English dept. springs surprise on freshmen

by Jim Fowler

The Freshman class of '81 encountered an experimental approach to the essay exam administered by the English department on Tuesday afternoon. Gone was the English Competency Exam, replaced this year by the supematically titled English Composition Exam. And whereas 13.8% of those who took the exam would be required to enroll in English 103 this semester, it is due so much to the fact that they failed as the fact that their performance on the assignment was unsatisfactory.

According to Dr. J.D. Huston, Associate Professor of English and Chairman of the Freshman English Committee, the change in words was desirable because of the possibly insulting connotations of "competence" and "fail". The purpose of the exam is to determine whether each Freshman's writing "meets the university's standards of excellence", not to pinpoint individual students as "incompetents" who have not yet mastered the fundamentals of writing. (For a breakdown of this year's results by sex and college, see story on page 12.)

But where this year's exam deviated from past Competency exams was in the content and discrepancy in administration. The Freshman English Committee sought to avoid what might be considered boring general topics in favor of writing options which were meant to surprise and challenge the student. However, this different approach also included two separate exam papers giving some Freshmen four options to choose from and others no such selection of writing assignments.

The 659 Freshmen and transfer students who took the exam were divided into four groups on the basis of the first letter of their surnames. The 159 students in the A-D group reported to Hamman Hall while those in the E-Z category were assigned to three other buildings on a surname basis.

Of the four writing options available to the 150 E-Z Freshmen, one in particular stood out as obviously challenging and initially intimidating. Basically, it listed twelve articles (including a plastic container of Bufferin, three Band-Aids, and a small plastic hippo among others) and instructed the Freshman to write an argumentative essay mentioning and relating the twelve items without resorting to a fictional, short-story approach. Only a small percentage of the E-Z group attempted this option.

However, 100 percent of the A-D group responded to the "plastic hippo" assignment because this Hamman Hall group was given no alternatives. What was an option for the E-Z Freshmen was the only "choice" offered the A-D group. The interesting array of objects came from a bathroom in a private home, and, to add a graphic touch, the twelve items were placed on the Hamman Hall stage, where the 159 Freshmen were encouraged to go up to observe and feel the articles.

Necessarily, these items were not available to the E-Z Freshmen for inspection. Dr. Huston explains that such a discrepancy in testing was intentional, an attempt to elicit and encourage a good performance from the Hamman Hall Freshmen by making them pay attention to such features as organization, argumentation, thesis, use of evidence, precision and clarity of expression, and intellectual maturity. The format of the "plastic hippo" essay was designed with grading criteria

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Insurance plan yet to be finalized

by Barry Jones

Tom Brown has resigned from the post of Campanile editor effective last Monday. The resignation was made known in a letter from Brown to Student Association President Claude Sisson, copies of which were sent to the Thresher and KTRU.

When contacted by the Thresher, Brown said: "I am not the slightest knowledge of running or have shown any true interest in learning the operations of the particular publications. I realize that the events of last semester got a bit out of hand; however, the actions of the Senate were perhaps even more irresponsible."

Candidates for editor of the Campanile are required by the Student Association Constitution "to have had one year's experience on the staff association with Rice as an extension of this year's health services. However, Bonnie Helums, Director of Student Activities, hopes to have a formal contract with UT finalized in the near future.

Campanile editor resigns in order to petition for said office; the year of the election may be counted as one full year of experience." Brown's duties with the Campanile last year were never rigorously defined. His qualifications were not questioned until after the election.

There will be a special meeting of the S.A. Senate Tuesday to set a date for a special election for Campanile Editor.

As of this writing, Rice still has no written contract with the UT Health Science Center, the clinic which included mandatory student health insurance coverage as one of the conditions governing its

Scenes from Matriculation: Sam Jones leads an ensemble from the Shepherd School of Music; the procession of the deans and masters — tw cook and walter underwood
**Commentary**

So you're coming to Rice, huh? You've received that engraved parchment (suitable for framing) signed by Dr. Hackerman himself: those puff-chested introductions from your parents (This is my son/daughter who's going to Rice) and the ritual replies (Oh, you must be smart, or, I remember a second cousin of Norman's who went to Rice back in what year was it?) Perhaps you've already wandered around the place or been shown around by some enthusiastic sophomore.

In that case, you're probably wondering what this is all about, bombarded by something that we here call "the Rice myth." A myth, you'll learn, which is not something you can reach out and feel, and isn't necessarily false, either, but infects every contact you have outside the hedges, stamps you as a "Riceperson" indelibly.

How did you come to this place? Perhaps you were very good at taking tests; Rice people are. Maybe you were the biggest jock in three counties. Rice was one of the collection of Universities you applied to, you put it in a category of places that might be right for you and somehow... before you wonder too much what you're doing here, it might be useful to look inside this Rice myth to see if anything familiar lives inside.

By now you've heard, no doubt, the story of William Marsh Rice, who made a killing in the Civil War but never learned to read. You might have heard of James Addison Baker, who uncovered Rice's murder (the butler really did it) and brought his money back here.

WILLY

Rice is the old Houston, floating on a sea of money brought up by technology. It's also that money's conception of what a college education should be. Will Rice was a cornflower grower who lived in what is now one of the city's more extensive ghettos. His novelty was Emma, the first wife of a Rice undergraduate named Howard Hughes. Harry Hansen and Harry Wiess were oil executives, the latter president of Humble Oil. Edgar Odell Lovett was the Institute's first president, and got the idea of a college system from Woodrow Wilson, under whom he worked at Princeton.

Mary Gibbs Jones was married to Jesse, who owned the Houston Chronicle and much of the city. Margaret Root Brown was the mother of George Brown '20, a man who never graduated but which he left his money back here. And his money wasn't invested in rice but in Rice.

Walk around the campus; you might spy some of the ghosts who built this place. For many years Lovett Hall, the Physics Building, North Hall (Baker College) and the Mech lab stood alone on the plain. An Italian immigrant named Tony Martino planted the oak trees and exhorted the football team at pep rallies and bonfires. "Rice-a fight, nevah die"—listen when the wind blows, and you'll hear ghosts blowing through the treetops.

The last four years have been pretty typical for Rice. The MOB became a household word. Oh, they have a paradise of Texas A&M and the Astrodome. Willy's Pub opened and now every physical need can be satisfied without leaving campus. The Honor Code was revised, and three All-American jocks did their thing. What the future brings is up to you. Me, I've graduated—It's over before you know it.

Don't be afraid to speak up, to question. Take the advice of English professor Terry Dooly: "You now are the maker, beyond the genius of Rice is you. So love yourselves and each other and Rice. Talk. And listen, faithfully and hard, for the things that are most important to say are often the most difficult to get out. Talk. Don't B.S. Talk."

—dana blankenhorn

**Ex-editor blasts 'watchdogs'**

Mr. Claude Sisson
President, Student Association

Dear Mr. Sisson:

It is truly amazing how much disaffection for an entire institution can be engendered by one person or source that is basically insignificant to the total operation of such an institution. With a whole summer behind me to reflect upon the unfortunate events that occurred last term, it is clear that no campus organization could, and should, make policy decisions concerning them.

Therefore, I, Thomas Edward Brown, do hereby submit my resignation as Editor of the 1978 Campanile, effective immediately.

There are many comments I could, and should, make concerning the actions of the SA that have prompted me to this decision. However, I believe that would be as rude and possibly defamatory as they would be true.

Thomas Edward Brown

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In all your goodness

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Choosing a bank is an important, but often hap-
azard business. And yet, few people shop around before choosing a bank, relying instead on hearsay, an ad in the newspaper, or even the sound of a bank’s name.

We at TexPIRG would like to help you make a choice based on substantial information, especially if you are a freshman who has probably never had to choose a bank. The chart on this page outlines the responses we received by telephone from the fifteen banks we thought students would most likely use.

The questions were chosen in an attempt to show which banks are most economical though some banks expressed a deliberate attempt to refrain from placing students in a special class. The banks are listed alphabetically, not according to any order of quality.

This information was compiled on August 4 and 5. It is only as accurate as the data given to us; if you find any conflicting information, please let us know.

How to use this chart

There are two basic costs associated with checking accounts: the monthly service charge and the price of the checks themselves. There are, however, a number of other costs that may or may not be apparent. Expenses such as stopping payment or the cost of a bounced check are usually only provided when expressly asked for. Another not so obvious cost is the interest that is lost by keeping high minimum balances for the free checking privileges. Minimum initial deposits also preclude earning interest in a savings account. These cannot honestly be called free checking services.

Most banks determine their Monthly Service Charge according to the 3-2-1 plan, which means that, if your minimum (or for some banks, average) monthly balance is less than $100, you are charged a $3.00 service charge. If your balance is greater than $100, but less than $200, your service charge is $2.00. If your balance is greater than $200, but less than $300, you fork out a $1.00 service charge. And if your balance is greater than $300, your service charge is zero.

Other banks have devised complicated systems for computing monthly service charges. Bank of the Southwest, for instance, offers free checking only if you maintain a $1000 (!) balance for six months. For a minimum balance of $500, they charge nothing for the first 15 checks written and 60 cents for each additional check. If the minimum balance is $300, you get to write 4 checks free, the fifth check costs 60 cents, and each check after that costs 60 cents. If the minimum balance is $200, the first check costs $1.00, while all subsequent checks written cost 60 cents.

Although everyone knows that hot checks are illegal, as well as bad for your credit rating, we asked each bank what they charge for bounced checks. All banks charge between $2.00 and $7.50. Stop Payment charges range between $2.00 and $7.50. Stop Payment orders happen when you write a check and then decide you should not have written it. In that case, you ask your bank to stop payment. If the check has not yet returned to the bank and has been debited to your account, the bank can issue an order for which it will charge.

Checks cost money, too. Although a few banks offer free line checks (the kind without your name, address, or account number on them), you will probably have to invest in personalized checks, saving yourself the trouble of writing all of your personal data on each check. We have listed the costs of scenic (fancy) and non-scenic (not fancy) checks for each bank surveyed.

If you don’t have a car or a friend with a car, you may want to know which banks are either within walking distance or offer free postage envelopes. By assessing your own banking needs, you can use this chart to compare banks and determine the least expensive plan. Only you can determine which is best for you. We hope this will help.

TexPIRG (The Texas Public Interest Research Group) is a student-operated, student-funded group which seeks to inform and aid the public on consumer-related problems. If you would like to do consumer research for or with TexPIRG (either through a class or on your own time), give us a call at 749-3130 (17th H) or 527-4099.

Next time TexPIRG surveys savings accounts.

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| First City Bank - Medical Center | $300 | $10 | $3.50 | $3.50 | 3-2-1 | 8-4 M-Th, 8-5:30 F; Drive-in: 7:30-5:30, M-F | no |

| First City National Bank in Houston | $200 | $50 | $3.00 | $5.00 | 3-2-1 | 9-3:30 M-Th, 9-5:30 F, M-F | no |

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Freshmen challenged to control their fate

by Martha Ramos

"The kind of knowledge we should all be seeking in the university is a transformation that transcends areas specialities, disciplines, departments, and divisions of knowledge. Knowledge has a monopoly on truth, and each can benefit from the others," stated Smith.

"Each age has its own challenges," remarked Claude Sisson, SA president, "and the students of Rice have been challenged to control their fate, not just get good grades, but meet their challenges with subtlety, understanding, originality, and imagination. University education is not merely an attempt to solve your problems, but you have to seize responsibility for your own problems. While you are in college, you should learn how to work within knowledge and skill."

Sisson gave the freshmen a quick description of Rice's major areas of academic development and its functions, and then listed some student organizations within Rice. Naturally, he made a special point to recognize the Toasters. "If you make me happy, the editor will probably write something nasty about me." That would not happen..."

"The purpose, scope, and character of this University," Smith said, "is not an easy going of their education that their future as looking 'very good,' Hackerman also pointed out."

"The Tao of Physics," was taken from a book by the same name. The book, written by physicist Pfizer Capra, was suggested to Smith by one of his students, an attempt to establish a link between ancient Eastern wisdom and modern science. Smith said that in response to his reading of Capra's book, a speech was prepared for Smith by his former professor, Dr. M. E. Lehman. Smith said that in response to his reading of Capra's inspirational book, he spent the summer exploring various scientific fields previously uninvestigated by him. His address was born of a desire to communicate his exhilaration in the new understanding of the paths of knowledge in the scientific areas with those paths of the humanities. Because of Smith's background in the Chinese culture, his speech was characterized by the philosophy of Physics, suggested to him "three distinct but related metaphors. The first centers on the idea of tao as an all-pervading unity, one that implies an identity of all phenomena, but also between different forms of knowledge. The second metaphor is based on the notion of Tao as a guiding force. The fundamental source of the imagination, a search for an understanding of nature that was characterized by the Taoist point of view. The third metaphor involves the idea of Tao as the expression of perfect balance between complementary opposites. The second and third metaphors have been abandoned at Rice long ago. Why, then, do they still exist? Why are there so much misunderstanding?"

"The answer is simple: The irrational failure of rational education. People have deluded themselves to the point where one cannot explain the human mind and its ability to form new symbols and images, but also the ability to escape from it. To think about one's education that private universities also find themselves in a period of transition. "But you know about these problems, but you have a future as looking "very good," Hackerman also pointed out."

"The knowledge gained in one class may relate to the subject matter of another."

Smith also mentioned that "one important conclusion reached by the 1976 Convocation Committee was that Rice students too often mistakenly think of their education that goes on exclusively within the structured boundaries of classrooms and laboratories. More attention needs to be given to education as a process of exchange and interchange between faculty and students outside the classroom; in office conferences, over meals, in the colleges, and in other places where people congregate."

In conclusion Smith stressed that a balance must be achieved in formal education. "A healthy balance in Chinese intellectual life had to be maintained between what one had to do and what one's natural impulse was to do."

Smith then outlined his conception of what a university should be. In his view, "the major function of undergraduate education should be to encourage the exploration of new ideas, to promote an active sense of intellectual discovery, and to foster creativity."

He encouraged students to "take a variety of courses in different departments, to see the rice thresher, August 25, 1977—page 4
HEW grant to fund international business study

The Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration this week was awarded a $100,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to launch an extensive program in International Studies and Business.

Robert R. Sterling, Dean of the Jones School, said the federal grant, which has been made available to the Jones School for its inaugural year which begins August 29 and will be spread over two years, is crucial core seminars and components in the offerings of the international program will provide Jones School students—move toward a resolution of worldwide energy problems through proper understanding of the global milieu in which these problems first arose, grew, and continue to persist," Dr. Doran stressed.

"Our educational and training expansion into the real-life challenges facing America's international business sector should add materially to the marketable skills of our graduates," Doran pointed out. "Many enterprises in the Houston area and the Southwest have opened branches abroad in recent years but within and beyond the OPEC countries, a trend which is likely to continue into the next decade. Since these firms are accustomed to hiring many of their administrators locally, these companies are attaching increasing importance to knowledge of international trade and politics, foreign languages, and solid awareness of the nuances of foreign culture which are essential to effective and successful business operations abroad."

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Article aids in recovery

Recently the Rice Police were able to recover $4061 worth of electronic equipment stolen from Physics Lab on July 29. Sam Carrington, Proctor, said that the article on the break-in in the August 11 Thresher was instrumental in locating the stolen equipment—a watt meter, an oscilloscope, and a CRT computer terminal.

Carrington would not reveal other details at this time. Students walking around campus at night should be prepared to show proper ID when asked by Rice Police, said Carrington. He noted that it may cause some inconvenience, but it is one of the only ways to separate students from impersonators who have no connection with the University.

The new hours for Fondren library, beginning August 29, are as follows:

Monday—Thursday 7:40am—10pm
Friday 7:40am—12m
Saturday 9am—12m
Sunday 1pm—12m

Charles F. Doran

The HEW grant comes from the Department's U.S. Office of Education "to add a series of crucial core seminars and lecture courses with an interdisciplinary and cross-regional approach," Dr. Doran explained. "The timing of the federal grant is at least as significant as its magnitude. While the grant defrays the cost of only a small fraction of our entire international studies and business program, federal support was essential to the successful inclusion of these international components in the offerings of the Jones School."

Dr. Doran added that "the international program will provide Jones School graduates with tangible skills for more effective analysis of international business and political processes and problems through acquisition of appropriate design and a realistic understanding of foreign values and cultural perspectives."

"An even more specific goal of the new program is to help the national and our interested students—move toward a resolution of worldwide energy problems through proper understanding of the global milieu in which these problems first arose, grew, and continue to persist," Dr. Doran stressed.

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DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

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Freshman Casino ‘77

You stand there twirling your plastic champagne glass between thumb and forefinger and rock back and forth on your heels knowing that you really should not have scarfed the last six refills as if the grapes were underfermented. Still, things are looking up now that you have dropped your name tag in the creamed onion dip and nobody can tell at a glance that you are a freshman. The rage among advisors seems to be the opportunity to tell their freshmen to wear their name tags. At this point your advisor, who is halfway to Wasted Land, says that all freshmen look alike to him anyway, followed by a jovial stream of obscenities he has committed to memory from his Handbook of Vulgar and Offensive Language.

If you were the outgoing type you would engage someone in conversation and see how long you could go without asking him his major, which is always good for fifteen seconds of dialogue (hi Sharlyn Stanley).

“Hello, what’s your major?”

“Cellbacy.”

“Oh really? Is that tough?”

“Only on weekends.”

But then again there are a lot of things to be said for just looking at the people and judging them from a safe distance. For the past week your advisor has been introducing you to all these people who look like they know something that you don’t and will only share it with you if you ask them nicely.

Of all the things that bewildered you at Rice so far, the fourth option on the English Compost Exam ranks right up there. Imagine trying to write an argumentative essay mentioning a lower case letter, a pair of green breasts, the door handle from a ’60 Thunderbird, a keg of Watney’s Red Barrel Beer, a Mary Kay Cosmetics Kit, a plasticene porter, a looking-glass tie, a bomb that kills buildings and leaves people standing, a paint store color chart, a very nasty word, a look of approval, and a partridge in a pear tree. Since the other options did not appeal to you either you just wrote an essay describing how you spent your summer (hi Mike Parment).

A very pretty girl walks right by without seeming to notice you, and you wonder if you will get to know her or whether she will be one of those people you often see around campus but never take the time to introduce yourself to. Maybe your sneakers turn her off. Maybe she thinks you are too nervous to talk to. Even worse, maybe she does not even think about you. Bitch.

Oh, that was not kind. Must be the champagne talking.

“This is the champagne talking. We now control your body so don’t make any sudden moves or we’ll confuse the feet and you’ll end up on the floor.”

You loosen your tie a little and try to remember whether a squash means to hoard or waste your money. You figure it is one of those forgettable things in life like how many cups there are in a pint and which fork to eat the salad with and what the difference is between two and three asterisks in the Schedule of Courses. Offered at Rice, your roommate would probably know, seeing as how he does stuff like read the introductions to his math books and spend his spare time sewing name labels in his button-down collar, 30% polyester, 70% nerd shirts. Somehow you get the feeling you will not be able to form any sort of working relationship with him. First you would have to overcome your dislike for him. Looking around at the scattered pieces of crushed plastic glasses and champagne-darkened paper money and partying figures getting in a few final hurrahs before the onslaught of academia, it hits you that you really are a freshman in college now, and you hear once again those words of sweeping implication which echoed through the room just two nights before: “Eleven centuries ago Vikings sailed the seas and held sway with their imaginative use of the broadsword, much to the delight of the Viqueens. They tore meat with bare hand and snarled from the entree to the dessert, with much slobbering and spitting in between. To them belonged much crudeness and bad manners, which they revelled in in a Spartan attitude. Though they were but a step above dinosaurs and a step below hermits and shepherds in intelligence, they managed to survive the slings and arrows of the refined and carry the torch even today on this campus in the fortresses that are the residential colleges. With this in mind accept the challenge of the dropped gauntlet and change the windmill of ignorance with the lance of good intentions and clean thoughts, and remember that you are better than everyone else.”

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Your first day at Rice—no they won't let you sign up for courses yet. Before that you need to get the refrigerator, stereo, and all your green friends settled into their places. Then you can pay up. You're not getting this week of summer camp free, you know. But you are here, at last. And there's even a rose, "from the men of Will Rice." Maybe the place really is for you.
Four new courses add variety to fall offerings

Wondering what to take this semester? Four more choices have been added to help you fill up that yellow block. New on the roll scene are courses in space colonies and the biochemistry of nutrition while an interdisciplinary course on work and a class on courses in space colonies have been added for academic types.

Students already familiar with some aspects of Space physics and astronomy (i.e., those who have taken Spac colonies) can choose from the new courses on work and will also cover the evolution of the social and political framework of these colonies of the future. Also offered for the first time is “Instructional Biochemistry for Non-science Majors,” to be taught by Dr. Jorge Awwar, professor of biochemistry and advisor to Rice University’s premedical students.

AIAA talks feature astronaut

The Rice student chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics plans a full schedule of activities this year, much of it open to non-members.

First on the list are the monthly meetings featuring guest speakers from the Johnson Space Center and aerospace-related industries. Last year, the topics for these popular campus gatherings (open to all interested persons) included large solar power space stations, the 747 used in the Space Shuttle landing tests, and a personal view of the Soviet space program by astronaut Walt Cunningham. An astronaut is expected to be among the featured guests of the Rice chapter again this year.

In an effort to further develop the chapter’s already strong affiliation with the Johnson Space Center, the Houston Section AIAA will be given greater emphasis than in the past. The meetings, held monthly at the Space Center, will offer dinner (at reduced rates to members) and nationally known speakers such as astronaut Tom Stafford and Princeton professor Gerard K. O’Neill, who spoke last year on the B-1 bomber, and large space colonies, respectively. The dinner-meetings are occasionally held jointly with other interested organizations in the area, such as the Lunar Science Institute and the Texas Medical Center. Transportation will be arranged for all who wish to attend.

As in previous years, the Rice chapter will offer members an insider’s tour of the Johnson Space Center. A major portion of this power outing will include a tour of the Space Shuttle astronaut training simulators. There are no requirements for AIAA membership, save an interest in aeronautics or space exploration. All interested persons are invited to join the chapter and attend the meetings.

A new course offered for the first time this year is “The New Shape of Work,” to be taught by Dr. Jorge Awwar, professor of biochemistry and advisor to Rice University’s premedical students. This course will cover “biochemical concepts underlying the science of nutrition, food composition, calories and energy requirements, needs for special nutrients, nutritional deficiencies, and current nutritional topics.”

Commenting on these new courses in his division, Dr. William E. Gordon, dean of Rice’s School of Natural Sciences, stressed that “the excitement of learning and the joy of discovery are not confined to new teaching and research areas on the Rice campus, but extend in equal measure to the established regular courses offered by the University. These and the constant search for new areas of study are essential elements of the academic tradition at Rice.”

Two Rice historians, Drs. Thomas L. Haskell and Martin J. Wiener, are teaming with sociologist F. Chandler Davidson in a new course, “The New Shape of Work,” supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The three Rice faculty members will offer their students an examination of critical changes in work discipline and occupational structure during the 19th century along with consideration of the major theoretical efforts to assess the meaning of those changes as profounded by Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, Sigmund Freud and others.

Also new in the Rice History Department is a course on “Topics in the Social History of Modern Europe,” by Michael B. Miller, one of the University’s Andrew W. Mellon postdoctoral fellows in the humanities. Dr. Miller will offer a study of social change and conflict in an industrialized setting with emphasis on the problems social historians have considered and the ways in which they have addressed these problems. The “Topics” will be continued in the second semester with historical and theoretical consideration of the emergence of bureaucratic society during the past century.

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**Rice Campus Store**

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Sid Rich elevators get new service contract

by T. W. Cook

There may yet be hope for the residents of the upper floors of Sid Richardson College. Buildings and Grounds has finally given up on the holders of the current service contract, Texas Elevator, and has called in Otis (manufacturers of the two devices) to restore them to working order. Otis worked on the elevators all day Saturday and Sunday to get them in shape for fresperson week, and they remained in operation long enough for all the freshmen to move in.

However, late Monday afternoon the east elevator failed, and later that night, while a party on the top two floors was in full swing, the remaining elevator failed.

Marion Hicks, of Food and Housing, arrived on the scene sometime after midnight to ensure that the repairs would be made. One elevator had shut off due to an overload, and the other had been disabled by a broken switch. Hicks hopes that Otis will be able to keep the elevators in a better state of repair than has been maintained in the past.

As the Otis repairman reported after his initial examination of the elevators, the only major problem was "lack of maintenance."

Electronic teller to dispense cash from RMC

Appearing mid-November in the basement of the RMC will be HATTIE, a computer-linked machine offering a complete line of credit union services to students by the Houston Area Teachers Credit Union.

The Rice University installation of HATTIE, the CUIC teller, will be the fifth location of an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) for Houston Area Teachers Credit Union.

Through HATTIE, students who are HATCU members will be able to make deposits or withdraw from their savings or checking accounts, make loan payments, or obtain funds through an open-ended credit line, if they qualify for the credit union.

Students would not be able to cash checks made out to them for immediate funds. For larger withdrawals, students whose writing skills are not adequate for regular academic work. We want to help the student who will perform from 10 to 15 points lower because he or she doesn't know how to organize or to synthesize evidence and information."

A student's first semester is often a crucial one. Dr. Driskill said that the Rice curriculum usually challenges most of a student's intelligence and that sometimes a student will profit from help at the start and avoid becoming overburdened. To that end, English 103 is designed primarily to teach four things: heuristic procedure, analysis of thesis, proper selection, and organization of evidence, and the adoption of a style appropriate to the subject matter and audience.

The annual English Competency Exam for incoming students was administered Tuesday for the purpose of the exam, according to Dr. Linda Driskill, "is to identify those students whose writing skills are not adequate for regular academic work. We want to help the student who will perform from 10 to 15 points lower because he or she doesn't know how to organize or to synthesize evidence and information."

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The scores did not vary much from those of previous years. In all, 58.1% passed, 28.8% earned a low pass, and 13.1% failed. This year, the women's colleges again had the lowest rate of failure. Only 3.8% at Jones and 4% at Lovett, 26.8%; Richardson, 25.9%; Wiess and Lovett led a tight Brown failed the test — a mere 11.7%. Following Will Rice (16.5%) and Richardson (15.8%). As might be expected, the scores in the co-educational colleges landed in between those of the single-sex colleges, 11.4% didn't make the cut at Baker, while at Hanszen a mere 11.7% failed.

The low pass figures were: Baker, 28.8%; Brown, 30.6%; Hanszen, 24.7%; Jones, 19.2%; Lovett, 26.4%; Richardson, 36.0%; Wies, 35.4%; and Will Rice, 25.9%.
A consumer guide to freshman handbooks

by Gary Hamilton

The Rice community is close knit and Byzantine, with its insistence upon reducing communication to a minimum. This year, the range in quality is particularly striking. They vary from good, with pages of definitions, to bad, with pages of definitions. Evaluations were made this year, and the Rice community is generally one of two types: the functional-no-frills sort or the Rice-is-the-center-of-the-universe sort. Evaluations made this year were sharpened by a panel of experts consisting of myself, Walter Underwood, Phil Parker, and friends, to get to know and rate the books.

Brown College

The Brown Book wins the Innocent Humor Blunder Award. Lines following such titles as “If you’re ever in danger...” — “The People” — “A friend in need is better than a bird in the bush” — are common. It also contains such immortal sections as the following, from a discussion of associates:

Now you’re probably thinking, “Me? Be friends with a professor?” What would we possibly talk about that would interest me and wouldn’t bore him?” Well, you’d be surprised. Over meals, at picnics, at college functions, even when you seek him to buy a record store, you’ll get to know several professors on a personal and informal basis. (Mostly.)

Brown’s handbook is too chatty and not too useful (a waste of Brown’s oh-so-precious money). Rate this book a 3-.

Lovett College

Lovett College got the best handbook for the money. It has a light blue cover stapled with mimeographed pages in yellow, pink, and blue. It is a group effort with each section signed by its author. This is a guide to the paradox of the functional-no-frills sort, as compared with Baker’s archetypal Rice-is-the-center-of-the-universe pose. It contains a separate guide to Houston and talks about bikes, bike theft and transportation in the city, among other things.

The picture on the cover of a freshman with teddy bear and suitcase in hand wears a baseball cap and “I go to Rice, I must be smart” t-shirt is especially appealing. In the back it is incorporated into a picture entitled “Beating the Big City Blues: A Student’s Guide to Houston.” Other than this, however, there is no discernible attempt at humor. It contains definitions for words, but not the Brown’s.

Its wins the Complete but Humorous Award. The glossary is well done, as is the section on college government. Perhaps the phrase “Successful Survival” would look much nicer if it was better printed; the substance is good. Because of this, give their book a 2.

Sid Richardson College

Sid Richardson did not actually write his own handbook this year. Their book replaces the sections which were in Rice’s handbook this year, so give them a 2-.

Will Rice College

Will Rice has an excellent separate guide to Houston, which includes better references than Baker’s. It contains expensive, halftone reproductions. Unlike Baker’s, it is contact sheets of prominent Will Rice undergraduates.

Will Rice College has a cover reminiscent of the Rolling Stones’ red lips logo minus the tongue. The rest of the cover is printed in black on blue and thermal bond (as is Baker’s). It is the only book other than Baker’s to have photographs, but unlike Baker’s, contains expensive, halftone reproductions. Unlike Baker’s, it is contact sheets of prominent Will Rice undergraduates.

Wiese College

Wiese College’s handbook was written in extreme haste about a week before the beginning of Freshman Week and as such contains some errors (none were encountered in any of the other books.) It is the only one (other than Jackson’s) on which a professional job (that is, the Thresher typesetter) was attempted. The glossary is located in the front rather than the back and is perhaps verbose, but it supplements and even replaces the section on Houston. It contains history, tradition and a touch of humor. It includes, for example, the following definition:

The Force: A kind of field which surrounds everything in the universe. "May the force be with you.

Four: Something good on everybody else’s grade system, but not on ours. "May the fours be with you."

It has the only glossary to contain definitions for Giant - like Ted Andrews.

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Phones arrive ‘on schedule’

by David L. Butler

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There are other nine dollars is called the “central office access charge,” which covers the cost of tying in each phone to the main 526-exchange frame downtown, as well as tying it into the smaller frame at Allen Center.

Bell has set up a special phone number to handle on-campus phone orders; students can use that number (523-3459) through next Friday, September 2. After that, students wishing on-campus phones should dial Bell’s regular number for new customers, 237-7811.

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Melodramas
Sally Ellis directs her husband Wait and son Jeff's play, The Downfall of a Trusting Heart, at Theatre Southwest on 6830 Wilcrest. Last performances this Friday and Saturday at 8:30 pm. 486-4146 or 667-8480.

Noel Coward
Dean Gross has Jay Christopher's comedy, Not With My Daughter, Tuesday-Sunday, 8:30 pm. It's free and outdoors. 666-4146.

Main Street
Across the street from Lovett College, Jean Anouilh's play, Thieves' Carnival, appears Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm. 524-6706.

If You Have It Bad...

Autry's Thieves called 'unusual theatre'
Main Street Theatre's program calls Jean Anouilh's Thieves' Carnival a "fan-tastic" effort. If one has been trusted, it is "a work in which the author's fancy roves unres- tricted." I believe this means that Anouilh wanted a healthy helping of comedy and a dash of commentary. Beverley has satire, within an easy structure — making for some unusual theatre.

This form of play is difficult to produce, but director John Goodwin has managed to avoid the overplay or outright weirdness which could have been the ruin of the Autry House production.

Ken Perkowski, Charles Charpiot and David M. Dickin- son are Hector, Peterbons, and Gustave, three thieves on the make, who have set their diamond-searching sights upon three very rich women. Lady Hurf is at the age when one is "in the mood for a gigantic piece offolly." Her daughters are "two tempting pieces of cake — if she can't bring herself to love one. As for Juliette, it seems she has the charm of the man — and she must certainly want one.

Main Street Theatre has never let its size hinder the scope or initiative of its productions. Jacques Perkowski's choreography of this show is typical of its imaginative interpretations of little-known plays. The entire Autry House is used for plot embellishment, innovative entrances, and Donna K. Yeager's very good mime as Mimi, who is reminiscent of the master of ceremonies in Cabaret.

Though it sounds confusing, Thieves' Carnival is not complex. It's thieves, masquerades, and a happily-ever-after love story for Juliette and Gustave, who face every obstacle that historian Denis de Rougemont ever invented. The play turns on plots and subplots grounded in the love story. There are a lot of things happening at or near this place which deserve your notice as much as any Chemistry exam or English paper.

Two blocks from Lovett Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts gazes pretentiously at Main Street. It's the place to visit paintings in Houston. If you are the type who prefers the lesser-known or avant-garde breed of things, the Contemporary Arts Museum is right next door. Within a psycho-analyst's yell is the C. P. Jung Center for Advanced Studies.

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Computer aids university energy-saving efforts

In an effort to cut down on the University's substantial utility bills, the Physical Plant department is currently installing a centrally-controlled computer system to automate several functions, such as air-conditioning, and to remote control of their air-conditioning systems and miscellaneous equipment. Also included is a monitoring feature that keeps track of usage of electricity by the university as a whole.

Ruth Kendrick, in charge of implementing the system for Physical Plant, stated that the system reflects an effort on the part of the university to further reduce energy consumption, a program which was started during the last five years. Kendrick added, "At first, we will have units in seven buildings—Allen Center, Sewall Hall, Fondren Library, the Rice Memorial Center, Hamman Hall, Abercrombie Lab, and the Physics Lab. This will be expanded to other academic buildings, and later, to the colleges if the cost can be justified," she continued. "The best feature of the system we chose—the Johnson Controls Corp. JC-40—is the fact that it's modular, and we can expand it as we need to." Johnson, which was one of several vendors considered, also makes some of the currently installed manual controls that the new system will communicate with.

To understand how the university could justify buying such an elaborate system, it's necessary to understand the Houston Lighting and Power Co. rate structure. It's called "demand pricing." Utility bills reflect both a consumption cost factor, based on how many kilowatts were used during the billing period, and a demand cost factor. The demand cost factor takes into account the maximum amount of electricity that the university used per 15 minute period in the last month. In this way, by increasing their pricing during hours of peak demand, the light company hopes to encourage users to shift loads to non-peak times so that their equipment is more equitably utilized. This is particularly a problem in Houston; as you might expect, demand peaks markedly in the early morning, stays at a fairly high level through the day, and peaks quite sharply again in the late afternoon, before falling off through the evening. However, this definitely creates headaches for power users. "Our system will allow us to monitor H.L.P.'s equipment, and that information will allow us to implement demand limiting" (load shedding, "the light company must cut the amount of natural gas, which we use in our boilers, has gone up by more than a factor of five. Increases of this magnitude just can't be passed on to students—we've got to limit usage somehow." And the cost of utilities (mainly electricity and natural gas) are, indeed, quite high. Last year alone, nearly $50 million ("less than that, but not by much") went towards heating, cooling, and power; this year, the figure will undoubtedly exceed that. Kendrick also estimates that a cost of $500 per hour to run a building is not uncommon. "And no matter what happens, the light and gas companies have to be paid." Physical Plant has also investigated other universities' approaches to rising costs. "Cooperation is really a must. It's very convenient for students to be able to study in any building at 4 a.m., but if we know that a building is going to be used, and can turn off the air handling system for that period, it will keep the temperature between 75 and 80 degrees, then that's what we have to do. As an example, Fondren Library was most helpful in shutting down early on Sundays for the first time ever this summer. This allowed us to not only shut down the Fondren equipment, but also some other equipment as well.

Currently, only the basic wiring of the system has been installed, to light company hopes the system will arrive in mid-September. Once the equipment is fully operational, later in the semester, a Physical Plant employee will begin monitoring the computer full-time, and programs will be developed to cycle the building air handlers (currently done by mechanical timers). This will produce profiles of electrical use. Using this, Kendrick will attempt to come up with further recommendations. In the meantime, "any student input we can get would be appreciated."

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**“I’ve been used, people.”**

—k stir, 4:54am

Re Kazlows: “He’s the biggest turd I’ve ever known...I mean, this guy practices on weekends.”

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“I’m sorry, I’m an academ.”

—unavailable source

“R.L. is a one-man committe.”

* * *

“Actually, this place is just tooo cosmic for me, man. If you know what I mean.”

* * *

Fried whole birds, and now flavored blood plasma...I’ll never be able to eat again.

k.r.

12:00am 5/24/77

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Overheard at Baker fresh picnic:

“Are you a science fiction person?”

“No, I am for real.”

* * *

Unfortunately, I couldn’t typeset the above, due to my regrettable death which occurred earlier in the day. How unfortunate...

—m.l.

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System 370 Hymn: “All Systems Real and Virtual”

(sung to the tune of “All Things Bright and Beautiful”)

All systems real and virtual,
All diskpacs great and small,
ornot, wise and wonderful,
Lord in them made them all;
Each little bubble of memory,

**English composition.**

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in mind. The fact that the student had to mention and relate all twelve items in an argumentative essay precluded much wandering from whatever central thesis the student chose.

At a glance the results of the A-D and E-Z groups are significantly comparable. Within four tenths of a percentage point, about 58% of each group passed. However, whereas 13.1% of the 500 E-Z Freshmen failed, only 8.8% of the 191 “plastic hippo” group failed. Thus, a higher percentage of those forced to write on the twelve items either passed or low-passed than did those with a choice. While Dr. Huston cannot tell at this time whether next year’s Composition Exam will also be non-uniform in administration, he does believe that the English department should continue to design exams which stress the importance of such factors as organization and continuity in the writing and consideration of an essay. Whether or not English Composition Exams like this year’s will be given is a matter the English department will have to decide using both internal and external feedback.

Edward E. Kleinschmidt, 101, inventor of the teletypewriter machine used to transmit news around the globe (or at least the block) died of heart disease in Canaan, Conn. recently. A tinkiper since a child, Kleinschmidt was only 15 when he began work on his teletypewriter, which was an alternative design to the more well-known Teletype™ design.

The invention eventually made him a multi-millionaire. Among his 100 odd patented inventions: a stock market ticker, an automatic fishing reel, a police radio-teletypewriter and a macaroni-twisting machine. Reports that the same basic Kleinschmidt unit is used in each of these are believed to be unfounded.

Well, the nuclear death warning just went off again. I think I’ll go down to the tunnels.

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“...yes. There’s more people on top.”

—staff tapes, 5:48am

If anyone is going to Galveston on Friday, Sept. 2 for an interview, and would like to share a ride, please call x2481 or leave a note in my box at Brown College. Margaret Gutierrez.

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“You can tell they’re freshmen, they still eat breakfast.”

* * *

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—dr. hackerman

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Book sale continues: Physics 101 Tipler text, $11.37. Tilley text, $8.90. Chem 101 text, $6.98. All used, but in excellent condition. If any of you freshmen don't want to pay the bookstore's rip-off prices, call Steve at 771-1900 during Freshman week or after.

Parliamentary meeting of the Rice Pre-Law Association will be held to set a new date for the upcoming election. New date is Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7pm, in the Rice Commons. The short meeting will be held to set a date for the next election for the Parliamentary meeting. The new date will be announced.

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don't we all—m.l.


twelve months

Thursday, the twenty-fifth


7pm. Alley Theatre. The Marvelous Visit. $2.

8pm-12am. Rice Memorial Center. Freshman "Couch" (?) party. 9:30pm. Alley. Marvelous Visit.

Friday, the twenty-sixth

10am. Grand Hall, Rice Memorial Center (RMC). Orientation for new graduate students.


12:45pm. Commons. First lousy meal of the year; only the commons.

7pm. Alley. Jazz at the Alley: Pat William Quintet; Bob Porter, Lumiere, Melies, D.W. Griffith (plugplugplugplugplug).

10pm. Mall. The latest Thresher should have been out 4 or so hours by now.

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Gred student at Baylor college finds a roommate for a nice house: 7 minutes away from Rice. House and room is furnished, air-conditioned, large kitchen, study, etc. Am in process of setting up a room by mid-September. Cost 1 roommates—$150. 2 roommates—$110 each, plus bills. (approx. $20/mo.) Call Dave at 667-4676 or 799-4457, x457 (day).

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"Well, Logan, you work for ktru, and I'm working for Logan—therefore, I'm sub-contracted to myself."

E.M.S., 10/29/77

"8/20/77 Turntable: Thorens 150 with B & O cartridge, $80. Mattress, full size, $1.15. Call Peter, 529-5208 or 528-6281.

Sinclair Scientific (Pocket size) turntable: 4 sale. Call Tere in Jones, x2340.

notes and notices

Special — There will be a special meeting of the S.A. Senate on Sunday, Aug. 30th at 4:30pm. in the Rice Commons. The short meeting will be held to set a date for the new election for the S.A. Campanile editor.

Video — Feel like expressing yourself in a video medium? Well then, attend the first meeting of any film, Computer Graphics and Animation. Past projects will be displayed. Date is Monday, Aug. 28th, 7:30pm at the Media Center auditorium.

Smart — Mensa is an international society of people who have scored in the top 2% of the general population on a standardized 1Q test (SAT-1200+). Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 5pm at Valhalla (under Chem Lee Hall). Requests for information or membership applications should be addressed to: Gulf Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 23967, Houston, TX 77005; or call 776-9500 or 524-2200.

Twirl — The MOB will be holding tryouts for twirlers on Sept. 1, 4pm, on the patio of the RMC. Anyone who is interested is eligible. Each candidate must prepare a short routine which will be evaluated. This routine will be evaluated by the MOB. Judges will be: Boyd, Callie, and Cates. Telephone: 668-6499 evenings. Rice. 837-3408. Please come by to sign up.

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