Rifle team offers first public gun clinic in Houston

by Rolf Asphaug

Last year over 1,000 killings—almost 650 murders—were committed in Houston. More and more city residents are buying guns to protect themselves, their family, and their possessions. Yet, until now, no organization in Houston has offered even the most rudimentary public instruction on how to safely and legally use and care for defensive firearms.

That will change Saturday, January 19, when Rice's Rifle Team will offer two three-hour clinics on the use of guns for personal defense. Because of space restrictions, only females and males who have never used firearms, may take the course. A clinic at 11:30am will be for 21 persons who have already bought a personal weapon but who want instruction in its safe and legal use. One at 3pm allows 21 persons who do not yet own a firearm to receive instruction in a variety of guns.

"Both clinics will, of course, prior to any actual use of a weapon, have a discussion of the legal ramifications of the use of deadly force in addition to the safe use of a weapon," said Rifle Team Coach Art Alphin.

Alphin, an adjunct professor of history and owner of a safari rifle store, will lead Rifle Team members in instructing participants. Classes will be subdivided so that each instructor can teach three participants.

"At one point, you must have one-on-one instruction," Alphin emphasized.

Alphin stressed that the clinics are not an attempt to promote the use of firearms as defensive weapons, but are meant to answer questions for those who have bought or forecast they may buy a gun.

One emphasis of the clinics will be on the legal regulations governing the use of deadly force. Laws vary from state to state, but Texas follows a "reasonable man" rule: in most cases, a person may only legally use deadly force in the circumstance where a reasonable man, placed in the same circumstance, would believe that he was in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.

Carrying a gun on one's person while outside the home can be a violation of laws against concealed weapons. "I will never recommend that someone violate the law by handling a concealed weapon," Alphin stated.

The clinics will not shy away from explaining exactly how best to instantly kill a person. After all, Alphin reasoned, a person in danger of being killed will ultimately cause two deaths—his assailant's and his own—if he doesn't carry a mortal weapon. Basically, killing someone is only legally defensible if you must shoot or risk being killed by another.

In addition to teaching safe loading and use of the guns, the clinics will also address the question of where to store a gun within a household and keep it away from children.

Persons interested in the clinics must sign up, first-come-first-served.

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The birds are back

by Wayne Derrick

They're back again, right on schedule: several hundred thousand grackles, robins, blackbirds, cowbirds and starlings, swooping over the campus in beautiful patterns every evening before settling down in our trees for the night, despoiling the ground andardy pasters below. At dawn they fly north to find food, only to return to Rice at the end of the day.

For over a decade the birds have been visiting Rice in huge numbers every winter, and the administration has tried but failed to keep them away. Tree trimming, defoliation, chimes, cannon, ultrasonde, starter pistoles—even helicopters have not been enough.

The administration has just about given up hopes of forcing the birds off campus. Grounds Foreman Earl Arno reports that this year's combination of deterrents seems to be working.

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SA debates club sports

Controversy over funding for club sports dominated a brief first meeting of the Student Association Senate Monday.

Athletic Committee student representative Kent Erickson contended that figures collected by Helen Poindexter's Club Sports Committee proved that "Rice is substantially below par" in club sports funding. He asked that a blanket tax increase be passed to help finance such non-varsity sports as soccer, volleyball, rifle, tennis and sailing.

In other business, the SA voted to proceed with publication of a student directory even though it will not be ready until early February. President John Cockerham reported that Rice's Board of Governors is considering deletion of the SA's October resolution to abolish regional admission quotas.

Erickson's plea for a blanket tax increase was tabled until more information could be brought to a SA. Some senators questioned the overall benefit of a tax increase, while others felt that other forms of financing should be used.

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Late news

The Thresher learned late last night from a reliable source that the duties handled by resigning Campus Business Manager Russ Pinnow will be assumed by Vice President for External Affairs William Akers.

Another addition to the staff will probably become "Vice President for Administration," which is in charge of maintenance, food services, housing and groundskeeping as well as purchasing, fund raising, public relations and alumni relations.

The Thresher will present a full and confirmed report on this information next week.
SPANNING THE HEDGES/by David Dow

"The inclination to aggression... constitutes the greatest impediment to civilization." The frequency of war makes Freud's pessimism appear to be divinely revealed. Most recently, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan fits the subject theory so precisely. Some hope Afghanistan will be Russia's Vietnam; others harp that it shows American acquiescence to the Russian bear which has surpassed us militarily; and those with memories wonder whether Brezhnev is testing Carter the way Khrushchev tested Kennedy in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Discussing the motive makes interesting conversation, but it obscures the fact that the critical issue is the desire to aggress.

The consequences of this impulse are clear. Aggression menacingly threatens humanity. The causes are more shrouded—despite Freud's own certainty. Herbert Marcuse, for example, suggests that aggression is less an instinct than a product of our specific culture. And on closer inspection, the Afghanist crisis confirms the idea that the existing international environment favors and thereby perpetuates aggression.

Eventually we must deal with the whole—must look beyond petty, though most devout supporters, if they are to aggress. But it is because of the target that remains aware of the whole, of the enemy is known in advance. Instinct remains the basis for the Polish tendency to vocally disagree with their Russian allies despite their obvious disapproval of the invasion.

Still more dangerous are the alliances which grow out of the obsessions of nation-states with independent sovereignty; this condition fosters war. Norman Cousins observed: "In its grossest and most brutal form, force is represented by grouping of people into nations. This makes possible a concentration of collective effort with a minimum of restraint and a maximum of fury." To stop the brand of aggression which the Soviets initiated in Afghanistan, the international community must as a depoliticized whole—must look beyond petty, destructive alliances and punish aggressors by the devastation of injustice. Rational, disinterested, thought can produce appropriate response to individual circumstances, but that can only occur once we successfully cultivate a unique individuality which remains aware of the whole, not merely fragments of it. Human nature does not reject this ideal; it just cannot ever support it from the confines of the nation-state.

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Froehlich clarifies SA finance report

To the Editor:

I would like to correct several misrepresentations made by the Thresher in their opening remarks to my report which appeared in the December 6 issue regarding the S.A. Finance Committee. First, I am not the S.A. treasurer. John Hummel holds that office currently, having been elected by the student body last spring. My position is an additional assignment of the S.A. Finance Committee. The other committee members are J.C. Puckett, John Hunnell, Lynn Froehlich, John Collins. The report was written by me on behalf of the committee.

Second, the committee did not examine the books of the various student organizations but merely reviewed them. We are not qualified to conduct an audit of the books. However, we are required by the Constitution to inspect them and report our findings regarding the use of funds and compliance with the by-laws to the S.A. Senate and student body.

Third, the report which appeared in the Thresher was not presented in its entirety to the Senate. John Hunnell and I presented the initial findings at the meeting. I then prepared the published report on behalf of the committee.

This should clear up any confusion caused by the five lines added to my report by the Thresher.

Scott Froehlich

Kung shouldn't try to be another Luther

To the Editor:

The apparent refusal by Kung to cease his training of aspirants for the priesthood may turn the Kung case into a cause celebre, which will then be followed by studies and faculties around the world with interest, primarily because of the confrontation of an individual with the powerful institution of the Papacy. I hope that Professor Kung will not allow this to happen. The fight for reforming his Church, if that is considered necessary by his followers, should be conducted outside the University of Tubingen, and Kung should be very careful not to mix academies with an internal squabble of the Catholic Church. It seems to me that Kung wants to have the best of all worlds, a forum for his views (i.e., the University of Tubingen) and a creditable anchor in the world whence his views have sprung (i.e., Catholic Church). Unfortunately, his profession is unlike that of teachers in music, art, or drama, who can ignore criticism by their professional organizations both in their capacities as University teachers and private teachers. Given the nature of the present Pope, it is likely that procedures for excommumication of Kung, or other forms of disciplinary action are to follow. I suspect that these will raise a hue and cry around the world. I cannot join. We've had one Martin Luther. There is absolutely no need for a repeat. Kung has tried, which is fine. He should now make up his mind what he wants to be: either a professor at the University of Tubingen, or a rebellious priest in the Catholic Church. In my opinion, the two are incompatible.

Dieter Heymann

Department of Geology

Hans Kung is a distinguished Roman Catholic theologian recently centered by the Pope because his published opinions depart from "the integral truth of faith," his name does not insist in the virgin birth of Christ, nor does he claim that the Pope is infallible.—Editor}
A Harvard professor has been formally reprimanded by the university administration after a female student filed a claim of sexual harassment against him.

Freshman student Helene Sahadi York charged that government professor Martin Kilson made improper advances toward her during a meeting in his office in November. York reported the incident to an assistant dean of the College Judicial Officer, whose office handles harassment complaints filed by women at Harvard.

Kilson told the Harvard Crimson that dean of the College Henry Rosovsky has written a formal letter of reprimand against him, and told Kilson that further complaints against him could result in a hearing before the Harvard Corporation, which has the power to revoke tenure.

Harvard established formal procedures to handle complaints concerning sex discrimination last year. Graduate student Cynthia Dahlin, who is working on a study of sex discrimination at isolated cases, rather than "a pervasive pattern."

A report in a college newspaper concerning a faculty stadium expansion has developed into a controversy over the rights of students.

The controversy developed when the Washington State University board of regents accepted an expansion to the campus' football stadium from the school's athletic booster club, despite reports of shoddy workmanship and a boost in ticket prices planned to pay for the expansion and its repairs. Student body president Gary Baker attended the Board meeting to express student concerns, but the project was accepted and the meeting adjourned before Baker had a chance to address the board.

After the meeting, Baker was quoted by the WSU Daily Evergreen as saying, "I get so fucking pissed off about this whole thing—every time we turn around we get it crammed up our ass." Baker's quote was featured prominently on the front page of the Evergreen, next to a picture of university president Glenn Terrell, who defended the stadium expansion.

The WSU publications board later voted to reprimand editor Dell Burner for violating parts of the school's publications policy which prohibits publication of material in "bad taste." The board's policies, which have not been changed in 17 years, are now under review; reports from the Student Law Press Center in Washington, D.C., indicate that the "bad taste" guideline is probably unconstitutional. Burner was removed from his position after the reprimand that "what I regret more than anything else is that by disturbing some of my readers with words, I drew attention away from the reprehensible conduct of Glenn Terrell and the WSU Board of Regents regarding the stadium issue. For that I am truly sorry."

In the sixties, many colleges and universities established what became known as free universities—collections of non-credit free courses taught by local artists or guest lecturers on a variety of controversial and trivial topics.

But now, it seems that even that noble idea has fallen prey to the drags of the Me Decade. Texas A&M has just announced that its Memorial Student Center's Free University committee will sponsor a Bridal Fair next April. The fair will include a fashion show, discussions on how to prepare for a properly elaborate wedding, and seminars on married finances and different theological perspectives on marriage.
The American Chemical Society blood pressure drink onion juice.

...and cancer. Follow speed laws and use your seat belts.

Dr. Richmond suggests the following to enhance the prospects of good health: don't smoke, or reduce intake of calories, refined sugar, salt, fat, and cholesterol, and increasing consumption of complex carbohydrates like grains, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

To reduce your chances of high blood pressure drink onion juice. The American Chemical Society reports that onion juice contains prostaglandin A1, an antihypertensive substance. To keep from crying while peeling the onion, soak it in water. This removes the sulfuric acid from the fumes which cause the tears. The report offers no suggestions for bad breath.

You can now eat bacon without fear of cancer. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Foreman, says "American consumers can buy, assured that virtually all bacon pumped with a nitrate cure is free from confirmable levels of carcinogens." Nitrosamines are carcinogens and are still present in meats.

Other health notes from Consumer Newsweekly: The FDA reports that non-prescription drugs to ease skin irritants (itching) contain ingredients that are safe and effective.

TeXPIRG Board of Directors will be meeting Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 pm in the TexPIRG office to discuss appropriations for projects this semester. Projects include Solar Energy Conference, and Candidate forum.

Rice, A&M host American philosophy conference

"Persons and Community in American Philosophy" will be the topic of a conference January 16-18 at Rice and Texas A&M Universities. The conference is open to the general public.

"We are bringing experts on American philosophy to discuss the classical figures of American philosophy," said Konstanti Kalenda, who is coordinating the conference for Rice. The Rice segment of the conference will be on January 17 and 18 at the Kyle Morrow Room of Fondren Library and will include January 17 8 pm George John Lachs, Santayana Vanderbilt and Jim F. Campbell, who is the President of the American Philosophical Association. The Texas A&M segment will be meeting Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 pm in the TexPIRG office to discuss appropriations for projects this semester. Projects include Solar Energy Conference, and Candidate forum.

‘Sniper’ hits Rice

A reported sniper at Rice University Monday night was apparently a Physical Plant worker firing at birds with a starter pistol, according to Campus Police Assistant Director Mary Voswinkel.

Campos investigated a report received at 10pm that a man fired a handgun near entrance 2 and then ran by Rayzor Hall before shooting at some trees. No suspect was found, however. Since the suspect’s description fits that of a Physical Plant employee assigned to try to frighten away birds from the President’s House with a starter pistol, the case has been shelved.

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January 16 and 17 will include talks on Josiah Royce, George Mead, and Charles S. Peirce (given by Kolenda).

"We think the program should appeal to people in literature, psychology, and political science, as well as philosophy," Kolenda said.
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get calls when the fireworks go off, but we can only arrest people if we catch them actually shooting the firecrackers when they're shooting them from the 14th floor or the roof of the building, it makes the job very difficult. Mr. Voswinkel explained that when the culprits see the police car driving up, they naturally stop what they are doing.

"We're very distressed about it, because it's a fairly frequent occurrence, but it's very difficult to combat," Voswinkel added. She feels the problem will have to be handled by the college masters and presidents.

Former Proctor Sam Carrington agrees that the problem is serious, but will be handled through the college's masters and presidents.

"I have to admit that when I was an undergraduate, I, too, thought on trees near the President's House, and the Rice College Business Manager Russel Pitman adds, "They should bring the white sacks have worked so far. The birds are coming back."

"We need to prove that we can control the problem," Pitman said. "We're lucky: in 1975, we had 600,000 birds roosted here."

Aggie remedy, for 45 minutes every evening. The calls, broadcast from loudspeakers in the trees, and the white sacks have worked so far.

But Rice's bird season has barely begun, and Biologist Paul Harcombe predicts "a bumper crop" of the pests in 1980. Possibly half a million birds may visit us this year. We're lucky: in 1975, according to former biology graduate student Heidi Good, about 700,000 birds roosted here.

Good, now studying in Europe, wrote her doctoral dissertation on Rice's bird phenomenon. She conducted detailed studies on the birds' habits and characteristics; among other things, she estimated the bird population by analyzing the concentration of droppings on campus.

Tree trimming is the most effective method of keeping the birds away, Good said, but Campus Manager Russel Pitman says that the cost is excessive.

"Part of our problem is the concentration of droppings on campus. If you could cut down every second tree, it would help," Pitman stated. "If you're waiting for that to happen, carry an umbrella."

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served, on a sheet on Alphin's door at Fondren Library, the Rifle Team's equipment fund.

targets and ammunition will go to the Rice Rifle Team. Voswinkel agrees that the problem is handled by the college masters and presidents.

"We're very distressed about it, any action without first hearing a complaint," Voswinkel added. "I'm not going to spend any time catching people." Since the court itself cannot initiate any action, it is the responsibility of dealing with the problem lies with the individual college courts. Martin, however, felt that the "incorrectiveness" of Sid Richardson college court for the past two years has promoted a feeling that nothing will be done toward rule violators. But he, too, still feels that the court can be used to deal with the problem.

Sid Richardson Chief Justice Bruce McGeuchin has promised that the college court is willing to combat the violations, but he added, "I'm not going to spend any time catching people." Since the court itself cannot initiate any action without first hearing a complaint, McGeuchin stressed that if people want something done about the situation, they will have to take action themselves.

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"I don't see why I should pay to send the sketsh-shotting team to Fort Worth," argued one senator.

Poindexter had found Rice's club sports budget—about $4,000 paid wholly through the Athletic Department budget—to be significantly lower than those of other comparable schools. Vanderbilt, for example, budgets $25,000 for club sports, with funding through general university channels and student contributions as well as through the Athletic Department. However, Vanderbilt has 25 club programs to Rice's eight, and one senator questioned the value of being spending an extra $500 per club sport.

"That's enough for a couple of extra pairs of shoes," he said.

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The tunes of 1979: Pop to Trick and The Knack released gorillas. Yet, the most pop, least progressive, and biggest selling album was by the erstwhile art band Supertramp—which shows that when people wallow around in pure pop they still feel better if they tell themselves they’re being aesthetically uplifted.

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Third, punk riffs—fast, metronomic jackhammer basslines and clicking rhythm guitar riffs—suddenly and unexpectedly sprang up everywhere. The commercial breakthrough of The Cars’ *Just What I Needed* in 1978 showed that while the hardcore punks had stiffed at the cash register, the American public was ready for the underlying musical structure if it was polished up. In 1979 a terrific variety of bands worked interesting variations off what had

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Nasty Habit...
Rice men split games in Bluebonnet, SWC play

by Byron Welch and Rich Whitney

The Rice men's basketball team split their four games during the Christmas break and for the first time ever finished third in the Bluebonnet Classic. In the first round of the Classic, the Owls outplayed tournament winners USC, but it wasn't enough to overcome the 13-point half time deficit as Southern Cal held on to take a 69-60 win. In the consolation round the next night Rice laughed through the first half, leading by 13 points at one point but retaining only a 44-39 lead half time. The game went down to the wire and was won by a Ricky Pierce baseline-jumper with four seconds left in the game. It was the same shot Pierce had hit in the waning moments of Rice's home match earlier this season against UT Arlington, but this time Rice prevailed 70-69.

The Owls played 25 minutes of quality basketball in their SWC opener against the University of Houston in Hofheinz Pavilion January 3. But in a 12 minute stretch in the second half, Houston outscored Rice 26-10 and walked away with a 78-70 win.

Rice jumped to an early lead on baskets by Bobby Tudor, Ricky Pierce, and Robert Shaw, but the Cougars came back to tie the score at 9-9 after 5:30 of play. Both teams traded baskets for the rest of the first half and at halftime Houston held the lead by only two points, 38-36.

Through the first five minutes of the second half, Rice continued to stay close. But with the score tied 44-44, Houston ran off eight straight points and, on the strength of 12 points by Robert Williams and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, of 12 points by Robert Williams and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead and numerous fouls by the Owls, steadily pulled away to a 70-54 lead.

Leading scorers for Rice were Bobby Tudor with 18 points, Ricky Pierce with 16, and Robert Shaw with 14. Pierce and Shaw Williams added 19. Schuler must have been encouraged by the team's improved free-throw percentage as they made 20 of 23, or 86.9%, for the night. Robert Shaw was also impressive, with 7 first half rebounds and two 3-point plays in his best game of the season.

In the words of a revered basketball coach, "A win is a win is a win is a win..." Rice did defeat TCU, 57-47, in the Owls' 1980 SWC home court opener, but they didn't look impressive against the conference's weakest team.

The game was slow at first, TCU shooting 11 of 16 field goals for a 68.8% shooting performance against U of H defense. But then TCU cut the Owls' lead to 31-29. Rice gradually opened up a 20-point lead before halftime. Double figures by Bobby Tudor and Robert Shaw put the game away for Rice with some good ball handling and foul shooting.

The game's most encouraging aspect was Tudor's outside shooting, which forced TCU out of its zone defense. Tudor was 6 for 8 in the second half, all his shots coming from outside 15 feet. Ricky Pierce rebounded from a poor 4-for-15 performance against U of H to hit 11 of 16 field goals for 23 points. DelCello also had another fine game, contributing 7 assists and sinking 7 of 8 free throws.

Rice is now 1-1 in conference play and 3-7 for the season.

The team will travel to Waco this weekend to play Baylor, which is 0-1 in conference play and 3-6 for the season. Tuesday, the Owls will meet Texas Tech, 2-0 and 8-4, in Lubbock. The next Rice home game is January 19 against Texas A&M.

Left: Kenny Austin grabs a rebound from USC. Right: Ricky Pierce drives to the basket.—photos by Wayne Derrick
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
by Donald Buckholt

The Rice women's basketball team fell victim to cold shooting and a superior Lamar University team on Monday evening at Autry Court, losing 75-52. The quick Cardinals, who are one of the best Division I AIAW teams in Texas, ran away from the Division II Owls in the second half using their rebounding advantage to dominate play.

The Owls showed the effect of their long layoff over the Christmas holiday break. "We were tired and out of condition," explained Rice coach Linda Tucker. "Another factor that hurt us a great deal tonight is that Pat Krieger (Rice's leading scorer this season) was very cold."

Rice played Lamar well during the first twenty minutes, staying even through much of the half and going in at the break down by only seven, 35-28. However, Rice center Kathy Barnard also played well, with Barnard picking up four points on two long-range bombs from around 25 feet. Despite her foul problems and being double and triple-teamed by Lamar, Sunday still managed eight points and shot 50 percent from the field.

Lorraine Schunck was once again a standout for Rice, scoring nine points and pulling in seven rebounds. Guards Darcy Carter and Kathy Barnard also played well, with Barnard picking up four points on two long-range bombs from around 25 feet. Despite her foul problems and being double and triple-teamed by Lamar, Sunday still managed eight points and shot 50 percent from the field.

Though Rice was having an unusually poor night, the game was decided by the talent of the Lamar team. The Cardinals showed a solid all-around game, which was especially strong in rebounding and team quickness. The effect became quite apparent in the second half as the fatigued Owls repeatedly allowed second and third shots by Lamar while being held to one shot on their end of the court.

Rice varsity athletics for Jan 10-19

| Jan 11 | W Basketball vs. Trinity | San Antonio | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 12 | M Basketball vs. Baylor  | Waco        | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 15 | W Basketball vs. St. Mary's | San Antonio | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 17 | W Basketball vs. Texas Tech | Lubbock | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 17 | W Basketball vs. Angelina | Lufkin     | 5:30 pm |
| Jan 18 | MW Swimming vs. TCU      | Ft. Worth   | 7:00 pm |
| Jan 19 | W Swimming vs. TWU       | Denton     | all day |
| Jan 19 | W Basketball vs. U of H   | Hofheinz    | 5:30 pm |
| Jan 19 | M Basketball vs. Texas A&M AUTRY | MW Rifle vs. U of H | 8:00 pm |

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Before the Rice men's basketball season began, I had a chance to talk with coach Mike Schuler about the prospects for a winning season. Schuler assured me that this season the Owls were "going to surprise some people. We're going to beat some people we aren't supposed to beat."

Southwest Conference writers didn't think much of Schuler's prediction as they consistently placed his Owls at the bottom of the pre-season polls, except in a few cases where Rice was chosen ahead of TCU, which is no great honor.

Schuler told me in that initial interview that junior transfer Ricky Pierce was an excellent outside shooter as well as a strong man inside. After watching the first few games I had serious doubts. Even though Pierce hit a crucial baseline shot with four seconds left in the UT Arlington game, he had not been hitting outside shots with consistency and I wondered how wise it had been for Schuler to call that play. I later learned that Pierce's outside shooting had been hampered by a hand injury.

In the four games over the Christmas break, Pierce more than redeemed his coach. He has been playing tough basketball under the goal, muscling in against the big guys and scoring with double coverage. And when Pierce is on his game, the zone defense will not work effectively against Rice. Pierce will roam from one of the post positions to the baseline of the key and back inside until a teammate can find him open—and when that happens, he can make the shots look automatic.

An All-Conference candidate from Walla Walla Junior College does not a Southwest Conference contender make. Rice is not a contender for the Conference Championship this year. There is a lack of speed on this team. Top offensive performers such as playmaker Anthony DeCello and Bobby Tudor haven't been providing the defense Rice needs to beat the stronger teams. Tudor tends to often play their opponents' Game instead of their own, running with the faster teams and slowing down against the slower TCU. And Rice doesn't have the depth it needs to stay in the game against Texas, A&M and Arkansas when the starters need rest.

The Owls' three victories have come against relatively weak teams, and that is certainly nothing to brag about. However, if Bobby Tudor continues to hit those 25-foot bombs and freshmen Robert Shaw and Donald Bennett continue to develop as quickly as they have been doing thus far this season, Schuler won't be short on bragging material by season's end. Although Shaw is slow, he is a sturdy defender who will fight for rebounds and percentage shots and has been increasingly successful this season. Schuler is so impressed with Shaw's play that Shaw is now a regular starter. And Bennett shows signs of developing into another Ricky Pierce—his style of play should not be compared to Pierce's as much as the result: tough play in the lane and an improving outside shot.

Rice's best jumper is freshman Kenny Austin. Austin roams under the Rice skyscraper on wheels, providing an inside threat that takes much of the heat off of Rice's outside shooters. Kenny hasn't been scoring much so far—or at least not as much as he did—probably because he is accounting for several points that will never be recorded, because there is no way to accurately determine how many points are scored each game as a result of one player's ability to maintain the defense. And Austin is also far from reaching his potential.

Rice will once again struggle to stay out of the Conference basement this season, but if they remain healthy they are going to scare some of the top teams in the Conference and will challenge them in a few seasons. To be a contender next year Rice will have to recruit some speed—if they don't, a challenge for the Conference Title can't begin until 1982. Without the Owls need depth. Thus far this season they have been a twenty-minute team. They played a great second half against USC, a great first half against Houston, and only one good half against both Niagara and TCU, (whom they beat nonetheless).

One of a coach's job qualifications is optimism, and Schuler is good at that. Rice played a dismal first half in the TCU game, but Schuler stuck to his game plan. It was a wise decision. In the second half, the difference that led to a Rice victory was that the game plan was well-executed much of the half. Schuler is very positive about the future of this Rice team, and his optimism may bear him out.

The remainder of this season will be an indicator as to whether Rice can be a real contender in the Southwest Conference in the seasons to come. To realize this goal, Shaw and Austin must continue to improve and Schuler must hold on to players such as Pierce and Tudor. He must develop the bench so that Rice will not be jeopardized by renting its starters. This Rice team is capable of finishing dead last—and it is definitely capable of sneaking up on a few people this year and in the near future.

—Steve Bailey

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Welcome back! And especially welcome to the new Hanszenites Ricky Blancas who transferred from Wiess, and Ruth Strauss who is from William and Mary.

Sign-ups will soon be posted for the Blood Drive to be held January 24. It's virtually painless, and it can save a life. Plus, you and your family will be insured for blood for a year.

Social Committee is looking for ideas and help in the upcoming All-School Party. Get involved!

GSA

Eugene Domack

Volunteers are needed to help plan our big dance for the spring. Contact Brian Whitehead, ext. 3633.

Possible upcoming events for 1980 include a fun-run party, a hockey game and a spring dance with band.

JONES

Augusta Barone

With high spirits we begin the social facet of Rice University life this Saturday with the Jones-SRC Tower Party. The time of partying will range from 9 pm to 2 am. Jones ladies and Sid Rich fans are free upon disclosure of his or her very own Rice ID. Other people are asked to pay just $2.

Fourth floor will be country-western. Fifth floor has a bar with mixed drinks and beer. Sixth floor has dancing for those with happy feet. And at the top, seventh floor has a piano bar.

Next Saturday, January 19, Jones goes ice skating with Lovett. If you are interested, please wait for further details.

RPC

Kathy Behrens

The RPC will have a meeting Monday, January 14, at 7 pm in Rayzor Hall III. We invite anyone who wants to help us to come and offer their services and suggestions. If you don't think we have been serving you well enough, please come and offer to help make it work.

We especially need a publicity chairman, because our guys last fall had to resign. This is your big chance to be a star!

LOVETT

Russ Coleman

Lovett welcomes our new resident associates Ross Jennings and Michael Freeman.

Petitions are due tomorrow for VP. The election takes place Tuesday, January 15. Be ready for the Lovett winter carnival on the 19th.

SID RICHARDSON

Rick Gerlach

Welcome back. We sincerely hope everyone had a good break. On that note, if you would like to extend your break one more night, be sure to show up for the SRC-Jones Tower Party this Saturday night from 9 pm til 2 am.

Yes, after a one-year hiatus we have returned one of the most popular parties on the Rice campus. Wine, beer, and mixed drinks will be served. You wanna dance? Bring some extra shoes, 'cause you may wear out one pair. We'll have all types of music.

For the night, the seventh-floor lobby will be a piano bar, the sixth floor will be converted to a dance floor, another bar is on five. Country-and-western will be the theme on the fourth floor, and there will be a lot more.

Where else can you get five hours of entertainment for only $2? All the action takes place in the beautiful Sid Rich Tower.

Also, Friday at 8 and 10 we'll start our Clint Eastwood Film Series with Play Misty for Me. Just 50 cents in the SRC Commons.

The first annual Wiess College Penthouse Publication contest will begin soon. All that is required is to submit a letter for the Forum section. The first one published will win. For details and rules, call Mac at 526-6857.

All Wiess College seniors interested in a bi-weekly Keg Party on Thursday nights, contact Leon or Cyl at 526-3913.

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"I want to buy one used copy of Van Zandt's Elements of Materials Science for MSCI 395. Call Philip Easterling at 526-7688.

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3 bedroom home. $200 per month. 4-5:30 in front of Wiess: Don't hatch your travels.' —Mark Twain

"The first debt I should like to acknowledge is to the student radicals and counter-culturists of the 1960's. Not that I ever learned anything from their preachifying: On the contrary, their panaceas for society seemed so facile and shallow when they were not self-serving and self-indulgent fantasies. But I was struck by the way the culture reacted to garbled denunciations and puerile fantasies as somehow significant. High blood pressure?

"The Innocence Abroad"

The Campus Police have found 3 abandoned bicycles in conditions of 10-speed recently, come by the Campo office at Abercrombie.

"Religious Poetry in Arabic—Dr. A. B. M. Stiffler.Indented-Muslim studies at Harvard, will talk on "The Other World in the Desert—Religious Poetry in Arabic" at 8 pm Monday, Jan. 14 in the RMC chapel. It's free.

"I don't need an introduction!" —K. A. B. 4:30 pm, 11/24/79

Overheard in middle of street in front of Wiess: Don't hatch your travels.' —Mark Twain

"I want to leave the house and turn it into a party with my boodle until they're counted.

"I'm a dope addict—I always have dope." —Mike, 526-2186

"For rent: One bedroom, area very nice $250 per month. Call 526-4520 (days), 526-3140 (evenings).

 Buddha Elvis

"For rent: One bedroom, nice and quiet. Student. Preferred, but will consider most. House is 2 miles from Rice, has a garage with washer/dryer, 2 car parking with door. $167/month plus half bills. Lab: 526-4951. Home: 526-4030.

**Roommate wanted to share 2 bedroom house with me, a graduate student. Female preferred, but will consider male. House 2 miles from Rice, has a garage with washer/dryer, 2 car parking with door.* —Mike, 526-4030

"For rent: One bedroom apartment, share bath and refrigerator. Monterey area $125/month. Call 526-4030.

**Problems pregnant? Free"—Mike, 526-4030

"Do you have high blood pressure? Volunteer for high blood pressure research (no cost, no obligation). For further information call 721-7970. 261 Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. Houston College of Medicine, 665-2905.

"I need a roommate to share 2 bedroom house near Rice. Need to move out by Monday. Call 526-4030.

"Found: Ladies Regnis prescription sunglasses, with case labeled 'Geoffrey Dee Optics.' Call 526-0049.

"Lost on Monday gold kiit pin. If found call 526-2474.

"Why is every contemporary American so interested in John? Don't worry about it, Steve.

Q: How does President Hackerman plan to "titrate" the Tommy got into film school!!

"Dinner conversation, Barker to Rice—need driver for motor home. Pulling horse trailer in caravan. Malibu area. Also return trip if desired. 492-2106.

"Tommoy got into film school!! Roommate needed, $75/mo and bills. Share 1 bedroom apt in Monterey area. Call anna, 892-3005.

"Lost: one rectangular gold earring with small black floral design, in or near Fondren Library on Jan. 3. Please call x2557 or leave earring with History Dictor’s Secretary.

**ATTENTION!**

Human female wanted with brown to black hair. Must be capable of making delicious gourmet dishes when things are good. The blondes and redhead had their turn. Take a number as you go, please.

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"For rent: One bedroom in the Strand (7:30) and The Last Texan (9:30).

"To Wag, from Marduk: We wish to offer all the curious, outlandish ways of all the different sexualities that we can to the student community are invited to attend a Children's Concert by the Shepherd Staff at 11:30 am in Hamman Hall. Growups are invited.

**Tower Party—After a short 2-year sabbatical, SPC and Jones are returning the age-old tradition of the Tower Party. It will be this Saturday from 9 to 2. Jones and Sid members will be admitted free. Something different on every floor. Beer, wine, mixed drinks, a piano bar, dancing, and various types of music. Relax before the semester gets too busy.**

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