Rice is a fascinating place. This school is confusing, challenging, frustrating, mad- dening. It's an apocalyptic cam- pus of hyperactive individuals. It's a quiet and overcrowded college. Sometimes, and other way it can be terribly lonely. Everybody is playing games. Some of the games are deadly serious. For a few years of their lives, it's a home to people who, when pressed, will admit to being a truly elite group. They will also freely admit that Rice rates high for bizarre events that the contradictions of this school; you have to accept them, work with them, exist within them. That way you can survive. And some of us like it here.

By now, you've spent nearly a week at Rice. You don't get lost, you've met a few people, you've collected a lot of information. This isn't meant so much to provide more an- swers as it is to stimulate questions, and to help you get the "feel" of the place. Have fun.

A little history
Rice University was established in 1892 according to the will of William Marcy Rice. Mr. Rice's fortune, according to hisexecutor, was murdered in 1900 for his money. The (the latter did it.) A forlorn will failed to hold up in court, and the school got the money. Mr. Rice's sons are in the base of his bronze likeness, known as "Willy's Statue", in the academic quadrangle.

The will established Rice as tuition-free and segregated. Nevertheless condition now exists.

Over the years, Rice has estab- lished great prestige in Texas, but comparatively little nationally. "S. in South is Rice the "Harvard of the South." Elsewhere it is "where?"

Rice was almost untouched by the social upheavals of the late 60's. In 1969, when the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. William Masterman as Uni- versity President without consultation of the Select Committee, five days of vigorous, but peaceful, student and facult- ty protest culminated in his resignation. The euphoria thus generated was happily controllable, manifesting itself in consid- erable peaceful controversy and protest on all subjects, lasted slightly over a year.

In April of 1970, Abbie Hoff- man was invited on campus to speak. Acting President Vansy- Ver refused to recognize his invitation, and the "Hoffman crisis" erupted amid threats and counterthreats from both left-wingers and right-wingers, and general confusion, turned to some- one else. Before it ended, Allen Center had been peacefully (al- most) occupied, the Dean of Fin- ance burnt, a 150-man "Student Security" force formed (exclusively of paranoid), several bomb threats made, etc, etc. Nobody was injured. The students withdrew its invitation. Hoffman came again.

Since this mess, there has been no organized political or social dissent on the Rice cam- pus.

Do it yourself
On the whole, most students sit out for the most part. Personas of various types. One of the most interesting of these is KTRU, the campus do-it-yourself radio station, which has grown in a few years or student-run the-campus station to a full-station operation cover- ing Houston. KTRU is at about 600 AM, or 91.3 FM, or in the Rice basement.

There is, of course, always the Thresher, but that's another story. Page 2.

The Campanile, Rice's year- book, changes every year. Look at some old ones.

Jane in a literary magazine of unparallelled mediocrity.

From time to time, a campus humor magazine is resurrected. It is never worth the editor's while, but it's good to keep trying. Last time they called it "The Bird.

Each of the colones prints a mimeographed newspaper, the style, content, format, quality, and name of which may change from week to week. Expectations are not high, but the Rice Folk, which is usually serious and pretty good, and the Ricegum, which is always pretty bad and very funny.

The screening MOB
The Marching Owl Band is also pretty bad and very funny. The MOB has made a virtue of necessity; a small school cannot support the band that a University of Texas can. Lack of musical experience or talent is no bar to membership; a MOB half-time show is like nothing you've ever seen. They are immensely liked by the other 95% of the student body, and play to packed crowds.

At the football games, you also see our team, the Rice Owls. Maybe they will be bet- ter this year. Most Rice stu- dents tend to go to football and sup- port the team. However, the Athletic Department is the tar- get of endless criticism. Spe- cifically, that the school puts money on football, at a time when some students are denied admission due to inability to pay. These charges have never been satisfactorily answered.

Rice people play Foot- ball. This game requires physical coordination, strategy, and speed. It looks very silly. They also play sports and bridge and a lot. Chess and Rikis are the most frequent board games seen.

While the legal age in Texas is 21, liquor consumption on the campus is unlimited. There's an occasional drug bust.

Security loves to give partic- ular tickets. Don't believe any- thing your advisor says to the contrary. He probably doesn't have a purple sticker. You do, so you're fake game.

Rice may or may not still have the highest suicide rate in the country.

Women's Lib has hit Rice- ket; the women are in the Rice-Bike race, and the Too-Rikis are all-alive.

Be careful during registra- tion. Many of the Faculty Advisors are runners, and fellowing profs who don't know any more than you about degree requirements out of their field. You can get badly messed up. Ask the Registrar, and double-check with a senior in your major.

Good luck, etc.

In your spare time, take it easy. The campus is beautiful. Explore it. Walk around and breathe once in a while. Look at the stars. Don't take every- thing too seriously at once. If you can live through it, Rice your actually do you some good.

And some of us like it here.
The Thresher turns 60; still kicking

by STEVE JACKSON

The Thresher turns sixty this year. It was established in 1912, with the University, and it has somehow survived.

The Thresher is no ordinary college paper. To start with, it is a wholly volunteer organization. Rice has never had a journalism department; the Thresher has no advisors and no outside censorship. It is wholly student-staffed and directed.

Each year the editor and business manager are chosen in a general election; they are accountable to the RA and through that, the student body. Other staffs are appointed by those two. In the past, only the editor and business manager were salaried; under proposed union negotiations, more workers will be paid, with salaries being based on output rather than titles.

I feel this will be an improvement. A newspaper has an obligation to its clients. Since $2.70 of your blanket tax goes to the Thresher, you have a right to a good publication, and we have a responsibility to maintain one.

Primarily, a newspaper is a collection of information. While it contains opinion, in the form of letters and editorial matter, it should never become a soap-box for any one philosophy or view; to call such a propaganda organ a newspaper is the rawest sort of hypocrisy. News should be sifted on no basis except that of its value and in interest to the readership; opinion on no basis but its coherence; writers on no basis but their ability.

Journalistic responsibility is half only half the battle; we have not only not to do things right, but to do them well. The main item of, of course, is accurate coverage of campus affairs; the second is reporting of world events as they affect the academic community. The third is feature-style coverage of notable institutions, both on and off-campus.

Thresher turns 60; still kicking

by MALCOLM WADDELL

Welcome to Rice University. Having survived all the storms you face, I am sure you are taking interesting courses, and looking for experience. Hopefully, he will avoid the experience of flunking out. While this doesn’t matter to the true humanist, for anyone else it contains opinion, in the form of letters and editorial matter, it should never become a soap-box for any one philosophy or view; to call such a propaganda organ a newspaper is the rawest sort of hypocrisy. News should be sifted on no basis except that of its value and in interest to the readership; opinion on no basis but its coherence; writers on no basis but their ability.

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The Rice University Business Office has announced that all students should update their current information cards with their correct local address and telephone number next week. Tables will be set up in the Rice Memorial Center from 8:30 to 9:30 Wednesday through Friday, August 30, 31 and September 1 for students to update the information forms. The correct updated information is needed for the new Rice student directory, which is expected to be published soon.

Help! asked in updating information

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You'll even find your own special University Banking Center on the second floor. Staffed by two of our young bankers, it is open from 9 to 4, Monday through Friday. They're there to answer questions and assist you with any financial problem you might have.

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Mixers held; bring your own date

The Thresher wants to commend and congratulate all the upperclassmen advisers who have helped in one way or another to organize and coordinate this week's freshmen mixers.

The ice cream social on the lawn at Jones went very smoothly and was quite successful on Monday night especially considering the fact that the only thing served was ice cream. Freshmen boys got their first glimpse of the 4:1 ratio, and freshmen girls started getting used to the presence of quadraphonic boys, while advisers renewed old acquaintances and strove to make new ones while loosely supervising the festivities.

The Weiss, Baker, and Hanzcn dinner and dance with Jones and Brown at the KMC on Wednesday was another feather in the cap of those responsible for its organization. The food service dished out an almost edible meal while two kegs livened things up quite a bit. A highly imaginative, heavily rehearsed skit by advisers from all five colleges on the "28 Things Not to Do at a Mixer" (what was No. 4?) kicked off the dancing. Suffering from a lack of alcoholic beverages, this part went as well as could be expected. More mingling was done by all present making for a fairly festive night.

There have been all kinds of floor parties at both Brown and Jones. Lovett, Will Rice and Richardson are having their casino party tonight in Cohen House. If they turn out half as well as the previous parties, this week's activities will have been an unbelievable success.

Three Thresher correspondents at conventions

The Thresher will cover the 1972 political conventions thoroughly in next week's issue. Three staffers attended the conventions; all survived.

Mike Ross was a reporter at the Democratic convention; Steve Jackson was an alternate delegate, and Morty Rich a demonstrator-photographer, at the Republican one.

According to Morty, "every other one had a camera"; furthermore, nearly all the student delegates were inside reporting to their own campus media. These conventions were certainly the best covered in history.

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Monday, August 28th
Tuesday, August 29th

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Hackerman welcomes new Rice freshmen

by GARY BREWTON

President Norman Hackerman opened his remarks with a clear and logical thinking as an introduction to his own personal campus experience as he welcomed new students with his Matriculation Address Tuesday morning.

The assembly began as Dean McEnany of Undergraduate Studies introduced university officials and the masters of the residential colleges.

At the same gathering, freshmen introduced to the Honor Council and the Student Association by Group Young at Lighton Road, respectively.

Dr. Hackerman emphasized that the university does not exist to build good character in students, but rather to provide the opportunity for each student’s educational and intellectual development.

Here is the text of Hackerman's speech:

"Welcome to you all. You have been welcomed to the campus. All of us wish each of you well in what you set out to do. It is inescapable that all of us know that you're not doing what we want you to do. None of you is doing anything that you haven't even thought of when you got here. That's the principle of this part of the planet. I come here to talk about a celebration of what both Mr. Ford said and Mr. Young said. They said it very well.

Now before looking any further into your problems and the necessity of your purpose and the value of what you'll get off this campus, I want you to know that all of us here recognize that there is a new and its consequent disruption of what Mr. Ford said and Mr. Young said. They said it very well. We do it by making clear the value of what you'll get off this campus, or do this at all.

Rice can of course adapt itself, but to an extent which may be too high, and boring to all of you if it's not an effective function of its purpose.

I believe the machine can replace man's muscle, but not to an extent which may be too high, and boring to all of you if it's not an effective function of its purpose.

The problem for you is that historically most of you were more often on the border than on the struggle side. There is going to be some shock on being submitted, on the short side, that you've used to, so concepts not too quickly grasped. I hope all of you..."
SA promotes activity, guards student interests

In his comments at the Matriculation Ceremonies on Tuesday, Student Association President Lightfoot Reed described what is in store for the SA this year. Renovation of the Rice Memorial Center and student representation on the Board of Governors will be major areas of attention.

These and hundreds of other activities will provide Rice students an opportunity to work for and benefit from their student government. Reed expects that this year, the SA will prove to be a much more viable and useful organization than it has in recent years.

Every undergraduate registered at Rice is a member of the Student Association. Its legislative body is the Senate, composed of the eight College Presidents, the Off-campus Senator, the External Affairs VP, the Internal Affairs VP, and the President. Organizations such as the Honor Council, the Thresher, the Campanile, KT-RU, and the Rice Program Council are some of the groups provided for in the SA Constitution and By-laws.

After the general elections last spring, the Senate appointed students to fill positions on 18 of the University Standing Committees. In September, Internal Affairs VP, Bob Quartel, will begin the job of finding students to serve on SA committees such as Academic Affairs, Admissions Policy, and Financial Aid. Quartel will be arranging interviews for chairpeople and taking applications from those interested in serving on these committees. He stressed that this year's committees will be given definite study areas and will be expected to make regular reports to the Senate. Quatral is also making plans to assure that every eligible student will take automatic advantage of the polls on November 7th.

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notes and notices

N & N — is where you read anything that isn't enough to make a decent story out of.

**Cold** — 325-0661 for all kinds a snack. There recorded messages about Rice campus events is a project of the Rice Program Council, and is changed daily. Call X306 or 820 to contribute news.

**L.D.s** — If you missed the phone meeting check at the Foodom Literacy circulation desk or call X319 or 422.

**Lost** — and/or Found. There has never been a campus-wide lost & found, so the Program Council has set one up. Found articles should be stored and reported to the SA office, extension 506, where it will be kept. If you lose something, call 506.

**Cheap** — bus fares now in effect. He gets you any ride in the downtown area bounded by I-45, Buffalo Bayou, the Eastex Freeway, and Pierce Elevated. (No Rice you pay regular fare)

McGovern — people will meet at 7:00, August 29, in the P. U. Center Office, Organizational stuff.

**rice people's calendar**

Friday the twenty-fifth.

Welcome to the Calendar, the only thing in the Thresher that everyone reads, and knows why its only function is to let the minority ed are have any chance at all. **Travis — COIVTIVTAL**

11:00, Hamman Commons. Watch out for those sweet Fellows, 11:00, Cohen House, Cohen Party; 8:00, WH-JAC-Beanie-Love.

N & N — is where you read Dial — 528-OWLS for all kinds at 7:30, August 30, in the and Pierce Elevated.

Saturday the twenty-sixth.

11:00, Administrative stuff. From the 19th and 20th Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm. Monday thru Friday.

Sunday the twenty-seventh.

6:50 in the Gym. Meetings are held Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons from 5- 4 pm. New Members welcome.

**Art** — Soval Art Gallery, the Rice University Collection on portraits and drawings, pre- Columbian sculpture and pottery and other objects acquired by the Department of Fine Arts; Aug. 28-Sept. 26. Noon to 5pm. Monday thru Friday.

**Posters** — Exhibit of art, literature, war, protest, historical handbills, modern advertising, and "haphazard" posters. From the 18th and 20th centuries. Aug. 28-Sept. 15. Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm. Sunday, 1pm to 5:30pm.

Films — Media Center series.

Friday, Sept. 1. Classic shorts: *Chromatography* En 1650, by Louis Lumiere; *Trip to the Moon, Conquest of the Pole, The Magic of Melies, (1902-21) by George Melies; *The Great Train Robbery (1903) and Rescued From the Eagle's Nest (1917) by Eliza Porter; The Edison Album circa 1900; *The Olympics (1904), Xon. Japan. Saturday, Sept 2. 

**Kon Tum** (1902) by Louis Feuillade; Power by Chaplin (1912-17); The Immigrant, the Pawn-bay, One A.M. The Risk; lse femme Doree (1900), by Robert Bresson.

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