Former spaceman critical of U.S.-Soviet policy

by Steve Sullivan

Former U.S. astronaut Walt Cunningham sharply criticized the policy of cooperation with the Soviet Union in space flights and space technology before a standing-room-only audience in Ryyn 201 last Tuesday night.

His main objection to sharing space is that the United States would lose the considerable edge in technology it gained during the heyday of the space race. He elaborated on the ways he feels the United States is ahead of the Russians. The first was accuracy of their touchdown. The United States, he says, can consistently hit a target the size of a large airport, while the Russians measure their landing zones in tens of miles. He described the Soviet reentry procedure as the same U.S. crews would use in a “last ditch situation.” Cunningham explained that the U.S. uses a water landing because every launch has to have the capability of aborting without killing the astronauts. The United States launches its space shots on the east coast, and they immediately fly out over the Atlantic. The Soviet Union launches its missions from deep inside Asia, and, if something were to go wrong, would have to bring their cosmonauts down on land. In another comparison of U.S. technology to that of the Russians, he recalled that during the Apollo-Soyuz mission, NASA people in Moscow were receiving information from U.S. tracking stations several minutes before the Russian scientists were, and this took place when the two craft were flying directly over Moscow.

When describing the Russian program, he noted that they did accomplish several firsts, and that we should “give the devil his due.”

Faculty endorses hour system

by Kim D. Brown

A change from counting courses to semester hours for degree requirements drew minor opposition in Monday’s general faculty meeting. Other agenda items approved by the faculty included the establishment of a new graduate degree (to be offered in the Jones School of Administration) and a campus-wide ban on smoking in classrooms.

Dean Robert Sterling of the Jones School briefly described the new Masters of Business and Public Management requirements. He assured the teachers that the new Masters will be able to graduate in two years, and that they would “more accurately reflect the mission. Cunningham saved his most severe criticism for the Apollo-Soyuz mission in 1975. He labeled the joint mission a "PR coup" for the Russians. The ships used in that mission were old technology for both countries, and the United States provided the Russians with a working docking system in order to accomplish the mission. Cunningham said, "the objectives of the flight have never been clear."

The Sovieta launched the first satellite, the first manned flight, the first two man flight, and the first three man flight. Cunningham claimed, however, that they got very little out of them other than good publicity. At about the time the U.S. program was starting to click, the Russians "hit a technological ceiling," and their progress stagnated. Concerning the race to the moon, the Soviets "threw in the sponge in '67 or '84."

Elections—February 22

University-wide student elections have been set for Tuesday, February 22, 1977. Petitions with 25 signatures are due in the SA office (RMC second floor) before 3pm, February 14. Candidates must sign a statement that they have read and understand the Constitution and the By-laws of the Student Association. For more information, contact the SA at 527-4099.

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  - Fifth-year (2)
  - Seniors (4)
  - Juniors (3)
  - Sophomores (2)
  (* next year's classes)

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Expression limited by lack of outlets

To the editor:

There has been much discussion lately regarding writing and literary competence of Rice students. The English Competency Test is devised and is given to all freshmen to determine whether one can express oneself adequately in the English language. Those who do not meet with the English Department's approval are offered classes (Eng 101-104), to assure eventual competence.

I would agree there is a problem, but I think the need and the ability for self expression but there is not necessarily only one form of self expression. There are many means of self expression just as there are many uses for it. Writing cannot be referred to as the most important media for self expression. Many persons could propose that the verbal media is just as if not more important than the writing media.

The segregations of knowledge on this campus are very apparent. Self expression can find many uses in the different areas of knowledge. A use for different means of self expression can be found for each the technical, artistic, scientific, and academic fields. A problem just as serious can be found for the interest of the specific field.

The answer to the need is readily found at Rice; no special work or investigation is necessary. Among the written media one can look to the student newspaper The Rice Thresher. This is become, over the years of its interest, an excellent forum for self expression. Five years ago, when certain unpleasant persons were editor, the Thresher may have had its days and may have come out once a week. Now the case is that it usually has eight to ten times a week, is published twice a week and often offers a special magazine issue. It is very apparent that something will be printed; hopefully, self expression that is clearly gross must be submitted. There are many opportunities for self expression in the verbal media also. KTRU is Rice radio. One can turn one voice into electromagnetic radiation for much of Houston to receive. The Rice Players are always active for dramatics and play presentation, as are many of the colleges. Rice has a new school of music; how about creating some dances, another media reality. One can not lack here for any type of artistic expression; the media center and the various art museums on campus provide all sorts of expressive options.

One can, of course, return to the English department's gracious invitation to learn how to write (according to the English Department) compositions and papers. I think that this is also a facet and cultural specific. I know plenty of people who can express themselves quite fine in Spanish or French but can't put three English words together to make a comprehensible English sentence. What it comes down to is that one may be able to force someone to do something but not only would this not be possible but the something produced in this way is often is nothing, without true self initiative.

Peter Elloway
SRC 75

Zionist Oliphant unter alles

To the editor:

A recent Thresher carried an Oliphant portrayal of Israel. It carried a portfolio labeled 'Arab Arms Deal,' as a Nazi. Not only was this cartoon and its caption, 'France Uber Alles,' a vicious insult to the French people, but its inclusion in the Thresher points up the extent to which the Zionist propaganda machine has succeeded in pushing its campaign of lies to all sectors of the American media.

The Zionists constantly attempt to cover their crimes by stating its opposite. They accuse those who are friends of the Arab peoples of being Nazi; I ask: who wore the swastika when Zionist storm troopers invaded a neutral nation and slaughtered scores of noncombatants in the Entebbe blitzkrieg? Is it French jackboots that devastate? Any charges of anti-Semitism made by the Zionists must start at home. The Holocaust was certainly one of the tragedies of this century, but just as certainly, the event does not give the Jews the right to pass it on to others. Arabs in Israel and in the occupied territories are denied all basic political rights, and are deprived of any expression of their right to national self-determination. Make armed resistance the single recourse. The occasional acts of desperation by political oppression merely expose the Zionist movement are covered sensationally by the media as acts of 'Arab terrorism' and are blamed on the Palestinian people as a whole. All but ignored by the same institutions are the real acts of terrorism daily committed in the name of Jewish chauvinism within the Zionist hegemony.

Israel and its media voices allege that the sale of Mirage fighters was an act of pandering to the Interests of the 'oil-rich' Arabs. In truth, the arms were made to Egypt, a country possessing a negative trade balance and barely able to produce enough oil for its domestic needs. The use of such sorely needed funds would allow this purchase only in the event of a serious national threat. The threat to a country possessing North Egyptians understand the danger of Israeli expansionism through bitter experience. In addition, maybe the Zionists can explain away the hurdles for arms deals. The purchases they make abroad annually, principally with the U.S., are far greater than it is that pandering to foreign interests.

In 1948 and 1956, 2 million, homeless people, the Palestinians, were ruthlessly driven from their homes, and in the stolen and their lives devastated. Any charges of antisemitism made by the Zionists must start at home. The Holocaust was certainly one of the tragedies of this century, but just as certainly, the event does not give the Jews the right to pass it on to others. Arabs in Israel and in the occupied territories are denied all basic political rights, and are deprived of any expression of their right to national self-determination. Make armed resistance the single recourse. The occasional acts of desperation by political oppression merely expose the Zionist movement are covered sensationally by the media as acts of 'Arab terrorism' and are blamed on the Palestinian people as a whole. All but ignored by the same institutions are the real acts of terrorism daily committed in the name of Jewish chauvinism within the Zionist hegemony.

The root of the conflict in the Middle East is contented, and the control of the area by the imperialist superpowers. The U.S. and the Soviet Union. Zionism, a racist perversion of Jewish aspirations, was ascendant primarily through the manipulation earlier this century by British imperialism to produce a national form most easily compliant to their purposes. The mantle of the British passed to the U.S., and Israel is today the U.S.'s principle neocolonial tool in the Middle East. Simultaneously, the admission of the Soviet Union, who have succeeded in restoring capitalism there in the last two decades (in a state form rather than the competitive form extant in the U.S.), have gained extensive control over such countries as Syria through the use of their superpowers; arms and exports. Both superpowers vie for hegemony over the region. The creation of an independent state cannot be defeated. Zionism can only lead to disaster, as the similar ideology of Nazism did for the German people. We, whose government is largely responsible for the present confrontation, have a duty to support this solution, demand the cessation of all U.S. imperialist activities in arms shipments to the Middle East, and sharply criticize those such as Mr. Oliphant who try to confuse the people with their lies.

Hiram A. Berry
SRC

Blue Book Blues

To the editor:

Contrary to popular belief, the greatest hasles encountered in registration is not waiting in line, but trying to find a blue book (Schedule of Courses). The University seems unable to help students, not just Freshman and off-campus students, require immediate action to get the courses they are to take. The present system of allotting ten blue books to each college (the use by around 220 residents) is totally inadequate. This fact should be clear to anyone who has tried to find a DP number (a piece of information never supplied by a professor). Printing more books should present no major problems and I believe that most students would be willing to pay a nominal price for them, similar to that charged for registration a little less difficult.

Walter Underwood
Lack of parking space denounced

Parking Appeals Board
Rice University
Houston, Texas

Dear Sirs:

On the morning of Monday, January 17, 1977, I drove to school and attempted to park in commuting parking lot F. I was surprised that no spaces were available even though it is a large lot. Deciding that it was too late to stop at Herman Brown before class, I proceeded to parking lot C. As expected, commuting lot C was crowded during school hours and I was not surprised that I found a parking ticket on my window, indicating that I had parked "in the turnaround." I have two complaints. Firstly, I was not parked in the turnaround. I was parked next to it, not in it, and I was not blocking any traffic. Therefore, the offense as stated on the ticket was not the offense I committed.

Secondly, I am tired of arriving at the commuting parking lots in the morning to find no parking spaces available. This problem has become more critical for most of the students who wish to participate in the program during the 1977-78 academic year. The University of Houston has a policy of providing parking space to students who have lived in a coed school environment during their college years. I suggest that the students who have lived in a coed school environment during their college years be provided with parking space in the commuting lots. The number of spaces available in the commuting lots should be increased to accommodate more students. I assure you, this will need to be done about this problem. Copies of this letter are going to my off-campus neighbors, Wies and Beth Thresher. In the meantime, I ask you to nullify it or post a notice explaining to off-campus students what they should do in the future when confronted with this situation.

David Joy
Wies '79

Jones curriculum offers diversity

by Steve Sullivan

The new Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration, tentatively scheduled to open in August, is in the process of making preparations leading to the operation of a top-notch business program.

Dean Robert Sterling of the Jones School was already researching his area of the world, even before the school officially came into being. "The school will enroll about 100 students, about 50 graduate each year. The school is accepting applications, which must include transcripts of previous academic work and the results of the Graduate Management Aptitude Test. Sterling stated that the Jones school would show no preference for either Rice graduates or graduates from other schools. He felt, however, that there would be a high percentage of Rice graduates in the Jones School because they are generally better prepared.

Few attend coed college meeting

by Matt Muller

Twenty-six students took the opportunity yesterday to present their views on coed college living during the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Coed Colleges. The committee was met by some people who were felt by the time, claiming that this meeting was scheduled, 3pm, but it may also be representative of the hopelessly cynical apathy that pervades the thinking of many undergraduates about their ability to affect the direction the University will take in the Righties.

Little new ground was broken at the meeting. Several familiar arguments were discussed, yet no students accepted, but do it to my college; coed colleges are isolated; underequipped; reinforce immaturity in attitudes of both sexes.

Dr. Call Stokes mentioned a four coed, two male, and two female colleges that had not been previously explored. Unfortunately, the 4-2 plan would require that 45% of the undergraduate be women (currently women make up 33% of the student body). Several people responded favorably to this plan anyway, saying that they believed a choice between coed and single sex housing should be maintained.

A newly formed Rice Association of Students Against Sex Discrimination presented a position statement supporting coed colleges. "We believe that there should be more coed colleges. We feel that coed living provides a more healthy and more normal preparation for entering a world of both men and women after leaving the University... Coed living helps to eliminate typical sex-roles and sex-role identity.

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(ZNS) Some of the biggest political names in Washington, D.C., are being identified as "the father" of the birth certificates of illegitimate children being placed for adoption.

There is, however, a legitimate explanation. The courts have a policy of listing "a father" if there is a child born out of wedlock. The person who could give the child a home, but who has not married the mother of the child, is listed as the "father." The birth certificates are now being sold at an increased price, as the records are expected to increase for the year.

A University of Southern California course in "love-making," which has reportedly been cancelled because of lack of student interest. The course covered the biology of sex, reproduction, and the effects of drugs on sexual behavior. It was reported that only one in ten students enrolled.

(ZNS) To the French, love may be "magnifique," but to South Carolina students, it's apparently not so hot.

The report points out that there is a growing demand for love-making classes in the United States. The demand is particularly high among high school students, who are looking for ways to improve their sexual performance. The report also notes that some parents are concerned about the increasing popularity of these classes, which they believe are encouraging sexual activity among their children.

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(ON) An elderly Ohio man froze to death in his home last week after the Ohio Edison Company turned off his power because he ran up a bill of $18.38.

Irene Kuhn of Mansfield, Ohio, was discovered dead in his bed last Monday, exactly one week after Edison officials had disconnected his electricity.

The coroner's office reported that it was impossible to estimate when Kuhn had died because his body was literally frozen. The temperature inside the house, where he had lived alone, was 9 degrees Fahrenheit when his body was discovered.

Kuhn, a retired worker for the Westinghouse Corporation, had recently returned home after a short stay in a local hospital where he had been treated for a stroke.

Edison officials state that they posted a warning on Kuhn's door—which threatened to turn off the power unless the bill was paid—but received no response. Investigators say that Kuhn did not pay the warning, but added it was not known if he was physically strong enough to respond.

An Edison official described the incident as "unfortunate."
**Polk announces his departure**

by Philip Parker

After a career that spanned twenty-seven years including the past two-and-a-half seasons at Rice, head basketball coach Bob Polk announced Monday that he was retiring at the end of the season.

Polk's resignation comes a month after the departure of assistant coach Steve Moeller to the University of Texas. Until the recent hiring of Bob Stevens, Polk had been solely responsible for recruiting, and scouting duties for the Rice program.

"It will be very hard to leave," said Polk after Monday's game with Texas. "I'll miss basketball, the boys, the media and my coaching friends."

A specialist in rejuvenating basketball programs, Polk compiled a 238-194 record through twenty-four years at Vanderbilt, Trinity and St. Louis. Named to succeed Don Polk is Robert Tucker, who compiled a 238-194 record in managing only a 15-55 mark. Rice and his teams will be responsible for his turnaround.

In his first head coaching position, Polk transformed Vanderbilt into a Southeastern Conference power, winning nearly two hundred games in fifteen years. At Trinity he led his teams to a 69-29 overall mark, including a 19-5 record in '97. He was named Southland Conference and College Division "Coach of the Year" in '66 after his squad placed third in the NCAA tournament.

In five years at St. Louis, he compiled a winning record and guided the Billikens to a Missouri Valley Conference co-championship in '71. Active in the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Polk ascended to the Presidency of that organization during his first year at Rice.

When asked about the timing of his announcement, Polk said he had been contemplating retirement "for some time". After talking to President Hackerman last week, Polk waited until Athletic Director Homer Rice returned before making the announcement. Polk noted that his successor will have plenty of time to recruit, a luxury he did not have when he took over.

"We need two or three more players, and they take over will have plenty of talented players already here," Polk said. No likely successor has been named yet.

**Owls erratic in league play**

Rice matched the Texas running game for thirty-eight minutes of the Monday night but a combination of turnovers, errant passing and missed free throws in the closing seconds doomed the Owls to a 74-68 loss.

Although Rice was the contest and the Owls trailing by two, a Horn rich Parsons between him and the basket. His attempt went wide and he was slapped with a dubious charging foul against Parsons who converted for the first two of his six charity tosses in those crucial seconds.

**Djelebes win soccer playoffs**

The Striped Djelebes utilized a fast break offense to overcome the more deliberate attack of the Mad Dogs and Englishmen to capture the Intramural Soccer championship, 4-1. Quite a bit of the play took place on the Djelebe side of the field, but goalie Bruce Marcus grabbed in 17 saves and got two gifts from God when shots on goal rebounded off the posts.

It seemed that the Mad Dogs were headed for an early lead as a fast break when Djelebe defensemen Rob Pratt rejected a shot from about eight feet out. Throughout the rest of the first half, the Mad Dogs & Englishmen continued to press with their saturation offense but were unable to connect.

Keith Shanley got the first score for the Djelebes with help from Tom Arbour. Almost immediately after the ensuing kickoff Curtis Schelling got the first of his two goals with Arbour again helping out.

Djebel later scored himself, pushing a ball through the goal after a pass from the wing bounced around in the crowded goalmouth.

Schelling put the fourth Djelebe goal away in the opening minutes of the second half. The shot just barely got in the goal, with observers on the sidelines unable to tell if it was a score.

DBC midfielders put in the only score for the Mad Dogs on a ball that Marcus and the Djelebe defensemen couldn't get a handle on.

**Ruggers spring forward with win**

Shortly after the Houston Marathon ended at Memorial Park last Saturday, the Rice Rugby Club opened its spring season with a victory. The Striker Athletic Association fell to the Rice ruggers in a hard-hitting defensive battle.

At the first half, Rice, after having been denied twice, scored on a running drop kick from fifteen yards by scrum-half Kevin Biddle. The score at that point was 3-0 Rice. Moments later, a crushing tackle on the Striker fly-half popped the ball loose in their end zone. Wing Jeff App touched it down for the first and only try of the day. Kevin Biddle converted and the score stood at 9-0.

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by Jay Shilstone

When the door of the Silver Steak closes in L.A., the laughter starts. Gene Wilder plays George Caldwell, a publishing executive who wants to find rest and boredom discovers the murder of her Chicago he falls in love with Hillie (Jill Clayburgh), McGoohan), gets thrown off, Charles Devereaux (Patrick McGoohan), gets thrown off, and the movie is only half over. While the action and comedy don't really drag at first, things pick up rapidly once Caldwell runs into a small-time thief named Grover (Richard Pryor). With each other to play straight men when necessary, the gags and comic situations come fast and furiously. When George has to get by some FBI men, he paints his face up with shoe polish and boogies on by, much to the gagging delight of the audience.

Gene Wilder does his best in a role not really suited to him. He has very little chance to play the shy, sensitive character he does so well. Hillie Clayburgh has even less to work with, and is only on the screen to provide the love interest in the show. McGoohan, the sophisticated heavy, and Pryor show themselves in the manner they know best, so they come off better than Wilder and Clayburgh.

The Silver Streak is now playing a multiple-run. The nearest theater is probably the Galleria. If you want a good laugh, see The Silver Streak.

Last Thursday I was able to attend the opening of a new restaurant, La Quiche. La Quiche is a sort of quiche cafeteria. Even though it is not far from Rice, at Westheimer and Gessner, it might be worth it to try La Quiche for a change of pace. Dinner for two should run about $4-$6 with wine included.

The atmosphere is casual. Bring a pen along so you can add to the graffiti that appears on the walls.

There are plenty of shops and theaters nearby. La Quiche is located in Westlake Shopping Center, which also contains the movie multi-Cinema. The Bijou, a movie house featuring 4th and 5th run movies, is a mile away at Westheimer and Fondren. From there it is just a hop, skip and jump away to Sharpstown or the Galleria. The entire area is rapidly growing and is worth the few extra minutes it takes to get out there.

Main Street Theater will sponsor a one-night performance of The Baptists Want You! by W. H. Auden on Friday, January 28. Admission is free. The readings will be done by members of the UH theater department at Autry House. I highly recommend Main Street Theater as one of the finer, more accessible aspects of Houston theater.

Pianist Nelson Freire will appear in Jones Hall on Feb. 3 to perform works by Liszt, Ravel, and Chopin. Freire, whose technique has been favorably compared to that of Horowitz, has won awards in South America and Europe. Call 227-1111 and Foley's for tickets.

The Corn is Green opens its regular run at the Alley tonight. Corn will run through February 27. Call 228-8421 or Foley's for tickets.

An exhibition on the artist's studio as a creative environment is being presented in the Masterson Junior Gallery through February 8. While you are viewing the exhibit you might check your pocket for those dirty old pennies and I'm sure you all want to get rid of. The MFA is now conducting its annual fund drive to try to get enough of the green stuff to keep afloat. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Starting February 2 the Alley Theater will present Loot on its Arena Stage. Two low-priced preview performances will be presented on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Loot will run through February 13.

"The Baptists Want You!" proclaims the latest issue of Texas Monthly. "I found it!" stickers are sprouting like dandelions on bumpers across the state. And a born-again Sunday-school teacher in the White House. What time for Godspell to come to town?

The "musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew" has been around since 1971—long enough for its songs to have made their way into dentists' offices. Still, the traveling company appearing at the Music Hall through tonight infuses the show with enough energy to coax the crowds into clapping participation.

While it may seem unfair to call the show a Sunday-morning Sesame Street, that's basically what it is: a vaudeville show that presents Biblical parables in blackout sketches and song-and-dance routines. The tone of the show itself is exuberant enough to keep the momentum going until the finale.

Some purists might complain about injecting contemporary references (to Nixon and Adida and such) into what ought to be a "timeless" piece. It really doesn't hurt that much, though, and helps keep the viewers' interest up.

The opening-night crowd wasn't huge, though; and that is; the Music Hall audience was rather sparse. And some minor problems with the sound system made it hard to figure out what was going on at times. In any case, the commotion on stage was enough to get the message across.

The production is filled with wholesome energy and is well-acted; the only question is whether or not you like that kind of thing. I'm willing to spend $4.50 to $6.50 a head to see it. If you do, and you have the cash, it's not a bad way to spend the evening.

—David Butler

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RICE CAMPUS STORE

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Although I am not a real opera buff, I can appreciate a good performance. Last Saturday's performance was very good one. Eric Halfvarson, who played Figaro, proved that men should not always be the star of an opera. Sanger has a volume and clarity that reached the back of the audience, Halfvarson made Figaro a delight, even for those who are not really interested in opera. Maryanne Teese, Susanna, also gave a beautiful performance with the exception of a few times when her voice didn't carry farther than the orchestra pit. Pamela Porter, the Countess, had a very strong voice but there were many occasions where it was impossible to understand her because of her diction. At the start of Act II she is lying on her bed where most of that entire sequence will be forever buried. The Count, Warren Ellsworth, played an excellent count, Casanova. By far the most expressive and least inhibited character, he creates an excellent rapport with his audience. The highlight of Figaro was Cherubino, a young page just reaching manhood. Cherubino is traditionally played by a woman in man's clothes and Linda Kowalski is a credit to her role. Every bit the frustrated young lover of all women, Cherubino delights the audience with his amorous antics.

The Texas Opera Theater is on tour right now and so is unavailable to Rice audiences. Houston Grand Opera is still performing with Peter Grimes being the next selection.

Monday evening the Concord String Quartet presented the first Houston performance of a string quartet by Elsworth Milburn, a Shepherd School Professor of Music. The work was well received by Houston critics as well as by an appreciative Hamman Hall audience. Charles Ward, writing in the Houston Chronicle said, "Milburn's variety of textures, harmonic material and bowing techniques were strong challenges for the ensemble which met them with an inspired performance." The Post's critic, Carl Cunningham, commented, "Milburn seems to be a definitely interesting new composer on the scene and the Concord Quartet gave his work a dazzling performance."
Soviets deny sponsorship of strafing missions

by John Bunyan

Our fine feathered friends are back again for this year. Those black things you see flying around in huge groups are actually cowbirds that have migrated from as far north as New York and Ontario to Houston for the winter. They have been in Houston since about "dead week" of last year and they are not going to leave until about Easter. Houston seems to be their winter nesting ground for the simple reason that this is about as far south as they can go before having to fly long distances over open water.

In the past, Rice University has prepared to some degree for their arrival. Mary LeSueur, a biology student at Rice, has trimmed some trees over the summer so as to make the cowbirds come back during the winter, their favorite nesting grounds would have disappeared. Unfortunately, Mary became ill this summer and was not able to offer Rice her services this year. Hiring professional tree trimmers was practically out of the question. So declarer ruffed the contract. When West led a club, and declarer saw he was in trouble. Had West ruffed the King of clubs to gain entry for a finesse of the queen of clubs, the cost of trimming all of the necessary trees would have been astronomical.

Fortunately, Rice was not heavily attacked by the birds this year. In years past, the situation was worse. This year, approximately 100,000 cowbirds have been sighted. 1973 was probably the worst year ever for unwary nesters. That year, an estimated one million birds decided to make Rice their nesting grounds. The following year, about half that many returned. The situation has improved as the years pass by.

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Bridge

by Eric Bresler

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First a confession. Not from a guilty conscience, but from an inability to keep anything secret long. The idea came to me, and I could not resist the temptation. I had to move all the clocks and watches in the room up an hour while my roommate was unaware of the Fowler Daylight Savings Plan. So that when he awoke at 6:30 which was really 5:30 he thought a cloud cover must have moved in and got up feeling a little tired. Oh, if only I could have been there to see his face as he stalked the commons at 6:00 in the morning trying to figure out why breakfast was not being served and then realizing that he had been tricked. And of course he thought one of my suitemates had done it, the one with the foot infection who uses so much Desenex powder, but from the look of him he had been tricked. And of course, everybody loves the idea. As long as it happens to some other college.

I'm surprised the sociology department isn't out in force with clip boards in hand trying to figure out the implications of such a change and the attitudes of healthy, young college students who have one thing on their minds (it rhymes with "Flex") every other minute according to Dr. Joyce Brothers. I know there is more involved than that. For instance, each college wants to preserve its own particular identity, and no college wants to be like Hanzen. The attitude goes: I mean really, what's that coed colleges are supposed to be like, give me a single-sex dorm or an apartment off campus. And the two coed colleges resentfully counter that they are as socially involved in campus-wide activities as anybody when it comes to Hanzen private parties and Baker-only dinners. Let's be fair about this.

As intelligent, rational young men and women, we should be able to decide which colleges to ruin and which to keep single-sex. Maybe you can't imagine yourself talking only sports at a Brown or Jones lunch table (or maybe you can), but then this may be the result of a myth perpetuated by the women in these colleges. We guys do not know what they talk about in their floor bathrooms and what they goggle about behind their wooden doors with the feminine touch of daisy designs and dead-bolt locks. For all we know, on the other side of those harmless looking doors could be Playgirl pin-ups which they take down before they let us up to see them. I think the best idea is to have a Lovett sophomore majoring in English and Political Science live in Brown for a few weeks and then report back to the rest of us about the feasibility of expanded coed living. Better safe than sorry. You want college to make a man out of you, not a father.

Now that I think about it, coed existence could have its possibilities. It could go a long way towards establishing more meaningful social relations between the boys and girls here and cutting down on the vicious stereotypes we have made up about each other in our spare time. You wash my hands, I'll wash yours. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours. You rub Coppermoney on my chest, etc. etc.

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Thursday, January 27 at 
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