In energy saving move

Colleges sealed for summer

by Stan Barber

In an effort to save energy and money this summer, the campus business office had seven of the eight colleges sealed and air conditioning to them shut down. Ruth Kendrick, technical assistant to Harry Ebert, Physical Plant Administrator, estimated that this move will save some $75- to $100,000 in utility costs.

The shutdown basically involved turning off all chilled water which would cool the buildings to the south residential area and shutting off power to the college air handling units. The Masters' houses in this area have had home compressors similar to any home air conditioning unit installed outside the house and tied into the house air conditioner vents.

College secretaries and resident associates who were moved to Jones College, which is also used as housing for transfers and students selecting to live on-campus this summer. Not all of the secretaries and resident associates have moved; however, Lovett college secretary Toni Paine and the Lovett resident associates, along with Wiese College's Dr. John Parish, are still in their own rooms. Window air conditioners have been installed to accomodate them.

To effectively shut down air cooling and dehumidifying in the summer involved more than just turning the water off. Russ Pitman, manager of the campus business office, explained that control of humidity in the building must be maintained by keeping traffic in and out of the college to a minimum. That way the moisture level in the air on the inside will remain relatively constant and reduce the possibility of mildew build-up or other problems. The only college which really must be watched closely, Pitman said, is Richardson because it is the most enclosed. Most of the other buildings have rooms which open directly to the outside and therefore do not have to be watched as closely.

While Jones is being used constantly as a dormitory, Brown is being used for special groups which come to the campus for various reasons. Brown has housed the American Academy of Psychotherapists, a group of high school cheerleaders, and will soon house a group of majorettes here for summer camp.

Other measures taken this summer to reduce energy cost include shutdown of hot water to the academic buildings and complete shut-down of all air handling during the night in all buildings.

Traffic is mostly limited to service. A special summer schedule is being used for service. The only remaining buildings used are academic buildings which open directly to the south campus for various reasons. Brown is being used for special groups which come to the campus for various reasons. Brown has housed the American Academy of Psychotherapists, a group of high school cheerleaders, and will soon house a group of majorettes here for summer camp.

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180 enroll for Summer Program

by Barry L. Jones

The Rice Summer Program was started a year ago as an experiment, and continuation of it has so far proven successful. Linda Drakill, who along with Gail Stokes is in charge of the program, noted that this year there are 180 students enrolled in 268 'course units' (the total enrollment in all the classes). Last year, there were only 74 students and 98 'course units'.

This summer's program offered a greater variety of courses, although some failed to make a minimum enrollment and were cancelled. Most popular are the introductory classes and the three offerings of computer courses. In addition, the computer classes were extended to allow people who worked in the day and went to school at night a little breating room. As for next year, "we'd like to have more science courses next summer."

It's been hard to get science professors in the past because a lot of them do their research in the summer," said one professor. "That's another way of saving money," she said. "Oceanic chemistry would be ideal for pre-med." "If enrollment grows we should be able to make back more than the instructional costs." Instructional costs she defines as the cost of the instructor, plus the processing of grades, xeroxing charges, classroom supplies (for instance, films), and the room charge. The $15 per student room charge actually works out to less than if the Summer Program were charged by the square foot or by the cost of the air conditioning. The other expense was "overhead," the cost of the secretary and the telephone.

The Continuing Studies Program and the Summer Program Office are virtually one and the same. The

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Training 'for chief executives'

Jones administration school gets underway in fall

by Philip Parker

This fall the Jesse H. Jones School of Administration will begin its not inmosted task of training future chief executives.

Established in 1974 with a gift of $5 million from Houston Endowment, the school graduated its first class of Master of Accounting students last spring. In August the first twelve candidates for the Master of Business and Public Administration degree will start classes.

For their inaugural class, the school picked a dozen students who averaged 86.6 on the Graduate Management Aptitude Test, probably the highest average for any business school in the nation. For the first year the program will have an enviable faculty-student ratio of thirty-one professors to twelve students. Eventually the enrollment will grow to 100 students, fifty in each class.

The faculty is as equally distinguished as the student body. The school counts among its professors three fellows of the exclusive Accounting Researchers International Association, of which there are only fourteen members worldwide. A recent appointment is George Bush, former chief liaison officer to the People's Republic of China and Director of the CIA. Joining the school in December 1977 after working with the Congressional reorganization committee is Joseph Cooper. Twelve of the original faculty hold dual appointments with other departments such as math, science, psychology, philosophy, political science, accounting, and economics.

Unburdened by no unwanted legacies or traditional approaches to business, the Jones School designed a new curriculum drawing on the experience of other successful business schools. "We did a market survey," explains Robert Sterling, dean of the school, "and determined a chief executive profile and the best way to produce these skills."

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Creating this summer issue wasn't quite as easy as doing the past two; there just weren't any good natural disasters to fill space with. Two seasons ago, however, a fire in the Hanszen Commons last year, water destroyed the RMC basement. This year I was hoping for locusts to complete the cycle. Or that toads. Anyway. With another effort slated for August 11, plenty of time remains for a catastrophe to meet our deadlines.

New to the Thresher this year is the feature magazine, Quadrangles. The thirty-plus page publication will contain articles about dining, entertainment and cultural events in the Houston area and about the traditions and history of Rice University as well as some reflections on its present and its future.

Appearing in late July, Quadrangles will be mailed to incoming freshmen and Houston area alumni. However, plenty of copies should be available for returning students during the first week of classes. Next semester the Thresher will return to weekly publication on each Thursday after two and a half years of semi-weekly publication. The staff reached the decision when they discovered that there were other things to do besides working on the paper: sleep, eat, attend classes, and possibly even intramural football league?

However, the cutback will only be in the number of days the Thresher appears. The size should remain the same—sixteen to twenty pages a week. In a newspaper, it's too hard to save coverage which is more than just a headline service, more in-depth articles on aspects of the university and more in-depth articles about you, members of the Rice community. The fine arts section will focus on upcoming events and help you plan your weekend activities and the sport section will provide information on the Rice sports the Daily Texan papers won't. (Does the Post care who won the Tuesday intramural football league?)

I'm getting ahead of myself. Some of you are new to this. This is the Thresher, or Trash if you prefer. Don't confuse us with the Daily Fishwrap, Deadly News, or Battalion. We might not be what you would expect from a college newspaper. We just have that slightly out of phase world view that keeps us from ever taking ourselves too seriously.

Come by and talk. We're relatively harmless. Besides, this is your newspaper, not the property of the staff, editor or any other student organization. "An all-student newspaper" is a hollow phrase which is more than just a headline service, more in-depth articles on aspects of the university and more in-depth articles about you, members of the Rice community. The fine arts section will focus on upcoming events and help you plan your weekend activities and the sport section will provide information on the Rice sports the Daily Texan papers won't. (Does the Post care who won the Tuesday intramural football league?)

Dear Phil,

Here it is only two weeks since I received your letter and I'm already answering you. How time flies when you're putting off something. You've probably noticed by now that this is not typewritten, but not all of us have expensive writing equipment at our fingertips. But then if I make a mistake, all I have to do is start over. And it's all taken care of.

For the past three weeks I've been working with my uncle's construction company. They let me climb to the top of the company ladder. They don't know it yet. But quitting next Wednesday, I don't mind working for my money, but this is probably the last time I've acquired a lazy streak working for the Thresher. Just sit around drinking free Coke and putting down whoever is not in the office at the time. You remember the old gee days.

As for when I am coming back to Houston, I can say with much conviction that I'm not sure yet. Probably when my money runs out on me and I find myself longing for the good things in life like food and shelter. Maybe I could make a living selling Thresher subscriptions door-to-door. Show them a copy of the Post and tell them that the Post has more articles from us. They'll never know the difference.

You know that jingle that Channel 2 uses? "It's 2 country, it's your country, it's 2 country." Well, I think it's a channel 13 up here uses the exact same jingle except for the digit change of course. Make me feel right at home in the heart of hokiness. "It's too hoky, it's too hoky, it's too hoky, it's too hoky,..."

So much for the really crucial events in my life. You can probably tell what a wild, excitement-packed summer I am having. Turning into a regular hellion, the terror of the local Dairy Queen. It's the dippy cones. Do it to me every time.

Enclosed is my contribution to the June section of the paper. I know how much everybody is looking forward to some brand new bullshit after all the same old bullshit. Just imagine the look on their faces when they thumb through and realize that even during the summer they can't get away from us. But then we do want them to get their $3.60 worth. The "YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM US. WE HAVE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS, OCCUPANT" issue of the new, improved, wildly out of control Thresher. The new, improved Thresher. It slices, it dices, it absorbs more than ever. Think of the possibilities.

See what happens when I get a pen in my hand? My paragraph structure bites the dust, my sentences become sentence fragments, my pen runsneither over the tip. Yes, if you too find it difficult expressing yourself, you may have a rewarding future awaiting you in pseudo-journalism.

I've always found it difficult ending a letter with "with all due respect". It's just one of those things that fulfills the USDA minimum daily requirements for vitamins and iron in a tasty, bite-size form. So light you can swim with it on and not have to worry with those situation, I'll just pick a space at random and end it here. No, maybe you'd like it here. Uh uh, clashes with the period. Let's see, how about the summer. Here?

No, a little more to your left right. Too far, now move it to the left. How about Don't be silly, not in the margin. No people don't like the margin. Jim

Fowler strikes from afar...

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No, wait a minute, I don't like that ending. It's not like the book at all. It's awkward clunky. Too predictable. What I need is an ending that sums it up without advertising this fact. An ending that tastes and smells like an ending, but with only half the calumities. A refreshing difference, like a thousand tiny fingers urging you to let go. What I need is a beginning, something that fulfills the USDA minimum daily requirements for vitamins and iron in a tasty, bite-size form. So light you can swim with it on and not have to worry with those...
Hofheinz withdrawal leaves mayor race wide-open

by Jim Beall

Houston's Mayor Fred Hofheinz, surprisingly everyone with his announce-
ment June 9 that he would not run for a third term. The next
day nearly a dozen "possible" candidates were being
mentioned. Police chief "Pappy" Bond retired, and said he was considering the race.

Speculation soon turned to the mayor's reasons for retirement, as a Harris County grand jury
looking the May 3 arrest of a "high city official" and his assistant, who had been arrested during a drug raid or
in a Montrose bar, but had been released within 46
minutes after calling someone at police headquarters. The story first broke on June 16;
next day, Bond announced that he would not be running for mayor. Bond was later called before the grand jury as,
but were two officers of the police narcotics squad.

As of this writing, the grand jury probe continues; the mayor has consistently denied
knowledge of the arrest of any member of the mayor's office. Recently he warned against anyone "attempting to use
politicized police force to destroy the city hall coalition," that has twice elected Hofheinz.

"Whether the Hofheinz coalition will stay together
without him is of keen interest to most local politicians."

Macey might be able to solidify support among minorities, moderates, and
Democrats. Even if Hofheinz does not rejoin the meeting, the anti-Briscoe voters find an
acceptable candidate in the runoff and vote rather than stay home. McConn, Macey, Jefferson, or another serious
candidate could come out the winner.

As long as Anita Bryant, a recent candidate in the "No on 200"
oration, and the Houston Police Department are around, the candidates will have little
lack the chance to talk about the last one may be the real "sleeper," asconcern
over the behavior of police officers increases. The Joe
Campos Torrances, in which a Mexican-American drown after being arrested and then
later allegedly beaten and thrown into Buffalo Bayou by five officers, is the most
publicized of a series of police incidents. Whether a politician can combine public concern
over police misconduct with the desire for better law
enforcement remains to be seen. "Law's order" is still a
sure vote-getter in some areas, a loser in others.

Superficially, it really doesn't matter who is elected next November; many of the things that Mayor Hofheinz has done in the past
time—improving the transit system, increasing
water taxes, expanding recruitment efforts at the
Hofheinz police department—would
have been done without him. There's really not that much
time left at the local level. But the mayor can become a
symbol of a city government

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

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Rice radio relocates transmitter to SRC trashroom

by Philip Parker

"This is KTRU, Rice radio, transmitting with an effective radiated power of 300 from the trash room at the base of the Sid Rich tower."...

Placing their transmitter in a storage room and connecting it with coaxial cable run through an abandoned trash chute was not what the engineers at Rice radio really wanted to do. But these masters of improvisation, or "kluge" as they put it, have survived a major flood and reconstruction and now the sealing off of the colleges for the summer.

Formerly the KTRU transmitter was located in the elevator room atop Sid Rich, a few feet from the antenna. When Buildings and Grounds decided to cut power to the colleges, KTRU was informed that they would be denied access to Sid Rich in an effort to maintain constant humidity in the building. Federal Communications Commission rules require weekly checks of the broadcasting equipment, so the radio had to move the transmitter or go off the air for the summer.

According to station manager Greg Sisson, there were three important considerations for remaining on the air this summer. The station had already suspended operations for three months within the past year while they repaired flood damage and could not afford another extended layoff. Another extended hiatus would only make it more difficult to persuade record companies to supply the station with the albums it needed. Sisson also noted that proposed FCC regulations would require weekly scheduling year round for all stations. "While the rules haven't been passed yet," he said, "this will be a new year for the station with the albums it needs."

KTRU could have moved their transmitter off-campus, but approval to move the antenna would necessitate getting FCC approval which would take up to a year to get. Even if they could have found a building that would allow them to use their roof, the station would have to invest in a microwave unit costing about $4200 or rent phone lines to connect the transmitter to the antenna.

Fortunately the staff found a shed off Sid Rich used to store food service trash cans and walked off a portion of it for the transmitter. During the Memorial Day weekend, the engineering staff moved the transmitter and ran 140 feet of cable up an unused trash chute after clearing out a two floor high stack of SRC debris.

To maintain the same power the station had to use sealed coaxial cable with dry air pumped through the cable. The cost for the line along with the pump and desiccator was about $3000. Since the move was part of B&G's energy conservation program the cost will be paid by B&G.

After obtaining a Special Temporary Approval for the move, the radio resumed broadcasting June 8 and plans to continue a 4pm to 4am daily schedule all summer. Or at least until the next disaster.

Bush to join Jones faculty

Former Ambassador George Bush is joining the faculty of the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration as an adjunct professor of Administration.

"We expect Ambassador Bush to play a significant part in the teaching process at the Jones School," Robert R. Stirling, dean of the school, said. "We are interrelating Business and Public Management in our new master's program. Ambassador Bush has a wealth of experience in both government and business management that will be of immense value to the education of our students. We also are offering a concentration in international management in which the Ambassador's expertise will provide an important added dimension. His wide range of personal accomplishments in the private and public sectors will add weight and substance to his lectures and seminars on the Rice campus."

Bush is former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and former Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China. He also has been a U.S. Congressman from Texas and head of the Republican National Committee.

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Rice: A Summertime view

Just because you disappear for the summer doesn't mean that Rice does. Although you can make a strong case saying it does. As a public service, the Thresher will print these pictures to remind you what the place looks like. Cheer up, Freshman Week is only a month and a half away. Clockwise from right: Without students or birds, the place can look downright pastoral, note grazing cows. Summer is a big time for B&G to uproot trees and cause other sundry damage. Here crews make repairs to the pipes to Rice's underground wells. No one has much use for either the reserve room or Jones commons and parking places are easy to find.

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Effects transcend plot, characters
Star Wars soars above traditional sci-fi offerings

If creativity entails innovation and conventional concepts with a new perspective, Star Wars, showing exclusively at the Century Cinema, is creative. It has traditionally evil men (with black robes, no less) good, young, knight-of-the-round-table men, and a woman who happens to be a princess and therefore virtuous and pretty.

The predictable complications might have been irksome, but the run of the film theme was given fresh pulp. Awesome star battleships cruise the characters throughout the galaxy where they fight with their Flash Gordon guns and laser swords.

The special effects in Star Wars are indeed special. There are magnificent, mind-blowing images that make you wish you could read! Shots which opened pupils in 2001: A Space Odyssey are commonplace in Star Wars. Even ornate battle scenes seem genuine. The photography is so well done that you forget that you are watching special effects. This does not look like Godzilla stomping on model cities.

With the exceptions of Peter Outhing and Alec Guinness, author/director George Lucas, who also did American Graffiti, stayed away from known faces. The headline roles are Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, and Carrie Fisher. There was some overacting, but they were playing stereotypes, not characters, and stereotypes have to be overplayed slightly.

Star Wars progresses fast, with a quick framing tempo suited to this adventure story. Its excessive stereotypes and unbelievable plot work surprisingly. People face death while making snappy retorts. A pair of androids act as if they have been Laurel and Hardy reruns. Once you remember what type of show this is you overlook "traditional" failings. You forgive shallow characterizations, as development would be unneeded slop. In other words, you accept Star Wars the same way you accept Buck Rogers and Robert Heinlein. It takes you away on dreams, unrealistic to say the least, but different from all of our much too pedestrian lives.

Star Wars begins "a long time ago, in a galaxy far away. . . ." This galaxy is a neat place to visit, if for no other reason than its prestige as one of the best technically engineered science fiction films ever. It's fun, too.

Some people found Star Wars as frivolous as a babbling cheerleader. It's not hard to take this movie that way. I liked it, but as good romantic science fiction. The film uses the accepted formula of justified war and of women towotowing to superior men, both of which tend to detract from its meaning for many viewers. I think that most of us can resist the search for meaning in this sort of movie, though.

Oh yes, expect a sequel.

—greg teroy

fine arts calendar

MILLER THEATER
From June 29 to July 10, The Houston Symphony will perform a group of impressive classical and contemporary concerts at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Dallas Atlas will conduct the first two concerts, and Michael Palmer is scheduled to conduct the last two. "Red Peppers," the first show of the season, will feature the Sheppard School of Music, who will play solo on the mamba during the July 3 performance. Also at Miller Theater, the University of Houston Drama Department presents a Shakespeare Festival. There will be two shows, "Comedy of Errors" and "Hamlet," during July 18 through 29. The Houston Baroque Festival will feature George Frideric Handel's "Messiah." July 25 through 27.

KIDS?
The New Texas Theater now is presenting a special children's summer program. Supervised and directed by Alfred Hyslop, who produces the Captain Kangaroo TV show, there are updated stories for children and musicals for everyone. Runs July and August. Call 658-0000.

MAIN STREET THEATER
Some of Noel Coward's one-act plays, "Hand's Across the Sea," "Red Peppers," and "Shadow Play," will be featured at the Main Street Theater. Call 222-3576 for further information.

TUTS?
"Where's Charley," through July 17, at the Shamrock Hilton on Main Street, Texas, through Sun. at 8:30. 664-3344.

AND ALL THAT JAZZ
The Alley Theater presents local jazz musicians during Sundays of July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Start at 2:30. 524-5841.

FILM
In Houston, the summer season unfolds with mosquitoes. River Oaks Cinema, on West Gray, has an impressive schedule. The Rice Media Center, like River Oaks, is known for showing fine classic films—or at least the unusual, if not downright strange. Other places to look into are the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and the Alley Theater, both are having a summer film festival.

There are so many films offered that it's impossible to publish their names. Call each theater for listings and showtimes.
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THE RICE THRESHER IS STRICTLY A STUDENT NEWSPAPER.

(by Matt Muller)

Does anyone really care about the teacher evaluation forms you turn in at the end of the semester, or are they simply passed off as socially acceptable means of channeling a semester’s worth of aggression?

Peter Dorfman of the Psychology department and Ken Kennedy of Math Science have been awarded a $3000 grant by the Committee on Undergraduate Teaching to examine “the Reliability and Dimensionality of the Rice Teaching Effectiveness Questionnaire” (RTEQ). As might be expected on a $3000 budget, the scope of the work will be limited, Dorfman said that his work will be limited to three concerns about the questionnaire. “We will examine the reliability of the form, search for underlying patterns within its questions, and try to discover any biasing factors within the answers to these questions.”

Dorfman and Kennedy will review last semester’s examination forms with statistical methods. The reliability of the RTEQ—whether the same faculty member would receive the same score from the same group of students on separate testing occasions—will be analysed with a measure of the internal consistency of the form.

Dorfman explained the reliability measure: “My bathroom scale varies significantly when I weigh myself five times in a row. Obviously, the scale is not too reliable, but even if its readings are identical for each trial, the values need not indicate weight. The latter concern is one of validity or accuracy.” He will employ factor analysis in the second area of research to determine if there are patterns of answers within the rating form. These patterns should indicate the characteristics which appear consistently in descriptions of effective teaching, producing a clearer picture of what Rice students expect from their teachers.

The influence of possible biasing factors on ratings of teacher effectiveness will be examined in the third area of research. He will try to determine if class size, expected grade in the course, and sex of the teacher influence ratings in the RTEQ.

Most of the research suggests the question, what characteristics constitute good teaching? Promotion and tenure decisions must be based on some understanding of what good teaching is, but attempts to somehow measure tendencies to quantifiable terms have been unsuccessful. It is apparent that many promotional criteria are based substantially, and in some institutions, primarily, on the quality and quantity of published research. Rice, although it places emphasis on teaching, must go along with the publish or perish yardstick if it expects to maintain and increase its academic reputation.

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Tired of campus routine? Need to "get away" and continue in-depth study at the same time? Campus on Wheels is a private, "student oriented" organization designed to provide students with an extraordinary opportunity to travel and experience; for example, this Fall's expedition includes these activities:

- Backpacking through the Grand Canyon
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- Snorkeling off the Florida Keys
- Canoeing in the Everglades
- Exploring Mayan ruins in the Yucatan
- Climbing in Southern Mexico and Zion National Park
- Los Angeles -- Hollywood
- San Francisco and so on
  ... and much more

By way of group purchasing and traveling together in our own special vehicles, this can be feasible for you.

Several expeditions are currently being planned, ranging in cost from $750 to $1,900, including up to three months of room and board plus share of transportation. If this sounds impossible, ignore this; but if it sounds exciting, check into it! A Campus on Wheels representative is coming to this campus. To find out more and make arrangements to meet for an interview, call collect (319) 268-0759. You owe it to yourself to do it today. Call between 1 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Lack of concern hinders progress of women athletes

by Kim D. Brown

"Scholarships are not being accepted by women athletes because they are not interested in attracting women athletes to Rice at this time."

—Debbie Turner, Baker '78

"I'm ashamed for what the women have to put up with in the women's facilities. I'm ashamed right now to take anyone in there."

—Joyce Hardy, Alumni Assn. President

"It takes time to put together the kind of program we want at Rice—it just doesn't happen overnight. The oversights.

—Homer Rice, Athletic Director

Administrators, supporters and participants in women's athletics at Rice agree that the program is in sorry shape at the moment. But the agreement stops there.

Homer Rice, who is approaching his first anniversary as Director of Athletics, says that "Women's athletics is still just in the beginning stages and that recent developments signal that the program is on the upswing. But others who have been intimately connected with the program through the last three years or so express frustration and anger over the lack of progress in that time.

Bad management charged

Shelley Pennington, a senior basketball player and president of Jones College, claims that the primary problem in building a competitive and adequate program is a lack of leadership and management by the staff of the Athletic Department. She joined numerous others in citing the just-ended tenure of Doug Osburn as director of women's athletics as a near disaster.

The consensus of opinion is that he was a "nice guy, but inadequate" and that women's athletics were handicapped with such a director.

Osburn was hired three years ago to take the initiative in organizing the new sports programs for women because "There didn't seem to be anybody interested in organizing the program." The program officially existed then (1974), but there was no money and only minimal organization.

Since that time, Hardy has donated money to the program, and the freshmen week activities fair last year, and worked hard to hustle up support among the alumni, faculty and administration.

About Osburn, she says, "I would like to say he didn't do a bad job, but the girls needed somebody full-time."

Financial problems

Oddly enough, money problems for the program have been a rather low priority (as yet) getting available funds spent for constructive purposes, rather than a simple lack of money. Pennington, who served last year on the faculty's Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA), points out, for example, that the CIA promised two station wagons for transportation to games and that the basketball team never received them (after the basketball team escaped, and the other cars were vandalized, the buses were not replaced as far as the coach knew).

Setting up next year's budget, she called it a "two step process."

She recalls that Augie Erfurth, athletic business manager, presented lump-sum figures to the CIA, and everybody assumed there was some rational basis for the figures. Apparently the coaches of the five teams were never consulted, and the figures ($38,050 for salaries and $30,649) were just estimates of what might be adequate.

Last year for the first time, the university made available three scholarships to recruit outstanding female athletes. All went unused until mid-semester, when All-American swimmer Lisa Pena was awarded one of the grants. Ten scholarships were made available for recruiting for the 1977-78 year, but as far only about five have been awarded. Most of those interviewed believe the difficulty in awarding the scholarships is the year's instability of the administration and coaching staff.

Besides Joyce Hardy, others have tried to help the program develop. On the faculty, Dr. Eva Lee and Halley Dunster (both professors of Health and PE) and Dr. Mary Wheeler, a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics committee, have tried to make inroads for the program through administrative channels.

Homer Rice Criticized

Ultimate responsibility for the program has rested until now with Athletic Director Homer Rice, who reports directly to President Hackerman and bears much of the responsibility for organizing the program and hiring the personnel. Most of those involved in the program have become irritated with him for his delay in hiring a full-time Director of Women's Athletics. Last spring, Debbie Turner spearheaded an effort to convince Coach Rice that the program was inadequate and needed immediate attention. She wrote a letter explaining the situation, and spent three weeks trying to get an appointment with him. She found, as do others seeking Rice's attention, that he is not an easy man to catch in his office.

Turner says Rice finally agreed to see her and other women active in the sports program. He assured them that things would improve, beginning with the hiring of the full-time Director, whose position would begin on July 1, 1977, with the new fiscal year. Coach Rice told her, "We really want to build the program," but Turner says she's "not really sure he really cares."

As of July 1 there was still no official announcement of who would fill the director's position, but an Indian woman has reportedly accepted Coach Rice's offer, which was finally extended about June 20. Shelley Pennington, who participated in the interviewing of the applicants, says she was "no excuse for the delay" in making the selection, and notes that the committee was meeting every week and not just monthly, before school let out. As to whether a woman who accepted the position, not the first choice of the CIA but of Coach Rice, has a master's degree and no coaching experience at the varsity level. She is "nice, but not extremely qualified" for the job. The salary is competitive with that of other Ivy League and private schools, but Pennington says the timing prevented Rice from getting the girl he accepted, the position which had been hoped for.

Homer Rice told the Thresher that the first step, as he saw it, in developing a quality program is hiring a full-time director, and he

wanted to be careful. "I understand the women's frustrations," he said, "and they have a legitimate concern regarding setting up the management of the program."

Joyce Hardy says she approached Coach Rice when he came to the school and offered to lead an effort to raise money for a women's sports program, but he "sort of squashed the idea," stating that he preferred to coordinate the fundraising process for the whole Athletic Department.

When asked about that situation, Rice replied, "I can't believe she said that. We're trying to build a program to benefit everyone." He said he recalled Hardy being on the committee to raise money from the Rice Sports Foundation, which included the various support groups like the Rice Women's Basketball Association.

Meeting Title IX Rule

Part of Dr. Eva Lee's responsibilities is overseeing the implementation of Title IX, the Federal guidelines on how the disparity between men's and women's sports will be corrected. She says full compliance must be in place no later than next summer, and "With leadership we could meet the compliance deadline."

Coach Rice, who served as a consultant to Congress on the development of Title IX, said the law was a good thing, but some provisions were not practical as first envisioned, such as requiring equal money be spent on women's and men's sports. "It does now require equal opportunity according to the Federal guidelines," he noted.

Debbie Turner says she is sure one feature of the Rice program won't fit the Title IX guidelines, that is the various support groups like the Rice Women's Basketball Association, which included the various support groups like the Rice Women's Basketball Association.
New cage coach Schuler to try 'up tempo' attack

by Barry L. Jones

"We have four goals," said new Rice basketball coach Mike Schuler. "We want to be competitive long enough to improve over last year if possible. We also want our players to feel that they are being coaches even though they may not win every game. And finally, by mid-February I want us to be playing the best basketball in the conference. This will be very important because of the Spring tournament."

The new Rice coach, who with his family just got settled in Houston last week, said his top priorities at this moment are getting acquainted with people and recruiting. Because of the late date at which he was hired and the number of players returning, Schuler said he was not able to recruit a great number of players. The one player Rice has signed is Tony DeCello, a 5-11 guard from Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, a three-year starter in high school. There will be more room for DeCello in the Owl lineup this season. Academic probation will prevent the return of two-year player Madison Lane.

Schuler does not feel that Rice's academic reputation will be too great a hindrance in recruiting. "There's no reason we can't succeed," he said, adding that part of the reason he came to Rice was "the opportunity to continue to work with the true student athlete." While he's "not out to bring in a man who can't graduate," the coach noted one case in which an athlete with low board scores had close to a 3.0 average in college while one who scored very high on entrance exams didn't last in school. "Being brilliant is no guarantee of success. Desire and determination are also important."

Schuler also thinks that the facilities at Rice, less spectacular than those at some schools, will not determine whether a prospect chooses to go to Rice. "The gym isn't really as bad as I had heard. VMI was in the top twenty last year and their gym is a rat trap. I'd hate it like the dickens if someone based a decision on that."

The Owls will play an "up tempo" style game next year. The coach conceded that he would not try to score 100 points just to prove a point and then lose. "I want us to be competitive and to improve. Winning by slowing the game down. He also promised defensive improvement. "All the teams I've ever been associated with have had very, very good defense. We will be prepared to play."

"I met with the team for an hour and a half collectively and then individually and I told them as well as I could that this was expected. I told them they were under a disadvantage because they were recruited by a different coach with a different style of play. They will have to adjust to me. Basketball can't be as important to them as it is to me, but for two hours a day and only two hours, basketball will be the most important thing in their lives. In a way, it's my classroom and I want them to pay attention."

"The only negative aspect is that they haven't been successful in the past few years, although it has been done here. Everyone here has assured me they want to have a good program. This will not happen tomorrow. We may not have the talent to win next year. Our future will not be based on what happens next year. But, I will predict that in the near future Rice will win the Southwest Conference championship."

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