Freshman competency tested
by TOM BROWN

For the fifth straight year incoming freshmen have been subjected to the English Department’s own “rite of August.” Initiated as a necessary tool of evaluation, the English Competency exam was given to all incoming students on Tuesday of Orientation week. The exam, emphasizing organization and argumentation over spelling, grammar and intellectual maturity, is designed to single out those students who need to take a year of remedial English.

The results of this year’s exam show a general improvement over last year’s. Of the individual colleges, Brown did by far the best with 88% passing while Wilk Rice showed the only increase in failures bringing up the rear. It would seem that English prowess of incoming students is on the upswing—but it probably seems this way because of the subjective way in which the exams are evaluated. Each exam is read by two graduate students who grade them pass, low pass, and fail. If an exam is borderline it is read by three more people. A student who feels he has been graded unfairly has the right to appeal.

All students who fail the exam are required to either take a one semester remedial English course, or retake the competency exam. Those who fail low pass are strongly advised, but not required, to do the same. In any case, all students must demonstrate some skill in English composition before being allowed to graduate.

To some, the only fair procedure would be to have all students take a mandatory rudimentary English course. In a conference with Dr. Richard Skinn of the English Department says will probably come about in light of deteriorating nationwide writing skills.

Flood forces air conditioning curtailment
by MATT MULLER

Among the problems caused by last summer’s flood has been the temporary loss of 45% of the University’s air conditioning capacity. This has produced scattered discomfort in the classroom and office buildings, with a number of complaints coming from Sewall Hall. At the RMC, student assistant Chris Reed says that they are having no trouble keeping the building comfortable, with the exception of the bookstore and the Grand Hall during the peak load periods of the midafternoon. Marion Hicks, Director of Food and Housing, stated that he had received no complaints of poor cooling in the residential colleges, although he did mention that he had some student comments about the rooms being too cold (as an example of this problem Lovett College, whose residents are convinced that they are living in a cryostat cleverly disguised as a dormitory).

When reached for comment, Mr. Russell Sullivan, a physical plant maintenance engineer, explained that the University has 8,500 tons of air conditioning capacity contained in five compressors: a four thousand ton unit, a two thousand ton unit, a one thousand ton unit, and two summer units. During the flood, water coming in through the ceiling of the plant shorted out the lube oil pump on the four thousand ton unit, burning out the thrust bearing and thus rendering the unit useless.

Currently parts are on order, but the machine is not expected to be repaired until February. Mr. Sullivan added, however, that the present remaining capacity is more than enough to handle normal cooling requirements, and that out of four available units only three are presently being used. No further problems are anticipated, although Rice is without any real standby capacity in case anything else should go wrong.

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The repair costs have so far exceeded $20,000 all of which has been paid for by the University. For now, nobody is sure where the money will come from to cover this cost. The government told the University before repairs had begun that no money would be provided for repairs to the Pub (other than the wall which falls under the category of building repair) it is likely that it would have been a long time before Willy’s reopened.

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Cronens memorial scheduled

A memorial service for Mrs. Grace Williams Cronens will be held in the Rice Chapel at 4 pm, Tuesday, August 31. The widow of the late Chancellor Carev Cronens died August 2 in Michigan as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident following a Memorial Day weekend, May 31.

Faculty Club occupies RMC

by KIM D. BROWN

Renovation of Cohen House expected to cost near $400,000 is proceeding at a slower pace than originally planned, with the construction now expected to be complete about November 1. Meanwhile, the Faculty Club has taken over the RMC Grand Hall to serve a luncheon buffet. Original plans called for alterations throughout the building, plus an expansion of the parking area. Cost increases and a tight budget forced a cancellation of work on the basement, the upstairs apartment area, and part of the planned expansion of the parking lot.

According to Bill Williams, faculty club manager, the construction is expected to boost the seating capacity of Cohen House from the present 300 to well over 350. He explained that some of the loss in capacity was caused by structural uncertainties uncovered during the initial demolition.

Under the arrangement with the RMC the Faculty Club will serve lunch, host departmental gatherings, and outside functions which were booked before the construction began in May. Profits from the rent paid by outside groups being served, which would otherwise be paid to Cohen House, will instead go to the RMC. However, the Faculty Club pays no building use fee while occupying the Grand Hall.

Williams says he is providing lunch with some what “limited service,” offering only the buffet, and no alcohol. He said Monday, the initial day of the RMC buffet operation, that he expects about a 20% reduction in customers until he moves back into Cohen House, but added, “We’re going to make it work.”

The decision to use the RMC Grand Hall until completion of the construction was made after a conference which included Williams, Food Service director Marion Hicks, and RMC building manager W.S. Red. The Faculty Club will have the same control of the Grand Hall enjoyed last year by Hanszen College during reconstruction of their fire-ravaged commons.

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editorial

So often the question arises—what and for whom is the Rice Memorial Center? The answer is strikingly obvious: it is first and foremost a student center, a hub of student activities and services (Student Association, Thresher, Pub, Campanile, TeXPIRG, RPC, Student Advising, book store, KTRU, Sammy’s, etc.).

In recent times, however, numerous situations have arisen in which the interests of the Rice student body have been--accidentally or otherwise—overlooked or ignored. Just last year, trouble arose between the management of Willy’s Pub and the RMC manager, Mr. W.S. Red, over the existence of “stand-up games” (pinball machines), since they might lead to the development of a “beer-hall atmosphere” in the Pub.

A fire last summer heavily damaged Hanszen Commons, forcing the college to take over the RMC Grand Hall for meals all last year. Problems arose, however, over the use of the Grand Hall by other campus groups, who had to ask Hanszen for permission. Reportedly, the RPC speaker series was cancelled due to difficulty in meeting Hanszen’s conditions for the use of the building.

This year, the RMC Grand Hall—formerly the home of speaker series, RPC events, university-wide parties and dances—is occupied by the Faculty Club, who will be there until the extensive renovation of Cohen House is completed in November. Some RPC concerts will be in the Grand Hall, but these were scheduled before the Faculty Club migrated across campus.

Meanwhile, Willy’s Pub—heavily damaged in this summer’s flooding—remains closed to the Rice Student Body. The freshman week casino party was held at Sid Rich Commons after negotiations to use the RMC broke down. And last year, numerous university-wide parties were relocated to Weiss commons and other colleges.

And the questions remain: Why is the Faculty Club, and not Willy’s Pub, for instance—occupying the Grand Hall during construction? Why doesn’t the Faculty Club compensate the RPC or the Student Association for displacing student activities from the RMC? Why can’t the student center—and it is the student center—it isn’t?—be under the control of a student/faculty committee, like the Pub?

Maybe it’s time for Rice to consider just what the RMC is supposed to be to the University. It is somewhat difficult to believe that the Rice Memorial Center was not intended to be a center for student activities.

Have you tried to get into the RMC after 8:00pm lately? Surprise.

Food Service wants your $ To Off-Campus Students:

Off-campus food service policies are as follows:

Board plans for off-campus students: Full board, fall semester 76, costs $426.60 plus 21.40 tax, or $448.00 and can be purchased at Cashier’s Office. 5 Lunch plan meal (at own college only, Monday through Friday) for fall 76: 72 meals at $2.00, or $144.00, less 10% (14.40) for a total of $129.60. These can be purchased at Central Kitchen.

Salad for $1.00: This option is available on a cash basis each lunch and will include salad items on the salad table (lettuce, salad dressing, cottage cheese, etc.). It will not include drinks nor will it include peanut butter and jelly.

Drinks: Beverages will be available off-campus students at lunch at the following prices: Hot tea per cup, 10¢; Iced tea per glass, 10¢; Hot chocolate per cup, 15¢; Coffee per cup, 15¢; Lunch per glass, 15¢; Soft drinks per glass, 15¢; Milk per glass, 15¢.

Joyce Rubash College Food Director

RPC has room for everyone; even you

To the Rice Student Body:

If you flipped through vol. 64, number 2 of this rag, you know that there’s a group of students on this campus that can help you. That’s right, neighbor, the RPC can show you how to enjoy Rice today. What you probably don’t know is how you can get your thing going. Well, the first thing to do is to get to know the people in the box.

You’ll notice a couple of blanks in the list; those are for you to fill. (There will be an election for the VP position in September, and the social chairman is appointed.) There’s a place for you with the RPC.

Next, you can let these folks know what you’d like to see happen. Give a call to the K+P office (527-4697) or anybody in the box, and we'll get your ideas rolling. With your help we can do a lot, but if you don’t come through, then neither can we.

When the time comes for a concert, an after-the-game party, or even Rondel, and there’s nothing there, it’ll be your fault, so don’t care to pull it together. So, take a little time to enjoy Rice today.

Ed Pierce
RPC President
The Pentagon eyes base in South African territory

Even as race riots sweep South Africa, Pentagon planners appear to have seized on the U.S. government's widely criticized plan to avert black rule as a golden opportunity to fulfill one of their oldest dreams: a naval base on the strategic southern tip of Africa.

The South African government's strategy is to grant independence to 10 native nations, areas, rather than breaking down the rigid apartheid policy they regard as synonymous with the South African proper. And U.S. military planners, long held back by a UN arms embargo against South Africa, are floating the idea of building a base in the first black area to be declared independent, the Transkei.

The proposal—sure to be controversial if pursued—surfaced this June in an article in Military Review, a journal published by the Strategic Plans Command of the United States and based in San Diego.

The proposal is described as a new U.S. effort to counter what is seen as a growing Soviet superiority in and around Africa. But it also stems from a recent in defense planning that gives high priority to securing the world's sea lanes and preserving Western access to raw materials.

As Adm. James Holloway III, chief of naval operations, explained in an interview last year, "In contrast to the Soviet Union, the United States and her allies are heavily dependent on the seas for commercial transactions, raw materials and many military arrangements."

In Groesbeck's words, the Transkei proposal offers "vital surveillance and protection of the Cape Sea Route" without the opposition of the Transkei, and "strengthens the U.S. strategic position in the Indian Ocean and South Pacific."

New Global Strategy

The new Indian Ocean/ Africa strategy is already well under way, as has been demonstrated by:
- the construction of a new U.S. military helicopter unit at the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia;
- a dramatically increased U.S. naval presence in the region, reputedly by a recent show of the flag in Kenya—"an American ally—at the height of tensions between Uganda and Kenya;
- Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's recent trip to Africa by a Pentagon plane;
- and the disclosure last February that ships from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)—in which the U.S. plays perhaps the key role—have expanded their operations in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

NATO also has been accused of the strategic importance of the defense of southern Africa and its three sea. Two years ago a UN task force discovered the existence of more than 13% of the country's land area, although Africans continue to be Four-fifths of the population.

And because the economies of the Transkei and the other homelands are heavily dependent on South Africa, most Africans will continue to live in segregated townships like Soweto, outside the white cities where they work.

Groesbeck hopes African objections can be overcome by the argument that U.S. aid would give the Transkei a measure of independence from South Africa. Transkei Chief Kaiser Matanzima has already asked for U.S. financial assistance, including help in turning Port St. Johns into a modern facility.

International briefs . . .

(ZNS) A 30-year-old British Airways passenger got a chilly reception on a flight from London to Miami last week. Shortly after take-off, the unidentified man took off his clothes, and proceeded to strip himself in his seat—stark naked.

When efforts to stellar him failed, the pilot of the craft reduced the temperature aboard his jumbo jet, hoping to freeze the man out of his nude sit-in.

British Airways' chill tactics didn't work, however, and the naked traveler continued his protest to London, where police met and quickly shuffled him away.

This story is about the nude-in: "It was better than the movie."

Women's Liberation has apparently had its impact on the age-old problem of graffiti.

The Journal of Social Psychology reports a survey of the bathrooms in four large Los Angeles schools that has discovered the fact that girls now write four times as many slogans on the walls as boys do.

Most of the slogans, the Journal reports, are obscene or sexual in nature. However, it was discovered that the girls lavers were more likely than nation wealthier areas to reflect the sexist material of all.

(ZNS) From our "Now You Know" department: in 1976 Americans are expected to smoke some 905 billion on packs of cigarettes. This represents approximately 8.5 pounds of pickles per person.

The WEEKLY REPORT

(ZNS) Medical schools and hospitals around America are reportedly running out of hemostats. Hemostats are those scissors-like clamp instruments that are used in operating rooms. The publication National On-Campus Report says that many hospitals are being placed off weekly because they make excellent road clips for smoking pot.

(ZNS) The Chief Psychologist of Washington State's prison system has released his report revealed that he conducted behavioral modification programs in which inmates were forced to wear diapers, crawl on the ground, and drink beer.

The outraged psychologist, Dr. William Hunter, defended his tactics, arguing that he could effectively treat infantile behavior in inmates by treating them as young children.

Hunter is relieved by his prison superiors who charged that his methods were cruel and unfit for human beings.

(ZNS) The scientists base their predictions on records of the Krakatoa volcanic blast in Indonesia in 1883. That explosion was witnessed months later and near 3000 miles away on the Indian Ocean island of Rodrigues. The sound, described as "the roar of heavy guns" was heard over much of the world.

(ZNS) Defense attorneys in a major marijuana smuggling case in Florida are hoping to call former President Richard Nixon to the witness stand for questioning as early as this Thursday (August 26th).

Nixon has been subpoenaed to testify in the Miami case, several wealthy defendants, including international arms dealers Mitchell Werbell, and his co-defendants are accused of masterminding an international pot-smuggling ring that allegedly imported "massive quantities" of the illegal weed into the United States.

One of the government's chief witnesses against Werbell and the other defendants is an admitted smuggler who also worked as an undercover informer for the government's drug enforcement administrators.

As part of his defense, Werbell has been assigned to come from and was secretly assigned by high D.E.A. and White House officials to penetrate the marijuana smuggling racket in order to set up arrests.

Werbell's attorneys have told the court that his assignment came from such high levels of the government that only selected officials including himself were aware of his undercover role.

Lawyers for Nixon have attempted unsuccessfully to have the subpoena quashed, and defense attorneys say they hope to question the former President on the witness stand within the next week.

Werbell, a wealthy arms trader, was identified last fall by Senator Everett Weicker for his role in attempting to sell sophisticated assassination devices to U.S. government agencies. The proposed sale of such devices was explosive telephones fell through after Senator Weicker publicized the bizarre deal.

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Six years ago, when I first came to Rice from graduate school at Cornell, there was something about Rice that didn't feel right, so I began looking at the campus for clues to Rice's nature. The first thing I noticed, and which Sammy's alums have emphasized this already, is that the central quadrangle between Lovett Hall and Fondren Library is not a college landscape as such; it is actually a great natural preserve for privileged hedges. The privileged hedge is not, as far as I know, anybody's idea of beautiful flora. The hedges are barriers, though more like walls than fences, and the quad is awkward to cross, and they make the virtual center of the campus useless as a place of congregation. On the other hand, apparently, the hedges do keep Lovett Hall and the library from intruding on the vacuum around Willie's statue.

The second thing I noticed was Sammy's student center that very few students use. One told me she hadn't been there in three years. Now the only truly compelling reason for using Sammy's are off-campus and academic, but it is still a natural place for hanging out. Clearly, many undergraduates hang out there. In the library, the first floor, the second floor, and the third floor, the empty rooms seem to beckon. The more considered, sophisticated expression of the myth is that Rice students are not getting a good education here but had a lousy time doing it. The cruder expression of the myth laid all the blame on the typical Rice girl. This explanation came, of course, from the typical Rice boy, who could lay blaming that down the lines. The more considered, sophisticated expression of the myth, which I heard from some freshmen persons and of some of the faculty, held that life at Rice was so boring and repressed because of the sexual double STANDARD...so far apart! This blew my little Irish mind. I was beginning to think that it was. I was probably discovering the life of the community here had been determined by the landscaping of the quad. Sammy's, and the distance between the colleges. I also began to fear that the emptiness around Willie's tomb was infectious. Some purportedly intelligent people were trying to tell me that what is about four city blocks between Jones and Lovett colleges were as socially inhibiting as Mother Henret.

The third thing I noticed was the Rice people used to talk, I heard my first complaint that has to be taken seriously because it grows from a feeling that is real and very discouraging: if you feel that no one is going to talk to you anyhow, you won't trek the sidewalks between the colleges, you'll stay in your room or hide in a carrel, where all the other people at Rice who would be looking for someone to talk to won't go looking for you either. So, the strange Rice silence has been felt by those it surrounds to be a loneliness more acute than the solitude intellectual work always requires, and from this loneliness grows the faculty and doubt that ask: why, exactly, am I here? What am I doing here? What in the world is here? Inherent in the difficulty of these questions is figuring out what kind of community a university should be, and how this community is to be achieved.

I think this community has to be achieved because it cannot be simply assumed to exist already. It is at this point, however, that we ran into some heavy bushes. In defining community, the German social thinker Ferdinand Toennies distinguishes it from society. He uses the German terms Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft in a specifically personal way, and says that community is real and organic, whereas society is imaginary and moralistic. The root and model of a community are the family, but the mode of a society is a commercial organization. In many ways, a university is more like a corporation than a family. We are not united here by kinship; we are united under the imaginary goal of getting an education that requires mechanical procedures like the semester, examinations, credits, majors, the degree. Yet it should go without saying that we live and work at Rice in a very different from the way in which members of a corporation occupy the building that houses their company. Life at Rice is communal in so far as it is, in Toennies' words, a kind of "intimate, private, and exclusive living together." The other hedges that separate us from the immediate neighborhood and greater city are fortunate symbols of the possibility that the university, if it cannot still be the ivory tower of blessed memory, can be a special and privileged place. It is still some kind of sanctuary, and it excites in most of us the good expectation that life here can be at least different and at most better. At its best, it can be a life in a community which, by definition, recognizes each individual's values, which, by definition, fosters his independence, his freedom. A society, by definition, does not foster independence; a society exists for its own sake and not for the sake of its members. It remains with you, the students. You are here in order to change, so much the better, because that change will be beyond the understanding which Toennies says is based upon intimate knowledge of each other.

Doody says Rice community has improved

Faculty address to freshmen describes the best and worst of the Rice experience

The following are excepts from the annual address by Terry Doody of the English Department Thursday, August 19, to welcome new students to the Rice community.

We cannot expect a tight similarity of personal constitution, experience, or character among oneself, in fact, too much of this kind of similarity here can produce the boredom of uniformity. However, our support because it is the only forum of its kind at Rice, the only place where all of us can talk to each other's "keister sounds." Until then and beyond then, however, there is a lot for all of us to do.

In the first place, we have to recognize that Rice must be thought of as a community and not only as an institution. There will be no community without management. Financial survival is not a philosophy of education. Neither is the word "Excellence" used around here so reverently but so loosely that it has become meaningless. A philosophy of community would post clear goals and concrete choices toward these goals; "Excellence" by itself leaves the goals abstract and suggests that what we have chosen is not to be loosed. Yet while we have an excellent football stadium, we do not have an excellent library.

In the second place, the faculty, I think, would do well to remind itself every day that we teach students first and the disciplines second. Things do not get taught unless they are learned, and if they aren't learned by somebody, they are as useless as the quad. We could also look, I think, to teaching each other in for all of us to do. The Science and Philosophy Departments have organized seminars; there may be others that I don't know of. History and English used to have them, but they went away apparently toward the gym, which seems to be the best place at Rice to meet someone from outside.

The most difficult burden, however, remains with you, the students. You

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by TED ANDREWS

OK, there’s two schools of thought currently revolving around the latest Roman Polanski major work The Tenant (currently around town). View No. 1—Polanski had ten months with nothing to do after Chinatown before getting down to work on the film he really wanted to make, which is called The Pirate. So he put together The Tenant with a few people who didn’t have anything to do at the time, dredged up a few standard shock tactics from Repulsion and Rosemary’s Baby and then decided that he had a movie.

Tunnel Vision ‘lacks wit’

by JIM FOWLER

The advertisers are billing Tunnel Vision as the “no bullshit network,” although it is actually heavy on the bullshit and light on the humor. The year is 1985, when the new Tunnelvision network is running its competitors off the air with its no-holds-barred approach to broadcasting. The problem with the movie is that it lacks the wit that could make this satire a funny movie. I got the impression that the writers jotted down the first lines are of the type that would not even get as much as a giggle from a canned laughter machine.

There are a few scenes that get off the ground. Like the greedy Spanish teacher on the public service language lesson who urges the viewers to send grass to their loved ones who urges the viewers to send his students get features some students get.

At last. Students get a better deal on something than anywhere else. Because if you’re a full-time student, you can see our whole 76-77 season cheaper than anyone else. You pay as little as $6 per season ticket, and at most, only $28 to have the best seats in Jones Hall for the entire season (which...
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Rice pleased with early practice

This is the first week of full contact work for the football team and so far head coach Homer Rice and his staff are quite pleased. "I was particularly impressed with the improvement of the offense," Rice said Tuesday night. "Both the receivers and the quarterbacks looked good."

Gordon Norwood, the backfield coach, and Steve Moore, the receiver coach, gave Kramer high marks.

"Tommy has improved tremendously since the spring. His strength, technique, and attitude are immeasurably better," said Norwood. "Kramer is throwing the ball like an All-American," said Moore, adding: "What's even more encouraging is the way our receivers are catching the ball."

On the other side, defensive backfield coach Mike Dean praised fifth-year man Jesse Wittenon. "Jesse came back to school in top form with a great attitude and willingness to learn—all after laying off a year. He had a good practice and is setting an example for the rest of the secondary."

New Athletic Director Rice premieres his Owl squad Sept. 18 against Utah in the Rice Stadium.

**JOCK NOTES**

Rugby — The Rice Rugby Club will have its organizational meeting Wednesday (Sept. 1) in the Wess PDR at 7pm. Plenty of beer will kick off the first official meeting of the animals. "We may be small, but we're slow," which has in the past been a favorite motto of the team, is being scrapped and a new breed of rugger seems to be emerging. The club needs lots of fresh talent and size is no prerequisite.

Tennis Tournament — The first annual Fall Rice Championships will be held September 3-6. The draw will be limited to 32 players and there will be seedings, USLTA rules. Each entrant must provide one new can of Wilson "Optic Yellow" tennis balls. Contact Marc Siegal in person or leave word at the WRC off-campus mailbox by August 28. Only men's singles applications. (Not to be confused with intramural tennis)

Jim Turley (l.) and Jeff Carter were named All-American and Honorable Mention All American after the recent USUBA Nationals at Schenectady, NY. The Rice team, which paid its own way, placed fourth

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Wave of loose constructionism sweeps campus

by JIM FOWLER

Before you Astroutfird your bathroom on the first floor, take a few words of advice from someone with impeccable taste in furnishings — namely, the student).(Continued from page 4)

Doody...

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They know about the cost, troubleshooting a phone.

The cost of getting a phone ranges from $9.20 per month plus the $12.50 a month for a touch tone trimline phone plus the installation charge of $15.

Last year the installation charge was $25. This breaks down as follows:

$9—Hook-up charge

$4—Instrument charge

$12—Installation charge

in room by company

Since students are picking

up their phones and plugging

them in themselves this year

the installation charge is dropped $8 off the installation charge.

There is also a charge of $85 a month for each additional listing in the directory.

Other features are available at additional cost. The most important of these are the call waiting and call forwarding features. The call waiting feature gives a beep on the phone when someone is trying to call while you are on another call. This feature costs $1.50 a month plus $2.50 installation charge.

The call forwarding feature forwards your calls wherever you go at $2.50 a month plus the $2.00 installation charge. Other features are available, but the fact is that the cost adds up quickly and many students don't really need these luxuries.

When ordering a phone, on-campus students are not required to put down a deposit. However, off-campus students who company has already had a phone billed in their name must deposit an amount equal to approximately two months cost of their phone.

The toybox could be an ideal place to stuff that idiot in down the hall who plays his records at concert pitch.

One plan that seems fairly popular at this place is to raise the beds off the floor and put the desks beneath them. This is not a bad idea unless the last time you touched any type of carpentry tool was when you sat in the nursery and painted a wooden peg into a pre-made frame with a plastic Playkool hammer. Not that a bed hugging the ceiling is hard to arrange. Just balance it on a couple of 2'x4's placed end to end and hope that the gnomes didn't slam the door too hard when they come in the morning to pick up the trash.

I myself do not want my desk in such a position. In the first place, I would not get off to a mattress and heavy spring support falling on my head and disturbing my concentration. Second, I do not think it would sound impressive to tell a doctor that I have recurring headaches because my bed keeps falling on me when I try to study.

Painting a room often makes it look better. It normally takes no longer than one afternoon to slop the paint on with a brush or roller. And it normally takes no longer than four weeks for it to dry.

Not counting the carpet where the floor paint from the ceiling overlapped a little. If you were smart you would have saved the carpet for last, buying it at a Goodwill sale, or not buying it at a Goodwill collection box.

Panelling is another item for those with comfort in mind and a check from the folks in hand. Perhaps the only problem you may encounter is transporting those 6' sheets from that lumber center via your VW. You could strap them to your roof, but even then you don't want, for the bug has a bad habit of tipping over.

Some Rice students are not satisfied with the magnificent furniture with which B&G provides them, so they buy extras like mattresses and bureau drawers and closet doors. I have even known some who have gone so far as to live in their dormitories making the swingability of a pillow and the impact of a medicine ball.

Wall hangings are another extra that add character to a room and say something about the inhabitants thereof. Because if a poster depicting the twelve astrological positions doesn't say anything about its owner, not much does it.

But isn't all that hard work and effort which goes into improving your room worth it, especially when your roommate does most of it? Of course it is. Just imagine the satisfaction you'll feel as you walk into your bathroom and view the bas-reliefs you've carved into the tile. Or pride yourself on the fact that with no more than a common kitchen knife you converted a bean bag chair into a sunken bathtub. Yes, the improvements are almost limitless. And so are the fines for destroying college property.

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friday the twenty-seventh
3-4pm. Lawn in front of Lovett Hall. RPC’s Back-to-School Party, featuring music and beer.
7pm. Alley. Witness...
9:30pm. Alley. For the Prosecution. $2 still.
12m. Alley. Slasse series: The Old Dark House. $2.

sunday the twenty-ninth
2-5pm. Hanszen commons. RPC Used Book Fair, an easy way to save or make some money.
7pm. Alley. Murder.
7:30pm. Lovett commons. Jones College film: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. Free. (No, I don’t understand what Lovett shows Jones films either.)
10pm. Alley. Love and Death.
10pm. Lovett. Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.

monday the thirtieth
7:30pm. Media Center. King Kong (Cooper, 1933).
10pm. Rice Museum. Opening of The Graphic Art of Francisco Goya.

2:30-10pm. Rice Memorial Center Patio. Rice Demonstration. Caucus Beer Bust: all persons interested in politics are invited.

Misclassifieds

What is tongue-fu?

What is the mistress of tongue-fu? And does she or doesn’t she?

More to come.

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The following information was received as a calendar entry: “7pm. RICWP meeting. 223 HHB.” Please tell us the day. Thanks.

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Space flight and airplane freaks unite! Join AIAA.

Meeting Thursday, August 31, at 7:30pm. Central Kitchen basement, room 2. Organizational meeting of the Rice Varsity Rifle Club.

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If I just wish it weren’t so damned dark in here...

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Now in Thrasher Office!

Ralph Balmer, JG/173, has a job at the Career Development office.

Singles — The Jewish Singles Council of Houston has scheduled its third citywide party on Sunday, September 19, at 3pm, in the Houston Oaks Hotel, Consort Room, Galeria. Ages 18-35. Free and welcome; admission is $1.00.

The Mob Twirlers will hold tryouts on Wednesday the first at 4pm behind the RMC. Each twirler should have a short routine and strut prepared which demonstrate the basic fundamentals. For more information, call 667-1468 or 626-0035.

Macbeth — The Resident Exchange will hold auditions for Shakespeare’s Macbeth, Thursday the 2nd and Friday the 3rd, both at 7:30pm; and on Saturday the 4th at 7:30pm in the basement of the Old Cotton Exchange building. Musicians, designers, and actors will be needed. An audition piece is requested; for more information call 529-5601.