open meeting in Sewall Hall Monday night. The purpose of the meeting was to field questions and suggestions from members of the Rice community. The committee was formed by Dr. Hackerman. Most people have argued that the underlying motive was financial: can Rice afford to compete? At the meeting, it was never made clear whether that was the committee's purpose, or whether the question was if Rice should continue an athletic program at all, even a profitable one.

The committee has studied sample budgets from several schools, some of which have dropped athletics, some of which have cut back, and even one that conducted a non-revenue program. One of the more pervasive topics was the "sheltered program," a major which is open only to varsity athletes and which might be below normal university standards.

The Commerce Department Rice's entry in the "sheltered program field, is currently being phased out. The consensus was that Rice should not operate under an academic double standard; also, the athlete should not be herded into a program he didn't particularly care for just to keep his eligibility up. It was also suggested that Rice turns off more recruits because there is no actual business school. The idea that it would be possible to have a business school that would not be a joke was a concept that eluded most of the participants.

Thresher Business Manager was approved unanimously, but elections could not be held until the filing deadline was passed. The petition to the University Court for another week, SA Parliamentarian Donny Boyle advised Hale that, in contrast to his decision last week that the elections could not be approved while still subject to appeal, the new decision could be approved before the appeal deadline had passed.

After the vote by the Senate, Hanszen representatives Jon Beucher and Sherline Peterson, who had previously stated that Hanszen would not continue in approving a mere repudiation of the election rules, walked out of the meeting in protest.

In other business, Hale noted that no petitions had been received in the Campanile Business Manager race, the Senate would have to extend the filing deadline another week. The TextPRG funding referendum, which was to be held the same day as the Business Manager election, will be delayed only if someone files for the Campanile position.

Hale also announced that an increase of $180 in room and board charges was recently approved for next year, and (continued on page 4)

The Student Association Senate on Thursday, March 18, 1976, approved the last of the elec- tion at last night the election for by the Shepherd School of Music. The Music Department has been actively involved in the election process, and a number of students have been actively involved in the election process. The Music Department has been actively involved in the election process, and a number of students have been actively involved in the election process.
An Exercise in Futility

There comes a certain point beyond which a person just simply cannot be shocked at anything that happens on the Rice campus. But certainly, there were untold multitudes of Rice people—students, faculty, and alumni—who would have been shocked (or should have been, anyway) had they known even the partial story that led to the announcement by President Hackerman this week that basketball coach Bob Polk had been rehired for another season.

Months ago, Dr. Hackerman directed the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA), chaired by Will Rice Master Dr. James Castaneda, to undertake an exhaustive study of whether Polk should be rehired for another year. It is no secret how very disappointing the last two years have been for Rice basketball fans, the 8-44 record (3-27 SWC play) reflecting the situation, and recommend a course of action. It is difficult to assign the blame for such a dismal two years. Who is responsible for absent Bob Polk two years ago, and makes no secret of their complete confidence in Polk, and (unlike the CIA) made a public statement urging that Polk be rehired. Bale submitted a letter to Hackerman urging that Polk be given another year.

Hackerman chose Bale's recommendation. Hours after the announcement, he said in his office that Polk hadn't had enough time, that "one more year was proper," and that Polk had had adequate time to recruit his first year and a half. The “R” Association—diligently examined the whole situation. They heard from players, students, alumni supporters, and anyone interested—a complete study of the Rice basketball games. Not one of these pseudo-explanations likely came from the extensive CIA investigation. A lot of the things were considered by the CIA group: lack of strong leadership on the court, players' complaints of inadequate physical conditioning, lack of respect for the coach, inability of the players to communicate effectively with the coach, lack of support for Polk from the alumni and outside supporters, and all the adverse publicity resulting from the season past. Hackerman mentioned not one of those factors as having the least influence on his decision. One has to wonder just what he did consider in his decision.

Castaneda said Monday night he was “very surprised” at the announcement. No doubt many of those involved in the CIA study were.

One wonders how they feel at having wasted hour upon hour carefully conducting a study at Hackerman’s request which would be considered and discarded in favor of Bale’s stand of personal loyalty. Doubtless, in the future people of the caliber of the CIA group should think twice before committing time to an “extensive study” for Dr. Hackerman, if their report is to serve as a facade for a decision which either was already made or would have been made without their help. The scene is all too familiar (cf. Hackerman’s appointment of the Dean of the new Engineering School this summer, in which a similar committee was bypassed).

Certainly people who are willing to give their time and energy to the University deserve to be able to feel their efforts are taken seriously by Hackerman. He owes the students of this University more effective and courageous leadership than we’ve seen in this matter of the basketball coach.

—kim d. brown
To the faculty of Rice University:

I recently learned of the proposed creation of a Legal Studies major at Rice. As Alexander Thresher, February 12) and I have previously written in the Thresher, I do not approve your proposal. While I believe that it is an excellent course, mandatory under the proposal, I do not believe that its creation is responsible.

There are a number of serious questions regarding the educational structure of Rice, and the philosophy of education at Rice generally. I have written in the following discussion after you approve this program.

A Legal Studies major, perhaps more than most majors, is subject to a number of serious criticisms. It may become duplicative of a law school program. Second, it may not have Introductory, but a future law student will spend time better in another major course. The same may be said for some other law schools.

Another potential pitfall in Legal Studies is that in spite of all disclaimers, many students will believe such a major will improve their chances of admission to law school. According to Dean Albert Sacks of Harvard Law School, and other professors with whom I have discussed this matter, such a major will be of no advantage for students planning to attend Harvard or elsewhere. If Rice should create such a major, it must be consistently reiterated that majoring in Legal Studies will not improve chances of law school admission, so that Rice students will enter the program with eyes open.

The University of Chicago Law School advises its applicants: "An excellent general education is thought to be of more importance for the study of law than specialized study finds a direct relationship to the law. Ideally such an education should include some study of history, social science, philosophy, literature... It should serve to develop the capacity for logical precision, demonstrated competence in mathematics or the physical sciences is to be valued... and some foreign language is useful..." In my personal experience, I have found a concentration in a field other than law, and an education in the literate use of the English language to be great tools in pursuing the law. Insofar as Legal Studies offered with elective courses fulfills this subject distribution, it will be a suitable background for the study of law. The faculty must ascertain whether Legal Studies will meet this standard.

Second, there are concerns how the Legal Studies program will fit generally into Rice's undergraduate program. Will Legal Studies put Rice in the position of training "pre-professional students" instead of scholars? Since

Ken Alexander
SRC 75
Harvey Law School

Brody: faculty share Alexander's concerns

To the faculty of Rice University:

One of the greatest strengths of any university is the concern and interest of its loyal alumni. I think therefore that we should take much pride and satisfaction in the fact that Mr. Alexander, in the course of that very busy first year in law school, was concerned enough about Rice to write us his letter of March 11.

The concerns that he feels about the Legal Studies program are ones that are held by those of us who are responsible for its creation. Indeed, if Mr. Alexander had had available a copy of the proposal and not merely a very brief account of it in the Thresher of February 12, he would have seen that the problem has been designated in part to meet these concerns.

To begin with, the program is no way duplicative of a law school program. As Mr. Alexander himself says, "The new courses, seen focused in proper fashion to avoid the mini-law school problem." This is not surprising since we are concerned with offering the students a broad humanistic and social perspective on the legal system and not with offering them narrow professional training. In this context let me add that the course, Economics and the Law, which will have Introductory Economics as a prerequisite, will be concentrated on economic principles and their application to legal questions. The one course which is most directly oriented to specific legal issues is called The Jurisprudence of the Society. We have required it in order to insure that our students will at least have some familiarity with the nitty-gritty of the law.

Finally, Mr. Alexander asks, "Will legal studies offer something valuable to Rice students later, it seems to me that the students a broad language is to be great tools in pursuing the law, we have urged them to major in legal studies only if they are really interested in obtaining what it offers them, namely, an opportunity to obtain a broad perspective in a system that they later hope to serve in professionally.

Baruch A. Brody
Chairman, Department of Philosophy

In the March 15 issue of the Thresher, SRC Election Commissioner Rob Alexander questions if the proposed creation of a Legal Studies major at Rice is a whole. I do not think that Legal Studies necessarily will wither into a pre-professional program. I only caution that Legal Studies, if established, should be monitored so as to prevent such an eventuality.

Another concern that the faculty must address (and on which I take no position for or against) is whether Legal Studies offer something valuable to Rice undergraduate students later, it seems to me that the students a broad perspective in a system that they later hope to serve in professionally.

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Outrageous, vicious, distorted reporting?

Food Service needs spoilage

To the editor:

(continued from page 1) suggested that the Senate might want to look into ways for the colleges to save money. A short discussion followed about the financial advantages of closing four commons at breakfast, and the possible objections to that plan by Food Service.

The Senate wound up the business session by approving the Rice Outings Club as an SA dependent organization. Shortly thereafter, a move to adjourn came swiftly and decisively.

To the editor:

Rice people must notice (i.e., it's everywhere and difficult to ignore); 2) speaks the Truth of God (you do need Him); 3) all Christians can participate in; 4) visits a large proportion of the Rice community; 5) will stimulate honest and serious discussion about Christianity.

Few groups of people are more unpopular than Christians who will not stand up for what they know to be the Truth. Strangely enough, however, it is also true that few groups of people are more unpopular than Christians who will stand up for what they know to be the Truth. We know that we have found the Truth of God, and believe that it would be wrong for us not to share the Truth. Our hope is that the Rice community will look past the inadequacies of our method to our message.

Monte F. Hancock, Jr.
Rice Christian Community

Win $500 with Elfie

A local woman, Mrs. Mary Leo O'Flynn, is offering a $500 prize to the student who can write the best short story (3000 to 5000 words) to accompany a new Christmas Carol, Elfie the Christmas Elf. O'Flynn hopes that her character will become as popular as Mickey Mouse was in the '50s.

But Elfie is more than just a commercial project. O'Flynn, who had lived many years in Acapulco, was appalled at the lack of moral values and the shocking mood of restlessness and dishonesty she found when she returned to the US. Now she is prepared to put her money behind a project—Elfie—who can instill moral values in children and create a more positive attitude in our beloved country. Profits from Elfie will be plowed back into further creative projects and scholarships.

Currently, top-name recording artists are being solicited to perform the songs and stories. In this way a top-quality product can be mass-produced for every parent to afford.

Deadline for the first story is March 31. Stories may be turned in to the Thresher office, second floor EMC. The first story, being a Christmas story, should have the theme of a supreme being behind it, although no particular creed will be preferred. Stories written in the form of a TV or play script will be given preference in judging.

For more information, including the song lyrics and music, contact the Thresher office. For $500, you ought to be willing to wait through Hackerman's office singing Dylan's Rainy Day Women Nos. 12 and 35.

Jim Conner Baker '76

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Skydiving — There will be a very important organizational meeting of the Rice Skydiving Club on Monday, March 22, at 7:30pm in Will Rice Commons. We will be discussing on-campus instruction, so if you can't come, leave your name with someone who will if you are interested.

Tuck — Carl Trelaven '75 will hold informational interviews for the Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College, on March 22, 1976, from 10am to 12n. Sophomores and juniors are welcome. Contact the Placement Office, 501 Lovett.

Will — Will Rice College hold its Spring Semester Open House Friday, March 19, from 2 to 5pm in Hamman Hall. A reception will be held. Following the reception, interviews for the Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College, will be open Friday, March 19, from 2 to 5pm in Will Rice Commons. We will be discussing on-campus instruction, so if you can't come, leave your name with someone who will if you are interested.

Co-op still active

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A RICE FOOD CO-OP

Two weeks ago, the Rice Food Co-op nearly died, but under new management it came to life again last Saturday, losing only $2.00 on a volume of $450 of produce. Advance orders were not required last Saturday, but to insure against loss and to expand the variety of product, advance orders should be asked for this week's food co-op operation and all those thereafter. Order forms may be picked up and turned in no later than 4pm on Tuesday at the Student Association Office on the 2nd floor of the RMC. Orders are due in the payment due office by March 29, and a $25 fee is required. Don't wait until the last minute.

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Vagaries complicate tenure evaluation process

by NANCY TAUBENSLAG

On the surface, tenure doesn't sound like a controversial topic. After all, Rice staff members and administrators are generally agreed that the same guidelines established by the Rice University Council and the Association of University Professors (AAP) in the 1940s virtually favor the system as a safeguard for academic freedom. In fact, at least at first glance, to make a fuss about it seems unnecessary.

Yet, something about tenure must be unsettling. It must be. Why else would so few Rice people be willing to comment “on the record”? Administrators consider it a sensitive subject. Professors, however, are not only aware of it but are also quick to point out the many issues that matter. When interviewed, most are quick to report the response to most important issues was, “Well, that is a very complex problem.” In most cases, “the problem” was left at that, with no expression of concern over the administration’s power. As could be expected, faculty members express concern over many issues from assessment of evaluation, feedback, and work conditions. However, many professors seem afraid of the administration’s power. Department chairmen hedge at stating their complaints and are afraid of hurting the chances of their department’s candidates.

As a result, many professors balk at being quoted on specifics because of professional prestige and the necessity of working with the president all the time. Assistant professors, with one exception, seem to worry much about their own positions to allow publication of dissenting opinions. This writer was an exception when invited to speak at a Faculty Club Forum meeting on tenure because professors did not want to publicize any dissertation.

In theory, however, most agree on the tenure system. It would come from rejected professors. Unfortunately, they leave Rice and are not available for comment. Dr. John Johnson, a biology professor who is being terminated this year, commented on tenure because he doesn’t think it will affect his case. "The confusion seems to say in the tenure matter either because they do not know or cannot make a decision. Information passes from mouth to mouth about the-to-be-evaluated professor. The information is true, but its inaccuracy is the problem. But for the fact that Rice University does manage to nab a "superstar" in teaching and research, it may not be capable of holding him. Said Dr. Alan Groth, English professor and member of the Faculty and University Council: "You ought to be very judicious in promoting junior faculty. They should be good researchers and good teachers, but the burden of making a great university should not be placed on the shoulders of their untrained. It is important to realize that the "superstar" is a level of academic excellence that cannot be reached by all teachers. The Rice emphasis is on "excellence" in one or both of these categories could be enough to merit tenure. No departmental criteria is "outstanding" is given; the term is broad enough to suit the needs of departments on the University Council. The department told me that I was rated as "outstanding in both categories," said Johnson, "but that promise is based on research alone. They didn't even seek to document my service. The phrase 'credibility with the Council' was used when I was told that the department would not recommend my promotion."

How good is good enough?

Imagine a course where the competition is cutthroat, the number of passing grades minimal, and performance declines 50 percent in a semester. No one can claim that is " outstanding". When asked about the case, one legal specialist with the Faculty and University Council members either professed ignorance or gave vague answers about the procedures for awarding tenure and promotions. The University Council, in the case of Dr. Dan Johnson, felt that his chances for tenure were hurt for a variety of reasons, though the official explanation was the evaluation was "insufficient."

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Johnson stated, "In August 1974, Dealer [of the Campus Business Office] approached me and said, 'How about working on the management of the birds.' Knowing that doing so would allow me to continue with my predation research, I consulted with my department to see if this was a legitimate use of my time, and was encouraged to proceed. "With Dealer's support, my students and I have accomplished some really exciting research. Our papers are 'pure' and 'applied,' continued Johnson, "but the work was begun too late to have been published—much less nationally recognized—and cited—to time to affect my promotion. In retrospect, I realize it would have been a sin for us to concentrate on the research."

This article represents an attempt to state rigid standards would result in less good work and more hack work. ...Rigorous standards can cause you to lose the essence of a university—the freedom to do research. We don't measure research in hours, but by the number of pages. There is no reasonable way to set up a standard. We have to look at how one person's record compares to everyone else's."

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One untenured English professor repeatedly railed at the public officials who are responsible for their lives. "I have nothing to say to these people who are responsible for their lives. I have nothing to say to these people who are responsible for their lives."

Department Credibility

The University Council sometimes must reject tenure candidates on standards found acceptable by departmen...
Tenure evaluations . . .

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A variety of reasons may be given for rejecting a prof’s bid at tenure or promotion. Nonetheless, the candidate may never hear exactly why he was rejected. As the system exists now, department chairman are informed of Council action and the reasons behind it. The Chairmen may then go the candidate and explain the results, but he is not required to do so. This spring will be the first time President Hackerman has promised to notify the individual candidates, so that they have time to contest any decisions.

According to Dr. Vandiver, feedback may not be desirable in all cases. “Sometimes it would be nice for a candidate to know why he was rejected. Other times, there might be a personal problem where the candidate would know exactly what happened and would not want to be informed further. Omitting feedback would insure an individual’s right to privacy.” Some faculty members disagree. Said Dr. Grob, “You should tell people why they are rejected, even if they don’t want to know. The information shouldn’t be public, but each individual deserves that feedback.”

The current feedback system can be confusing to anyone trying to learn the facts on a tenure case. In investigating for this article, this reporter was given three totally different stories on Dr. Johnson’s qualifications for tenure, two of them from University Council representatives.

The Problem of Deadwood

The current policy offers little help for a prof once he has been granted tenure. No performance evaluations are required of the departments, though informal analyses may be held for salary considerations. A full professor at the top of his wage scale receives no external inducement to maintain his previous level of output. With little praise for a job well done and even less censure for poor work, the tenure system offers no cure for “deadwood” short of out-and-out firing. These and other problems inherent in the tenure policy create undercurrents of dissatisfaction with the system as it stands. Universities throughout the country are modifying their tenure rules or abolishing them outright. Rice is no exception; the Faculty Council has just issued a tentative revision of the old tenure document. It is now in the hands of the University Council for study and debate.

Next Week: Tenure—Changing the System

It Takes More Than Magic To Eliminate Pollution...

Open meeting draws support for athletics . . .

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impression which should not have been given. While on the subject of entrance requirements, swimming coach Fred Breckwoldt wondered why the school would give a scholarship athlete a break academically but would not do so for prospective non-scholarship athletes. Swimming at Rice currently operates without scholarships.

Track coach Bobby May pointed out that the trouble with recruiting for Rice lies with the comparatively poor facilities. “If I were recruiting for any other school than Rice, I would have some stories to tell about things here,” said May.

Catherine Hannah, committee chairman, promised that the suggestions of this committee, unlike others here, will be made public. She promised this, even if she has to pay the printer out of her own pocket.

What was tragic about the whole affair was the almost total emphasis on football. Track was brought up by Coach May, swimming by Coach Breckwoldt, baseball by this reporter, basketball as such did not come up at all, tennis was barely mentioned, and the whole subject of women’s athletics never arose.

A person can be an athlete without being a football player. One Rice supporter, shell-shocked by Rice football fortunes, conceded that he would be content to bet Texas “once in seven years.” Nobody should try to be mediocre. One should either go all the way or not at all. Imagine a track coach’s reaction to a runner who came in fifth and said, “Well, coach, that was pretty good. I was just trying for third.”
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Living off-campus? Avoid legal entanglements

About this time of year, Rice people looking for off-campus housing begin their search for that impossible dream: the cheap, clean apartment close to campus. This feature, describing some of the legal ramifications of leasing an apartment, has been prepared by the State Junior Bar of Texas.

One of the most important transactions for any college student concerns the renting of an apartment or other housing. Most students, however, have no conception of what their rights and responsibilities are. In recognition of this, a number of newly enacted statutes have been designed to better define the rights of a tenant.

The basis of the relationship between a landlord and tenant is the lease. Whether oral or written, this agreement generally establishes the relationship between the parties and governs the corresponding rights and responsibilities. Because of its importance, care should be taken to read and understand all of the provisions. Even if no formal written agreement of lease is to be entered into, the basic terms of the agreement, such as the amount of rent, responsibility of payment of utilities, any security deposit and similar items, should be placed in writing and signed by both the landlord and the tenant.

Many landlords now require the payment of a "security deposit" in order to ensure that the tenant will perform the agreement. Under the present law, a landlord must refund any security deposit to a tenant within 30 days after the tenant moves out of the apartment or other housing. The tenant, however, is still required to give advance notice of leaving if his agreement of lease requires this notice. Generally, a landlord cannot refuse to refund a security deposit for the failure of a tenant to give his notice of leaving unless this requirement is clearly spelled out in the agreement of lease.

A landlord may retain all or any portion of the security deposit for any charges for which the tenant is responsible. Thus, a landlord can deduct from a security deposit any damage which the tenant might have caused to the apartment or house, as well as other charges such as late payments, unauthorized changes, etc., if these other charges are specified in the agreement of lease. A landlord cannot, however, retain any part of a security deposit for normal wear and tear to the apartment or other housing.

In the event the landlord in bad faith fails to return a security deposit, the landlord may be liable for three times the amount of the deposit, plus $100, plus any attorney's fees which the tenant might have in a lawsuit against the landlord. If the landlord fails to provide a written description or itemized list of the charges or deductions from the security deposit, the landlord is thereafter prohibited from withholding any portion of the security deposit or from bringing any type of lawsuit against the tenant.

If the apartment or other housing for which the tenant has put up a security deposit is sold by the landlord, the new owner is thereafter responsible for complying with all requirements regarding security deposits.

Whenever a tenant moves out of an apartment or other housing, he is required to give the landlord a written statement of his forwarding address. Until the landlord has furnished his new address, the landlord is not obligated to return the security deposit or to furnish a written description of damages or charges. Additionally, a tenant cannot withhold any portion of the last month's rent on the grounds that the security deposit is designed to cover this rent.

A person eighteen years of age or older can enter into a legally binding rental agreement or security deposit and such person is bound by all laws regarding security deposits. If the payment by the tenant is, in fact, a "security deposit", then the provisions of the rental agreement govern the responsibilities of the parties.

Many lease agreements also require that the tenant pay all or some of the utility bills. If the tenant, in fact, pays utility bills directly to a utility company, it is unlawful for a landlord to interrupt or cause interruption of such utilities. A landlord who is prohibited from physically "kicking out" the tenant; nor can he lock a tenant out unless the landlord leaves written notice with the tenant and makes keys available to the tenant at any hour. If the tenant has, in fact, abandoned an apartment or other housing, then the landlord is authorized to enter the premises and remove contents. In the event of the necessity of repairs or emergencies, the landlord does have authority to enter the tenant's premises.

In the event the landlord does interrupt utilities paid for by the tenant, or if he physically evicts the tenant without a court order, or if he changes the locks without the proper notice procedure, then the landlord may be required to pay up to one month's rent and attorney's fees to the tenant.

The law provides that the landlord and tenant cannot agree to waive or give up their respective rights and responsibilities regarding utilities and entry by the landlord into the premises rented by the tenant.

If the rental agreement is for a month to month type of arrangement, rather than a fixed number of months or years, then either the landlord or the tenant can terminate the lease by giving one month's notice to the other party. If, however, the written agreement between the landlord and tenant specifies some type of procedure for terminating the lease, this specific procedure must be followed in order to terminate a month-to-month tenancy.

For many years the law has recognized that a landlord has a lien upon a tenant's property for a period of time to secure payment of rent. This lien applies to all property found within a dwelling of a tenant, and to all property stored by the tenant within a storage room. Certain specified types of property are not subject to this lien. Included in this group are clothes, tools, school books, automobiles, household furniture, food, medicines, and other property known by the landlord to be the property of persons other than the tenant.

However, many types of property which are subject to the lien of the landlord. In the event of the termination of the lease, this lien may be enforced by the landlord in seizing and selling such property, then the agreed upon procedure must be followed.

As with other contracts, the rental agreement normally contains the rights and responsibilities between the parties. A careful reading and examination of a rental agreement, prior to signing it, and compliance with its requirements will normally prevent an otherwise unnecessary dispute.

Adventures of a dirty old man — Don Giovanni

Mar. 22

Jones Hall

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Theater is a good release from the pressures of life, and this being Rice, theater is popular. Presently Baker, Wiess, and the Players are producing, respectively (and to open in this order) Henry IV, Part I, Hello, Hamlet, and two one-acts, The Open Sea and The Maids.

Most of us are only aware of the actors, but half to three-quarters of the people involved in a production are offstage. A successful show requires an intricate and precise coordination of sound, lights, props, costumes and makeup; while, of course, scenery and publicity crews are quite necessary before the show begins. Technical theater (the official name for backstage work) is much more creative and demanding than it might seem at first glance.

Whether experienced from backstage, onstage, or out front, theater is something you shouldn't miss.

From the top, clockwise: two shots of rehearsals for the Baker play, Henry IV. Rehearsals for Wiess' Hello, Hamlet are seen in the next two shots. (Debbie Waldman, director, is near right.) The remaining two photos are of the Players' one-acts, with their director, Neil Havens, directly below.

—photos by Walter Underwood
this week...

THEATER

Company — "...the devastating musical about the possibilities and consequences of marriage" (EMB). Theater Under the Stars Cabaret Theater, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, 664-3344.

The Confidential Clerk — T.S. Eliot comedy of misplaced offering, Part VII of An Eliot Cycle. At Main Street Theater at Autry House, 504-1268.

Juno and the Paycock — Sean O'Casey's comic drama of Ireland in the 1922 revolution. At the Alley, 228-8421.

Look Homeward, Angel — See this week's review for details. At the Country Playhouse, 467-4497.

1776 — Possible the best bicentennial show, even if it was written in 1969. At Dunfey's Dinner Theater, 771-1311.

FILMS

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother — "Without Mel Brooks' guiding hand, Gene Wilder produces a really enjoyable, slightly suspenseful film" (EMB). At Woodlade III.

Dog Day Afternoon — Sidney Lumet directs Al Pacino in the fictional version of an actual New York bank robbery. At area theaters.


The Man Who Would Be King — "It's escapism of the highest order, and two hours of first-class entertainment is hard to come by these days" (EMB). At Loew's Saks and Loew's Town & Country.

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" (EMB). At area theaters.

Taxi Driver — "Martin Scorsese's films operate from the vortex of American cinema... and he has crafted one of the finest American movies of the decade" (THA). At Loew's Saks and Loew's Town & Country.

First Nudie Musical — Comedy about a major studio's attempts to make a porno musical. At Loew's Delman and Loew's Town & Country.

Magical Mystery Tour — The European version of the Beatles' famous film, plus nine shorts, including Mel Brooks' "The Critic." At the Bijou.

Science majors — Use your biology, chemistry, physics or math degree in a meaningful way. Seniors/Grad students sign up for a personal interview with a Peace Corps/VISTA representative, March 24 and 25 in the Placement Office, Lovett Hall.

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George Greanias from the original Hello Hamlet.

Once upon a time, up in the Presidential suite of Wiess College, a crazy group of students got together to dodge their studies and exercise their imaginations. Among them was freshman George Greanias, who had just been working on the Rice Players' production of Hamlet; he had a vision of the possibilities that play as a musical comedy, satirizing both Shakespeare and musical theater in general.

The result? Hello, Hamlet! hit the tabletops of Wiess Commons in the spring of 1969. Following a frantic two-week rehearsal period, the cast remained pretty much the same, although the English Department's Stewart Baker took his try as Horatio. This year's Hello, Hamlet! was directed by Debbie Waldman, an entirely new cast, and a new approach. "The show is something that this generation has never experienced," explains Waldman, "so I wanted to emphasize the tradition of it. I went through all the past scripts to collect what was the best in the past and then put together a conglomerate, using some of what I found, cutting other things. The only number I completely added was Horatio's 'Whatever Claudius Wants.'"

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Hackerman ignores CIA, rehires controversial Polk

by BARRY JONES

Rice basketball coach Bob Polk has been given a one-year extension of his contract. The decision was announced at a Monday press luncheon. Reporters were told that Polk was out of town. Polk had been in his office earlier that morning and did not depart until later that afternoon. Polk had told three players before lunch. When asked the terms of the agreement, Athletic Director "Red" Bale said, in what for him may have been a tongue-in-cheek remark, "He works on a verbal, year-to-year basis just like all the rest of us."

The decision was contrary to the sentiment expressed by the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. One member said, "We're real big on voting whether or not to let the crippled kids use the track stadium, or voting to allow someone to have an art exhibit on the stadium parking lot, but when it comes to coaches, we don't have much to say. I personally have no objection to Dr. Hackerman picking the people himself, I just wish they wouldn't waste our time.

The reaction of the players was typical of the ennui that had developed during the season. One said, "I don't think we ran enough. If we had run more we might have been able to keep up with teams better. Most teams ran better than we did. I was disappointed with the season." Another said, "He's a fair-to-bad coach, but he's still the coach." This quote summed up player sentiment: "If that was their decision, then we'll just have to live with it." Players were slow to comment, as they wished to continue their college careers.

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Friday and Saturday, the Owls will take on Nebraska. Two doubleheaders. Starting time both ways in 1 p.m. Monday, coach Doug Osburn said Allan Ramirez will pitch in the first game Saturday. Osburn said he welcomes intersectional games in the middle of the conference season because he can use more of his players. The Owls lost a doubleheader to Sam Houston State Tuesday, 5-4, 1-2.

One person glad that the Owls will be at home this weekend will be Assistant Sports Information Director Billy Siems. Siems will be working at the scorer's table behind the backstop. At Baylor, Siems jumped up and KO'd himself on the dugout roof when an Owl hit a long ball. There is no roof over the scorer's table. The ball was caught.

Rice will be host school at the Crosby Tournament at Guadalajara, Mexico, April 9-11. Teams from all over the country will be invited. Some, but not all, SWC schools will be invited. Coach Plumbley plans to rotate the schedule, inviting different teams different years.

The Owl track team travels to the College Station Relays this weekend. The team was rained out here last Saturday. There is little or no chance of a rainout this time, though. The meet will be run on an all-weather surface. As long as it is not raining at the time of the race, you can still run. Unfortunately, Rice does not have an all-weather track.

The Rice Invitational Tennis Tournament begins today (Thursday). Rice coach Jim Parker has said, "Trinity is probably the team to beat." A lot will depend on the draw; one team's lower players might end up playing another team's number one and two players.

Parker determines his lineup by letting the players vote. The idea is that the players know better who is the best at any given time. Parker says he got the idea from a college football coach who got the idea from a Pro Bowl coach. The Pro Bowl coach didn't know all the players very well, so he just got everybody out at practice and voted for the first team to come forward. After a while he had eleven players.

Three Owls were injured last week in football practice. The most seriously injured was Larry Edwards, who was in pain, which is good (sort of). End coach Steve Moore explained that the more serious knee injuries have very little pain. The decision to operate has been postponed.


Recommended viewing for incurable football addicts is Top Value Television's Superbowl, Saturday at 7 pm on Channel 8. Players wives, what goes on in the bimbo, and other offbeat topics will be covered. Veterans of the National Lampoon Radio Show will be seen molesting innocent bystanders.

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thursday the eighteenth

6pm. Commons. Roast beef au jus.
7pm. Commons. Spanish Lecture: Dr. JeanFrancois Stanford, "Between Utopia and Apocalypsis: Latin American Culture in the '60s."
The lecture will be in English.
7pm. RMC Lobby. Rice Democratic Caucus meeting.
7:30pm. KTVU Up in the Air: Dr. Ron Paul, candidate for Congress. 527-4088.
8pm. Media Center. Why Herr R. Ran Amok (Fassbinder, 1979). German, with subtitles. $1.
8pm. Lovett. Lovett movie: The Roaring Twenties, with Humphrey Bogart and Jimmy Cagney.
8pm. Rice Shepherd School of Music student recital.

friday the nineteenth

11:45am. Commons. BBQ beef on bun, or the ever-favorite Beanie Weenies.
5pm. Deadline for DROPPING COURSES and/or changing pass/fails to fails to numerical grades.
5:30pm. Lovett PDR. Thresher dinner meeting.
6pm. Commons. Baked chicken.
7:30pm. Hamman Hall. RPC. Monty Python and the Holy Grail. 598.
7:30pm. HB224. Rice Christian Community.
8pm. Jones Hall: Opera. Don Giovanni.
8pm or so. Willy's. The E-Z listening group "City Limits" plays "til late.
10pm. Media Center. Red River.
12m. Media Center. I Am Curious (Yellow) (Sjoman). $1.

saturday the twentieth

11:45am. Commons. Pizza or casserole.
1:44pm. Biowin. A day of fun & frolic: featuring a beer bike team race, the Wiess Acabowl at 2:30, a Campanile picture 4, and a cookout at 5, with burgers and drinks.
7:30pm. Media Center. Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (Peckinpah, 1973). $1.
8pm. RMC. Lovett Casino Party, recreating the Roaring 20's. A casino, dancing, liquor, band, and more will be featured.
The cost is $3/couple, $1.50/person.
8pm. Jones Hall: Opera. Don Giovanni, sung in English.
10pm. Media Center. Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid. $1.
11:14pm. you're no help.  
12m. Media Center. I Am Curious.

sunday the twenty-first

11:45am. Commons. Fried shrimp with tartar sauce.
2:30pm-dark. Annual Baker Shakespearean Festival begins.
8pm. Jones Hall: Don Giovanni.
8:30pm. Hamman. School of Music Chamber Music concert.
9pm. SH203b. Campus Crusade for Christ presents Barry Flyan teaching the Leadership Training class.
10pm. Media Center. Shock, $1.

monday the twenty-second

1:30pm. Tennis Stadium. Texas Tech at Rice.
7:30pm. 301 Ryon. ASME AIAA meeting. "The Russian Space Effort."
8pm. Media Center. Rice Design Alliance presents the series "Exterior Spaces—Some Issues." M. Paul Friedberg, landscape architect. $1.25 for students. 

tuesday the twenty-third


wednesday the twenty-fourth

7:30pm. Media Center. Stagecoach (John Ford, 1939).
8pm. John Wayne. $1.
8:30pm. Hamman Hall. Shepherd Quartet concert: pieces by Webern, Beethoven, and Brahms.

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