Missing legal opinion only obstacle to pub approval

by STEVE GOLVACH

With only one obstacle remaining, the University Pub proposal is expected to receive administrative approval soon. The problem is legal in nature: Will be Pub have the City of Houston as an invited guest?

When an establishment obtains a liquor license it becomes a public domain. This means that if the basement of the RMC or for that matter, any location on campus secures a liquor license, no members of the general public may be denied access.

This is not, however, the potential problem facing the pub. When private facilities become public, as the premises of the pub would become by virtue of its license, the owner of the premises holds himself liable to the government's exercise of its right of eminent domain.

The university, of course, must be assured that the premises of the pub will not fall prey to this governmental right. On a larger scale, this legal consideration is made manifest in the university's closing of the entrance gates for one day each year to keep the campus streets from becoming city property. It is hoped that similar measures will effectively avoid this problem in the case of the pub. Of secondary legal concern is the effect of the pub's status as a public domain on the private non-profit status of the university.

It is important to realize that the above considerations are only potential hang-ups. President Hackerman and Dean Weirum are presently awaiting an explicit legal opinion from the university's attorneys, Baker & Botta.

The university is expected to receive favorable. As far as the rest of the proposal is concerned, Dr. Hackerman has indicated that he and the Board are generally favorable.

According to Dean Weirum, the pub could be in operation by next fall.

UT Regents cut funds; students protesting

by GARY BREWTON

Much as promised, Frank Erwin and the other Regents of the University of Texas voted to cut off mandatory financing of the Daily Texan at their March 15 meeting.

The board then voted to cut off all funds for student activities except the health service, intramurals, shuttle bus system, and the student attorney service. In the place of mandatory financing the regents set up a system of positive checkoffs for the Daily Texan, student government, student elections, and intercollegiate athletics.

No control, no cash

Then the protests came rolling in. The following Monday the Daily Texan's front page was blank save for a small box in the center with a quotation from Frank himself: "We do not fund anything we cannot control."

Thousands of students came out to rally, listen to speeches, and sign petitions. One faculty member drew cheers when he said, "Frank Erwin has a lot of nerve to say that the Daily Texan and Student Government are not representative of students. Who the hell is he representative of?"

Some students even marched on the Capitol to meet with legislators attending the Constitutional Convention. The gallery was filled; Speaker Price Daniel praised the group, saying, "I'm glad they came. They were very behaved and very orderly."

The funding feud is viewed by some as Erwin's grandstand play as he reaches the end of his term as regent, culminating a period of intense antagonism between the regents and the Texan. (See Thresher, Feb. 21 and Mar. 21.) In 1970, Erwin called the Texan a "rag" run by a "radical clique."

Justification for the cuts was based on an obscure new law, House Bill 85, designed to equalize fees between full-time and part-time students. As a result, the student services fee was cut from $3.50 to $2.50 per hour, so the regents started cutting away at what was convenient. The Texan seemed convenient.

Not surprisingly, the only lawyers asked to interpret this law before the regents implemented it were the UT System's own; state legal advisors were never called in. Moreover, the regents' actions themselves have been at least in part deceptive, since the Texan was not notified of the proposed changes until two days before the action, although the item had been on the agenda for the meeting since February 18. The Student Government wasn't notified at all.

What next?

Theoretically, the Texan should be able to survive, although perhaps at a lower level. The fate of Student Government (i.e., a slow death) seems more clear, however, since they have no source of revenue to fall back on.

Ironically, the Texan's financing was voluntary from the 1920's until 1971, when a state auditor's ruling declared that all money collected by the state was state money; hence the regents assumed control of financing. In 1971 the Texan fee was cut from $1.84 to $0.50; shortly thereafter funding was abolished altogether, and revenue funds were used to publish until 1972, when the current $1.65 mandatory fee was set.

Rondelet calendar

Friday the fifth:
4pm-6pm. University TGIF in the Sallyport.
8pm & 10pm. "Cries & Whispers," Lovett Commons.

Saturday the sixth:
12 noon. All-School Picnic in Hanszen & Will Rice Quads.
2pm. Beer-Bike Race—Arrivals at the Bike Track, Stadium Lot.
2:30pm Beer-Bike Race begins.
7pm. Rondelet Dinner, Emerald Ballroom, Shamrock Hilton.
9pm-1am. Rondelet Dance. Emerald Ballroom, Shamrock Hilton.

Sunday the seventh:
2pm. Will R-Ice Cream Social. Will Rice.
4pm. Songfest. Hamman Hall.
8pm-1am. Drunk'n Concert featuring Mike Marcoulier, Bill Haymes, Vince Bell, EMC.

Service award nominations open

The Rice University Service Award Committee will meet sometime during the second week of April, to choose recipients of the Rice University Service Award given in memory of Hugh Scott Cameron.

The award is presented to individuals of the student body, past or present, who have been most exemplary in rendering service to the Rice University student body. The number of awards is left to the discretion of the Committee and may be awarded to a member of any class, but preferably not to a person receiving remuneration for their service unless their work has been of a quality above and beyond that ordinarily required.

Those wishing to make a nomination for this award may do so through the Office of the Dean of the RMC or for that matter, the Cloisters in the RMC. The reason for the nomination should be given.

Nominations should be in by 5pm, Friday, April 5.
Grad student objects to putting hubby through 'degree

By JIM ASKER

It is about time to debunk another Nixon myth, namely that his being unfair to the President and this bias is preventing the nation from getting on to the problems facing it.

Richard Nixon feels he has been maligned by the press for years. He told us in 1962, at his famous "last" press conference after losing a bid to be Governor of California, that he had finally been worn too thin by those vicious reporters. That was quite politics so they would not have "Nixon to kick around any more."

This incident illustrates one of Nixon's tactics for dealing with the media as arrogant, cynical manipulators of public opinion. Ziegler blasts the press almost daily and Gerald Ford now sounds like he is borrowing some of Agnew's old speeches.

Mr. Nixon said in Houston last month, "Bad news is news and good news isn't news." Probably every President has felt that the press tends to dwell on the unhappy and ignore the achievements of his particular administration. George Reedy, one of Johnson's "inner circle", observed that Presidents "confuse unhappy news with happy events and assume that if the news can be altered, so can the events."

The truth of the matter is that no President has a press problem. A man whose day-to-day activities, no matter how mundane, can make national news, has no problem (Continued on page 10).

Duck protests handling of coach choice

by DR. ALAN CHAPMAN

Chairman Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

Rice University

Chairman: I am writing to complain about the insulting treatment with which the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, of which I am a faculty member, was subjected during the recent search for a basketball coach. The committee was not informed and did not participate and finally, at our last meeting, was misled by the Athletic Director about the status of the search. Every piece of information that I had on this issue was obtained from newspapers, TV and gossip. I cannot accept as proper his exclusion of the faculty and the committee from participation in a most important decision.

Yours very truly,

STEVE JACKSON

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SA wants shorter meetings, less BS; no TSA action yet

by LETA DUNN

In a brief meeting Monday night the SA senate again held up action on membership in the Texas Student Association, pending further information about its lobbying activities on university campuses. The student leaders who spoke against membership said they felt it was unlikely that the T.S.A. would do anything beneficial for the university. Other students who spoke were undecided about the merits of its lobbying activities on public universities. Also, the Senate decided not to send members to the TSA State Convention this weekend because of Beeswax Day.

Dr. Hackerman's address to the Student Association on April 17 has been rescheduled for 10:30 Saturday the 21st in the Chemistry Lecture Hall. He will discuss the establishment of a Rice TexPIRG. According to theTexPIRG volunteers are usually considering, then, is whether or not Rice students should be participating or the organization about the Texas. The question is whether or not Texas students have been active this year, serving their continued support. The first proposal would replace the present fifth-year Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with a Professional Master's degree in Accounting. The second would require some academic credit for courses in Army and Navy ROTC, as follows: the AROTC or NROTC programs may, if they so desire, count two ROTC courses for credit toward graduation. The third would provide that fewer members would be able to make it to Kay's afterward. Letters have been sent to about forty out of state students, mainly to prospective academics. Anyone interested in recruiting prospective freshmen, especially those from your own town or state, should contact Internal Affairs VP. M. Treecord.

Faculty tentatively OK's two proposals

Two proposals affecting curriculum were given preliminary approval at a meeting of the faculty on Tuesday, March 19, 1974, in the Chemistry Lecture Hall. Both require favorable action on a second reading at the next general meeting, probably in early May.

The first would replace the present fifth-year Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with a Professional Master's degree in Accounting. The second would require some academic credit for courses in Army and Navy ROTC, as follows:

Students decide fate of TexPIRG at Rice

To the Rice community:

Students who will be returning to Rice next year will make a final decision in the next few days which will be of far-reaching significance to the Rice community and the citizens of Texas. The question is whether or not Rice students want TexPIRG to continue at Rice.

TexPIRG has been quietly working and growing on the Rice campus since its founding in 1972. By February of the following year, over 60% of the student body endorsed a proposal calling for the establishment of a Rice TexPIRG chapter to be funded by yearly contributions of $4 per student.

One month later, Rice University agreed to act as the collecting agent for TexPIRG. The procedure used enables students to be billed for their TexPIRG contributions along with their tuition and fees. Under this system, students are automatically billed for the TexPIRG fee unless they indicate that they do not wish to contribute. The procedure for non-payment is simple: a special form is enclosed with the registration materials and the student need only fill this out and return it to the Registrar.

Each registration, then, becomes a referendum in which students may decide whether or not they wish to continue TexPIRG. A decision, if the agreement with Rice, at least 50% of the returning students must participate or the organization will cease to function the following year.

The question which students should do in this referendum, in whether or not TexPIRG serves their continued support. Unfavorable results may mean the loss of TexPIRG volunteers are usually too busy with their own activities to notice or think about what TexPIRG has been doing. At the same time, TexPIRG volunteers are usually too busy carrying out their duties to spend much time publicizing their accomplishments.

The fact is that TexPIRG has been active this year, serving the interests of students and the public through research and service projects too numerous to list here. Projects directly benefiting Rice students include a free ten-week auto repair course, a handbook outlining the rights and remedies of tenants and landlords and student seminars dealing with insurance and consumer credit. Several months of research and planning has already gone into a proposed Campus Consumer Complaint Center scheduled to begin operation next fall.

Other current TexPIRG projects are listed in the information sheet included with registration materials. Students determine the topics to be investigated, and studies are carried out by professional researchers and student volunteers. When results are found to be contrary to the public interest, the situation is publicized and TexPIRG lobbies, testifies before governmental agencies and, if necessary, initiates litigation.

In the next few weeks, TexPIRG will be holding elections for 1974-75 local board membership. Many active TexPIRG volunteers will be graduating this spring, thus there is room for new people and new ideas. A commitment to TexPIRG for next year might not yet you a 43-yard touchdown or a curtain call on opening night, but it can offer some benefits worth considering. For example, you can learn how government really works by trying to change a law. Or you can research a topic of your own choice and know that the results of your work will go beyond some professor's desk top. By that time, though, the grade won't be as important to you as whether or not the state legislature transforms your recommendations into law. You can work with scientists, lawyers, and other professionals, as well as with students from other Texas universities who share your interests and ideas. If you think you might be interested in working with TexPIRG, drop by the TexPIRG Office (2nd floor, RM 57), any Friday afternoon, or call 925-9977.

If you don't have the time to work with TexPIRG, you can do a lot to help just by indicating your financial support when you register. Both money and peoplepower will help TexPIRG grow — you may just derive some benefits yourself.

Sincerely,
Linda Neiman
TexPIRG Project Coordinator

Camerons patrol MSU campus

Detroit, Mich (I.F.)—Wayne State University has announced yet another innovation to maintain a safe campus — television surveillance. Closed-circuit television cameras are mounted atop University buildings and monitored at Public Safety headquarters.

Signs posted throughout the campus area proclaim: "For your protection this area is being viewed by TV cameras 24 hours per day monitored by WSU Public Safety Department." The closed-circuit television will cost about $50,000. Professor Thomas, who has served in that office since 1959, will be on leave-of-absence during the Autumn semester of 1974.

by Garry Trudeau
Players offer first-rate classic ‘Man for All Seasons’

by H. DAVID DANGLO

It’s the most intelligent play the Rice Players have done this season, and perhaps for that virtue alone it’s worth a look. Robert Bolt’s A Man For All Seasons is a solid classic, contemporary style, by a historical-minded playwright who aimed not only at dramatizing, but also at comprehending that dice of Henry VIII-history which the play covers, and succeeded enough to make his project one of the more respected properties of the century.

That the bawdy and politically vice-ridden era of the six-times married king could also produce a man of such integrity as Sir Thomas More, chancellor and regal confidante, might seem peculiar. But then, he doesn’t last past the second wife. For some, unfortunately, high-sounding to-borne-self-be-true obsession that provides the main impact of both character and play will seem, given the circumstance, ultimately selfish and self-denying — and unbelievable.

More’s steadfastness becomes sheer obstinacy, his high morality a self-serving shamed to those whose rationalism tends unfailingly to practical ways of thinking. His “simple impudence” led him to the block; so why didn’t the old coot take the oath to save his life, and continue to think truly, “in his own heart,” wise advice from his educated young daughter. The dialogue More is given to explain his part in the case is concise and keen-witted, philosophically sound attempt to answer such question often compelling enough to stand up to the reasoning behind the material and popularly superior way of life that fulfills whims and climbs social ladders.

The play is well-constructed dramatically, and is taken through its paces by director Neil Havens with an eye toward balance and movement. Not conscious enough to appear stiff and overstated, but calculatedly deliberate just the same. An interfering chessboarded set of staircases, platforms, arches, and scene-switching banners is necessarily versatile. Havens has peopled this production with a dual-purposed cast who both move props for scene changes and fill a variety of mostly shallow roles — people who fit some way or another within More’s sphere. Most of the scene changes happen almost unnoticed, characterizing the smooth flow Havens has built; the roles, in general, are well-occupied, but because most of them are there to provide only the most basic support, much of it inevitably approaches prop-

As Common Man, Bill Horwitz takes on the task of unifying the several vignettes composing each act with an earthy, ruf-fian attitude that offers humor as well as time-narration, choice bits of historical information, (“the king died of syphilis before he was able to sign Norfolk’s execution papers”), and a much pleasure in pulling an accomplice’s hand into a candle flame as ruining a fellow statesman. Rick Cordray holds the stage as the bullish, demanding King Henry in a one-shot exhibition of youthful intelligence and caprice; Donna Yeager is equally bullish as More’s wife, managing quite a bit of classy dialogue for an illiterate. The forceful Duke of Norfolk is portrayed with matching vigor by Frank Presler. Other characters cluttering More’s life include a Lutheran radical pretty-boy, Jeff Ross, after his daughter’s (Roxanne Klein) hand in marriage; Richard Rich (Don Shewey), a wain-like office-seeker who “sells out for Wales,” and Chap-uy (Kim Hanson) a meddling Spanish ambassador.

The man for all seasons isn’t, thankfully, played like a complete idiot; the role is given dimension by John Merkling, who really looks good as More. His deep, monotone-oriented voice expresses his singularity of purpose; he manages very well a certain amount of spank-approaching smirk that bellies the innate cynicism of an incorrupt-able man. Merkling holds the audience’s sympathy throughout bandying both humor and path-

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Contact Rice Placement Office
Havens comes full circle with second 'Seasons' attempt

By DON SHWEY

A Rice graduate, Havens earned his master's degree in theater from the University of Indiana and eventually worked his way to New York, where he assisted director Joshua Logan in Broadway productions of Mr. President and Tiger By the Tail. When he returned to Rice to direct the plays in 1964, the first show he did was A Man For All Seasons. Havens will go on sabbatical leave to New England, starting this summer, and the current production brings him back to the beginning of a distinct ten-year span in his career. Asked why he wanted to do A Man For All Seasons again, Havens said that while the play itself is "one of the finest I have directed and certainly worth presenting again, I'd also like to round out the ten years by trying again to measure what I've learned." And what has he learned? "More about how to use the stage. In staging, the physical images come faster."

Reflecting on his ten years with the Rice Players, Havens remembers that when he first arrived, he was steeped in literary theater and conventional drama; over the years he has become more theatrically oriented. "I have learned what theater is rather than what plays are. . . . I like actors; I hate furniture." This trend has been graphically demonstrated in such productions as The Serpentine and Alice in Wonderland; successful productions of Marat/Sade, America Hurrah!, Canterbury Tales, Hamlet and absurdist one-acts The Bald Soprano and No Exit reflect this development. Havens uses the stage and the actor to say more than what is in the script and this is his intent for A Man For All Seasons as well.

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NABC president Bob Polk named Knodel's successor

by BILL BELL

As the hackneyed line goes: I've got some good news and some bad news. First for the good news — Rice has a nationally-known basketball coach.

The new head of the nation's collegiate basketball coaches is also the new Owl head coach. James Robert (Bob) Polk was officially named successor to Don Knodel by Athletics A.M. (Red) Bale last Thursday.

Polk is the new president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and has been head coach at St. Louis University for the last five years. Polk's record and reputation in national collegiate cage circles speak for themselves. His career mark as a college head coach of 328-191 for 64 percent victories in 831 games over 24 seasons is impressive. In 1968 he was named National Coach of the Year. In 1970 he was named Missouri Valley Coach of the Year, and in 1966 he was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year.

Polk's longest service as a college head coach, for which he is perhaps best known nationwide, was 15 years at Vanderbilt University, where his record with the Commodores from 1947 to 1962 was 197-196 for a 65 percent winning percentage.

The move to Rice will mark his second visit to Texas as a coach. He had outstanding success from 1965 to 1969 as tutor of the Trinity University Tigers at San Antonio, where he had a 69-28 record for 71 percent with two trips to the NCAA playoffs.

Bob Polk is now in his 50s, with both of his children out of college, as he starts his 25th season as a college head coach.

Polk is a native of Bountiful, Ind., but grew up in Tall City, Ind. He played basketball and got a B.S. degree from the University of Evansville in Indiana.

He served at Vanderbilt for 15 years, helping strongly to move the Commodores into the national rankings as a major cage power.

The new Owl cage boss says it is too early to make specific announcements relating to his staff at Rice or immediate plans in a variety of matters involved, but all this will be developing in the weeks ahead. Terms of his contract with Rice were not made public.

The bad news

And now for the bad news — In spite of his incredible lifetime record, Polk's fortunes have taken a downturn in recent years. Since 1970, when Polk won MVC Coach of the Year and Rice last won the SWC, the St. Louis Billikens took a decided turn for the worse. This past season the Billikens, amid rumors of Polk's being fired and massive fan absenteeism, fell to the cellar of the Missouri Valley Conference.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, on Friday, February 22, headlined its sports section with "Bills Lose As Students Stay Away in Droves." Following a 96-89 loss to Bradley, the Billikens had fallen to 2-6 in the MVC and 8-14 for the year. According to the Post-Dispatch, students at St. Louis U. seemed more interested in the library than basketball. One co-ed blamed the absenteeism on the school itself, "There's no campus life here. There's no school spirit." Another "young blond" chimed in with, "It's a typical city school. The only way a guy can get in here is if he has bad manners and acne."

Other students blamed the poor showing on a racial background. Seemsly only blacks and city people supported basketball while the whites supported hockey. Indeed, competition with hockey doomed a losing basketball team at St. Louis U.

At Rice, Polk won't have to compete with hockey, but fan apathy will be a recurring problem. At 58 years of age, Polk will be faced with starting a winning program on rather shaky foundations. In the past, he has shown himself capable of producing national competitors. An excellent administrator and PR man, Polk faces a strong challenge at Rice.

Owls welcome Polk

Rice has a new basketball coach, but the old problems still remain. Trying to recruit talent to an academically rigorous school with little basketball tradition finally proved too much for one ex-Vandy basketball coach. Whether Bob Polk can do any better remains to be seen.

Polk is an ace: his basketball credentials are impeccable. At Vanderbilt he molded national powers time and again, even though Vandy had high SAT requirements for entering athletes. At Trinity, he took a mediocre program and garnered two NCAA playoff berths in five years. The big question marks are Polk's age and his lack of success at St. Louis U.

Since 1970, when St. Louis shared the conference crown with Louisville and Drake, Polk has been criticized for his poor recruiting efforts. Curiously, he was most criticized for recruiting too many blacks. That's a real switch from Rice's recent problems. With a fresh start at Rice, Polk should be able to improve both his and Rice's fortunes.

To do this, however, he must learn to cooperate with a campus that is substantially different from either Trinity or St. Louis. On way to accomplish this would be to keep McCoy McLemore and Greg Williams as assistants. George Mehaffey is already gone. As a man who gave all his players a fair deal and who added color (and technical fouls) to the bench, we hope that Coach Mehaffey is successful in whatever line of work he continues.

McLemore and Williams want to stay and, for different reasons, the Threshold hopes that both will be given a chance under the new regime.

McLemore has obtained the respect of both players and students. His calm, amiable relations with the student body and his expertise in basketball make him a welcome addition to the staff. Williams, as a former Rice undergrad, has a knowledge of the school, its quirks and idiosyncracies, that would be indispensable to a fresh coach.

To Bob Polk we extend our greetings and a wish that he will build a respected and winning program at Rice.
Owls’ ‘weak play exhibition’ loses six of seven games

by GAURANG VYAS

Last week the Rice Owls presented an exhibition on how not to play baseball. Playing like Little Leaguers, with the enthusiasm of sick birds, the Owls lost six of seven games to weak opponents. In a generous mood, they committed an astounding 26 errors over the past seven games. Almost every player got into the act. Most noticeable were infielders Mike Macha, Bryan Boyne, and Tracy Terry, who repeatedly blew easy chances in the field. Ironically, Macha and Boyne are considered to be among the best defensively at their positions.

The pitching, one of the big question marks at the beginning of the season, continued to be strong. In the first game of the Baylor series at Waco, Mike Pettit pitched a two-hitter. However, the Owls lost the game 4–1, as four Rice errors paved the way for three unearned runs. Meanwhile, the Owls could muster only two hits.

The first game of the doubleheader last Saturday went into extra innings. Baylor won the game 4–3 in the tenth inning, as catcher Mike Czmit Redzik drove in the winning run. Tommy Smart, relieving Bruce Henley, took his second loss for the Owls.

The Owls rebounded in the nightcap behind Larry Reneau and Macha. Reneau pitched a three-hitter as the Owls won the game 5–2. Macha drove in two runs and scored once with double and a solo home run.

The Owls next entertained the Lamar University Cardinals from Beaumont. Lamar, who had defeated Rice in a doubleheader earlier in the season came into the series with a 12–12 mark.

The Owls should never have taken the field. In one of their most listless performances (only eclipsed by their showing the following day against Trinity), the Owls were out of it, 4–2 and 2–1. It was the same old story all over again. Four errors in the first three innings, and the Owls were behind 2–0. The Owls did rally in the late innings, but the Lamar reliever Julio Alonso struck out Tracy Terry with the tying runs on base to end the game. Ted Nowak, the Toy Cannon, and Mike Macha had home runs to lead the Rice attack.

Two Rice errors allowed an unearned run in the first inning, and this proved fatal as the Owls lost the nightcap, 2–1. Mike Pettit lost his second consecutive game after winning six straight. The worst was yet to come. Tuesday’s opponents were the Trinity Tigers, but the outcome was no different. The Owls committed eleven errors. They were swept by scores of 9–0 and 11–2.

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Will Rice favored in Rondelet Beer-Bike competition

by DANA BLANKENHORN

This Saturday marks the high point of the Rice sports season, football team notwithstanding. The Beer-Bike race, which caps Rondelet week-end, once more hits the pavement and away they go.

For newcomers: the Beer-Bike race is run on a track somewhat resembling an oval in the Stadium parking lot. The goal is to get ten people to each down 24 oz. of beer, and ten people to ride the .55 mile circuit twice, in the fastest possible time. Last year, following an accident which disqualified the favored Will Rice and Wiess teams, Hansen took it. They don't figure to repeat.

Wiss — “We have a very good beer team,” says Tim (Frog) Barry, Wiss’s Ironman. (One who drinks and rides, not necessarily in that order.) He’s understating his case a tad.

Sylvanus Shaw leads the practice times with a 2.5 chug, and Dave (Whoposh) Klöster consistently guzzles the brew in three seconds flat. Kermit Lancaster, too slow to make the cut, and first alternate, has done a five flat, clean. As to riders, Dave Anderson leads a group with no one over 2:50, although the bottom five French up around the high 20’s.

Sid Rich — Steadiness is the name of the game, with eight riders at around 2:50, and two at 2:25. The drinkers range from 3.7 to 6.2, but the race is won on the seat, not in the throat.

Lovett — Lou Strahan has done a 2:10 mile in practice, but things drop from there to nasty times like 2:56. The beer drinkers range in the fours.

Hanszen — The defending champs lost a lot to graduation. Greg MacKenzie, Harold Liljestrund and Matt Martin all do 2:27 on the bikes, but the average time among the ten is 2:32. The beer drinkers are equally average.

Baker — Situation nebulous. Jim Connor and Dwayne Ringers are still at it, writing, searching for bikemen. Another year for families.

Will Rice—Lou Schumacher’s 2.9 makes him the second chugger on campus. The averages dip to six or seven from there. Among the cyclists, Randy Kahle is the slowest starter, with a 2:29 time. His celestial competitors are very strong again, very strong indeed.

Propositions: — With clean chugs and strong efforts by their 9th and 10th riders, Wiss can take it. Sid Rich is very strong and also has a chance. Tradition, though dictates: my choice of Will Rice College. There’s very little to go by on the women’s race. The old Tea-Tricycle competition was replaced last year by a regulation-style Beer-Bike race, but the girls ride half as far and drink half as much. Predictions: none. Jones is fast and Brown is faster. Hanszen and Baker, if they’re there at all, will be in it for laughs.

JOCK NOTES

The baseball team leaves for Ft. Smith on Thursday to battle Arkansas over the weekend; the next home game is against St. Edwards next Tuesday. The Trinity tennis team ranked seventh nationally, will battle Rice at the Juke House Stadium on Friday. The Texas A&M Aggies will be here the following weekend. Every Easter Sunday the track team will travel to Lafayette to compete in the E. W. Louisiana relay. The spring football workout continues over at the stadium. 24 injuries have not hampered the progress of some key players. The Blue-Gray game will be played on April 15.

Billy Siems is the new Assistant Sports Information Director. Siems comes over from the University of Houston where he was a student assistant. He replaces last year’s regular Bob Polk, who was expected on campus last Wednesday. He is expected to announce his assistants within a week.

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Nixon vs. the press...

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with the press. He can always make his views known. A President has political problems, not press problems.

But Nixon claims the press is viciously distorting the news. Yet the White House declined to answer the National News Council's request for a list of specific instances of distortion. It may be a cliche, but the press does not create the news, it reports it. No reporter could last very long in his business if he made many factual errors. And few are allowed to express their opinions in print. As Reedy observed, "The significant impact of the press lies not in its critical reflections but in its capacity to tell him what he is doing as seen through other eyes."

Even if we look at the editorials, Nixon has little call to blame media for his woes. Newspapers overwhelmingly favored Nixon in 1972. Even now, after a series of the worst political scandals in the country's history, remarkably few have called for his impeachment.

The press conferences themselves have been the subject of much debate lately. The format is being discussed, with an eye toward assuring better continuity of the questions. Clearly the format of these encounters is favorable to the President. They are scheduled at his convenience. It is easy for him to evade issues with short or noninformative answers. He usually has a seating chart so he can quickly spot interrogators who will give him easy or flattering questions.

Some reporters such as Dan Rather have been accused of Rather answers those who cite him as disrespectful by saying that he sees his role as that of a watchdog, not a lapdog. Cries for the press to get off Nixon's back are ridiculous. I believe Nixon should get off the press' back, so that he can get on with the problems facing the nation.

‘Study in Israel’ program offered

State University College at Oneida, New York, Hebrew University, Haifa University, and Bar-Ilan are offering a summer academic program in Israel in July and August, 1974. The program, "Modern Israel," will run seven weeks and will award nine semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.

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Beyond the hedges

Linda Lovlace streaked at college 'Sex Week' affair

by GARY BREWTON

"Sex Week" at the University of Alabama had a special treat for guest speaker Linda Lovlace of "Deep Throat" fame. Four streakers appeared while she was on stage, presented her with a bouquet of flowers, and one of the four kissed her. Streaking, although on the wane, may be the latest spectator sport in the U. S., but for sheer entertainment, it cannot match one Australian fad — the limp fall.

Teenage alcoholics

A recent study indicates as many as 450,000 U.S. kids may be alcoholics. Of 598 high school students polled in Washtenaw County, Michigan, 20% said they most frequently down five or more drinks at a time, versus 12% in a 1970 survey. The increase was attributed to parental beliefs that "alcohol is preferable to drugs."

Texas' newly adopted penal code requiring judges to put constitutional guarantees of equal rights for men and women to the test as evidenced by five arrests in Austin for "compelling prostitution." This new section of the law, a second-degree felony offense, allows conviction of any person who causes another by force, threat or fraud to commit prostitution. The terms "male" and "female" have been deleted. Little League baseball has always been known to bring out seriousness in parents, and in New Jersey, a major legal battle is underway involving a state order to let girls play ball, too.

The Houston sewer system was called a threat to public health in certain places where raw sewage flows untreated into area streams, according to the Texas Water Quality Board. Of the 200 such sites, most occur only during overflow conditions where the capacity of the system can't handle the load.

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rare people's calendar

Sakuna Nita, 8pm Monday, Montessori Forum panel - the School Board vs. the parents of the retarded. 
1st time. 10pm. Lovely, Crisis and Whispers. 
10:30pm. 151 SH, Rice Debate Club. 
9:30pm. Swimming pool, synchronized swimming. 
10:30pm. Lovely, Crisis and Whispers. 
7:30pm. Lovely, Crisis and Whispers. 
8:30pm. Rice Chess Club. 

Tuesday the seventh.

Rice student. 
Rooster will also supply Rolls Royce. 

notes and notices

Action — Diane Schroeder, formerly with the Peace Corps in West Africa, will be ordered in the RMC on the 8th, 9th, and 10th to discuss careers with the Peace Corps and VISTA. For all majors. 
Population — Anyone who would be interested in helping organize and manage a "World Population Conference" here at Rice next semester, please contact 522-0015.

Ticket Office.

Drama — The University of St. Thomas Drama Department will present a melodramatic comedy, "The Great Sebastian," April 3-5 in Jones 203. "Butch Cassidy and the House of the Seven Gables." 
Weyg — The Rice University Amateur Radio Club is seeking new members or equipment from any interested party. Contact Clint Daves at 526-1149, or leave message in the Weyg mailbox 334 Abercrombie.

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Ah, Pipe of the Court, Pipe me a sweet melody. 

Where's the old college spirit, Jones North? Let's not make the Rice campus without female streakers. If you've got anything to share, speak on over; we'll be sure to talk to you. 

To the table with the mostest, a toast to Amy Beebee's fingers wherever they may be. 

Bobby Watson. 

Batsgirls should only come out at night. 

Nice garage apartment in exchange for babysitting next school year (this summer too, if possible). 

Call 528-0897/529-1865. 

The Rice Reinforcement Society and the Rice Society for Insect Torture will hold a joint panel discussion. 

Tuesday the ninth. 

7pm. Sammy 
8pm. Jones Commons. Rainbow Rockers. 

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Tuesday the seventh.

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