Brotzen, Stebbings named new masters
by Carla McFarland

Brotzen and Stebbings will be the new masters of the women's colleges for five years, beginning July 1. Brotzen will take over Donald Baker's position at Brown while Stebbings will succeed Sandy Havens at Jones.

Both of the distinguished scientists have taught at Rice for several years. Brotzen has served as Professor of Materials Science since 1969. Before attaining that post he was Assistant and then Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He is currently a Professor of Space Physics and Astronomy, joined the Rice faculty in 1968.

A native of Germany, Brotzen is a four-time winner of the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching. Other high academic honors he has received include a 1975 award for outstanding teaching from San Antonio's Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1969, a Senior Fellowship Award for 1973-74 Technische Universität in Stuttgart, Germany, and election to Fellow of the American Society for Metals.

Stebbins, born in London, served as the Chairman of the Department of Space Physics and Astronomy from 1969 until 1974. He acted as the boundaries in College at the Atomic Physics Laboratory in San Diego, California from 1963 until 1975. In addition, Stebbings is a member of the American Physical Society and the American Geo-

Course books ready
by Barry Jones

The always useful Courses of Instruction booklets for academic year 1977-78 will be available beginning Monday, April 4th, at the Registrar's office for all students. All you need to do is go to the registrar's office and show them your I.D. card. The books will be distributed to all students and will be on file in the library.

Four college courses and three workshops will be offered this fall. Baker 341 leads the way with "Writing for Public Affairs" which will be complemented by Jones 201, "Public Speaking," hosted by Mears. Havens, Matsuosu, and, appropriately enough, J.D. Huston. Wies will rerun "Human Sexuality" by popular demand. This course is taught by Bonnie Hellenius. Director of Student Activities. Brown will offer Brown 302, "World Hunger." Jones College is sponsoring three workshops on the subjects of Auto Mechanics, Ballet, and Needlecraft and Needlepoint.

The course offerings and three workshops will be offered this fall. Baker 341 leads the way with "Writing for Public Affairs" which will
Carnival a disgrace

Open Letter to the RPC:

I wish to voice my contempt concerning the recent RPC sponsored carnival which moved onto the stadium parking lot last week. The RPC has made some mistakes in its time, but this one tops them all. From one perspective this stupendous blunder is almost comical. When the Thresher mentioned a "carnival" for Rondelet weekend, I envisioned an affair similar to Baker's Shakespearean fes-
tival. What we get, instead, was something akin to the amusement grounds of the Texas State Fair, complete with sleazy con-artists peddling their 500 teddy bears for $10.00 (if you play their game long enough).

So, what about the effect of the carnival on Rice and Rice people? On one hand we have a healthy escape from studying, exams, papers, etc., a real opportunity to "break-away" for a while without ever leaving the campus, a "fun" addition to the Rice community. Did I say that the carnival people paid Rice to allow us to let them set-up? Maybe that's superficial reality which the RPC blindly accepted. May I suggest, Mr. Pierce, that you take a closer look. It is the Rice students who paid—and paid. Those carnival people aren't in their business for fun folks. They're in it for money. That carnival may be the ugliest commercial reality that Rice students have ever seen on campus.

Finally, I must make mention of my personal experience with the carnival people. As many other Rice people did, I took my camera along to the carnival. I discovered, early on, that most carnival people did not want to have their pictures taken. I resolved to finish the roll of film and leave the area. However, I could do so my camera and I were thoroughly drenched in Coca-Cola by a traditional carnival booth who yelled, "Get out of here with that camera." This behavior, in my opinion, reflected the character of many of those connected with the carnival. Please tell me, Ed Pierce, what place do these people have at Rice's Rondelet?

Janice Robin
Baker '77

Grading: 'system is the problem'

To the Rice community:

America, the democracy? As A&T puts it in the progress, the "System is the Solution." I find that The Progressive describes it more accurately: "The System is the Problem." Let's put this into perspective.

You have to understand that "the System" deals not only with Big Business and politics, but also education. And it directly concerns you. You are in it and exist with it. But whether you have any influence over it is another consideration. For instance, the grading-system—what is it really the "problem?" The student, in helping him gauge his achievement, provoking his interest, allowing his involvement with his own education? The University, to help it evaluate its methods of dissemination of ideas? Or business, to help it seek out the Rice grade who will turn the largest profits?

You probably think that going from "the System" to the grading system at Rice is one hell (or hail) of a jump. You have to consider them as a whole. By now many of you have seen my proposal to the SA concerning grades (there's one in each college). If you haven't already, read past the "whereas" clauses, and try to understand what I've been telling you so far, namely that this resolution alone is fairly impotent: the system of evaluation is so fundamental in our society that it is related to every other part (like class sizes, academic probation, teaching methods, THE REGISTRAR, purposes and content courses, attitudes ...). And if you finally get to the petition ("I support the spirit of this resolution.") realize that by signing it (thank yourself if you already have) that you are setting yourself to involvement and interest in your own future, not necessarily in the Rice academic system, but in the Rice culture. So it's a really simple request, sign the petition, make yourself a part of it, and come to the SA meeting tonight.

Granted, it's a small start, but the System can't change by itself.

To the editor:

I would like to express my views on the recent protest by John May in the Thresher on March 28.

It seems to this individual's interpretation that he has blown the issue in question way out of proportion. I truly believe that articles like these in the recent press between the gap between students and student athletes more than anything else.

Rice University has the potential to become one of the most prestigious colleges in America. No other college in America has the potential to boast top academic facilities, small student enrollment, and a fine intercollegiate sports program, the latter being Homer Rice's priority at the moment.

To criticize Mr. Homer Rice is strictly in bad taste. I encourage you, Mr. May, and any other people who wish, to sit down and meet with this man. I guarantee you will be amazed at this man's stature and excellence. For you to criticize Mr. Rice without ever meeting him adds even more skepticism to your opinion. Realistically, he was not the only person involved in this transaction, I am sure it was clear to the University and Mr. Hackerman.

It is nothing new that people do what society dictates or influences them to do, and right now it is a good college education. I am sure that is why the protester attends this university for a fine education. Rice University with its top academic rating was not achieved overnight. It took many years to establish a program that is nationally recognized. It has achieved that goal! But also the university has decided to achieve another goal, a top sports program, and in recent years has had trouble attaining it. But it still decided to strive for this goal and hired a man who has succeeded at this task elsewhere. Why? Because society craves and wants sports in its life. Thus the reasons for this university to pursue an athletic program.

Maybe if the "REGULAR" students as you call yourself supported the program rather than criticized, feelings could be friendlier between the two groups. Actually, I do not consider you the regular student, but the "IRREGU-
LAR" student, because I personally know that the vast majority of students care for the program. I also believe that the problems between the two groups are initiated by a small few in each group. Maybe we can learn more respect from both sides this problem, that is way out of proportion, can be overcome.

Tod Wernet
Sid Rich '79

May letter draws more response

CARLA McFARLAND  
EDITOR

CATHARINE M. EGAN 
BUSINESS MANAGER

Steven M. Setaer  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Managing Editor  Philip Parker
Assistant Editor Kim D. Brown
Assistant Editor Tom Brown
ZNS/PNS/TNS/RPC Editor Steve Sullivan
News Editor (still)
Walter Underwood  
Photography Editor
Jay Shillito  
Fine Arts Editor Lynn Levart  
Sports Editor Jim Fowler
Rosemary Mark
Homer Editor Bill Benven
Back Page Editor (still)
Mark C. Linimon
Back Page Editor (still)

dale Charlotte, Randy Purdell, Jeff Kerr
Art Staff  Dale Charlotte, Randy Purdell, Jeff Kerr
Copy Editor  Dale Charlotte, Randy Purdell, Jeff Kerr
Childress Editorial Staff  Jeanmarie Amend, Jim Ball, Barry Jennerst (still)
Copy Editor  Jeanmarie Amend, Jim Ball, Barry Jennerst (still)
Jill Jones, Karen Marson, Matt Miller
Sports Staff  Andra Nakahara, Larry Nettles, Marc Segel
Photography Staff  Mark Celetto, Bob Dougherty, Paul Feng, Rich Jensen, Ann Shaw, Beth Stickney
Production Staff  Steve Glaser, Lee Holder, Marty Hood, Robert Miller, Jim Fowler, Matthew Parker, Bill Back Shull, Elisabeth Pfaff, Bill Studabaker, Chris Linimon, and many more.

The Rice Thresher, the official student newspaper at Rice University since 1910 is published weekly on Mondays and Thursdays, except during holidays and examination periods, by the students of Rice University, 6111 Main, Houston, Texas 77005. The Thresher is a non-profit corporation and business offices are established in the Rice-Dominion and Student Center, F.O. Box 1682, Houston, Texas 77201. Copyright 1977, The Rice Thresher, All Rights Reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written permission of the Thresher. Copyright 1977, The Rice Thresher, All Rights Reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written permission of the Thresher.

Aldo Lyckman  
Wiese '80
To the Rice community:

Two referenda will be on the election ballot this Tuesday: both propose changes in the Honor System.

The first proposal calls for a single word change in two places in the Constitution, replacing (in both instances) shall with should. This would officially make two practices optional: for students to sit in alternate seats in alternate rows; yet it would be official policy to put one’s books at the front of the test room, or not to put one’s books at the front of the test room before the test is administered. The Honor Council continues to recommend these two practices, but it realizes that these practices are not vital to the System’s working and do not reflect the students’ actual behavior. As the rule book reads now, it is a violation of the Honor System not to put one’s books at the front of the test room, or not to sit in alternate seats in alternate rows, yet it would be silly for the Council to prosecute such “violations.”

We would like to change the rule to correspond to what students really do, since student behavior of this sort does not seem to hamper the overall functioning of the Honor System.

The second proposal is easier to understand, but more important. It calls for the addition of non-voting faculty advisors, like the Council’s freshmen advisors, sit at hearings and trials, participate in the questioning and deliberation, but not vote. Only one faculty advisor would sit on each case, but the Council would like to choose a group of them to use on a rotating basis; we hope that more faculty members will be willing to serve if the Council demands less of each individual’s time, and we think that using several faculty members will increase the general level of understanding of the Council by the faculty. Since this change would only be approved on a one-year trial basis, the Honor Council would be obligated to report on the success or failure of this change by next spring, and in the 1978 SA spring elections the students would vote whether or not they wanted the Council to continue to have faculty advisors.

We realize that in the last election the first of these proposals was put before the students, and it failed, by six votes, to win the 3/4 majority it needed for approval. But we are not trying to ramrod the change through by presenting it election after election. We suspect that many students did not understand why the change was proposed—and, unfortunately, the explanatory paragraph that was to appear on the ballot with it was inadvertently omitted.

We hope the students approve the two changes. We believe they increase the flexibility of the Honor System for the students, allow for greater faculty communication with and understanding of the Council, and give the Council additional opportunity to hear different perspectives on Honor cases. We realize that one letter may not answer everyone’s questions about these two proposals. We urge anyone with questions to call Mark Bockeloh (521-9717), Dave Fleischer (526-7613), Margaret Jordan (521-9853) or any Council member before the election Tuesday. We’re quite willing to discuss—as we did at last week’s open meeting—the effects these two proposals will have on the Honor System.

Margaret Jordan,
Vice-Chairman
the Honor Council

‘Think about future’

To the editor:

I have sometimes been labeled a “liberal,” but that means believing in change, then perhaps I am. I believe that things can always be changed for the better. But I prefer to leave off labels and simply call myself an individual.

This country does need changing and only people can do it. As young adults, we and our children will be the main ones affected by the changes we attempt to make. There are too many things to detail in a 350 word letter to the editor, but I will mention some of them briefly.

Our public school system stinks. Do you realize how many people graduated from high school without knowing how to read or write? Isn’t one enough?

An example of the direction that anti-crime crusades are taking is our own governor’s anti-crime package. He wants to make it legal for policemen to carry fake ID cards. He wants to make it legal for the government to tap any phone. He wants to fight crime with dishonesty (makes sense, huh?).

The government is encouraging day-care centers by giving tax deductions for putting your children in one. How many retired grandmothers do you think run day-care centers? The family is breaking up. Young children need individual attention and a family or family-like situation that day-care centers just can’t provide.

These are only a few things to think about. I’m not asking for you to support my views. I’m asking you to be an individual, I want you to think about the future—or you and your children. Or are you so selfish that you don’t care about your future children? Did you think that only your parents could be selfish? What will your children be saying about you in twenty-five years? Show that you really do care. Write your congressman expressing your views. Write the president, even, for what good it will do. If you don’t know who your congressman is, or how to get in touch with him, the League of Women Voters (529-3171) can tell you. This is our world—ours and our children’s—and it can be better.

Beth Heckard
Brown ’80

Later this month, probably the 21st, the Thresher will publish another Magazine. We are still especially looking for short stories (humorous or otherwise), inked art; and photography. An effort will be made to include most contributions. The deadline is this Thursday; address submissions to Magazine Editor, care of the Thresher, second floor RMC.
Burton Cummings

Burton Cummings Portrait
Smoochoo is the word for Burton Cummings and this album. The hit single "Stand Tall" is just a sample of his polished sound. The record itself is very sophisticated, containing a depth of sound in most of the cuts that is virtually unprecedented. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the album is variety. There is none of the sameness that exists in many albums. The most exciting aspect is Cummings at the piano; he makes the instrument come alive. The only real disappointment was a nambamba attempt at Randy Bachman's gnat "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet." Cummings really ruined it. The majority of the album is really good. YES.

Juli Jones

---

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS...

compiled and edited by Tom Brown and Juli Jones

(ZNS) Thomas Faernstrom liked ex-military volunteer army: He especially liked the enlistment bonuses paid to keep his two sons in the military personnel in the service. In fact, he liked it so much that he joined the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps— all the time.

Tom Brown reports that Faernstrom retaliated at least ten times costing the military a total of $100,000 in enlistment bonuses, other payments and training costs.

The Miami Herald reports that Faernstrom still wears a uniform. But he's not with a real army... it's a prison uniform.

(BRIEFS...)

...and training costs. Perhaps it is the most exciting aspect of the album is variety. There is none of the sameness that exists in many albums. The most exciting aspect is Cummings at the piano; he makes the instrument come alive. The only real disappointment was a nambamba attempt at Randy Bachman's gnat "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet." Cummings really ruined it. The majority of the album is really good. YES.

Juli Jones

HEAVY WEATHER

Weather Report Columbia

Weather Report has always been one of the most original and talented groups in electric jazz. Unfortunately their new album doesn't have the traditions. I'm being on the whole, boring, Joe Zawinul is probably most responsible for it. His listenable composing and lazy keyboard work dominate the album.

As good as the musicians are, there isn't anything about this album that grabs you and makes you want to listen more. For the money there are a lot better jazz Report albums around.

NO. clay smith

WATER BABIES

Miles Davis Columbia

Miles Davis, the only jazzman to rock 'n' roll or jazz too much, and would like to listen to something different, Water Babies is a perfect introduction to an obscure type of music known as avant garde jazz. Keyboardist Chick Corea, tenor and Herbie Hancock contribute just the right amount of melody and rhythm to balance the baleful trumpet of Miles Davis and the often unstable saxophone of Wayne Shorter (of Weather Report).

Davis also brought in two of the best bass players around in Ron Carter and Dave Holland, and one of jazz's alltime great drummers, Tony Williams. The result is Miles Davis' best album. It's hard to get into at first, but each subsequent listening is still remarkable. If you like jazz, this album will be really fine. If you don't, Water Babies is still worth a try.

NO. clay smith

CONQUESTADOR

Maynard Ferguson Columbia

Maynard and band are joined by several impressive names (including George Benson and Bob Jones), but somehow this disc doesn't have the snap that has made previous efforts so interesting.

I suspect the problem lies in the arrangements, which are a bit heavy on strings and backup vocals, as well as on the disco-flavored material Maynard choose to put on this record.

Still, this is Maynard Ferguson, and if the horns don't dominate the arrangement, at least they are still there. Before they are the best horn section in any band, anywhere. Besides, some of these cuts are very good. Bob James' "Soar Like an Eagle" stands out as a powerful composition for the band's arrangement. The band's arrangement for the James theme has a certain vitality to their music. "Flying in the Sky" really fine. If you don't, Water Babies is still worth a try. YES.

Juli Jones

MIRACLE ROW

Janis Ian Columbia

This album offers a mixed bag of good and bad to the listener. The first side is a monotonous rendition of the typical Janis Ian song, but side two is a lot more interesting. The themes there are varied instead of almost everything centered, and the tunes are much more upbeat. They are even good enough to material", in the trademark wrong.

Outside help on percussion for "Let Me Be Lonely" helps to create a pretty good rock 'n' roll and moves. "Miracle Row/Maria" is by far the best song on the album. The lyrics provide another example of Ian's skill with words, but the tune is a definite movement away from the preening tone carried too far early in the album.

If the style displayed late in Miracle Row is a new trend, Ian should have some much more enjoyable material in the future.

YES. cathy egan

FOUNTAINS OF LIGHT

Starcastle Epic

According to the press release "When Starcastle was formed in 1972, they knew that their own material was fresh and exciting. Well, if Fountains of Light is an example of "fresh and exciting material", there are some really nice organ and Moog synthesizer solos, but each cut is seemingly the same. There are some good organ and Moog synthesizer solos, but each cut is seemingly the same. The whole album seems to be one long, continuous attempt to sound good. While this is all well-short, Enough is enough! NO.

Juli Jones

RIDE AGAIN

David Allen Coe Columbia

"I've seen the Great Ole Opry, And I've met Johnny Cash. It's all depressing. I'll kiss your ass." David Allen Coe

This latest release by David Allen Coe is a thoroughly enjoyable one. It's a nice combination of country music with a tongue-in-cheek satire and irreverent attitude. Perhaps the sardonic westerns concerning growing up with the poor but noble folk who live with the little women are openly adopted. Coe just gives them a twist by describing an actual group of white trash background that produced a first-rate whore and a convict ("I'll Tell the World") and a moment with the three wives ("The House We've Been Calling a Home"). "Wille, Waton, and Me" is Coe's version of the development of the Austin sound and contains some fine solos by very competent musicians. Rides Again offers a variety of songs including some approachable "strut" numbers, all of which are based on very solid lyrics, music and performances. It's just for the even mildly interested in progressive country. YES.

Juli Jones

---

(ZNS) From our Kremlin correspondent come the words that it's now officially okay for an up-and-coming young leader of the Soviet Union to wear a pair of imported jeans.

The newspaper of the Moscow Communist Youth League, Moskovsky Komsomol, after ranting and raving for nearly a decade against Western jeans, now concedes that western-imported jeans are here to stay.

The newspaper quotes a leading Soviet fashion expert as admitting that "The universality of jeans is unquestionable and there is nothing to replace them."

The publication stresses that "They are almost always pressed, should not be overly faded and usually should be worn with a nice sweater or matching denim jacket. It is important that jeans with holes in them are okay, and that even nice ones should never be worn without underwear."

The newspaper article concludes: "The most important thing to remember is that there is a time and a place for everything... An attempt to wear jeans with holes in them would be inappropriate, and even nice ones should never be worn without underwear."

A pair of American jeans costs about $70 on the black market.
Don't just sit there and fork ravioli into your mouth, idiot. Praise God, she didn't talk when you went over to Jones to sample the food. Say something. You didn't walk all the way over to Jones just to sample the food. Say something witty to spark a conversation. "Nice day isn't it?"

"Yes, isn't it?"

Well, that is a start. At least she answered you. But don't get excited, that does not necessarily mean you turn her into a nice day. No problem. She's a girl - she's a dummy. You can hear it now. Let's see, you've both agreed it's a nice day, no problem there, so now that you've got her interested in current affairs, find out who she is. "Hi, I'm John."

She isn't going to answer. You've gone and made a complete fool out of yourself. Never again. "I'm Cindy."

Praise God, she didn't ignore you. Close call. Alright, now that the preliminaries are out of the way you can get down to the nitty gritty. "You have a nice salad selection over here."

"Yes, we do."

"What's your phone number?"

"Pardon?"

Don't rush it, you could blow the beginning of a beautiful relationship.Get personal at this point and she'll probably dump her cottage cheese surprise right in your lap. Stick to the basics. "I'm from Dallas."

"Oh, I'm from Houston."

"Really? Nice place."

What did you say that for? There was no need to say it's a nice place as if you planned your summer vacation around it once. You are in Houston, dodo. "Cindy, I hear they've postponed the Beer-Bike until tomorrow."

"Yeah, that means I have to psych myself up for it again."

Beautiful, a common interest topic. Now you're talking. "Do you chug or ride?"

"I ride. I'm not bad if I say so myself."

"Yeah, but you're a girl."

Now you've gone and done it, now you've gone and done it. She'll probably take it the wrong way and think you're crude. "I mean you have the legs for it."

"Woops. You're really zippy with the lines today. Maybe you should just eat your ravioli and smile politely."

"You're funny, you know that John?"

Does she mean amusing or odd? You need a safe answer. "Yeah, I get it from my father. He protected Kansas City from naval attack during the war. You know, it's nice eating over here. You don't gulp your food and rush off like in the men's college."

"They seem to eat slow enough whenever I go over for lunch."

"Yeah, but you're a girl."

What a brilliant observation. You must be overwhelming her with your astute perceptive capacity. "I mean guys slow down and talk when there's an attractive girl at the table."

"Oh, flattery will get you everywhere."

"No really, I mean it. When you want to talk to someone you stay at the table even if you're done eating?"

"I'm done eating and haven't left, does that mean I find you attractive?"

Oh wow, oh wow. How in the hell do you answer that? It's like a bad joke you just know is going to hinge on the word 'come', but you've got to answer. "It could be indiscretion. Like when babies smile."

"I was right, you are funny John. Tell you what, why don't you come over to dinner tomorrow and we can see who sits at the table after dinner the longest."

"Sounds good to me. So suave. And the one who stays longer is the loser. Well, see you then."

Cowabunga. A red letter day on the old Penthouse calendar. You don't even know her last name and she's already invited you to dinner. Wait a minute, that's right, you don't even know her last name, you dummy. You can hear it now. "Where do you go?"

"Over to Jones to eat tonight."

"Who with?"

"Cindy mumblemumble."

"Mumblemumble? That's a funny name. Is it Dutch?"

"Only if she wants to go out afterwards."

Oh well. You have to begin somewhere.

### HP Spring Added Value Days

**APRIL 1 THRU MAY 31**

**An exciting added value when you buy a Hewlett-Packard calculator now.**

**Free reserve power packs.**

During Spring Value Added Days, Hewlett-Packard is adding a free reserve power pack—a $20 value—with the purchase of every HP-21, HP-22, HP-25 HP-25C and HP-27.

It's the best way we know to remind you of the added value you always receive when you buy an HP calculator—like free application books, uncompro

**New Accessories**

Hewlett-Packard is also introducing two new accessories to increase the value of the HP calculator you may already own:

- A DC Recharger/Adapter lets you operate and recharge your HP pocket calculator in cars, boats—wherever a 12-volt DC supply is available.

- A Games Pac for the HP-67 and HP-97 includes 19 programm designed primarily for fun but also useful in teaching principles of math, physics and logic.

So don't delay. Purchase any of these five popular calculators before May 31 and receive a Reserve Power Pack worth $20 absolutely free! There's never been a better time to move up to HP quality and performance.

---

**LOST: MALE COLLIE**

**Snow Chief**

Snow Chief

Mandell & Dunlavy

NEEDS MEDICATION

NIGHTLY

$200 Reward

Contact Gilbert:

528-3069

522-3302

666-6041

or

Anderson

666-0350

or

Dr. Woody, DVM

527-0489

---

**RICE CAMPUS STORE**

the rice thresher, april 4, 1977—page 5
A newspaper’s job is to report the news, not create it. For the past six weeks the Thresher has paid more attention to itself—to the loss of the Rice community. While some people have been inventing “controversies,” real concerns have slipped by, unnoticed by the Thresher. The faculty and administration mulls a change to the semester hour system, new English requirements, and additional co-ed colleges, while the Thresher has added nothing to the discussion of these issues. Meanwhile, there are continuing concerns about the quality of the physical plant and the library which have taken a back seat to the internecine battles of late.

While whatever happens at the Thresher may be important, it cannot take precedence over what happens in the entire Rice community. For the past few years, the paper has become isolated from the rest of the campus and began to overestimate its own importance. The only way to remedy this is for the Thresher staff to become more visible and responsive to the Rice community—a point I emphasized in my first campaign. We should go out and search for news and ideas and not just wait for information to stray into our office. After the first election I went on a tour of the offices of various administrators and discovered that many open lines of communication have recently fallen into disuse. I also found out that many important decisions go unnoticed not because of any kind of official secrecy but because no one knew that the decision is being made. The first condition of meaningful student input into such decisions is an awareness of what is being decided.

To increase the visibility of the Thresher, last time I suggest a revival of the college editor system, visits to college cabinets and open staff meetings on a regular basis so the general community can meet with the staff and express their concerns. I proposed several other internal improvements in my last campaign—staff meetings, more advanced story assignments, and more definite deadlines. Presently the bulk of the production of the paper is done on deadline nights and consequently the staff runs whatever is on hand. Advanced planning will ease the last-minute crush and insure that the Thresher covers all items of interest to the community.

However, the biggest change I would like to see at the Thresher is a change of attitude of the staff toward their work and toward the community. Sometimes I feel that no one takes pride in their work and the paper reflects it. While the Thresher can never be a “professional” newspaper (nor should it), those who produce it can exhibit a professional attitude and create the best product they can.

Another attitude that needs to be changed is arrogance shown toward the community. Our function is to serve you, not vice versa. This means we are obligated to listen to your suggestions, print your stories and misclassifieds, and try to help you whenever you come by our office.

When anyone tries to tell you that your blanket tax pays only a portion of the cost of the paper, remind him that owns the Thresher—you, as a member of the Rice community. So beerry of any promises to give the paper “back” to community; it is your newspaper, and if I am elected it will continue to be yours. Some people have talked of putting more control on the Thresher. I prefer a more positive alternative to assure that you have access to the Thresher. Only that way will it cease to be the personal property of the editor.

After working three years for the paper, I feel I have the capacity to bring about these needed changes. I started planning for next year’s paper after the last election—until this “controversy” put the election into limbo. You’ve made your decision once already; all I ask is that you make the same decision tomorrow and vote for Philip Parker.

Discover your roots in

THE LITERATURE
OF NEW ENGLAND

June 1 to July 16, 1977
Rice University Summer Study and Travel Program. Earn Six Credits.
FOR INFORMATION call the Office of Continuing Studies
(713) 527-4803

William Marsh Rice University Admits Students of Any Race, Color, and National or Ethnic Origin

GILLEY'S
PASADENA
TEXAS

Where the action is
Dance seven nights a week
Food & Drinks
Hear Johnny Lee, Kenny Fulton, and the Bayou City Beat, nightly.

4500 Spencer Highway
Pasadena
946-9842

April 8/9 — Mickey Gilley

the rice thresher, april 4, 1977—page 6
A lot has been said around the campus in recent weeks about the Thresher and the people who make up its staff, and not a lot of that talk has been complimentary. It seems that year after year an excessive amount of turmoil surrounds the election of a new editor, and the students feel justifiably "ripped off" when the result of such strife is not an improvement in the newsletter, but rather a continuing tendency of the Thresher to serve its own interests before those of the entire student body.

What is lacking is a set of goals on the part of the editor on what the Thresher should strive to do and be. This year the paper has appeared on a somewhat erratic schedule and seems to be just full of everything but news. The contents of the paper have fluctuated from nearly nothing up to a big 1/8 of the total contents. I believe the voters deserve something concrete in these campaign statements upon which to make a choice. The following are goals I would like to implement next year—backed up with my personal pledge to give back control of the Thresher to its owners: the Rice student body.

**Openness**—If elected editor I will post regular office hours for myself and the editorial staff, so that anybody can drop in to discuss what is right and wrong with the newspaper, and people with story information won't have to chase down the staff or feel like they're getting the famous Thresher runaround.

**Responsibility**—As editor I would attend the SA General meetings (the previous two editors haven't done so regularly) and cooperate closely with its new Publications Committee, which is charged with overseeing the Thresher and Campusline. I want to keep in touch with the Colleges through frequent talks with the Presidents and visits to cabinet meetings and college events around the campus. Check the files—five months have passed (starting with the November 1, 1976, issue) since an article of any kind last appeared in the Thresher bearing the byline of the current editor. As editor I would keep writing and working with the staff to improve all our writing techniques.

**Cooperation**—Since the Thresher Bylaws say it should "sponsor programs, lectures and short courses in journalism," I have contacted the persons responsible for setting up next year's Baker College Course in Journalism and pledged cooperation and financial support by the Thresher for that project if I am the editor. In addition, the Thresher should work with TexPIRG to sponsor investigative research and reporting on topics of interest to the students. I have talked with next year's Campusline editor Tom Brown about coordinating the two publications' advertising and business operations, and starting a jointly-sponsored photo contest for Rice students and faculty.

A small handful of the current staff (six out of a total of 35 staff members)—whose actions in the first election led to its invalidation by the University Court and SA Senate—have claimed around the campus that personalities are the primary issue in this race. By contrast, the above items are concrete and tangible issues—my ideas on where the Thresher should be headed. I need your vote to begin work on these goals.

—Kim D. Brown
Jones, ASU shine in 50th annual Texas Relays

Texas’ Johnny “Lam” Jones and Arizona State’s relay teams thrilled 20,000 spectators in what was probably the best track meet ever held in the state, the 50th annual Texas Relays. Rice University track athletes had to take a backseat to the world-class performances of other tracksters.

Jones ran away from the field in the invitational 100 meters to a .99.86 clocking, which would have been a new world record if it had not been hand-timed. The world record for this event is .99.5, but a rule adopted at the Olympics last summer requires all new world records for the sprints to be electronically timed. Jones also ran a sizzling .44.9 leg on Texas’ mile relay, but that was not enough to catch Arizona State, which romped to a 3:02.8—the second fastest ever run. The night before, ASU sped to a 1:21.7 victory in the mile. Other placers for the Owls were Carlton Derrett, whose 10.5 clocking got him sixth in the 100 meters, and Jesse James, who finished sixth in the 440 intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.2.

Although they did not qualify for the finals, the mile relay foursome of Keith Schnelle, Bruce Gingrich, Charlie Taylor and Sam Waugh clicked off a 3:05.8 in the prelims, which is their fastest time of the year. The sprint relay also got its best time of the season in the preliminaries, as John Dykes, Taylor, Waugh and Derrett got the baton around the track in 44.2.

A non-track event, Larry Nettles ran 1:43.68 for the half-marathon (13.1 miles), which was good for third place in the collegiate division.

Brown swimmers edge Jones

Ann Woloshek organized her Brown College intramural swim team and captained it to victory. In a thriller of a finish, Brown edged out the Jones girls in the final 100 yard freestyle race and won the meet with a four point margin. Aplyn, Ann was in the number four spot of the relay team whose members included sisters Jeannie and Sallie Calhoun and Susan Roehm. The evening belonged to Nancy Mashburn who was in the number four position for Jones behind fast stroking Ginger Earhart, Kathy Reeves and Debra Shetlar.

Going into the final race Jones and Brown were tied at 31 points while Hanszen and Baker had 12 and 14 respectively. Brown won or placed in each of the eight events while Jones proved vulnerable in the 50 yard butterfly when none of their swimmers scored.

Other members important in Brown’s victory were Linda Hagadorn, Margaret Eseu, Karen Legate, Amy Brechin, Diana Hardison, Jennifer Stepler, Nita Vandiver, Marty Causey and Nancy Hayward.

The Jones girls who surprised everyone with their tenacity, were captained by Margaret Schaute who did a fine job. Others on the roster along with Mashburn, were Mary Herlihe, Sara Swingle, Liz Rice, Cynthia Somerville, Karen Howell and Ashley Hopkins.

PERSONS LEADS NETTERS

Persons and Alexander, has been flying both on the men’s and women’s side. However, both have had wrist and knee injuries and did not play in the U of H match. Mites and Alexander have been playing well in their doubles matches with a 9-5 record.

Upcoming matches include Rice at Trinity April 7, and Rice at Texas April 9.

JOCK NOTES

Baseball — The Owls lost to the Aggies last Friday, 4-3. Rice threatened in the last inning but couldn’t get all of the runs needed. The double header was rained out twice. Rice plays U of H April 8 at 3pm at the U of H diamond.

FREE GARAGE APT in exchange for babysitting two school-girl children. Three blocks from campus. Available beginning May 15 or start of Fall semester. Call 529-6520.

EUROPE AT A BARGAIN

Charters from Chicago, NY, Miami $269 and up

Call Miss. Diane Hardison, Jennifer Alexander and Hasen

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT IS ALSO SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

Keg Beer for Any Size Party

Call Jim Connor — Rice University
Lone Star Sales Rep — 526-6177

the rice thresher, april 4, 1977—page 8
Marxists dominate student affairs

Professor observes political strife in Greece

What is it like to be a student in a European university? Two weeks spent recently at the University of Athens, Greece, have left me with an ambivalent feeling about the student life there and our own here. I have returned both satisfied and concerned. Let me explain why.

The student affairs at the University of Athens are dominated by Marxists and their supporters, who comprise 40% of the student body. The remaining 60%, made up of moderates and rightists, are too poorly organized to get elected to any important offices. Consequently, the Marxists set the tone and represent the students to the outside world. The walls of the university are thickly plastered with political slogans and announcements, urging students to take the Marxist position on political issues of the country. If the university administration or the national government takes some steps which the Marxists regard as unfriendly toward them, the academic life is disrupted through strikes and boycotts. For example, when some legislators proposed a bill that every student must vote in university elections, the Marxists threatened with disruption, and the bill was withdrawn, at least for the time being. On one day during my stay the classes were abolished on demand of the lefts, in order for students to demonstrate and protest against the acquittal by the regime of the participants in the slaying of the democratic take-over. I learned that I was really the first American to be invited to lecture at the University since the democratic take-over. But the image of America is still, to say the least, blurred. For example, I spent a good deal of time with a most intelligent, knowledgeable, sophisticated student, who I got to like a lot. In his opinion most Americans are not really free, because they are manipulated and dominated by FBI, CIA, and big business advertising. The only places in America where a modicum of freedom prevails, according to him, are the universities. We had interesting and useful conversations on this topic, which I will relate to you sometime, I hope.

The remaining 60% of the students are either moderates or rightists. For example, I spent a good deal of time with a most intelligent, knowledgeable, sophisticated student, who I got to like a lot. In his opinion most Americans are not really free, because they are manipulated and dominated by FBI, CIA, and big business advertising. The only places in America where a modicum of freedom prevails, according to him, are the universities. We had interesting and useful conversations on this topic, which I will relate to you sometime, I hope. Returning to our politically

University of Athens in a difficult position. In my opinion they try very hard to keep the university open to all sorts of ideas, but they also fear that this openness will not be allowed, should the Marxists gain control of the university. The situation in Athens is not as explosive as it is in the neighboring Turkey, where students from opposing political parties engage in gun battles on campuses; several students got killed during the recent months. Similarly, while I was in Athens the University of Rome was closed because of heavy political rioting.

Returning to our politically

peaceful (or shall I say apolitical?) campus made me feel both glad and uneasy. Glad because we can go undisturbedly, about our business—academic and professional learning. Two friends from Athens have visited me last week and after a tour of the Rice campus declared it to be "paradise." At the same time I was wondering whether it is good for us to be so unaware of the political turmoil in which our sister institutions in Europe find themselves. Somehow, it seems disquieting.

Konstantin Kolenda
Department of Philosophy

Foreign Newspapers • Out-of-State Papers • Adult Publications
BELLAIRE NEWSSTAND
OPEN 24 HOURS / 5807 Bellaire Blvd. @ Chimney Rock / 665-9081
4,000 Foreign & Domestic Magazines, Paperbacks, & Newspapers to choose from!

Enjoy
Top 40 & Rock
your favorite beverage
dancing 7 nights a week

Toni Holcomb
Jesse Lankford & Bad Manners

Pasadena
479-9185

7325 Spencer Highway
Pasadena
the rice thresher, april 4, 1977—page 9
The recent Thresher editor controversy has once again brought Thresher policies into the limelight. Once again members of the Student Association Senate and student body feel that The Rice Thresher is misusing its blanket tax allocation. This feeling needs clarification.

We could say that the blanket tax pays only 17% of our annual expenses (it doesn’t even cover printing costs) and if we are misusing anyone’s money, it is that of our 250 advertisers. But that is not the point.

The Thresher staff is made up of dedicated, hard-working students — students willing to give 25 to 50 hours each week so that you might read Doonesbury and the misclassifieds. We aren’t asking for applause; we’re asking for your help.

If you don’t like the policies of the Thresher don’t slap our hands and turn away — work with us. Join the staff (we need people who will work as little as one hour each week). Give us your ideas. If you don’t like our policies or our actions — TELL US. And if there is something that you feel we’re doing right, TELL US. The key is input — and that is your responsibility as well as ours.

We will be happy to refund your blanket tax if you will work with the Thresher staff on at least on pre-publication night. Check the Thresher office for details.
Dear Queen Vivian: 
King Roberts wishes to thank you for your willingness to perform this unpleasant duty. Very truly yours, The Devil

p.s. He would appreciate it if you would kill her with small tactical nuclear devices placed between her toes. He feels a knife would be too messy and a gun too noisy.

...for all those who would like to help Steven Darby in his endless search for extra large jawbreakers—he needs all the help he can get, really bad. Contact him at 526-4573, or come by Lovett College #314. HURRRR!!!

..."I'm kind of Stupid" (taken out of context)—CmcF

New masters . . .

(continued from page 1)

overcrowding and off-campus isolation. Brozten believes it is the duty of those in the university to make activities attractive to those off-campus. Stebbings expressed the opinion that unless an additional college is built on campus there is no solution to the overcrowding problem other than moving people off campus in the most equitable possible way.

Brozten hopes to concentrate on expanding the Associates program at Brown. He feels that this will offer something extra to prospective students to warrant the extra money required for a Rice education. He believes that the most unique thing Rice has going for it is the opportunities existing in the college system. He perceives colleges as being an educational experience beyond the classroom. Stebbings hopes to concentrate on improving inter-college interaction at meals and social events. He also intends to introduce some of the many people from outside the Rice community he has come to know in his nine years in Houston. He feels there are things to offer the Rice community that would help overcome the University's tendency to be isolated and inward looking.

Brotzen and Stebbings both feel that the creation of the new masters is not one of decision making (that should be left to the students), but rather, one of offering advice and guidance when needed. Stebbings views the college as an educational community of students, existing for the benefit of the students, not for the benefit of the masters, or the faculty, or anyone else.

The new masters are both avid squash players. In addition, Brotzen enjoys tennis, "the one thing I've done more of than anything in my life." Stebbings camped and spends time in his shop in his spare time. He alsoupgrade, "I like to camp myself a sailor, but I don't have time for that."

Overheard in the Will Rice Diner: 

"Between the girls and the food there is nothing worth eating at Rice."

I would like to express our condolences to the friends and acquaintances of the late lady paladin.

-T. Rex

Ed: Could you please bring the Physics answer book up to date in the library? How do you expect me to pass if I can't copy off of you?

Coed evaluation . . .

(continued from page 1)

"It's not coed. It's not a college," the report presents five options for changing the number of coed colleges and concludes: "the best plan is for all the colleges to become coeducational."

Numerous separate reasons for the all-coed recommendation were presented, including specific pressures that the trend among entering students to increasingly choose coed will continue, that pressure on housing will be increased, and that true randomness will be restored to the college selection process. The additional bonuses of increased security and equalized intramural competition were also noted.

No timetable for a conversion was included in the committee's recommendation. It is quite possible that no timetable will be needed, since the Board of Governors could choose to ignore the recommendation entirely. Dr. Gail Stokes, chairman of the committee, stressed this to the Thresher in a statement that was included with the release of the report, which read as follows: "The ad hoc committee to evaluate the coed experience at Rice releases this report with the understanding that it is a recommendation to the President and does not commit him or the Board of Governors in any Board of Governors in any way."

SUN & FUN
AT THE LAREDO HILTON INN

A special package for Students and Faculty members...

Sun Package—One Person—One day and night. Modified American Plan including Room, Dinner, Breakfast. (Local taxes and gratuity not included) $24.65

Sun Package—Two Persons—One day and night. Modified American Plan including Room, Dinner, Breakfast. (Local taxes are gratuity not included) $49.30 per person, based on double occupancy

Plan your escape sun and fun vacation at the Laredo Hilton soon. For reservations please write to:
Sun & Fun Vacation
Laredo Hilton Inn
One South Main Avenue
Laredo, Texas 78040

ATTN: Gay Carpenter

Be sure to include your student or faculty ID number

For men and women, naturally
The next issue of the Thresher will be on Thursday, April 14.

The Rice people’s calendar

monday the fourth
6pm. Commons. Smothered steaks with onion gravy.
7:30pm. SH462. Rice Bahá’í Association get-together.
8pm. Jones Hall. Houston Symphony program: symphony of Mozart, Barber, and Berlioz.

sunday the ninth
1:30pm. Commons. "Stack lunches" available.
6pm. Commons. Baked fish amondine.
10pm. Commons. "Sack lunches" available.

sunday the tenth
8:30pm. Lovett Basement. Free beer and -music; everyone invited.
9:30pm. SH301. Silent Running.

notes and notices

Magazine — The Thresher will publish another Magazine later this month. Please see the notice on page 2 for more information.

Baker — Sign up lists for Baker College Night will go up Wednesday.

Beware — Meeting of all S.O.B.'s (Seniors of Brown) tonight (Monday, April 4) at 10:15 in room 501. This will be our last meeting before our "activity" on Tuesday at dinner.

Party — (Why not?), Free beer and music 8:30 Thu. night in Lovett Basement; everyone (and freaks) invited.

Wiesa — The Cabinet meeting is Mon. April 11th at 10pm. The new off campus reps. for Wiesa are John Gammill, 655-0298, and Mike Gibbons, 790-9021. There will be an off-campus meeting on Apr. 23 before the 5 College dinner. The off-campus committee needs people to help with newsletters and a phone tree, call a Rep.

Poetry — Deadline for entries for University and College Students. Poetry Contest is April 10. Rules are posted in Dr. Mezner’s office. If you have already submitted, please make sure you complied with the rules, or you may be disqualified.