Transcendental Meditation: can it 'do almost anything?'  

by FORREST JOHNSON

The Beatles tried it, but didn't like it: thousands of college students tried it, with varying degrees of success; even older people are picking up the practice, perhaps deadly for what they get. In a few short years, Transcendental Meditation, as taught by the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, has gained wide acceptance as a means to spiritual harmony, self-realization, and simple relaxation.

The list of putative benefits of Transcendental Meditation looks like the label on a bottle of patent medicine. It promises coordination, efficiency, autonomy, self-regulation, spontaneity, creativity, economy, IQ and grades, and to reduce nervousness, depression, self-doubt, blood pressure and the use of drugs. "You might have gotten the impression, that meditation can do almost anything," says one teacher, "and it can."

Zero-like results

And all this by meditating only 20 minutes morning and evening. You could have been doing it to the world, no prayers, no dietary restrictions, no chastity, no rituals, no chants, no meditation rituals, no meditation or business that has ripped you off. And you thought that meditation could do almost anything.

Says Scientific American, "These physiological results, for the patient practicing the straightforward technique of Transcendental Meditation, are almost identical to those that have been observed in highly trained experts in yoga, and in Zen monks who have had 15 to 20 years of experience in meditation."

The magic word

The technique is simple and the effect predictable. One sits with his eyes closed and mentally recites a "mantra." Dr. Richard Alpert (another 'TMer') explains the term: "A mantra is a phrase, or it could be a sound that you repeat over and over and over again. Take for example the (Tibetan) phrase . . . Om Mani Padme Hum."

Now, there are many meanings—there's a whole book written about its meanings by Govinda. One of the ways of understanding its meaning is that Om means Brahma, that which is behind it all, the unmanifest. Mani means jewel or crystal. Padme means lotus, and Hum means heart. So, on one level what it means is the entire universe is just like a pure jewel or crystal.

Birdbound

Bird study shows odd behavior patterns

by TRICIA RIGAN

After many weeks of rooftop observations, Dr. Dan Johnson and the students in his Population Ecology Lab are still trying to find a reasonable explanation for the birds that plague Rice.

At the beginning of the semester, Johnson had a theory, which, if correct, would have explained the complex social structure of the birds. Now, although there is a lack of proof to destroy or uphold Johnson's theory, he contends that "my observations are not generally wrong."

Exactly what did the birdwatchers find? There seems to be one gross generalization: birds arrive in the vicinity early in the evening, settle in Hermann Park, then fly around, arriving on campus later. When they get to the campus, the birds play what Johnson and his students call the "bare tree game."

A place to sit

In this game, the flock fills a bare, leafless tree, usually on the side of Herman Brown, behind the Chemistry Bldg., on the side of Herman Brown, in front of Ryon Lab, in front of the Chem Lab, and in front of Herman Brown, these proportions are different: 36% dead male cowsbirds, 1% dead female cowsbirds, 60% dead robins, and 1% assorted dead birds. These differences can be explained through a social structure, which would allow some birds to roost in some places and others to roost in other places.

The facts on the half million birds still inhabiting the Rice campus are not by any means all in. It could take a year's study to fully understand the birds' behavior. At any rate, next year's Population Ecology Lab will try to solve the riddle. Who knows— they might even succeed.

 TexPIRG plans consumer aids

Last month, TexPIRG randomly surveyed undergraduate students to determine to what extent Rice students want or need a Consumer Compliant Service on campus. The following are percentages of "yes" answers to the question "Have you personally had problems with ..."

- Availability of Advertised Goods-96%
- Returned Goods-9%
- Credit and Banking-32%
- Insurance-16%
- Warranties and Guarantees-15%
- Accidents-35%
- Deposits (Apartments, Utilities, etc.)-20%
- Charges-15%

Exactly 2/3 of those surveyed indicated that they wanted such a Service to provide "do it yourself" information to deal with complaints; 67% indicated that they wanted to use a "Marvin Zinder" approach if all else failed. No one seemed to want Marvin Zinder connected with Rice, though.

In response to this questionnaire, TexPIRG plans to provide a "do it yourself" consumer complaint handbook for students next year. This handbook will cover your legal rights, how to deal with a store or business that has ripped you off, government agencies to call, and how to suit in Small Claims court ($5 fee, no lawyer required, your $5 back if you win). The handbook will cover goods, obtaining credit, auto repair, apartment eviction, and deposits on apartments and utilities, including telephone deposits.

Also under consideration is a student service to provide updated information about where to go for best deals and who has ripped off students in the past. Such a service would determine where Rice students do their buying and try to get Rice ID discounts of 10% or more. Many local businesses get 1/3 to ½ of their business from Rice people. Further ideas include arrangements for

Blood drive to honor Blanton

To help Houston's hospitals and honor a friend, the Rice Pre-Med Society will hold its semi-annual blood drive next April 2, 3, and 4-Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday—from 5 until 10pm in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute makes maximum use of the blood it receives. The blood, through centrifuging and precipitation processes, is broken into components. Each patient is only given that fraction of the blood he needs. The anticoagulants are removed from the plasma and are administered to patients with bleeding problems. Patients are given full credit for blood received through voluntary donations. Each month 1000 units of blood are administered as well as 2000 units of platelets.

The Pre-Med Society is holding this blood drive in memory of Mr. Ben Blanton, Director of Rice Information Services, who passed away on February 27. Blanton was a strong advocate of voluntary blood donor programs. During the ten years that he worked on the newspaper in Wichita Falls, he steadily pushed the Red Cross blood program there. During his lifetime, he gave volunteer donor programs.

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The opinions herein are not necessarily those of the three top officers sporting dinner jackets and cigars. The meeting quickly got out of hand, and the Senate approved the new RPC committee chairman.

President Steve Golvach then reported on his meeting with committee from HEW. This body is debating the creation of a Youth Development Department, which would delve into student problems and hopefully provide solutions. A main channel of support would have to come from the student themselves. The YID's plans had been based primarily on studies at public universities, hence the plans might not apply at private schools, and in fact they could prove detrimental.

External Affairs VP Marty Sosland briefed the Senate on the Rice Admissions Committee. The new procedures are underway primarily with regard to incoming freshmen. The committee is tentatively planning on sending out packets including the Thresher, Rice's Social Calendar, sponsoring college events for the new freshmen.

The big discussion of the evening centered around membership in the Texas Student Association. The point was brought up that some of TSA's lobbying this year could be detrimental to private universities. The TSA is seeking government funds for public schools, but has ignored needs of private colleges. In addition, Carl Treleaven pointed out that Rice could still participate in TSA activities, but couldn't form a Student National Association of Private Universities. The SA voted to cease membership in the Rice Program Council (TSL) but withheld its decision on TSA until more information could be gathered.

The idea that college representatives might replace the college presidents or their proxies in the Personnel Committee of the SA was thrown around for awhile, but no decision was reached. Members are expected to discuss the idea further with their colleges before the amendment comes to a vote in the Senate. President Hackett will give his state of the University Address to the Student Association April 17 in the Grand Hall of the RMC. The speech will last about thirty minutes with a question period afterwards. Colleges are asked to submit their tentative schedules for Parent's Day, which is set for March 30.

The meeting was adjourned with the suggestion that greater compatibility within the SA could be achieved by a midnight rendezvous at Kay's.

**Meditation**

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right in the heart of or center of the lotus flower..."You stop thinking about what it means; you just get lost in the rhythm on the Tibetan sound of it. And then it starts to move into your head, and sort of down to your belly, pretty soon it's going around like a little wheel, going around and around, and pretty soon your body is just Om Mani Pme Hum. Now, at that point it has stopped meaning anything to you."

TM mantras are personalized plans of Bengali excepted from the Vedas (Hindu holy books). These mantras are secret—known only to the individual and his immediate family. Thus, secrecy reinforces individual identity, and the fact it is shared produces group identity.

No mantra is necessary for meditation in general. The idea is to empty the mind of superfluous thought by restricting the blood to the brain. This can be done by exercises, a cramped position (say, standing on one foot with the other hand behind the back), or by breathing exercises like the breath by brute will, or relaxing and concentrating on a musical sound. Any sound will do as the exclusion of all else.

One need not assume any special position, but the more upright, the less blood to the brain, the deeper the meditation. Houdini was once locked in an airtight coffin and submersed upright in a tank of water for about an hour. He survived by slowing his metabolism to (a crawl), possible by meditating while standing on his head, or in a sitting position. Ordinary meditation is, of course, nowhere near this deep. About a 15-20% drop in oxygen consumption will put your mind at ease, which may be the source of thought, as Maharishi describes it. This state is called deep relaxation, in which the body is under the control of the nervous system, which controls the body's automatic functions such as the heartbeat and breathing. The meditation gets up with a calmer, clearer mind, better able to stand the rigors of everyday life.

Hallucinations sometimes occur—"All of a sudden there is an explosion of white bubbles before my eyes," says one meditator. These hallucinations may help explain the supposed miraculous abilities of the ancient yogis—talkings to gods, levitation, being in several places at once, etc. Extreme deprivation likely helped produce these strange effects.

Even shallow meditation is not for everyone. Some meditators claim it makes them feel strange, or conflicts. Some meditators claim it makes them feel depression, or a sense of apo- sych- you don't build up any tension and don't get excited about anything," says one apostate. Some even claim medita- tion can cause psychological dependency.

Nevertheless, meditation is useful for people who are troubled by worries and doubts. The results depend on the user.

**Honor Council seeks ombudsmen**

To the Rice community:

In the Student Association elections last February, the student body approved the institution of an ombudsman as an addition to the Honor System of Rice University. A committee composed of the Chief Justices of the colleges and two members of the GSA will be chosen at the AIC's committee, whose members planned this year's Rondelet weekend, was unaware of this conflict. When various dates for the Rondelet weekend were proposed, the Committee attempted to avoid possible conflicts with other Student Events and discussed other contingencies such as the feasibility of unfavorable aspects of having the weekend in late April, or having the weekend on a Saturday, which is the Off-Campus Committee's preferred day, instead of the evening of the 5th. Unfortunately, at no time during these lengthy discussions was the possibility of a conflict with religious holidays considered. Also, I must respectfully report that a change of date for the dance is impossible at the present time.

Obviously, a rearrangement of the present event-scheduling priorities is in order so that such conflicts, whether they are Rondelet or other Univer- sity events, can be avoided in the years to come. I have al- ready discussed this matter with Mr. Schecter, RPC president-elect, at some length, and I can assure you that consideration of religious holidays will not be overlooked in the future. Again, I would like to offer my sincerest apologies to you all.

Sincerely,

Barry Dale
Vice-Chairman, Honor Council

President Rice Program Council

**Inane calendar error corrected**

Dear editor of the Calendar (or to whom it may concern, whichever is more accurate),

In listing the Hansen Film Fest as occurring on Thursday, the 26th, instead of Friday, the 25th, the Thresher erred quite seriously. Student calendar editors dare not attempt to cope with this change of date for the dance is impossible at the present time.

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**CORRECTION**

Last week's Thresher erro-

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'Rice Literary Review' expands with new range, format

A new name and a new format distinguish this year's literary production, the Rice Literary Review, planned for April 21. Editors Bill Harmless and Augustine Martinez are currently wrapping up the first edition for publication.

Contributions chosen by the editors for the 80-page magazine were reviewed by English professors Monroe Spears and John Meints.

The Review is not to be confused with the Janus, the literary annual that failed last year with only forty copies sold. "The Janus has too many negative connotations," said Marti- nez, former editor of the University of New Mexico's literary magazine.

If felt that a name change was necessary to clear out the poor image Janus has generated on campus. The name Rice Literary Review will ostensibly be permanent.

This year the magazine will not be produced by Printing and Reproduction at Rice, as Janus was. The Review, with the aid of a $300 grant from the Student Association, will have more than four times Janus' budget.

"We want to put out a very professional-looking magazine," Harmless said, and compared the quality of their efforts to similar publications at bigger universities.

The format for the Review has been expanded in several ways, notably in content and range of contributors. "We've chosen a review format over a purely creative-type thing," Harmless explained. Informal and critical articles have been included to balance poetry and short prose. In addition, the opportunity to contribute was extended to alumnae, faculty and graduate students, as well as undergraduates. Each group is represented in the final collection.

Eleven poems, four short stories, four critical and two informal articles by over a dozen authors will be published. These include poetry by English prof Thomas Kelly and Rice freshman Polly Morrice, a short story and poems by student Peter Kahn, currently spending his junior year abroad, and work from alumni Gary Thompson, now an English grad student at University of Virginia. Both editors contributed essays; experimental psychology, literary criticism, personality theory and sociological comment are several of the topics covered in various ways in the Review.

Because it is a strictly literary publication, there won't be any photography or special drawings; however, Paul Kraut- ter and Bob Anderson are designing sketches for use throughout the book.

How did they judge the material? "If something reads well, if the subject is interesting, if the style is communicable and the piece, in general, is well-written," Martinez said, "that's the primary criteria." Harmless admitted that "the editing ends up being a pretty subjective business, and any re- jections are mostly due to our subjective selection.

The editors believe that the venture will be successful. "It's the first time Rice literary magazine has expanded," Marti- nez said. So far there has been a good deal of support, from the English department, the SA, and "friends."

Order blanks will be set up soon in the colleges; copies will be sold for $1.

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Players’ ‘Man For All Seasons’ to open next week

Robert Bolt’s powerful and moving historical play A Man For All Seasons, will be presented as the final production of the Rice Players’ 1973-74 season. Directed by Neil Havens, the play is scheduled for April 1-6 at Hamman Hall on the Rice University campus.

The story of Sir Thomas More (portrayed in A Man For All Seasons) is one of struggle between integrity and survival.

More cannot sacrifice his integrity and take the oath to save his life. Betrayed by a young man he had once helped, and convicted of treason, More is able to climb the steps to the executioner’s block calmly saying, “I do none harm, I say none harm, I think none harm. And if this be not enough to keep a man alive, in good faith I long not to live.”

John Merkling will appear as Thomas More in the Rice Players’ production, supported by Bill Horvitz as the Common Man, Rick Cordray as King Henry, Frank Dent as Cromwell, Don Shewey as Richard Rich, Donna Yoager as More’s wife Alice, and Roxanne Klein as Margaret. Other cast members are Frank Presler, Michael Ytterberg, Kim Hanson, Jeff Ross, Steve Charies, Claire Rimlinger, and Roger Soto. Merkling will design the set; Jack Blaylock will design the lighting. Costumes will be designed by Janjane Milligan and Michael Ytterberg.

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concert appearance. Actually,
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her new album Court and
Spark demonstrates, adding a
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Owl batters beat Tech in five-game winning streak

by GAURANG VYAS

After losing five of their last nine games, the Owls bounced themselves quickly by embarking on a five-game winning streak. They broke out of their slump by winning a double-header from St. Mary's University, and a three-game set from arch-rivals Texas Tech. The Owls thus ups their season mark to 18-7, 8-4 in the SWC.

In the opener of the doubleheader against St. Mary's the Owls had to rally in the late innings to edge the Raiders 6-5. Six Owls reached base in the second inning, paved the way for all five runs. Leading the Owl comeback were Bryan Boyne, Ernie Janik, and Tracy Terry, all of whom delivered key hits to keep the rally alive.

The Owls won the nightcap 2-0. Larry Renceu and Bruce Henley combined to pitch a three-hitter, with Henley picking up the win in relief. The hero offensively for the Owls was first baseman Tracy Terry who slammed a two run homer in the sixth inning.

Track team rebounds at LSU

by DANA BLANKENHORN

Rice's track team took second in the LSU Invitational in Baton Rouge last weekend, beaten only by their hosts, 98-90. Rice took five events to rebound from last weeks drubbing at the hands of UT. Ken Stadel and Buddy Briscoe led the way with a 1-2 sweep of the discus.

Morale has been going up ever since the disaster of the Border Olympics and the team meeting following it a few weeks ago. This week, they're up in Dallas for another Invitational, and if enough schools chop at Texas' strengths, it's not inconceivable that Rice could win the conference championship.

George Hardie and Tim Vann turned our Invitational Tennis Tourney last week into an SMU practice session while our team came sixth with six points. Our team consisted of Emilio Montano and Alan Boss, who each took two matches in singles, and combined for another two points in doubles.

This weekend Rice travels to Waco to battle the Baylor Bears in a three game series. The next home stand for the Owls is a double-header against Trinity Tuesday, April 2. Game time is 1pm.

Softball leagues still in limbo

by TOM WHITTAKER

In intramural softball, no team has yet established superiority. Despite the 2-0 record, has the firmest position in Monday's A League, while in Monday B, next week's confrontation between the 3-0 Aerobats and the 2-0 Wishbones should decide it, probably in favor of the Aerobats.

Despite the storm-warnings of captain Robert Bland, the Pro-Pros, at 3-0, still haven't unleashed their thunder, and remain in a tight battle with second place W.W., 2-0 in the Tuesday league. The Zoo, 2-0, playing on Wednesday, should take its league, though West...

Sock Jocks,
Brown on top in jockette meets

by CHERYL HEIN

Final games for women's intramural basketball were held last Thursday with the Sock Jocks clinching the championship after beating the Chicklets of the Bio-degradables downed the Peanuts to land in second place.

Brown College easily claimed victory during the Women's Intramural Swim Meet Wednesday the 28th. Brown placed first in the 100-yard medley relay, 100-yard freestyle, 50-yard butterfly, 200-yard backstroke, 50-yard freestyle, and 200-yard freestyle relay. Baker placed second, winning the 50-yard backstroke and 100-yard individual medley. Final scores were Brown, 64; Baker, 57; and Jones, 5.

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Beyond the hedges

Houston taxi rates go up; 2,000 Indian students riot

by GARY BREWTON

Police have confined 2,000 students to their dormitories in the Bihar state of India following several days of violent demonstrations.

High prices and alleged political corruption sparked the protest. Many of the 50,000 in the state, one of India's poorest, were led by fears of becoming merely educated paupers, unable to find jobs.

Businesses, banks, schools, and colleges were closed and police guarded the university. Some 15,000 soldiers and police had been brought in to protect railroad stations and post offices, which had been targets of mob attacks.

The state assembly met behind heavy bamboo barricades to find jobs. The agitation was led by fears of becoming merely educated paupers, unable to find jobs.

The New York State Board of Regents announced that the state of Louisiana would be stripped and sold as valuable scrap metal for the project. Such skilled objects attract algae, which in turn attract fish and other sea life, making the area a good location for skidving and sport fishing.

Backers presented petitions with 109,645 names. Horse racing was banned in Texas nearly 40 years ago.

Taxi Fare Increase

Houston's largest taxicab operator has asked city council for a 34% increase in base fares. The requested hike would boost fares for a four-mile trip from $3.35 to $3.15.

The EPA has approved plans to construct four artificial reefs off the Texas coast using scuttled World War II Liberty ships. The ships' superstructures will be stripped and sold as valuable scrap metal for the project.

Reefs are also being constructed in Australia from old tires, which have the advantage of being cheap, easy to manipulate and lightweight. The rubber reefs last indefinitely.
**Friday the twenty-ninth**

- The Rice College Course on contemporary Africa will present the last films in its series Wednesday, April 3rd at 8pm in the Media Center. A film on apartheid South Africa will be shown among others.

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- Misclassified ads are free ads for Rice people. Buy, sell, trade, insult your friends. Bring your stuff by the Thresher's office.

For sale: One pair Marantz 6G speakers and BSR 810X turntable including Shure M91ED cart. Sencscheiler 414 headphones. List $225, $150 or offer. 528-3671.

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