by EMILY COFFMAN

The long-awaited on-campus tavern, "Willy's Pub," opened early and was pre-called it a "red letter day for the University" as he drew the first pitcher (it was Pabst) at the pre-opening party.

At least 1400 students arrived after the 7pm opening, and 300 invited guests were already on hand to help consume more than 24 kegs of beer. By the end of the night the Pub had sold all its stock of Miller and most of its Pabst.

Though the idea of a student pub has been around for years, it took only three months to complete after the final go-ahead was received. Executive President Doug Appling was amazed the idea had progressed so much since his days at Rice. He felt the Pub would go a long way towards creating a "sense of university" on campus.

Praises for the Pub were widespread. Dr. Samuel Carrington, Chairman of the Pub Board of Control, thanked all those who helped on the construction, especially those who worked on the last day. Ross Stephenson's interior designs were admired by almost everyone. Comments such as Kathy Vanderbeck's were heard all night: "I never thought I'd see anything like this at Rice. It's marvelous." The decor, including 85-year-old decorating elements, were heard all night: "I never thought I'd see anything like this at Rice. It's marvelous." The decor, including 85-year-old decor, added a "sense of university" to the campus.

Hackedman draws the first pitcher at the Pub opening.

Polk fires Williams; McLemore may resign today

by PHILIP PARKER

According to reports in Sunday morning's papers, assistant basketball coach Greg Williams was fired Friday and the other assistant coach, McCoy McLemore, will resign today. The stories also claim that Head Basketball Coach Greg Wilke...polk fires Williams; McLemore may resign today

The University has just established a hundred new scholarships of $300 each to be known as Board of Governors Scholarships. Returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be eligible for these merit scholarships, which will be awarded on the basis of high academic performance without specific regard to financial need.

The first awards will be made this May for the school year 1975-76. All students are automatically eligible. In selecting recipients, consideration will be given to both the student's cumulative grade record and to high grades in the year just completed. Each academic department will be asked to submit recommendations in support of their outstanding majors who will be continuing as seniors. In mid-May, grants are available from the Registrar's office, the University Committee on Awards and the Board of Governors for the next year.

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Two Rice alumni named Trustees

Two Rice alumni, Mrs. Anthony J.A. Bryan and Charles W. Duncan, Jr., both currently serving on the Board of Governors, have been named full Trustees.

Athletic Director A.M. "Red" Bule said he was trying "to sort the facts from the rumors and speculation." He expects to meet with Polk today to hear Polk's recommendations for "improving the program." Bule could not detail the official reasons for Williams' dismissal, but he noted that a budget cut would eliminate one of the three basketball coaching positions next year. "Conditions being extreme, something had to be done with no consideration for personnel or personalities," he said.

The report that Polk was seeking the Ohio Valley post came as a slight surprise to Bule. According to him, Polk said that the OVC "wanted" him, but that it had expressed no further interest than that.

Bryan is the daughter of James S. Abercrombie, Houston philanthropist and University benefactor. She is a director of the J.S. Abercrombie Mineral Company, of Cameron Iron Works, and of Cattle Reproduction, Inc. Her husband is president of Cameron Iron Works and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baylor College of Medicine.

Duncan has a similarly successful business background. After graduating from Rice with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, he did graduate work at the University of Texas and subsequently worked for Humble Oil and Refining Company. After World War II, he joined Duncan Foods Company, which merged with Coca-Cola in 1964. He was named a member of the board of Coca-Cola and later became president in 1971. Duncan resigned in 1974, returning to Houston.

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 Lt. Gov. Hobby to speak

Lt. Governor William P. Hobby will speak on campus to all interested students this Wednesday, April 15, at 7pm in Room Lab 131. Hobby's visit will be the last in a series of three Prelaw Lectures made possible by Prelaw Adviser M.V. McEnany, but Hobby's address is sure to be of interest to a broad spectrum of the University. A Rice alumni, class of 1960, Mr. Hobby brings a broad viewpoint to discussion of legal affairs, with his wide experience in business, civic activities, and government service. Hobby was Thresher editor in 1951.

Because of prior commitment, Hobby must leave at 8pm. Therefore, the program will begin promptly at 7pm. His remarks will be brief enough, however, to allow a question and answer period.

Anyone interested in discussing a Rice Prelaw Association is invited to stay after the meeting.
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We realize that rape is an emotional subject, but feel that until such time as it can be dealt with in a manner that will extend its victims human dignity, it cannot be anything but emotional. We feel that the student body should be more aware of this potential hazard, lack of awareness can result in carelessness. Any strangers or incidents should be reported to Security at once. Jones is now beginning to perform the same service it was designed to perform.

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Pub opening: ‘the greatest thing in years’

The name on the sign in front is misspelled

PUB CHRONOLOGY (as reported in the Thresher)

Fall, 1973: Dean of Students F. A. Wierum appoints a committee to study the idea of a pub on campus for students.

January, 1974: The SA Senate endorses the first set of Pub plans, which call for a game room and lounge with the bar between. Estimated cost: $25,000.

March, 1974: Possible difficulties arise over obtaining a liquor license and insurance.

April, 1974: Baker & Botts, the University’s law firm, delivers an opinion which dispels the liquor license and insurance problems.

July, 1974: President Hackerman approves in principle the creation of a pub.

September, 1974: Construction is planned to begin in October.

October, 1974: The Pub Board of Control is formed, consisting basically of members from the old Pub Committee. The final design for the pub is described.

December, 1974: Final plans are still not approved, due to difficulty in obtaining electrical bids.

January 13, 1975: Final plans are sent to the Board of Governors.

January 23, 1975: Board approves plans, gives Pub Board a $40,000 loan-grant to finance construction; March opening foreseen.

February 10, 1975: Pub gets outright gift of $50,000 from the Campus Store.

February, 1975: Construction begins.

February 17, 1975: Pub Control Board looks for manager, bartenders.

March 6, 1975: “Willy’s Pub” chosen as name.

March 24, 1975: Cliff Zabriskie named student manager of the Pub.

April 11, 1975: Pub opens.

Just one hour before opening, it didn’t seem like it would make it.

The TV room was never like this, even if it is a fake fireplace

Pub Control Board Chairman and legal proprietor Dr. Sam Carrington speaks at opening

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The timber from Livingston, Montana, numerous antiques, and the ancient (1915) Rice Trophy Cabinet, was the object of particular attention.

As it was, 70-80 mugs were ripped off, probably as souvenirs of the opening. Cliff Zabriskie, student manager, fears a switch to plastic glasses will be necessary if the thefts continue.

Live entertainment furnished by J. Smith added a touch of class to the evening. Steve Golvach, former SA President and member of the Pub Board, says profits from the Pub will be used to bring in live entertainment without the need for a cover charge, or higher prices when performers are present. However, at first the profits will also be used to construct a small stage and complete other plans which had to be cut out when the $50,000 from the Campus Store gift ran out.

The Pub will be open nightly through May 15, and hopefully will be open during the summer, depending on the number of bartenders and customers remaining in the area over the vacation.

Presently the hours are 1pm to midnight Sunday through Wednesday and 1pm to 2am Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Miller, Pearl, and Pabst are available on tap, $1.75 per pitcher and 40 cents a mug. Carta Blanca is 60 cents a bottle. Lowenbrau is $1.10, and other domestic beers are 55 cents a mug. Wine coolers are 50 cents and soft drinks are 25 cents.

Several of many jovial (and apparently satisfied) patrons

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**Capsules**

*Movies*

**Texas Expo extended**

Feature film entries, such as Badlands by Terrence Malick, plus many other qualifying films have caused Texas Expo to double its showing dates. Originally scheduled for April 19 only, Texas Expo will extend its showing to April 26, announced James Blue, co-director of Rice Media Center.

"Texas Expo provides a chance for Texas filmmakers to show their pictures, not store them," said Blue, "and the increasing film production here promises to make Texas Expo an annual event."

Filmmakers of any age, native born or residents for a year, may enter films made in Regular 8, Super 8, 16mm and 35mm. Films may be silent or with optical sound, in 16mm interlock or with cassette or ¼ inch sound accompaniment.

Badlands is Terrence Malick's first feature film and he will personally present it to Expo audiences at 9pm, April 26 in the Media Center. Malick, raised in Austin, became a Fellow at American Film Institute for Advanced Studies in Cinematography. After his graduation, Malick wrote and directed the film.

Way We Were, nor even the semi-realistic sit-com happiness of Rhoda and Spic and Span. The couple argue and fall into bed like many real-life couples, with some gradual independence found in both successful and unsuccessful pairings. They don't communicate articulately, but gesticulate and contradict. The husband's decision to hospitalize his wife, not made totally in loving concern, but largely out of fear, pressure, and confusion. It's not a group picture, but it is realistic.

The woman may have been upset by the over-the-top acting of the mad housewife, then gesticulate and contradict.

The letter-writer may have been upset by the loving but vacillating behavior of the husband, close to the inevitable breakdown. The wife, portrayed by Gena Rowlands, has neither Ozzie-and-Harriet-type bliss, nor the cute but rocky relationship existing in the home, awkward and shy around one another. The film is not easily working on a screenplay for a new Superman movie, making a small film that fits the character, if you haven't yet been announced, the movie's executive producer will be John Hough will direct, and Sigourney Weaver will star about the role of the Beatles as told by a mythical fifth member named Bert.

**Awards Time — Nominations**

Awards Time — Nominations for the Second Annual Playoff Awards, honoring outstanding achievements for theatre, television and film, were announced last week. Baker College's Shakespearean offerings and the Playhouse's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf tied with eight nominations each. This year, voters are being asked to send their ballots in to: The Player's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, it through campus mail by Friday, April 13.

Nominations include:

Best Play — As You Like It, The Real Inspector Hound, and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.

Best Actor — Rick Cordray (Enrico IV), Dennis Houson (Virginia Woolf), John Merkling (Enrico IV), Brian Sharrock (As You Like It), Michael Ytterberg (The Birds).

Best Actress — Elaine Bonilla (Pfeiffer's People), Nancy Dingus (As You Like It), Ellen Horne (The Birds), Linda Safford (Roxanne Klein (Virginia Woolf), Donna Yeager (Pfeiffer's People).

Best Supporting Actor — Steve Charles (Pfeiffer's People), Rick Cordray (Enrico IV), Brian Czarnecki (As You Like It), Paul Helbing (The Birds).

Best Supporting Actress — Cathy Rudolph (Virginia Woolf), Spence Merkling, Charles Starnes, David Safford, Dennis Houson, John Merkling, Charles Starnes, Donna Yeager, The Unknown Cowbird.

Most Coordinated — Sarajane Chimney Rock at Hillcroft Garages.

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Rice track downs TSU

by LARRY NETTLES

The Rice track team got back into the winners’ circle by crushing the Texas Southern Flying Tigers 99-37, in a dual track and field meet held at the Rice track on Saturday. The Owls claimed 12 of the 16 events en route to their surprisingly easy victory. TSU, one of the outstanding track teams in the nation over the past few years, was expected to offer stiff competition, but was no contest for the high-flying Owls. The Rice tracksters have now won five of the ten meets they have entered this season, an improvement over last year’s squad.

Rice opened the meet by collecting an upset victory in the 110-yard hurdles. The team of John Dykes, Sammy Waugh, David Graves, and Zoe Simpson zipped to a 14.3 clocking in their victory over TSU, which was close behind at 14.6. Other sweeps by the Owls came in the discus and the javelin as Rice went 1-2-3 in both events. Buddy Besseme won the discus with a heave of 166-1, despite an ailing back; and Sylvanus Shaw won the javelin with a hurl measuring 210-11.

Other winners for Rice were Rorv Trup in the 880-yard run, with a come-from-behind 2:13.2; Brent Geringer in the shot put with a toss of 51 feet, and Mike McDowell in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet for his first place. Super-fresh Curtis Isaiah, besides winning the high hurdles, also won the intermediate hurdles in 53.3, and the long jump with a leap of 22.8, and placed third in the high jump at 6-2. That gave him 16 points for the afternoon, making him the high point man of the meet.

TSU took first places in only the 410-yard dash, 220-yard dash, high jump and one mile relay. For Rice, Sammy Waugh was second in the 440, David Graves was second in the 220, and Kevin Berfield was second in the high jump.

This weekend, the Rice track team will travel to Waco to compete in the Baylor Invitational. The team will travel to Waco to compete in the Baylor Invitational. This event is a tough one, with top schools from Oklahoma, and Arkansas entered. Although no points will be kept, the Owls have hopes of being named the most outstanding team by a vote of the sportswriters and meet officials.

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OWLS WIN BASEBALL SERIES AGAINST UH

by DANNA BLANKENHORN

Rice often defeat the University of Houston these days. Basketball contests have turned into cruel jokes on the few paying customers. Football games with UH seem to be exercises in futility. Tennis and swimming can be written off, also, and while the UH golf team wins national titles, the Rice golf team loses to St. Thomas and local junior colleges.

This weekend the Owls went across town with a less-than mediocrem record, against a UH team with an equally mediocre card and a first-year coach. It appeared to be an iffy situation, particularly in the first game, when the Cougars, led off freshman Jim Emmons, sacrificed and Jeff Hays ground out to score Costa, 7-6, Emmons.

The second game started off poorly. Tommy Smart could do little right in the first inning as Houston took an early 4-0 lead. In the fourth inning the Owls scored five, however, powered by an Ernie Janik home run. When Houston tied the same in the bottom half, however, Emmons returned. He shut out UH the rest of the way, while inept fielding on the Houston side led to three sixth-inning runs and an 8-5 victory.

But, luck, grit, and desire were surprisingly on the Owls' side this weekend afternoon as Steve Wilson and Phil Costa walked, Larry Hardy singled to load the bases, Mike Macha sacrificed and Jeff Hays ground out to score Costa, 7-6, Emmons.

With the series won, this year's baseball Owls overtook Rice in Sunday's third game. In spite of having won five of the seven SWC series they've played, Rice climbed only to mediocrity at 10-10 with the Saturday doubleheader set against losses to UT in Austin, and three more to the Lubbock wind at Texas Tech. Larry Reneau started, and the fireworks began.

Behind the left field line, some gunslocks rang out, and a young man scurried across rooftops, pursued by the Houston Police Department. The alleged perpetrator was later apprehended. In the fourth, Houston got two runs with two out as Mike Higgins singled with the bases loaded.

The jinx hit for real as the Owls attempted a come-back. Rice loaded the bases with none out, but after two fielder's choices, Larry Hardy struck out. Five men went on, but no runs came in. In the next inning, Shib Simon was up with men on first and second, and one out. He hit into a double-play, laying down a ground ball in to the UH pitcher's glove hand.

Reneau lost his control and all chances for the run in the bottom half, by-bunting two Cougars and giving up three hits, for a 4-0 lead. Tommy Smart came on in relief, and promptly walked in another run on a double-play, getting two men out. Ernie Janik singled home Mike Fry to break the shutout in the seventh, but the clouds moved in to protect the Houston lead, and the rains came. Everyone was relieved when an abortive rally, started by Fry, was squashed and everyone was happy.

This coming week, the baseball team ends the season with a double-header against Trinity, here at 1pm tomorrow, and then a three-game set against the Aggies over the weekend. A&M is three games behind Texas and working towards an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. They'll be hungry, and we'll be tired, but it might be fun.
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Rice carries an average number of assistants, eight. Four work with the offense, and four work with the defense. They argue over who will get the best talent, and carry their own goals into a contest, measuring success by standards other than the numbers that appear on the scoreboard. They're forced into a mercenary position within a profession that pays extremely well for the few, and by comparison starves the majority. A head coach makes between $40-$50,000, as compared to an assistant's $10-$20,000.

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The Rice women's tennis team hosted several area colleges in a Southeast Zone women's tournament. Playing at Jake Hess Stadium, Friday and Saturday, Lamar University won the first and second place in the singles. They also placed first in the doubles and University of Houston won second.

Rice women did not fare too well in the tournament. They were eliminated in the first round of the singles and doubles. However, they came through to win the consolation doubles of the tournament. In the singles Mary Carret lost top seeded Silvena Wiltroy of Louisiana University 6-1, 6-0. Genny Howell played third seeded Marion Rosen of U. of H. and lost 6-1, 6-1. Bobby Yeager dropped her singles match to Carmen Sanchez of Lamar, 6-1, 6-3, and Dana Burch lost to Bobby Clinton of U. of H. 6-2, 6-0. In the doubles competition Rice women Burch-Little fell to Koth-Richard of U. of H. 6-2, 6-0. Yeager-Howell lost to Thomason-Weber of U. of H. 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

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Rings — Orders will be taken on Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18, from 8am to 2pm in the RCC for the 1976 Rice ring. A $10 nonreturnable deposit is required at the time the order is placed.

Pace — The final professional and Administrative Career Examination (PACE) required to qualify for many Federal careers will be given May 17, 1976. All interested students must apply by April 20, 1976. Applications are available in the Placement Office.

Registration — Due to errors in "Scholarly Communications," the Offered 1975-76 caused by the printer, it will be necessary to do a preliminary registration as follows:

Thursday, April 17: seniors and fifth year students. Monday, April 21: juniors and sophomore students.

Proctor — By action of the Proctor, a student has been (1) suspended for felony theft of University property and (2) required to pay in restitution $200.

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