J. Dennis Huston and John Freeman have been selected by President Norman Hackerman as the new masters of Hanszen and Lovett Colleges. They will officially begin their five-year terms, succeeding Stephen Baker and C. Sidney Burrus, on July 1.

Both new masters have substantial roles in the Rice community in addition to their academic duties. Huston, an associate professor of English, is active in Rice theatrical groups, having appeared in eight productions of the Rice Players and the Baker Shakespearean Theatre since his arrival in 1969. Freeman, professor of Physics and Astronomy, joined the Rice faculty in 1964, and was recently named director of the Rice Space Solar Research project.

Huston is a winner of numerous teaching awards, including the Brown College Teaching Award for excellence in the humanities, the Nicholas S. Salgo Prize for excellence in the sciences, the Brown Award for Superior Teaching, the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, and Tavistock's Prize, and the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching. He has strong interest in college and intramural athletics, having served as the Jjones College "pit boss" during the Beer-Bike race, and currently playing on the league-leading Pro Pros softball team.

Freeman is also an award-winner for his work in space instrumentation and research: his awards include the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement. He was the designer and principal investigator for the Apollo Lunar Surface Suprathermal Ion Experiment, carried to the moon aboard Apollo 12.

Huston and his wife, LCSA director Priscilla Jane Huston, have already started work with Hanszen's faculty associates program—partly because the colleges' draft of an unaffiliated faculty took place four days after the masters' appointments. But timing aside, the Hustons still consider the associates "the key to the college...if you can get associates and students interacting, you can do what seems to me the most important thing you have to do in a college environment—make education work outside the classroom." The Hustons also plan to work closely with the college's Freshman Week advisors in order to make the orientation period for next year's freshmen the least mind-boggling experience possible.

Freeman was unavailable for comment as the Thresher went to press; he is attending the convention of the American Geophysical Union in Florida. Lovett Master Search Chairman Alex Arts has described the new Lovett master as "sensitive to the problems the colleges are facing—the lack of identity in the University as a whole," and the lack of "strong support" from the University for the college system.

**SA recommends Tavistock conference**

In a marathon session which lasted just as long as the first half of a Rice football game, the senators recommended that a leadership conference be held early next semester.

Most of the discussion (which was held before the meeting officially convened) centered on the proposal for a leadership conference proposed by the Tavistock group. Many of the participants were concerned about the program's lack of structure for the small group activities and the amount of stress they were subjected to during the weekend sessions. Another plan was to hold an Interface conference, which would involve six to ten consultants and up to 200 participants, while another proposal was to contract with one consultant on a weekend retreat.

Finally, the Senate decided to stay with Tavistock, and ask Tavistock to expand its offerings and better tailor the session to meet the needs of student leaders in the college system.

The senators then quickly approved the results of last week's TexPIRG referendum, which disapproved the University's request for blanket tax. Stan Barber then called on the body to "exercise its prerogative" under the old KTRU charter and ask the station manager, Eric Sisson, to submit for Senate approval the name of the new station manager.

Barber claimed that he had "been frozen out of the manager's seat". Because Tavistock would be a Class II graduate student (taking courses outside the college), he would be a Class II graduate student (taking courses outside the college). The change and the lack of "strong support" from the University for the college system.

**Graduation moved up**

If you've already sent out your graduation invitations, you may find it necessary to mail out a quick addendum. The ceremonies have been moved up one hour from the time listed on those expensive cards you ordered months ago.

At the suggestion of the University Marshals, Commencement has been rescheduled from 7 pm to 6 pm—"to allow time for celebration dinners or parties afterward." That was before the marshals noted they had overlooked the fact that invitations which the students had already ordered said 7 pm.

In a meeting Wednesday morning, a reversal of the original starting time was considered before a decision to stay with the 6 pm time was made.

The University will print the cards noting the time change which will be free of charge to all seniors. The cards should be available in the Campus Store and the colleges beginning next week.

As usual Commencement will take place in front of Lovett Hall—unless of course the semi-tropical climate of Houston threatens the operation. In the case the operation is moved indoors to the gym. The final decision will be made by Chief Marshal that afternoon and to the University switchboard at 4 pm.

Ray Alborn is named the new Rice head football coach in a press conference Monday, succeeding Homer Rice who accepted an offer in Cincinnati. (see story on page 12) —written underwood
In itself the change of the starting time of commencement is a good idea. Beginning the thing earlier might make you think that the droning remarks and the endless line don’t take that long.

It would have been an even better idea if the decision had been made in February instead of three weeks ago. Maybe now you wouldn’t be sending postcards to your relatives telling them to ignore the time given on the invitation. If you haven’t sent them yet, you could pencil in the right time or wait for the little cards.

Not that this is the most serious discomfort you’ve been subjected to in your four years here—you’ve survived varying doses of dull lectures, all-nighters and Fool Service. But when it came time to leave, you thought you could expect a little better planning and coordination.

For the last time: Homer Rice is out of office. After two years of Rice at Rice, the relationship has ended, to the benefit of both parties concerned.

When Rice signed on two years ago, there was a lot of enthusiasm. Here was a coach that could fit into the rest of the university—a thinking man’s coach who had his own special theories about motivation and had even published.

However, the next Jess Neely failed to materialize. Homer was inaccessible to the rest of the university and even parts of his own department. Only with reluctance did he speak to alumni. He seemed more intent on spreading the word about Homer Rice’s Attitude Technique than about Rice University.

It wasn’t their fault. . .

To the Editor:

Rick Toye, an undergraduate psychology major at Hanesan College, was recently accorded a high honor: he was asked to present a paper of his to a national assembly of psychology students at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. on April 14.

A trip to Washington costs a lot of money—$250 in Rick’s case—so he asked his department for financial aid. They refused to give him a cent; apparently department policy forbids grants to students or faculty for travel to meetings, even if the person (and, by implication, the school) is being honored.

Rick also went to Dean Brown to plead for aid. She replied that no funds were available. He did, however, manage to get $50 in matching funds from the Student Association.

On April 5, Rick asked the Hanesan Cabinet to make a contribution for his trip, but we said no at that time. We asked him to report back to us if he had found no other sources of money by April 12. Rick came to us on April 12 with bad news. After a newspaper appeal to President Hackerman, he had been granted $50 by Dean Brown. Yet he still lacked $150, and he was due to leave for Washington the next day. He finally voted, fully aware that a harmful precedent might be set, to give Rick $50 and loan him another $50 interest-free.

So Rick Toye made it to Washington, but with little if any thanks due to University officials. The most his own department could offer him to defray expenses was a part-time job, which he took. He had to appeal to the highest authority to get a $50 loan from the University proper. Had two student organizations not generously given him money, he would not have been able to present his paper.

I believe this incident points out a certain confusion in priorities at Rice University, especially since we are a school attached to a national assembly of psychology students. What does this institution ask for than to have one of its students be honored at a national assembly? To look at it another way, imagine the assembly chairman having to say, “I’m sorry, ladies and gentlemen, but our scheduled speaker from Rice University could not attend because our school would not pay his travel expenses.” It almost came to that.

Rolf Aspaugh
College Cabinet Secretary
Hanesan ’80

WILLY

by Jeff Kerr

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Disciplinary records to be purged, old files destroyed

Acting on proposals from the Proctor which have been endorsed by the Committee on Student Affairs and the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs, President Hackerman has approved the following revisions of the University's policy on disciplinary records:

1. Being an academic record, the transcript will no longer contain notations of disciplinary actions—including disciplinary suspension or expulsion—taken by the University. The one exception to this policy involves loss of credit on a course resulting from an Honor Code violation. In such cases an asterisk is placed in the grade slot with a notation of "loss of credit" to the right of the transcript; no explanation for the loss of credit is given.

2. Upon a student's graduation from the University, the record of any disciplinary actions, including suspension and Honor Code violations, will be destroyed.

3. In those cases where a student does not complete degree requirements at Rice, records of disciplinary actions except expulsion will be destroyed, four years from the date of the student's separation (voluntary or involuntary) from the University. If a student in this category wishes to re-enter Rice after this four-year period, he or she must fulfill all stipulated requirements for readmission.

4. Only disciplinary expulsion remains on a person's permanent disciplinary record.

In the colleges

Hanszen—There is a free lunch. Or dinner.

Effective immediately (in fact, since last week), on-campus Hanszenites will receive a $2.00 meal subsidy per week. This will cover the full cost of one lunch or dinner per week. The full meal subsidies are also scheduled to be continued next year.

Lovett—Next Wednesday, April 20, 1978, hereby designated an unofficial S.I.O.B. night.

Please wear your S.I.O.B. shirts to dinner. As of now, we do not feel that surgery will be necessary upon dinner, but you never know.

Baker—Our friends at Fifth entrance will give a party starting at 7 pm this Friday at Fifth entrance Baker College. Everyone is welcome.

The full meal subsidy will cover the full cost of one lunch or dinner. Or dinner.

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University Council

Barber

The University Council is one of Rice’s most vital decision-making bodies. Each year it makes recommendations which profoundly affect the course of undergraduate life, both academically and through modifications in University regulations. The University Council has two undergraduate members to represent our views. Because there are only two undergraduate students on the Council and because the potential impact of the Council’s actions is so great, it is imperative that we elect a student who will actively serve us—a student who is aware of the issues, who has the information-gathering resources necessary for intelligent decision-making, who is able to understand and convey the student position on important matters, and who will be taken seriously by the other Council members. I am highly qualified for the post of University Council representative. Few students are as experienced in both College and University-wide student government, and even fewer have as many contacts within the University faculty, staff, and administration, not to mention the student body. I can find out for us what we need to know, and I guarantee I’ll listen to what you have to say. And I’ll stand up for us when we feel it’s necessary.

Recent issues the University Council has considered include conversion to the hour system and institution of an English requirement for all undergraduates. The Committee on Educational Enhancement is currently considering fundamental modifications in the departmental structure of the University. There is a strong chance the University Council will consider their recommendations sometime next year. Issues such as these will make a very real difference in our experience at Rice. We need a representative who understands this, and who understands us. We need someone who will represent us aggressively. We need someone who knows what needs to be done and how to go about doing it. I’m that someone. I’m Marian Barber, and I’d appreciate your vote Tuesday.

Somervill

My name is Cynthia Somervill; I am a sophomore from Jones College and one of the “others running” (Rice Thresher, vol. 65, no. 23) for the undergraduate position on the University Council. Since there are only two students to represent the student body on this administrative council, the choice which you make in this election is an important one for you. The type of student needed for this position is one who is receptive to your needs and can present them with assurance to the faculty members of the Council. I believe I am capable of fulfilling this requirement. I am not bound by any preconceived political ideas so that I can be more receptive to your opinions as being important of themselves. I am quite willing to spend the time in finding out your opinions either by speaking to you informally or by formally seeking out your views on certain issues by visiting your college for lunch or dinner. Being a sophomore, I have two years in which to serve you on the Council, and I hope to work with you in effecting active communication among the student body and the members of the Council so as to decide policy which may be generally accepted by all.

Cathcart

Rice University has a long tradition of excellence. But to maintain that tradition in the future we must constantly reevaluate our position. If we do not move forward, we will definitely move backwards. Rice has an obligation to provide students with a well rounded academic and personal background as well as competence in their chosen field. Rice also must maintain the highest quality faculty possible and provide an atmosphere for them to teach and work in effectively. The University Council is in a unique position to keep Rice an outstanding university.

I have been at Rice for three years and I believe that I can provide the University Council with positive input regarding the continuing excellence of Rice University. Many policy decisions will not even have an impact this year. I believe that I can work to serve you on the Council so as to decide policy which may be generally accepted by all.

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I definitely hope that what I've written here will be read and thought about since I feel very strongly about it. I don't want this statement to be thought of as just B.S. trying to get me elected. I want to bring up some issues that I feel are important to students at Rice.

Most of the students at Rice haven't heard about the University Council or what its function is. This seems to be the case with many of the governmental positions for students at Rice with the possible exception of the SA officers and even the specific duties of these positions are not well known. This seems very strange for a place such as Rice where there are such high quality students.

What adds to this peculiarity is that many students, myself included, complain about Rice and are very quick to point out all of the deficiencies of the system here. I see the Student Association and the University Council as students' way to have their voice heard and to change things that they see fault in. So, instead of complaining about how the council doesn't function, I have decided to run for a position on the University Council in an attempt to make Rice a more enjoyable experience for its students since as corny as it may sound college is for the students' enjoyment.

The reason that the average Rice student is uninformed about the University Council is partly due to the lack of publicity that is given to the proceedings of the meetings in spite of the fact that there are very important issues being discussed. One of my goals as a Council member would be to inform you, the students, of what is being done by the Council so that as your representative I would have the students' feelings if for my voting instead of simply my personal opinion. Thus, I would definitely make the issues as public as permitted and be responsive to student feedback since I feel it is my duty.

One issue that has been a source of complaint for many students and me is the decisions as to which professors get tenure. Although the faculty members of the University Council determine who gets tenure, that does not prevent the student representative from voicing his opinions and those of his peers so that the faculty members can make more informed choices. This issue is another area that is very important to students, but has received little attention from student sources, be it vocal or not, from the Council as a whole.

The University Council is one of the few elected offices that has any significant input into the University present day functions and future plans. Though largely unknown, the University Council reviews course requirements, degree plans, add-drop deadlines, all standing committee recommendations, student salaries, library improvement, and many other things that directly affect the student body. The shame of it is that every year candidates must re-explain the functions of the council because they realize that few students even recognize its existence. This, in my mind, is more the fault of the council than the students. As such I believe it the responsibility of future council members to not only disseminate the ideas on issues that take place in the University but also disseminate the ideas on issues that take place in the University through printed summaries of the proceedings in The Thresher as well as先进技术 channels, students must be permitted and be responsive to student feedback would breed greater interest in the University which could only serve to make Rice better than it already is for the students. I am not saying that everyone should get involved but I want to provide the University with those who want to get involved so that nobody will be discouraged from participating. Maybe if there is more student involvement and interest more responsibility in determining Rice University policies will be delegated to the students. I feel that is something for us to aim for in the coming years.

I hope that at the polls you will take into account what I have said and make an intelligent and informed vote. Thank you, Frank Wolak.

Shenoi

Just a few years ago, students at Rice were endowed with a larger share of the administrative responsibilities of the University through the membership on several executive committees, one of them being the University Council. Through these channels, students assume the responsibility of promoting and protecting their interests as well as the interests of the University as a whole.

The council is, in fact, the highest decision making body in the University, except for the Board of Governors. Most of the recommendations and proposed policies from the University Standing Committees pass through the Council and the student representatives are obligated to insure that the students' unique and often-overlooked perspective of the University be presented.

I am seeking the office of University Council representative because if the member can name numerous student sources that could provide the student or student sources that could provide the student or faculty member his or her beliefs so that student opinions can be more than adequately represented to the influential students' viewpoints, (i.e. De Hakeman, Dean Brown) This aspect certainly should not be overlooked but make the students' views are only as important as the council's decision making process, I hope that students will take the time to examine each candidate thoroughly, keeping in mind that they will represent both your views and aspirations for the University's future growth. I would appreciate your vote in next Tuesday's election.

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RDC endorses Hill, Christie, Pentony in May primary

by Joanne Adams and Kim D. Brown

Mass transit, land use policies and local ordinance-making authority emerged as the leading issues in the County Judge race when the Rice Democratic Caucus heard the views Tuesday night of the three leading Democratic contenders.

Attorney Shawn Casey said the duties of the County Judge (which functions like a county mayor) require a lawyer to effectively handle them, and claimed the Republican incumbent, Jon Lindsay, is guilty of not planning adequately for Harris County.

David Jones, another young lawyer and surrogate for absent candidate Mike Driscoll, told the Democratic group that Driscoll is "tired of incompetence in county government" and currently has enough financial backing to beat Lindsay in the November general elections.

Former Rice-area state representative Joe Pentony stated his belief that the major problems of county government are structural and due to the outdated 1876 Texas Constitution provisions. Pentony, presently chairman of the psychology department of the University of St. Thomas, said as county judge he would seek ethics legislation for county officials.

Driscoll's representative pointed out that incumbent Lindsay had totally botched the construction of a new jail, indicating his lack of leadership. Pentony added that Lindsay "has done nothing in office except raise tax revenues and spending levels.

Casey, whose wife recently earned a Rice graduate degree, said flood and drainage problems are avoidable through the county control of building permits. Pentony responded by noting that there is a distinct difference between two policies affecting flood control: land use policies (which he favors) and zoning (which he fundamentally opposes).

After grilling the three, the Rice Demos awarded its endorsement to Pentony, who earned 100 percent Common Cause rating in his two Texas House terms, and who has never received less than 75 percent of the campus vote when his name appeared on the ballot.

Endorsements in the May 6 Democratic primary also went to John Hill (governor) and Joe Christie (U.S. Senate), largely due to their advocacy of consumers' viewpoints in their recent posts of state attorney general and insurance commissioner. The entire list of RDC endorsements in state and county races are scheduled to be mailed next week to all students registered to vote in the Rice campus precinct 361.

Precinct judge Mary Smith, a Hanszen junior, explained the process of the precinct convention, which will be after the polls close May 6. The Caucus then agreed to jump efforts with the Rice Republicans to encourage a strong turnout for the primaries, which fall on the Saturday in final exams week.

Entrepreneur grant established

by Michelle Smith

"There are two routes one can take in business," says Robert J. Sterling, Dean of the university's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration. One is the well-established pattern of joining a firm like Exxon or IBM and performing assigned tasks. The other, which Sterling is currently more excited about, is to start from scratch and build your own company through entrepreneurial innovation.

In order to promote this second option, Roger Wheeler of Tulsa, Oklahoma has given the Jones School a $50,000 grant. Wheeler is Chairman of the Board at Texex, a computer equipment firm based in Tulsa.

Sterling says he's an entrepreneur par excellence. Wheeler originated the idea for a new way to protect pipe for oil wells with American Magnesium and started operation with $2,000 in borrowed cash. Ten years later, he sold his company for $32 million.

"We're very excited about this opportunity," said Sterling. "We feel entrepreneurial studies is an area that has long been neglected and we'd like to fill this gap and provide an additional alternative for students after they graduate."

An entrepreneur takes existing knowledge gleaned from management, or method research and applies it to a given business operation. McDonald's Hamburger was an innovation in distribution technique just as Weed-Eaters is an innovation in a new product.

With the money from the Wheeler grant, Sterling plans to offer two new courses in entrepreneurship: ways to seek and finance innovative techniques will be taught as well as methods of introducing new products. Sterling is currently looking for a professor to teach these courses. Also, he hopes the grant will eventually blossom into a Jones School Chair in Entrepreneurship, which could cost approximately $1 million.

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Admissions organizes committee to aid recruiting

Ever wonder about those groups of confused-looking high-schoolers being led around campus by smug underclassmen? These tours play an important part in the transformation of innocent high-school types into Rice people. To run these expeditions, the Admissions Office needs student guides and is presently looking for people to help.

In a meeting Monday, Marina Ballantyne, one of the assistant directors of admissions, proposed the organization of a Student Admission Committee to solicit active student involvement in the admissions process. Operation of such a committee might begin this coming fall. One proposal was that the committee consist of two or three chairmen and a coordinator in each college. Also considered was a proposal to have a committee made up of five or six students acting independently of the colleges. The committee may be attached either to the Student Association or the Admissions Office. Other projects proposed were a regular tour system, student contacts (visiting or writing students in hometowns during vacations), special programs, college night presentations and minority programs, and research projects.

Ballantyne feels that a regular volunteer tour guide system would greatly upgrade our recruiting, since the campus itself is one of our best selling points. At other institutions, notably Princeton, Harvard and SMU, campus tours are conducted on a daily basis. At Rice, when a prospective student wants a tour, the staff of the Admissions Office has to get on the phone and call several students to get at least one to climb out of bed and do his tour for Rice. Ballantyne suggested a system by which volunteers would be available for tours twice a day, five days a week. Times set up would be 11 am and 2:30 pm to reduce conflicts with class hours. The four new assistant directors of admissions are enthusiastic about what Rice has to offer. They feel that not enough people know about Rice, even in Texas, from which two-thirds of the incoming classes are drawn.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about this committee, please contact Marina Ballantyne in the Admissions Office or one of the temporary college representatives listed below.

Baker—Meredith Gibbs
Brown—Nancy Jones
Hanszen—nobody yet
Jones—Julie Perry
Lovett—Noel Shennoi
Kevin Campbell
Sid Rich—Mike Perry
Will Rice—Tim Stout
Wiss—Stewart Sutherland

Material Science seeks students

by Michelle Smith

At a time when competition for jobs gives way to uncertainty and uneasiness about which field to enter, there is one relatively safe arena of expertise where there is still a rising demand for graduates. Industries ranging from oil and oil tools to aerospace are looking for people with degrees in materials science. Hence the seventh rated program in the nation.

At the moment, Rice's materials science department has 12 students who are majoring in it, yet according to the Gourmet report, it is the top rated program at Rice and the seventh rated program in the nation. Professors Franz Brotzen and Rex McClellan, are literally swamped each week with offers from companies all over the country. Whether it's Exxon calling from Cleveland or Bell Labs calling from New Jersey, they all say, "Listen, can you get me someone?" and I have to tell them, "Brotzen, professor of mechanical engineering and materials science. He says the department could handle many more majors and assure them of good jobs.

Brotzen also explained that the possibilities for graduate school are excellent. "We can get any halfway decent student into any school in the country—with a full-paid scholarship."

The materials science field has many opportunities, especially for women. Starting pay is around $18,000 a year. It involves relatively clean laboratory work, says Brotzen. Materials Science combines well with physics, chemistry, economics or any of the engineering programs because there are many electives and course requirements that overlap in each field.

"Most people don't realize that most industrial engineering is mainly materials science anyway—whether it's textiles, shipbuilding, paper, steel or aerospace equipment," says Wanda Alexander, a junior M.S. student from New Orleans. "Many engineers would be better off with a materials science degree, since so many companies have to retrain them."

There are several scholarships available to materials science students, including Olson scholarships from Armo, which is $1,000 a year, as well as scholarships from the local chapter of the American Society of Metals, which are also $1,000 each.

So, with all of these attractive inducements, why don't more students at Rice major in materials science? "It's not that hard," says Brotzen. Students seem to agree with him—in fact Barry Baker, a senior electrical engineering major in Hanszen says, "I wish I'd done it—it would have been a lot easier than E.E."

Also, the materials science department is much better rated.

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Inefficiencies plague Physical Plant operations

by Greg LeRoy

“The reason for the physical plant,” remarked Russell Sullivan, B&G Maintenance Engineer, “is to maintain the building and grounds and provide a proper environment for students and faculty. Some long-time members of both the staff and the faculty, however, contend that the personnel of the physical plant are ‘insensitive to the people and the people they effect.’

Physical plant is a rather loose name for a large group of buildings on the North side of campus. From plumber to electrician to grounds worker, a member is sent from this complex when another department calls in a work request. The entire staff is about 120 people. And this fact—that B&G is so large—contributes to many problems for the department. For example, Sullivan noted that ‘(physical plant personnel) are probably more suspect than other people (when something is stolen) because they are all over campus.’

During the year in which I worked for B&G, I saw much college and student property being stolen—such as a toolbox and alcohol from Sid Richardson and furniture from Baker. While I personally did not witness more than $500-$600 worth of student property ‘change hands’, I heard stories and boasting which would have come to much more. Indeed, when I checked for these items, they had disappeared, although for some reason they never were reported to the Rice Police.

For a variety of reasons the individual student suffers least from staff theftery. The University sustains the real losses. Each year large amounts of material are pilfered from Rice. Occasionally an expensive machine (such as a plumbing auger or power generator) would simply vanish from a shop. A few workers would recall having used the machine, but not the individual who had used it last. And so it went.

The large supply of materials kept on hand by each craft department for immediate repairs are the most accessible items. And it is not unusual to see a physical plant employee unloading a few armfuls of some Rice material into his car from a golfcart—and usually he is parked right in front of the Campus Police Station! One craft supervisor who did not wish to have his name used claimed: ‘I’ve lost over $2000 in just one week.’

There may be cases like that,” said Sullivan, “though I am not aware of them. I would stop it if only I could prove it. Anything could walk into the Central Kitchen basement and take a few lightbulbs and we’d never know it. Things like that happen, but there is no way of knowing who is losing.” Sullivan feels that a recently implemented stock room will allow the physical plant to hold onto its materials.

One problem the B&G administration finds difficult to combat is the amount of time misspent by employees on ‘non-productive’ work. While student tales of lethargy from time to time are documented, Sullivan contends that B&G is no different. Indeed, when he went to apply for one of the three or four different departments in a little over a year, ‘They hired me as a plumbing specialist, ’ he said; ‘I can’t just quit and get another job at my age.’

In the Employee’s Manual (which is supposed to be given to each new employee), such topics are not discussed. But some interesting questions may be raised. For example: merit raises for workers who have shown initiative and good work are said to be available. However, one foreman in the B&G department told the Thresher that when he went to apply for one of the three or four different departments in a little over a year, ‘They hired me as a plumbing specialist,’ he said; ‘I can’t just quit and get another job at my age.’

Slacking off becomes more irksome when two other factors are considered: 1) Each craft department pays the physical plant $12.00 an hour for skilled craftsmen and $7.00 an hour for unskilled labor (plus materials). 2) While these rates are significantly lower than what most outside firms would charge, the quality of work done often is said to be less satisfactory.

‘I just don’t give a shit,’ explained one craftsman when queried about his attitude toward working at Rice. ‘For what I get paid, why should I care what happens to this place?’ Mr. Sullivan agreed that the wages are ‘higher on the outside.’

“However,” he added, “you’ve got to weigh higher wages outside with worker conditions on the inside.” Rice offers its employees a medical program, free college education, and a pension program. Sullivan says that he has seen many people understand the reason most physical personnel choose to work at Rice is for job security. Ironically, most workers lack any such faith in their positions. Many employees in the B&G department claimed that the administration would ‘screw’ them the first chance they got.

One employee who had worked at Rice for over twenty years felt that the administration deliberately was mistreating him as he approached retirement—in the hope that he would leave before collecting retirement benefits. A fifty year old man said that he had been ‘pushed around’ in the physical plant’s hierarchy during the last five years.

Inefficiencies plague Physical Plant operations
April 17, 1978
From: Norman Hackerman
To: Rice Chiefs of Staff
Re: Enormous Changes at the Last Moment
As you may know, the academic year is drawing to a
close, which leaves us just enough time to implement
major policy changes that affect the students
enormously. With the overwhelming success of last
year's pet coup, we feel confident that this year's
enormous changes at the last moment will be the best
ever. If you can’t formulate your enormous changes
before the middle of May, feel free to use the Summer
Option Enormous Change Form included. What’s
good for Food Service is good for Health Service, I
always say. Well, maybe not always, but often
enough.
P.S. Remember that the Lovett basement is up for
grabs if you need storage room.

April 19, 1978
From: Russ Pitman, Campus Business Manager
To: Frank Petru, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Re: Funds for 1978-79
With the price increase on the confiscated RMC
snack machine Snickers, Twinkies, and Apple Pies,
and the proposed 267% hike in parking fines, the
Business Office has met its Enormous Change Quota
for April. Having received the Hackerman note of 4/17, we
were wondering if we could charge Joyce for use of
the Lovett basement and split the take between B&G
and the Business Office. That way we could generate
enough revenue to buy Homer out of his contract and
still have enough left over to get Marion some decent
clothes. He drips fuchsia all over my carpet on hot
days. And those white vinyl shoes have got to go.

April 20, 1978
From: See Sid Burros, Master Lovett College
To: Russ Pitman, Campus Business Manager
Re: Enormous Charges
We don’t like to make trouble or anything, but we
were curious about the bill you sent us for use of our
basement from 9/77 through 4/78. We were under the
impression that we could use it as long as we didn’t
stop B&G gnomes from taking whatever struck their
don’t fancy down there. Your cooperation in this matter
would be greatly appreciated.

April 21, 1978
From: Marion Hicks, Director of Food and Housing
To: Frank Petru, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Re: Fuchsia Storage
After receiving the Hackerman note of 4/17, I had a
brainstorm. Why don’t we raise the room fee $200
over the summer and call it an enormous closet space
storage charge? Do you know how many cubic feet of
storage are around this place? Also, could you see your
way to letting Joyce store some food goods in
the Lovett basement back in
October for shrimp storage over the
summer and if she has to rent one
of those mini-warehouses for 3
months she’ll send the bill to
Russ Pitman.

April 22, 1978
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Ballad of the Sad Cafe
Edward Albee's adaption of the Carson McCuller's novel will play at Reunion Theatre April 22-23 at 8:30pm. 228-2267.

Absurd Person Singular
British playwright Alan Ayckbourn's Broadway hit comedy about three suburban couples opens at the Alley Theatre tonight at 8pm, playing Tuesdays through Sundays thereafter at varying hours. 228-8421 for further information.

Art Exhibition
The Rice Museum currently is exhibiting sixty paintings, drawings, gouaches, and prints by the 20th Century French painter Fernand Leger.

Photo Exhibition
Photographs by Lee Friedlander presently are being exhibited in the Museum of Fine Arts' Andrews Gallery.

Grad Student Subsidies
$1.00 rebates are available to students going to Houston cultural and sporting events. Contact David, x 3274.

The University of Houston Drama Department attempts a new adaption of Voltaire's eighteenth century satire Candide April 20-22 at 8:30pm. 749-3450 for further information.

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Denizens
A world premiere of Gary Chason's latest work ("a lunatic comedy with serious undertones") has been held over at the Equinox Theatre, playing Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30pm. 866-5829 for further information.

Student Art Exhibit
Sponsored by the Department of Art History and the Association of Rice Alumni, the fifteenth annual student's art exhibition will be on view in Sewall Hall until May 14.

Same Time, Next Year
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Bellow looks at art within life
by Greg LeRoy
and Amy Grossman

"People who ask you about your fiction are mainly concerned with the fact, not with the art of fiction," said Saul Bellow in an interview with the Thresher last Tuesday. The interview was a literary coup for the Thresher—just as it was a coup for Rice. "This is," he said, "my first time out (for an interview)." and Bellow appeared in the Grand Hall of the RMC during his first trip to Houston.

Following a reception in his honor Wednesday, Bellow addressed a small group of students at Brown College. After reading a passage from his 1964 novel, Herzog, he responded to the students questions concerning his role as author and the trends in modern literature.

"When I write," he commented, "I have several considerations. I ask myself 'Who's out there and what do they want?' I do not want to bore people... and I don't want to waste their time." In Writing for Dear Life, his Wednesday night lecture, Bellow melded a bit of autobiography and soft humor to underline his argument: that "we can certainly live without art, just as a patient on a diet can live without salt."

"My modern contemporaries—the dominant intellectuals—are incorrect," stated Bellow, "but this Chicago need not bind us... a leap towards the marvelous is possible." During the discussion at Brown College, Bellow noted: "I have a morbid curiosity about the real facts. I ask myself 'When is this going to happen? No, but I've seen it happen... But I wouldn't write anything that revealed myself or, especially, to justify myself."

"Somewhere along the line, the idea of ART came into novel writing. Novels used to be more loosely jointed. And I find myself caught between two extremes. Sometimes I think 'What the hell, I'll let loose' and I'm always sorry afterwards."

Since his first novel in 1944 (Dangling Man), the sixty-three year old artist has won three National Book Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Humboldt's Gift, and in 1976 the Nobel Prize in Literature. "I won the NBA three times," stated Bellow, "their arms must be tired of handing it to me." Commenting on the recent NBA awards, he said: "I think it's a mistake to base the award on anything but merit.

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Alborn named to replace Rice as football coach

by Barry Jones

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This Friday the Rice men will compete in the Baylor Invitational, a meet which this season was named outstanding team last year. This highly competitive meet will provide a good test for the Owls, as they have only three more weeks until the SWC championships.

JOCK NOTES

Basketball coach Mike Schuler announced the signing of a handful of basketball signees. "We’re very pleased with our recruiting this go around," he said Monday, "of them did not make all-world, but we have size, we have speed, and we can shoot the ball.”

Probably the biggest catch is Bobby Tudor, a 6-4 guard out of Pineville, Louisiana. Tudor, who was also recruited by Arkansas, had a 3.5 GPA in high school and was a National Honor Society President.

The big man among the six signees is Brett Burchholder, who, at 6-11, will be playing over the spot left by Frank Jackson’s departure. Inskip went to Baytown to pick up Larry McCall, a 6-9 forward. Schuler described McCall as "a tremendous sleeper," a player with a lot of ability but whose stats aren’t impressive because he “didn’t get the ball very much this year.”

The others signed by Schuler include Joey Daniels, 6-3, from Silver Springs, Maryland; Brian Burns, 6-6, from Port Muga, California; and Glen Rieke, 6-7, from San Antonio, California.

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Rice women’s track team wins at Rice Invitational Water Polo Tournament

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Softball playoffs begin; college track set for Saturday

Men’s—The field was narrowed to ten teams as the playoffs began and there have been a few surprises. In an elimination match, Stocks & Stones rallied for seven runs in the third inning on a grand slam by John Redman and a three-run homer by Don “The Man” Scales, to overcome a four-run deficit and defeat Blue Boys going away, 16-6. Laverty and Fossi each connected on homers back to back. Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. Leatherballs came in and took Skraelings for the fags. Leatherballs back, Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. Leatherballs back, Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. Leatherballs back, Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. Leatherballs back, Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. Leatherballs back, Fossi’s being a grand slam also. Forrest had three hits for the fags. 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I’m a much more published author than you are... Yeah, in the misclassifieds...

Females can no longer get special privileges in the Pub simply because they’re nubile nymphets...

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I need 2 people to share an apartment in southwest Harris County for the summer, and a carpool to Mega const. in Rosenberg. Call 526-2842, ask for George.

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Wanted—2 or 3 bedroom apartment or duplex to sublet for the summer. Call Beckey at 526-5706. Leave a message if not there.

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When analyzed using Freudian techniques in the Jones College Commons, Boston Creme Pie was found to be composed of three parts: the chocolate frosting, or Ego; the custard, or Superego; and the vanilla filling, or Id.

Component Stereo System for sale:

Pioneer SX-434 stereo receiver, 15 watts per channel, BSR McDonald model 2300W record player, needs needle. ECI 1253U speakers, Pioneer CT 4-141B stereo cassette tape deck—$300. Call Shiriah at 524-0838.

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3 Minute Service
• B&W $4.95
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NEEDED:
Waiters/Waitresses
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Restaurant in the Galleria area
2400 Mid Lane
961-1161

HELP WANTED
Engineering Student—part time during school year with flexible hours. Will also keep you busy during summer vacation and holidays. Must be able to think well and do neat, bold, free-hand rough line engineering sketches. A fine challenging opportunity, not a drafting job. Good pay. Need own transportation. Near Northwest Mall, phone Mrs. Clark at 869-0365.
I am desperate. I need a one bedroom apt. for the summer. If you have one or know of one that is available for three months please call me at 522-7391. Thanks.

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Wanted. Roommate to share 2 bdr, 2 bath apt. 2½ mi. south of campus (Mainstream Apts). $145+ (phone, etc.). Summer only. Contact Lynn at 664-6577.

Even if it is too late: would whoever has my copy of The Homeless Mind, probably from Baker Commons about a week ago, please return it to Shannon Jacobs, 394 Baker (521-9636 or 641-7449 after midnight).

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Lost: Ladies' gold Hamilton watch. If found call Brenda at 524-0757. Reward.

Part-time job available in August. Live-in, babysitting, companion for 8 yr. old child. Drive & pick him up from school. Make breakfast, etc. For information call 780-4079.

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FOUND: Monday May 17
Lady's watch in grass at the east end of Anderson Hall across from the Physics building. Call Paul at 797-9579 and identify.

 Apartment to sublet for summer (May 15-August 15) One bedroom. Convenient to Rice and Med Center. $205+. Call x3238 or 528-5213.

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Lost: two keys on a long chain somewhere between Sewall Hall and Hamman Hall. I need them desperately. If found, call 526-7675.

Good times are great times for the easy taste of Budweiser
thursday the twentieth
11am-5pm. Brown Library. Brown blood drives. Every Thursday until 7pm. BL123. Rice Premed Society
meeting/elections, last of year.
7:30pm. Media Center. Im Schatten Des
Karakorum. In German; no subtitles.
Free.
8pm. Chem, Lee Hall. Harold E. and Margaret Rorschach
Memorial Lecture in Legal History: Allen Weinstein, historian
and author. "Lessons of the Alger His Whitaker
Chambers Case."

friday the twenty-first
7:30 and 10pm. Media Center. Macuninnia (J.P. de Andrade,
1969). In Portuguese, with subtitles. $1.50.
8pm. Museum of Fine Arts. Muriel, ou Le Temps D'Un
Retour (Renais). $1.75.
saturday the twenty-second
7:30pm. Media Center. Celine and Julie Go Boating (Rivette,
1974), $1.50. And no, it's not about driving in Houston, Steve.
8pm. Museum of Fine Arts. The Clock (Minelli). $1.75
8pm. Wiess College. The RPC presents The Last Party. $1.
to attend. The 7 Per Cent Solution may also be shown,
somewhere.
sunday the twenty-third
3pm. Hamman Hall. Shepherd School: the Rice Symphony
L*A*S*T  D*A*Y  0*F  C*L*A*S*S*E*S.
7:30 and 10pm. Media Center. Desperate Living. "Beyond
4pm (?). RPC TGIF.
8:30pm. Hamman Hall. The Shepherd School presents
11:45pm. I didn't like Blue Cheese anyway.

sunday the twenty-fourth
2pm. HH. SS. John Burton, senior recital, cello. Music of
Schumann, Bach, and Prokofiev.
7:30pm. H. SS. Senior recital of new music by Richard
Levanda and Philip Lindsey.
8pm. Jones Hall. Houston Symphony: Brahms Symphony #2
and Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn.
tuesday the twenty-fifth
7:30pm. SH207. Rice Sailing club.
7:30pm. SH352. Rice Baba's Fireside.
3:30pm. Media Center. Another Thin Man (Van Dyke, 1939).
$1.50.
8pm. Jones Hall. The Symphony.

wednesday the twenty-sixth
7:30pm. Media Center. Pather Panchali (Ray, 1955), $1.50.
thursday the twenty-seventh
6pm or so. The last Thresher of the year. Get your stuff in by
Tuesday midnight or be doomed.
8pm. Hamman Hall. Rice Chorale/Rice Chamber Singers:
country and western music. Dr. Richard Koehler conducts the
chorale for music of Haydn, Brahms, Thompson. The Singers
perform music of Debussy and Copland.
8pm. SH301. Art & Art History lecture: Prof. Frank Brown,
Director of the Coso Excavations north of Rome, "Cosa: Town
and Country."

friday the twenty-eighth
L*A*S*T  D*A*Y  O F  C*L*A*S*S*E*S.
4pm. RPC TGIF.
7:30 and 10pm. Media Center. Desperate Living. "Beyond
Pink Flamingos!" $1.50, but we warned you.
8 and 10:30pm. Hamman Hall. From the people who brought
you the "Night of Innocence" comes Emmanuelle. $1 entry fee

saturday the twenty-ninth
Finals for unfortunates begin.
RPC: Murder on the Orient Express, maybe.
7:30 and 10pm. Media Center. DL again. Bar.
11:45pm. I didn't like Rice Cheese anyway.
sunday the thirtieth
7:30 and 10pm. Media Center. The Maltese Falcon (Huston,
1941), $1.50.
8pm. Jones Hall. Houston Symphony: music of Mozart,
Saint-Saens, and Tchaikovsky.

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"It would be great to have two ball"

"Free!"

"The Last Day of Class."

"Looking for a place to live this
summer? We have one bedroom
available in a large apartment
available sometime before May
9. Call 527-8879 and ask for

Chocolate Chip."

"Lost or misplaced during
school week. Get your stuff in by
Spring Break. Some of your stuff
may be in the post office. Check
the rice phonebook.

"Wanted: Two-bedroom apart-
ment for the summer. On
Sunset Blvd. 2 bdr. duplex close
to campus. Rent: your share
would be about $165/170 max incl.
utilities & garage. Good for
summer or fall. Please call
665-0170 or Rice x3744.

"Needed: A ride to Houston after
May 9. Call 529-4344. Help! I
lost my HP-25 somewhere in
off-campus.

"FEMALE, non-smoking
roommate wanted. 3 bedroom,
bills paid. Rent $125. Shuttles
Free. Shuttle bus to the med
center if you don't have a car. Call Steve at 528-8297 or
turn them in somewhere—

"WANTED: A 6" Craftsman adjustable
open end wrench and a plastic
container of J.C. Penny Allen
wrenches. The larger
wrenches have my name engraved.
Call Matt, 528-8028.

"As of mid-May or so—
I'll need a female roommate to
share a 2-bedroom apartment
on Sunset Blvd.

"Wanted: One pair women's
matching chair for sale.

"Needed: A ride to Nashville
for me and my junk. Anybody
willing to put me there after
May 6. Call Cary, 525-6771.

"Looking for a female
roommate for next semester. 3
db. duplex close to campus.
Call Kate at 526-5775.

"3 Rice men would like to sublet
an apartment for the summer. If
you would be interested in such
an arrangement call 523-8945.

"Live in comfort! Couch with
matching chair for sale. Poor
stricken seniors can't afford to
move them. Call Stoner or Mike
at 747-9740.

"Lost: One pair women's
glasses. Green frames. Lost
Thursday evening at or as
soon after May 8. Call Cary,
525-6571.

"W. University 3-1 home for
lease. Appliance, deck, Central
Air and Heat, being repainted
inside and out. 1 yr. lease.
Willing to leave no later than
May 15. Call Susan 526-
7675.

"Needed badly—a ride home to
Maryland, Wash., D.C., or New
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