

# *Abolish The Classes*

Three of the four proposed amendments to the SA Constitution to be voted on next Wednesday by the student body are concerned with eliminating the cumbersome, anachronistic class structure of the undergraduate student body.

The changes would eliminate officers for all classes but the graduating seniors. The rationale behind leaving the senior officers is that the senior class has some legitimate duties and responsibilities to carry out which can be best effected through elected representatives. A sound judgment.

But the officers of the other classes are virtually useless for anything except planning and publicizing a party—usually a “groady” affair with free beer.

Further, student orientation at Rice is not directed toward the class structure. The student identifies with the college to which he belongs. Class officers within this framework are a wasteful manifestation of a wanton make-work, or perhaps make-glory, policy.

We are convinced that the Rice student does not need the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes to provide him with free beer four weekends out of each school year. If he does, he should vote against the amendments. Otherwise, we strongly urge a “yes” vote on the proposals.