

the Administration refuses to reconsider his appointment, he will still accept. So in this case, students would be stymied, for a few weeks at least.

The student body is almost completely united, for perhaps the first time in Rice history, in this cause. This is another reason for concentrating on the above-mentioned issue. In an open meeting, two opposing views were presented, one that the incident was an isolated case, and second, as presented by Bob Danziger, it is part of a great conspiracy against Rice students, involving drug abuse, discipline policy, etc. conceived by a cabal of administrators. However bringing in extraneous issues such as these, most of which find favour only with a small minority of students, could only serve to disunite the recently born tight-knit community. As Warren Skaaren said at Hanszen last night, "Don't complicate the issue with outside ruckuses." Mike Berman said that involvement in them would result in a muted unity of protest.

The phenomenon of press coverage has been one of the most determining factors in the organization of the demonstration. It is generalized that it is of great concern to Rice to present the protest to the press and the public in such a manner that they will realize this is a valid demonstration unlike those of an irresponsible nature at Berkley and Columbia. And indeed it is --- the great degree of faculty support shows this. Many organs of news media, including KPRC, have either been favorable to our cause or given fair coverage; although the other two major TV stations tended to pass over our actions as minor. At the Hanszen meeting last night, even Rice alumni demonstrated support. One said "I like Masterson, but not in the manner in which the board of regents rejected you."

Since it has been feared that the press in its search for controversy will undoubtedly ferret out the most sensation-~~at~~ aspects of the demonstrations it has been decided to be carried out in an orderly and dignified manner. To lend a greater air of respectability, the wearing of coats and ties, and the carrying of only one sign was decided upon. One alumna urged students to