Aggie game: an anticlimax

by GARY BREWTON

After testing delays, the switchover to Rice's new phone system will come this Wednesday. If all goes as planned, it should involve just the flip of a single switch—but, according to Rick White of the Campus Business Office, the old system will not go dead until the new one is working correctly, in case the change isn't that simple.

For the past several weeks, the new system has been operating for calls inside the campus. Southwestern Bell's trunks coming into the campus have also been tested, but the two have not been tested together. Another feature of the new system is that the Direct Inward Dial trunks can't be tested until the system is actually working.

The new system should be very helpful in case of an emergency. Again, permission of instructor is required. (Except Will 204b, Conversations in Spanish, which meets Wednesday from 7 to 9pm.)

Another feature of the new system is that it will automatically keep track of long distance calls. This computer-controlled system will not be installed for another several weeks, until "the accounting department is satisfied," says White. That part must be "tested under use." Until then, users must go through the campus operator to place long distance calls.

The new system has been built up from scratch, including new phones, new cable, and new switching equipment. The total cost, including labor, is about $800,000, but it could be as much as $100,000 less than that. This cost should be recovered very quickly, though, through savings on the University's main number.

Under the old system, though, the campus will now be able to transfer calls to the desired extension. (Only a small number of calls are received after hours, but the new system should be very helpful in case of an emergency.)

The only disruption which will come with the switchover is that a number of direct-line telephones will be temporarily cut off in the process of changeover.

Here are some of the extensions on the phone system being put into full operation Wednesday. Extensions which begin with the digit "4" can be dialed directly using the prefix 527. For example, the Business Office's direct line is 527-4801 (also 527-4802). For other extensions, call the main number, 527-8101.

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Rice governor tapped to sell Coors locally

Coors beer is coming to Houston this spring, and Ralph S. O'Connor, a member of the Rice Board of Directors, has been selected as one of the seven local distributors.

This popular light, unpalatable beer has been available in the northern parts of the state for many years, but the company did not begin expanding into this area until August.

O'Connor is also the son-in-law of Rice President John E. Salmon and former Trustee George R. Brown.
To the editor:

I was surprised to read in the Thresher that two people were forced to leave the campus, under threat of arrest, by campus police, for carrying a bannerproduk the BLM that was uncomplimentary to Mr. George Brown, the night of the dedication of the Rice Brown of Engineering.

According to the Thresher account, the banner read "Brown and Root—Remember the Three Cages." It was carried by a Rice student and another person unaffiliated with the University.

Unless there are certain facts surrounding the event of which I am ignorant, the removal of the banner bearers constitutes a violation of freedom of speech.

The denial of free speech on a university campus—whether public or private—is inimical to one of the most important principles of university life, namely, the free exchange of ideas, no matter how absurd, insulting, incorrect, or potentially dangerous they are judged by some people to be. The only qualification that the statement of one's ideas interferes with the rights of others to teach and to learn. It might be objected that the banner injured the feelings of Mr. Brown, a long-time benefactor of Rice University. Such a view surely underestimates the toughness of the gentleman, who has spent more than 40 years in the rough-and-tumble world of corporate and public politics. But more to the point, the feelings of Mr. Brown (or anyone else) are irrelevant to the exercise of free speech. His beneficence to Rice in no way justifies the silencing of an opinion which is critical of him or the company he founded.

In separate letters to the Faculty Council, the Student Association, and the Administration, I am requesting that a thorough investigation be made of the events connected with the banner carriers. I am further requesting that the report of the investigation be made public. Finally, I am requesting that a policy be formulated—with the participation of the three above entities—which affirms in clear, precise, and unequivocal terms, Rice University's commitment to freedom of speech on this campus by anyone at any time, as long as the words used to teach and learn are not infringed upon.

Chandler Davidson
Associate Professor

Trend towards sanity in courses must stop

To the editor:

Recently, letters have appeared in the Thresher alluding to the unavoidable fact that the science-engineering curriculum at Rice is losing its rigorosity at a rate that is alarming in light of the University's reputation as a school of the first rank. But the most lamentable example of the watering-down process has not even been mentioned. I am referring, of course, to the one-semester freshman course in biochemistry.

GARY BREWTON
Editor

As Messrs. McLendon, Murphy, and Feinberg so perceptively implied, material in a college-level course is absorbed quicker and more completely the faster it is presented. In light of this, how can we tolerate the recent addition of a two-hour tutorial to Biochemistry 361, and the imminent splitting of the course into two one-semester halves? I propose the following changes to help revamp this comprehensive lecture course:

1) To increase the amount of material presented at each one-hour session, two lecturers should be present to speak simultaneously. We all have two ears, and stereophonic sound is nothing new, so this improvement should not require any particularly difficult arrangements. In addition, it would prevent the possibility of the lecture "going in one ear and out the other."

2) I have noticed at times a shocking emphasis in the course on a conceptual understanding of the material. This certainly violates the spirit of scientific training, and a return to the classic method of rote memorization is warranted. Let us remember that studying biochemistry can be and must be analogous to learning the alphabet. It wasn't fun, but since when has education ever purported to be a joyous experience?

(3) Finally, it must be noted that Biochemistry 361 is one of the last stepping stones in the all-important "weeding-out" process for pre-medical students. Here, that in the course's first week, we were advised to memorize the twenty major amino acids—a task that any fifth grader could accomplish with ease. I suggest that at the outset of the course, the department select an oligomeric protein of at least one hundred residues, whose amino acid sequence must then be committed by each student and recited in the professor's voice throughout the first two weeks. The implementation of this procedure would not only inconvenience the "hard-nuts," but provide each surviving student with an appropriate recognition of the plishments of biochemistry, encouraging further research.

I hope that the department considers my suggestions carefully, and that I may reverse the trend toward Rice becoming a saner institution.

Phil Costello
Lovett '77

Student resents 'bias' in Owl fan restrains

To the editor:

This letter came into being as a result of simple reflection over the way we (Rice students) were handled on and about the date of Nov. 15. To come down on the administration for going out of their way to make it a pleasant atmosphere at "the game" while sillying it thought of appropriate tactics. Maybe it was just me, but I felt that enforcement of preventative measures was somewhat biased. I felt like an Indian signaller was a penalty only to find out that the other guys hadn't heard about it. As it turned out, the Aggies acted most reasonably, but as I remember the determining majority thought the Aggies acted reasonably two years ago. It was obvious they weren't on trial, only we could do wrong. I truly resented hearing that "spirit signs" were being pulled down all over campus, knowing full well if I were in Aggieland I'd be able to find out Rice comes out of a Chinaman's ass just by reading a sign displayed high atop a prominent building. I felt the pressure placed on our social chairman not to have any kegs of beer before the game was a little much; God only knows there weren't any Aggies drinking before the game. It just seems funny that those who treated violence two years ago weren't restricted and we, the almost-victims, were. I can only suggest that my fellow students that we allow our public image to erode so that we too can do what we choose.

Respectfully asking for no excuses.

Clay Roberts
SRC '77 or bust

DOONESBURY

by G B Trudeau

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[Image of comic strip]
Aggies calm despite MOB's subtle putdown

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special escort, without a drum cadence (which the band felt might be "too militaristic" and misconstrued by the Aggies as a poke).

The MOB was on its best behavior, and didn't even mention the Aggies. They brought back former drum major Bob Hord to announce the show; he wrote the one two years ago that got the MOB in trouble with our friends from College Station. At that game, a group of angry A&M people kept the MOB prisoners inside the stadium after the game at which the halftime show satirized several Aggie traditions.

This year's MOB show, though, a satire of Rice, was thought by many to be an even better putdown than a direct attack; it showed that Rice people can laugh at themselves. That subtlety must have been lost on most of the Aggies.

The Agro-Americans were subdued, too, but many of them thought they had something at stake—the Southwest Conference championship. Doubtless they feared that if they roughed up a few Rice jerks they would lose their chance for glory. Some of the A&M crowd even managed to put in a few good natured laughs at the MOB, even though Rice was winning 14-13. Anything in the name of good sportsmanship.

The band left the game early, also under heavy security. Director Bert Roth herded his MOBsters (now the Secret Owl Band, S.O.B.'s) back to the RMC with but one casualty (a girl who twisted her knee in the first formation).

But perhaps the A&M mascot, Reveille, had the best attitude towards the confrontation that never came about—she slept through most of the game. Dogs have more sense than some people.

Clockwise from top right: The maroon horde marches through downtown Houston Saturday morning; SRC's sentiment; the MOB gets ready to bite the big ass; why is this man smiling?; Father Joe, the Rice team chaplain, signals a TD; no sign of trouble.

—photos by wiley sanders
Free sherry is enticement to see Alley's The Cocktail Party

by PETER HARLAND

Complimentary sherry at all performances makes The Cocktail Party a first for Alley. The T.S. Eliot play opens for a two-week run on the Alley's Arena Stage beginning Wednesday, November 19 at 8pm.

Eliot's first comedy has a plot full of entangled amorous relationships and unreciprocated loves. Through cocktail chatter about weddings, tigers, and maiden aunts, a Pirandellian mystery unfolds as the characters reveal themselves to be something other than what they seem.

Brenda Forbes will be featured as Julia, the hustling busboy who conveniently leaves behind her spectacles and umbrella so she can return to the most opportune moments of intimacy and intrigue. The partygoers are confounded by this unexpected appearance of Sir Henry Harcourt-Beatty, a jolly fellow full of songs and good cheer played by Roderick Cook.

William Trotman, Alley company member, completes the trio of "spiritual guides" for the other partygoers through the hardships of high society. He plays Alex, the bachelor friend and globe-trotter.

Eliot was fond of practical jokes and associated with such diverse personalities as Virginia Woolf, Bertrand Russell, and Groucho Marx, which may account for his enthusiasms for puns, cats, and cigars. First performed at the Edinburgh Festival with a cast that included Alec Guinness and Cathleen Nesbit, The Cocktail Party was written in 1949.

This is the first projection of a new limited-run series on the Arena stage, a series made possible in part by an Artistic Director's Discretionary Fund Grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation awarded to the Alley by the Producing Director, Nina Vance, who will direct all of the productions in the New Arena Unlimited Series.

Tickets are available through the Alley Box Office, 228-8421, and half-price student reserved seating is available.

Hello, Hamlet! Hysteria comes home

Complete with bedlam, music, gleeful audience participation, and a horse, Hello, Hamlet! came back to Houston Friday and Saturday. George Greanias' "The Musical Tragedy in Too Many Acts" has come home to Rice, or at least to Autry House across the street.

Doug Killgore directed the Austin premiere of the play with the Texas Union Repertory Theater, and then very unoffensively picked up cast and production to bring the merriment back to Houston, where it had originated in 1967 at Wiess Tablopet Theater.

Thank heavens for the return! Despite the fact that it finally gets too long, Hello, Hamlet! is a delightful two hours of travesty, music, and drama. Shakespeare is put to shame, Hamlet's true motives are revealed, and Greanias takes a swing at the classic conventions that everyone is used to. Add three witches, a Russian ballet, and Richard III plus one whore (but he said "a horse") to the story of Hamlet, and the result is a truly breath-taking event—breath-taking because everyone is laughing so hard no one ever has the chance to catch his breath.

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Third quarter mistakes cost Owls upset over Aggies

by PHILIP PARKER

Maybe one play does not lose a ball game as the Rice assistant coaches claim on Monday mornings. But four plays all distinctly related to one snap dissolved a third quarter Owl lead and let the Aggies prevail 33-14.

The play, the turning point, came on fourth down late in the third period on the Rice 53-yard stripe. Punter Mike Landrum took the snap and had to avoid a hard charging Aggie defender. It seemed that the Owls were so intent on covering the punt that they ignored the ten-man Farmer front and somebody got in too fast. As a consequence, Landrum faced a choice: to have the ball blocked for an immediate TD or to scoop it up and run. To his credit, he made the best possible decision and ate it.

On the very next play, reserve quarterback Mike Jay swept right end and made into the endzone twelve yards away standing up. A pitch to Skip Walker lost ground and the try for two failed. Yet the Aggies led for the first time, 19-14.

Then on the fourth play after the kickoff, a valiant Rice effort was made futile by another Aggie defensive play. Two Tommy Kramer pass attempts fell incomplete and when the Owls were flagged for illegal procedure. On second and fifteen, TK couldn’t find an open man and scrambled for eleven. Then Al Conover tried to surprise the A&M defenders and called a halfback pass. But the Ags were not fooled and they swarmed freshman Guy Book. (The ball was jarred loose and Lester Hayes recovered for the Maroon Horde.)

George Woodard, some freshman ball that plays fullback for A&M, got the TD on the next snap on a 14-yard rumble. The lights on the scoreboard now spelled out A&M 26-Rice 14.

Cancel two first half Kramer TD tosses, rub out an inspired effort by a “patchwork” defense. The Aggies would never lose the lead. An interception set up a Farmer drive climax by a Skip Walker touchdown. Doug Cunningham could not handle a TK fourth down pass in the endzone to blunt a late Owl thrust and the final count was 33-14, A&M.

All hinged on that aborted punt attempt. According to Conover the halfback pass would not have been tried if it were not for that easy touchdown. “We knew we couldn’t get anywhere running on them, so we tried to break a long one on them,” although one might question the decision to run a trick play using a freshman who was starting his first game.

Anyway it was third and four and Kramer’s short passes had been working all day. Besides, an entire quarter remained.

Take away the mistakes and the two cheap touchdowns, Rice held their own against a rather unimpressive Aggie squad. TK showed poise under a heavy Aggie pass rush and ended up 10-26-1 for 154 yards.

John Coleman was on the receiving end of both scoring passes including a 29-yarder in which Kramer had to scramble out of the pocket. But they could gain nothing on the ground as they gained 32 yards on 33 tries including a 32-yard loss on the punt and the fumble.

Defensively the Owls forced the Aggies to play “ping-pong” football. As Conover explains, this consists of making the opponent play in his end of the field and waiting for his mistakes. But the fumble-prone A&M offense shunned outside plays and avoided the pass and stuck to the low risk dives between tackle. They gougued out 378 yards with Woodard accounting for 167.

Fine performances by Jeff Rose, Larry Brune, Randy Piel, Brian Seely and James Frith (Rodney Norton’s replacement for the day) kept the Aggies mostly at their end of the field.

But the ping-pong game was lost. Rice made the mistakes.
Baker #4, Jones prevail in women's volleyball competition

by BARRY JONES

The first round of college intramural football was played this week and Lovett trounced Hansen 270 while Will Rice bit the dust against Richardson 25-14. Lovett played well enough to make Hansen look very bad. Members of both squads, versed in the Johnny Sample theory of sportsmanship, tried, with some success, to turn the match into an elbow contest. Why anyone on Hansen's team would want to mix it up with Lovett's seven clones of the incredible Hulk, I'll never know. Lovett's next foe is Wies. After a poor first half, which could have ended worse than 7-0, Sid Richardson finally hit upon the combination for a good pass rush and staged a comeback. The game was still up for grabs until Richardson surprised everyone with a long touchdown pass to put the game out of reach for Will Rice. Richardson's next opponent is Baker.

The leaders in intramural basketball competition are:

- Monday - A, Zoo, 20-0; B, T.F.S.
- Tuesday - A, Stoney, 20-0; B, Bearcats, 2-0
- Wednesday - A, Slaughterhouse Thoughts and Mav-Pounders, 30-0; B, 60th Coming and Puppy Pounders, 2-0
- Thursday - A, Have U Balls and Losers, 30-0; B, Armadillos, 24-0

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6pm. Commons. Baked ham to start the week off wrong.
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tuesday the eighteenth
6pm. Commons. Hamburger Steak w/Onion gravy Gravy.
7:30pm. SH207. Rice Sailing Club meeting.
7:30pm. Media Center. Society of Physics Students presents The Vernacular Architecture of Cappadocia.
7pm. BL131. T.J. Gibson, Dean of Admissions, UT Law School, speaking on his school.
10:30pm. KTRU. The Goon Show.
8pm. Rice Gym. Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting.
8pm. Hamman Hall. Rice Players' The Effect. ...
8pm. SHRQ1. Architecture Lecture: Biliqi Denel, "The... 
wednesday the nineteenth
Today. Really, The Great Phone Switch begins. Call 527-8101, x4601, to complain. (Switch plays thru Saturday).
6pm. Commons. Comfort food in the bar tradition continues with everyone's fave (it must be by now), Yes, You Guesed It, Roast Beef au Pus.
6:45pm. BL131. T.J. Gibson, Dean of Admissions, UT Law School, speaking on his school.

Politics — College Course Will Rice 321 (Money and Politics in Texas) will be examining how well big bucks and the government get along in Texas, as well as other political curiosities. Call 583-7659, Mr. Charlie Davidson for further information.

Jones OC — Jones will be holding an election Tuesday Nov. 18. For a campus representative to serve until spring semester election. Also Jones OC elections will be held Nov. 19, 20 and 23 at Jones House after dinner. (Wed. night, no meetings begin at 6:30pm and Sun. meeting begins at 1:15pm). All off campus members are urged to attend the most convenient meeting.

Money — Texas Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) are now in. Before these can be credited to your accounts, you must enroll by the Financial Aid Office and the Cashier's Office, in that order.

Blow — Tryouts for the Jones Lecture Bridge Course will be held Nov. 18 at 7pm. Starring Lemmon and Matthau, Free and recommended.

saturday the twenty-second
8pm. Jones Hall. Faust. By the way, Exalted, how did you know all you people (the Kid, Tonto, Annie, JOM) who came down on my case last week is that you all are obviously jealous, having realized what a totally wonderful person I really am.

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