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NEARLY 450 GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS CROWDED INTO THE FONDREN LECTURE LOUNGE YESTERDAY AT 11 AM TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. WILLIAM MASTERTSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY GEORGE FORRISTALL, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, BAKER '66, AND GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY-STUDENT PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE. THE MEETING WAS ORGANIZED BY CAROLYN HERR, BROWN COLLEGE PRESIDENT '65-'66, AND MARGO DOWNEY, BOTH GRAD STUDENTS IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

The gathering, designed to inform the graduate students of the current situation and to secure their participation in yesterday's opinion poll, first listened to Forristall's account of the events and meetings with Mastertson he attended during the weekend.

Forristall said, "I came away from this meeting with a low impression of Dr. Mastertson, which I did not formerly have." He concluded by encouraging the participation of everyone in the referendum.

Urging that those grad students not present be informed, Dr. William E. Gordon, Executive Officer of the University, said that Rice faces an extremely serious situation. He added that in regards to the referendum, it is essential that a good estimate be obtained of student and faculty opinion and that this be submitted to the Board.

He described the Board members as "fine men, dedicated men" who had found themselves in a difficult position, being asked to reconsider their publicly-announced choice. "They want Rice to be an excellent University," he said, "and it is our duty--faculty and administration--to help them understand what makes an excellent one."

Gordon encouraged all students to consider the questions carefully and do their duty at the polls, while things are being done by faculty, administration, and students through official and unofficial channels "so that you will have a better university to attend and we will have a better university to be a part of."

Warren Skaaren, SA president, told the meeting that the real victory at stake had already been won. "We have a university that understands that all action is meaningless without a mutual understanding between the actors."

Miss Downey asked the grads if they should deliberately associate themselves with a university where the Board of

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Trustees do not consider the faculty, and if they wanted Rice to become only a "showplace for the Houston establishment, one more stop on the Azalea Trail."

Dr. Robert Curl, professor of Chemistry and Lovett College master, said that former president Pitzer's goal was to make Rice a University of national prominence by making the quality of education here great. Pitzer believed that if Rice was good, money would naturally follow, according to Curl.

The faculty, said Curl, still has this goal, and are looking for a leader, and "in order to lead, the followers must believe in you." (con't.)

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## AAUP ENDORSES FRIDAY FACULTY RESOLUTION

Dr. Frederick Gamst, Rice Anthropology professor and vice-president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said yesterday that the 43 members present at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the AAUP had endorsed a resolution similar to that passed by the faculty last Friday.

A formal statement will be released later today to the Board of Trustees and to SA president Warren Skaaren, according to Gamst.

The meeting's agenda also included discussion of a proposal calling for the establishment of a faculty senate. It was the local AAUP chapter's fourth meeting on that particular matter.

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## HYMAN TO TALK ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Harold Hyman, professor of history, will speak on "Academic Freedom in the United States" today at 9:25 am in Hamman Hall, in lieu of his History 110 lecture.