Hackerum urges freshmen to expand learning capacity

by Bruce Davies

Rice's incoming freshman class officially became the class of 1984 in matriculation ceremonies Monday night. Addressing the group, President Norman Hackerum stressed that they should try as hard as they can to increase their "capacity to think and understand."

"Your purpose in being here," said Hackerum, "is to broaden your capacity to use your mind to the utmost. You must deal with subtle thoughts, ideas, conflicts and emotions. You should attack them, separate them, and understand them so well, that you will be able to pass them on to someone else."

The central theme of Hackerum's address was the question of education and whom it should benefit. "It is an interesting thing to ask the question 'To whom does your education belong?' Obviously it belongs to you, and if you don't use it, it's useless. But it also belongs to the world as a whole, because the world needs all the educated, knowledgeable, rational people it can get."

Hackerum believes that Rice's role in this process is to provide the means for what he termed to be a "mind-stretching, mind-opening, mind-exercise characteristic."

"You are here for the experience of learning," he said. "It is true that you can learn by yourself without going to college, but the challenge that you meet within a college provides you with the sort of background and the sort of strain and stress and tension that I personally think you need in order for there to be proper learning."

In describing Rice's attributes, Hackerum cited the low faculty to student ratio, and urged students "to make the utmost use of the faculty. You have the right to deal with them closely, and you have the responsibility to go to them so that you can deal with them closely. It is your right, and if you pass it up you will be passing up a favor to yourself."

Hackerum also mentioned Rice's "park-like" campus, and as inhabitants of the park, students "should make good use of your surroundings."

"When you finish here you will be members of a group of about 20,000, all of whom are people who have demonstrated the ability to be useful, not only to themselves but to society as well," said Hackerum.

Presiding over the ceremonies was Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Katherine Brown, whose opening remarks urged the newcomers to increase their interaction with other people. "Beginning tonight, talk to everyone, get all the help you can and give all the help you can. At this point in your life you need to reach out to other people, other involvement," page 2

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Health inspectors cite Sammy's for 23 violations

by Richard Dees

City health inspectors issued two citations to Food and Housing Director Marion Hicks this summer for violations of the Houston Food Ordinance at Sammy's Cafeteria. The inspectors found 23 violations of the code in their inspection June 9.

In addition, Willy's Pub spent some $4,000 correcting 14 violations found in an April 24 inspection. All violations at both restaurants however, have now been corrected.

Sammy's was found in violation of 23 of 28 items in Section 19-21 of Article II of the Code of ordinances of the City of Houston in a routine inspection June 9. Citations were issued June 24 after re-inspections June 18 and June 23 showed items left uncorrected.

The two tickets, issued by Houston sanitarians Jan Zuazua and Roger Gibson, charged Sammy's with failing to clean the coke machine daily and failing to clean the employee's dressing room.

Hicks did not contest the tickets and paid the $53.50 fine assessed for each citation. However, he said he felt the citation was not justified. "The citation reads it was for the coke machine not being cleaned daily and that is wrong. She (Zuazua) found a roach egg casing where our employees neglected to find it. But they had cleaned the machine. It also stated it was a food-contact surface, and it wasn't. It was above a plate that was a food-contact surface," he said.

Gibson disagreed. "We found a hatched roach egg case which was extremely dry. The fact that it was hatched, dry, and brittle indicates it had been there for quite some time. It was on the soda-water dispensing head, which is specified as a food-contact surface," he said.

The other citation, Hicks said, was for mildew. When inspectors found the employees "never use," but that the "restroom was actually clean."

Food Service
meal prices hiked 15%

Meal prices at the college commons will be hiked about 15 percent this fall. According to Director of College Food Service, Joyce Rubash, the higher prices, approved last Tuesday by the Residential College Assignment Management Advisory Committee, will go into effect Monday.

Breakfast, which last year cost $1.50, will now be priced at $2.00. Lunch and dinner will both increase from $2.50 to $3.00. A salad at lunch will be marked up from $1.00 to $1.50. Lastly, all

KTRU boosts power

The Federal Communications Commission has given Rice University radio station, KTRU, approval to increase its effective radiated power from 340 watts to 650 watts September 1. The increased power will allow KTRU to extend its communications reception area by nearly 30 percent.

Although the paper work has already been submitted last year, and money for the extension was included in last year's budget.

The application to the FCC was submitted last year, and money for the new equipment was included in last year's budget.

Vance said the radio station plans to hire an outside contractor to install the antenna on the roof of Sid Richardson College rather than using physical plant

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KTRU boosts power
Conventions proved almost nothing

The Republicans and Democrats have finished their quadrennial orgies of self-indulgence and, to no one's surprise, have nominated Reagan and Carter as their presidential candidates.

The other product of the conventions, the party platforms, produced some dramatic contrasts between the two parties. The Democrats support ERA, energy conservation, jobs programs, and health insurance. The Republicans reject ERA, jobs programs and health insurance and support tax cuts, an anti-abortion amendment and energy production.

The platforms provide the most striking left/right dichotomy since the Goldwater-Johnson race. Unfortunately, no one will pay attention to the platforms after Labor Day. Indeed, the candidates have already begun their slow drift towards each other. Reagan has de-emphasized many of his right-wing stances and has tried to court traditionally Democratic voters. Much to the chagrin of his more fanatic supporters, he even picked a "moderate" running mate. Carter, before the ink was dry on his party's platform, was already rejecting some of its strongest statements.

Since the platforms are built to be forgotten, there is very little substance to be drawn from the two conventions. Even the two stars of the shows — Ford and Kennedy — though not forgotten, have already lost whatever impact they had.

In the end, these conventions only told us that the modern political convention is nothing more than a long TV show. But even that isn't news anymore.

—Richard Dees

Editorial policy

It is a newspaper's job to print the news and to raise hell.

—Chicago Tribune

Traditionally, space has been devoted in the first Thresher of the year to explain the "Policy" of the Rice Thresher, whatever that is.

The old Thresher Tribune motto is perhaps applicable to the type of paper the staff and I intend to produce. We will cover the news, we will tell what happens, but we will also report what lies behind what happens. We will dig into stories and find all that can be found. And, when necessary, we will raise hell.

Editorials will continue to be signed. That doesn't score good points with journalism purists, but it does give a more realistic view of reality. There have always been enough divergent views within the staff that to produce a "consensus" has been impossible.

Finally, since my name will probably appear most often at the bottom of these things, let me emphasize that I do not pretend to represent the student body, nor even the Thresher staff. I only hope to force the students at Rice to think about what they believe about Rice and the world and to think about why they believe it.

Indeed, that is the whole purpose of this newspaper.

—Richard Dees

By moving the Prime Minister's Office east of Jerusalem — the part where the Arabs live — Menachem Begin dramatized the Israeli government's rejection of the United Nations' call for a divided Jerusalem. Begin approaches the matter biblically, not politically. With the Old Testament in hand, Begin argues that since King David's time, Jerusalem has rightfully belonged to the Jews. Just check the Scriptures. This orthodoxy is not new.

In arguments for Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Begin refers to the lands by their biblical names, Judea and Samaria.

No amount of reasoning can alter the fervent religious mind. But when the paths of reason have been tried and exhausted, Americans condone the forceful subordination of religious beliefs to more pragmatic exigencies. Our courts allow doctors to give dying children vital blood transfusions even if their parents object because they are Jehovah's witnesses, and the same American judiciary has held that Arab parents must send their children to school instead of limiting their education to religious indoctrination. Even the strongest faith cannot be allowed to topple reason. That's the American way.

Before leaping from that conclusion, however, to the position that Begin's relocation of Israel's capital is a move which threatens the pragmatic ends of peace and must therefore be opposed, the Israeli action must itself be analyzed pragmatically. For surely there is more to the religion.

Why did Begin assert his biblical rights at such a precarious moment? His apparent rashness contrasts vividly with Egyptian President Sadat's desperate pursuit of peace. Sadat abandoned his truculent Arab allies only to have Begin dangle the carrot of peace but stubbornly refuse to go down the road of peace with two many of Egypt's demands. Sadat believes, as do many of Begin's detractors, that Israel wants peace without having to compromise.

That view is thoroughly untenable. True, Israel mocked the UN's vote, affronting not an ally or guardian of justice, however, but a pernicious body which is dominated by an anti-Israel bloc and which has done little to support the Jewish state since creating it 32 years ago. Israel's imperious shunning of a so-called "international" resolution aside, the Jewish occupation of Jerusalem is infinitely justified. Unlike the Arabs, who have so long controlled the other part of the city until 1967, the Israelis allow all religions complete access to the entire city, no one is restricted or quarantined. Christians go where they please, as do Moslems, even armed Moslem guards, not Jews, oversee Islamic mosques. Compare this freedom to the period from 1948 to 1967. The Arabs violated an UN mandate calling for Jerusalem to remain an international city. Their attempted seizure of the whole area compelled the Israelis to move in and control the Western half. In the West there was justice. Quite a different story in the East. The Arabs avoided offending Christian religious sites, but they destroyed Jewish synagogues, erected a mosque on the most revered Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, actually using gravestones to build houses and latrines, and denied Jews access to their holiest monument, the ancient temple's Western Wall.

Begin needs no more justification than history. Unfortunately, since most Americans cannot even conceive of a struggle for survival, Israel's refusal to compromise away its very existence has obscured the return of the Sinai to Egypt and Israel's efforts to find a solution to the refugee problem. Americans, smug in the immense power of the United States, find it easy to harp about Israeli dependence on American arms and the alleged rigidity of Israel's position. But a massive enemy has never vowed to annihilate the United States as the Israelis have and has armed with Soviet weapons have promised Israel. More than having promised, the enemy has tried: on the Olevers, on the battlefield against soldiers, in the streets against helpless civilians, the stakes are bittersweet and indiscriminate. Many of Israel's policies — including strengthening their hold on Jerusalem — seem inexplicable in themselves, but make very good sense against the specter of a smoldering, leveled Israel populated only by Jewish corpses, a gruesome spectacle which is the admitted goal of the non-Egyptian Arabs.

RICHARD DEES
Editor

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Picture Identification cards to be issued next week...

Rice student identification cards will carry a picture of the bearer for the first time since 1974.

H.C. Clark, former director of student advising and one of the proponents of the new cards, said the cards should "enhance identification."

The cards cost about 57 cents each, Clark said, and therefore are competitive with the plastic cards used in previous years.

Besides pictures, the laminated cards, which were given to freshmen this week, carry the name, college, class year, birthdate and social security number of the bearer. Social security numbers may be used on the card since the Privacy Act (which protects the release of social security and other information by federal, state and local agencies) does not apply to private institutions such as Rice.

Two cards are being made, of which the student may pick one for his use. The other will be for "archive use" Clark said. The Cards are designed to last four years and will be validated with stickers at the beginning of each semester.

Returning undergraduate and graduate students may obtain their ID's next week at the Campus Police Office in Abercrombie Lab. Students with last name beginning with A-M should obtain ID's Monday, August 25 or Wednesday, August 27 and with N-Z on Tuesday, August 26 or Thursday, August 28. Graduate students may obtain cards from 8:30 am to 12 noon and undergraduates 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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Robert A. Welch Foundation and the Department of Energy. After graduating from Rice in 1953, Walters went on to Duke University where he received his doctorate in physics in 1956. Between 1957 and 1963, Walters worked for Texas Instruments in Dallas, after which he joined the Rice faculty.

Walters' current appointment is for a five year term.

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personnel. Vance explained that both he and the physical plant department felt it did not have the personnel. Vance also said that he had received permission from Vice President William Akers and Richardson College to review the construction site for bids.

"With a little bit of luck we'll be able to finish the project within the scheduled time," he said.

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Citations issued to Hicks, Sammy's by inspectors...

• Unclean equipment. Residues of toxic items found stored with improperly stored food.

• Improperly stored food. Numerous containers of food found on the floor. The ordinance requires all food items to be stored at temperatures less than 45 degrees or greater than 140 degrees. "The City of Houston has rigorous inspections than in the past. "The bottom shelves of the cabinets," she added, "If you got down on your hands and knees with a flashlight and a blacklight, you'd find many things in any kitchen." Zuazua, however indicated that 40 items of unclean equipment was a "pattern" and that since roaches and rodents can carry pathogenic bacteria, there was "a potential for something to happen." Hicks said he felt the Health Department was now doing more rigorous inspections than in the past. "The City of Houston has stepped-up their inspection procedures and they are doing a more thorough job," he said. "This was ten times stricter than any inspection I've had anywhere. I would like for them to be consistent. I think they haven't been. They overlooked these little things in the past." Gibson disagreed. "When Jan Zuazua took over the (universities and hospitals) circuit, [last fall]" he said, "she began doing this type of inspection. It's not a step-up or anything. We're just enforcing the ordinance, giving thorough and comprehensive inspections."

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Sammy's manager Bonnie Nichols said the violations were "just a series of small things." "I think most of the things he found here were dead," she said, "and they were under places that I didn't even know would come up, like the bottom shelves of the cabinets." She added, "If you got down on your hands and knees with a flashlight and a blacklight, you'd find many things in any kitchen." Zuazua, however indicated that 40 items of unclean equipment was a "pattern" and that since roaches and rodents can carry pathogenic bacteria, there was "a potential for something to happen." Hicks said he felt the Health Department was now doing more rigorous inspections than in the past. "The City of Houston has stepped-up their inspection procedures and they are doing a more thorough job," he said. "This was ten times stricter than any inspection I've had anywhere. I would like for them to be consistent. I think they haven't been. They overlooked these little things in the past."

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Preparations storm campus in wake of hurricane

by Michael Trachtenberg

Although Hurricane Allen skirted past the Houston area two weeks ago, the cleaning and removal of any residual significant rainfall, preparations had been made on the Rice campus to deal with flooding the hurricane might have caused.

The campus was closed at 5:00 pm August 8, and Rice Campus Police Office was set up as a command post. walkie-talkies distributed to personnel staying on campus to direct flood control. During the day, all the diesel pumps were checked, sand bags and basements stripped of valuable materials. In the Rice Memorial Center KTRU moved all of its equipment to the second floor along with the electronic games in the steam Tunnel. Willy's Pub moved water-perishable foods out and stacked furniture on the bar.

The Institute of Computer Sciences in the basement of Herman Brown stands the most to lose from a flood since water could destroy the multi-million dollar computer there.

Preparations for Hurricane Allen had begun on August 4 when Vice President for Administration William Akers put the Physical Plant on a hurricane standby, upgrading it to an alert August 6. Finally, Akers decided to close the campus as the hurricane approached the Texas coast.

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Prepared with the cooperation of the dining halls, the pub was not the only restaurant to be closed. At the University Dining Hall, the only dining hall that remained open was not open to the public. The university had closed all of its dining halls, except for the University Dining Hall, which remained open to the public.

The decision to close the campus was premature as far as KTRU is concerned, station manager Frank Vance said. "If the decision had waited until Saturday, countless hours would have been saved."

Involvement pushed...

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Pub violations fixed...

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Employee observed picking up food baked on dishware; ammonia used after dishwashing.

• Cohen House, September 4, 1978, no violations.

• Winters, September 7, 1979, seven violations. Tin cans used to store food; foods served at improper temperatures; roach and rodent problems.

• Central Kitchen, September 4, 1978, five violations. Food left open and unprotected.

• Cohen House, September 4, 1978, ten violations. Puffed cans of food on shelves; food served at improper temperatures; roach infestation.

• Vaillallera, January 24, 1978, no violations.

Gibson said all the kitchens will probably be inspected within the next two months.

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The Rice Experience:

Who Am I?

by Richard E. Schuberth

Dr. Richard E. Schuberth delivered this address to the class of 1984 Wednesday afternoon. Schuberth, professor of psychology and associate of Will Rice College, received his A.B. from Bowdoin College in 1971 and his Ph.D. from Brown in 1978 and joined the Rice faculty immediately thereafter. His principal research area is in human information processing.

As I prepared this talk, I spent a great deal of time reflecting on my own life as a college undergraduate — many, many years ago! It’s no accident that the psychological aspects of my life in that setting stood out most in my mind, and I’d like to share some of my reflections with you this afternoon. I genuinely want to share these thoughts because I see Rice students today as I saw myself when I left home. I left with the conviction that I really wanted the freedom that everyone said would be mine at college. I was anxious to get to school because living at home was a bit of a drag. However, when I arrived at Bowdoin, I wasn’t so sure. To be honest, I was a bit intimidated by the uncertainty present in my new surroundings.

I’m sure that at least some of you out there probably feel the same way that I did then. It’s only natural, I think, that an initial period here will be a bit anxiety-arousing for you simply because of the uncertainty that going to college entails. Let’s face it, prior to your arrival here, most of you lived at home and were provided for by your parents. In the face of difficulty, they were there to help you — at least some of the time. Now, because of the distance from home to school or because of some strong hints your parents have given you, you will not be as accessible to help you as they were before. To make matters worse, in your interactions with your peers back home, you may have established yourself as a celebrity or non-celebrity of some sort — maybe you were the last of the Red Hot Lovers, maybe you were the one who always got all the answers right, maybe you were the most attractive, the most popular, the most shy, the least liked. But what about now? Well, you are simply one face among many in a whole new crowd and that’s a little scary. In addition, everybody keeps telling you about all the new responsibilities and challenges that you must measure up to. I’m sure that questions such as Can I do the work? Will I disappoint my parents? Will I meet a lot of new people?, and Will people like me? are all running through your mind, churning things up.

The uncertainty is present then. Largely because you must now begin to acquire some firm sense of self that exists independently of previous ties that were made in the womb of the home environment. There are, of course, different ways that one might accomplish this, and I’d like to focus on three. I have chosen to focus on these particular approaches because I frequently encountered them in my own college experience and certainly in my interactions with Rice students.

The first approach is simply “I am what I look like and sound like.” In this approach, we find the individual seeking to establish some semblance of self or identity by dressing and talking according to current fads on campus. When I arrived at Bowdoin, most of my classmates looked like Richie Cunningham on Happy Days. Bowdoin had a very conservative student body. But we were entering college during the late 1960s when there was a countercultural revolution brewing on college campuses around the country. So, shortly after we got there, we underwent some remarkable changes in our appearances: we let our hair grow long, we wore beards and ragged clothes, and we picked up a number of very peculiar expressions. I can still remember the shocked look on the faces of many parents when they came to visit during parent’s weekend early in the first semester. But at least in this way, people could identify us as college students, and thereby provide us with a very tenuous confirmation of who we were.

The mode of dress at Rice is not as extreme as what I’ve been describing, although some may occasionally see a missing link or two. Times have simply changed in that respect. The jargon, though is quite distinctive — words such as gnome, weener, grub, jelly roll, TG, and many others will become a part of your active vocabulary in the very near future if not already. I notice that several of the college handbooks include slang dictionaries at the end of their orientation week booklets to ensure that you can function effectively on campus. Once again, for our purposes here, such slang or jargon is a convenient tag by which people around you can identify you as a student. Using these expressions leads to the feeling that, if nothing else, you are someone who belongs here.

The only problem with this approach...
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NEW TEXTBOOK RETURNS POLICY

PERIOD FOR RETURNS
Returns of textbooks will only be accepted during the first two weeks of classes. The only exceptions to this policy are books which are physically defective. These may be returned later than the second week.

PLACE TO BRING RETURNS:
Books to be returned should be brought to the table which will be set up outside the Campus Store in the RMC Lobby.

TIME:
Times will be posted.

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RICE CAMPUS STORE

Welcome to Rice. May your years here help you to become.
CAM's audio exhibition not just the Sound of Music

A Sound Selection: Audio Works Museum’s current exhibit, presents experimental sound variations by artists previously effective in direct communication, etc. As sound is most easily presented experimental sound a major portion of the selections were devoted to literary and musical composition.

The recordins of Jack Goldstein and Alison Knowles implemented basic sound effects to elicit various images. Bob George, Mine Smith, and Reese Williams chose collage composition of various tape splices to produce themes of ambient disorder. Sociological statements of feminine frustration find expression in Micki McGee’s Her Intestinal Bypass Surgery and Martha Rosler’s What’s Your Name Little Girl Lawrence Weiner, John Baldessari, and Jim Roche explore the lyric and rhythmic aspects of spoken language within their pieces. Jim Roche, who will perform tomorrow, sounds like a manic southern auctioneer on Cadilliac and Power Poles.

Science fiction devotees might find the futuristic psychodrama of Guy DeCointet very worthwhile. Michael Smith’s It Starts At Home amusingly relates mankind’s need to better relate to his furniture. Marge Dean’s Radio Cinema, Sorentio Valley comes closest to being a visual art clone with its constant reference to camera direction.

In Score for a Rainbow End, sculptor Bruce Fier constructed a series of suspended metal rings that resonate independently each time played. Performer Laurie Anderson’s work stood out as the exhibit’s most entertaining. The modernistic short stories Tiger, Park and The Language of the Future leave the listener with a sense of amused despondency. Anderson’s Born, Never Asked provides the exhibit’s best example of contemporary electronic music. Nocturne III by Jim Pomeroy counterpoints tracks of very loud screeing against a series of classic aggie jokes. (Told in the form, “I had a dream about a man who...”). The show’s musical masterpiece of Bob George’s Time Will Tell, a cappella punk piece George hails as the birth of “punkapella.”

Many hours may be well spent exploring A Sound Selection. Some pieces will have more attraction than others, but the absolute uniqueness of the exhibition makes it a crime to overlook. Jim Roche’s performance at 4:00 pm tomorrow promises to be the highlight of this, the last weekend of the exhibit.

—Thom Glidden

Townshend’s craft fills his latest, Empty Glass

Empty Glass

Pete Townshend

Pete Townshend’s latest effort, Empty Glass, an enjoyable mixture of mellow rock, sounds more like The Who than either of his two previous solo albums. The writing is standard Townshend fare, with marked improvement in both Pete’s vocals and synthesizer work. A great many rock musicians have lost touch with their talents as they have grown older, but through time Peter Townshend has only matured as an artist.

On Empty Glass, pursuing love is very much on Pete’s mind. And I

In his third album, Pete comes shining through. Moved metaphorically discusses Townshend’s religious yearnings in a more effective manner than done previously. A Little is Enough serves as the album’s outstanding musical composition, depicting a love so good that just a little is enough. An autobiographical piece with a distinct orchestral sound, Empty Glass, describes the artist’s life as an eternal wait for fulfillment never achieved.

Two searing rock songs, Rough Boys (dedicated to the Sex Pistols) and Jools and Jim, concern themselves with the current state of social disorder in rock music. Pete’s former role as a prominent mod in the 60’s makes him more than qualified in his opinions. Society’s tendency to denaturalize man is explored on I Am An Animal, a folkish tune with biting lyrics.

Empty Glass breaks no barriers as a new rock form; but as always, Pete Townshend has another fine album to his credit.

—Thom Glidden

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**THE COACHES**

**New faces fill two gaps and two new positions**

by Steve Bailey and Michele Gillespie

**Volleyball/ basketball**

Former University of Houston standout Debbie Sokol was named to the post of assistant volleyball and women's basketball coach this summer. Sokol will aid head coach Linda Tucker's challenge for two TAIAW championships this year.

Sokol played basketball and volleyball in high school, and basketball in college for one year as well as volleyball all four years. She was named the Most Valuable Player in her senior year on one of the best women's volleyball teams in the country.

Sokol played on the team that captured the bronze medal at the National Sports Festival in Colorado. The team went on to finish fifth in the World University Games in Mexico City in 1978.

She also participated in the USVBA (United States Volleyball Association) team the past two years and won Rookie of the Year honors in 1978 at the National Tournament in El Paso, and helped the team attain third place at the USVBA Nationals in Portland, Oregon, this past year.

When she graduated this past year, Sokol was one of twenty seniors named to the Mortarboard Academic Society at the University of Houston.

**Women's tennis**

Cynthia Averett surprised everyone, including Women's Athletic Coordinator Martha Hawthorne, when she turned in her resignation this month. Hawthorne says she has "contracted a lady who has recently completed her eligibility at a top tennis school and she will be talking to us next week." Hawthorne says the prospects are excellent that the new coach will be named next week.

**Track**

Victor Lopez was appointed to the position of women's track coach at Rice, and former Owl trackster Carlton Derrett was added to the track program as an assistant to head track coach Steve Straub, it was announced this summer.

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**THE RICE THRESHER/SPORTS**
Volleyball team strong again despite injuries

There are two teams at Rice that can be counted on to win most of their games this year and challenge for the championship. While the football team struggles in front of thousands, the volleyball team will be dominating opponents in front of sparse crowds at Austy Court.

Last year's team boasted the best record among varsity teams at Rice, finishing at 19-8. Head coach Linda Tucker took her team to the state championship with the hope that the team would continue to play well. Unfortunately, two injuries led to three straight losses at the tournament.

The weakening of Karen Hludzinski by shoulder tendinitis and loss of team captain Patti Sharp to a kidney stone had a devastating impact. Sharp played out her eligibility last year but Hludzinski has been resting the shoulder and expects a healthy season.

Tucker's job this year will be made easier with the help of her new assistant, Debbie Sokol. Tucker needs the help because she is head coach of two AIAW Championship contenders — the other is the basketball team.

However, the Owls have yet another hurdle to overcome this season. Pam Hormiman will sit out this year with torn ligaments in her left knee, an injury she aggravated when she fell on some stairs in February. Her leg is currently in a cast after her second surgery August 6, and she expects to be ready to play next fall at the latest. Tucker would like to see her ready for the spring schedule, but will not rush the rehabilitation.

Rice will return three starters other than Hludzinski: Karen Pollock, Kris Annexstad and Mary Hunter. Betty Jo Mathews will add experience off the bench, and two freshmen will probably start.

"I'm very impressed with our freshmen," Sokol revealed after only one week of practice. "They're strong and eager to work and talented for being so young." Nina Akai, Sheri Sharp (sister of Patti), Caryn Perkins and Felicia Cavallini have been working out with the team all week and are vying for the two starting positions.

"Even though we have a small team, our experience will pay off," says Tucker. She feels that starting two freshmen will not seriously hamper the team's chances for competing against other AIAW Division II teams. "We'll compete with everyone, including the Division I schools on the schedule," Sukol says she thinks Rice "will be a very good defensive team. They hustle for the ball." She expects the team to face well against the harder hitters. To counter, Rice has a very hard hitter in Hludzinski.

"We're bringing her around real slow," Tucker said of Hludzinski's comeback from tendinitis. "I think if she continues treatment, she'll be ready to play.""The season opens September 6 in a two-day round-robin tournament at the University of Houston. Barring additional serious injuries, the Owls will provide a tough test for Division II foes, and will challenge for the league championship.

—Steve Bailey

FOOTBALL

Owls begin training

by Donald Buckholt

The Rice football team, beginning their third year under coach Ray Alborn, renewed their attempt to escape the cellar of the Southwest Conference last week. Freshman recruits and junior college transfers reported Wednesday, August 13, while returning players arrived Sunday. The team has been going through two-a-day drills this week, and began workouts in shoulder pads yesterday. The squad of 94 includes 43 returning lettermen and seven junior college transfers, a relatively high number for recent Owl teams.

Rice added two of the seven junior college transfers to its roster just before workouts began. Johnny McCoy is from Ranger Junior College, where the Owls had recruited several players previously. He had planned to only run track, but is now trying out at wide receiver and kick returner. McCoy had played football for Ranger until he suffered a broken fibula in 1978, which also put him out for all of 1979. Also added to the squad was late signer Mark Palmer, a running back from Camino Junior College in California. Some of the returning players are still nursing injuries from last year. Defensive end Robert Williamson and Will Rub have been participating in only one workout a day, since they are both coming off knee injuries. Upperclassmen Darrell Mouton, Weldon Meeks, and Mike Firestone are also being watched closely in workouts as they attempt to return to game form.

Rice will end two-a-days with a full-day scrimmage tomorrow, which will be closed to the public. With the beginning of classes, the Owls will go to one workout a day and will also begin specific preparations for their opening game September 13 at Clemson.

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