Kurtzman and Michel receive Guggenheims

Rolf Asphaug

Two Rice University professors have been named 1979 Guggenheim Fellows, the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation announced Monday. Dr. Jeffrey G. Kurtzman, associate professor of Music, and Dr. F. Curtis Michel, Andrew Hays Buchanan Professor of Astrophysics, are the only Houstonians this year to receive the prestigious grants for postdoctoral study.

Dr. Kurtzman, a faculty member of the Shepherd School of Music since 1975 and Master-elect of Baker College, will use his fellowship to advance his studies of printed Italian vespers music of 1540 to 1700. Dr. Michel, a professor at Rice since 1963 and a Wiess College associate, will continue his theoretical studies of pulsars while on sabbatical leave next school year.

The award will not interfere with Dr. Kurtzman's duties at Baker College next year. For seven weeks this summer and several months next summer he will travel across Europe, compiling a bibliography of Italian vespers music, in cooperation with a colleague from Colby College in Maine.

Dr. Michel will work with scientists at the University of Paris Center for Theoretical Studies and at the French Institute of Fundamental Research in trying to discover the physical structure of pulsars. "I've been working on pulsars and their magnetic field or plasma environment," said Dr. Michel. "Nobody knows how pulsars radiate," and the first step in determining how they do so is to find out "what they look like."

Continuing study of his basic field of interest will take Dr. Kurtzman to Sweden, England, Poland, France, Austria, and Germany, but most of his research will be done at Bologna, the location of the most important collection of Italian vespers music.

In addition to compiling a vesper music bibliography, Dr. Kurtzman will study the evolution of the early concerto style in Italian sacred music in the last half of the seventeenth century. The Shepherd School professor is the author of the latest Rice University Studies pamphlet: "Essays on the Monteverdi: Mass and Vespers of 1610."

Drs. Kurtzman and Michel were awarded the fellowships "on the basis of demonstrated accomplishment in the past and strong promise for the future," according to the Guggenheim Foundation president. The memorial foundation is awarding over $4.6 million to 291 scholars, scientists, and artists this year.

Nobel Prize winner Wilson to lecture on Big Bang Theory

Robert W. Wilson, cowinner of the 1978 Nobel Prize in Physics, will be honored with Rice University's 1979 Distinguished Alumnus Award and will deliver a free public lecture at 8pm Tuesday, April 17, in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. Wilson will speak on "After the Big Bang."

Wilson graduated from Rice in 1957 with honors in physics. He won the Nobel Prize for his part in the discovery that the universe is pervaded by an extremely faint electromagnetic radiation background thought to have originated in the early stages of expansion of the universe. This cosmic background radiation provides striking evidence in support of "big bang" theories that the universe was initially formed in a gigantic thermonuclear explosion, followed by expansion of the products that still continue today. Theory had predicted the presence of the radiation background as a residual of these events, but it remained for Wilson and his colleague and fellow Nobel Laureate Arno Penzias to measure it.

In 1977 Wilson and Penzias received the Henry Draper Medal from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Herschel Medal from the Royal Astronomical Society of London. Wilson is a member of the American Physical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the International Astronomical Union, and the American Physical Society. He has published over 60 scientific papers.

Since 1976 Wilson has been head of the Radio Physics Research Department of Bell Laboratories. He directs research on microwave and millimeter wave semiconductor devices and components and on radio astronomy.

Born in Houston in 1936, Wilson, before enrolling at Rice, was educated in the city's public schools -- West University Elementary, Penning Junior High, and Lamar High. His early interest in scientific inquiry and especially in radio was encouraged by his family; his competence was recognized by the physics faculty at Rice. He took a Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology in 1962 and was a post doctoral fellow at Owens Valley Radio Observatory before joining the technical staff at Bell Laboratories in 1963.

Library marks 1,000,000 books

Fondren Library will mark the acquisition of its one millionth volume Sunday, April 22, with a celebration in the Grand Hall of the RMC. Chairman of Congress Daniel Boorstin will speak at the celebration, which will include an exhibit of the three important gifts moving the library across the one-million volume threshold.

Commenting about Fondren Library's reaching million-volume status, acting librarian Samuel Carrington said "With the addition of the millionth volume to its collection, the Fondren Library has reached a symbolic milestone in its history as a viable research facility serving the Rice and Houston communities. The strong commitment to the library by the Board of Governors, the Administration, the Faculty, and the Students as well as the continuing support and encouragement from the Fondren's many friends will ensure its future success in meeting the region's informational and bibliographic requirements in letters, science, and art."

The celebration is intended to draw attention to Fondren Library from the Houston community. Allen Matusow, chairman of the University Standing Committee on the Library, observed, "This occasion should be for the first time in a long time, focus Houston attention on Fondren Library's progress—something that is quite important, since increased visibility is critical for the continued advancement of the Library."

Three major gifts will be presented at the celebration.

The Friends of Fondren Library, a major support group, is donating a 1647 original edition of Comedies and Tragedies by Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher. Dow Chemical Company, USA, is giving the Almagest novum astronomia by Giovanni Battista Riccioli. This two-volume work, printed in Bologna in 1651, is still the single most important reference on astronomy between 1550 and 1650. The Rice University Board of Governors is donating The Printed Sources of Western Art, Series I, a 22-volume reprint collection which brings together for the first time books central to the development of Western aesthetics as embodied in art and architecture.

These three gifts will be on display in the Grand Hall at the celebration.
Will Three Mile stir Rice from lethargy?

David Dow

The inundation of articles in reaction to the accident at Three Mile Island follows a ludicrous media pattern whereby silence prevails until a crisis arises. Scientists and politicians,consultants, and watchdog groups for years discussed the problem on associated with the Metropolitan Edison project; sadly, no one apprised the public of the risks until an accident afflicted thousands. Three Mile Island gives the national anti-nuclear partisans a rallying point, and perhaps we will serve to stir the Rice Community from its lethargy about environmental policies.

From within the hedges, Harrisburg may seem like another world. But how about the Bay City facility, shown here in all its glory. Do you see permitting agencies, permit applications, these pictures? Certainly not. So we ignore radiation because we can't see it. Another reason for disregarding nuclear hazards is that their effects, cancer and birth defects, do not appear until years after accidents occur. The Three Mile Island core melted; the leak nucleated so much press that the threat was immediate: a radioactive bubble of hydrogen almost exploded. These photographs don't arouse the same fear; but they do remind one of the possibility of the seepage of radioactive waste.

The presentation of such a plant looks secure, but after thirty years of research, industry has not established a technologically or economically feasible method to dispose of nuclear waste. The underground tanks at the Savannah River Project have leaked over 100 gallons of waste past secondary barriers into the soil, contaminating ground water supplies. Similarly, a leak at the Hanford Project in the state of Washington went undetected for 48 days, allowing 115,000 gallons of waste to spill.

Still more frightening than these incidents, industry has abdicated its responsibility for nuclear accidents: Metropolitan Edison of Pennsylvania refused to discuss honestly the nature of their problem. And in places where a problem is public knowledge, industry may flee. In West Valley, New York, Getty Oil abandoned their operation to avoid paying for measures required by new safety standards to contain leaks. In fewer than 10 years, leaks have occurred at 6 of the 11 sites where nuclear wastes are buried. Will we allow Bay City, located a mere 100 miles from Rice, to become another statistic?

The waste problem transcends our hedges largely because of the volume and ropularity of the materials involved. In twenty years America may expect to have nearly a billion cubic feet of radioactive garbage—enough to cover a coast-to-coast, fourteen-highway one foot deep. Despite this threat to our biosphere, we are building plants in another plant, at Bay City, which lacks a safe nuclear waste disposal system. Can we manage safety?

Why does the Federal government not demand greater safety measures? James Nathan Miller suggests a likely answer. "The NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission), under pressure from industry, has allowed serious compromises—safety to creep into the design, construction, and operation of U.S. nuclear plants." Industry has found the most effective weapon; ironically, we too have access to it: a strong, vocal position on nuclear power. We must let government know that industry's blueprint for nuclear plant safety applies only in a "technological paradise." A moral objection to nukes carries as much weight as the self-interest approach. Think about the length of time that the waste remains deadly. How can we guarantee the continued constant supervision of these disposal sites needed even if we store the wastes in presumably fail-safe geologic formations? Society lacks the stability and institutional arrangements to monitor the wastes for even a millennium, yet wariness for millions of years is called for. Obviously we are confronting a fundamental ethical dilemma. Our exploitation of nuclear power takes the chance of compromising the earth as a home for succeeding generations. The radiation may not escape during our lifetimes, but the overwhelming odds are that it will escape in the future. Clearly we have a moral obligation to develop other, less dangerous energy sources. Since energy companies prefer the economics of the nuclear alternative, they ignore less volatile, albeit costlier, energy sources. The pro-nuclear decision comes too easily to energy executives because not enough protest has reached them. Students can express opposition as effectively as any other group. Yet it is all too typical that an anti-nuclear interest group in Houston, the Mockingbird Alliance, lacks support: many students make idealistic commitments, but few lend palpable support. Merely sympathizing with a cause does not augment its strength. The myopic rush to nuclear power will proceed rapidly unless opponents—which include Rice students—condemn their strength and express their sentiments. With a united opposition, we can stop the energy industry, whose inordinate concern for profit comes at the expense of our environment.

To the Editor:

I admire the efforts of the "Most Negligent Department" Committee to improve the quality of education we all receive from this fine university. If I should be so fortunate as to graduate, I would welcome an opportunity to provide a few constructive suggestions to my department.

I am sure this year's seniors also have plenty of hindsight that they might share with us. However, I am not entirely convinced that hurling a well-aimed brick at the ass of any department on campus is the proper way to accomplish these goals. I would like to provide some lead items for most negligent teacher, most negligent administrator, or even most negligent student, it does not seem that the presentation of such a departmental award would be in keeping with the goals of this university. The "negative waves" generated by the presence of large masses of dense material in any department is sure to dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of all those who are to follow.

Therefore, I respectfully submit that we take this leaden artifact, transmute it to gold, and award it to the most outstanding department on campus. More likely are we to follow the example of the leaders, if we spend less time harassing the losers.

Thank you,

John McCree, Wiess 80

To the Editor:

I am troubled by this award, firstly because it assumes that every junior and senior is familiar with every department. Otherwise, how could he or she choose the most negligent? But few students, if any, have that kind of familiarity. I have taken a few psychology and political science courses and was unimpressed with my glimpse of these departments. That glimpse, however, hardly qualifies me to condemn either one as a whole and even less to determine who is at fault. As for science and engineering, I took my distribution courses and no more. Am I to judge those many departments on the basis of the four courses I took?

That leaves the departments in which I have taken a number of courses, economics and accounting (present majors), and English and fine arts (present majors). Should I then choose the most negligent among these—eventhough I have, on the whole, been well satisfied with these departments? Can I, in good conscience label one the most negligent at the school? I shouldn't and I can't, and this problem, I think, applies to almost every student. He is unlikely to major in a subject whose department he feels to be the worst at Rice. Yet, with rare exception, his major department is the only one he knows well enough to assess with acuity.

Secondly, I am appalled by the spirit of the award. Texas Monthly can get away with their Bum Steer and Dubious Achievement awards because their targets are distant ones. But this is a small school, and a lead brick and an insulting label are bound to engender ill will within the community. Moreover, suppose a department is "most negligent" because it hasn't the funds it needs. Should it then succumb to insufficiency? Three Mile Island gives the national anti-nuclear partisans a rallying point, and perhaps we will serve to stir the Rice Community from its lethargy about environmental policies.

The body of the questionnaire, however, shows serious sampling and consideration, and I think the idea of departmental assessments has merit. But just as students do not evaluate courses they never took, they should not evaluate departmental weaknesses. Departments can be uncovered, perhaps, without giving any one department a public slap in its collective face.

Toni Mack

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Survival Seminars
Rolf Asphang

Faced with thousands of dollars of tuition and living expenses, the average Rice student doesn't have much of an opportunity to study the complexities of personal investment and household management. But when the time comes to settle down and win bread, careful budget planning is necessary these days more than ever to avoid "tight money" situations and even bankruptcy.

Investment counselor Judy Bozeman spoke on the subject of personal finance at the last Alumni Association Survival Seminar Monday.

"The earlier you determine your financial goals, the better off you'll be," Ms. Bozeman advised. Whether you're, for example, a lawyer—with a big investment and household expenses, the average salary may not be enough to cover them. But when you've graduated, and once you've accumulated a "liquidity reserve": enough money in your checking account to cover one month's expenditures, you're ready to begin cautious investment, using your savings for collateral on deals.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket," said Ms. Bozeman; this time-worn investment advice worth repeating was followed by another admonition: "Invest in things you know. We haven't seen anyone who's made a bunch of money by not doing their own thing." That is, doctors earn their income primarily by being doctors, and businessmen and businesswomen earn their money by doing business.

Ms. Bozeman stressed the value of keeping money in a simple savings account: "I think we overlook, in the glamor of the stock market and the gold exchanges, the value of a savings account earning compounded interest."

For the professional-career couple, initial overspending on the assumption of a higher future salary is a good idea; and borrowing to buy "fixed items" such as a car and a home is plain common sense in an era of inflation.

But above all the young consumer should beware the temptation of borrowing to buy consumable items, which is what most people do with credit cards. "Credit is a very easy tool that gets most of us in trouble," Ms. Bozeman noted.

Journalism course offered

The lack of a journalism department at Rice has not stopped Rice graduates from going on to successful careers as columnists, speechwriters & two-bit magazine writers catering to local so-called "tastes".

Now, you can have the advantage that Bill Broyles did not have.

Sid Richardson college is sponsoring a journalism course next fall. The course, listed as Rich 313a, will teach the basics of newspaper journalism. Students will sign up for the course in the Sid Rich office.

The course will have three dimensional lessons, readings, teach personal finance and writing. Lectures will be given by area journalists who will speak on their specialties. Lecturers include Jackie Schneidman of Time, Liz Benetton, Mickey Herskovitz, Charlotte Moser, Mimi Crouseley, and Jeff Millar (who writes the "Tank McNamara" cartoon strip).

Readings will be from texts as yet to be selected. In addition, there will be a weekly writing assignment in order to give students practical experience in news writing.

The course will give three hours credit and will be held one night a week (probably Thursdays) for three hours.

The Rice Thresher

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Since the other colleges think that Sid Rich has had an unfair edge lately, the staff of the Thresher has opted to run this paper completely devoid of SRC stories or photos.

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Our Gang makes playoffs; Jones wins

Men's

Greg Holloway

Wednesday League

Team Head finished the regular season undefeated by trouncing the Merry Pranksters 20-1. Steve Bohannon was 4 for 5 and Eric Bauereis was 2 for 4 for TH. The Bad News Pigs were 2 for 4 for TH. The Bad News Pigs were 2 for 4 for TH. The Bad News Pigs were 2 for 4 for TH.

Thursday League A

Lindeheimer's Last Stand ripped the Agonies of Defeat, 13-5. Mike Bednorz was 3 for 4 and Karl Mayes was 2 for 3 for Lindheimer. The Diamond Cutters pasted The Budmen, 14-1, behind Mark Thomas' 4 runs.

Thursday League B

Our Gang pulled off one of the year's biggest upsets with a solid 11-1 victory over Aerial Bombardment. Thomas Martin was 2 for 4, as was Ken Heaghney, on a day when all of the Gang was hitting line drives. Both teams played nearly errorless ball in the well-played, fast-moving contest. Our Gang then defeated the Elsonian Fielders Sunday afternoon, 11-10, to take the league title. Our Gang scored 6 runs in the top of the 7th, including 5 with two out, and then shut the Fielders out in their half of the inning. Thomas Martin was 4 for 4, and scored 4 runs. The Hoglegs pegged past MCP Tool Co., 14-11. Chris Hennessy had a 4 for 4, 4-run day.

Playoffs

The playoff brackets have been made, all games should be completed by April 26 in order to be eligible for the intramural champions' Bar-b-que. The first pairings are as follows:

Men's

Lindeheimer's Last Stand vs Baseball Furies/Burning Rubber winner

Some Girls vs Who's On First

Diamond Minds vs Our Gang

Pro Pros vs Leatherballs/Team Head winner

Coed

Spanky and Our Gang vs Apostles

Platennates vs Cheeks and Company

Bix Stix vs Dynamo Hum or We Don't Sleep Together

Roger's Ramjets vs Can't Catch a Ball

Friday League A

Some Girls lowered the boom on PGS, 38-1. David Luneau was 5 for 5, scored 5 runs, and drove in 8. Jesse Wilson was also 5 for 5 with 5 runs and had 2 RBI. Pressed Ham finished the season 3-1 with a 11-6 victory over Devil Dust. David Bernstein was 2 for 3 on the line drive, and Dapper Mee.

Friday League B

The Bearded Clams romped to a 20-3 decision over Thems. Gary Langton was 4 for 4 and scored 3 runs for the Clams. Bill Piffle Dead Revue nailed the Bush Doctors, 18-11. Mike Hitchcock was 3 for 4, and John Nussez was 3 for 5 for BFDR.

Coed

Saturday 9:45 A

We Do edged by The Runs, 7-5. Bill Dingus was 3 for 3 and drove in 2 runs. Spanky and Our Gang made the playoffs with a 13-8 victory over Sermon on the Mound. Thomas Martin (for the third time) was 3 for 3 and scored 3 runs.

Saturday 9:45 B

In this week's big game, Can't Catch a Ball advanced to post-season play by edging the previously unbeaten Unnamed Raiders, 8-6. Tom Samuels was 2 for 3, as was Doug Canter. Sing handed Homeward Bound its third straight loss, 12-9. Carol Usher was 3 for 4 and Mike Rogers was 2 for 3.

Saturday 1:00 A

In the only game played in the afternoon, the playoff-bound Big Stix came from behind with six 6th inning runs to nip the Squatty Bodies, 8-7. Greg Holloway was 3 for 3, Jim Day was 3 for 4, and Liz Sytia was 2 for 4 in the Stix victory. Rick Johnson scored 4 runs for the rotund anatomies.

Other Intramural Notes:

Nina Springer won the women's intramural badminton championship for the third time in 4 years, 1-2, 11-0, over Vicki Schandle. Nina teamed with Alice Young to take the doubles championship, 15-11, 15-10, over Mary Welch and Vicki Schandle. Spring and Young have won the championship twice and finished second the other two times in the last four years.

Jones took the women's college championship on Saturday, 3-2, over Brown. Jones scored the winning run with an out in the bottom of the 7th as Lydia Asselin scored Syndi Herzog from second on a tough infield bouncer.

It has come to our attention that during the last four weeks, insinuations have been perpetrated in this column that Susan Lopez is to be associated with that ban of society, disco. Even though Susan has been known to swing a little on the dance floor, the "disco" appellation is unwarranted. Hence the retraction, sort of.

To borrow some Jimmy Buffett, "If we weren't all crazy, we'd all go insane."

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Owl baseballers find winning groove

Tom Samuels

The Owl baseball team got some good individual performances this week as they played seven games—winning four. Rich Preng threw a shut-out, blanking Centenary 4-0 with a five-hitter. The intense southpaw is in a groove shutting out, blanking Centenary performances this week as they went 2-0 on the tournament. The Owls host Baylor on Friday and Saturday.

Sports Shorts

Track—

Doc King had a big meet last Saturday as he won the high hurdles and qualified for the NCAA meet. The Texas Relays brought out Doc's best performance of the year, although he feels there is still ample room for improving his time. Vince Michel, Bruce Gingerich, and Ricketty Thomas also had good races. The tracksters do not compete this week.

Baseball—

The Owls won a game on Friday and swept the double header at 1pm.

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A feeling of happiness and contentment. That's what you'll enjoy with every piece of pizza a piece. And find true contentment. That's what you'll find from Pizza Inn. With this coupon, you get one pizza, next smaller size free. Just open our Houston offices. The men deserve a great deal of credit for the Owls. (Maxwell won two efforts. Mike Maxwell also lost a heartbreaker, 1-0. Both are pitching extremely well for the Owls (Maxwell won two last week), and Frank Osborne's face. Mike Maxwell that is putting a smile on Coach Osburn's face. Mike Maxwell is stroking the ball for an exceptional average. This week the Owls host Baylor on Friday and Saturday.

Tennis—

The men dropped a match to Trinity, but bounced back to defeat Baylor 6-3. Saturday the Owls host North Texas State. Women's tennis dropped a close match to UM, but the big news is the signing of Tracy Blumentritt to a letter of intent.

Russell Henderson

The Rice tennis team split a pair of dual matches over the weekend, losing to the highly-rated Trinity Tigers 9-0, and defeating Baylor, 6-3. Friday afternoon, Rice was able to take just two sets from Trinity. In the number four singles match, Bob Paulsen won the first set against Tony Giammalva, 6-3, while Giammalva came back strong in the final set, with Paulsen ahead 1-0. Giammalva faced a 3-all break point on his own serve. Paulsen came in behind a solid approach shot but netted the volley. This was the critical point of the match, as Paulsen could hold serve only once more in dropping the set, 6-2. The only other Owls to take a set was Jeff Schwartz, who lost at number 6 singles to Eddie Trai.

Football—

A profitable spring training culminated in the Blue-Gray game last Friday. Coach Alborn had special praise for Frank Wilson, Kyle Rice, and the students who came to see the game. Bobby Williams and Bo Broeren had good games and receiver, but Hosea Fortune is especially impressive at that position and should be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Golf—

This week the Owls work on their golf carts and attend a seminar on playing the rough.

Netters split dual matches

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Will Rice wins big at Beer—Bike race

Dale Charletta
Bob Schmidt

As Will Rice approached the end of its first coed year, many upperclassmen were ready to throw in the towel for the Home of Men and Gods and rename it Real Rice College for an apparent shortage of college enthusiasm.

Rondelet Weekend helped put those thoughts to rest, however, as Will Rice racked up a 41-second win over second-place Baker, setting an all-time track record in the process.

There was no shortage of depth on the team last weekend. As community associate Bob Duncan’s t-shirt proclaimed, Will Rice was nonpareil.

The strategy of putting the real power last in the lineup seemed unnecessary as Walter Ramonko, one of three iron men, took the lead in the second leg, a lead that never again changed hands. Each successive rider widened the margin until captain Jay Thomas crossed the finish line.

The win marked the climax year for a team that had been coming for three years. Jay expressed satisfaction with his three years as team captain, losing only once (last year) when one rider fell and couldn’t get up again. Replacing Jay will be Walter Ramonko, a sophomore, who will face quite a rebuilding job as 11 of the 12 riders (including alternates) will graduate over the next 2 years. Hats off to graduating seniors Bruce Atkinson & Andy Miller (iron men), Larry Fossi, Bill Neff, Tom Sharp and Jay Thomas.

For the beer team, the word was “smooth” as every chugger broke his own personal record. Star performers included latecomer Ben Alcala, Tom Feather, Keith Kveton, Andy Miller and Bruce Atkinson. There were no penalties.

The women’s team, an expansion club, consisted entirely of freshmen, including three iron women. They should be a team to watch in the near future.

The party atmosphere that permeated the college over the weekend had been absent for quite some time. Will Rice members went through 5 kegs and 11 cases of beer in two days. Revelers danced and partied until midnight Sunday.

Chugger Benny Alcala demonstrated his absolute mastery of flow dynamics by putting away a tall-boy in 3 seconds before Channel 13 film crewmen. Afterwards, college members proceeded to “moon” the other seven dorms. Brown and Jones apparently liked the event so much that they recalled the troupe for 3 encores. Just a friendly hello from the Men of Will Rice.
Jones cruises to second straight victory

Greg Holloway

Two beautiful victories in the 1979 Beer-Bike race by Jones and Will Rice overcame weeks of concern over the state of the track and a one-day rain delay to mark this year’s race as one of the fastest in the contest’s history.

Jones started the race off slowly due to a starting error. Dr. Hackerman’s firing pistol did not fire on the first try, but, when it did, several of the teams were not ready. Baker’s chugger was ready, however; the Baker rider started off quickly and then stretched the lead over Jones. Baker held its lead until the fourth rider, when Jones’ Wendy Young broke into the lead with a 1:08 lap.

The average bike time for Jones was approximately 1:10, although some were considerably faster. Jones bike captain Margaret Schauerte raced to a 1:00 clocking believed to be a record for a woman biker.

The trademark of the Jones team this year, as it was in their victory last year, was the timing of the beer team coupled with the push of the bikers. Sally Allen captained the beer team and was assisted by timing expert Patsy Vichareli. The pushers were Dr. Tom Hill and Keith Shanley. An average chug time, as well as their variance from this average, was calculated for each beer team member. Each chugger was allowed close to four seconds for their beer, depending on their consistency at meeting their average.

Margaret Schauerte commented that this year’s victory was especially satisfying since the Jones team had lost several good riders from last year’s team. Freshmen filled the gaps, however, and could be even better on next year’s squad, which loses almost no one to graduation.

Will Rice used Bruce Atkinson’s lead-off 2:09.3 to break into a narrow lead over an enthusiastic and brightly-clad Team Wiess. Wiess stayed reasonably close for the next few riders, but eventually faded into a fourth place finish behind the easy winners from WRC.

Lovett was riding one of its smoothest (no penalties) and fastest races in many years until a mishap occurred with the seventh rider. With Lovett solidly in third and challenging hard for second with Sid Richardson, Dan Norman touched wheels with the Sid racer and hit the track. Dan fought back to his feet and finished the race, but the spill cost the team about 40 seconds. Norman was en route to a 2:17 clocking, according to his one-lap split.

A charging Baker team finished in third place behind Sid Rich.

Women’s
1. Jones
2. Hanszen
3. Baker
4. Brown
5. Will Rice

Men’s
1. Will Rice
2. Baker
3. Sid Richardson
4. Wiess
5. Hanszen
6. Lovett
7. GSA
Rice completes sixth straight year in the black

David Rodwell

While Rice tuition has gone from $2,100 to $2,500 since 1973-74, educational and general costs rose from $4,628 five years ago to $6,343 per student last year.

The difference between what Rice students are charged and what they actually pay is the most part from endowment earnings.

The other financial facts about the University are reported in the latest Annual Report of the President for 1978, mailed this week to more than 20,000 alumni, donors, and friends of the University.

In a time when private universities face severe financial problems and deficit budgets are planned among the most prestigious institutions, Rice completed its sixth straight year in the black.

In his foreword to the report, President Hackerman notes that "The growth in external financial support linked with endowment has permitted Rice to maintain its selectivity in the face of inflationary pressures and to meet the costs of operations with few qualitative compromises."

The report includes financial analyses which show: *Tuition income fell 2.1% in five years as a percentage of University income, while gifts and private grants increased 2.5%.* Tuition income last year netted Rice $4.5 million for almost 17.5% of its 1977-78 budget for educational purposes that do not include housing, food, or intercollegiate athletics.

*Other income included $15.5 million from Rice's endowment increased 46.5% in the five years to $4 million last year. The number of donors rose 46.5% to 8,546 in 1977-78.*

Student financial aid in the five years rose 20.4% to $3.8 million last year, while enrollment went up 11.2% from 3,320 five years ago to 3,592 in 1977-78.

The report also shows growth in the number of faculty over five years from 295 to 470, an increase of 19%, while staff growth was held to 2% with an increase from 811 to 831. Most of the growth in faculty members occurred with development of the Shepherd School of Music and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration.

Among the brightest facts are those about private support, which increased 46.5% in the five years to $4 million last year. The number of donors rose 46.5% to 8,546 in 1977-78.
Norma Rae examines awakenings in South

Jamie Strauss

Written by Irving Ravetch & Harriet Frank, Jr.
Directed by Martin Ritt

No one can say that women are not being taken seriously in Hollywood anymore. The recent outburst of women oriented movies, though perhaps an over-reaction, has produced some significant films such as The Turning Point, Julia, and An Unmarried Woman.

Yet Norma Rae is not solely about women. It is about two awakenings: a town’s as well as an individual’s. Set in a small Southern town in 1978, the movie follows the clash between the opposing forces of management and labor. As the union gains in momentum, Norma Rae (Sally Field) begins to examine her self and her world. In a Rocky type ending, the hard-working good guys win. But the plot is not the most appealing feature of this film. Sally Field’s performance is magnificent and sets this movie a part from many recent box office hits. Norma Rae may not gross what Star Wars did but it will boost Sally Field’s reputation into the category of exceptionally talented actresses. Her portrayal of an ignorant factory worker, angry at the injustice of her family’s situation in life, is catching and poignant.

Ron Liebman (Kaz on television) agitates the factory’s management through systematic, organized techniques. The emotional insight into the birth of a union touches upon the pressing issue of human rights. Ron Liebman typifies the well educated liberal struggling to improve the bad conditions of the blue collar worker. He deals with the frustrating task of changing a system which perpetuates itself generation after generation through ignorance.

This film refuses to cheapen its subject matter or its characters by resorting to hackneyed ploys; one won’t find a typical car crash scene or explicit sex between the two leading characters in Norma Rae. The photography is excellent and the Americana of a small, Southern town comes through vividly.

Sally Field and Ron Liebman

Norma Rae is set in a small Southern town in 1978.

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In the Colleges

Lovett

After classes this Wednesday skip on over to Brown for the Lovett-Brown Easter Party. This spring College Night will be held in the 20th and the Senior Party will follow on the 21st. Dr. Burris will speak on beer next Thursday the 19th after dinner.

Hanszen

Sixteen Hanszenites are 1978-1979 College Fellows. The title is given to Seniors who have at least 17 T's in courses of three hours or more (except ROTC), to Juniors with 15 or more T's and to Sophomores with 13 or more T's.

New Senior Fellows are Kathy Bendel Ciliske, Beth Hopkins, Vic Lewitt, Dana Miller, Darlene Patterson, Vicki Raahauge, Rick Toy. They joined previously-honored seniors Tim Eggert, Matt Ali, and Diane El Saadi. The students are the prime movers behind the rehabilitation of Hanszen's library.

A new darkroom and library being planned as part of the renovation of Hanszen College's old-section attic. The attic now houses a study room, the "Weenie Loft," with temporary plywood carrels and Astroturf carpeting. Permanent flooring and carrels cannot be installed until the concrete attic floor is resurfaced.

Much of the darkroom and library construction will be done during the summer. Kirk Kendrick and Matt Delevoryas are heading the darkroom project. Matt, Bernie Allen, and Diane El Saadi are the prime movers behind the rebirth of Hanszen's library.

A part of Hanszen's quad received a layer of sod during the weekend and early this week in an attempt to get grass to grow on the muddy north end of the quad. Students and visitors are requested to "keep off the grass" until further notice. University officials refused to have Physical Plant workers lay sod over the whole north end, contending that student neglect caused much of the original grass to die. College officials argue that poor drainage was and continues to be the problem.

The compromise, a partial sod-laying, ends a year-long running complaint by Hanszen College to University officials over the shabby state of the Hanszen quad.

Hanszen student volunteers prepared the area to be laid sod over. As soon as weather conditions permit, Physical Plant workers will dig out a pit to begin construction of Hanszen's permanent volleyball court. The court, to be located next to the sundek on the south side of the commons, will be sand-filled and bordered with wood. A mercury lamp, already installed by Doug Canter, will allow nighttime playing.

Part of a $2,000 gift to Hanszen College for a Hanszen College for quadrangle improvements from Dean Katherine Brown is being used to pay for the court. Kurt Eggert is in charge of the project.

Jones

Our stage is going to be built Saturday over Easter Break...so feel free to come and help.

We now have the plans for our commons expansion and are eagerly awaiting your comments and suggestions. Congratulations to all who received awards at Awards Night.

Also, congratulations to our Beer Bike Team for their superb performance and to our college softball team who are now the champs. The Associate's Picnic is on April 27th.

Sid Rich

Not too much news this time around. The proposed constitutional amendment will be voted on April 20th, along with the Owl elections. This is another free meal for off-campus people.

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To the guy with great legs: You're still got it. Call me before the year is over and you can advise me on my upcoming investments.

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Soci 204b, 1:37, 3/28/79:
R: "By the way, what's your pants size again?"
G: "500!"
R: "Is that all I need to know?"

Overheard in the WRC commons: "Let me tell you about Baker—they couldn't find their way around the track if it were for Will Rice. That goes for their slow women, too."

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Need a ride to San Francisco, La., or any point in between for the end of school. Call Maria at 526-2403.

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The Eraser's Edge

F. Brotzen

Eraserhead is a difficult film to categorize; perhaps 'miscellaneous' would be the most fitting label. To tell you it's just about a guy living alone in a small room in a city who dreams profusely, would not even come close to conveying the spirit of Eraserhead.

The film starts out believably, (that is to say, within the realm of reason, physics, nature, whatever). We see our hero, Henry (John Nance), plodding around an unidentified urban wasteland with a brown paper bag under his arm. When he arrives at his sleazy hotel, he is informed that his girlfriend expects him over for dinner. The following scene is definitely not a comedy. Although it is being screened for midnight shows only (at the Greenway 3), it should not be confused with The Rocky Horror Picture Show or the likes of films by John Waters and Andy Warhol.

Eventually, the new Mrs. Eraserhead moves in with Henry, accompanied by their prematurely-born offspring. Then the real fun begins. The line between Henry's visions and reality becomes blurred, with the visions gaining the upper hand. Yet it would be inaccurate to say that Eraserhead is a film about madness. One gets the feeling that the hallucinations are just everyday events for Henry, and that his life is not particularly altered by their frequency or intensity.

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But at other times, his bizarre cast takes on a passively comical element, sort of like Oliver Hardy, as he sits in amazement while his world crashes around him. Eraserhead achieves much of its dread, (although I would hesitate to classify it as a horror film), through formal devices such as photography and background sound. Since it is a black and white movie, director Lynch is able to create an atmosphere of apprehension with lighting rather than laboratory special effects. The photography is excellent, especially at the beginning, when the camera waits patiently for Henry, watches him, and then lingers long after he leaves the frame. This kind of camera style has an unsettling effect which all the cello's of Jaws could not equal.

I am still not sure what to think of Eraserhead. It appealed to me in many ways, despite the fact that (or maybe because) it is an intentionally disquieting film. Although Eraserhead has not yet gained the popular following of The Rocky Horror Picture Show in Houston, early indications are that it is doing rather well. A final word of caution: This is a very bizarre film—weak stomachs and faint hearts need not apply.
submit more prof quotes misclassifieds

Dr. J. William Schopf will speak on "A Late Look at Early Evolution" at 4pm April 18 in Bio 107. He will discuss his recent studies on the fossil record and try to arrive at a realistic scenario of the emergence of the modern human line. His lecture is sponsored by the Geology and Geophysics Departments.

Currently professor of Paleobiology at UCLA, he is recognized as the leading authority on Precambrian life. He was Principal Investigator of Lunar Samples in the Apollo program from 1966-73, and has received an unrestricted $150,000 award from the NSF. He has a highly interdisciplinary approach to evolution, and should be of interest to professionals and laypersons alike.

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