Pub gets $50,000 gift

At the Pub meeting Monday night, the Rice Campus Store presented a check for $50,000 to the Pub Board of Control. The Rice Campus Store Board of Control had decided to take this action at its last meeting on February 6. The sum consists of profits from the store which, under the conditions of its indenture of trust, are used for the improvement of the RMC and the benefit of the Rice Student Body. It was thought that the Pub project best exemplified the fulfillment of these goals.

Under former funding plans, the Pub would have been financed by a $9,000 grant and $31,000 loan from the Rice Board of Governors. Thus, profits from the Pub would have been used in part for repayment of the loan. Now the Pub will be an entirely profit-making operation. These profits will be used to provide live and continuing entertainment, pay the salaries of student employees, and insure that prices will be far below those of any other establishment in the Rice area.

Names are still being solicited for the Pub. Entries for the "Name the Pub Contest" may be submitted until 5pm tomorrow and should be forwarded to Martha Garcia at Jones College. The winner will receive a $25 gift certificate for use at the Pub.

President Ford talks energetically in Houston

by JOE L. RENDLY
National Affairs Editor

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The battle joined. The President attacked Congressional opponents advocating gasoline rationing, ad-libbing that it "would happen only "over my dead body" to a round of applause originating from the press section. Mr. Ford, who used facts and figures extensively in his speech, said that "not many people in this country, and very few in Texas" could go very far on the 12 gallons of gas that would be the average weekly allocation to each of the country's 140 million licensed drivers.

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It’s tempting in an election issue to offer the reader-voter some deep, thought provoking commentary, exceedingly clever witticisms, or an exclusive editorial expose in an effort to elicit support, but better judgment, a terminal weariness with politically-motivated crap, and a lack of any of the aforementioned material decided against it.

Instead, for your amusement, here is a list of rules and regulations which have been proposed for students living in the colleges. The rule and regulation makers have once again aligned the students into a neat little pigeon hole, and that the facility occupants are reasonably safe from fire and other hazards. In light of the foregoing, the following rules are set forth.

1. The use of a modest number of wall anchors (4) furnished by the housing department is permitted, but installation must be made under the supervision of the maintenance supervisor. Use of non-adhesive putty compound may be used to hang posters, etc., however, it must be removed and cleaned off when not in use.

2. Use of additional electric wiring installed from switch boxes or wall receptacles is prohibited. A minimum use of extension cords is allowed.

3. Partitions or bed construction in rooms must be free standing and have at least (1) one inch clearance between ceiling and walls. Construction is permitted only with the approval of the Director of Housing or his designate.

4. No construction will be permitted above the A/C units, or within 10 inches of either side of the A/C units, or within 48 inches of fire sprinklers, in any building or closet in the room. Notifying maintenance supervisor is required.

5. Drapery rods may be installed. Permission will be obtained for proper installation only.

6. All furniture and fixtures assigned to the room must be accounted for upon request from the student maintenance supervisor.

7. The responsibility and accountability of University dormitory property rests with the individual student and the student maintenance supervisor who is responsible to the Housing Department for an accurate and up to date inventory.

8. The responsibility for the furniture and fixtures in public area of the Colleges rest with the Colleges and the individual College government.

9. Area carpets are permitted, provided no permanent modifications or damages result. For example, trimming of doors to accommodate area carpets is prohibited.

10. Area carpets may be permitted until such time as the University makes available a small standardized rental unit. Refrigerators owned by individuals should be small, in good condition, self defrosting and the floor should be protected under the unit. Damages to rooms from refrigerators will be charged.

11. When the student (occupant) decides to vacate his room, to off campus or to another room he must first get a clearance from the student maintenance supervisor. Without this clearance his deposit and other personal belongings will be reclaimed.

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19. The College may establish rules which are at variances with those provided prior consent is obtained in writing from the Housing Department in advance and provided the College assures the facility occupants are reasonably safe from fire and other hazards. In light of the foregoing, the following rules are set forth.

To the editor:

On Saturday February 1 an egg roll containing a rubber band was served to Craig Diserens. Craig discovered the foreign matter while attempting to slice a particular tough noodle. There were several witnesses to this fact, and numerous other individuals who came to watch at food service's new way to stretch their food supplies. Later that afternoon the egg roll was photographed by Wm. Leiter.

The intent of this letter is not to embarass anyone, nor to start a rash and unnecessary panic on the Rice Campus, but to point up a clear and present danger, and to remind those in power, that anything, even the improbable, is indeed possible.

Brad Vernon

Craig Diserens
Wm. Leiter

Former NOW leader to speak on sexism, law

Aileen Hernandez, former commissioner of Housing Opportunities Commission (EOOC), will deliver a lecture on Sex Discrimination and the Law, February 14, 8pm in Krostit Auditorium, Bates College of Law, University of Houston. The speech is the second in a four program series on "Women and the Legal System: A Look to the Future."

Why is this man smiling?

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— jim aronovsky

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Schools now facing unhappy students' lawsuits

By GARY BREWTON

At Monday night's meeting the Senate voted to extend indefinitely the deadline for application for student positions on the University Standing Committees.

External Affairs Vice-President Carl Treleaven presented at the meeting a statement signed by student Steve Golovich and Internal Affairs Vice-President Marty Sokol to the Senate and the Committee.

The Senate also heard a report by Don Botsch, student on the Admission Committee, for help in recruiting "blue chip" students. Botsch has currently been involved in a massive letter-writing campaign to get the applicants a personal view of the University. Action was put off until the next meeting so that the Senate could consider the report.

The Senate took final action to approve a change of wording in the Constitution. The change, a reduction of the twisting hands of the Senate, will be in effect on the Senate.

Travel expenses of $200 plus $50 for "emergency purposes" were appropriated so that two students could attend the Conference on Racism being held in Boston. Jan Forney, who made the request, had originally asked that the $50 be used for food expense; however, since it had not been the policy to pay for meals at conferences, the Senate specified that the money could not be used only for unforeseen expenses.

The Senate received a report from a TSHA convention from Carl Treleaven. Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Also, Calvin Slater submitted the Campanile trial balance by Garry Trudeau.

Committee deadlines extended

TexPIRG offers 75 grants

TexPIRG is offering up to $75,000 in projects completed Spring semester. These projects, which may be done in association with class papers, may later be published or expanded further for future TexPIRG use. Anyone can apply; however, preference will be given to those projects with at least three students. Three grants will be offered. To apply, come by the PIRG office in the RMC Information regarding Auto Repair shops in the Houston area will be compiled into a pamphlet to be distributed by PIRG. If you have anything you'd like to contribute (comparing prices, etc.), come by.

MEETINGS...

The Houston Metropolitan Ministries, Rice University, the Hispanic International University, the Texas Committee for the Humanities, and Public Policy are sponsoring a series of lectures on Inflation, Freedom and Individual Values: Dealing with the Issues. For information, call 522-8880.

Sat., Feb. 15, 9am-noon, Kashmere Baptist Church, 4302 Cavalcade.

Sun., Feb. 16, 2pm-5pm, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 6622 Haskell.

Sun., Feb. 16, 2pm-5pm, Ripley Hall, 444 Lovoy Ave.

Wed., Feb. 26, 7pm-10pm, University Presbyterian Church, 3601 Redditt.

Wed., Feb. 26, 7pm-10pm, Gethsemane Methodist Church, 4856 Belt Boulevard.

There will be a Common Cause meeting Wed., Feb. 19, at 7pm in Jetton's Cafeteria, Richmond at Buffalo. John Hannah, lobbyist, will speak about the current Texas legislature. For more information, call 524-1291.

Out-of-state licenses OK'd

Out-of-state students with out-of-state license plates on their cars needn't worry about getting a ticket from the friendly local policeman. Non-resident, full-time students attending accredited colleges and universities have been granted "full reciprocity," the state's term which means that the out-of-state license plates are accepted as valid in Texas. However, there is one string attached: a non-resident establishes residency (for example, by registering to vote), he has thirty days to get Texas plates put on his car.

In other legal action, a group of students at the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara campuses of the University of California are planning to sue the university's regents this winter to abolish tuition. The group, Students Against Tuition, will argue that student fees amount to an unconstitutional tax that violates their "fundamental interest and right" to attend the public university. Specifically, the students will charge that only the state legislature—not the regents—has the right to impose fees. The regents traditionally have set fees since tuition was first imposed at the university several years back.

—earth news

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MIND OVER MATTER: PSYCHOKINESIS

by JEFFREY OCHSNER

Psychokinesis, or mind over matter, has been one of the most elusive A-menon to study in the field of parapsychology. It may be the most difficult type of psychic ability to generate. In other types of paranormal phenomena, telepathy, clairvoyance or precognition, the psychic operator is the most part a passive receiver of information. In contrast, the individual engaged in psychokinesis must actually send energy in order to move or affect matter.

The 1969 book, Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain, described a Russian psychic, Nelya Mikhailova, who was able to demonstrate a high degree of psychokinetic (PK) ability. Using only her PK talent, she was able to move small objects such as pens, pencils, and matchbooks. In an extraordinarily difficult test, a raw egg was broken into a saline solution in a large aquarium. Mikhailova was asked to separate the white from the yolk. While this took place her physical presence was constantly monitored. Her EEG showed intense excitement; her EKG showed irregular heart action; and, her pulse ran as high as 240 beats per minute.

Weight loss found

At the end of the test in which she successfully demonstrated PK, Mikhailova showed a 2 pound weight loss; for several days afterwards she complained of dizziness and temporary blindness. But, how she operated in separating the egg is still unknown. The intense radiation or energy has ever been detected moving from her body to the egg's location.

The severe demands placed on individuals by PK led researchers to construct experiments using light and sound to see if the energy that affected them would be minimized. Dr. Helmut Schmidt of the United StatesPsychology constructed a PK experiment in which the target objects were small balls of light. In this experiment, the particles emitted by the radioactive decay of strontium were allowed to farm on a circle of nine lights one at a time in a clockwise or counter clockwise direction. The task of the PK subject was to force the lights to flash in the direction of his choice. In Tom's terms, this would mean manipulating several beta particles each weighing $10^{-10}$ grams. Schmidt worked with 15 subjects none of whom claimed to have PK. Some of these subjects, previously demonstrated PK running the odds of success to levels higher than 1,000 to 1.

PK in baby chicks

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The link between Grass and Abstinence

ABSTRACT: Researchers at the School of Medicine in Puerto Rico and at the University of Idaho are suggesting that there may be a chemical similarity between marijuana and abstinence, an alcoholic beverage banned in the U.S.

Researchers led by Dr. J. del Castillo of Puerto Rico University indicate that the mildly hallucinogenic effect of abstinence may be caused by a compound strikingly similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The active ingredient in abstinence is the side effect of alcohol — is an extract of wormwood.

Absinthe was banned in the U.S. and in most of Europe because of its hallucinogenic and addictive qualities. It is still produced and sold legally in Portugal. It tastes strongly of licorice, and has an alcoholic content of about 70 per cent.

Solar vs Nuclear Energy: Scientists attending a recent meeting of the American Physical Society were told that by the year 2000, solar cells could be producing as much energy as all the nation's nuclear power plants.

Dr. Paul Rappaport, an RCA physicist doing research at Princeton, said that with adequate research funds, the cost and efficiency of solar con-
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When I hear people criticizing the SA, I usually agree. "They don't ever do anything but rip off our money and never do any good for it. What have they ever done for me?" I used to think that that was about all there was to say, but now I think we need to ask the question, "What did you ever expect the SA to do for you?" And what did you think they were capable of doing?

To begin with, of course, it's the things you don't care about that get done most often: but you have every right not to care about them—they're pretty unimportant. So what do you care about?

That question need not be answered immediately. If you come up with something, at least you have the Senate as one possible solution. If you get elected, you can have me to tell. Until then, I have a few ideas. The Southwest conference probably exists more than it's worth. If so, we need to start getting out now. (Due to contracts, etc., will take years, but we need to see if it's worth trying.)

Inflation, the college blanket tax should really be increased by ten dollars, but beyond that, I think that extra money could be used by the student to support other groups as well: the BSU, an off-campus organization, any other approved group, or simply the college. Financial Aid is still decreasing. There is perhaps someone who should study this directly, but we can try to convince the money-giving alumni to that good students, many of whom cannot come here due to insufficient funds, are more essential to the survival of this university than professional athletes. The pub, well-starved by now, needs to be finished.

There are larger problems as well, but they are more in the realm of future possibilities. So, a word about money. As casual members of you know, I have run before, and many of you did not understand my reasons then. Let me make myself reasonably (for who would want to go beyond the limits of reason?) clear: I have no more idea as to why I'm running than I did before. It could not be worse. I am totally divorced from the political world and its aims. My only hope would be that it could do a little more. As a result of my research, I came to the conclusion that good money to help with tuition, under the Tuition Equalization Grant program. This wouldn't pay for all of it, but any amount helps, right?

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Is there any reason why anyone in his/her right mind would run for an SA office? The Student Senate, that rat's nest infested with politicians and excesive B.S. Indeed, prospects seem pretty gloomy for anything getting accomplished at all. However, most of the deals (good ones, anyway) seem to go on behind your back, with nary a sign on the surface. And when there is news, there's never enough.

The External Affairs VP, in a very broad sense, deals with anything outside the Rice hedges. But it is my concern that all too often these topics concern the Rice student body. Everything from community relations to interschool communication. What does it all mean to you?

Well, for all you Richans out there, there's much to do. What's the point of having tax-money to help with tuition, under the Tuition Equalization Grant program. This won't pay for all of it, but any amount helps, right?

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Those familiar with SA issues know what's needed: a sense of organization, of people with time and dedication to carry out certain responsibilities, and follow through on ideas, who'll have substantive meetings, and be inclusive of others. That demands a responsive off-campus committee, a functioning Student Services Committee, a total breakdown of selfishly motivated conversations into viable change, further development of the Alumini-student intercourse into programs, a permanent National and Texas Student Associations delegate responsible for NSA/ TSA originated endeavors, and a little real leadership interested and determined to remove those "overbearing" hedges.

What's required now is for the Rice Community to choose that leadership, to decide whether they desire a new sense of direction in the SA. I only offer my experience and promise to do what I can.
morris and tilton

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I would never have run for this leadership office if I felt that most of the services tend to be directed solely for the benefit of on-campus students, will be able to get satisfaction from which to work but is it sufficient? The question of our position first arose as a direct consequence of the Rice College System affords us a base that can provide some basis for my qualifications.

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kobra

For the past year, I have been the program council's film chair-
man. Operating on a $0.00 bud-
get and charging only $0.50 for admission, I have produced a ser-
ies whose popularity is evi-
denced by consistently high attendance. Thus, I have ably
fulfilled the "previous program-
ing experience" requirement
for the presidency. Which brings me to the point I'd like to make.
I'm not going to make any
extravagant promises about what
the council and I will accom-
plish. I know only too well from
the past year the difficulties we
will face, the apathy and the
antagonism. However, because
of my experience I feel that I am
most qualified to deal with and
hopefully overcome these poten-
tially stiffing limitations.

With the film committee, I
had no budget and produced a
series many were satisfied with.
As president of the council, I'm
sure you will once more be pleased with the progress the
council can make.

slater

There has been an uneasy,
and sometimes outright hostile
feeling in many Rice students' minds this year about the RPC.
Many people have questioned
whether this year's RPC has
done the job it should have. Yet,
when the activities occurring on the current RPC are examined, it
may be somewhat difficult to
explain these feelings of dissatis-
faction. This year the RPC has
done the Museum Without Walls
social events, and a broad range
of miscellaneous student services
(plane fares, book fairs, vacation
trips, etc.). But some of these
events have ceased to function.
I intend to correct this problem.
I intend to get the job done.

As secretary-treasurer for the
Program Council for most of
the two years I know what was
involved in the operation of the
RPC from all facets. I also know
that many difficulties have arisen from lack of communica-
tion. Communication with stu-
dents, colleges, the Student
Association, and other student
organizations is essential. As
president, I would submit a
monthly report to the Thresher
and KTRU—not only to publi-
cize events but also to get feed-
back. The RPC must be an acces-
sible organization; there must be
student input in order to pro-
duce what the students want.

With my past experience I can
also help to get more for our
money. Buying cokes and party
supplies from Sammy's costs
perhaps better quality beer.

There are also other services
that the RPC can provide which
I'm not going to make any
specific promises at this
time, but also to get feed-
back. The RPC can be

of the difficulties that occurred
this year. This function could be
particularly important if the col-
leges receive their blanket tax
increase, an act which would
greatly increase the number of
activities occurring on campus
base. I ask for your support.

urriarte

Concerning the upcoming
election for Vice President for
the RPC, I (Juan Urriarte) feel
that because of my relative new-
ness on campus, it is most
important that I reveal my quali-
fications and proposed goals for improvement of the RPC.

The present character of Rice
social life could be greatly
improved with the addition of
more concerts and dances, for
nothing brings a group of people
together better than music. Hav-
ing dealt extensively with Hous-
ton's major agencies (Broek,
Gomez, Getach... as well as
with the Gulf Coast's major
bands (Tumble, Oz Kuzz, Moondance, Etan, Jason...) has
provided a fair deal of experi-
ence which only someone living
in Houston for an extended
length of time could acquire.

A major function of the Vice-
President is to coordinate
personnel. From 1972 through
1974 I was part of the March
of Dimes coordinating structure,
having assisted extensively in the

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The University Council, composed of 8 professors, 3 administrators, 1 graduate student, 2 undergraduates, and the President, is charged with the responsibility of overseeing virtually all academic aspects of Rice University. The Council's four specific tasks are recommendations for tenure and promotion of faculty, approval of curriculum requirements, advising on administrative appointments, and determining goals for the University.

I have spent four years at Rice, living on campus and taking courses in a wide variety of disciplines. Combined with my experience in the Will Rice College government, School of Architecture activities, and my current study of the undergraduate curriculum for presentation at a national conference on undergraduate studies, my years here have given me a broad overview of the workings of the University.

As a student member of the University Council I would hope to work toward implementing the ideas of all undergraduates, as well as my own views. In recent years the Council has left the planning of University goals to the Board of Trustees; effective work by the Council in University planning would increase student involvement in the long-range policies which shape curriculum, degree requirements, admissions, and all of undergraduate academic life.

With no students on the Board of Trustees, effective student representation on the University Council is necessary to communicate views to the administration. I would like to provide that representation and would appreciate your vote.

woodward

The two positions of Student Representative to the University Council are important posts in that it is through these persons that the thoughts, desires, criticisms and proposals of the students acquire an official voice in policy making at Rice. A student Representative must be both a channel for administration and a return channel back to the students. Perhaps the best way to assess a Student Representative is by what "great" reforms he or she institutes, but rather whether or not each problem brought to him/her by the students is dealt with promptly. All means that to be an efficient Representative one must be able to relate to and between people. I feel that I am especially qualified for this job since my major emphasis since coming to Rice has been learning how to deal with people and their needs. If you'd like to talk to me or have any suggestions for a Representative, my phone number is 521-0720.

blankenhorn

The University Council is an advisory body and it performs a critical function in the operation of Rice University. This council serves as an opportunity for students, faculty, and administration to discuss important issues concerning policy at Rice. Without this organization, many decisions would be made without student representation.

After having been here for three years, I've seen that there are many areas where a certain amount of improvement is possible. Many of these areas are old hat to Rice students. Issues like overspending in the Athletic Department, the poor quality of the Food Service, and the extreme burden of the forty course requirement for graduation, have been talked about since I've been here. The discussions of the University Council on these matters have not been reported back to the students.

hutter

Although not many people know it, the University Council performs a critical function in the operation of Rice University. This council serves as an opportunity for students, faculty, and administration to discuss important issues concerning policy at Rice. Without this organization, many decisions would be made without student representation.

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thresher editor

fulton

A week's Threshers cost you ten cents in blanket tax. Is it worth it? Pizza coupons can be clipped from the morning Post. Senators remember when people would stampede to get their Threshers. They don't anymore. Though the number of pages has increased greatly from last year's ten-page average, the quality of material in areas has fallen to such a level that one of the most respected professors of the history department recently told me "...there is nothing in the Thresher that is worth reading." I cannot agree fully, but do realize the seriousness of the problem.

The present Thresher organization rewards the editorial staff for the length of the paper. The editor and business manager alone get almost $7.00 (each) for two pages regardless of whether they are filled with news or ads for the latest porno flick. Elimination of this added incentive for long papers should improve what is printed and actually read. The best thing one can do is stop advertising. But who works for free? The Players, RPC members, KTRU people, and all College officeholders to name a few. Watch the Players backstage, get a guided tour of KTRU; Rice people will work for the satisfaction it brings.

To begin correcting this, I'm proposing a re-organization for the paper based on delegation of authority. Production and editorial work should be separated, and responsibility for writing and graphics should be further broken down. If you have an idea you'd like to try, there should be someone at the paper to help you see it through to print, so we can learn together.

But knowing our problems and prospective solutions can't justify your support. You need some assurance that the man in the back- ground to carry his ideas through. Let me briefly offer a resume, and a realistic, non-campaign promise of time. I've spent two years at Rice, working on the Thresher as a staffer, sports editor, and circulation manager. I've contributed to Sallyport and spent last summer as a journalism intern in Washington, D.C. Before that, I edited a monthly opinion journal and an award-winning supplement on Long Island. My career goal is journalism, and should you ask me as editor, I will take a reduced course load to allow more time in accomplishing what I believe is possible: the fusion of the University's talents in the creation of a quality newspaper.

In all of this, I'm hoping for your intelligent interest to create something worth reading. I hope you can take the time to vote on February 18, but that's only the beginning. To work, the Thresher will need your help. If you've been by and felt turned off, we'd like you back. If it's all news to you, you can still accomplish something, perhaps more than you expected. I didn't come to Rice expecting to become a journalist, either: the work grows on you.

brewton

"Watch what we do, not what we say." — John Mitchell, former Attorney General of the United States.

It's not always a good idea to quote a convicted felon in an election campaign, but I have the right idea, even if he didn't use it. Politicians have, of course, a choice of having you watch what they say, primarily because they haven't done anything.

It seems to me that a lot of the criticisms of this year's Thresher have a natural source. Some people, for lack of any thing more tangible to gripe about (and there are plenty of areas for improvements) have actually criticized the fact that the paper is larger, has expanded news coverage, more in-depth reporting, and comes out twice a week. They seem to think that the size and quality of the paper must be inversely proportional. They aren't. The paper can be bigger and better, continuing in its current direction.

After a year as editor, I know that journalistic skill is important; but even more than that, the editor has to be able to organize and to work with others. The idea that the editor is in charge of the staff is directed. I would like to provide that representation and would appreciate your vote.

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The primary goal of the Thresher organization is to create and produce a regular news publication for the Rice Community. Many things go into putting out a good publication. While what you see on paper every Monday and Thursday is largely the efforts of the editorial staff, those endeavors would not be possible without a staff to handle the business end of this ongoing service. A good Thresher requires both of these elements.

This year the Thresher organization has worked very hard to improve the overall quality of the paper. The editorial staff has continually worked to build the quality of the Thresher and has been quite successful. The current Thresher itself, and also for the Council for its own sake. I can't promise to be perfect, but I will do my best as a Council member to see that progress is made toward these ends.

Throughout this year I have worked with the Council as an Honor Council member. Over that period of time many changes, hopefully for the better, have been initiated. The ombudsman system and the allowing of campaigning being two of the major ones. I feel that my experience will be integral to the Honor Council if it is to serve the Rice Community. Much has been done this past year to reverse this process by way introducing some control to Honor Council policy, and by exposing Honor Council to the Rice Community. Yet, much remains to be done by way of broadening the narrow-minded attitude that still prevails Honor Council proceedings. I feel qualified to serve in that capacity, and I would like to be an Honor Council member in an effort to aid in the revitalization of this attitude. I feel that, due to the relatively small size of the Honor Council and the Rice Community, it deals with, it is possible to deal with students on a more personal basis, and still adhere to the spirit of the law. I feel myself capable of combining a legally impartial view with an active interest in individual differences, weighing responsibility for an act and circumstances of an outcome.

I would try to strive to the best of my limitations, trying to remain impartially flexible in all my decisions.

One thing I would like to point out. I also plan to run for Lovett College President. I mention this in case any of you feel that it is unfair for one person to hold both positions. However, I feel that I can still devote the time and energy necessary to more than adequately fill each office. Your vote would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.
nusey

During the past two months, the Honor Council has undergone more change than it has during the past decade. First, and most important, the Honor Council has become more willing to listen to the complaints, criticisms, advice, and suggestions of others, and then has followed up by seriously considering all proposals of change. Had no other reforms ever taken place, this change in itself would have been a significant merit of the Honor Council of 1974-75. However, this proved to be only the starting point for more substantive change. As was seen in the most recent special election, the Council responded to a longstanding suggestion by offering all of the students an opportunity to approve a campaigning measure for Council candidates. Under present discussion within the Council is the institution of reforms in the trial procedures. As a freshman representative this year, I have been directly involved in much of this change.

ladner

The Honor Council is one of Rice’s oldest and most valuable institutions; its purpose being to maintain the high academic standards at Rice. Its success, however, depends largely upon its members and their qualifications. Having talked to several Honor Council members, I have decided that some of these qualifications are:

1. Good Judgement—an Honor Council member must be able to deal with people in such a way that he/she can temper justice with mercy. He/She must have a sense of what is best for the University without losing sight of what is best for the individual in question.

2. Being able to deal with people—He/She needs a definite ability to communicate—both ways. He/She must not only be able to obtain the necessary information in a trial, but also to present a true picture of the Honor Council to the student body. A public relations person would be a real asset to the council so that it would appear less mysterious and less ritualistic to the student body.

3. A sense of what facts are pertinent—He/She should know what information is necessary so that all important facts are obtained in the minimum time. This will save the Council’s time and minimize wear on the accused’s nerves.

I am genuinely interested in the Honor Council and maintaining Rice’s high academic standards and believe that I fulfill these qualifications. Therefore, I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming elections.

Council must also be an active and representative section of the entire student population. As for a campaign platform, I have none in particular except that during the investigations, hearings, and trials, which still comprise the most important duties of the Honor Council, I shall attempt to be objective, and during the sentencing I shall try to be compassionate.

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Pierre Perrault to speak here

by JAMES BLUE

Pierre Perrault, well known Canadian French poet and film-maker, will be at the Media Center Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, to present and discuss four of his films: Le Regne Du Jour, 1967; Les Voitures D'eau, 1968; Acadie, Acadie and Sans Bon Sens, 1970. It is the first time such a retrospective of his films has been seen in the United States.

The Canadian French film-makers, like Claude Jutra in My Uncle Antoine, have created an original cinema in which, more intensely than in any other medium, they have set down what it is like to belong to a culture different from the dominant one and to speak a language not understood or accepted by those who control the country's economy. We learn through this cinema that many French Canadians feel they have been colonized and, thereby, deprived of their identity. They see the necessity of a struggle to assert their old roots and to speak a language unaccommodated to by any other.

"There's no hope for the hold of their past. I keep quiet. I uncover the hidden origins of what remains of France in Canada. "I have got inside people's homes," he says, "I have got hold of their past. I keep quiet. I listen."

Such an effort inevitably leads to the creation of a new form of cinema. Perrault's films bring us into closer contact with living human beings than has ever been achieved on the screen. Far from the distant documentary we are accustomed to, or even those which attempt to reproduce actual events, his films involve us with people in a way which reveals them as human beings with fears, hopes and joys and the poetry inherent in their way of life. According to Louis Marcoules, critic for the French newspaper Le Monde: "Perrault transfigures the reality he is dealing with. His methods will one day produce an autonomous cinema that has finally broken completely with established methods of expression."

This showing of Perrault's work in French with English voice-over is made possible through the cooperation of the National Film Board of Canada.

Film-makers offered facilities

Filmmakers now have a place to project their films each week. The Rice Media Center welcomes filmmakers to show their work 8pm each Friday in the gallery classroom. Up to 30 people can see the films.

"Filmmakers may invite their friends or perhaps a film club may want which can criticize the independent filmmaker's work," said James Blue, co-director of the Media Center.

This is part of the Media Center's program to encourage filmmaking and videomaking. Blue pointed out. He said that for the last 15 years community access to filmmaking equipment has proven modest fee. This means a filmmaker can use the editing and mixing equipment," said Blue. He said that for the last 15 years community access to filmmaking equipment has proven successful in New York City and "is time we do the same in Houston."

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this week...

ON CAMPUS

Christophanes' The Birds, performed by the Rice Players in Hamman Hall. Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 15-18, 8pm. $1 with Rice I.D., $2 without.

The Ballad of Cable Hogue in Wess Commons. Fri., Feb. 14, 8 and 10pm. Free.


China Night, a buffet with entertainment, followed by a Chinese film. Sat., Feb. 15 in the RMC Grand Hall, 7:00-9:30. $3.25.

Lovett College presents Michael Marcoules and Friends in an evening of music. Sat., Feb. 15, 8pm in Lovett Commons.

De Loren C. Easley, lecturing on "Walden; Thoreau's Unfinished Business" as part of the President's Lecture Series. Tues., Feb. 18, 8pm in Hamman Hall.

Media Center Series: The Age of Cosimo de Medici, Thurs., Feb. 13, 7:30pm; A Salute to Ealing Studios: Mackendrick's The Man in the White Suit, Fri., Feb. 14, 8pm; New Quebec Cinema: Perrault in person, Sat., Feb. 15, 8pm and Sun., Feb. 19, 7:30pm; Bicycle Thieves, Wed., Feb. 19, 8pm. $1 for students with valid Rice I.D., $5.50 for others.

EVENTS

The Turn of the Screw, presented by Texas Opera Theater at the Kaplan Theater, Jewish Community Center, Thurs., and Sat., Feb. 13 and 15, 8pm.

La Boheme, a Houston Grand Opera production in foreign language. Tues., Feb. 18, 8pm.


Twelfth Night, a Shakespearean comedy about mistaken identity. At the Alley. Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 13, 19, 8pm; Sat., Feb. 14, 5 and 8pm; Sun., Feb. 15, 8pm. $3.75.

Molien's School for Scandal at Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston. Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 13-15, 8pm.

Ionesco's The Bald Soprano and Pinter's The Collections, at the Jones Hall Auditorium at the University of St. Thomas. Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 13-15, 8pm.

Pippin, a spectacular romp through the life and times of Charlemagne's son. At the Music Hall Sat., Feb. 15, 8pm; Sun., Feb. 16, 2:30 and 8pm.

CONCERTS


Freddie Hubbard in Cullen Auditorium, at the University of Houston. Sat.-Sun., Feb. 14-15, 8pm.


Jean Mailet Mitchell, playing an all-Satie concert at the Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts. Sun., Feb. 16, 4pm.

The University of Houston Symphony in the Houston Room at UH. Sun., Feb. 16, 8pm.


Pianist Andre Watts at Jones Hall Wed., Feb. 19, 8:30pm.

MOVIES

Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore — A widow and her son travel through Arizona in search of happiness and the realization of an old dream. Area theaters.

Amarcord — Fellini's reminiscences of Mussolini's Italy. Loew's at Saks Center.


Earthquake — Los Angeles is destroyed. Tower.

Emmanuelle — The sexual escapades of an ambassador's wife. Park Ill.


Godfather, Part II — Sequel of the Mafia movie, starring Al Pacino. Area theaters.

Lenny — Dustin Hoffman in the biography of "dirty toilet" comedian Lenny Bruce. Gaylynn.

Longest Yard — Burt Reynolds leads a squad of inmates in a football game against prison guards. Area theaters. Mr. Rico — starring Dean Martin. Area theaters.

Murder on the Orient Express — Detective mystery with Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, and many, many stars. Galleria Cinema.

Night Porter — Love renews between a former Nazi and one of his concentration camp prisoners. Possibly shocking. Gaylynn.


Museum of Fine Arts: Belles de Jour, Sat., Feb. 15, 8pm; Shameless Tues., Feb. 18, 8pm.

Players’ update of “The Birds” was a good idea, but...

by NANCY TAUBENSLAG

It seemed like a good idea: ancient satire with prafallins intact, but revitalized with current and topical references. Following the Ivy League experiment of adding fresh or not-so-fresh tunes to the old words (an updating technique tried out by the Yale Rep last spring in Aristophane’s The Frogs), the outside community could look on the play with new interest. A large portion of the student population could participate in parts great or small. And, the copiousness of guano on the sidewalk would seem to ensure the success of the box-office take.

It seemed like a good idea. To the Players. To anyone just hearing about the production. Anticipation among the prospective audience reached a new plateau for the season. The promise was there on opening night, but for some unexplainable reasons, the quality wasn’t.

To quote four different members of the Players, each of whom demands anonymity, “The play isn’t good theater, but neither is Aristophanes.” The cast proves them right, magnifying it into a full-blown overpacked banana peel of humor.

All the actors appear to be exploiting their total talents to milk the frequent sight gags. Unfortunately, the result is too often an embarrassment to an audience which can recognize an over-extended, strained performance when they see one.

The Birds would have had a chance at winning back the fickle observers if the bad puns, both those of the Greek writer and those of the student writers, could have been appreciated in all their groaning glory. The comedy does perk up when the lines come through. Too often, though, they are simply swallowed. No magnification by way of microphone could alter this flaw; a slightly slower speaking pace and a few enunciations could. The leads (Michael Ytterberg, Cash Tilton, John Merkling, and Donna Yeager) evince none of these problems and largely carry the show in its most desperate moments.

The road to aviary power is not easy. Where the birds can watch over the heavens and the earth, not-forgetting the skies, they can fly. But they do possess. His fellow traveler is Euelpides (played by Cash Tilton), in search of the simple, non-political life and enamored with his puns. The part is over-written, and correspondingly, forgivably overplayed, brimming with jokes not even an Agape could love—"Doctors still swear by the duck…That's why we call them quacks." They locate Hoopoe, a mortal-turned bird, wearing shabby feathers but imbued with enthusiasm for Pisthetairos' plot. Through Hoopoe's and Koryphasos the chorus leader's help, added to the cooperation of the various winged creatures, Cloudcuckooland is established, where the birds can watch over the heavens and the earth, notwithstanding some bother from the oddest set of extras seen since the Player's production of Elektra.

The collection of birds on the Hamman Hall stage comprises an odd set of extras seen in the Play's production of Marat/Sade. They lack grace and singing ability; their plumage is assembled from jayed, incongruous rags but, at the very least, the chorus of swallows are victims during the garbled lines and unfunny interludes.

Prometheus (Jim Guemer) and Pisthetairos (Michael Ytterberg) hide from the gods for a secret conference.

Mark Martin's score is simple, easy to listen to, and almost memorable, quite a feat for the few weeks he had to work on them. The audience also appreciated the obviously stolen tunes, like "Hernando's Hideaway" and various fight songs. However, the accompanists run the risk of being tarred and feathered if they don't improve by the weekend. The choreography and blocking is pure high school, perhaps indicative of the level of experience and grace of the extras.

Rice Cordray's set holds both clever and obviously cute elements. The multi-level glittery platforms hide some ingenious crannies for the cast's antics, looking like an end-of-the-year rocky paradise for birds with flat feet. The trees are something else entirely: the lollipop shrubbery detracts from the stage's appearance and serves no evident purpose except for skirting the wings.

Costumes vary from the thrown-together flaps of cloth resembling no real bird or even nightmarish facsimile, to the heavenly rags of gossamer threads of Miss Universe fastened on with a wing and a prayer. Yes, the presentation of The Birds was a good idea. Their abilities do not match the idea though. The evening is a disappointment, especially to those who have seen the Players through better times and better performances.

Euelpides (Cash Tilton) tries to defend himself from an impending bird attack.

tribus (Paul Helbling), Hercules (Bill Zimmer) and Poseidon (John Merkling) descend from Olympus to debate relinquishing the gods' omnipotence.

—photos by wiley sanders
Owls put on “stall,” spur Longhorns to 60-59 win

by PHILIP PARKER

Rice’s battle for the cellar with Texas began as expected — sloppy. But Coach Bob Polk roused the Texas crowd with a mid-first quarter stall and the irritated Longhorns edged Rice 60-59.

According to pattern, Rice led at the half and was still in the game at the very last. The last opportunity came with a minute and a half left when Texas lost the ball while in their own stall. After a Rice shot Charles Daniels led at the half and was still in the lead. But Polk’s stall with a four point lead in 13 minutes left in the first half caused a negative reaction.

A stall?? How can Bob Polk run a delay game after coliseums? A&M and Arkansas perpetrated such deplorable tactics against Rice? Whatever his reasons, the three minutes the stall ate up were outweighed by the hostility of the aroused crowd. The crowd inspired an otherwise mediocre squad to keep in there hustling.

Play for both squads was characteristically sloppy. The statistical performance did not appear bad (19 total “official” turnovers for both teams), but the count seemed to be twice as much as in the direction of no particular player were common. On one occasion, Kreugar lobbed a pass that seemed intended for Carroll. But Danny couldn’t handle the free gift and Kreugar recovered.

The officiating was as hap hazard as the play and the game became “jungle ball.” Often two or three players would be sprawled on the floor with no call made as the officials continued the “no blood, no foul” school of thought.

Inconsistent refereeing is a constant occurrence, but Rice saw something not often seen — a team that has to out hustle the Owls. At times, in the first half, the Horns were able to get off an easy layup before the Owls would be down the court.

Even so, Rice showed its usual hustle. Moriarty made several great efforts to keep the ball in bounds, only to put his foot on the line. Simmons from his guard position was able to gather in seven rebounds and eight points.

Moriarty led all scorers with 20 points while Carroll led all rebounders with 13 and had 11 points. Daniels compensated a poor 4-17 from the field with a perfect 8-10 performance at the line to score 16. Dave Louwerse spent most the night passing off rather than shooting, but had a fine defensive game with 10 rebounds.

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In a friendlier environment, Rice will probably put Texas back in the cellar. Expect the Horns next Tuesday at Autry Gym Jinx dating from 1958. They have one more chance before the Horns move into a new basketball palace... In that season, the Big Greens beat the Owls 6-4.

Owl Cage Notes — The Owls again failed to break the Gregory Gym Jinx dating from 1958. They have one more chance before the Horns move into a new basketball palace. In that halftime battle between the Austin Optimist league teams, the crowd favorite Armadillos beat the Big Greens 6-4.

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Despite setbacks, women cagers keep trying

by LYNN LAVERTY

"The Owls have some new bad news," Rice's women's basketball team manager said.

"We lost the car."

When the men's basketball team gets in the car with the Owls, they are on a bus taking a trip. When the girls' basketball team travels, they cram everything they need into a station wagon that is in obvious need of repair. Sometimes it can be a dangerous trip.

On the way back from Beaumont, after another 60 point loss, the Owls noticed that their lead car, driven by Coach Doug Osdor, was emitting smoke. It was a smoke tank. Later, these sparks turned to flames under the car.

Siems took the blame for this. He tried tailgating. He tried both simultaneously. Siems was complaining about a speeding ticket even though he'd never gone over 60mph. "Quick, get out of the car." You're on fire!" yelled Siems. Everyone was smoking, but the most smoking was preferential to becoming aJoan. Two other girls were turned over to the police to carry the brand smear of the station wagon and finally "flew" over the back seats to safety.

This is the second station wagon that the team has lost. The first one was last season.

In the meantime, the other station wagon with five girls in it was almost as fast by a speeding motorist. In a span of less than five minutes, ten girls and two managers were being wiped out. We pilled the whole team in the back of one station wagon for the four hours it took us to get back to Houston. Luckily, no one was hurt but do you think someone took up there was trying to tell us something?

We have played six games and have only looked at the top four (like 60-70 points) but we haven't given up yet. Do you think there's any place to let a little thing like almost getting killed get us down? No way. Things are always going to be close for us. We've already survived. Two weekends ago, the team made another trip to Beaumont for the Lamar University Invitational Tournament. (Yes, we were invited.) The team at least had better cars and made the trip minus the previous excitement. There were also some moral victories in the game, the team finally scored twenty points but still lost to Stephen F. Austin. In the second game we scored 29 points against Texas with Teresa Escobor becoming the first Rice woman to hit in double figures.

This week's movements may seem to average the small to average basketball fan but the Rice Community must philosophy behind the women's team at Rice. The Women's sports program at Rice is really just beginning and we have to cope against teams that are already well established. In addition, many of the women athletes at other universities in our league have athletic scholarships. Rice does not have a team with a team that has an athletic scholarship. The Rice team has an athletic scholarship. The Rice team has an athletic scholarship. The Rice team has an athletic scholarship.

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The Rice takes first place in volleyball tournament

After nearly two years dormant, the Rice Men's Volleyball Club walked off with the first place trophy in a U.S. Volleyball Association open tournament. The team, sponsored by the Houston Downtown Association, won the title at the Salvation Army Friday, Feb. 7, and at the Downtown Y Saturday, Feb. 8.

Friday night Rice opened strong winning two games each from University of Missouri and the Gulf Coast Independents. The fall and physically taking a lead. Rice now 6 points behind the Owls. Rice again started and held a 13-8 lead before the Owls started picking away at the lead. Dallas finally tied the score at 13 all, but Rice held the serve and quickly scored a point that was loudly protested by the DAC coach.

Rugby club needs a place to play

In the setninal, Owls defeated the Missouri Owls 4-0. The DAC coach had been complaining about the Missouri Owls, when the other official signaled a point to come. The DAC coach explained that the point should have been replayed, but the chief official let it stand. Rice then worked on the deciding point when a DAC spiker hit the ball into the net. Rice then seemingly scored the point, but the chief official let it stand.

Disch, Health and Physical Education Department. Disch spent the spring and summer training with the U.S. women's national team which is based in Pasadena.

Though the height of the spring is extremely busy with competitions, the team needs to practice. The spring is almost over and the Owls are going to win 16-14.

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