager of the Campanile this year. I am running unopposed. That, of course, is for you to decide. But as a candidate for Senior Representative to the Honor Council, I feel I'm qualified for this office. Recognizing the responsibilities involved, I feel I'm qualified to manage my time and abilities on this position. I hold no other major office, so would be free to devote my complete attention to the Honor Council. Although I have not previously served on the Council, this presents no problem. Quite the opposite—as a new representative, I could offer a fresh perspective on many Council cases.

In conclusion, I'm running for the Honor Council because I consider it to be such a significant body. I feel fully qualified for this vital office and I would like to contribute a part of myself to our Class of 1979. I really want to represent the interests of the Rice community. I hope you will all vote for Becky Mathre for Senior Honor Council Representative.

Sincerely,

Catherine D. Anspoon
Brown 79

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Senior Honor Council

Shenoi

The qualifications for Honor Council representative are few but important. Your Rep must be objective and knowledgeable about Honor Council affairs. Beyond this is a sense of fairness necessary to maintain the integrity of this body which holds the ultimate fate of violators of the Honor System.

These student positions in particular are important to us, because it is through these elected representatives that our opinions and feelings enter into the decisions and policies of the Council that directly affect our lives here at Rice. My involvement with the Rice Community has given me knowledge of student attitudes, and I feel I am representative of my class of 1979. Also my experience as Advocate of Baker Court and with other student organizations has reinforced my objectivity and open-mindedness. Moreover, I sincerely feel I have the ability and the desire to carry out the goals of the Honor System as Senior rep.

Additionally, there are several other issues that involve the Honor System. As a student, I am sometimes discouraged by professors who seem unaware of their obligations as part of the system. Perhaps we can remedy such situations by working together. In conjunction with this, I intend to encourage student input and suggestions and am willing to take the time to prepare a clear and forceful presentation of these issues. These are only a few of the possibilities.

I understand the responsibilities and duties of the Honor Council and am competent to fulfill them. I feel I can work to improve interaction of the various elements of the university in such a manner that will benefit everyone and cause the Honor System to function as it should. Please support me with your vote on February 21.

Wood

I am running for a position on the Honor Council because I believe that the Honor System is an important part of the Rice community and that I can make a positive contribution to the System. The Honor System was created to strengthen the Rice Community and I believe that it still does. I am willing and able to maintain and improve the Honor System as much as possible. I believe that I have done that this year as a Junior Honor Council Representative. Through this experience, I understand the way the system works and I think that can be an important consideration when choosing your representatives. I believe I have made a positive contribution to the Honor System this year and that with my experience, fairness and consistency I can make an even bigger contribution next year given the chance. Thank you.

Winter

The Honor Council is one of the most important institutions of Rice University; the system works not because it must, but because the students have made it work. The student representatives on the Honor Council have a major responsibility in seeing that the Honor System succeeds. Having been a judicial court judge in my own college for the past year and a half, I can appreciate the burden of responsibility that these people must shoulder. I'm running for Senior Honor Council Representative on the Honor Council. I believe an objective and open-minded way of looking at situations is important. I believe in being sincere and honest with people. I believe that justice is the most important aspect of freedom in any system. I believe that a working knowledge of the judicial system is important. These are the qualifications for the Honor Council position, and I feel I can fulfill them. Please remember me on election day.

MICHIELLE SMITH

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Sophomore Honor Council

Koks

Each student who attends Rice University has, upon his matriculation, pledged his support to the Honor System. The enforcement of this system is delegated to the Honor Council; however, the ultimate responsibility for the system's success lies with the student body. Primarily, the Rice community is required to report suspected violations to a Honor Council member; however, its obligation does not end here. It must conscientiously consider the continuance and vote for those who it has decided are best qualified.

In part, the motivation behind my candidacy is the need to specify the trial procedure to help protect the accused as well as the Council. In the booklet "The Honor System" the procedure for a hearing is carefully delineated; however, the procedure for a trial is barely outlined.

Last semester I was called upon to give evidence in a trial. I found it to be impressionistic rather than factual. I believe a more carefully specified trial procedure would help the accused to prepare his defense. I also believe that it would give the Honor Council a frame to work in that would help to eliminate some confusion and increase their efficiency. It would also help the Council to clear some of the aura of mystery which abounds it and makes it appear rather formal.

Despite certain procedural ambiguities, I believe that the Honor Council is a valuable asset to Rice. It helps to promote high standards of personal integrity and breeds a mutual respect between the faculty and the student body. I would be happy to discuss my views of the Honor Council with any interested persons. Either call 526-4869 or come to Lovett 507.

Israel

My name is Liz Israel, and I am a candidate for the position of sophomore honor council representative.

Why would I be a good candidate for this position? I served this year as an ombudsman, which allowed me to see the honor system in action. I found it a rewarding experience, strengthening my belief in the importance of the honor code as an integral part of Rice University. The Honor Code represents high moral commitment and desire for maximum freedom of both students and faculty which make Rice the outstanding university it is today.

Being a representative carries a lot of responsibility, a concern for the continued existence of an honor code, and an ability to deal effectively with problems encountered in an honor system. I am willing and able to devote all the time necessary in order to carry out the responsibilities of this position.

I would like to represent the sophomore class as a member of the Honor Council, and would appreciate your vote.

Steve Bosse
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University Council

Lueckenhoff

One of the most effective vehicles for expressing opinions concerning University affairs is the Undergraduate Standing Committees. Input to these committees, both positive and critical, is provided by the undergraduates as well as faculty members of the committees during the course of their tenure. Using these inputs, decisions are made concerning the specific areas with which the committee deals. These decisions are passed on to the University Council for approval.

The University Council is a body which deals with the policy decisions of Rice University. Its members include the President of Rice University, the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs, the Provost and two undergraduates, as well as a number of members designated by the various schools. I feel the role of the University Council as the focal point of student involvement is one which provides a great opportunity for student participation in campus affairs.

I am running for the position of undergraduate representative to the Universi- ty Council because I feel that I can do a good job. I have had previous experience in dealing with the machinery used in Student Association External Affairs Vice President and I feel that I can express my opinions without being afraid of having these opinions rejected by others on the University Council. Thus, I consider myself open to adverse viewpoints and easy to talk to.

One cannot attend a school for three years without flaws in the system. I feel improvement can be made in the machinery used in granting tenure. I do not appreciate losing professors whom we know will see the job more than adequately accomplished. Just as important, we must actively support, contribute, and participate in all RPC sponsored activities.

I know that I am one of those persons with the ability and genuine desire to direct the effective operation of the RPC. This is why I am a candidate for RPC President. Also, I know well the social and cultural needs of the student body and know, through the RPC, that the Rice Program Council enjoys economies of scale in providing the services and programs for the student body above and beyond the limited capabilities of each individual college, appealing also to a wider range of interests than the colleges typically provide. In doing this, the RPC attempts not only to satisfy the social and cultural appetites of its constituents while at Rice, but also to fulfill an important function of promoting college coordination and interaction. Also, the RPC has enjoyed success in providing special events, programs, and services for the student body above and beyond the limited capabilities of each individual college, appealing also to a wider range of interests than the colleges typically provide. In doing this, the RPC attempts not only to satisfy the social and cultural appetites of its constituents while at Rice, but also to fulfill an important function of promoting college coordination and interaction. Also, the

RPC president — Creely

The Rice Student body needs and demands a more active RPC. The RPC was chartered as a student government organization designed to promote a greater social, cultural, recreational and educational involvement that the college system could provide. True, the colleges, in most cases, do cater well to the social and cultural needs of its members, yet they are still very much limited in this area. Here is where the need for the RPC lies— to provide special events, programs, and services for the student body above and beyond the limited capabilities of each individual college, appealing also to a wider range of interests than the colleges typically provide. In doing this, the RPC attempts not only to satisfy the social and cultural appetites of its constituents while at Rice, but also to fulfill an important function of promoting college coordination and interaction. Also, the RPC has enjoyed success in providing special events, programs, and services for the student body above and beyond the limited capabilities of each individual college, appealing also to a wider range of interests than the colleges typically provide. In doing this, the RPC attempts not only to satisfy the social and cultural appetites of its constituents while at Rice, but also to fulfill an important function of promoting college coordination and interaction. Also, the

RPC vice president — Bosse

There are very few people who do nothing but study at Rice. Even the "mega-winner" winners of the Rice Thresher student body election offer their time in several rooms on Friday and Saturday night for a study break. There is a definite need for an organization that will help provide a social side of Rice. It should sponsor social events, and student services that will appeal to the entire Rice community. This is what the Rice Program Council attempts to do.

Talking to students at various colleges, I received the message that there is a need for a student body that is very highly regarded. I will not say that the RPC has done a good job, but I do believe the reason to let the RPC just vanish. The RPC is a viable organization. It has played an important part in the social scene at Rice. Take away the RPC events (dances, films, concerts, speakers, trips, Rondelot Weekend, coupon booklets, Telodnor Weekend, and more), and the situation here at Rice would be much worse. The problem with the RPC is that it has just not reached anywhere near its potential yet.

My first experience with a campus programming committee occurred in high school when I helped form a high school's "RPC." I served two years as the chairman of the committee. Since coming to Rice, I have been on my college's "RPC" committee for two years and on the RPC for one year. While on the RPC, I have helped put on various social activities. (With Gene Creely I brought the Term Break Disco Dance.) Through this experience, I have seen the RPC's potential and weaknesses of the RPC. I can use this knowledge to improve the RPC.

But how can the RPC be improved? Can its services be expanded to better serve the Rice community? Through the following ways, I say, "Yes!"

1) Publicized, regularly-scheduled meetings of the RPC. 2) A mandatory proxy system at meetings. The RPC cannot attend a meeting, he/she will be required to find a willing representative for that meeting's absence will not hinder the meeting. 3) Investigate the possibility of rock concerts in the gym. The athletic dept. has given tentative approval to this proposition. Night Life, a Houston based promoter, has approached the RPC about this venture. The revenue generated by such a concert should be used to fund other RPC events. 4) Social events co-sponsored with UH and the Secretary/Treasurer. I have known both Gene Creely and Susan Megzinski (the lone candidates for the other RPC offices) for three years, and I expect to work well with them. My first year as an Undergraduate Affairs Vice-President, I would work to improve the services and activities that the RPC provides to the student body. I would be a diligent, hard-working, and creative Vice-President. If I wasn't serious about the job, then I wouldn't have made the above plans.

RPC secretary/treasurer — Mezynski

The Rice Program Council plans and coordinates social, cultural, and recreational activities for the student body. As secretary-treasurer, I will guarantee that minutes of each brain-storming session of the council will be recorded and distributed, and that the financial records will be kept in order. Likewise, as an executive member of the RPC, I will serve as a suggestion box for you, the student. In addition to presenting my own ideas, I will welcome your suggestions and make sure that they are heard tomorrow, and your vote would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Campbell

What is the Rice Program Council? Although that is a question that I think few people could answer well, I am not going to give here a past history of the functions of the RPC or a congregation of trite cliches ringing with dedication, sacrifice, and service.

Rather, the question I would like to address here is, given the resources available to the RPC and starting with no preconceived notions of its function, what needs would the Rice Community could the RPC most effectively fulfill? I believe that the RPC has the potential to fulfill several important functions of Rice Community, but that, in fact is the only organization capable of fulfilling these needs.

The College System at Rice is an extremely decentralized form of student government. This offers many advantages but it also entails several distinct disadvantages. 1) There is a considerable lack of coordination and communication between the Colleges, the University, and the various other organizations at Rice; 2) There is a pattern of isolation of the Co-Ed Colleges which reduces the opportunities for valuable social and educational experiences for everyone; and 3) Considering the relatively small almost intimate size of Rice University, this has not been a problem for some years now and the amount of University wide interaction and affiliation that Rice offers one of the most rewarding parts of a university experience.

By enthusiastically addressing these specific problems, the RPC can do a tremendous service for the Rice Community. The RPC can break down barriers of isolation and facilitate increased interaction by bringing the University together with more and better promoted campus wide events. This is essential in handling both of the latter two problems and the obvious improvement would be to increase the number and quality of TGIF's. As your Vice-President, I would try to bring the Rice Campus lectures, concerts, and athletic events high enough to capture the imagination and interest of a wider audience. I am sure that this would bring us all a greater common university experience.

The problem of coordination and communication has always been closely related with the other two. Poor coordination and communication can break down the barriers of isolation and facilitate increased interaction by bringing the University together with more and better promoted campus wide events. This is essential in handling both of the latter two problems and the obvious improvement would be to increase the number and quality of TGIF's. As your Vice-President, I would try to bring the Rice Campus lectures, concerts, and athletic events high enough to capture the imagination and interest of a wider audience. I am sure that this would bring us all a greater common university experience.

As I see it the present election offers the opportunity to start a new tradition of effective and beneficial involvement of the RPC in the Rice Community. Rice has some unique problems but they can be met. The RPC can do a lot for you.

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Junior Honor Council

James

In light of the fact I am one of three nominated for three positions on the Honor Council, it is apparent to me that this statement as a campaign medium is senseless. I hope, however, that those who do take the time to read the following will realize the same disheartenment and anger I feel concerning the farce made of our Student Association elections as well as the general disinterest in university affairs.

It requires only casual attention to the state of the R.P.C., the S.A. and any number of committees or organizations to see the problem of lack of participation, but it takes a little thought and enlightenment to realize the accurate nature and magnitude of the problem which troubles them all.

Having been an ombudsman for two years, I am particularly concerned with the dramatic consequences which can occur when less than sincere care and vigilance is devoted to the maintenance of the Honor System. In the case of the Honor Council, it should be no less than obvious that the very existence of our system rests on the attitudes and character of those involved in its continued existence. To clarify this point, I should be recognized that honor can in no way be regulated or directed, least of all by a group of thirteen which most people will never meet. If mere control or regulation was the council's duty, present attitudes and concern as demonstrated in these elections would pose no problem. From the outset, however, the council's concern is not the honor of those bound by the system. Requirements for admission are based not only on academic excellence but solidarity of character as exemplified in the signing of the matriculation pledge, as well.

In swearing to uphold the Honor System, the student infers the quality of personal honor necessary to complete the object of this university. The purpose of the council then is a practical one. It is the reconciliation of the idea of honor with the human condition. That is, our system is not perfect nor are those sworn to uphold it. It is the essential job of the Honor Council to maintain the system so as to provide its benefits while accounting and dealing with its imperfections.

Clearly this reconciliatory process demands a great measure of wisdom and appreciation, or at the very least, plenty of common sense guided by sincere concern. It is the council member who must possess this character and desire to facilitate this meeting of the idealistic with the pragmatic. Any aspirations of this university to maintain the system of honor as we know it today, require a completely new vigilance with which the students regard the council and its purpose through the election process. It is this dramatic consequences of lack of participation which troubles them all.

In light of the fact I am one candidate in an election in which only three candidates have filed for the three available positions. During my experience as Sophomore Honor Council Representative, I have grown to harbor a great deal of respect for the inner operations of the Honor Council and the traditional high standard it seeks to uphold. I feel that the Council is an institution which needs more student interest. Most Rice people believe that our Honor System works, and that it works infinitely better than similar systems at other schools. This belief of ours is a virtue, for without it the Rice Honor System would soon be reduced to a mere token threat to those with faltering probity. But apparently most Rice people are too content to expound on the System's virtues and shun the opportunity to become a working part of it. Not only does the Honor System need your positive words and feelings, it needs your positive actions as well.

As a Junior Representative, I will do my best to use fair judgment during trials, and will work to uphold the traditions which have made the Honor System successful in the past.

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It is a bit disappointing to me that I am a candidate in a campaign where only three candidates have filed for three positions. I will do my best to use fair judgment during trials, and will work to uphold the traditions which have made the Honor System successful in the past.

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