

Bad Date

It is indeed unfortunate that Saturday afternoon is the date for Senator William Proxmire to address the Rice student body. On any other day Hamman Auditorium would be packed to capacity to hear the noted legislator, but due to previous commitments, it will be a stroke of luck if the Fondren Library Lecture Lounge is filled.

Junior-Senior week-end and the concluding game in the important Rice-Texas baseball series will certainly draw many politically interested students away. We can only hope that every student that can possibly attend, will make an attempt to hear Senator Proxmire.

It is also our hope that the Senator will deliver a talk designed to educate the Rice student politically (as Governor Meyner of New Jersey did) and will reserve his pro-Democratic, Republican hand-slapping for his Young Democrat speech in the evening. We do not feel that Forum should be the place for campus campaigning for any national political party.

On Integration

Amid the hubbub of integration-segregation controversy currently waging in Houston, the state, and the nation, the editorials of the Thresher have been strangely silent. Questioned many times as to the Thresher stand on such a question, we feel that our reply could best be made through our editorials.

It is not the policy of the Thresher to become tainted with the smell of liberalism, conservatism or even to many minds—compromisism. It is our policy to present the news—straight forward with no editorializing except in special columns.

When a major issue arises it has become our policy to present both sides of the question. Two weeks ago a Thresher survey was taken of student comments on the Negro sit down tactics across the country. The survey was recognizably pro-integrationist. But as deep southern conservatism is a by-word of a large segment of the Rice student body, it was only fair—and we may add journalistically sound—to present the view of a campus conservative—and a pro-segregationist on the matter.

What the columnists in the Thresher say we leave to their discretion. But what the editor of the Thresher writes, is accepted as the policy of the paper.

It is our duty as the "responsible student voice on campus" to take definite stands on major issues—issues which we feel have a direct effect on every student—issues which pertain to Rice and the school's student body.

But we do not believe that the Negro sit down strikes, or other integration-segregation controversies should receive comment from Thresher editorials. Each Rice student has his own personal views on this subject and we do not feel that it is the duty of the Thresher to save the student body's soul with ideals which were imbedded within us through birth and tradition.

On some subjects—notably those which do not effect Rice students directly—we simply believe it is better to sit on the fence and let others crow.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



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Threshing It Out

Smith Article, Forman Review, Chimes Draw Reader's Comments

To the Editor:

In the Thresher for April 8, speaking of the sit-down demonstrations, Mr. Griffin Smith writes that "the owner of any private, non-monopoly establishment has every right in the world to deny service to anyone, Negro or white, that he chooses. It is a privilege, not a right, to obtain service at a restaurant."

Conscious or all unwitting, this is in bad faith. You cannot wash the dirty linen of segregation in the detergent of free enterprise.

In a free society, every right carries with it a corresponding duty; a man retains the right only as long as he respects the duty. The owner of a private business has the right to serve or refuse to serve anyone, only on the condition that he values an intelligent and responsible use of this right. He forfeits the right when he uses it so as to deny by his practice that equality before the law which is every man's due.

Conversely, it is not a privilege, but a right, to obtain service at a restaurant when no reasonable hindrance exists. Is black skin and white prejudice a rea-

sonable hindrance?

—Sincerely,
LOUIS MACKEY

Bells Serve Two Purposes; Must Be Improved —

To the Editor:

Re: Threshing It Out
1 April, 1960

For almost 48 years the Rice campus has been blessed with a campanile (technically a bell tower). Unfortunately it has been used only as a glorified smoke stack. In the fall of 1959 it seemed that this tradition might become a reality.

The new junior campanile, complete with bells, pealed forth its first uncertain tones to mark the hours at this otherwise timeless institution. After many weeks the

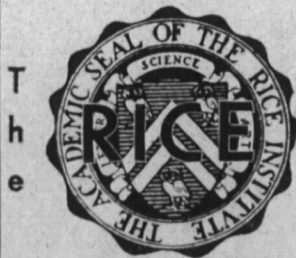
bells actually sounded on the designated hours, instead of ten chimes at 8 o'clock, etc.

The bells have served two purposes in their short life. Not only have they standardized "Rice" time, so that one can go from building to building without arriving fifteen minutes later than leaving the first, but also they have served to centralize campus activities around the Memorial Center as was planned when the building was built.

It is truly unfortunate that Mr. Moses does not enjoy hearing the bells. In his behalf I must agree that the missing b-flat and the shoddy hymn arrangements are disconcerting at times, but the bells are more benificent, when they are ringing, than they are disturbing.

Why not eliminate the hymn tunes, repair the b-flat, and then turn the volume up so that one

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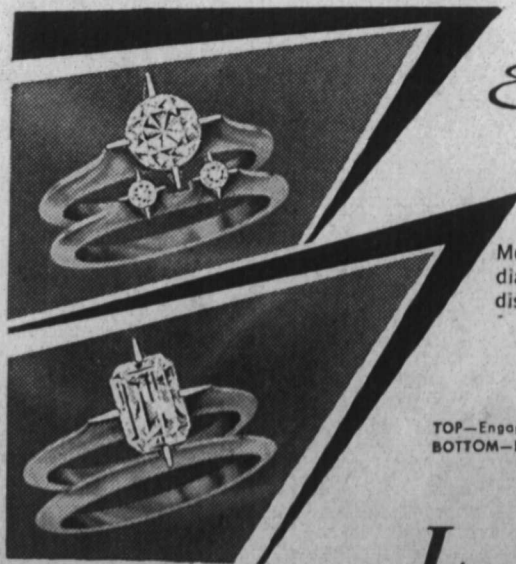
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Threshing It Out

Unfortunate Choice of Words; Student Hypocrites Are Cited

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can hear the timely tones again? With the college system and the new university program, the traditional campanile solidifies the harried lives of those who live here and tells the memory of the obsolescent Institute.

—Very sincerely,
JOE RIDER

Foreman's Spicy Remarks May Be Misunderstood

Somehow, I have the feeling that an incorrect impression of Mr. Percy Foreman was created in the April 1st issue of the Thresher. The article had an unfortunate choice and grouping of words.

Although our country should be above prejudice of any kind, obviously, we are not. Therefore, it is most important that we phrase precisely what we mean in any kind of publication — especially one that not only reaches into our homes, but also, I am sure, is highly regarded by our public schools in Houston.

I think that Mr. Foreman's so-called "spicy" remarks might have been wrongly interpreted. First, the common slang term for the word Negro — in poor taste. Regardless of what Mr. Foreman said, the impression we receive is one of disrespect on his part. Second I refer to the sentence containing the words "nigger, Jews, gentleman farmer, Eisenhower, and horse manure . . ."

This phraseology permits the reader almost too much freedom of thought, since he begins to devise various likely interpretations of Mr. Foreman's remarks — some of which are not particularly kind. Is Mr. Foreman "anti" the above? I do not feel that this is necessarily true. But . . . the possibility is there, and this in itself is wrong.

Whether or not Mr. Foreman meant these "humorisms" to be alluded to in such a manner, I do not know. However, any lawyer who enjoys the respect that is accorded to Mr. Foreman would certainly be greatly conscious of his choice of words at all times. Verbal acuity in the courtroom or behind the lectern is essential to any public figure.

When we hear something quoted out of context, very often

the remark is mis-construed. Perhaps I am overly conscious of a person's manner of speaking and/or writing; I dislike to be misunderstood, and I fear that Mr. Foreman might have been, due to the Thresher article.

—Signed:
"AN INTERESTED READER"

Rice Students Not Apathetic, Just Hypocrites

To the Editor:

It has been most interesting to observe the reaction of a number of our campus "liberals" to Griffin Smith's article on the sit-down strikes. As often happens, those

who mouth freedom of thought the loudest are the first to deny the ancient and equitable custom of hearing both sides of a question. Long have the "immediate integrationists" said that the closed minds of the conservatives and moderates are blocking the achievement of better racial understanding. By observing the reactions of some (not quite all) of this group of would-be progressives to the lone moderate article after a series of Thresher articles of a more radical nature one can draw the conclusion that not all Rice students are apathetic; we have some rather active hypocrites in our midst.

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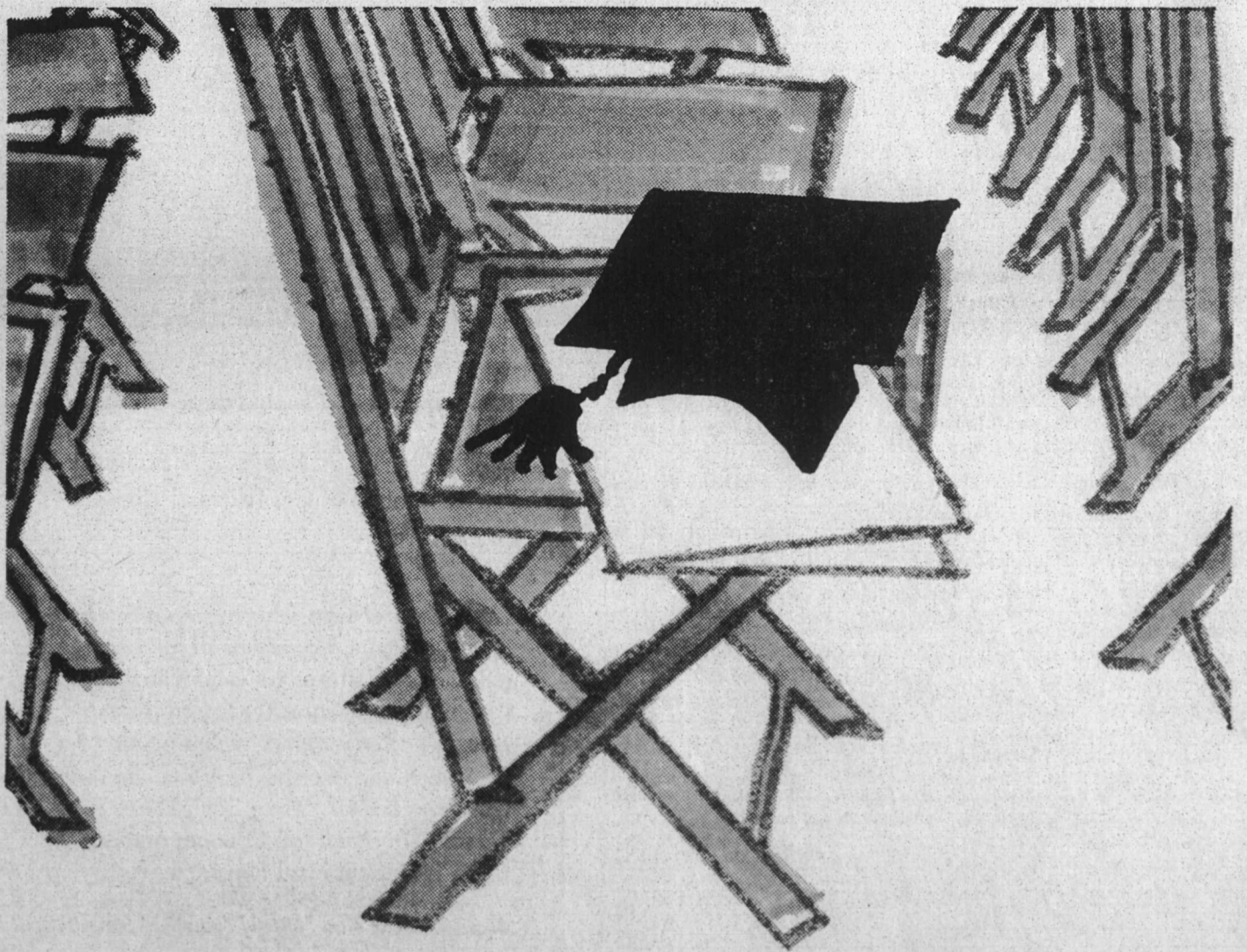
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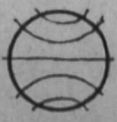


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Linda Farfel Looks At

LIFE

Well, the Easter vacation is over. Everyone has finished exchanging "Gee I wish I would have . . . partied? studied? . . . more." Students from Sarah Lawrence College managed to combine the two in an unusual way.

Under the direction of a prof who believes in "learning from life as well as from the library" (three cheers), thirty students went to Puerto Rico. They learned many significant facts (slums are nasty) from talking and living with the poor inhabitants of San Juan.

Also they found time for fun and instruction in snorkel-diving. Hope your vacation was this exciting! Read *Life* for all the sordid details.

Summer's Coming

If we can all make it through finals, there is a glorious summer awaiting us. It is certainly not too early to make vacation plans. *Life* this week can definitely lend a helping hand to those who plan to travel.

If you have the money, they have the suggestions! There is a pictorial essay about six states of the Southeast. Everything from "Catfish Row" to colonial mansions are covered. Romantic Lovers' Leap and old fashioned barbeque are to be found here. It's a great article to sit and daydream with if nothing else.

Row Me Out To the Ball Game

A new style has been developed in baseball parks. Be in the know! San Francisco has provided a fabulous new park for its Giants! It is off Candlestick Point and can be reached by land or sea.

However, it is more stylish to arrive by boat as did 500 fans in everything from rowboats to yachts. Be sure to read this and keep up with the latest fad in ball parks.

Blast Off!

The U.S. had big and surprisingly-successful space activity this week. For the first time the Navy proved that U. S. subs could fire IRBMs accurately without surfacing.

Surely all you engineers will be interested in the particulars. However, there is included in the article a wonderful table of the thirteen U.S. space vehicles presently in orbit. Now we academics too will not have to be out of it.

Girls, next time your engineer boyfriend mentions Vanguard III you can immediately say "that measures the magnetic field of earth." It is not recommended



that you learn more than that. However, it should show him immediately. (Read *Life* to snow your boyfriends.)

Dive In!

All you students, who, sweating in the dorms, dream of a cool swim, should read this week's *Life*. Pictured are the cream of the U.S. Olympic hopefuls in the National A.A.U. swimming meet. Through an underwater camera, amazing shots of stroke and form are presented.

Perhaps the Rice swimming team or boys who wish to rescue (?) fair damsels in distress this summer can pick up a few pointers. (Read *Life* to rescue fair damsels.)

Politics, Politics

Rice may be through thinking about elections for a while, but the rest of the country is just beginning. Leonard Hall, mastermind of Eisenhower's 1956 campaign, and key political figure, writes on the changes in U.S. politics. Besides being of interest to history and government students, hopefuls for next year's offices may pick up a few pointers.

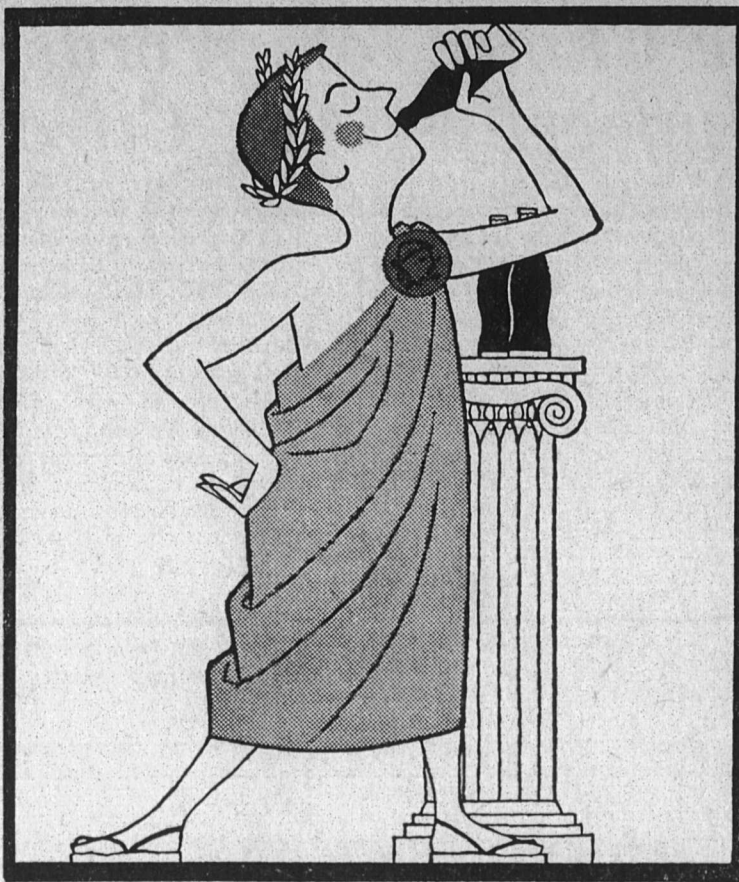
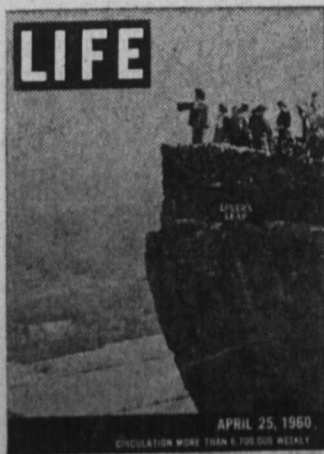
On the less flattering side of the political scene is *The Best Man*, a political melodrama by Gore Vidal. Described entertainingly in *Life* is this amusing play which not at all subtly traces Stevenson as the hero, Nixon as the villain, and Truman, the wise and tough politician.

"Things Which Do Not Fit

In A Category" Department

Included in this issue are insight into a champ golfer's mind, the first pictures of Yul Brynner and his bride, the complete story of the Paris kidnapping, and the exciting story of the U.S. census.

Have you thought of taking census of people who: live on volcanoes, submerged rice farms, hate census-takers and have big dogs who also hate census-takers? Quite a good article as is each article in this week's *Life*!



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Grand Hall Reception

According to reports of the recent Wisconsin presidential primary, Sen. Proxmire was not loudly supporting any of the candidates during the campaigning, but his views of these aspiring fellow Democratic senators should be interesting, as should his views on civil rights.

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Religion on Campus

Student World Is Mission

Ed. Note: This article is part two of an article begun in an earlier issue. It is part of a series of articles written by various campus chaplains that will appear throughout the remainder of the year.

By The
REV. MILTON E. MAYER,
Chaplain to Lutheran Students on the Rice Campus

The chairman of the Board of a California theological seminary writing in *Christianity Today* calls the student world "America's neediest mission field." To neglect these campus "natives" is to flirt with a faithless folly in the face of a fantastic future "farmed-out" to the fair few who will formulate and fashion our fondest, fullest and most far-reaching aspirations as a Church, a community, and a world.

BUT STUDENTS ARE not the whole of the university. In spite of the large student population and anticipated large increases, students may possibly be the less significant 50% of a university. For the student will in all probability bear pretty largely the image of those who instruct him. Ideas or facts are seldom, if ev-

er, transmitted without some of the "package" in which they were wrapped accompanying them.

A TEACHER IS in a most peculiar position. A good teacher is worthy of honor, but Scripture warns that not many should seek this position, for teachers shall be held more accountable, shall be judged with a "stricter judgment," as James says (3:1). The Church is obligated lovingly to call the teacher's attention to his greater responsibility.

THEN THERE IS the "third 50%" of a university, the Administration, sometimes accused of deliberately making rules and setting policies to prevent any real chance of offering or getting an education. Though in some schools there seem to be deans orbiting around deans in "ecliptical orbits," each veiling the brilliance of the other, these persons are also the concern of the "Society of the concerned." To run the vast machine that is the modern university requires some real engineering.

BUT ADMINISTERING a great university is no facetious matter. Even though there are "classes, lasses, and asses" on most campuses, most campuses are the earnest concern of a mul-

titude of dedicated people. The Church is obligated to enter the arena of modern education to help bridle the asses, curb the lasses, and commend the classes to all who are endowed by God with native ability and who possess sufficient curiosity to benefit from an educational opportunity. One can only be exposed to an education, he cannot under any circumstances be given one.

THE PURPOSE OF the Church's Campus Mission is most simply explained as the Church walking, as did her Lord, in the "market place of ideas;" and persistently confronting men with the "high call of God in Christ Jesus" out of a Christ-like love for the growing and often perplexed minds of students, faculty members, and administrative personnel.

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ON EXHIBIT NOW in the li-

brary is a first folio of Shakespeare's plays printed in 1623. The quarto, containing punctuation in accordance with Shakespeare's own, was used to show the actor where to pause and what words to emphasize. The folio shows the beginnings of brary is a first folio of Shakespeare's plays printed in 1623.

Shakespeare to suit his own ideas of meter; later authors have attempted to restore the original text.

The exhibit also contains descriptions of the gradual progress in costuming, scenery, and early dance steps used in the Elizabethan theater.

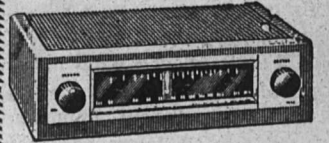
ON DISPLAY ARE several steel engravings depicting various scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and two early theater playbills from Covent Garden and Princess's Theater.

EARLY EDITORS used these rules to "correct" great masterpieces. Pope constantly altered punctuation rules of the 17th century, which were devised to emulate perfection of the classic language.

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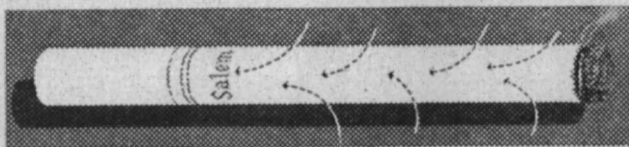


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