Rice getting new phone system

by TED ANDREWS

The new University-owned phone system, presently being installed by Stromberg-Carlson Communications and Fisk Communications, will be ready for the proposed September 15 start date, according to Jim DeLoss of Stromberg-Carlson. However, the Thresher has learned difficulties with the Bell System might hold that date up.

The new system, called an 800A Cross Reed PBX, will handle 950 lines. People calling from outside will be able to call directly to a desired extension, rather than going through the switchboard, as is now necessary. Also, campus extensions will be "touch-tone" rather than conventional phones.

DeLoss, production supervisor at the installation site in the basement of Allen Center, explained that the new system is "the best in the United States. I can say that because I used to install this type of equipment when I worked for Southwestern Bell." He adds, "We call downtown and they’re as nice and polite as they can be. But then the repairmen don’t show up. Bell says that we have to prove that the broken equipment results from something Bell’s done wrong or they won’t fix it. The Fisk company can look at the equipment but they really can’t do anything since it isn’t their problem. We’ve got about ten University phones out now."

Dick Lackey, of Stromberg-Carlson Communications, informed the Thresher that Stromberg-Carlson is installing the switching equipment in the basement of Allen Center. The electronic switches will include direct-dialing (many incoming calls won’t have to go through the operator) and the caller will have the capability of transferring himself to another extension if he reaches a wrong number. Fisk Communications is installing the phones and trunk lines.

The trunk lines are another area of difficulty Rice has when dealing with Bell. White said, "We’d hoped to put the new system on September 5, but this week (Aug 27th) I got a letter from them saying that it’ll be six months before they’re provided." As the Thresher went to press, White was holding strategy sessions with his colleagues to determine what path to follow in dealing with Bell.

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Watch out: campus police now towing illegal parkers

by GARY BREWTON

According to Harold Rhodes, Chief of the Campus Police, Rice is ready to begin a crackdown on illegal parking on campus. The new measures, which will include towing illegal parkers, are expected within the next three to four weeks, should lessen problems with parking on campus. The new measures will be put into effect on September 15, which is on a weekend. The campus conduits used by medical personnel are "one-time" parkers, and others park at Rice day to day and just this week (Aug 27th) I got a letter from them saying that it’ll be six months before they’re provided."

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Hackerman 'poorly advised' about Grand Hall

To the editor:
The letter to President Hackerman that appeared in the Thresher last week caused little change in the Grand Hall situation. What isn't clear is how Dr. Hackerman was poorly advised before the decision and the solution outlined in the urban design project is, however, contingent upon audience size far beyond the capacity of any facility but the Grand Hall. To set up the Grand Hall for capacity seating requires a full day, with additional time required the following day to reset the room for dining. And to do a complete set-up in one day and reset the next, Mr. Red must employ extra labor; without it, his employees will require an additional half day (as they did to set up the Grand Hall for this year's Matriculation ceremonies). The RPC is not just asking Hanszen members to "eat dinner at the other colleges two or three times a month," as Mr. Kopra claimed. The RPC's speakers program would entail loss of the building for at least thirteen full days, and to keep the time lost at a maximum requires additional money to pay more laborers. Further, the RPC wishes to bring all thirteen speakers to campus mid-week, presumably to maximize audience size. This means that Hanszen would have to dispense for a minimum of twenty-six meals, and more likely for thirty-nine, or perhaps twenty-six or thirty-nine meals seem insignificant to the RPC, as Hanszen's loss of its Commons as a lounge area for thirteen days. But I must point out that the day's use of the Grand Hall to ever gain acceptance as Hanszen's turf is for its accessibility to be something Hanszen members can take for granted. Irregular, approximately bi-monthly losses of the facility would lead to confusion -- "are we in the Grand Hall today or aren't we?" -- and use of the facility when we did possess it, would decline, destroying its effectiveness as the focal point for the community.

In sum, I believe that Hanszen can help the RPC continue its all-school parties and concerts. But ingenuity into looking into sponsoring a speaker series jointly with UH;

Fleischer: 'Survival as College' is issue in need for RMC

To the editor:
In the August 1975 Thresher, Andy Kopra, President of the RPC, wrote at some length on the problems he faces resulting from Hanszen College's daily use of the Grand Hall. All of these problems demand serious consideration. Indeed, with some assistance from Hanszen College and a little ingenuity, the Program Council can continue to provide a varied social and cultural life at Rice.

First, it is important to me that Hanszen help out by providing the Grand Hall for several all-school events. If the parties are held on Friday night and begin late enough to allow the College communal dinner, clean-up will only preclude Hanszen's use of its surrogate Commons through the following afternoon. If Saturday lunch can be a picnic in Hanszen's quad, the dislocation caused by the party would be negligible. Indeed, I have already given the RPC permission to use the Grand Hall for this year's first all-school party, and I anticipate that the Hanszen Cabinet will oblige similar requests.

For concerts the same rationale applies. Occasional Friday night use of the Grand Hall should be easy to schedule, whether it be party or concert, RPC function or any other campus event. As long as the College eats together and has a common lounge/community study area/gathering place, especially through mid-week peak use, it can occasionally sacrifice the Grand Hall when silence nullifies your right to criticize. It is simply too difficult to deal with an issue of this magnitude. For instance, if the president who is isolated and advised poorly and a board of governors completely out of touch with student thinking, and also to contend with students who are critical yet apathetic. Without any student involvement the program council will unwittingly aid the administration in its seeming policy of academic irrelevance; it is too difficult to do more than give parties when apathy prevails.

Dave Fleischer
Hanszen College President

\*Survival as College' is issue in need for RMC

To the editor:
I am glad I live in the suburbs. I wouldn't want to get involved.

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To the editor:

Having achieved some degree of infamy as a student of the "iconoclast" challenging the existence of the Honor System, I feel moved once again to comment on this Rice tradition in light of recent personal experience. First, I should like to state that I never challenged the existence of the Code, but rather the conduct of the Council. Now I would, for the first time, like to comment solely on the existence of the Code.

Upon entering Rice every freshman is informed that the Honor System will offer a multitude of freedom and advantages in the writing of papers and taking of exams. One may turn to the "Honor System" booklet and read that "the advantages of the Honor System are manifold." Students are told by Council members that the advantage of the System are vastly outweighed by these advantages. Never have I seen these advantages specifically weighed down or delineated. Possibly this is because in order to do so, one would have to specifically state some of the advantages of the System.

First, there is the refreshing attitude of the students under the Honor System. Whether out of fear or honesty, in four years at Rice I have not personally seen or suspected any student of even contemplating cheating. While at the U of H for a mere eight weeks I was actually approached by a GROUP of students who had devised a plan for getting copies of forthcoming exams and passing them around their "study group". Should one refuse this "help", then they are not included in group studying of any sort, including perfectly legal wrestling sessions. Thus, by refusing to cheat one becomes an intellectual outcast, a threat to the group. Cheating, or cheating attempts were not restricted to unknowing freshmen; some of the classes where this occurred included students in their way to graduation schools.

Attitude on the part of the faculty reflected practices by the students. Disturb during exams was so obvious that you could cut it with an axe. No one, short of terminal cases, could leave the room, and then no two people were allowed out of the room at the same time. Take home exams were absolutely unheard of. I suggested one...once. Make-up exams were never permitted. All of these factors might be considered petty, but the real hassle was the proctoring. During exams people were either re-arranged (I presume to sit dummies next to dummies, etc.) or alternate students, whenever possible, got different tests. During all tests the professor would pace the room, stopping every few minutes for a lengthy look over someone's shoulder. In a pressure situation this can be extremely unnerving. But perhaps the most unnerving aspect, and one so nicely eliminated by the Rice system was the constant nagging feeling that you were not trusted, everyone expected you to try and cheat.

Rice would not be Rice without its Honor System. I'm glad it exists and I'm glad I'm here. So the next time someone wants to know exactly what the Honor System does for the student...tell them.

Lee Sowers

PIRG expands consumer services

Rice TexPIRG announced its program of student services and projects for 1975-76 at its organizational meeting Wednesday night. Those plans include continuing the Consumer Complaint Center and expanding its follow-up services; the center will be open from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday in the TexPIRG office on the second floor of the RMC.

To head the complaint center, TexPIRG plans to hire an additional staff person, probably a student in the Work-Study program. People interested in working 8-10 hours per week at $2 per hour may apply through the Financial Aid Office or through TexPIRG. Applications are due by Sept. 4.

The Attorney General's Office and TexPIRG are planning a training session on consumer laws later in September for consumer complaint center volunteers. Again this year TexPIRG will grant up to $70 to students interested in researching consumer, environmental, or governmental problems.

Anyone with problems concerning rip-offs, voided contracts, or shady workmanship is invited to come by the office and TexPIRG will try to help solve them.

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construction are now being reviewed; presentation of the final plans will be September 4 at a Grand Hall of the RMC, "Hanszen College North." All students are invited.

Plans now being considered involve a complete departure from the old Will Rice - Hanszen "mirror quad." By using a square rather than a rectangular format, more kitchen and serving space will be provided. The new design will also conserve energy by relying on ventilation rather than air conditioning. Current plans call for the building to be cooled only about two or three months per year.

Difficulties continue between Hanszen and the RPC, however. Hanszen is willing to yield to parties, concerts and other functions, but is adamantly opposed to the Smokestack Series. This program will apparently not come to pass; no speaker board has yet been made pending final confirmation of space availability. The Price Leete Lecture Series, which is sometimes held in the Grand Hall, is scheduled for Hanszen Hall this semester; speakers for the spring have not yet been confirmed, but no conflict is once again anticipated.

In the meantime, renovation is being completed in the College proper, with only "minor" items such as stairwells and bathrooms still presenting difficulties. During the summer one bathroom was deprived of a shower drain; the grill is still there, with a concrete plug below it.

Lee Sowers

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Patrol cars “descend from nowhere” to catch speeders

by NANCY TAUBENSLAG

This summer, Texas police are out to get speeders.

Or so says the federal government. In November 1974, President Ford signed the National Monitoring of Speed Limit Law in order to modify fuel consumption habits and reduce traffic fatalities. The new law entails unannounced inspections of interstate highway speed patterns found in randomly selected states.

Ten percent of the total Federal highway funds for Fiscal Year 1976 will be cut in any state having consistently high percentages of drivers violating the 55 mile per hour limit. Texas, which is notorious for routinely disregarding speed laws, stands at least an even chance of being monitored.

Many students and staff returning to Rice via the Federal highway system have noticed a crackdown on speeders. While admitting that overall traffic flow still regularly exceeds speed limits, drivers are now citing instances of patrol cars “descending out of nowhere” to apprehend violators. The most commonly viewed devices in the push against speeding include unmarked cars, helicopters, and “speed guns” which are reportedly more accurate than automobile speedometers.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, however, denies the existence of any crackdown. Except for Labor Day and Fourth of July weekends’ reassignments of personnel to traffic duties, DPS officials report that the available patrol staff has not and will not increase.

Trooper H.L. Erwin, in the Education Department of the DPS stated, “Any orders we’ve received to ‘crack down’ on speeders would come from the state legislature. We’re just doing our job the same as before.” Erwin attributes the rumor of a crackdown to a 27 percent increase in traffic accidents and the consequent increase in visibility of patrol cars handling accident reporting.

“Last year was the safest year since 1960, the year of the first recorded accident in Texas; people were voluntarily complying with the speed limits even before the 55 mph law was passed. Now, drivers are speeding again, going up to 80 miles an hour on the freeways...60.2% of the motorists public are exceeding the speed limit, so we’re just doing our duty to apprehend them. The energy problem has nothing to do with our supposed crackdown.”

Lt. Randol Gilmore of the DPS tells a slightly different tale. While agreeing that only the state legislature can appropriate funds to finance a crackdown, Gilmore acknowledges the existence of the federal law: “We’ve been enforcing that law since it went into effect. However, you arrive at a saturation point and have no way of increasing production. The number of speeders we catch is just a drop in the bucket.”

Gilmore considers an increase in publicity to be responsible for the widespread idea of the crackdown.

What is the Federal government’s view of the alleged crackdown or progress? An as-yet unpublished report to be disseminated from the Department of Transportation reads:

DPS officers and city police are reported to be “cracking down” on traffic speeders.

“In enforcing the 55 mph limit, the Texas Department of Public Safety uses, singly and in concert, marked and unmarked patrol vehicles,雷达,and aircraft. Helicopters are effective, but expensive to operate.

“Texas DPS personnel are filing approximately 60,000 speeding cases per month, with a conviction rate of 98%. DPS is the nucleus of the 55 miles per hour enforcement effort; however, limited resources and increasing vehicle operating costs make it impossible to deploy the resources that would be necessary to obtain compliance with the 55 mph limit.”

In other states, where enforcement efforts are especially heavy, policemen are being taken off crime-stopping duties to increase their traffic patrol coverage to a saturation level. However, Texas DPS holds no plans to reassign their staff to highway duties at any dates other than holiday weekends.

The August 25 edition of U.S. News and World Report notes, “Right or wrong, the tactics (increased patrolling and use of sophisticated countermeasure equipment) seem to be slowing down motorists. While there are no official figures and while many drivers still go above the speed limit, reports from around the country indicate that relatively few drivers are going much faster than 90 miles an hour these days.”

Unfortunately, the journal’s findings don’t seem to apply to Texas, despite stories of increased patrols and government supervision. If Texas’ federal highway funds are cut by ten percent, a resulting decrease in the quality of the highways could force a slowdown in traffic. However, this decrease in highway quality may bring about another effect. In penalizing the states by impeding the progress of repairs and improvements on state roads, the government may in fact force an increase in traffic fatalities — a result exactly opposite the intentions of the National Monitoring of Speed Limit Law.
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We hate to blow our own horn, but the Thresher has just installed a new phototypesetting system, the "Comp/Set 500" by Varityper. So what, you ask? Well, the new system should make the paper more visually appealing and more readable.

This is because the new system is much more versatile than the old IBM system previously in operation. The new machine will set type from 924 different typefaces, enough for anyone. Some samples of the different types are included below.

For you weanies out there, the basic idea of typesetting is quite simple. The system transforms keyboarded information into typset information (with its characteristic straight margins on both left and right, i.e. “justified” margins, variable spacing, and proportional character size). It accomplishes this by the use of a small computer which “counts” the widths of the characters as they are typed, determines where to end each line, and adjusts spacing between words and between characters to achieve justification.

The system is easy to use, too. While the machine is still counting character widths, the operator can make corrections by deleting characters and words or by typing over the mistakes. Thus typists can work at rough-draft speeds.

After a particular batch of typesetting is finished, the exposed photographic paper (which has been accumulating in a take-up cassette) is cut off the roll and developed through a stabilization processor. This final step takes only a few seconds.

The system uses a cathode ray tube (CRT) to display the characters as they are keyboarded. The CRT only displays the line being typed plus the previous line just typset; thus, the machine’s biggest drawback is its lack of extensive memory and recall capabilities. This deficiency is more than made up for by the system’s speed.

The system is somewhat unique in design. Although phototypesetting systems have been on the market for about 15 years, this is the first system to use a sliding zoom lens to enlarge type to different sizes. Most other systems use interchangeable or rotating lens systems, with a different lens for each size.

Although all this jargon may make it seem that the system is complicated or difficult to use, such is not the case. A person with previous experience in using typesetting systems can learn the new machine in about 15 minutes; an untrained typist can become proficient in about 45 minutes to an hour.

The Thresher first installed a recording typesetting system, an IBM “MT-SC” Composer System, in March of 1974. Since then, exclusive student labor has been used to operate the system; students make up to $3 an hour, a rate very competitive with other campus jobs. Besides typesetting for the paper, the Thresher also does typesetting for other campus organizations and publications, including the High, Empire at rates much lower than outside typesetting firms.

Ironic note: in the middle of this article describing the wonders of this new typesetting system, it broke down, delaying publication of the Thresher until Friday. I’m not sure what that means, but you can be sure it’ll be the last time we ever force the machine to talk about itself in public again. Must be bashful.

—Ed.

New phones...

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Bell...The best thing about the system is that maintenance is so easy. All we’ve got to do is replace a few simple parts. No part of the machine wears out, either. That’s what always happens with Bell’s equipment.

Richard White, of the Campus Business Office, who is working on various phone-related projects at Rice, said, “Our system’s been used and perfected for the past five years all over the country. It’s not dependent on foreign parts like some systems, so it’s extremely popular with large organizations around the nation.

Although it will take a month or so for the bugs to be worked out, the new system promises to save the University a considerable amount in phone bills. When the changeover occurs, the new University phone number will be 327-8101. The number is being changed to improve Bell central office service, and the new number is located in Bell’s new Electronic Switching System equipment.
Illegal parkers being towed...

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illegal parked cars can Rice eliminate these one-time violators.

In fact, many of the outsiders are quite blatant about their parking at Rice. Nurses in white uniforms and other people in medical garb are regularly seen crossing Main Street from the campus. Also, on his way to work in the morning riding up Main Street, Raymond Swift has observed unregistered cars parking on the campus and has stopped to turn them away. In some cases it has been the same people turned away on previous days.

Towing was not the only solution to the parking problem discussed. Large signs will clearly warn illegally parked drivers that their cars will be towed. An automated barrier with swing-down arm (to be activated by a special card) was also considered to restrict access to the parking lots; it was rejected because of inconvenience and high cost.

Illegal student parking in the college lots also contributes to the overcrowded condition. This year, the fine for illegally parking in the college lots has gone up to $5 from the previous $2.

Moreover, a student who regularly parks illegally in the college lots runs the risk of losing parking privileges altogether. The Proctor's office has established a system that will automatically list drivers who have been caught using false cards as well as campus parking places for use by students and staff. The crackdown has not eliminated these one-time infractions.

For them, it isn't all penalty, though; the faculty and staff will be getting approximately 60 new parking places, including 30 in the Allen Center lot (the square vacated by Lovett, which is getting a new 30-place lot between the Commons and Main Street), and 32 along the main entrance driveway in front of Lovett Hall. Also, 20-one-hour parking places have been created in the Cohen House parking lot, for use primarily during the lunch hour.

But controlling illegal parking by outsiders should be the best approach to alleviate crowded conditions on the south side of the campus. As one exasperated college secretary put it, "If they'd just stop people who work in the Medical Center from parking there, there would be plenty of room."

Phone problems...

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As recently as this summer Rice has been dealing with lower echelon personnel at Bell. The University has since worked its way up to the Vice President. "I want to emphasise," White said, "Bell isn't breaking any agreement with us. They've been reading some of the very fine print in our contract." Stromberg-Carlson and Fisk have been working since early June and they've been shooting for project completion within three months. White says, "If we'd been dealing with Bell it would've taken eighteen months."

In another development with the phone company, Southwestern Bell has decided to put Rice University students as well as campus trunk lines, through the new Electronic Switching Service being installed in the 52-exchange. In previous years both University and student phones have gone through ancient switching equipment. Because the University phones were put through the Electronic System Bell decided to go ahead and give students the same benefits.

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Marathon movie spree this weekend to bring back 60's

Convinced that movies just aren't what they used to be? At the first annual Houston Nostalgia Film Festival this weekend, you can view those late late shows all day long for an equally nostalgic price.

The convention will take place in the Allen Park Inn at 2212 Allen Parkway, with almost continuous showings throughout the weekend. The Festival will include films in two screening rooms starting Friday at 7 pm until midnight. The show is a fundraiser for the Harris County Historical Society, and admission is $2.50 per day or $8 for a three-day pass.

Friday's schedule begins with King of the Texas Rangers (episodes 1-6) and Babes in Toytown (Laurel and Hardy, ndk Walt Disney). Next are Homesteaders of Paradise Valley with Alan "Rocky" Lane and Red Ryder, Yankee Doodle Dandy featuring James Cagney's legendary recreation of George M. Cohan, and the Andrews Sisters' Bags of Sunshine. Midnight special, "occult" films ever made.

To break the marathon movie spree, there will be an auction at 3 pm Saturday of movie-related materials: posters, stills, lobby cards, and anything pertaining to films that shoes up. You see, contributions to the auction are open to everyone, so what's for sale can't be predicted. TV and movie trivia contests, for those with phenomenal memories, are also open to all comers at other times of the day.

Saturday afternoon's schedule includes episodes 4-12 of The Bells of Rosarita (Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, and Trigger), In the Navy (Abbott and Costello and the Andrews Sisters), and episodes 1-3 of Spy Smasher. If your stamina holds out, there is the famous Casa Blanca (Bogart, Bergman, Greenstreet, Lorre, WW II, and "As Time Goes By"). Mars Attacks the World (one of those faster crabbie serials), Tarzan's York Adventure (the last Weismuller - O'Sullivan flick) and the midnight special, Curse of the Demon, supposedly one of the most literal "occult" films ever made.

Sunday features mostly serials and B-westerns. This includes another TV retrospective (Hopalong Cassidy, Cisco Kid, Lone Ranger, and Sergeant Preston of the Yukon), episodes 4-12 of Spy Smasher, a tribute to Mighty Mouse, Sun Valley Cyclone ("Wild Bill" as Red Ryder again), the Gene Autry and Red Ryder TV pilots, and the John Wayne tribute (25 years of John Wayne film previews).

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Novices welcome at Sunday's square dance

Eager to recruit new members by sharing upperclassmen as well as freshmen before classes have really started to frighten anyone, the Rainbow Rockers are hosting a fun night of square dancing this Sunday night. What? — you don't know how to square dance? Don't worry about it, they'll teach you everything you need to know for a few simple dances and soon you'll be able to twist with the others. The dancing will be at the Lovett Commons from 6 to 10pm Sunday, and everyone is welcome.

Students are in charge of the Rainbow Rockers, a club that has about thirty-five regulars who come to dance every Sunday evening. The executive board includes Larry Gilbert and Jordan Wein- garten of Houston, and Larry McMahon (an EE grad).

More information, call Earl Blair at 524-4273.

Wild West Music Fest this Sunday

Planning on getting out of the city this Labor Day weekend? Take a trip up to Lake Travis for the first Annual Wild West Music Fest on Sunday, August 31.

Performers already announced include Jimmy Buffett (a Nashville reject whose tunes don't quite match their country establishment expectations), Bobby Steiner (the 1973 World's Champion Bull Rider, now turned into a singer of original works), and other such singers — Waylon Jennings, Rusty Wier, Steve Fromholz, and Kenneth Threadgill.

Tickets for this extravaganza are $5.50 in advance or $7.50 at the gate. Starting time is 1 pm, and the music will last until dark on the 1000-acre Wild West ranch northwest of Austin.
by ELAINE BONILLA

Classical music: varied, cheap

Interested in classical music but not quite sure what to do about it? Amazingly enough, there are a variety of ways to indulge your fancy, at varied prices.

Subscribing to the Houston Symphony is just one way to enjoy the music they have to offer, and the cost isn’t all that much to spare for a season of music. There are no less than seven different series for subscribers, three on Monday nights, three on Tuesday nights, and one on Sunday afternoons. Subscribing as a student, one can save 40% off any seat on Sunday afternoon (that comes to $2.50 per concert — less than you pay for a movie) and up to $9 off the price of any of the other series.

Twelve of the concert programs will be conducted by Houston Symphony music director Lawrence Foster, and the others will feature such guest conductors as Enric Bergel, James de Priest, Edo de Waart, Sergiu Comissiona, Gunther Schuller, and Associate Conductor, Akira Endo.

Among the soloists are Ronald Patterson with Tchaikovsky’s Concerto in D Major for Violin, Yehudi Menuhin with Beethoven’s Concerto in D Major for Violin, and Itzhak Perlman with Bartok’s Concerto for Violin. Andre Watts will be here for MacDowell’s Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, and Alicia de Larrocha will be playing Ravel’s Concerto in G Major for Piano, and his Concerto in D Minor for Piano.

Brendel will be at the keyboard for the Beethoven Festival with the first five Concertos for Piano.

In an attempt to acquaint audiences with the music they will hear at the performances they attend, the Symphony is going to inaugurating a series of “Preludes” during this season. These will feature conductors and guest artists in discussions relating to the programs on which they will appear.

There will be two “Preludes” for each of the concert series, held at Jones Hall just before the concerts (at 7:45pm for the weekday series and at 1:45pm for the Sunday series). Studies include focuses on Mahler Symphony No. 3, Beethoven (led by Dr. H. I. Bartlett, noted Beethoven authority), Gershwin, Mozart, and Schoenberg.

If, however, one can’t afford to subscribe to the Symphony or is unwilling to make a commitment for performances that might conflict with the academic world of exams, all is not lost. KPFT, FM 90, listener-sponsored Pacifica radio for Texas, is planning on broadcasting the Houston Symphony concerts this fall, every Sunday afternoon from 2 until 3:30pm.

This won’t include the “Preludes” or the pleasure that comes from actually seeing the musicians at work, but the music will be there.

And don’t forget KLEF-FM 94.5, with its eighteen hours of classical music per day. Special features include recorded opera on Saturday afternoons until the Metropolitan Opera in New York starts its season, and then the station carries their broadcasts.

KLEF also offers various taped performances of out-of-town concerts on a regular basis. Their Program Guide lists all their main programming at the beginning of each month, so it is possible to plan out what to anticipate.

Music in Houston can be expensive or not, as the listener chooses, but it is available, at varied times and places. Stay-at-homes can enjoy radio performances as supplements to their record collections, and commuters have the opportunity to go on down to Jones Hall for live entertainment. It may not be as broad a selection as one might want, but there is something available for everyone.

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Linebreakers, secondary look solid; line needs work

by JOEL SLADE

Historically, the strength of Al Conover’s Rice football teams has been the defense. It was the outstanding defense of Rodney Norton, Carl Swierc, Jody Medford, and Cornelius Walker that enabled Rice to finish 5-5-1 one year and third in the SWC two years ago.

Early last year, Rice tried desperately to become the

“spoilers” of the SWC. Regardless of the opponent, defense was expected to be handled. Not even Notre Dame was able to take advantage of Rodney Norton & Co. That is where the 1975 Defense begins: senior Rodney Norton.

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by PHILIP PARKER

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M.W. SRC

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**Saturday the thirteenth**

1:00pm. Austin Court, gym. Organizational meeting of the Kappa club.

3:00pm. The college of Science Spring Student Conference of the American Physical Society. Hayman.

3:00pm. Diner at 12725 Main. Anonymous. Foster.

5:30pm. Alley. See Parmaa Dunn. Foster.

6:00pm. Alley. Alley. Bellinger's Personality. Foster.

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**Monday, the first of September**

**Lunar Day:** Nothing happens.

**Tuesday the second**

6:00pm. Room. Pantry. Chess club meeting. Foster.

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**Wednesday the third**

**OK — This Saturday, Sammy's will be open from 5pm—1pm.**

**Veterans — Mr. Steve Heye, the Veterans Administration representative, will be in this week on campus every Monday to advise veterans attending Rice and to expedite the payment of educational assistance available to them. Mr. Heye will be working in the Information Services office on the third floor of the Allen Center.**

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**Dear Masked Stilt,**

We miss you. Our ledge is your ledge. Second floor south, one room to the west. We are waiting to hear from you. Sincerely yours, MMN&S.

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**notes and notices**

**GO — The Rice University Go and Chess club will have its organizational meetings on Sept. 8 and 9. Everyone is welcome; bring Go and chess sets.**

**Rings — The 1976 Rice rings will be delivered on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 8pm. To the lobby of the 9AM (RMC). Graduating seniors who did not order 1976 rings in the spring of this year, may do so at this time. There is a $10 nonreturnable deposit at the time the ring order is placed.**

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**Dear Phyllis and David,**

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