by BRIAN BUCHANAN

Rice University's graduate religious studies department has recently been subjected to a "inadequate" rating by the ACLS, a nonprofit organization that evaluates the quality of graduate programs. The criticism comes as a surprise to many faculty members who believe that the program offers a top-quality education.

In response to the report, President Hanszen College, acting V.P. for External Affairs, has issued a letter expressing disappointment. "I am writing to express my disappointment in the recent report by the ACLS," the letter reads. "We have always believed that our program offers a world-class education, and we are determined to continue to improve it."

The report has raised concerns about the program's financial stability, with the ACLS noting that the program has a large budget deficit. In response, the faculty has proposed a series of measures to address the financial issues, including a reduction in the number of graduate students and an increase in tuition fees.

Several faculty members have also expressed concern about the program's reputation, with some担心 that the "inadequate" rating could hurt enrollment and funding opportunities. "I think it's really unfortunate," said Dr. Niels Christian Nielsen, chairman of the department. "We work very hard to provide a high-quality education, and I think this report doesn't reflect that at all."

Despite the criticisms, the faculty remains committed to improving the program and maintaining its high standards. "We are determined to continue to provide a world-class education," said Dr. Nielsen. "We will work hard to address the financial issues and build a stronger program that is worthy of the ACLS's recognition."

The full report can be found on the ACLS website, and the university will continue to address the concerns raised in the report. The faculty remains committed to providing a high-quality education to its students and will continue to work towards this goal. "We are determined to provide a world-class education, and we will not be deterred by this report," said Dr. Nielsen. "We will continue to work hard to provide the best possible education for our students."
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Houston symphony gives superlative rendition of Bartok

by THOMAS ZIMMERMANN

If the word "happening" in modern English denotes an event that actually occurred, then just such an occurrence took place this Thursday evening at Jones Hall, wherein guest took place last Tuesday evening then just such an occurrence calculated by Maxwell Galleries rank as one of the finest rend- ings of this 20th century great composer's orchestral masterpieces. The conductor on that occasion was none other than Hans Rosbaud, an early champion of the music of Bartok. Rosbaud said later that the 2nd piano concerto established Bartok as a great composer "more than any of his previous works," Stephen Bishop negotiated the sacred dances from the revi- tedly serious challenge to his virtuosic talents, and Foster and the HSO outdid themselves in a performance that was a triumph for all con- cerned. It is interesting to dwell on Bartok's current fame as one of the great composers of the 20th century, and it is reassuring that as late as 1920 serious music critics were calling him a modernist. An amusing illustration of this fact is in order. The February 1928 issue of Musical America, at that time written by and for the professional music- ian, contained the following comment about a review of a performance of Bartok's 1st piano concerto in Boston ... "The music is a task to accept the romantic flavor of Robert Schumann, but this composer's 1st Symphony was played after intermission as the major and concluding work. Written at a time of in- tense personal contentment, the symphony contains none of the meek introspection of Schu- man's later works in this form. Lawrence Foster was satisfied to let the music speak for itself, with only occasional back-up of the composer's orchestration, and what there was of this was done with taste and restraint. All in all, as an evening of great music, superbly played by our orches- tra and its new Music Di- rector, Lawrence Foster has now completed his engagement with the Houston Symphony for 1971, but he will return for another cycle of concerts in January of 1972. Next week we welcome as a guest the eminent German maestro, Hans Schmidt-Isser- stedt, who returns with a third season. For his opening con- cert, Dr. Schmidt-Isserstedt has programmed the Violin Con- certo by Brahms and the Sym- phony No. 1 by Gustav Mahler. Friedrich Zehender will be solo- list in the concerto.

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ROTC jocks fly eight miles high

Sixty Rice Army ROTC cadets took part in a field training exercise in Houston this week, and everyone had a pretty good time. The exercise, which included a pair of Texas National Guard helicopters shuttled the first lift of cadets from the staging parking lot to the Addicks Reservoir, a 35-mile water supply for Houston. The freshmen, sopho- more, and juniors were divided into 10 units, each of about 12 men each, and the seniors acted as the "aggressors."

The entire airborne operation was well-organized and inter- esting. A ride on the UH-ID helicopters was more than worth the time it took. The Addicks area resembles an overgrown rice farm, which made the exercise quite starkly realistic.

The purpose of the training was for the cadets to learn how to react in various unfavorable situations. Everyone had to cope with the aggressors, the heat, and the Crazies. It was a task they could call a "war- game," but the emphasis was on the "game."

An amphibious training exercise, coordinated with a local police unit, is being planned for second semes- ter. Both training exercises are part of a plan to eliminate dull- ness for the Army ROTC pro- gram.
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Our cracked sports staff is chided and congratulated
by GARY RACHLIN

Dear Mr. President, you have nothing to worry about receiving any clogging from the Rice fan for naming some other school number one. This year Rice won't be in content. Furthermore, there is little to fear from the Rice fan's legendary exuberance, for it is only surpassed by the sports staff's wholehearted support of football and athletics at Rice University.

It seems unfortunate that the Thresher and the Rice community should be saddled with a sports staff that hungrily awaits such a Rice loss. A cracked sports staff which anticipates the Rice victory as a step toward total de-emphasis of football cannot possibly give a fair appraisal of our team, coaches, or program. Such de-emphasis would be detrimental to us dropping out of the Southwest Conference and scheduling such academic weaknesses as Centre College and New Mexico Mining. Not telling how many millions will stravas into Rice Uni-

Jones will employ its secret weapon, "based on chicken shit and eggs," with lefty Cheryl Szpak guiding the Jones Jockettes. Morgan are starting half-backs with "not a lot of passing." She runs with such deception and adroit spinning that one defensive back moaned "do you have that (flag) glued in?" Kris, another left-hander, does not pass often, but has an excellent receiver in Ann Fannin. The offense looked good in practice against a full defense without an offensive line. Joey Tullbane was unsure about effectiveness, saying, "We'll know when the line shows up for the first time."

The eight women front defense is spearheaded by the woman Suei Collins and backed up by Cynthia Cooper at corner and the eager Quitta Russell and Susan Clements at safety. They "lose "on one side both ways" and they have exactly enough people to try it if everyone is healthy. They hope "to keep them off balance" by "relaying on a lot of fakes" with "not a lot of passing." It should be an interesting game that both teams have good defense, Jones a better offensive line and Brown a better defense. My prejudiced view is that Brown should defend their championship successfully.

The Bang Gang won their 2nd Men's Varsity Championship by beating the Kricker Knockers 13-0, on 2-game years to George Zodrow and Johnny Scott. Now the action moves to the Collegiate Tournament at Rice Baker vs. Will Rice and Richmond vs. Amarillo. This week's championship will be played at 4 p.m. on November 19, at Rice Stadium.

In basketball, the favorites have all won with the Greene deflating BOD 41-25. In the only important showdown, Oren Conaway, Bob Eiter, Emil Jacobs and Melvin White scored 24 points each in their first game.

The deadlines for Girls Table Tennis singles and doubles is November 6th. Sign up with the College Sports Chairman, Helen Waldorf or Brenda Walker.

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Campus Vote — student representatives are George Herbert at Lovett (252-5802) and Dave Hartry at Lovett. Speak to them. * * * * * Photos — by Andre Kortz. 50 H. E. W. 3 X 3 X 1/2 the cover of the photographs, from 1914 to 1950 and over the world. In the Media Center.

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Veterans — against the Vietnam war meet First and third Mondays each month, 7 pm, at 1415 Rosalie. All present and concerned. Asian Scholars.

If you care, call them and get details.

What time? UH finishes what they were going to do by then. What time? UH-Aud No. 2. AH. Part I.

Tuesday the ninth

5:14pm. or whenever: Baptist Student Union, 6530 Fannin. After-game picnic.

Wednesday the tenth

9pm. I think it’s today. Words-worthless.

Thursday the eleventh

NEAT LOAF.

What time? UH finishes what they were going to do by then. Part II of War and Peace. Details: phone or come tonight. It’s late and I’m quitting.

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Sunday the seventh

Luis Weich Knox evaluation, sym. Fine Arts Committee Art Show 5:30pm. Church, Opera recital; Victor B. with Mannum and Horbrooke work.

3:30pm. BSU*. 6530 Fannin. Meeting, Merrills.


Who? — The following students will appear in the 1971-72 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges:


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