Inflation, budget pressures join in shaping Rice's future

by CARLA McFARLAND

Last semester’s tuition increase was a reminder of the pressures of inflation on Rice’s budget. Although such pressures do raise serious questions about the future of the University, it does not appear Rice’s prospects are nearly so bleak those of many private schools, some of which have even closed down. In a recent article in the now-defunct Staff News, Campus Business Manager Dr. Alexander J. DeJour outlines some of the various means Rice has at hand to deal with the problem and the options available for consideration.

The problem at Rice is that, unlike nearly all commercial enterprises, the full cost of inflation cannot be passed on to the “customers” (i.e., the students). Tuition from each student covers slightly less than one-third of the cost for educating that student for one year. Thus, if inflation is increasing at the rate of ten percent per year, tuition costs must increase by thirty percent each year to break even. Obviously, increases of this magnitude over a period of years would tend to drive students away. As private education versus public education, Rice offers a superior product; but in monetary terms exactly how much is it worth? The tuition differential between the University of Texas and Rice is now roughly $8,000 per year. One can only guess what the effect of a $3,000 or $4,000 difference would be. At the present tuition level neither volume of applications nor the quality of the undergraduate student body appears to have declined perceptibly. A somewhat analogous situation existed at Stanford where they were forced to deal with the problem by instituting a shopping tuition increase. If their strategy did not work, and/or decrease the number and quality of their applicants then perhaps the policy at Rice could be re-evaluated. On the other hand, if the effect is detrimental, restricting admissions to the very wealthy (capable of paying virtually any tuition) and to the very poor (eligible for significant financial aid), it will indicate that Rice tuition policy is about right.

Rice relies heavily on its endowment (60% of the income comes from endowment sources). Although this resource is a strength, with inflation rising at its present rate difficulties can be foreseen, if the University intends to continue use of the endowment as the primary revenue source. The endowment must rise in value over the years at a rate comparable to the rate of inflation. Adding $15 to $20 million to the value of the endowment would allow the University to maintain a break-even status.

Despite problems that may arise in the future Rice is in an enviable position compared with other private institutions. Estimates indicate that the number of schools that will be forced to close in the next decade range upward from ten percent. In Texas alone in the past two years, five private schools have folded from lack of funding.

Three factors lend stability to the future picture of Rice as one of the best private universities in the nation:

1. The Board of Trustees themselves are the first factor in Rice’s favor. Rice receives

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Players vie for puck in Will Rice street hockey tournament. Though a team from Baker made it to the finals, a Will Rice team was victorious.

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Class ring “controversy” resolved

by GARY BREWTON

It might seem picayune to quibble over such insignificant matters (after all, do you really care what date appears on your [or even worse, someone else’s] senior ring?), but four committees, the Student Association, the Alumni Association, and the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs all had to have their say before the University’s policy on class designations for graduating seniors could be settled.

It is a strange and terrible saga. Needless to say, the decision was greatly complicated by having so many inputs to the problem; but since student and faculty input to University policy is generally restricted to such small problems, everyone felt they had to get their two cents worth in. You can imagine the melee.

As it wound up, though, the University Council (the highest policy-making committee on campus) told the caucus joined liberal and moderate Democratic forces across the state who are gearing up for the first (and probably last) Texas Presidential Preference Primary set for May 1. Voters here are not likely to see the broad spectrum of Demo candidates present in most other state primaries, largely due to the success of the backers of Senator Lloyd Bentsen in setting up a favorable set of primary rules.

Three-fourths of the Texas delegation to the August Democratic National Convention will indicate that Rice tuition is a strength, with inflation rising at its present rate difficulties can be foreseen, if the University intends to continue use of the endowment as the primary revenue source. The endowment must rise in value over the years at a rate comparable to the rate of inflation. Adding $15 to $20 million to the value of the endowment would allow the University to maintain a break-even status.

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Campanile may arrive, if it isn’t delayed...

After a semester-long delay, the 1975 Campanile is expected to arrive in another two to four weeks. The staff had planned to complete the yearbook last August in time for distribution early in the fall semester, but a series of missed deadlines stalled the completion.

The delay was caused partially by the new “college editor” method used to produce the book. Six of the eight colleges met the May ’75 deadline. Two colleges did not finish their sections on time and one waited until the end of the summer.

Editor Susan Halter further hindered progress by not submitting the final sections until late October. Originally, the publisher, Pennington Publishing of Wolfe City, Texas, had promised to complete the production, printing, and binding within six weeks after receiving the last pages. Last year’s business manager, Calvin Dale Slater, thinks that because the book had been turned in so late that other work took precedent over the Campanile. The book was promised before the Christmas break and then it was expected during the holidays. Finally, the sales representative revised the estimate to next month.

Slater said that Halter had received the final proofs of the pages and that the book will be completed two weeks after she reads, corrects, and returns them to the printer. Barren any other fouls up or major corrections, the Campanile will make its appearance before the beginning of next month.

Susan Halter now lives in New Orleans and could not be reached for comment.
Critics say Thresher staff salaries already adequate

To the editor:

Next Tuesday, a referendum will be held to determine whether the students concerning Thresher staff salary increases. We urge the student body to reject this package of increases.

Our specific objections concern the salary increases proposed for the Editor and Business Manager. There are only two possible justifications for raising these salaries. First, increased salaries could provide a greater incentive to work on the paper. The Thresher Editor, however, currently makes $1800 a year, the Business Manager can make even more. We believe that these generous salaries are more than adequate incentive. Second, salary increases could be merit raises for a job well done. We do not, however, feel that the quality of the Thresher is such that a merit raise is justified.

We do think that the salary increases for the lower staff positions should be reconsidered by the Senate. Increases in the cost of living over the past three years may well have eroded these salaries' incentive power.

It is clear, however, that increasing Thresher Editor and Business Manager salaries is totally unjustified. We therefore urge the approval of the Senate's action in Tuesday's referendum.

Cheryl Hein
Dave Fleischer
Pat Lucas
Calvin Dale Slater
Michael J. Smith
Chris Amandes
Andrew C. Kopr
Joan Kehlhof
Waldo Maffei
John Lederer
Birna Petursson
John Dragovic
Chip Place
N. Wayne Hale
Bruce Marcus
Tom Glenn

Democrats...

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Therefore, known as the "Bentsen Bill," the legislation passed last year provides for presidential primaries where the three or four candidates in each district who receive a plurality become Convention delegates. Presidential candidates (or uncommitted people) must obtain signatures from 1% of all voters in each respective district by Feb. 2, long before the actual primary and before the selection of delegates by selection committees for all states.

The filing deadline to nominate a slate of candidates is Feb. 2, and at present our district will most likely see a ballot consisting of Bentsen, Alabama Governor and sometimes-Republican George Wallace, former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma, and an uncommitted liberal slate. Demo leaders across the state have been meeting in Austin and San Antonio in an unofficial "Stop Bentsen and Wallace" effort, and have devised specific strategies for each of the districts.

The Rice Democratic Caucus, meeting at 11:15 Wednesday, pledged their support toward electing an uncommitted slate from District 7, and are now helping to collect the required 400 signatures to gain a place on the ballot. Caucus chairman Peter Armstrong explained the mechanics of the decision, saying, "If we announced to back a particular candidate, he and his workers would be working hard to elect that candidate." If the caucus worked on behalf of a certain one of the announced hopefuls, and he dropped out by the time of the primary, as many undoubtedly will, the conservatives, whose well-financed organization has the best chance to last until convention time, would win by default.

When questioned about the rationale for an uncommitted slate, Armstrong responded, "If we took any other route, it would be too hard to get a plurality."

The possibility still exists that the U.S. Department of Justice will throw out Texas' one-time-only primary system. (The bill self-destructed after Aug. 7.) Attorney General Edward Levi was in Austin on Friday whether the Texas primaries were constitutional under the criteria set forth by the Voting Rights Act Extension passed last year by Congress. It is thought that, since only two of the 45 state senators have Spanish surnames and none are black, the delegates selected would not be representative of the ethnic and racial makeup of the electorate.

Liberal Democrats in the district have set a meeting for Thursday night at 7:30 at the old Diament, to strategize and collect the petitions for the uncommitted slate. So far, there are eleven announced Presidential candidates, with many more expected to try their luck before the brouhaha is over.

--garry brentown

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Thresher increase justified by long hours, hard work

To the editor:

What continually amazes me is how some people can put up with everything without, as any good scientist would do, investigating the facts. For example, I voted 12-6 to raise the salaries of the Thresher staff, I have heard innuendoes about the motives of Thresher people and a large number of misinformed comments about the quality of the paper, about the amount and kind of work put in by Thresher staff, and about the way the Senate handled the matter.

First, the Thresher staff agree that considerable internal discussion occurred among Thresher people before the editor presented the proposals to the Senate, contrary to what some outsiders have suggested. Second, the Senate spent considerable time on the proposals, a larger debate on the proposals in order to discuss each one sufficiently. Although there was some feeling that a sound decision could be made the night the presentation was given, the proposals were tabled to the next meeting in order to get feedback from people. Of the given proposals the one which the referendum concerns received the most discussion at the following meeting, debate being extended twice. Discussion included consideration of Gary Brewton's total income and a calculation of his average hourly rate.

Third, the increases do not come from blanket tax monies. Rather they are possible because of savings incurred by and the production work of typesetting and passing up that formerly was contracted to professional printers.

Fourth, pretax salaries when converted to average hourly rates, range from 50¢/hour to a high of $1.36/hour for the business manager. The editor, Gary Brewton, works 40 hours a week and makes a salary of $1.13/hour which remains a stipend rather than a real salary.

A big difference between the work put in by the paid staff and the work put in by the paid staff and that contributed by people in the colleges is that the Thresher work must be done every week, averaging 30 hours per week per person, often late into the night and with the detriment of their grades. And what do they get for their work? Well, everyone realizes the criticism leveled against the Thresher.

Those of us who occasionally read the newspapers of other universities believe strongly that others' quality with few exceptions is pathetic in comparison to the Thresher. A comparison with the Houston Post and Chronicle has its limitations because of the different spheres of coverage. None the less, I believe I must agree that such a comparison does not disfavor the Thresher and rather is indication of a general lack of quality in Texas papers.

Yet many believe that the Rice community is capable of producing a better paper. We agree but do to so requires that we be some incentive to attract capable people. And the fact is, using quantitative measures, Thresher quality has increased. The following table demonstrates the increases in coverage given by the Thresher during the past three years:

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Which leads us back to the question of from where do the monies come to cover the salary increases. Some argue that advertising has increased. Many note the number of full-page Christmas ads in December issues. But the 56% advertising of the December Thresher is typical of Christmas time advertising. The facts are that on a column inch basis, advertising has decreased from an average of 43.3% content ten years ago, to 39% during Editor Steve Jackson's last year, to 43.5% last year, to an average of only 35% last semester.

Finally, we should ask on what basis are we voting? Are we voting to express our dissatisfaction with the Thresher or are we voting to act constructively to improve the Thresher? We ask you only to vote and to vote intelligently.

Senior ring policies...

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requirements for their undergraduate degree, or as members of the class of the year in which their degree is awarded. A student who wishes to choose either the first or second option rather than the third must notify the Alumni Office in writing of his preference at the time his degree is awarded. Former students may request the privilege. Graduating seniors also have the option of ordering and keep their rings the date of the calendar year in which they complete the course requirements for their undergraduate degree or for the year in which their degree is awarded. Some ring policy for students who leave Rice at the end of their junior year "to attend medical school or law school but who arrange in advance to receive a Rice BA together with their medical or law degrees, as well as other exceptional cases, is to be determined by the Permanent Ring Committee in the spirit of the above policy according to its judgment." Dean Brown's memo reports.

Got that straight? If you can figure it out, I understand the government has a job waiting for you, writing press releases. But please don't tell me... I'm too busy counting snails.

Retrospective

Great moments of Rice history, seen through the pages of the Thresher.

A special Bicentennial series, starting today—middle section.

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DOONESBURY by G. B. Trudeau

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Inflation puts pressure on budget...

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skilled investment management free of charge. Starting 70 years ago with an endowment of approximately $6 million, they operated the University, built the physical plant, and until 1965 gave each student the equivalent of a full tuition scholarship while expanding the endowment to its present value of almost $200 million. In the past twenty years alone the Board has boosted the endowment to $6 million, they operated the University, built the physical plant, and until 1965 gave each student the equivalent of a full tuition scholarship while expanding the endowment to its present value of almost $200 million. In the past twenty years alone the Board has produced a compounded growth rate of more than 7 percent per year in the value of the endowment while nearly matching this figure in outside-generated income.

(2) Financial resources are another strong point for Rice; on the basis of endowment per student, Rice is one of the best endowed universities in the United States. Equally important is the fact that the investment range of the endowment is highly diversified, not limited to one investment vehicle alone such as stocks and bonds. At a time of inflation these investments provide much needed financial stability. For example, the income from the oil fields has increased to meet inflation. Expenditures could be cut as an alternate option. In the area of economizing the university is also “fortunate”: much waste occurs on campus. Energy conservation is a starting point for economizing. The current budget of $1.25 million could be halved if everything were optimum. In an extreme, the tactic of shutting off the air conditioning on all but the hottest days (i.e., above 80 degrees) could be employed. This technique could reduce costs by perhaps 80 percent.

In addition, the university has a surplus of almost 100 thousand square feet of building space. (This is approximately equivalent to the space provided by two average size academic buildings.) Nearly $200 million is spent each year to upkeep for these areas and the cost is rising. A possible strategy for utilizing this space could be converting a building or two to an income-producing purpose such as faculty / staff / graduate student housing. These buildings would simultaneously benefit the university community and generate income for their operation and maintenance.

Finally, as President Hackerman pointed out, some of the academic programs could be diminished or removed. This would be a strong response to inflationary pressures since Rice is a labor-intensive organization.

Dessler concludes his report by stating: “We are maintaining a stable state of neither growth nor retrenchment. Our aim is to hold on to what we have now and see it prosper.”

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Dixie Sick Is Rondelet Queen

Elect Royalty On March 18

The student court for the spring elections will be selected in a school-wide election on March 18. The freshmen candidates are:

- Helen Betton, Chris Brewer, Sandy Brown, and Ellen Cartwright;
- Janice Cornwell, Mary Davis, Sylvia Davis, and Sharon Ferguson;
- Vicki Findlenberger, Lynn Herr, Franki Hosley, and Glenda Howell;
- Patty Hollett, Mary Lear, Beverly Montgomery, and Margie Morris;
- Georgia Morrison, Ranelin Moore, Mary North, and Mary Claire Peden;
- Bonnie Phillbrock, Polly Phillbrock, Charlotte Broude, and Barbara Scott;
- Nell Nadler, Julie Souchek, Jan Stevenig, Janie Williams, and Joyce Wohle.

Sophomore Candidates

The sophomore candidates are:

- Pam Bartlett, Flo Burris, Linda Calvin, and Vicki Cole;
- Lin Davis, Mary Davis, Robin Davis, and Nancy Hermon;
- Harriet Holazom, Pot Ivy, Estelle Kestenberg, Marilynn Ringer, and Natalie Losch;
- Una Lynn Malti, Nancy Maasey, Jeanne O'Brien, and Sammie O'Kelley;
- Billa Richardson, Judy Robinson, Sandra Schlafer, and Evelyn Scott;

Junior Candidates

The junior candidates are:

- Mary Catherine Anderson, Pat Bladke; and Sue Carol Brugier;
- Cody Caldwell, Linda Davis, Anoula Flier, Nancy Head, and Joyce Hooper;
- LaNell Hubert, Ann Bartlett, Flo Burris, Linda Calvin, and Vicki Cole;
- Mary Catherine Anderson, Pat Bladke; and Sue Carol Brugier.

Moving Elections, Make College News

By Don Payne

Elections and moving are the two topics of conversation in the College this week. All of the officers have been elected to serve the remainder of the year in all four Colleges, and the first College to move will be Rice, which will move on the week-end. Hanseck expects to be in operation by March 27, and Wiesen and Baker by the first of April.

Hanseck College

Last Saturday the members of Hanseck College of the Rice Institute elected five officers and a cabinet to lead the College until the end of this school year. Emil Tejini was elected President of the College, Dave Davis and Don Katz were chosen President and Councilman at Large, respectively, while Buzz Sellers was elected Secretary and Hugh Wicker was chosen Treasurer.

Elections for the cabinet were held during the week-end. Members of the cabinet are:

- President: Emil Tejini
- Vice-President: Dave Davis
- Secretary: Buzz Sellers
- Treasurer: Hugh Wicker
- Cabinet Members: Don Katz, George Green, and Bill Raulston

Attention Cheerleader CANDIDATES

There will be a meeting of all cheerleader candidates Friday, March 15, at 1:00 P.M. in Anderson Hall 110. Please be there.

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Spring Elections

Koehler, Robins to Rule as Princesses

BY ANN FARMER

Queen Dixie Sick and princesses Lynne Koehler and Naomi Robins will reign over the 1957 Rondelet festivities. The queen and her princesses were chosen by an all school vote last Monday, and they will be complemented by a court chosen from the four classes on March eighteenth.

Also in attendance will be the representatives from each of the Southwest Conference schools, Rice University, the University of Houston, and the Texas State College for Women.

Rondelet is the only event at which the Rice Institute elects representatives from other area schools. It is under the sponsorship of the Women's Council, with Corinna Carr serving as chairman of this year's Rondelet Committee. The following plans have been made for the annual spring event:

Open House

Rondelet will be observed this year on the weekend of May 27-28, beginning with the open house for the court on the evening of May third. On Saturday morning Mrs. Houston will entertain all women students at a tea for the honoraries. All the candidates will be able to decorate the campus with signs, banners, and other more unusual political services for a week preceding the elections.

All candidates, except those running for Honor Council representative or honors, must submit an expense account (not to exceed $25) to the Election Committee. All candidates, including Honor Council representatives and honors, must pay a $.50 filing fee which is included in the price of the Nite with Knights ticket.

Frosh Planning

Nite with Knights

A "Nite in New Orleans" featuring Mardi Gras atmosphere complete with Dixieland jazz is the theme of the all-school, freshman sponsored dance, Saturday night, March 23. The KC ballroom at Dennis and Louisiana will be the scene of the first major social event undertaken by the freshman class. Semi-formally clad couples will dance from 9 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. on a decorated stage, with a Nat-O-Negro band to be featured.

An all-Negro band will be used in the entertainment, featuring music-makers for the atmospheric evening. The program will be highlighted by K.C. in a role similar to that of the famous New Orleans "drummers," who are known for their enthusiasm and excitement. The band will be led by a top-notch cornetist who has been chosen from the best students in the country, and will be accompanied by a small group of other musicians.

Tickets will be sold at $1.00 each, with a 25-cent service charge added. All students are welcome to attend, and the band is expected to be a big hit with the crowd.

All these are prizes — but the girls

SL's Pat Pucljetle, Estelle Kestenberg Set for Fair.

Today For Spring General Elections

Petitions Due Today For Spring

Petitions are due today, Friday, March 15, at 1 P.M. in the Student Association office for all spring elections. Voting for the office of the Student Association, the class officers, the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class officers, and the Honor Council representatives will take place on Monday, March 18, at 12:01 A.M., and will end Friday, March 22 at 9 P.M. Candidates will be able to decorate the campus with signs, banners, and other more usual political services for a week preceding the elections.

Balloting will begin on Tuesday at 9:00 A.M., and all ballots must be cast by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 22. The results will be announced at 8:00 P.M. on Friday.
500 Students Protest University Disciplinary Procedures

By SANDY COYNER
Thresher Staff Reporter

More than 500 Rice students walked quietly in a single file around the student quadrangle for fifteen minutes yesterday afternoon, to demonstrate their interest in a statement bearing 1000 signatures which was presented to President K. S. Pitzer's office by five members of the Student Affairs Committee.

Although the students were heckled by some of the spectators ringing the quadrangle, they remained orderly throughout the presentation. Spectators also viewed the students from the windows of the surrounding buildings.

The students left the vicinity of the RMC at 12:45, walked single file to the Sallyport, then circled the central sidewalk and the statue of the university founder, William Marsh Rice. The line circled the quadrangle while the petition was being presented, then marched through the Sallyport and dispersed.

The students were demonstrating their support for the 500-word statement, which had been adopted by an ad hoc meeting of 500 students on Sunday afternoon. One thousand signatures were collected between 8 pm Sunday and noon Monday.

The statement led the Thresher Editor Hugh Rice Kelly was placed on disciplinary probation by Dean of Students S. W. Higginbotham Saturday morning for "flouting of the authority of the University by refusing to answer a summons to my office after ample notification . . ."

Student Leaders To Confer With Pitzer On Issue

The current and the newly elected members of the Student Affairs Committee met at 10 last night to consider action to be taken in the meeting with University President K. S. Pitzer which is scheduled for 10 this morning.

This group had been named by the student meeting on Sunday as the group to discuss with Dr. Pitzer the issues raised in the petition presented to the student publications.

Larry Yeatman, outgoing president of Hanussen College, expressed the opinion that the committee should request that President Pitzer establish some system to study the disciplinary structure of the university and that specifically the principles of the Pitzer statement (see page 2) be considered.

Will Rice President Tom Schuster emphasized the need for cooperation in this matter between the students and the administration.

Schuster also pointed out the need for informing the student body of any petition on such a complicated matter as this cannot be expected to be resolved in a very short time.

Dean Places Kelly On Probation For Failing To Answer Summons

By JIM ZUMWALT
Thresher Staff Reporter

Thresher Editor Hugh Rice Kelly was placed on disciplinary probation by Dean of Students S. W. Higginbotham Saturday morning and through this action has lost his eligibility to serve as editor.

In a letter sent to Kelly Saturday morning the Dean stated the action was taken for his "floating of the authority of the University by refusing to answer a summons to my office after ample notification . . ."

Dr. Walter W. Isle, from the faculty committee which had been instructed to get him, heard Kelly say to his brother, "I know it's the Dean, but I won't talk to him."

To verify the situation Dr. Higginbotham had Kelly's brother, Bill Kelly, tell Timme over the phone that Hugh Rice refused to speak to the Dean. The Dean then put Kelly on probation.

Scardino Printing Co., which prints the Thresher was called and Mrs. Scardino was instructed to accept no copy from the Thresher until a new editor had been appointed. The Dean also instructed Don Jones, SA treasurer, and M. H. Merrill, last semester's business manager, that Kelly was not to have access to any Thresher funds.

Kelly Apologizes

Sunday afternoon a letter from Kelly apologizing for his rudeness in not speaking to Dr. Higginbotham was taken to the Dean's home by a delegation of students. According to Bill Broyles the Dean accepted the letter and said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Kelly, but this does not change anything."

University President K. S. Pitzer has given his support to the Dean's action. Friday night he told the Thresher "As nearly as I can tell the Dean handled the situation appropriately. As far as I'm concerned, Thresher editorial action has nothing to do with the issue . . . I've made it perfectly clear with the Dean that the Thresher is free with its editorial policy."

Kelly's period of probation is scheduled to end in a very short time, therefore will not effect his chance of graduating.

A group of students led by Quentin Crooms, a Hanszen junior, barricaded themselves in a room on the second floor of the Physics Building. As the front of the line passed the statue, this group played a record of the children's song, "Follow the Leader."

A recording of this music was used by television stations KPRC in their Monday evening news broadcast.

President Informed

Hanszen junior Bill Broyles and Wiess fifth year student Jan Lodal organized the presentation and led the student march.

Local and Bruyles had called both President Pitzer and Dean Higginbotham last night to inform them of the plans for the presentation. The President and the Dean were informed that all previsions had been taken to ensure that content would be orderly. Both expressed confidence that the students would not do anything that could be considered.

Both President Pitzer and Dean Higginbotham, when contacted by the Thresher after the demonstration were instructed to stay in single file, do exactly as the person before them, and not to talk to reporters.

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Faculty Petitions

President Pitzer

For Reconsideration In Kelly Case

By DARRELL HANCOCK
Thresher Staff Reporter

A petition bearing "a sizable number of faculty signatures" requesting official reconsideration of the disciplinary probation imposed on Thresher Editor Hugh Rice Kelly was presented to the Faculty Welfare Committee and to President Pitzer late Monday evening by Dr. Leonard Marsak, Associate Professor of History.

The petition (see page 3) was drafted Sunday evening at an informal meeting of about ten faculty members who had attended the student meeting that afternoon. The group reached a consensus that Kelly's case deserved an appeal and that an appeal procedure should be established to handle any future cases involving disciplinary action against editors of student publications.

Not Released

They wrote their opinions into the petition, reported Dr. Allen Matasiew, and thought that the petition did not imply that the election did not imply support of Kelly's position.

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Dr. Clark P. Read of the Biology Department, one of the men present at last Sunday's meeting, described the petition as a "specific and a general jurisdictional interest," but he emphasized that the election did not imply support of Kelly's position.
Soggy WRC trio sets world mark in sixty-one-hour shower marathon

By WILLIAM HANEY

The Harvard of the South soaked up another interesting achievement during the semester break when three Will Rice freshmen broke the world shower-taking crown to the Rice campus.

Teddy Gibson, Rich Ryan, and Charley King, who originated the idea, stayed under the noon-shed rain hats for 61 hours, held by a student at the University of Texas.

Freshman class President Jeff Hanes, also of Will Rice, was an original member of the group, but had to drop out after a few hours when according his 6 1/4 frame to the five-foot-square shower stall proved to be more of a chore than he had anticipated.

Vaseline Alley

The champions prepared for their wetty ordeal by coating themselves with a generous layer of Vaseline, brushing it into their hair, and donning T-shirts, cut-offs, and rain hats. They existed on a diet of oranges and water, and got about three hours sleep during the 61 hour deluge, which lasted from 2:25 Wednesday until 6 a.m. Saturday. At first they tried to isolate themselves by playing on a pedestrian bridge, but that idea had to be abandoned when the vasoiline made the cards stick together.

A more successful attempt at diversion came Thursday night when radio station KLIT carried a news report about the three and announced the number of the extension telephone line that had been set up in the shower.

The operator of the University switchboard was understood to be puzzled when the switchboard was immediately followed by calls from girls listening to the radio broadcast, to which three outside lines had to be added to avoid a shower.

Cuthbertson Perplexed

While these arrangements were being made, some of the callers were referred to Will Rice Resident Assistant, Prof. Gilbert M. Cuthbertson. He soon turned the job over to Will Rice Board President, Roger Wilder, whom Dr. Cuthbertson somewhat ambiguously described as "being much better at handling teenage girls than I am." The calls kept the showeers busy on the three phones the rest of Thursday day and all day Friday.

After passing the 61 hour mark the boys noticed that the shower was starting to be painful, but believing cleanliness to be next to godliness, they persevered until they had broken the record. Gibson was treated as a medical case and Cuthbertson was immediately concerned about the "normalcy" of his group.

Having established Rice's preeminence in one more field, the champions have no plans to try to top their record. Gibson was treated for the record. Gibson was treated.

The Harvard of the South

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Controversy continues after satirical MOB halftime

by STEVE JACKSON

It started at halftime. The favored Aggies were down 17-0 as their band left the field and the MOB marched on. For three years, the Marching Owl Band has performed humorous halftime shows, the week's offering was a "salute to Texas A&M" parodying the Aggie military band.

Goose-stepping onto the field to the tune of an old German march, distinctly unmilitary in a variety of silly hats and helmets, the MOB was greeted by boos which continued as Bob Ford, the rubber-booted drum major, led them down the field. The first formation was a chicken thigh, as guest of honor Marvin Zindler, an ex-baton champion carried out a ridiculous twirl routine. Zindler, the man famous for "giving the Chicken Foot its name," was booted by the A&M sections.

As any A&M freshman will attest, the loudspeaker announced, "at the bottom of every Senior Boot is a big heel." The MOB is the Junior Boot; part of the audience laughed.

The Aggies didn't. Ice and paper began to fly onto the field, intensifying as the band formation quickened. For Royelle, the female colori mascot of A&M, an attack of vividness and comic form. The MOB, the Texas A&M Battalion has its own group of fans, with the falling Nov. 22 of the Owls' "victory tree."

The MOB, which was reported Nov. 27, in part:

"The Rice University victory tree fell under the weight of Auggie axes Wednesday night and toppled to the ground to smother the scene, eight male students the fire area at 10:30pm Wednesday in a cold rain. The Aggies were principal at a Houston elementary school. He is also the MOB's director. "I should have known this was going to happen."

"Who's going to get it right? They're responsible. I'm responsible." A

About 350 people were gathered outside the gates at the south end of the stadium. Possibly 40 were uniformed Corps members, the rest of the group was divided, more or less evenly, between A&M students and older fans, mostly alumni.

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Voting for on-campus Rice students will be held from 7am to 7pm, Dec. 4, in Hamman Hall.
Movie fails to fulfill Kesey's version of 'Cuckoo's Nest'

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
At the Gaylynn Terrace

Perhaps the real problem is that good screenplays are hard to come by, so directors with clever ideas have to resort to adapting books. If the books don't say what the director originally had in mind, the screenwriters hired to do the adaptation make all the necessary changes. What survives is the book...and the audience.

This seems to be what has happened to Ken Kesey's wonderful One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Director Forman, while filming all of the book's basic plot, has managed to miss the essence of Kesey's impact.

Randall Patrick McMurphy is the center of both tales, a happy-go-lucky Irishman who decides to finish off his prison term in a mental institution so he can leave around. It's not hard for him to gain access to the ward by convincing his guards through his antics that he is mentally unbalanced. But the peaceful ward turns out to be more than he has bargained for, in the person of Nurse Ratched.

All ward policy goes through her, and the inmates are in her charge. It becomes a sadistic delight in tormenting her patients, and he starts right in to stop her. At first it is a lark for him, then it becomes a bet when the other patients get in on his game. As he grows angrier, it becomes a personal vendetta, but finally it is a crusade to free the consciousness that Nurse Ratched has bound up.

At least, that's what happens in Kesey's book. In Forman's film everything has become simplified. McMurphy never rises to the greatness that he assumes in the book. The personal vendetta never really happens, and nurse is nothing more than an angry man striking out at the world around him.

Despite the problems with the interpretation of the book itself, there is some excellent acting here. Nicholson is rich as McMurphy, at his best when he springs all the inmates so that he can take them fishing. He even captures the dramatic tension of the character when he tries to show them how to break out. He knows that, even if he failed, at least he tried.

Nicholson is flanked by a good cast of inmates. Sydney Lassick as Cheswick is particularly good, standing out along with William Redfield as Harding, and Brad Dourif as Billy. Will Sampson has moments as Chief Bromden when he is superb, through the ending sequence, for instance, but the film is designed to underplay his role in McMurphy's battle.

Louise Fletcher deserves Nurse Ratched, "Big Nurse" as she has become known, with a certain success, but as McMurphy's greatness is diminished, her horror decreases. Forman has managed to shrink the boundaries of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, diminishing the conflict and diminishing the characters. No longer is it a terrifying battle over the lives and freedoms of everyone. It is only the story of two isolated individuals working off their hostility towards each other. —elaine bonilla

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the adventures of sherlock holmes' smarter brother
at woodlake iii

without Mel Brooks' guiding hand, Gene Wilder's comedy comes out gentler and more controlled. This is to let you know why you're expecting another Young Frankenstein—you won't find it in The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother. Instead, you'll find a really enjoyable, slightly suspenseful film, detailing the neuroses and detecting abilities of Sherlock's little brother, Sigi.

Deciding that their client needs to fall in love before his case can be solved (a flimsy excuse, but who's complaining?), Sherlock and Dr. Watson arrange to appear to leave the country and leave the case to Sigi. He's a consulting detective in his own right who has succumbed to an irrevocable attachment to his brother, whom he calls "Sherlock." With Orville Sacker (Marty Feldman) as his assistant, Sigi takes on the challenge.

Madeline Kahn is the client in question, milking the role of a singer beset by a case of diminished consciousness. She is in deep trouble, chased by the evil Professor Moriarty (Leo McKern with a nervous twitch and an inescapable compulsion to do something really rotten every twenty-four minutes).

Gene Wilder triumphs over all, of course, with the unobtrusive direction of ever-present Sherlock. Gene Wilder as Sigi is not the only triumph—Gene Wilder as creator of the film, both as his own personal vendetta and as he runs comedy from slapstick—Sigi and foe battling on hansom cabs through the streets of London with giant hand and foot signs pulled from passing shops—to the gentle—romance amid the chaos.

Wilder uses the talents of his cast well, always having a pleasure to behold. —elaine bonilla

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impeccuous students take heed—the Alley is giving away tickets for its current production on the arena stage. A.R. Gurney's Scenes from American Life will open Tuesday, January 13, for a two-week run on the small downstairs stage. The presentation is in support of the Alley's Intern Program, an on-the-job training project for young actors, technicians, and designers.

The play deals with the hypocrisy of adult American life in a series of musical, comic, and dramatic interludes that take a look at life styles, values, pastimes, and priorities. Gurney, a professor of literature at MIT, has written a number of critically acclaimed plays, including The Golden Fleece and Who Killed Richard Cory? Scenes from American Life itself was the 1971 winner of a Drama Desk Award.

Tickets are available for all fourteen performances, but they must be picked up in advance and in person at the Alley box office. Contributions to the intern program are appreciated, but not required.

Performances will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8pm, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30pm, Saturdays at 8pm and 2:30pm and Sundays at 7:30pm. Scenes from American Life is not recommended for young persons under the age of 16, or to anyone who might be offended by immodest language. —hurla painter
Consecutive loss to the Saturday.
The Rice Owls dropped to 2-11 fans shouting "BULLSHIT", cheerleaders, and leather-lung the Cougar Brass and their act together, ran off a few
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may or may not be searching
football staff may also be
seeking employment during the
American Football Coaches Conventions which is
held concurrently with the
NCAA meeting. Doug Osburn,
longtime Owl baseball coach,
is in St. Louis to attend the
national meeting of the
American College Baseball
Coaches and leave to attend a
meeting of collegiate directors of athletics for women,

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Shakers III favored in intramurals

If you’re wondering why the Owls play so many games so close together, the Southwest Conference offers up this explanation: with Houston competing for the first time this year, it is “necessary” for one team to have a jammed schedule each year. Rice gets shafted this year, but if all goes as planned this will not occur again until 1985. Perhaps Houston is wondering why they are at fault since they waited 4 years to play in the conference. Ah, planning!

With the non-presence of Charles Daniels, Rice’s cagers are entirely sophs and freshmen, youngest of which is Doug Ekeroth, whose 19th birthday occurs in September. Starting time for the Rice-Baylor game, Saturday, January 31, has been moved up to 1:10pm from 3:10pm, at historic Ast Control. Come early.  * * *

Do pay raises for state employees bring about a better working environment? The cynics that think not are full of “I told you so’s” over the latest example, State Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel ($37,500 annually), who has been indicted by an Austin grand jury. University of Texas scholarship athletes, illegally hired by Schnabel, drew pay from the print shop while they were busy at two-a-day drills. In addition to being illegal, it is also against the NCAA rules.

Schnabel’s office plans to issue a statement clarifying his conduct. The first line of the statement has not been decided. Reliable sources say it is a choice between “So what?” and “T.S.” The statement goes on to describe “sinister forces” present at the time in question and concludes: “Well, we never used State facilities to freeze-dried dogs.”

Rice Student Insurance

From now until February 1, 1976 an open enrollment is being conducted for students wishing to participate in the student insurance plan. Coverage would extend to August 26, 1976. The cost for insurance is as follows:

- Student Only: $26.75
- Student and One Dependent: $70.00
- Student and Two or More Dependents: $94.00
- Optional Maternity (additional Premium): $45.00

Brochure-applications may be obtained at the Office of Student Activities.
monday the twelfth
7:05pm. KTRU. Old-Time Radio Theatre presents “Put It on Ice”, from The Green Hornet series.
8:30pm. Jones Hall. Houston Symphony concert.
11pm. And why not?
tuesday the thirteenth
7pm. SH309. Rice Pre-Laws present Dean Charles Galvin, of the SMU Law School, on “Professional Responsibility.”
7:30pm. Media Center. History Department film: All The King’s Men (1949), with discussion following.
7:30pm. Grand Hall, RMC. (I.e. pseudo-Hanszen).
8:30pm. Museum of Fine Arts. Altman Film Festival continues with Brewer McCloud, starring Sally Kellerman and Bud Cort.
8:30pm. Alley Theatre. A.R. Guernsey’s Scenes from American Life, free to the public.
8:30pm. Jones Hall. Houston Symphony again.

wednesday the fourteenth
6:45pm. Lovett. Rice Republicans bring Dr. Ron Paul, of the SMU Law School, on “Professional Responsibility.”
7:30pm. Autry Court, Gym. Rice Christian Community meeting.
7:30pm. SH309. PSI/Silva Mind Control introductory lecture.
5pm. Final registration for spring semester.
12noon. Wiess PDR. RPC lunch meeting, to discuss this spring’s Rice, David Courtwright between 5:30-6:30pm. Phone: 523-1786.

for Sale: Rockwell 202 Slide Rule Calculator. Two functions, log, exponential, inverse, powers, roots, and general condition, instructions and rechargeable. $45 or best offer. See Terrell, 323 Hannah.

Needed – Masc 381 book. Call Mike Scher, 224-4860, in February. Maybe we can strike a bargain. Campus Stores sure as hell can’t.


Anyone that has a used book for Elec/Masc 417, An Introduction to Combinatorial Analysis by Vohn Riedan, call 785-1976.

W — was the sandwich all you wanted me to eat?

Good used tapes for sale in the Language Lab, 106 Reyser Hall. 25 cents each. Also tape recorders. Come and browse.

Ski Panta Wanted: boys’ sizes 5 and 12. Also boys’ size 6 after-ski boots. Need by mid-March. Mrs. Murfin, x2097. MWF, or send note c/o History Dept., campus mail. Home phone, 781-6989.

Desperately need medium-to-large refrigerator that works. Will negotiate reasonable price. Call 928-6500 and ask for Sue or Laura.

thursday the fifteenth
12noon. Wise PDR. RPC lunch discussion to decide this semester’s budget. Public invited.
7:30pm. SH309. PSI/Silva Mind Control introductory lecture.
8pm. Media Center. Rasputin (Adolf Trol), 1932, in the German film series. No subtitles; free.
10pm. KTRU. Dylan’s new album, “Desire.”

friday the sixteenth
5pm. Final registration for spring semester.
7:30pm. HB224. Rice Christian Community meeting.
7:30pm. Hamman Hall. RPC film. (?)
7:30pm. Media Center. The series “In Glorious Black and White: A Tribute to the Great Hollywood Cameramen” begins with Gilda (Vidor), with Rita Hayworth. $1.
10pm. Hamman. RPC screens the 7:30pm film again.
10pm. Media Center. Gilda.
saturday the seventeenth
7:30pm. MFA. McCabe and Mrs. Miller, with Warren Beatty and Julie Christie. $1.50.
10pm. MFA. McCabe and Mrs. Miller.
10pm. Media Center. Shanghai.
12m. Rice University. Boredom. $2100.00.
sunday the eighteenth
7:30pm. Media Center. Winchester .73 (Anthony Mann, 1960), w/Jimmy Stewart. $1.
7:30pm. SH301. Black Student Union film, to be announced.
8:30pm. Hamman Hall. RPC Concert: Balcones Fault. Admission $1.75. beer $0.40. Also live on KTRU. (No, not the beer).
10pm. Media Center. Winchester .73.
10pm. SH301. BSU film.

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