Barzun criticizes principle of Psycho-History

by Steve Sullivan

Sewall Hall room 301 was filled to seating capacity and then some last night as Dr. Jacques Barzun spoke on the topic of psycho-history. As part of the President's lecture series, Dr. Barzun, a noted historian and writer from Columbia, is an outspoken critic of the principle of psycho-history, the explanation of historical events by the underlying psychological condition of the human mind.

History in the traditional sense is in a state of decay, according to Barzun. He notes that in the schools the history curriculum "has been replaced by social studies, which are undefinable." History can no longer be only an exposition of what happened, but must now have "relevance". Current biographies of famous people that make the bestseller list, says Barzun, are nothing more than a "mass of congested gossip."

According to Dr. Barzun, curiously, psychohistories are too abstract, without any narrative of facts to support the analysis. As a result, the events are "blurred into a stream of tendency". Psychohistories are little else than "the mere story of what happened is pointless", and second, that they all substitute descriptions of cause-and-effect factors for descriptions of events.

Psycho-history corresponds to our diminished sense of individuality, and treats people and events as puppets on a giant stage, and the psycho-historians as "soucre of evidence supporting their thesis while ignoring that..." (continued on page ten)

Mellon grants $600,000

Rice University has received a grant of $600,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to continue opportunities for young scholars in the humanities to gain teaching experience at Rice, it was announced Monday afternoon by President Norman Hackerman.

Dr. Hackerman said that part of the Mellon funds are to be used over three years to provide two or three increment junior humanities appointments in each year for a total of at least eight such appointments. The remainder, together with accumulated income from it, will constitute an endowment to sustain two such junior appointments per year after the initial three-year period.

Dr. Hackerman pointed out that the Mellon grant will enable Rice University "to create new and attractive positions for promising young humanist scholars and will allow the University, at the same time, to continue to thrive as an outstanding independent institution of higher education."

Dr. Hackerman also welcomed the Mellon grant since "for several years" enrollment patterns and fiscal restraints have prevented many of our departments, especially in the humanities, from hiring new faculty members. These usually younger people serve to invigorate academic programs. Rotating junior appointments of junior scholars will ideally serve to remedy substantially a situation which on the one hand prevents universities from maintaining their humanistic disciplines at the desired levels, and on the other hand leaves highly qualified and promising academicians unable to find positions. This leads to a real loss of many qualified candidates to other fields of endeavor.

The Mellon funds will be put to immediate use in making appointments in such fields as philosophy, history, and foreign languages, Dr. Hackerman said.
**Teaching assistants thanked...**

To the Freshman Class:

I would like to thank the teaching assistants, who must endure an intolerable amount of hassle during tutorials, particularly physics and chemistry. At times it is impossible to hear the tutorial leader, much less concentrate on the problems, when the people around you are busy commenting on the tutor's dress, intelligence, parentage, etc. These tutorial leaders are not paid for their services, and they'd probably rather do other things than try to explain redox equations or angular acceleration to a group of freshmen who think they "know it all."

Freshman, don't you think it's rather childish to shake beer cans just so you can see them explode when the tutor opens them? For the sake of your fellow classmates who attend tutorials to learn something: (1) If you feel like hassling someone, stay home and beat on your roommate; (2) If you know so much, why don't you lead the tutorials?

Deborah Sedberry
Hansen '80

**Students attitudes decried**

To the graduate students who are subjected to the ordeal of the tutorial:

Thank you and I sympathize with you. As I sit in the audience at a tutorial, I get pretty pissed off at all of the primadonnas who have no courtesy for the tutor at all. They go to these tutorials with their preset ideas on how things should be done and do not seem to realize that you are doing them a favor. You do not have to do these tutorials, so why do them if the people you are trying to help act like asholes and do not appreciate the help? Maybe the graduate students should strike against giving tutorials until the audiences reduce the size of their egos and learn some respect. People who act like children should be treated as such.

Patrick Condrey
Hansen '80

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**WILLY**

by Jeff Kerr

Willy: Well, here I am in the middle of a tutorial with a truly classy date!

Student: I've got to think of a putsch redox example for the tutorial. Let her know she's out with a true college type.

Willy: What if anybody has even thrown up at the tutorial?

Student: Table for one, please.

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Kim D. Brown
Absence not symptom of apathy...

Miss Goodman c/o Rice Thresher

To the editor:

Last Monday night the Rice Program Council presented its first concert since the appearance of Balcones Fault here last spring. This time the group, Gasolin', while not well known in the States yet, has received wide acclaim across Europe, especially in their native Denmark. They have four records to their credit, one of which was number one in Denmark for 54 weeks. Yet the crowd turnout was far less than was generally hoped for ("tiny" would not be the more appropriate term for it). Gasolin' played quite well—good stage presence along with some good down-home basic rock and roll. In fact their live show was a lot better than their studio work. Without a doubt, more people would have enjoyed it.

Granted, Monday night is not the best night for a concert, especially with the end of semester crunch just now starting to hit hard. The group, touring the USA for the first time, had no better date available.

However, Balcones Fault appeared on a weekend, and once again few people felt like paying only $1.50 to see one of the best new bands. The crowd was enthusiastic and appreciative (as with Gasolin'), but there just weren't enough people there to make it a break-even venture.

Last month the RPC quite nearly had the fairly famous folkrock group Steeleye Span here on campus. Although better known than Gasolin' or the Fault, would the turnout have been better?

When asked to suggest groups they would consider to be the most people have mentioned "Summit material" like Chicago, Leon Russell, Cat Stevens, etc. Quite obviously, Rice has neither the facilities nor the minimum guarantees required by such groups ($30,000 for Chicago). And what if we did bring the Beatles together again? Would enough Rice people go to make it worthwhile?

Another question worthy of discussion is whether the RPC should depend on non-Rice people to help make an event a financial success. Should they cater only to Rice people, or to the community at large?

Can concerts be held at Rice in spite of these limitations? Perhaps the emphasis should be on small-scale entertainment such as pub entertainment, or maybe on some annual special event such as a top-notch folk or medieval music festival, which could build up a reputation for excellence (similar to other festivals of similar natures across Texas).

The RPC simply cannot afford the big name groups, yet the lesser-known bands do not draw a crowd here even with the extremely low ticket prices charged for this live entertainment. What is to be done? Well, as always, it's up to you. Talk to your RPC, let them know how you want your money to be spent. And if you do want concerts after all, then support the ones that do come here, or there may not be anymore. A couple of dollars to see and hear live music at Rice just ain't that expensive.

Mary Cooper Rice Program Council election day alone—without participating further through any of the other available avenues of responsible political participation. Likewise, simply because the Rice student body was not present at Convocation is not sufficient reason in and of itself to indict the students with their contemptuous attacks, rather it is relevant to consider the possibility of student opinion being emitted at times throughout their academic life as opposed to the follower's of institutional happenings who flock to the rhyme of supposed efficacy. Were we to weigh the attending benefits of participation in this year's Convocation via considerations of last year's performance—much of which is not difficult to understand why some students were "too busy nursing a hangover or playing volleyball..." You evidently do not share our belief that the true seekers of change will gather to the sources of power at locations in the system whereby change may be effected. Convocation '76 was not such a place.

You have submitted the following proposition: "Students must become active participants in our microcosmic society and assume some of the responsibilities for shaping and molding an intellectually and emotionally stimulating environment." In this regard we voice our vehement disagreement. The student's function is a limited one and rightfully so. Students are to be recipients of the knowledge transmitted by the faculty. Any deviations thereof, "perhaps warranted, perhaps not. Such deviations are not inherent in the nature of a body to be demanded as a matter of course. Even microcosmic societies have delegation of roles and in ours the students are in a receiving type.

We shall leave for a more convenient forum your preoccupation with the crisis confronting Rice. We are thankful that you were able to "achieve a greater understanding and a broader perspective concerning the mechanisms..." of Rice University. We suspect that the information you gleaned was readily available in spite of the fact that they are of a nature to be demanded by us to continue to exist.

In conclusion, we will mention that issues discussed during Convocation were not conclusive nor were they binding. Anyway, there issues' effects are largely negligible with respect to the individual student. We await your correspondence.

Rober A. Vaul, Jr. Graduate Student

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The Teachings of Jose Cuervo:

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International briefs . . .

(ZNS) One of the nation's pioneer pioneers in the subject of death and dying is now reporting that she was visited by the ghost of a dead patient nine years ago.

Doctor Elizabeth Küber-Ross, who has received nationwide attention when she announced she believed there was life after death, says she dismissed the incident as a hoax or hallucination at the time. However, the doctor reports she has become convinced that it was true, and that it involved a "materialization" of somebody who had died almost a year before the incident occurred.

Küber-Ross says the incident occurred at a time when she was seriously considering giving up her years of research with terminal patients.

The doctor reports that a woman suddenly appeared in her office, introduced herself as a patient who had died 10 months earlier, and pleaded with her not to quit her research. The visitor, the doctor says, looked identical to the former patient.

The doctor says that before the woman left, she asked the doctor to write a note to her minister, and that note, Küber-Ross states, is now preserved "under glass.

Handwriting analysis has since indicated the note matches exactly the handwriting of the deceased patient, the doctor reports.

Küber-Ross says she has not experienced any more remarkable incidents, but that her research has thoroughly convinced her there is life after death.

(ZNS) A career military sergeant, who was placed in a psychiatric ward at an Army psychiatric ward at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, and later, after his family protested, to a remote Texas Air Force base, was considered a suspect in a murder case.

Schulke, at the time, was a 21 year veteran of the Air Force who had no history of psychiatric troubles. His troubles began, however, when he was selected as a member of the military tribunal to try a senior NCO for murder. The NCO was convicted of the murder of a junior NCO, and the case involved a 25-year-old Texas woman, Karen Irving, who was kept in a mental ward for political reasons and not because of his mental health.

The appeals court, however, rejected the verdict, claiming the tribunal had no reason to intervene in the military's internal affairs. The appeals court also noted that they would not find one in this century.

(ZNS) An Austin, Texas court—in a landmark hearing of sorts—has its own first execution since 1967, executed in France in more than two years.

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Giscard had professed his "perversion" to the death penalty. However, he signed reprisals commuting death sentences into life imprisonment.

But the French president solemnly announced that an international order to the policeman on whom he landed.

(ZNS) For the person who has just about everything, how about a pair of young buffalo calves which are billed as a "starter set" for your own herd? The price is a mere $11,500.

If you're not into your own buffalo herd, then how about media? Neiman Marcus is offering what it calls the "Media Room," which includes a five-by-seven foot wall-sized television; electronic time readouts for 100 cities; short-wave reception; an automatic taping system; and even an alarm clock.

(The hazards are such that the definition of "hazard" in the Rules of Golf set down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of Scotland may have to be rewritten to accommodate the strange African course.

In the meantime, however, international visitors to the course may find the local rules a little bizarre.

One rule, for instance, states that if a baboon picks up a ball, the player can hit another, but must retrieve the original ball within three minutes.

(ZNS) A Basque nationalist who turned himself into a human torch and jumped from a balcony in full view of the late Generalissimo Franco of Spain has been sentenced to six and a half years in prison. The Madrid court sentenced the man to four years for "illegal propaganda" and an additional two years for causing bodily harm to the policeman on whom he landed.

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Players prove versatility in Spoon River Anthology

by Denny Dahl

A jump from Commedia Dell'Arte to Reader's Drama is a long one, but the Rice Players have proved their versatility in a compelling presentation of Spoon River Anthology. The thoroughly American poet Edgar Lee Masters made his name with the publication of a work of poetry by the same name, which has since been adapted to very successful stage production. The play is a collection of recollections from the inabitants of the small town Spoon River. The added touch that makes this technique so effective is that Masters resurrects each of his characters from the grave to tell his story. What we hear in this play is the past recounted from a timeless death, and the audience is invited to partake of each scenario as relived in the memories of the characters.

The six men and women comprising the company each played several roles, helping to blur the individual distinctions in favor of creating an overall feeling of their common roots in Spoon River. All stereotypes from the young poet to the hard-drinking, reverend and the lustful wife to the snappy laundress pass before the audience in rapid succession: each different, but all bound by their final resting place. This play is far more than a primer in character study, for there is strong poetry here. The initial vocal chant has an intense effect and sets the sustaining mood of rhythm in the play. The music, well executed by Gary Graves, with vocals by Candi Bushnell offers excellent counterpoint to the spoken monologues, and the dances relieve the otherwise limited movement on stage. There is a perpetual lament in most characters for the suffocation of freedom, love and dignity suffered at the hands of their grave-mates. The constant perspective of death is an apt reminder of man's fleeting time in Spoon River and on earth.

The cast was easily up to the demanding job of projecting a wide variety of characters with the same dress and makeup. Steve Charles can send shivers up one's spine with his embittered protestations against the cruelties of old age, and Claire Rimlinger demonstrated equal talent in moving the audiences as a clairvoyant and poetess, among other roles. Steven Tighe, as the aspiring poet, and Mark Bonier, as the climber of symbolic mountains, both showed considerable emotional control and involvement with their characters, as did Nancy Dingus in expressing her sorrow over the child she bore and lost from an illicit affair. Kirk Delia's scene as the optician is quite powerful, and Margaret Elfan is intimidating as the woman of the world. David Franklin, Deborah Romani, and Susan Taylor were a welcome respite as dancers in addition to their acting roles. Vicki Bell was amusing as the provincial wife of a benevolent doctor, and Chris Jones displayed his showmanship by introducing life as a gambling game of 70 years duration.

Technically a challenging play, Spoon River Anthology went off with only a few opening night fumbles. The performance was delayed because of a broken monitor, and a few light cues were missed, but these problems should be corrected by the weekend. Neil Havens as director has managed to successfully produce this complex drama integrating recitation, song, dance, and sparse staging. This Rice Player's production is definitely worth the time and money to see it.

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Clapton's unenthusiastic performance extended to "Key to the Highway," another song from his days with Derek and the Dominos. Played in a slightly more bluesy style, it was greatly enhanced by the more-than-adequate harmonica work of Marcy Levy. But again, the usual Clapton guitar brilliance was not there.

Dylan's influence on Clapton surfaced again as he next went into his horrible reggae version of "Knockin' on Heaven's Door." No other song so typifies the mediocrity to which Clapton has fallen in recent years.

The highlight of the evening was without a doubt when Clapton again went back to Derek and the Dominos and produced possibly the best version of "Tell the Truth" he has ever done. Although definitely not Clapton at his finest, this was the best, as it turned out, he was going to do that evening.

At this point Clapton yielded center stage for the first time to Yvonne Elliman (whom you may remember as Mary Magdalene in the movie version of "Jesus Christ Superstar"), who performed her a cappella version of Stevie Winwood's "Can't Find My Way Home." She is definitely a first-rate performer, but in choosing to do this song she ran the risk of being compared to the Blind Faith rendition and unfortunately lost. As was the case throughout the evening, Clapton's past came back again to pale every attempt he and his band made. When Clapton came back he pulled two more selections from his latest album—"All Our Past Times" and "Double Trouble"—neither of which was worth the trouble, either in performing or listening.
Death penalty...

(continued from page five)

Recent polls in France show that 58 percent of voters favor capital punishment—and that a retreat from the death penalty could cost Giscard up to one million votes in the next election.

Here is a look at four other West European countries where the capital punishment issue is stirring heated debate:

In Britain, the pro-capital punishment movement has gained momentum with the spread of Northern Ireland-related violence—pub bombings and letter bombs—to England, Scotland, and Wales.

Lobbyists are calling for the death sentence to deal with IRA members blamed for such acts, and recent polls indicate that 88 percent of the British agree. There is also strong support for dealing harshly with the killers of policemen, though less so for common killers.

The death sentence was abolished in Britain in 1965 except for certain wartime crimes.

In West Germany, which abolished the death penalty in 1949, support is growing within the law-and-order Christian Democratic party to revive capital punishment as a deterrent to political terrorists like the Baader-Meinhof group and the Palestinians who attacked the Olympic Village in 1972.

In Switzerland, where capital punishment was abolished in 1942 except for wartime crimes of treason, mutiny and surrender, a May 1976 poll showed that more than half the population advocated the death penalty for crimes ranging from murder to drug dealing.

In Italy, as in West Germany, rising crime rates and acts of violence are spurring calls within the ruling Christian Democratic party to reestablish the death penalty.

Liechtenstein leads way

Most West European countries eliminated capital punishment decades—if not centuries—ago. The Duchy of Liechtenstein was one of the first to drop the death penalty in 1863; Holland in 1870; Belgium in 1848; Belgium and Iceland in 1921; Denmark and Finland in 1930; Sweden in 1955; and Norway in 1965.

The Vatican scratched capital punishment from its books in 1969. Until then, attempts on the Pope’s life, massacres and a few other crimes called for execution.

In Eastern Europe, Poland eliminated the death sentence in 1950; East Germany in 1955; West Germany in 1958; and Yugoslavia in 1963. Most of the French media even approval of the death penalty.

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Now, large numbers of intellectuals, politicians, editorialists and lawyers are joining in passionate arguments both for and against it.

In a nationwide television debate on capital punishment in October, the far right politician Jean-Marie Le Pen of the Front National Party declared, “With only one execution a year so for the rising number of crimes committed, a firmer hand must be shown.” There are now about 2000 murders a year in France.

Critics of the penalty here point to the perversions of justice that occurred during the Nazi occupation, when respectable judges—some still on the bench—sent prisoners to their deaths to suit political demands, often on trumped up charges.

France introduced the guillotine in 1792—when the wood and steel structure was said to “humanize” executions and it soon became popular during the revolution.

Spain, on the other hand, favors the medieval garrote, an iron device used to kill victims by turning a screw that eventually breaks the cervical vertebrae. Spain’s chief executioner, known only as Antonio, says the garrote “makes one suffer less than the electric chair or hanging”—though he admits one victim took 20 minutes to die, rather than the normal few minutes or seconds.

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The Rice University cross-country team qualified for the NCAA championships with a third-place finish in the NCAA District VI qualifying meet on Monday. The 10-kilometer race was held under very cold conditions on the hilly golf course at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

Southwest Conference teams dominated the meet and Arkansas won the team title as expected, with a low score of 39 points. SMU was a surprising second with 64 points. Rice grabbed the last qualifying position with 64 points by upsetting the University of Texas, which tallied 74 points, and Texas A&M finished in 38th place.

Rugby—The 8th Annual Houston Invitational Rugby Tournament highlights the fall season, drawing 56 teams, including Rice, one of the host teams. 14 states will be represented and among the entrants are 8 women's teams. Play begins on the Rice intramural fields Saturday at 8 am and lasts all day round matches will be played on Sunday. When asked for pre-tournament comments about Rice's strategy, Rugby Club president Mike Buls smiled and chewed a pencil in two. There will be lots of beer and action, so take a study break and enjoy the sights and sounds of tournament rugby.

Volleyball—The Southwestern Collegiate Men's Regional Volleyball Championship tournament will be held this Saturday at the Rice gym from 8am until a.m. Sunday to get broken in. The Rice Owls journey to San Antonio Saturday. On November 6 the Rice team outshot Steph. F. Austin 2415-2139.

Hockey—Last Sunday Rice's hockey team defeated the team from the Rice Sport Shop, 6-5. Rice led 3-1 at the end of the first period. The second period featured "vigorous forechecking." In the third period, the Sport Shop moved to a 5-3 lead. With three minutes left in the period, Rice started a comeback and eventually won. The next game is at 10:30 at the Sharpstown Ice Center. If interested, come to the Sharpstown rink at 10:30 p.m. Sunday to get broken in.

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Hey, you got the one bionic termites, con... * * *

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Love, the Joneses

* * *

To the residents of Brown and Jones campuses:
Thanks for the treat! We love you!

* * *

The Lovett Pumpkin Carolers

Jane, Jane, baker man,
made me a PIB as fast as you can.

Baby Raider

Vic,
Next time kick the ball straight.

* * *

Prof: "When would be the best time to observe this star?"
Answer: "At night"

* * *

Most Rice males wouldn't know what to do with a penis, even if they had one. —mel

* * *

Most Rice females wouldn't know what to do with a penis, even if they had one. bjhbsbct

* * *

"Anyone who would believe that would believe anything."
Dr. Trammel

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Story on Some Turkey Who Digs Up Old Ships Written Completely Against My Will
Despite the Fact That I Have A Physics Assignment Due Tomorrow That I Haven't Started Yet And A Geology Exam Tuesday Night Covering Scenes of Trinidad That I Haven't Studied At All For Yet.

by Steve Sullivan

Dear Natalye,
I don't know you yet, but I'm working on it. Want me to help you with Physics? You really turned my head today.

Eager but shy.

* * *

"Not all worms are created equal."

or women

* * *

To Suse D. in Brown,
Do you really have a steady man? What a waste!

Lonesome man

* * *

The Texas Health Laboratories tests on Joyce's "food" proves that even microbes can't survive off of the junk served at Rice. * * *

Dear Esther,
Please don't stare and keep your hands off Krueger.

The Boys in Math 211

To my dear suitmates,
I appreciate the thought, but please stop giving me the best of your love. There's only one person qualified to do that, anyway.

-R.I.D.

* * *

I think you'll both make fine fairy godparents.

the banana

B and C,
Thanks for caring.

-Dr. Brooks

* * *

"Because that's the way it is."

Desiree,
Did you finally break up?

Marc

Cyclohexanes, huh? So that's what you build with your erector set.

* * *

"He's very good looking, but that's not enough. He's really a sweet guy, but that's not enough. He's got a great personality, but that's not enough. He's not rich!"

Overheard Biology 101

Bee,
Sooner or later, I'm gonna getcha.

M.S.
(from the library)

* * *

I am driving to Dallas Wednesday, Nov. 24 and leaving after lunch, and need riders. Call 526-8281, and ask for Jim.

* * *

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more classifieds

To the Lovett Bleacher Bums:
You are disgusting and a disgrace to our fine college. Has anyone ever told you that one screams obscenities at the other team, and not at one’s own?
You are worse than a bunch of Aggies.
Eat it.
—Ashamed

seen in the Houston Post: 
Q. How and when is it possible for me to get pregnant without having intercourse?
A. Most obviously, when you are already pregnant!

and now for something completely different—a reminder on the rag trying to turn down Monty Python.
—John Cleese

the revolution is here! Unseat the Wiese Court demigods from their highchairs!

the second hour exam in Physics 101 were over like a lead balloon.

overheard from a certain Koala bear in Australia: I hate Quantum.

suggestion to the Rice Physics Department:

why don’t you slow down the earth’s rotation to a 36 hour day so I can get my physics homework done.

To the asshole in Acco 305 D hour:
Please keep your wise ass remarks to yourself. Some of us want to learn accounting.

the silent majority • * *

after many long years of suffering through Rice I have finally discovered the basic problem—studying makes you horny.

to the rednecks in Soc 203:
As an expert in sociology, as a college-educated American, and most importantly, as people looking at the horizon, does that mean you open your minds up and quit being bigoted? (What are you taking sociology for anyway?)

...his last fatal illness...

“...a genius can make his own rules.”

Raschkinov—Crime and Punishment

smokers should wear paper bags over their heads to keep in all the flavor.

P.L.

peter: have a nice time in Chicago; we’ll miss you.
—signed, Justin Otter Madman, Captain Virtue, and the rest of the back-page gang.

fuzzy—human
what in the hell do you do with an orange crush can?

k.m. — if you want to fool around, stop dropping hints and make me an offer I can’t refuse.

actually i like mouthes because I’ve had good experiences with them.

overheard on 2nd floor, 9th entrance baker hall:

...mathematicians who screw up everything.

...sailors have more fun!

right d and b?

(m.j.s.s. — I’m yours—you will take me (please).

the trick is not to let the problem distract you.

Dr. harvey

didn’t they ever teach you that rocket fuel is jet propellant?

lillibelite—

we’ve got you figured out—it’s Paul Newman—you devil!

innocent and bedroom eyes

Margie—How would you like to sleep OUT again sometime soon? We can share the beanbag!

some friends in need (B.B., C.B., P.H., P.N.) • *

the trouble with these typical Rice parties is that the beer is hot and the women are cold.

does Dunning use air-cooled chalk?

I knew it was coming. It happens every time.

but if you read the problem carefully enough, you can overlook that part.

Ron Cytron

Mark—
“My mind keeps roamin’
My heart keeps longin’
To be home in a Texas bar.”

wait, I just got this great idea for a song!

“...what I’m writing on the board has no meaning.”

Dear Academy,

anyone who cannot cope with mathematics is not fully human. At best, he is a tolerable subhuman who has learned to wear shoes, bathe, and not make messes in the house.

Lazarus Long

Dear se’s,

...but it’s so lonely.

“...I was never a three-year-old.”

T.G.

“I am still a three-year-old.” (wishful thinking)? T.G. by Mo-Mo.

Doug—

“I’m not talking about moving on. And I don’t want to change your life”...

...but your roommate doesn’t talk in his sleep.

Dq

“I’d shop at the Rice Campus Store. I am an asshole.”

Omar

solar—

Wish you luck in the future.

see you tonight.

Anym

Senior of ’77

herman,

Being married to a doctor...

“one of the worst things that can happen to you.” (Dr. Martin, Sociology 203) Ha!

Shirley

to the “lurker”

we don’t know how to thank you for your invaluable assistance, neverending patience, guilelessness, pricelessness, peerlessness, priceless companionship and soft shoulders during hard times, but we’ll try.

Thank you!!!

we all love you.

but Doug, I thought you were in love with harry.

—you guessed it

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