Fire guts Hanszen Commons; cause unknown

by EMILY COFFMAN

Hanszen students will be eating out this fall. Their Commons was destroyed by a fire of yet undetermined origin on Thursday, June 5.

The fire was first spotted at about 7:30pm by Stewart Baker, Master of Wiess College. He notified Security of the blaze, and by 7:38, the Houston Fire Department had arrived. However, it was already too late to save much of the building and its contents.

The Hanszen Commons was being used to store furniture from adjacent Wiess during the remodeling of that College's commons area, together with numerous mattresses from both colleges. This large amount of fuel, coupled with Houston's hot weather, allowed the fire to spread rapidly.

By the time the fire was extinguished, all that remained were the outer walls. The ceiling had buckled in many spots; the inside of the building was gutted. First estimates assumed that the old walls would become the shell around a new lounge and dining area, to be completed by October. However, when Bill Cannady, Professor of Architecture, went over the building with a structural engineer, they found that the load-bearing masonry was unsafe. The whole structure would have to come down before any re-building could begin.

Cannady is designing a new structure to replace the old Commons, and his drawings will be used when bidding for the contract starts.

Rice's insurance will pay for the replacement or repair of the building and its furniture. Since the Commons will be redesigned, however, and not simply replaced as it was, the University will pay the bills above the "replacement cost." One hesitant member of the Business Office has come up with a figure of between $800,000 and $1,000,000 as a "ballpark estimate" of the damage. Exact figures will not be known until Cannady finishes his designs.

There are also other problems to resolve. Hanszen people will be without a Commons at least through first semester. Plans for their feeding have not been finalized, but Stephen Baker, Master of Hanszen, feels that "the rest of the University will have to reel and bend" with the college in any solution.

The biggest puzzle, though, is to determine how the fire started. Even though no work was being done on the Commons, the building was often open and unsupervised. Against specific instructions to the contrary, the Commons had been left open for workmen and B&G personnel to get water. Witnesses have reported seeing workmen in the area, though not necessarily right before the fire broke out. Anson has been discounted for the time being in favor of the more likely possibilities of accident or negligence.

The formal arson report has not yet been released.

One point is clear, though: no plans to rebuild the Commons or otherwise correct the damage will be finalized until sometime in July.

Wall of flames guts Hanszen Commons. This shot was taken by Donald Clayton, Wiess resident associate, before firemen arrived.

Physicist-football star elected Alumni Governor

Dr. Richard A. Chapman, a scientist-executive in the Central Research Laboratories of Texas Instruments in Dallas, has been elected by alumni to the Board of Governors.

Chapman received his B.A. from Rice in 1954, his M.A. in 1955, and his Ph.D. in 1957. In 1961 and 1962 he served on the Executive Board of the Association of Rice Alumni. At Rice, Chapman's graduate work was in low-energy nuclear physics. Before joining Texas Instruments in 1959 he spent two years researching nuclear power reactors at General Electric's Valleycats Atomic Laboratory. He is widely published in scientific journals and is a member of the American Physical Society.

During his undergraduate days at Rice, Chapman was one of the University's outstanding athletes. Upon graduating in 1954, he was the first draft choice of the Detroit Lions, but chose graduate school over professional football. He played tackle and guard on the Rice football teams of 1951, 1952, and 1953. He was a Tri-Captain on the Southwest Conference Co-Championship Team of 1953 and played in the 26-6 win over Alabama in the 1954 Cotton Bowl. He was selected as an All-Conference guard in 1952, as an All-Conference tackle in 1953, and as a tackle on the Players' All-American Team of 1953, which the team for the College All Star game. He has been named to the Cotton Bowl All Star Team for the decade of the 1950s.

Chapman was elected alumni Governor through mail ballots and will replace District Judge James R. Meyers '49 of Austin, whose four-year term on the Rice Board of Governors expires June 30, 1975. Chapman will serve until 1979.

Also, two current term members of the Board of Governors have been recently reappointed. Baine P. Kerr, a term member since 1972, is general counsel and chairman of the executive committee of Pennzoil Company and a partner in the law firm of

Aftermath of the fire

Chapman appointed new Dean

by JOHN ANDERSON and GARY BRENTON

President Norman Hackerman has named Alan J. Chapman to be the first Dean of the new George R. Brown School of Engineering, effective July 1. First word of the appointment came at a special meeting of the Dean Search Advisory Committee in the President's Office on Monday of this week.

The committee, which had been assured by Dr. Chapman that he would not accept the appointment under any circumstances, had not considered Chapman a candidate and did not include him in its final deliberations. A list of three other candidates for the position was submitted to Dr. Hackerman on Friday, June 20. Chapman's name was mentioned in that report, together with the two best of the three actual candidates, as an indication of the caliber of individual being sought for the position.

President Hackerman told the assembled committee on Monday that they "had missed the best man," and that he (Hackerman) had persuaded Chapman to serve.

A number of committee members were pleased with the appointment of Dr. Chapman, a man who has strong ties to the University (B.S. Mech. Engr., 1945; a wife who is the daughter of retired Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Hubert E. Bray, and a son who has just graduated from Rice).

Others on the committee, while all noting Chapman's integrity and character, expressed displeasure with the selection process used by Dr. Hackerman. Several questioned Hackerman's consistent failures in the past to consult with the University Council on matters of administrative appointments and changes. None of the faculty members wished their names used in conjunction with any Thresher article.

The committee members' discussion was not directed at Dr. Chapman, who is described as a "low pressure, unassuming, one who is well-liked," but rather at Dr. Hackerman's method of selection. One faculty member explained that the method used was much more offensive than the result, saying, "This isn't like the Masterson Crisis where they (the Board) used a bad method of selection to pick a bad man."

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The Presidency and the Cult of Power at Rice

The method of President Hackerman's appointment of a new dean of the school of engineering must surely seem discouraging to anyone interested in the welfare of this university. Coupled with other incidents over the past several months, it shows an insensitivity on the part of the President toward faculty participation in the setting of common goals and demonstrates once more his clear determination to bypass the faculty in making important far-reaching policy and administrative decisions.

It would seem that Hackerman is more concerned with preserving the powers of his own office than in seeking a broad consensus for the direction of the university.

High level appointments are made by and from the President's office. And the University Council, which ought to be strengthened, is deliberately and sometimes deviously bypassed by a President who is intent on preserving to the fullest his own power. One faculty member says, "Hackerman has an abysmal record of appointments." Even when the people are good, are well-liked, the methods are bad, for they repeatedly illustrate President Hackerman's reliance on the principle of rule by presidential fiat.

Here are but a few other examples of President Hackerman's style of leadership:

In separating the school of engineering from the sciences, Hackerman bypassed the University Council, claiming that the move involved no change in curriculum or programs. How can he say this when he himself emphasized the need for more professionalism in engineering and a re-establishment of links with industry as justifications for the separation? If this does not involve a change in programs, then what does?

President Hackerman again failed to consult the University Council concerning the appointments of the two Vice Presidents — even though the charter of the Council specifically says that he should do so. Indeed, he has repeatedly insisted that he will not consult the Council with regard to high administrative appointments.

President Hackerman has repeatedly asserted that he is merely "preserving the powers of his own office" as the National Governors and the rest of the University. Surely, however, as he himself must know, no one can or ought to be expected to convey alone that infinitely complex pattern of needs which is Rice.

The fullest sense of Hackerman's attempts to buttress the position of the President as the ultimate center of authority within the university is his arrogant assertion, oft-expressed to both students and faculty, "This is my university."

President Hackerman has at times noted the corporate character of the university, stressing his role as chief executive.

But the university is much more. In its most precious essence it is a fragile collectivity of individuals. But this fragile collectivity, this essence of free thought, is easily lost. And the evidence of this loss is all too apparent now in the current demoralization of the faculty.

The Hackerman administration has often been based on expediency; it, like the administrations of Coolidge and Harding, has had for its keynote "Balance the Budget." Laudably, President Hackerman has done that; but he has shown much less commitment to principles and ideals. To many students and faculty alike, the University seems to be simply wandering, its course uncharted.

That is the mood of Rice today. Good faculty, good staff, good students, all know that the situation is deteriorating. Faculty morale is at an all-time low. Meanwhile, the library, the very heart of the university, continues to decline surely and perhaps precipitously given the priorities of this administration.

If the University is to survive during this period of retrenchment, then it is essential that the faculty be given a meaningful say in its fate, and made to feel a vital and continuing part of the university. It is not a matter of choice; it is an absolute necessity. The view of the university as corporation may be appropriate for a large state university; but such a limited outlook at a small private university can only result in disaster.

Strong leadership linked to faculty participation has its place in the university; government by presidential fiat does not.

—John Anderson and Gary Brewton

Although Dr. Hackerman prides himself on the fact that he is accessible to anyone in the Rice community, from my own experience, the meaningfulness of such personal contact is questionable. One of Hackerman's techniques is to use the telephone call as a vent for his anger, a technique which conveniently leaves no tell-tale traces of the way a sharply-worded letter or memorandum would. Even in a personal interview, Hackerman uses his position and authority to intimidate even the most docile reporter. On one occasion, I had been informed by one of Hackerman's administrators that there would be "big changes" in the women's athletic program next fall, and that I should speak to the President to get further details.

When I opened the succeeding interview with the question, "what changes will be made?", Hackerman jumped on the word "changes" and said there weren't going to be any "changes" — only "evolutionary changes," whatever the distinction is.

He also said, "You bring that wire a bias," and accused me, in very belligerent language, of being hostile to the Athletic program and wanting to destroy it.

When I asked him about a petition with 70 signatures (sent to the President's office several months before) requesting that a female faculty member be placed on the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Hackerman flatly denied ever receiving the petition, and curtly suggested that I check my stories more carefully.

(A week later, after checking, we discovered that the petition had somehow wound up in the office of Doug Osborn, the director of women's athletics, yet it had been clearly stamped "Received, Office of the President," with date and time.

When confronted with this find, Hackerman became agitated and insisted that he had never seen the petition and that there was "no chicanery" going on in his office.

Though I believe him on this point, it still mystifies me that a petition with 70 signatures could be sent off to someone else's office without the President or his executive secretary ever knowing about it.)

At the previously mentioned interview, though, I continued by asking whether he was going to appoint a woman to the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. He replied, Yes, but not a "scandalous type." He also said that he would not name the petition until she was approved by the Board. The previous week at Alfred's I had overheard a conversation at the next table, at which one of the people matter-of-factly remarked that Mary Wheeler had been appointed to the committee. So I asked Hackerman, "Is it Mary Wheeler?"

He practically exploded. He asked me if I had tapped his phone, asserted that it wasn't a difficult thing to do with all the E.E.'s running around, and that I must have tapped his phone since the only person he had discussed the appointment with was Mary Wheeler herself and not just one over the phone.

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Renovation: ripping everything out is the first step

By Dana Blankenhorn

At Wiess College the problems were altogether different. The only entrances from the street were at opposite ends of the 3-block long building and the Commons was one of the smallest on campus. There was little in the way of a basement, and the Wiess laundry room was a dungeon parked among the hot water pipes. Wiess had been built without public space in 1949 to house the mass of engineering students in the post-World War II boom. It was an afterthought.

Three Wiess archis, Tim Cannady and Anderson Todd, and John McCcloud, conducted a survey at the college in the spring of '74 to discover what was needed. It was submitted as a course project, and only later picked up, when it became apparent that the work on the older buildings would give Wiess, for the first time, the atmosphere it needed to present requests for improvement.

The Wiess additions are designed by Alan Taniguchi, Dennis Kilper, and Marvin Clede. Taniguchi and Kilper are Rice profs, and Clede received his B. Arch. in 1973, after five years as a Wiesman. In addition to their work in the project's preparation, McCcloud, Canty, and Frog kept the Wiess Cabinet informed with models and drawings.

As with the older buildings, many changes had to be dropped to prevent the project form going over its $300,000 budget. An estimate of $45 per square foot for new space by the architects was revised to $56 by Linbeck, so such improvements as an archway system facing the street and the removal of the Wiess College office to the east end of the Commons were discarded.

The architecture itself is unique in the history of Rice design. Fifteen Rice archis worked with Cannady and Todd in the formulation of the plans and the actual drafting. Everything is being torn out and replaced except the walls, and the new buildings will all have the same general floorplan. Lounges on each floor will reduce capacity approximately 5% in each college. The plumbing, electrical, wiring, doors and windows will all be new. In Hanszen and Baker, fire doors will replace what were once walls separating stairwells.

A number of Rice students managed to get jobs with Linbeck working on the project at rates up to $4 per hour.

The whole renovation project, which includes Wiess College's new public space, was given a $2 million appropriation in March, in the form of a 22-year loan from the endowment. The loan will be repaid through increased room and board costs to all students.
Billie Carr: the “Godmother” of local liberal politics

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Billie Carr, the colorful liberal politician, was the kind of leader, describes the first time she met Bob Bullock, the wisp-

ing, soft-spoken, Selma Bentsen Bill. “Bob walked up to me, and he says, ‘Billie, my friends tell me you’re the meanest
damn woman in the state of Texas.’ I said, ‘Well, whoever
told you that, Bob Bullock, is a lynchsonabitch.’” Billie Carr
tells that story and she chuckles, throwing back her
round face and red hair, then stops a minute to catch
her breath and says, “Why you know, Bob Bullock is the only
politician in Texas who’s got his jaws and guts.”

Billie Carr is a big woman, rough, tough, and she talks
like a truck driver. One very upper-middle-class lady I know can
only shake her head when I mention Carr’s name. “That awful
woman,” she’ll say.

A gubernatorial activist, Carr is the spiritual leader of the progressive
Harris County Democrats organization (which is distinct from
and independent of the formal county Democratic machinery). A
member of the Democratic National Committee, she has been
active in liberal politics for better than twenty years and is
famous for her sharp tongue.

Carr’s cohorts tell how she once accused Houston conservative Judge John Brunson: “If you’re lyin’
to me, John Brunson, I’ll eat your first name in the cockpit of Carr’s plane.” You look at her, at that
strong face and that hair, and you think she damn well
ought to be able to say.

“They oughta take
(County Judge Jon)
Lindsay down the
tunnel and leave
him, he probably
wouldn’t find
his way out.”

The Harris County Democrats have their offices in a run-down
old professional building downtown on Travis Street, it’s where
Carr worked, and that’s where we talked to her.

She was explaining the so-called Bentsen Bill, a new state
act designed to further the ambic
tions of Texas Senator Lloyd
Bentsen, with barely-concealed sarcasm: “I think this Bill may well have
outsmarted himself.”

Billie Carr paused a minute to
light up another cigarette and
leaned back in her chair while
she smoked her small cubanized
offs. Behind her were
two large wall maps of Harris
County precincts. And on the
left, a framed photo of Carr’s
angelic halo down above the
head. “I asked about her counterpart,
former Harris County GOP Chairman Nancy Palin (known to
her friends and enemies alike as Napalm), Carr said that, “I
think they’re feeling good about
defeating [County Judge] Bill
Elliott with Jon Lindsay, al-
though they may not know
why anybody would feel good about
that...why I keep tellin’ ‘em they oughta take Lindsay down the
tunnel and leave him, he proba-
bly wouldn’t find his way out.”

She laughed and sort of
rumpeted, “But you know Nancy,
sh’d’ve got him for sure.” In
Texas, the County Judge is the
County Executive Officer.
Republican conservative Lindsay defeated liberal Democrat Elliott
last fall.

“He, you know, Lindsay is really
dumb...and I give credit to Nan-
cy that he won. Bill Elliott
defeated himself.”

Someone asked if State Sen-
ator Bob Gammage, a liberal,
was going to run against incumbent Bill Casey. “No, I’m afraid
not.” Why? “Well, he and Casey
are winning.”

“Bill Hobby is
dumb...but that
doesn’t seem to be
any drawback in
becoming governor
of this state.”

John Hill “does some good
things. He’s very smart...But he
comes across as a sort of phony.
He’s a typical sort of politician,
a gladhander.”

“Bob Bullock, he’s the only
our our that’s got guts and brains. I like Bullock a hell of a lot. The
bad thing about Bullock is just
that he’s unpredictable...He’s
deliberate about having a stick of
dynamite lying around.

“But honest to God, this day
and age, why he spoke to the
River Oaks Country Club the
current year. And he went out
there before the most conserva-
tive group in the world and told
tem that they were going to
ever have to have a personal
income tax and that we need-
ed a corporate income tax. And
he just said the liberalist things,
the radicalist things.

‘I supported him for governor
if he would run. I think he could
come up in time, go where he
wanted.’

She goes on to comment on
various politicians and political
insiders.

Texas Speaker of the House
Billy Clayton: “I think Clayton
is worse than Gus Mutscher.”
[Mutscher was House Speaker
during the now-infamous Sharps-
town Scandals.]

Houston’s liberal Congres-
sman Bob Eckhardt, a founder of
Harris County Democrats: “A
great man. I don’t think there’s
anyone who compares with him
except maybe Lloyd Doggett
from Austin.”

State Representative Ron
Boykins of the Montrose District:
“I’m very high on Ron. Ron is so young, he’s got great poten-
tial.”

State Representative R. C.
Nichols: “I think he does a tre-
 mendous job. I wish R. C. Nich-
ols would run against Lindsay.
Williams for state senator. Lin-
don Williams is useless.” Her
voice trailed off and she sighed.

“I think Craig Washington has
lots of sense.” Washington is a
state representative from Hous-
ton who was voted the best
young representative during the
session before last — the new
almost-unknown reform session
led by Price Daniel, who left as
Speaker of the House after one
session.

Mayor Fred Hofheinz: “Fred
wants a second term. The polls
all show that he’s the most pop-
ular man in town. And the estab-
lishment has decided that it
would take a million and a half
dollars to defeat him. I think
he’s done basically an overall
good job.”

How did Billie Carr come to be a precinct organizer?

“I went to Austin during Alan Shivers’ administration
and saw and heard some terrible things about the
governor as a horrible man...The worst thing of all
was we had a little private conference with him, and I was telling him what a terrible man
he was and how I was going to go home and tell every-
body. And I was about 22 or whatever I was. And he said
to me, ‘Young lady, I hold Texas in the palm of my hand.’
And I just decided that nobody ought to be able to say
that. I’ve spent 22 years trying to prove that isn’t true.”
Rice Hotel: still unsold
thus far unable to get financing the hotel on April 1, has been that he felt very strongly that Chapman science programs tended to and one Governor Advisor) in speaking directly to Chapman before speaking to the committee; they felt Hackerman should have sought out the committee's opinion before asking Chapman to accept the job.

One member of the committee said, "Chapman took someone we really hadn't considered, someone we had not listed because we thought he didn't want the job at all... I think Chapman was his (Hackerman's) personal choice."

Another said, "I think he (Hackerman) had Chapman picked all the way along. We just wasted a lot of time, frankly. But that's just conjecture."

Asked why there was so little disension at the meeting Monday with Hackerman, a committee member said that Chapman was well-liked and also that, "There are many people who think the appointment is fine." Those who were opposed to Hackerman's methods, he said, "were so flabbergasted that they couldn't think of anything to say at the time. There wasn't much discussion. It was just announced how things were going to be."

At that Monday meeting, Hackerman told the committee that he felt very strongly that the school ought to move to a more "professional direction," and that the experience of the sixties was that engineering science programs tended to develop into "second rate physics departments" which was not the primary function of an engineering department.

One committee member suggests that Hackerman may have felt that Chapman would be able to reestablish links with industry. Another suggested that "There may have been some understanding (between Dr. Hackerman and the Board) with George Brown in regard to setting up the school. I don't know. That's just a possibility."

Dr. Chapman indicated Tuesday that he had accepted the assignment, after Hackerman had persuaded him by "making it sound like something a person ought to do... I'm not thrilled by being an administrator, but if it's a job that needs to be done, then we'll try." He indicated that one of his goals would be to "pull all the engineering departments together and get us working in one common direction." He also said that engineering "must somehow be a bridge between the academic world and the real world."

Hackerman was out of the city and unavailable for comment both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Several members of the committee mentioned that Hackerman has essentially bypassed the University Council in these proceedings. (There are two members of the University Council on the Search Committee, however. They note, too, that Hackerman did not consult the Council when he split science and engineering to form the two new schools.

One faculty member, not on the Council, points out that the charter of the University Council specifically says that the President is to consult with the Council on administrative appointments. "That was a document that Hackerman participated in the writing of, and he agreed to live by. And he hasn't."

Another professor, not a member of the committee, was also concerned about Dr. Hackerman's treatment of the faculty: "In the past, Hackerman deviously got around the University Council by making these administrative appointments in two steps. First, he appoints a man to a level below the dean's level. That's OK, since that's below the dean's level and Hackerman can't be expected to consult the Council on every appointment. Second, he promotes the person in that place to dean. Hackerman says, well, that guy is already acting in that capacity. He (Hackerman) doesn't need consult the Council about changing the title of somebody."

"Hackerman did that with [Samuel] Jones and [William] Akers." [Jones was promoted to Dean of the School of Music, up from director. Akers was promoted to Vice President of the University for External Affairs, up from Director of University Relations.]

"I think the Council would have thrown it up if he (Hackerman) had tried to push Akers through. I mean Akers would have failed. Nobody on the Council, that I know of, likes Akers."

"I think President Hackerman ought to be censed. He has completely ignored the Council. He shouldn't be a dictator. But that's what we've got a dictator."

Summer school kids invade Rice

An alumni walking around campus during the next several weeks might think that Rice students are considerably younger in 1975 than they were in the old days. He wouldn't know, of course, that they aren't "real" students, but rather junior and senior high school students taking special six-week courses while the campus is otherwise mostly deserted.

The school, established in 1974, serves two purposes. First, it provides Rice University teacher trainees with the required student-teaching experience necessary for certification. Second, it offers secondary students the opportunity to take subjects which might not fit into a regular schedule, subjects which they enjoy and would like to explore more widely, or subjects in which they would improve with a little extra help.

Many of the courses carry fairly sophisticated titles, such as "Astrophysics," and "Film: what keeps us watching?"

Courses are offered in art, biology, chemistry, English, foreign languages, health, physical education, mathematics, physical science, psychology, and social studies.

The fee for three summer courses, running through July 18, is $90. No credit or grades are given; however, at the end of the course a written evaluation of the student's progress is sent to the student. Summer courses are sponsored by the Department of Education.
TUTS’ “Pajama Game”: bright musical comedy

by ELAINE BONILLA

The Pajama Game

Starring Barbara Lang & Jay Stuart

Playing at Miller Outdoor Theater until June 29

There was a time when all a musical comedy really needed to survive was bright happy music, bright happy people, and an innocent plot. Add a few complications, a pinch of social commentary, a love song or two, and a dash of flamboyance, and success could be achieved. Such a creation is The Pajama Game, currently enjoying a run of twelve free performances at Miller Outdoor Theater.

The boss (Jay Stuart) tries to be stern with admiring employees in “The Pajama Game”

Ed and Martha Lu Wetzel, a delightful husband and wife team from Houston, played off of each other with great gusto as an efficiency expert and a boomin'gly practical secretary. This energy and general sense of fun is what makes the show work so well: bright, charming characters like Gerry Burkhardt’s Prez, the Union leader, Nancy Taylor’s Gladys, the union secretary, and Meg Crady’s Mae, the lovable but well-muscled shop girl.

The company is obviously enjoying itself up on the stage. The choreography produced a magnificently organized bedlam, but the only really outstanding dancer is choreographer Bill Hudson. To his credit is his talent for giving the ensemble choreography that they could handle rather than forcing them to take steps that would have come off awkwardly at best. The only problem he had was with the “Steam Heat” number, a tour-de-force that featured Hudson but involved two co-dancers cut in the cold, unable to match his performance.

TUTS’ The Pajama Game is theater: an enchanted musical in the best sense of the phrase. It’s a big bright production glorifying the simple pleasures. Free tickets for the seated area can be picked up at the Miller Theater box office after noon on the day of performance. The show starts at 8:30pm.

The last week in July, the Alley continues the Symphony’s free concert programs with performances at Jones Hall on June 22 in Jones Hall at 8:30pm featuring the Kivitt, and Rudolf Nureyev. Performances at Jones Hall on June 23 in Jones Hall at 8:30pm featuring the Haydn Te Deum, the Brahms “Scheissadul”, and the Faure Requiem.

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At Autry House

Main Street Theater opens with "Hay Fever"

by ELAINE BONILLA

Several years have passed since Roger Glade closed down his theater, and he has not died. In response to that interest, Rebecca A. Greene is offering two series of films, directed by Ed Brooks, on Art and the Pussycat, which will open the Little Theatre at Westbury Square, Houston's third professional theater, on June 26. While out with some safe projects: his opener is Under the Yum Yum Tree, to be followed in August by The Fantasticks, but Pinette also plans to offer Children's Theatre, directed by Linda Shuler, on Saturday afternoons, and is hoping that people will contribute original scripts.

Throughout July and August, the Fine Art Center at Sam Houston State University, in conjunction with the American Film Theatre, will be presenting a series of films on art. The series will include The Origins of Art in Europe on July 2, Pompeii: City of Painting and Etruscan Tombs on July 9, Fra Angelico: Beaune: Roger Van Der Weyden; and Piero Delia Francesca on July 16, and The Oilmen Tradition on July 23.

The Sunday series will feature Digging for the History of Painting and Etruscan Tombs. There are many light comedies and social relaxations, and the creation of the dinner theatre is enjoying a good start off the season. Autry House has been working with Abbott & Costello throughout the spring, using her to direct its Elliot cycle, a series of readings commemorating the life of T.S. Eliot, the most recent being a concert reading of Murder in the Cathedral. The summer production, however, will be the first that Greene has done without an outside director.

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Present Value (Est or Find)
Payment Per Period (Est or Find)
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Percent, Percent Change
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Payment Per Period (Est or Find)
Present Value (Est or Find)
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X-Y Register Interchange
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Percent Change
Percent
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For Those At Rice...
by DEBBI OSTERMAN

Rice's celebrated "walk-on" Jeff Wells placed fourth in the 3-mile run at the NCAA meet held June 5-7 at Brigham Young University. The current trend among track powers to recruit foreign students, however, contributed to this fourth place; Wells was among the first two Americans in the event, won by a Kenyan from Washington State.

Wells, a graduate of St. John's prep school here in Houston, came here as a freshman in the fall of 1972 and competed for Rice the following spring. The next year, however, he transferred to Oregon, attracted by the chance to train with runners like the late Steve Prefontaine.

The Owls are a new school, founded in 1970, that has been competitive in many sports. In cross country, Rice finished second in the NCAA event.

Wells placed fourth in this year's NCAA meet held in Lubbock May 22-24, retaining the distinction of having scored more points in NCAA Championship meets than any other SWC school. Besides winning the 3-mile, spurt record-holder Randy Melkonian of Arkansas, Jeff Wells was a close second in the one-mile.

In the last athletic contest prior to finals, Rice took part in the well-known Drake Relays in Des Moines April 25 and 26. Jeff Wells broke the school record and ran the third fastest 3-mile in SWC history with his 12:31.9, although he only finished eighth in the one-mile.

Mike Novelli of Houston's Strake-Jesuit signed a national letter of intent with Rice on May 16. He has had a fine year, running a 1:51.8 in the high school mile in Texas for two years straight, with a 4:10.2 in the mile.

In the Gulf AAU meet at Butler Stadium in Houston, Novelli ran a 4:10.2 to claim second behind SWC 3-mile champ Jeff Wells, who had a 4:10.0. Novelli was an all-state cross country champion in the Texas Catholic Intercollegiate League for the past three years and finished second in the National Junior Olympic Championships mile last year.

Wells broke the school record in the one-mile at the SWC meet. At Drake, the Owls also captured good third places in the 3- and 5-mile,

qualified for the finals since he was in the fastest heat, won at 13.5. He pulled a groin muscle while at Drake and was later ruled out of the SWC meet. At Drake, the Owls also captured good third places in the 3- and 5-mile, and in the 480 shuttle-hurdle relay.

Track Coach Bob May and assistant coach Steve Wells are generally more than happy to recruit distance men, explaining that Rice can offer a better opportunity to train and compete in a number of events, cross country in the fall, 880, one-mile, 3-mile, and various relays in the spring.

Wells, Rory Trup, and John Lodwick; younger talent is needed.

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Preseason optimism: 1975 might be the year!

by JAMES ROBERT SABLE

Summer is usually a time of sunshine and baseball; a time to catch the wonder of a ten-cent hotdog and a well hit home run. But this is Houston, home of that leaky dome where the sun never rises and the Astros never win. Thus, with a profound sense of public need, this brief article is written to rescue you from the horror of Astros baseball.

Bankrupt owner sells champion Aeros

by DEBBIE OSTERMAN

The state of limbo in which Houston's only championship team, the World Hockey Association's Aeros, have been caught for the past six weeks ended Monday. George Boles, leader of the minority stockholders, and his associates have taken the last several steps to purchase the Aeros team from bankrupt Houston financier Irvin Kaplan.

Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe, who has spent the last two years playing for the Aeros along with his two sons, has been named as general manager of the proposed new club, replacing lawyer Jim Smith who announced his resignation May 29.

Ticket orders now open

Season ticket orders are now being accepted for the 1975 Rice football season, which begins September 13 against the University of Houston, in the Astrodome.

The home opener will be September 20 against defending Peach Bowl champions Mississippi State. Other home games include Mississippi State (Sun Bowl Champion), October 11; SMU, October 18; Arkansas November 6; Texas A&M November 15; and Baylor (defending SWC champs), November 29.

Four of the five out-of-town games will be against regulars UT, LSU, Texas Tech, and TCU. The deadline for season ticket holders to guarantee renewal of their same-seat locations is July 1. Orders are now being accepted for all games. Although seats will not be assigned and distributed until later in the year, the priority for choice of seats is based upon when the orders are received. Mail requests will be assigned before across-counter sales begin in August.

Order forms for tickets are available from the Athletic Department.

Summer sports: mostly informal

A little good-natured interdepartmental rivalry has been expressed in informal Hall competition between teams from the Biology and Biochemistry laboratories. The inhabitants of Anderson Laboratory met each Saturday afternoon outside the gym to hold coed games. Umpires are not readily available, and wouldn't reach agreement on the spirit of things anyway. Calls are made by mutual agreement, and the batter at bat until he/she gets a hit. On Thursdays the men from both sides team up to play Space Science.

Informal volleyball games are also being played on Sunday evenings at Brown College. The games were the idea of recent Biology graduates Marion Johnson, who is working in Houston this summer. Anyone who wants to play can meet up Friday night by Brown on Tuesday or call Pat McGovern at 664-2837 or ext. 1149 during the day.

Football recruits: not all dumb

How do you find football players who can play together to make a winning team and yet still be able to survive the academic pressures of college? That is the dangerous question that faces the minds of the Athletic Department when recruiting gets under way.

Of the twenty-seven football players signed for 1975, seven are members of the National Honor Society, and three others have attained some academic success. Four are from private schools, and only six are from out of state. Whether the rest can back that assessment up is a question that remains unanswered, but at least a few checks on their academic records have been made.

According to those frustrated jocks who claim to know of such things between draughts of beer, Rice's selection of freshman talent is among the worst in the conference, matched only by TCU's. According to Al Connover, they're fast, they're fat.
Thursday the twenty-sixth

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twenty-third for all intents and
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until the end of the summer.

Tuesday, July the first

8:30pm, Jones Hall. SPA/ABT again,
also the twenty-eighth.
9:30pm. CFR changes Pub’s hours,
again.

and looking ahead...
The 4th. Beginning of Bicentennial
Year or some such.
10th-15th. Series of summer pro-
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August 15th. Authorized upperclass-
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day and didn’t, may Godzella be
the only one to come to any
event you ever plan. He’ll eat all
the food I bought for my party
that is now rotting away.

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Robert Thomas, 1318 S.Broad-
way, Plainview, Texas 79072 or
Bernie Hobson, 1330 East
Chicago, Ill. 60626 prior to
August 20th.

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To GAL9000: was destroyed by
great big Bev machine. Hurry
back. —Ro.

**
Need light travelers to make the
trip back to Rice in August. Am
leaving from New York City
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Robert, you know there is just
no way I could have made it
through the summer without it.
Of “course” I got some.

notes and notices

Actor — Dr. Paul Pfeiffer has
been appointed Acting Pro-
tor through the first week of
July while Dr. Sam Carling-
ton is on vacation.

Two governors
reappointed . . .

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