Controversy surrounding last Saturday's satirical MOB (Marching Owl Band) halftime show has abated only very little since an Astrodome official, acting at the order of Judge Roy Hofheinz, confiscated the MOB announcer's script midway through the show. That action came after several pointed remarks about the Astros, who had been called the "smallest in war, first in peace, and last in the National League" by the MOB announcer's official, acting at the order of several MOB members and Rice people in the audience, who had no idea what was going on at the time.

Although at first the identity of the "hit man" in the case was unknown (he did not identify himself to the MOB announcer, Mark Brennan), the Houston Post revealed in its Monday editions that the mystery man was actually Bobby Risinger, a public relations officer for the Astrodome.

The Post quoted Risinger as saying that he received a call from Hofheinz's wife after the "smallest" comment; she inquired about the script. After the Astro comment, she called again. Risinger reported that she said, "Bobby, the judge is really upset about it...we're either going to pull the plug or take away the script.

Risinger then went to the announcer's booth and asked Brennan for the script. Brennan unknowingly obliged, and was allowed by Risinger only to alter the titles to the songs and nothing more.

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Health service cuts hours due to lack of staff

The Student Health Service has eliminated its clinic at Jones College and cut back an hour at the main clinic at Hanszen because of a shortage of staff.

The Hanszen clinic is now open from 8:30 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday only; a physician is on duty afternoons from 1 to 6 pm.

Health Service nurses will make "house calls" to the women's colleges if the need arises, and the Campus Police will provide transportation to Hanszen, as well.

For serious emergencies Rice students should go to St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Room. They should phone 521-2121 to alert the hospital. They should also have their ID cards ready to show to the attendants.

Staff and student employees who suffer serious job-related injuries should go to the Ben Taub Emergency Room, telephone number 222-9971.

For ambulance service the Houston Fire Department, 222-3434, should be called. The caller should be sure to give instructions as to how to get to the patient on campus.

The psychiatric service is located in room 303 Lovett Hall; hours are from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

The twenty-five Saudi Arabian students attending Rice this year are experiencing difficulties. "When we came here we expected to take scientific English, but instead we were taught grammar. That's why we have difficulty catching on in chemistry. We cannot understand the lectures. Even a lot of American students cannot understand the lecture," Adel Al-Roshoud said to this reporter.

The Saudis' program was drawn up back in their homeland by an official at their school, the recently-established King Faisal University in eastern Saudi Arabia. They take English, chemistry, and biology. Saeed Al-Qahtani said, "In biology they don't understand at all." When informed that the normal Rice student does not take biology until after he has taken Chemistry 101, Saeed said, "That's true. We have heard this. Some American students here, at least some that we've met, have waited for three years before they have taken biology. The program was made in Saudi Arabia, but it was approved at Rice.

Richard Stabell, Assistant to the President, is responsible for the Saudis' academic program. In a meeting this week with the Saudi students, a Saudi government official, and with the help of an Egyptian postdoctoral fellow, the decision was reached to restructure the Saudis' program. Now biology has been eliminated and they will concentrate on English. The Egyptians, a chemist, spoke with the Saudis and told Stabell "Knowledge-wise, they know as much as the typical Rice freshman." Acting on that information, Stabell said, "We're going to push hard on their English and wait until their English catches up with their knowledge."

Saeed and Adel, however, seemed somewhat dissatisfied with that arrangement. "We want to be like regular students. We don't want, or even need, special privileges. It was told to us that we could avoid chemistry laboratory examinations and go only to lectures. But that would make us different from the regular student."

To give more concrete expression to their dissatisfaction, rumors circulated this week that the Saudi students would boycott classes this week. "We cannot understand, so why should we go?" Adel said. "Our government said that we should study. We study."

Although at first the Saudis were sent to America as part of a pilot program which sent eighty Arabs to American universities. They have taken English throughout high school and intermediate school (a combination senior year of high school and freshman year at college). That the Saudis are experiencing problems because of a poorly arranged program seems all the more troubling when one remembers what Adel said: "We came here to study. We are pre-medical students. We didn't come here to learn about hot dogs and hamburgers."

...
The following resolution, directed to the MOB, has been unanimously endorsed by the Student Association Senate:

The philosophy and style of the Band is a matter of great pride to the students of Rice University. The MOB has taught us the most valuable lesson of all: how to laugh at ourselves. It is unfortunate that it takes an unpleasant incident to remind us of how much we appreciate your uniqueness.

For all the students we say, may you never lose your sense of humor and never fail to move us with laughter...

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Trustees' actions, though deplorable, are fully legal

To the editor:

Sorry, Brewton, but the trustees of a university exist as something other than "fiduciaries to serve the interests of faculty and students." In the case of a private university, they protect the ongoing interests of the university as a whole, ideally including the interests of alumni and (peripherally) the community. The trustees of a public university are constitutionally bound to protect the interests of taxpayers as well.

A lack of diplomacy on the part of trustees is deplorable—certainly they should feel an obligation to consider the desires of faculty and students—but clearly they are not to act as rubber stamps for any faction (including the governor).

As a graduate student in 1969, I opposed Masterson's presidency of Rice on the grounds of his unpopularity and incompetence as an administrator, but the right of the trustees to appoint him is unchallengeable. Students, faculty, alumni, and friends have a duty to advise the trustees. The trustees' duty is to weigh all arguments and select administrators who in their judgment will be best able to run the university.

Kathleen M. McRitchie
BA '61, MA '71

Either you misread or misunderstood the meaning of the word fiduciary (used in the editorial); namely, someone to whom property is entrusted for the benefit of another. Isn't that the same as someone who "protects ongoing interests," the phrase you use in your letter?

The Thresher endeavors to print all letters to the editor as space is available. The following guidelines apply for Rice people submitting letters for publication:

- Letters must be submitted at least two days prior to the anticipated date of publication. They must be typed and generally should be limited to less than 300 words.
- All letters must be signed.
- Longer pieces may be submitted as guest editorials or as guest opinion columns.
- All materials submitted become the property of the Thresher.

You also misunderstood the responsibilities which are concomitant with the rights of trustees. When trustees fail to act in the best interests of the university, their rights as trustees cease to exist. Thus the supposed "right" of trustees to select a bad appointment is no right at all.

Nor should the trustees' opinions be taken as the sole view of what is best for the university; anyone who disagrees (and can prove such official opinions are bad) may, through the channels provided, have his ideas thrown out. —Ed.

Pub should not be profit-making

To the editor:

I find it highly inappropriate for a student-operated "student service" to have amassed enough profits in so short a period of existence to be able to donate a proportion of its funds, which must be phenomenal, for the extended operation of another department of the University. It is unfortunate that the Health & P.E. Department doesn't have enough funds to share a sense of camaraderie with other students for all it can get away with. The only conceivable rationale for this is: Give us your money and we'll spend it in your interests. After all, we know what's best for you.

Jerry Reynolds

Player criticizes "slanted" Polk article

To the editor:

This letter is in response to last week's article concerning the actions and decisions of Head Basketball Coach, Bob Polk.

I realize that sensationalism makes for interesting reading, however I do not feel it should be done at the expense of others. If Mr. Parker had consulted with some of the other players he would have come out with a much less slanted article.

Last season team unity, or the lack of it, caused many serious problems which resulted in our inability to play team basketball. However, this year all the players seem to share a sense of camaraderie and a respect for Coach Polk, which is going to contribute immensely towards producing a winning team.

Frank Jackson

In fact, The Thresher sports staff has been in close contact with team members concerning Polk's manipulations since early last spring.

One can impose unity, the way Polk has chosen to do it, but your assertion that he has earned the team's "respect" is contradicted by the facts.

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The Arabs at Rice: “We want to be like the regular student”

by TED ANDREWS

I should have told them that I’ve hardly met any foreigners in my life except for when I lived in Germany—but that didn’t count since I really didn’t like the Germans too much (one time one beat me up after I made this remark about the way he smelled. I was speaking in English on this school bus that the American kids had to share with these German kids—and I said that they sort of smelled like chicken soup. That was in the fourth grade. Two of us, two Americans that is, and one German kid got off the bus. Right outside of the American compound in Darmstadt, he knocked the shit out of me. I’ve regretted the dishonor I’ve done to foreigners since then. I always try to make it up to them.)

So it was with great curiosity that I went to Lovett to interview several of Rice’s resident Arabs, to ask them about their gripes about Rice. When I went over to Saeed’s room it was around ten fifteen. I watched “Beacon Hill” on TV before I went. I’d been trying all week to get to meet Saeed, but he was sleeping everytime I had the chance. This time when I got there he was playing dominoes on the floor with Adel. Saeed was wearing the thoub, which is the main part of the national dress of Saudi Arabia. I was wearing khaki shorts and white socks and Adidas tennis shoes. Adel had on a Rice University T-shirt. They didn’t wear shoes.

We sat around on the floor and talked for a while. They told me about their troubles with the chemistry department. Now-Rice didn’t really offer an English as a second language course which was suitable for them. They arrived here in the USA on August 5 and have been taking English since then. They were mad because they only took three courses, “We want to be like the regular student. They have a minimum of four courses, we shouldn’t get special treatment.” They said that several times.

Saeed’s American roommate came in while we were talking. I recognized him from last year when I took dum-dum English 103 after I flunked the Incompetency Exam. He started drinking the Coca-Cola that Saeed poured in his cup. Saeed was about to throw the bottle away and I was about to tell him not to do it since you can get money for it, but he remembered himself. He’s almost been completely Americanized.

I asked, “Are y’all getting scholarships from your government?” I just expected him to say yes, nothing dramatic. “Yes, oh, yes. We also get $480 a month.” That’s for spending money. “We all got $200 to buy clothes, and we get $200 each semester for books.” He’s only been here for six weeks and he summed up the decline of the west in six words: “We get $480 a month.” For spending money.

Saeed and Adel are some of the few Arab students living on campus. Most of the Saudis’ live at the Plaza Hotel. A few are rumored to be living at the Hyatt Regency. They taught me how to play dominoes. I won. I don’t know if they gave me any help.

“We’ve had to make few adjustments. In our religion we cannot eat pork or drink alcohol. We pray five times daily.”

I really didn’t know how to ask these next few questions properly, but before I could say anything they said, “We go to King Saud University. It’s in Eastern Saudi Arabia. It’s a new school, taking some of the work load off of Petroleum University, largest school in the Middle East.

“We have felt no hostility. Many students want to talk to us, and learn about our country. We haven’t seen anything written on bathroom walls. I have seen what’s in the third stall from the left in the RMC, though.

“We are sad that we can only find out about the Middle East and Saudi Arabia from the little on television. I have asked my father on the telephone to send me some newspapers from home. We really know too little about the Israeli-Egyptian agreement to say anything. King Khaled has said that the Egyptians have done the right thing.”

I can’t make up my mind about Europeans but I like the Saudis. They’re regular Joes, for what that’s worth. It would be a shame if they have to leave because of bungling over the type of English class they should have.

by Garry Trudeau

The Saudis have actually been quite well received at Rice — their sense of humor has greatly endeared them to the hearts of all Rice people.

DOMINOES

I'M SURE HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.

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Helen Havens is working to become an Episcopal priest — despite male bishops' reluctance

by NANCY TAUBENSLAG

Helen Havens wants to be a deacon in the Episcopal Church. Her very real interest in the church has been apparent since the 1950's. She has completed the necessary seminary training and has done extensive field work. So, what stands in her way? The Episcopal Church itself.

Helen, a 1967 Rice alumna and the wife of Jones College master Neil Havens, is currently combating regional and national opposition to the right of women to serve as deacons and priests. Though the Episcopal Church now allows qualified females to be ordained deacons, Bishop J. Milton Richardson of the local Diocese of Texas has not accepted any women as candidates.

The banning of women priests dates back centuries. Reasons for the ban vary. According to Havens, "It depends on who you talk to. Some people would be in favor of the ordination of women, but say that until the issue is decided the issue. Others feel it must be decided by general church council." "Nowhere in the law of the church does it say women can't be priests. It is construed that since there hasn't been any, there shouldn't be any," she added.

—photos by wiley sanders

In a move to change rulings in her diocese, which constitutes much of Southeast Texas, three years ago Havens submitted a resolution to the local annual council in support of the ordination of women. At first, the resolution passed; however, other church members organized and subsequently had it rescinded.

Two similar resolutions have since been presented to the council. One was defeated, the other tabled.

Helen Havens' current efforts to influence the upcoming General Convention include work for three national groups. She is organizer of Province Seven of the National Coalition for Women's Ordination to the Priesthood and Episcopacy, which covers the six state region of Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. In October, the Coalition Advisory Board will congregate in Houston to share plans for the General Convention.

The Coalition's objective exists in trying to influence the four clerical and four lay deputies and the bishops from each diocese. "However, many deputies say it doesn't matter what they think," says Havens. "They ask if the church is really ready. One can't just talk to the deputies. You must help people to think about what is involved in the ordination of women so that people are genuinely ready for the change."

Havens is acting president of the Episcopal Women's Caucus. The group, which discusses topics of concern to all females, focuses on active role changes to allow women full participation in both lay and clerical functions.

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Havens continued: "I don't think, for me, it would have been possible for me to work toward the ministry until I saw women become deacons in 1970." She then consulted appropriate members of her diocese to seek ordination. "It would have been impossible without the support of many helpful people, especially my husband. My children, Mark and Juli, are very excited about my plans."

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Richardson, who again refused her, is currently applying for a deacon's position in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. (Other less hierarchical Christian sects are freer with women's rights. For example, Martha Murphree, assistant director of the Rice Alumni Association, is deacon at the Covenant Baptist Church. Southern Baptist congregations elect members to deacon positions.)

Helen Havens and other ordination leaders are fearful that the ordination of women to the priesthood will not pass at the General Convention next year. "I'm not the least bit convinced the motion will pass easily. Anyone who really cares should be doing all they can, not sitting back."

Even if the motion fails, the movement will continue. "Not only women priests are involved. Thousands are committed. Ecclesiastical obstacles may be the only thing one can do when all other avenues are closed."

She took her first two years of seminary courses at St. Mary's and Rice. Last year, during her husband's sabbatical, she completed her training at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "The Divinity School was also very supportive of the ordination movement," says Havens. "They even hired two of the women priests from Philadelphia.

After her graduation, Havens returned to Bishop

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Mozart's "The Magic Flute" will be aired on the 27th with the Chorus and Orchestra of the Bavarian State conducted by Wolfgang Sawallish. Peter Schreier will be featured as Tamino, Anneliese Rothenberger as Pamina, Walter Berry as Papageno, and Olivia Miljakinov as Papagena. In addition to the special opera broadcasts, Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" will be on as part of the regular programming on Friday the 26th at 10pm. Lehman Engel will be conducting the J. Rosamond Johnson Chorus and Orchestra with Lawrence Winters as Porgy and Camilla Williams as Bess.

KLEF is getting together with Houston Community College to present a course on the air, "Opera: The Endless Fascination," on Sunday nights at 10pm. Thirteen operas will be broadcast and eight seminars will be held at HCC with Larry Mers for college credit. The operas will include Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" (9/21), Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" (9/28), Mozart's "The Magic Flute" (10/5), Donizetti's "Lucia de Lammermoor" (10/12), Verdi's "Rigoletto" (10/19), Verdi's "Otello" (10/26), Bizet's "Carmen" (11/2), Beethoven's "Fidelio" (11/9), Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" (11/24), Puccini's "Tosca" (11/22), and finally Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" (12/7).

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Hans Pikola is the focus of Hans Herrlin's Commemorations. Pikola, who survived World War II, has lived through the death of Julia, the woman he fell in love with in a camp during the war, who has recently fallen in love with Julia’s daughter, a woman he loved, in a camp, when to sign contracts with the SS doctor who was responsible for Julia’s death.

Finally, however, there is Julia herself, who pervades Hans’ life, reminding him of those who possessed the strength to say no to the Nazis, to do battle against what they saw around them. Julia is always with Hans; when he is strong, it is with her strength—his weaknesses he shares with all of his countrymen who shut their eyes.

Beneath this surface, Comemorations becomes an exploration of Germany, an evaluation of the effect that Nazism had on the people who did nothing to stop the Fuehrer. Unlike most condemnations of Hitler and his regime, Herrlin does not return to the past to moralize in retrospect. Instead, Herrlin has undertaken to determine the consequences evident in the present.

By the commemorations of the title, Herrlin refers to the centennial anniversary volume put out by the Lehr family with the assistance of Pikola. But this only is the beginning; it is also a commemoration of Germany itself, and finally, in a backhanded way, of the life of Hans Pikola.

It is impossible for Hans to avoid identification with the Germany that survived the war, and this ultimate realization makes Commemorations terrifying. Herrlin is not telling the story of Pikola’s life, but of the SS doctor, a man who has continued on different levels for twenty-five years. He is not even evaluating Hans’s life as the man finally brings himself to weigh it.

Herrlin is evaluating the measure of the German he knows, the Germany that he exists today. And what he finds lacking he describes with a powerful intensity all the more painful for the cracked mirror in which can be seen what has been lost.

Comemorations portrays a Germany that few people may recognize. It neither condemn the country nor praises it, yet the insight without final judgement that Herrlin offers has a brilliant clarity. No excuses are suggested, no charges leveled, and Hans Pikola must choose his own fate in the end. The past can be neither recovered nor escaped.

Yessongs—"The experience is enough to turn anyone permanently against all music; if you like Yes, stay home" (NT). At the River Oaks.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Graham Central Station—Soul group headlines concert at 8pm Friday in the Astroworld, with specials by the Blackbirds.

Houston Ballet—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8pm in Miller Outdoor Theater; the Houston Ballet will present Carmina Burana with "Pas de Quatre" and "A Rose For Matta."

Museum of Fine Arts—At 3pm Saturday in Brown Auditorium, a concert of "Forgotten Romantic Music" with sonatas by Elgar, Regier, and Grieg, and Brahms' posthumous A Major Sonata.

Martha Reeves—Soul vocalist opens a four day stand at La Bastille on Thursday with three shows nightly beginning at 9:30pm.

Shepherd School of Music Inaugural Concert—Samuel Jones conducts the Houston Symphony Orchestra principles Ronald Patterson, concertmaster; Raphael Fliegel, second violinist; Wayne Crouse, violist; and Shirley Trepel, cellist. At Hermann Hall at 8:30pm.

Shepherd Quartet—Debut of the Shepherd Quartet featuring Houston Symphony Orchestra principles Ronald Patterson, concertmaster; Raphael Fliegel, second violinist; Wayne Crouse, violist; and Shirley Trepel, cellist. At Hermann Hall at 8:30pm by invitation.

Rod Stewart and Faces—Rock vocalist in concert at 8pm Saturday in Hofheinz Pavilion.

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Bruckner's First—an HSO first

by THOMAS ZIMMERMANN

The Houston Symphony has enjoyed uncommon good fortune in obtaining the services of outstanding guest conductors born in Eastern Europe during the past few seasons. Georg Soltow from Poland in 1971; Sergiu Comission from Roumania last season (and again, later this season) and now Erich Bergel, also from Roumania, but currently living in Germany.

Incredibly, this was the first performance of the Bruckner First Symphony, on indication that at long last, as far as the local scene is concerned, his time has come. His way with this music is completely satisfying, letting them make their own tempo changes that we expect from that other Bruckner champion, Eugen Jochum. Also, in this first of the numbered symphonies (there are two earlier works in this form) Bruckner gives us a definite peek into the future, with remarkable use of counterpoint and dissonance, especially in the finale. A high point of Bergel's performance, however, would have to be the Scherzo, with almost unbelievable demands made on the brass and percussion, demands which were met with room to spare by HSO.

Bergel opened his program with a stunning performance of the "American Centennial March," the most boring work from the pen of Richard Wagner. Written on commision at the request of the conductor, Theodore Thomas, this piece reveals Wagner at his most commercial. It is almost impossible to believe that this piece was written by the greatest revolutionary in all music, in the very year that he opened his failed Bayreuth Festival. Wagner never gave his best efforts to ceremonial music, however, and one suspects he chuckled all the way to the bank.

HSO concertmaster Ronald Patterson appeared as soloist in Tschaikowsky's Violin Concerto, to bring the first half of the program to a conclusion. Patterson failed to fulfill an earlier promise of growth; his playing in the first movement was totally lacking in cohesion and feeling. Bergel and his musicians provided excellent orchestral support, but it was a wasted effort.

Next week, Lawrence Foster returns, with guest soloist Andrew Watts, in an almost all-American program, with music by MacDowell, Gershwin, and, perhaps as an afterthought, J. Brahms.

"I had skin like leather and a diamond-hard look of a cobra" — Bruce Springsteen

(Music Hall, Sept. 13)

—photo by roland p. wong

The TexPIRG column

Addendum to bank survey: Texas Commerce Medical

You may have seen, or even used TexPIRG's recent guide to banks. The guide, which listed services offered to students by seven banks used by Rice students, failed to include a listing for Texas Commerce Medical Bank. Thus...this addendum.

Texas Commerce Medical Bank is located on Main, just across the street from the Rice Hotel...

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...the first of the year, with improvements already underway. "Remodeling will be done as the hotel is in operation." Sections will be done as the hotel is in operation. Plans were made to extend the facility. Sections will be done as the hotel is in operation. Plans "comply with the fire code guidelines by the State."

The landmark hotel will be a "luxury apartment house" when fully reopen, according to Rice Treasurer Leo Shamblin. Rittenhouse will retain the historic "Rice Hotel" name and logo in the continuing operations of the facility.

MOB uproar...

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Reaction from the community ranges from praise for the MOB (and criticism for Hofheinz) to censure of the MOB. At Rice, the phones in Professor Hackerman's office reportedly rang off the wall; some people urged that Rice take legal (and even criminal) action against the Astrodome (one alumnen volunteered his legal services free of charge). And some people criticized the MOB, effectively saying: "There you go disgracing us again." At Information Services, only a few calls were received, but favorable calls outnumbered critical ones two to one.

The University has no plans to officially challenge Hofheinz's action. One faculty member said that legal action "would be as much an overreaction as Hofheinz's own." Asked about the incident, President Norman Hackerman humorously stated that he really didn't understand what all the commotion was about, as he couldn't hear a thing from where he was sitting, due to the poor sound system? — Ed.]

Some Rice people are refusing to take the incident in stride, though. One alumna now in law school, Lea Allmerza, plans to go before the Commissioners Court today to formally complain about the incident. The Student Association has passed a resolution commending the MOB (see editorial, page 2) and sent several letters, including one to Astrodome officials and one to the commissioner (who is the County officially owns the Dome, the argument is that Hofheinz had no right to censor a public performance in a public facility.)

The incident also gat attention from several local radio stations and from Channel 2, which did an interview with MOB Director Bert Roth and with several student remedies. Friday, the most gratifying media response, however, came from Post sports columnist Jack Gallagher. He praised Hofheinz's contributions to Houston, but went on to question why Hofheinz's skin had apparently "grown so thin." (Gallagher praised the MOB and its unique halftime shows. He concluded by saying "Instead of calling in Bert Roth and his kooky kids and disciplining them, Rice's Dr. Norman Hackerman owes them a compliment...the MOB has made life lighter for all of us."
Jeff Wells, Rice's premier runner, credits religious commitment for his success

by LARRY NETTLES

Most people know that Jeff Wells is Rice's premier distance runner, but few know how he got to be that way. Last season, Wells was named All-American in track on the basis of his fourth place finish in the NCAA three-mile run, in which he was the second American to finish. However, this was not his first such honor, as he was also named All-American by the NCAA in cross-country the previous fall.

What is the force that drives Rice's most outstanding athlete?

Wells attended a small class AA high school located in Madisonville, Texas. There he enjoyed moderate athletic success, but nothing like that he became involved in. In college, on his high school and college is that which he was to accomplish in college.

Jeff relates, "Basketball was my favorite sport, I spent the most time on it. I ran track, but we did not have a team. I was the best athlete there was in those days in basketball."

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"Basketball was my favorite sport, I spent the most time on it. I ran track, but we did not have a team. I was the best athlete there was in those days in basketball." Wells graduated as valedictorian in his high school, elected to attend Rice on the basis of its academic merits. He wrote to the then assistant track coach Bobby May about the possibility of coming out for the Rice track team, but he did not do much running before coming to Rice. Of his first year at Rice, Wells recalls, "During freshman week I was introduced to John Lodwick, another Lovett College freshman, and we began running together. John's roommate quit school early in the semester, and I moved in with him."

"The fundamental difference between my running in high school and college is that I was depending solely on myself in high school. During the summer before entering Rice I made a commitment to serve Christ. I trusted each workout and each race to Jesus Christ and I found that He always meets my needs. I was somewhat surprised at the results in my running after a few races, but I had a firm conviction that Christ was responsible and I was very thankful for Him."

I have shown steady progress since his freshman year, even though he was injured for a while during his sophomore track season. In his own words, "The times seem to have gotten a little faster, especially from my sophomore to junior years."

"I really felt good after the conference cross-country meet in Austin my sophomore year. I don't believe I have ever felt better. Last year is the healthiest season I have had, and this allowed me to run better. I thought that the teams we had last year were the best we have had since I have been at Rice. I feel that the track athletes at Rice are very responsive to an athlete's needs, even in areas other than athletics."

"Wells won't admit to any big plans for his final year at Rice, but reports, "I am looking forward to this track and cross-country season more than any other. We have many new and enthusiastic runners this year."

"I don't have any specific personal goals for this coming season, for each race I want to try and do my best and trust the results to the Lord. The toughest cross-country team in the Southwest Conference is Arkansas, who won last year. I think one of our goals is to take an entire team to the national championships. I would enjoy running in the Olympic Games trials, if I meet the qualifying standard." (Which was 13:30 for three miles in 1972.)

What will Jeff do after graduation? "I would like to go to Dallas Theological Seminary, a non-denominational seminary in Dallas. I plan to spend my life in full-time Christian work; I want to share the most important thing in my life with others."

Looking back on his experiences at this university, is there anything that Jeff Wells can say in conclusion? "The words were not hard to come by, "I like Rice, I'm glad I went to school here."

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Jess Neely to be honored Friday

Jess Neely, former Rice coaching great, will be honored at a reception sponsored by the Owl Club Friday at 7:30pm in the R room.

The event is mainly for Owl Club members, but others are welcome. There is no charge, but there will be a cash bar.

Neely, a Vanderbilt graduate, came to Rice in 1960 and in his twenty-seven years as head coach and athletic director led Rice to 144 victories and four SWC titles. In 1967, he retired and accepted the post of athletic director at Vanderbilt. He has since retired from that position and now is AD Emeritus and golf coach at Vandy. The Hall of Fame coach also holds the title of AD Emeritus for Rice.

Coogs down Owls in soccer, 4-0

Rice Soccer opened its regular season with a 4-0 loss to UH this past Saturday.

The first half ended in a 0-0 deadlock, both teams playing the type of hard game typical of recent Rice-UH matches. Neither team could put the ball in the net although U of H threatened on numerous occasions only to be thwarted by either luck or the Rice defense. Goals by Adrian ScMouseEvent. Tony Rossetti, Nick Rischbieth, and Pineapple Jones persistently threatened on numerous occasions only to be thwarted.

Neither team could put the ball in the net, the type of hard game typical of a deadlock, both teams playing conservative football, although U of H in the net although U of H often turned out to be Cougar. The Rice offense, although never sustaining a consistent drive, did occasionally put pressure on UH's strong defense.

In the second half, however, UH's superior depth, greater team experience, homefield advantage and Rice's fatigue became apparent. UH dominated the field and always seemed to have at least one man open. That open man often turned out to be Cougar right inside Marcello Rosen who made a hat trick by scoring three of UH's four goals. Despite the score most of the Owls continued to try. The offense came close to scoring later in the second half.

Near the end of the game 5th year halfback Tasho Triantaphyllis was ejected from the game for arguing with the referee. The ejection carries at least a two game suspension.

The next game on the Rice soccer schedule will be the home opener against Stephen F. Austin State, Saturday September 27.

Coog fans to watch are Barry Burton, tight end, and Day Cherry, defensive back. However, last week's star was defensive end Tase Rich who returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown to clinch the come from behind victory.

The cracked Thresher staff regrets guessing 20 points for the Coogs but doesn't cotton to the early season optimism. Rice 13- Vand 7.

Conover was passing out buttons reading Rice 24-UH 7 so early in the week it seemed he knew the score before the game.

Regarding to the MHB halftime show and ensuing controversy, "Big Al" could only say, "Those rascals upstaged me again."
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Laura: Is James L. really airborne? 

Kevin C: do us all a favor & Patty does not kick dogs (reputation),

The Gym is getting money- wise! From the Pub—book!

Tom N. lots famous bridge reputation. Who haven’t you phone me? I’m in the mood for a rubber.

Patty does not kick dogs despite popular opinion and allusions to previous experiences. — WOOF-WOOF.

Can you boogie? Can you slide? John Lee will make his Grand Entrance at the Pub Friday night and teach all his friends how to boogie. Be there and don’t forget — when in doubt, make love!

"Hi, Lolly!"

Jan—did you know that all female hemophiliacs die at the age of 137–P.M.

Monday, September 15, 7:30 pm: The Wiess Crack presents "The Age of 13? — P.M.

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Dr. M.S. Lynn, Rice University, will make love!

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T.A. Who says I wasn’t interested? T.B.

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Evil — "Evil and the Christian Faith" will be the topic for the lecture by Dr. Joe H. Jones, Dean of the Graduate Seminary at Phillips University, when he speaks in the Rice Chapel on Monday, September 15, 7:30 pm. Jones joined the Phillips faculty in June 1975 after ten years at Southern Methodist University.

The 38-year-old Jones received his BA from the University of Oklahoma, BD cum laude from Yale Divinity School, and MA and PhD from Yale Graduate School. He has also done post-doctoral work at Oxford.

Dr. Jones was an executive committee member of the SMU Faculty Senate, and in 1968 was selected as "Outstanding Professor" by the student body.

Rep—There will be a Freshman Rep Election at the Pub Friday night. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 19 at 7pm. If interested, see Tom Mueller, 534 Weis, or call 526-3918.

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Moonparty—Chinese Student Association: There will be a "moon-gazing party" on the patio right opposite the Sewall Art Gallery (next to the Office) on Saturday, Sept. 20 (August 15 of the lunar calendar) to celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. Come and share our special ice cream "moon-milk!" Everybody welcome!

Beach—Don’t forget to sign in your college if you want to go on the Rice Program Council Beach Trip Saturday. There will be beer, a cookout, and bus transportation. For more information, call x606.

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