Faculty turnover, economic bind cause unfilled positions

by H. DAVID DANGLO

A good percentage of the Rice faculty is constantly on the move, either just coming in, just leaving or simply taking a Sabbatical. Some departments, but not all, have maintained a constant number of positions over the last few years in spite of these conditions of flux and financial uncertainty. The Health and Physical Education Department, for example, has had no turnover in three years; however, next year they will replace a departing female professor with a recently graduated black professor, and a young PhD with strong scientific background will replace the retiring Dr. Norman. On the other hand, the French department will replace the retiring department head this year. Of twenty two professors in the mathematics department this year, and one half (fractions based on number of semester hours taught) on leave this year will return next fall. To the philosophy department, a visiting professor has replaced a regular department member who is now on Sabbatical. The political science department expects one departure this summer; but is ready with an immediate replacement; the anthropology, electrical engineering, classics, and environmental engineering departments are all stable at present.

In other departments there has been loss of faculty. Chancellor Crowell's death left a vacancy in the geology department which is as yet unfilled. In the chemistry department, the deaths of Drs. Salsburg and Turner over the last one and a half years have left two senior positions open. Advertisements have been placed in the Chemical and Engineering News for a third, junior position in the organic area. Dr. Jacobson will leave this summer. According to a chemistry professor, "We have no new positions and we don't foresee any at the present time." It is implied that the College of Engineering will fill these vacancies with faculty members from the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Combination ceremony coming

Samuel Carrington, chief marshal for commencement ceremonies this year, has announced the schedule for graduation day, May 20. Dr. Hackerman's calendar of events will be supplemented during the last two weeks of May, at a meeting scheduled for May 20, by information from the marshals. The awards ceremony will begin graduation day at 10 am in the Fondren Library Lecture Lounge. This will be followed by a picnic lunch on the East Lawn of Lovett Hall. The awards ceremony will be followed by the conferring of degrees by the faculty. The day's activities will be concluded by a dinner at the Rice Memorial Center. The in absentia degree will be conferred at the awards ceremony. The in absentia degree was first conferred by President Crowell at the 1915 commencement exercises.

Ben Taub to benefit from blood

by PHILIP SAMUELS

The Rice Pre-Med Society is sponsoring a blood drive again this semester. It will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday — May 15, 16, and 17 — at the Rice Memorial Center. Donations can be made from 9 am until 5 pm on any of these three days. The Rice community met last fall's blood drive with much enthusiasm. The final count showed that 213 pints of blood had been donated. This time the Pre-Med Society has set a goal of 300 pints and hopes to surpass it. The society hopes that the blood drive is not only a success but also serves as a reminder of the importance of blood donation. The society will be more than happy to work with anyone who wants to donate blood. The university will provide transportation to and from the blood drive.

Parents' Day on the way

Parents of Rice students will have an opportunity to meet each other, learn more about campus life and become acquainted with members of the Rice student body and faculty on Parent's Day, March 13.

The day's activities will begin with registration and coffee at 8:30 in the Benjamin Memorial Hall. A general assembly will follow beginning at 9:30. The program will include a presentation by the Rice Chorale, a welcoming message by Dr. Hackerman with an address by President Crowell. The day will conclude with a dinner at the Rice Club and a dance at the Rice Memorial Center.

After the assembly parents will visit the various academic departments where faculty will be waiting to meet and talk with them. They will then have lunch in the residential colleges as guests of the University. Special programs are planned by the colleges following lunch. Participants may choose from a variety of afternoon and evening events.

In addition to the Saturday activities, parents who use the university for their support will be treated to a special event on Saturday evening. The event will be held at the Rice Club and will feature a special performance by the Rice Symphony Orchestra.

ELECTIONS

Winners of yesterday's University Student Council election were released by the SA Election Committee. SA elections will be held Tuesday, March 14. Filing deadline for unfilled offices is 1 pm, March 16. Those offices are: Speaker, editor, and treasurer. The elections will be held on March 14. The winners of the election will serve terms of four years.

The election results are as follows:

President: Roy Caywood
Vice President: Susan Larson
Secretary: Margaret Duvic
Treasurer: Kevin Mathers
Campus Senator: RPC chairwoman, chairman of the Intercollegiate Court, RHC, and RHC secretary/executive assistant.

by DAVID REAL

Yarborough campaigns at Rice seeking youth vote

Roy Caywood

Yarborough felt that the "horrible circumstances under which he is taken to Ben Taub Hospital and no one is ever turned away from its doors." With the current blood drive, the Rice Pre-Med Society is working to encourage more people to donate blood. With over 300 pints of blood having been donated in the last fall's drive, the society is hopeful that this semester's drive will surpass that number. The society is asking that anyone who is able to donate blood do so, as every donation is important.

Yarborough, who is now on sabbatical, will return to the Rice campus last Thursday, in the Fondren Library Lecture Lounge. This will be followed by a general assembly and an answering session. His chief concern is to try and keep up because of death and changeover in junior positions.

The chemical engineering department has lost two members over the past three years. Economics Studios reports a terrific turnover each year, and expects at least two of its six professor positions to be open this summer. In the civil engineering department, one faculty member resigned to go to University of Texas and another is due to leave. Lord Dr. Vickers, "no cigarette" was a "barbaric law," though he insisted that he would "not reduce the penalties for smokers."

Yarborough's visit to Rice was made in hopes of capturing the youth vote, which he feels is very important. After his surprise defeat at the hands of Lloyd Bentsen in 1970, Yarborough has determined to win back his office, and he is looking to the college student to give him the extra impetus needed to topple Tower.

Yarborough is a veteran of the Senate in the May 6th primary. The Democratic candid-
Admissions is the lifeblood of the modern university. Because an educational institution is only as good as its students, there is no matter more important to Rice’s future, particularly in the case of this issue, which is the purpose of a Thrasher investigation of the admissions policies of Rice and other universities. The article is informative, and we hope interested members of the community will set aside some time to read it carefully. Below are some thoughts on this all-important area of university policy.

Several years ago the trustees decided to increase the out-of-state admissions quota to 35%. This was perhaps the most important decision made in recent years toward reestablishing Rice in the company of the great American universities. However, it is past time for further liberalization. For several years now, more than 50% of Rice’s applications have come from out of state. If the primary goal of Rice’s admissions policy is, as it should be, to admit the most attractive candidates within the constraints of the quota, then the current 35%-out-of-state quota is a major stumbling block in the attempt to get the best students possible. Such a geographical quota system forces the university to accept less qualified out-of-state applicants. Is it in keeping with Rice’s traditional pursuit of excellence? We think not.

Many would point out at this juncture that William Mudford Rice’s original charter states that the university was established exclusively “for the inhabitants of the City of Houston and the State of Texas.” By restricting Rice’s out-of-state quota to a level approximating those of other state universities, Rice has been deflected. Food which could have been used to improve the quality of education today, freed from the logjams of admission, would have gone toward better research, better libraries, and better laboratories. Rice’s out-of-state students are certainly not keeping up the standard for the graduate and professional schools, and the out-of-state students are difficult to get. Coed co-education, which is much more than most realize, student employment, more educational opportunities, and other benefits.

I promise to work hard to help Rice give its students a better college experience. Thank you for reading this far and please vote this Tuesday.

Winston W. Brubel II

Due to lack of space, campaign statements of candidates who are unopposed, or whose opponent did not submit a statement, were not printed.

Robert Bruntin
Lovett ’74

Robert Brandt
Lovett ’74

William W. Whalen

To the Rice People:

The usual items for discussion in an essay of this sort are the Nature of the Candidate and his Reasons for Running. To avoid being cryptically, Wino and Why He Is.

Who am I, will not be elec- tion day. For I have been a student of space and energy. A dark-horse candidate could be considered well-known, relative to me. Ex- posure of my personality would not change my candidacy. Why am I running, will be the main topic here. We should not be too haphazard in the context of these statements—student elections and politics at Rice—are not the same. The position that originated my campaign. In other words, something other than the ad hoc–bound campaign can be conducted, and conducted successfully, with the possible exception of a few positions. The registration dates, expects that the new of- ficers will fulfill their promises and perform efficiently; and my campaign was conceived as a counterexample. In other words, I began my candidacy to improve democracy and become less from election time. If I have lost you so far, read and continuous, I am slowly. The following statements are merely the logic and aesthetic of my campaign:

There is a faculty of the mind called the imagination. There are people who live by their imagination in the real of the imagination.

These people live in both their intimate world and in the physical world.

The actions of these people have a poetic and symbolic nature. Their actions also have a meaning assigned from the realm of the imagination. This expression of mystic meaning by physical action is one kind of metaphor. A general difficulty in living a metaphor is the impingement of reality.

In other words, the windmills which one believes to be giants will in the end be feeble. People of the imagination have little to do with the real world; little about the real problems (financial aid, admissions, faculty bir- thing and failing, athletics) which plague this university. With bet- ter leadership, this can change. E. for sa president — Whalen

Robert Hilton
Wisec ’72
The Student Senate is to act primarily as the advocate and watchdog of student interests, and as an agency capable of effectively handling and administering issues of common interest within the University. At the very least, a student government should direct its efforts to the relief of abuses, nuisances, and excessive constrictions on the freedom of an individual in an effort to minimize the daily hassles. Given the character of Rice, there is no valid reason why this institution cannot accommodate itself more to the individual, rather than forcing the individual to accommodate himself to the institution.

Further, the Senate must protect and expand the options available to every student. We must seek to create situations which will provoke, facilitate, and catalyze associations, choices, and opportunities. There is no freedom of choice if only a few alternatives are made available. A clarification of the current statement of student responsibility is required to limit the latitude of enforcement of the present specifications that “students shall behave responsibly and in good taste,” to provide only reasonable and minimal control of this type.

Rice should acknowledge and take advantage of its unique qualities and position and determine its own educational identity as Rice of Houston, rather than striving to emulate eastern establishment schools in a continuous effort to achieve a false “status” as the “Harvard of the South.” The University should also be encouraged to recognize academic pursuits which occur external to the classrooms, as a viable, and perhaps necessary, part of student education.

It will be no small feat to burst the fetters and types of bureaucracy and reverse entropy on the Rice campus. As one major step towards accomplishing this goal, the Executive Committee could be expanded to include all of the committee chairmen, with this group responsible for the day-to-day activities of the A. A. Senate itself should make major policy decisions, and control the budget. Belief of much minutiae, it could meet less frequently, and at that, with greater efficiency. Issues such as coed colleges, off-campus tenant rights, room and board contracts, food service, health service, financial aid, and others which affect a student’s human needs, welfare and happiness, could be the immediate and vital domain of a new student rights and welfare committee, which would have the mandate, facilities, and apparatus to pursue them.

Qualifications for any office such as this must include evidence of accomplishment as well as potential. The first committee to investigate the possibilities for coed colleges was initiated two and a half years ago at my instigation, and through much conscientious work of many individuals, a proposal is just now being presented to the Board of Trustees for their decision. A year’s efforts in office as off-campus representative has finally produced an off-campus office in the BMC, where off-campus representatives may meet and be available to their constituents, and we have tentative approval from Dr. Hackerman for an off-campus center in the Lovett College basement.

The University will always change as a natural process of growth, but we must take the initiative and assist it to travel in the direction most consistent with its ideals, in a comprehensive, and well-coordinated program.

Christie Oliver

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Comparative study of Rice admissions policies revealed

by RICK BOST, BETTY HURST, and CHARLES PAU

The admissions process probably would astonish the students of a high-quality university. Being the centerpiece of one concept of higher education, and one of the only places where the same policy was employed for several decades, the Rice admissions process is often admired by others. Yet, many questions about the process remain unanswered and unanswered questions can be found in the university's policies. The purpose of this study is to review the process and evaluate it in terms of its fairness and effectiveness. The study includes data from the past five years, and the results are compared to those of other universities. The study shows that Rice's admissions process is one of the most selective in the country, with approximately 20% of applicants being accepted. The study also reveals that Rice's admissions process is more successful in admitting students who will succeed academically than in admitting students who will succeed socially or athletically. The study recommends that Rice consider implementing a new admissions process that is more holistic and that takes into account a wider range of factors.
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There are some pretty basic problems at Rice that seem to be brought up again and again at campus time. Questions such as "Why can't Rice become a really innovative school?" and "Why can't we improve the quality of life at this university?" are never really replaced with any hope of finding a solution.

When you mention the most appropriate student group to remove itself from all these issues, the student senate, more often than not you'll get a snicker. Anyone following the activities of the last senate will know why. This group received every major motion that they made and couldn't even set election dates without as many as four changes.

It's very dangerous to criticize a group of which you have been a part for a year, especially in a campaign article, but my experience as an Editorial Affairs VP has taught me a lot about student government at Rice.

There is hope for the student senate; not however, in the manner in which it has operated. The handlings associated with a senate whose members are all presidents in their own colleges are severe. The time and energy that college presidents can give is very limited. It must be up to the so-called Executive Committees to do the work of the senate. This group includes the president, the vice-presidents, the secretaries/treasurers, and the campus rep. They must be a vigorous and active group, keeping off their heels what a small senate can find them.

Within this group, and with their help, the president can bring together the resources of the SA and the talents of students interested in specific problems. Problems ranging from the rent and quality of room and board to anonymous encountering with the food service or the ability to be sorted out by a directed student task force.

We are not helping anyone by sitting back and telling the obvious. Doing what we don't know can be useful as a student government.

The senate must take some responsibility for the appalling social situation here. The Rice Program Council must be encouraged and supported by senate leadership to get out of the social desert we live in now. In that area, the next SA president will have no excuse.

The office of SA President is truly with the student for do-nothing fools with no conscience. My name is Jim Carroll and I intend to stick with tradition and run for this coveted office. As a legitimate member of Debauchery Incorporated for the Covert Kicking of Old Fruit Fliers, I think I am well-qualified. I will not bother to list the 37 offers I have held since last September (most of them in Razor Hall), nor will I tell you about my amazing ability to get along to my contemporaries. I am always open to suggestions and am willing to discuss anything. If you would like to confer with me before the election, call 607-9425 any time between 3 and 3:30 on Sundays and I'll be glad to give you your opinion. There may be hundreds of commune out there who don't always agree with me, I am putting aside past differences until after I'm elected. I now challenge my discrepant opponents to face the issues as I have refused to do.

Colleges: I promise to initiate a detailed study in educational living using the experimental dorm at 4042 Drake. Interested coeds should call 607-9905 (after office hours). Academics and Athletics: I believe that Rice is placing too much emphasis on academics. I personally feel that academic scholarship should be discouraged and a program of vigorous intensification in all sports should be undertaken. We must reassess the dismal basketball situation and find the real reason for the conspicuous absence of the great starship from the team. Also as SA president I would create a task force to hasten down that loyal Owl, Bill Peterson, and ceremoniously put peanut butter and jelly in his shoes.

Sexism: I hope no one has the liability to call me a sexist. In my dealings with broods, I believe in preliminary talks loading initially to a face-to-face encounter. I'm a firm believer in the important of taking a hard line in these situations, and I plan to keep it up until the job is finished.

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Baseball? Bah! Track? Now that's another story!

by MARTY HELASON

"We got good pitching but no hitting whatsoever" was Doug Odum's comment on Rice's third straight loss to LSU last weekend. The latter part of that comment is certainly an understatement. Rice suffered the supreme embarrassment in the opener of the series, as they were stopped without a hit in a 3-0 loss. The Owls barely avoided the same fate in the second game, as they collected the hit in a 1-0 loss. Strong pitching performances by Steve Holder and Mike Pettit were again wasted.

In the final game of the series Saturday, the Owls showed some improvement at the plate, with seven hits including Joe Scylia's home run, the first for the Owls this season. But pitching and fielding proved the Birds' downfall in this game, as LSU took a 4-2 victory.

Osburn was discouraged by the Owls week's butke, but hoped to see the situation with more batting practice in preparation for this weekend's four-game series with St. Edward's at the Rice diamond. He praised the four pitchers who have seen action thus far, -- Holder, Mike Detill, Dave Pettit, and Bruce Hanley -- and stressed that "with our pitching and defense, all we need to get in a few runs to mess up the SWC race."

Rice strengthened its bid to repeat its SWC track championship with an impressive win at Laredo. The Owls' 110 total points was challenged only by Texas Tech. The Owls' 210 total points was challenged only by favorite Texas' 310. Thus, in successive weekends, the Owls have defeated the two major threats to their title, Texas A & M and the Longhorns.

Coach Angie Eifert described the Owls overall performance as a "pleasant surprise." He said the turning point in the meet was the one-two finish in the discus and Paul Gets in the three-mile run. Other winning performances for Rice came from Dave Roberts in the pole vault and Mike Crowbom in the 440 hurdles.

Eifurt hopes to have Mike McLeven ready for the pole vault in this weekend's travel group to St. Edward's with A & M and LSU. Dave Roberts will not compete for the Owls Saturday, as he will be in Detroit for the National Indoor Championships. Also being counted on is David Cummins, who has yet to complete this season, to try to pull points in the 880.

Overall, the Owls appear to have an excellent chance of winning this meet. Eifurt hopes for improved performances by Ken Stadel in the shot put and Jim Peterson in the javelin, who continued successes from the Owls' other winners.

"It's too bad Don Knodel didn't have his new Master Lock in time for last Saturday's game against Arkansas. If so, he may have prevented a rather embarrassing occurrence. About 40 inmates from the state prison at Huntsville were guests at the game, but when it came time for the bus ride back home, it was discovered that several had escaped. The remaining prisoners were forced to sit in their bus outside the Rice Gym for about 2 hours following the game while prison officials and police searched for the escapees. The quote of the year came from a Rice student who, apparently a little crazed, was past the bus, waved to the inmates, and in the spirit of good sportsmanship shouted "Nice game, fellas."

Organic theater freaketh out

by H. DAVID DANGLO

Theater of the absurd is hard to define, difficult to understand and impossible to write about if one intends to be coherent and logical at the same time. In other words, don't feel like to intelligently inferior if one is unable to fathom the current Jones College Theater production, support — applaud the really good parts (and there definitely are some) and overlook the shortcomings. Because the piece is intended to be a review of two absurdist examples of modern theater, it will probably have at least as many shortcomings as the plays themselves (which may be an insult). Total Annotation: Camouflage is the first Rice original since Hello, Hamlet (1969-70) and is written by Winnie sophomore Michael St. John. There is nothing badly lacking in the play — the acting is rational, if not superb (notably Lynn Beaton is consistently good in the role of Brenda, sexy-poo cherleader who loves to take walks); the revolving stage is a basic thematic, many of which are strangely familiar; and the dialogue by Joe Walllitng is essentially flawless. But there is something about them, some characterizations are basically empty, and the brains of thought are fragmentized. To be or not to be — that is the question, no doubt about it.

Jack or The Submission by Eugene Ionesco provides the answer — From the maternal torment of son Jack (handled lasciviously well by Sue Witter) over his refusal to adorn his hash browned potatoes to the smelling of the bridal, the play withins in a deluge of word expressions and loud shriekings that are confusing, haunting and unmoving. Oh well, nobody really exists — and though it is very difficult to play-out, the cast pulls it off fairly well.

The play never seems to really get off the ground until Roberta III, the perfect desnuda bride, appears, and from then on U.S. positively organic (literally), Gwen Hibs is wonderful in the role of Roberta and Cash. Triton manages to put much more strength and viability into the role of Jack while playing against her. The stark and drowning climax of the play, although brutal to the senses, is quite callisthenic. The few scenes involving only two plays are especially well-directed by Tom McCown and Tony Rider.

This type of theater is especially meant for the freaked-out theatergoer or those who are interested in what freaked-out theater genres are interested in. And interest is in the mind of the beholder — although it's all cherrimoseable to me.

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