Mitchell nixes KAOS game after campus officials change rules

by Alison Bober

Baker freshman Mark Mitchell, the organizer of the KAOS recreational game on campus, has decided to cancel the game after stringent modifications to the rules were required by the administration. Mitchell hopes to refund about $40 cents of each dollar originally paid by the game's participants.

KAOS, "Killing As an Organized Sport," is modeled on the game Killer and is a season which, according to Mitchell, were "successfully played at such colleges as Swarthmore, the University of Michigan, and the University of Indiana." As originally developed, the game involves a game master, assigning a "target" to be "killed" by using a dart gun equipped with suction-tipped darts or by direct contact. If the "kill" is successful, the "assassin" goes after the victim's own "target" and the game eventually leaves only one "survivor," who receives a prize. Mitchell planned to computerize the entire enormous "kill" credits and "target" assignments. Mitchell posted advertisements last semester which attracted 190 players to begin this semester. Before involving himself, Mitchell checked for any rules governing the game of man-on-man, although the game had been played within a college previously. Noted Mitchell, "I had no problems until I had already collected $143 and spent much of it on the prizes." Assistant Campus Police Chief Mary Voswinkel explained that she recommended the rules of the game be modified. "Last spring we received a report from someone who was a student in Sewall Hall at about 11 p.m. that there was a man with a gun in the building. Three officers responded to the call with weapons drawn, appropriately so, and saw the shadow of a man with a weapon in hand. While it was actually a group of Rice alumni and two students playing Assassins, only the restraint of the officers kept anything from happening. An officer has just a few seconds to make a decision, and it is difficult to tell a toy from a real weapon at that distance. Therefore I recommended the game be cut off when I heard about it."

Mitchell agreed that "...there's a cool-headed, quick-thinking campus policeman, saved an innocent young man's life..." which was the reason for his decision.

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Rice student Margaret Fossi slain near off-campus home

by David Potash

The murder of 25-year-old Hansen College member Margaret Everson Fossi Sunday morning shocked the Rice campus. Houston police found the body of the fifth-year architecture student Monday in the trunk of her car, only 500 feet from her home in Westbury. Police have found no motives or suspects in the case.

Fossi's brother Wayne Gregor and his wife Cathy reported Fossi missing Sunday morning. Fossi spent Saturday evening at Gilley's with classmates and two professors. She returned to Anderson Hall later that night and left Rice between 2 and 3 a.m. An unidentified witness reported seeing her car leave the Gregor's, with whom Fossi lived. noticed her flat tires on one side.

Sunday morning. The car had two flat tires on one side. Police confiscated the vehicle after campus officials change rules

MARGARET EVANS FOSSE Captured 500 feet from their house morning. The car had two flat tires on one side. Police confiscated the vehicle and opened the trunk Monday afternoon, finding Fossi's body. Police homicide detective Wanye Kesner assumed the cause of death to be a blunt trauma to the throat. Fossi's wedding ring, a necklace, and a pair of shoes were missing from her car.

Fossi's parents and her husband, Larry Fossi (Will Rice '80), flew to Houston Sunday. Mr. Fossi, who is now a Yale law student, gave permission to open the car's trunk. Police ignored earlier family pleas to open the trunk immediately, because they were unsure of the actual ownership of the car and did not want to jeopardize the validity of possible evidence.

Ms. Fossi graduated from Rice in 1980. A packed memorial service was held for her Tuesday in the Rice Chapel.

Rules for Beer-bike judging clarified

by Jonathan Berk

Rice beer-bike chairman Brinkley Spradley and Mark Nadau announced major changes in the operation of the competition Wednesday in a meeting with the college's beer-bike captains. According to Mr. Spradley, the changes planned will make the race "bigger and better in every way."

The beer-bike chairman suggested several requirements for judges in response to problems experienced in recent races. In previous races judges arrived on the day of the race with no idea of the difference between an illegal chug and a legal chug. There was also a lack of clearly defined rules compounded matters.

This year all judges must attend at least one beer team practice. Ten days before the race the beer-bike chairman will appoint an expert, probably a student, to coach the judges on the nature of a legal chug. Exactly who and what an expert is has yet to be decided.

The pit will be reserved for only those people taking part in the actual race. The chairman plans to build a tower in the center of the track to help announcers keep track of the penalties. The chairman will also erect a scoreboard on top of the tower. The announcers will provide instantaneous information on penalty point totals. Because all bikers will be required to wear helmets indicating the order in which they ride, spectators will determine more easily who is leading.

Grandstand seating is being considered to accommodate the spectators who in the past stood in the center of the track. The Houston Sports Association, RPC President Sherry Spears, however, offered game that was part of the money.

The race will be broadcast on an unprecedented scale. The RPC would like to see the race presented in the same way in the Rice community. Houston radio and television.

Business plan for beer-bike page 5

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Pub lowers beer prices, plans to purchase stereo

by Alix Cooper

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Pub manager Jimmy Girard uses the new system to ensure that the new prices will encourage people to come to the Pub.
KAOS creates chaos

Even though KAOS has been successfully and happily played in small colleges and large universities across the country, Rice officials from the campus Police to President Hackerman put up so much resistance and forced so many changes in the game's format that Mark Mitchell finally aborted the game altogether. He lost $143 in student donations because of his decision and is now worryingly attempting to return as much of the students' money as possible.

The administration's lack of cohesive action in dealing with what it saw as a legitimate safety hazard ultimately cost Mitchell the $143 previously invested in the game. Before Christmas vacation, the Campus Police and Dean Katherine Brown informed Mitchell that the game could not be played at Rice because they feared that the similarity between a dart gun and a real pistol could lead to problems for the Campus Police. Mitchell agreed, modified the game to the Campos' approval so that tennis balls would be used instead of dart guns and purchased two hundred balls.

After Christmas break, Mitchell received word that President Hackerman also had to approve the game. Hackerman effectively killed the game by adding the stipulation that KAOS could only be played within the colleges. Seeing the futility of conducting the game with this rule, Mitchell opted to end his plans.

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A salute to the hoop

There comes a time in every man's life when he must take a stand on something he believes in with his heart. Though he may be blinded by the sheer emotion of his position, he nevertheless must determinedly present his case, undaunted by the possible rejection by the majority.

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To almost no one's surprise, President Reagan has decided to continue the draft registration program begun by his predecessor, Carter. Candidate Reagan, of course, denounced the plan and said he saw no need to implement a peacetime draft or draft registration. But now, despite the fact that almost nothing has changed in the one year he has been in office, Reagan suddenly finds himself in favor of draft registration.

When candidate Reagan proudly declared that he was against Carter's plan, only fools actually believed he had any intention of actually doing away with it. Politics as usual, throw out a little tidbit to please the 16-year-olds; they can't do anything once the votes are cast.

The story is that the arguments Reagan made against registration during his campaign are still valid. Registration will still save only trivial amounts of time during the six-month mobilization. And no one in or outside the United States is, was, or will be impressed by draft registration. The draft doesn't prove the U.S. is only "prepared" for anything, especially since an increasing percent of the class of 1962 did not register for the selective service.

Nevertheless, registration is only one side issue. Little attention has been given recently to the real issue: the draft itself. The draft was not the issue of the '60s, but even then, the arguments against it centered on the ethics of the Vietnam war rather than on the draft as an institution in itself.

What would be the purpose of a draft? To defend either the nation in a war, increase the size of the Army, or improve the quality of the Army. So far, few have argued that the size of the Army needs to be increased; with the exception of a few limited periods, the Army has had little trouble meeting recruiting quotas.

Unquestionably, however, the question of how the Army recruits has suffered since the draft officially ended in 1973. But that is hardly surprising given the Army's attitude towards its recruits. The Army is no longer "off the people's backs," yet he is willing to allow the government "off the people's backs," yet he is willing to allow the government the effect of recruitment from the Army. The Army must be in favor of all these "free enterprise" principles he keeps tossing out as catch-phrases, it seems he should apply them to the principles to the Army, too. If Reagan wants a bigger, better Army, he should—by his own ideology—increase pay, improve benefits, etc. I, for one, think he could do that without increasing the defense budget if he wanted, simply by applying the same merciless examination of social programs to Pentagon bondogies. In addition, the whole concept of a draft is essentially one of forced labor that seems antithetical to American ideals of individualism and freedom that Reagan is so fond of spouting. After all, the draft necessarily deprives the individuals involved of their basic constitutional rights. To arbitrarily deprive any given set of persons of those rights is as absurd when considering 16-year-olds as it is when considering women or blacks. The Bill of Rights was established precisely to prevent these kinds of actions by the government. If Americans feel that having a large or better peacetime Army is more important than those rights, then they should change the constitution.

Otherwise, the whole concept of draft is a dubious proposition.

But Reagan's recent affirmation of the draft is rather ironic, considering the sorts of things he says he represents. He wants to get the government "off the people's backs," yet he is willing to allow the government to— for all practical purposes—enslave some of those same people.

Finally, I don't think a draft is even legitimate during a wartime situation. If every individual is morally responsible for his own actions—and if we condemn the actions of guards in the Nazi concentration camps or the soldiers at My Lai, he must be—then each individual must decide for himself whether any war justifies the actions he would have to make in the Army. To choose to kill other humans is not a choice the government can make for an individual. The government should allow each individual to make that choice in his own way.
ETS attacked on SAT administration, advice

The Educational Testing Service (ETS), that ignoble institution that determines the fates of aspiring students across the nation, once again faced the wrath of an angry former test-taker.

On December 18, a Superior Court judge ruled that a lawsuit filed against ETS for allegations of the effects of coaching courses could not be considered a class action.

Benjamin Walters, a Trenton State College business major, filed a class action suit in March of 1981 (ETS), that ignoble institution that has become fragmented and unmanageable. Moore also sought compensation for alleged damage to his relatively poor scores on the SAT. Moore ruled that if Walters' suit is filed against ETS for misrepresentation of services attorney for Trenton State College business major, filed a class action.

Walter also sought compensation for "alleged damage to his baccalaureate degree." He believes that colleges must recognize an undergraduate education in the nation's has become fragmented and overspecialized and has lost its sense of civic purpose. In response to this finding, the Association plans to undertake a three-year study to reassess the bachelor's degree.

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Graduate students seek better living conditions

Graduate students are expected to stand on their own feet. Being students, they live on small budgets. Graduate school demands long work hours. These hours are irregular due to several reasons. One is the race structure at ICSA. The other is the need to use the library and other facilities. A good part of graduate life is spent on-campus. Therefore, most grads have to live close to the campus. Living close to the campus in a safe place is extremely difficult on a small budget. For female students, the problem of safety escalates with distance from campus. New and especially foreign students normally have no transportation of their own. Their task of finding a place within walking distance is almost impossible. Students with children find themselves excluded from almost all nearby apartment complexes. There is a clear need to address the problem of graduate housing.

The GSA has been actively pursuing this problem for the last few years. In a survey last year, the GSA found that 44% of grad pull preferred on-campus apartment-style housing with kitchen facilities while only 7% preferred dormitory-style housing, as exists in the colleges. The newly-formed GSA Housing Committee coordinates all efforts for graduate housing. Professor Wittenberg of the School of Architecture is working independently on quantifying graduate preferences.

The GSA Housing Committee polled 90 faculty members from 13 departments about their reactions to the need for on-campus housing expressed by graduate students. Sixty-four said they were strongly in favor of the idea, 21 were in favor, 4 were neutral and one opposed. Both Cecilia Calaby and Mohit Nanda, the undergraduate representatives to the University Council, support the building of a graduate house, provided it does not hinder the expansion of undergraduate housing. Cecilia related some informal discussions she had had with the other undergraduates, who expressed the opinion that graduate and undergraduate housing should be separate. Under the present college system even graduate affiliates are not allowed to live in the colleges. The Graduate Council recently discussed the housing problem and felt the need for hard data to make a decision. Also, a member of the Council agreed to undertake a cost estimate for the housing project. The University Council, in its last meeting, passed a unanimous resolution urging everything possible be done to solve the graduate housing problem. The Council asked the President to approach the Board of Governors with this problem.

The Rice administration has been receptive to the idea of graduate housing. There have been fears expressed about possible funding. President Hackerman feels that an on-campus graduate housing would significantly improve the (almost non-existent) interaction between the undergraduates and the grads. He feels that a graduate house will cost anywhere between five and eight million dollars. There are three ways to raise this money: 1) find a donor, 2) borrow from external sources; 3) borrow from the Rice endowment. He says that, in spite of numerous attempts, he has not been able to find a donor. The charter of Rice does not permit the university to borrow from the outside. The board does not feel that this issue is strong enough to change the charter by going to the law courts. The administration feels that it will jeopardize its financial security by loaning money from the endowment.
Student Association seeks new secretary

by Rob Schultz

Monday night the Student Association Senate began a search to replace secretary Beth Little, who took a leave of absence from Rice this semester. Little said that she was dissatisfied with her life at Rice, and she subsequently resigned her SA position as Secretary. The senate decided to appoint a successor who will serve until March 15. The new secretary will be selected from all interested applicants.

The senate also heard reports from the Library Standing Committee and the Undergraduate Teaching Committee. The SA ended its meeting by discussing the current situation of the two owl mascots.

Vacancies in residential colleges offer space for students who desire on-campus housing

by Chris Ekren

Several of Rice's residential colleges have spaces available for off-campus students wishing to live on campus this semester. Weiss, Lovett, Jones and Well Rice all have spaces open for either men or women. The other colleges have no vacancies or expect the ones they do have to be filled as soon as possible. The waiting list is constantly changing.

Another option appears to be the only college with a demand for rooms seriously in excess of supply. College Secretary Alice Von Eiff explained, "With sixteen people on the waiting list, we need more room for girls. We have one situation where a girl's lease will run out in February. She has to move."

The combination of high room and board costs and an unpopular food service has prompted several members of other colleges to move off campus. Will Rice, which has no waiting list, has three vacancies for women and four for men. Will Rice Secretary Babz Willis thinks the vacancies stem from economic problems. "It's cheaper to live off-campus. You get your own room in most cases. And the food is a lot better," she said.

Weiss College has seven vacancies this semester. Secretary Jerale Burns commented, "We are beginning to beg for students. We'd love to have them. There is no waiting. All you have to do is write a letter of appeal to the Master's Committee."

Jones' male-designated spaces are all filled to capacity. There are, however, spaces for women available, according to Secretary Julie White. Jones has already made arrangements with two Brown members for lodging. Says White, "Nobody has asked me about those four extra spaces."

Lovett, Hanover, Baker and Sid Rich will fill their vacancies from their own internal waiting lists. In the past it has been possible for a student's college's building while belonging officially to another. Although there are many lists, there are too many student assistant jobs which are unfilled. The Library Committee also recommended the creation of a mandatory library research course which will be modeled after the Jones College library course.

The Senate also heard the Undergraduate Teaching Committee report Monday night. Brent Wilkey, one of the committee, explained that their job was to summarize the students' course evaluations and to distribute some $30,000 for teaching experiments at Rice. Professor Clark's program received $6000 to allow freshmen to take the Sena study program, and Baker College received $2500 to help finance their course in Shakespeare. Wilkey questioned whether the teaching evaluations are useful. Citing a conversation with Hackerman, Wilkey said that grant money plays a large role in garnering promotion than the student course questions.

The Rice mascot owls are broke. Brent Wilkey, one of the committee, argued that, "It is impossible, nor is it desirable, to have a regulation over every student activity. The policy is not to do anything which seems to harm the student or member of the faculty or staff, or is damaging to property and the president therefore has the right to stop anything which seems to be potentially dangerous to the university community."

A more serious incident involving an Atari game was the recent shooting of a student in Long Beach, California by a campus policeman. In an area that was frequently the scene of burglaries, the student had turned towards the officer and aimed a plastic machine gun. The shot, fortunately, was not fatal. Dean Brown and President Norman Hackerman, in accepting the Campus Police recommendations, required that Mitchell replace the dart gun with tennis balls and that the game be played only within the colleges.

Death game killed by Campos...

Mitchell planned to comply, but many problems delayed the modifications. "Many people wanted out after the tennis ball rule was adopted. Then to have it played only in the colleges would require a massive revision of the rules and make it almost unplayable for this campus. What if the target was situated in Brown, which is difficult to get into?" stated Mitchell.

The discouraged Mitchell came to the conclusion that the administration's stand is that "a dull campus is a safe campus." Campos argued that "I could not insure the safety of the officers of the students under the original rules of the game, it was a very real danger."

Atlantic Richfield gives Gordon grant to subsidize engineering

The Atlantic Richfield Foundation presented Rice Provost and Vice-president William Gordon with a check for $50,000 in late December. The check, in the amount of $125,000, the foundation will present Rice's Chemical Engineering Department over a four year period.

ARCO's grant is part of a $5 million program to support doctoral students and junior faculty in science and engineering at 30 universities in the United States. The University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, Texas at Austin, and Texas A&M University also received grants.

In announcing the award, ARCO President William K. Fierenscheick said, "Our aim is to help alleviate a serious national problem by making academic careers in science and engineering more attractive.

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Hanszen bathroom fire demonstrates danger of false alarm

by Robert Morrison

In an event which dramatized the danger of false alarms, a fire erupted last week in a Hanszen women's bathroom. Six students quickly extinguished the electrical fire which was caused by a short made in a heater. No one was injured.

Senior Cindy Childress turned the heater on and began to shower at 10:30 p.m. when a strange smell alerted her to the smoke and flame emanating from the bottom of the heater. She immediately sought help from other students, and after a short attempt to drown the fire, they put the flames out with a fire extinguisher.

Smoke from the bathroom on the second floor of Hanszen's old section filled the adjacent hallways and took thirty minutes to clear.

"You couldn't see ten feet in front of you," commented Childress. "The smoke got so bad that a number of us were feeling kind of ill." Most of the residents reacted by closing their doors, she said.

After investigating the site, Rice fire engineer Bill Golden determined that there was actually no danger of a fire spreading because of lack of fuel, feeling that they had the fire under control. The students did not pull the fire alarm, but the entire building was locked at 3 a.m. that same night, however, and again the next night.

Because of the numerous false alarms pulled in Hanszen, the fire department had caused great damage. Though an alarm was not necessary in this case, co-master Hanszen indicated that Hanszen had had problems with false alarms on and off for the past two years. Hanszen safety representative David Reed estimated that false alarms occur about once a month, and the number increases during finals week.

Houston feels that the false alarms might cause Hanszen students not to respond quickly to actual emergency. "I just feel very strongly about this, that it is terribly dangerous," he said.

Presently Hanszen students are keeping a watch to try to catch false alarm-pullers. False-ignores a fire alarm violates the Houston Fire Code and carries a fine of not more than $500. Houston pledged to prosecute anyone caught. "I did everything I could to see that he's suspended from this university," he added.

Gildgen suggested that whenever an alarm is pulled in an actual fire, someone should immediately call the campus police who will coordinate the arrival of fire trucks on campus within four minutes. Gildgen also believes false alarms are a serious problem at Rice. He stated, "We're having ourselves by not getting a quick response."

"After the A&M game, there wasn't a fire alarm on this campus. In a college that had not been struck," added Gildgen.

Gildgen has had ideas about solving this problem. "If you let everybody with a propensity for pulling that alarm when there is no fire see a rubber bag case...Then when they scoop them up in a little bag and close the zipper and carry them, because if they pick them up any other way they fall apart. And they stick. They stick like hell...See one of those, and you'll never pull a false alarm," argued Gildgen.

TexPIRG hires advisor to aid group reorganization

by Ian Davidson

Though university officials have not yet approved the appointment, Rice TexPIRG announced recently the hiring of Jim Koenig to assist the student consumer and public interest group in serving the interests of the Rice community. TexPIRG, which has recently had problems attracting student support, expects no trouble in securing Koenig's appointment. Koenig's $1500 fee for three-month work will be covered by the $3 fee given to TexPIRG from each student in New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, and Massachusetts. These group's budgets range from $260,000 in Minnesota to $2.2 million in New York.

These PIRGs are a force to be reckoned with in their respective states, and they are highly respected by students, administrators, communities, businesses, and legislators in their states. Koenig will impart skills to his past work with PIRGs, stated Simonsen, "because they combine the energy, the enthusiasm, and the collective financial resources of the students with the expertise of professionals, which creates an alliance of vitality, combines, and thoroughness in addressing problems of social good. There is never a lack of issues to be worked on; what is lacking are adequate avenues through which people, particularly students, can participate, and lack the incentive to produce change."

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Recently the New York based PIRG was nationally recognized for a study it conducted of toxic wastes being dumped into the Hudson River. The study included drinking water for 10 million residents. In other states, PIRG activities include work on voter rights and registration, preservation of environmental areas, mining studies, and studies of women's health and legal rights. Services provided by TexPIRG include publication of an auto repair handbook, a study of job discrimination by Houston area employment agencies, and the compilation of a legislative scorecard.

Anyone wishing to know more about TexPIRG should contact John Simonsen at 526-5659 or Marlon Roamert at 528-1408.

Majors day program designed to help undergraduate course plans

Next Tuesday morning, January 26, or Majors Day 100 and 200 level classes are canceled so that students may visit the advising sessions offered by the academic departments and interdisciplinary programs. This is a time specifically devoted to advising and curriculum planning for those considering one or several majors. Most programs will run from 9 till 12 and many will include upperclassmen, graduate students, and alumni. A list of Majors Day programs and locations will be available in the colleges and posted at the Office of Student Advising.

Kinko's rejects copiers

by Joan Hope

Kinko's home office in California rejected plans to put copy machines in the colleges. Greg LeRoy, the former district manager of Kinko's, left the company in November, and no further efforts were made to put copy machines in the colleges.

The idea for copy machines in the colleges arose when Frankenfield, Library Director Samuel Carrington raised copy prices to ten cents over the summer because the former five cent rate did not cover the price of copies.
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Chocolate Bayou Theatre's production of Tom Stoppard's Night and Day is excellent. It is well directed and staged, well acted (with occasional slip-ups), and has something important to say. Basically, the play is about journalism and journalists, but the constant undercurrent running under the plot is the contrast between ideals and the reality that overshadows them, whether it be in journalism, love, or life.

The play is set in the living room of a British colonial and journalist in an ex-British African colony. The plot revolves around people who go in and out of this living room, all in search of something: some following new ideals or trying to refine old ones, others, having given up on ideals altogether, just looking for the reasons that things are the way they are.

Geoffrey Carson (Harry Booker), the British colonial, apparently is the perfect solid, stolid Britisher, but he longs for the good old days when the right side of his character as he showed the boy how to use his first camera. His scenes with Alastair Bostwick (Harold Finley) are charming (as was Dallas). Hammond brought out the gentler side of his character as he showed the boy how to use his first camera. Jacob Milne (Alan Kimberly) is the idealistic young journalist who is getting all the right breaks. He talks about a free press as the safeguard for all the other freedoms. Yet, even in his impossible idealism he knows that "Newspapers turn real tragedy into hackneyed melodrama, but then..."

They both reflect the dichotomy of the country—Mageeba has been removed from his traditional heritage into the schemes of the British, and Francis, even if he is dressed in a native costume, speaks good British English and drinks British beer.

Director and producer Leonard Wagner has done a marvelous job with Night and Day. He has brought out through every member of the cast the opposition that every one of us deals with, between everyone's inherent, youthful idealism and our knowledge of the world as it actually is, between the good old days and now, between black and white. The play is about the seeming normality and rationality of the daytime where tea is served on time and where quasi real buses scatter the pigeons in Trafalger Square and the night, when revolutions and adulteries and all other sorts of deceit takes place. Milne says that his favorite part of the newspaper business is that, while you know everything that's happening in society, you are always set apart from it. This is perhaps the funniest line of the play has to say: In the day, we can see and know everything, but there is always the private, darker side of each of us.

—Deborah L. Knoff

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What exactly do Bob and Doug McKenzie have that has America so titillated with Canada? SCTV's scores of refried McKenzie-isms to metamorphosis of syntax and North influence that even the pervasive are the brothers' McKenzie into their sacred tabloid line-up to investigate the phenomenon of Canadian Chic.

The major revelation in that interview: SCTV scatology--just like jokes about eskimo farts and caribou patties. I'm using the word rather broadly. One might even say loosely. Uh, let me explain, eh?

Bob and Doug (played by two "impro" actors whose names are utterly irrelevant) explained that The Great White North came into being, first, as a perfunctory fulfillment of the ridiculously self-serving demands of the capitalist running dog country of Canada, second, as two-minute filler. You see, since Canada gives such juicy tax breaks to industry in their thriving land of ice and snow, they demand certain "favors" from said industries in return. In the case of SCTV (which films in Edmonton to take advantage of said tax breaks), what was asked was a brief plug (or at least a mention) of said capitalist running dog country. The answer was The Great White North.

Think back--if you've enjoyed the company of Bob and Doug some juggy weekend late-nite those tediously predictable and repetitive bits of mindlessness are exactly two minutes long. Those two minutes of tape serve dual functions: first, it kisses the frozen white cheeks of our non-entity to the north, second, Canadian TV shows have two minutes less commercial time per hour, so, originally at least, they didn't have to show these embarrassing bits of anti-entertainment to their American viewers.

But there's something about Bob and Doug McKenzie. The beer-loving, leporine hordes in the land of polar bears and back bacon, simply adored those original two-minute orgies of Canadian angst. The mail poured in from all parts of the country, Quebec, even. And The Great White North (then imaginatively titled, Canadian Corner) moved south across the Great Lakes into the land of the big major network bucks.

And, sure enough, this affront to the intelligence of true-blue, late-night TV vegetable has ushered in a new age for all us laugh-starved millionaires under Uncle Sam's wing: The End of the Polack Joke. Pope J.P. II's near miss with the snuff-it machine, and the unrelenting repression by communists running dog Russia in the old country have rendered even the most delightful Polack joke undeniably outra.

A sampling of the new lot--the Canadian jokes that have the best of us slapping our knees and blowing snow in gales of riotous laughter--follows:

Bob: Who was that lady I saw you with last night, eh?
Doug: That was no lady, okay?—that was Margaret Trudeau.
Bob: How do you grow a baby mouse in a Moosehead bottle?
Doug: Build a ship inside and sell it to him, eh?
Bob: Did you know that the most beautiful playmate of the year ever was from Canada?

Doug: Yeah, Dorothy Strangen. She's dead, you hoser.
Bob: How many hoseheads does it take to put on a toque?
Doug: Okay, eh?
Bob: Six. To handle the toque-hooks and three to buy beer, eh?
Bob: Why are there so few parking places at all-night donts stands?
Doug: Cause Ruth is the greatest hand ever. Ten bucks will buy a lot of beer, eh?

If you so much as smiled at even one of these hysterically wildish attempts at humor, you too have been touched by the devastatingly malignant anti-humor of Bob and Doug McKenzie. This infection pointlessness is what I term scatology, and the Canadian choruses that is The Great White North is reaching epidemic proportions. Not since the days of the late, great Dudley Doright has any Canadian so captured the hearts and minds of the American public. And these guys even have a record album.

Just this evening, I stopped off at Valhalla for some beer, okay?—and all these hosers were sitting around, getting loaded, and playing Beerhunter—from the movie, eh?—just like they do on The Great White North. Do you know how to play Beerhunter? You shake up a can of beer, okay?—and then you mix it up with five other cans of beer. Then everybody pulls a can, eh?—that's the fun part—and then you hold the can up to your ear and pop the top, okay? It's like Russian Roulette, cause if it goes off you lose cause you don't get as loader as the other hoseheads, eh? But even if you win, it's not so bad, eh? Cause even the calm beers are gonna shoot off in your ear a little—so you get wet, anyway, eh?
Gells shows a new depth, but Young has same old problem

Reactor

Freeze Frame

Neil Young, Reprise Records

It should come as no surprise to those Neil Young fans aware of his tendency to musically vacation that his latest album should consist entirely of acoustic songs. Because Neil Young's work with his electric band, Crazy Horse, has generally been more musical than his solo acoustic performances, Reacor naturally compares favorably with his last album. However, some of the flaws of Hawks and Doves have carried over to this release.

Generally, the songwriting on Reactor appears to lack thought. In fact, in some instances the lyrics are of such a trivial nature that it is often difficult or impossible to discern any deeper or more subtle meanings. The best example is in the song "I'm Not the One," where the emphasis on distorted electric guitar produces a very loose, dissonant sound which "got mashed potatoes, ain't got no T-bone" is repeated continuously for the entire nine and a half minutes of the song. This is particularly baffling from a songwriter of Young's stature. An apparent lack of creative songwriting effort also characterized Hawks and Doves, and in some cases, both of these albums forms a phenomenon that is difficult to explain. Perhaps this is a way of rodeoing those who attempt to find profound meaning in songs that are meant to be considered in a superficial manner only.

Instrumentally, the album fares much better. Crazy Horse produces a very loose, dissonant sound on many of the tracks, with the emphasis on distorted electric guitar. This forms one of the most distinctive sounds in rock, and is undoubtedly the most appropriate vehicle for Neil Young's unorthodox vocals. They vary their usual quasi-heavy metal approach with the skillful influence "Southern Pacific" and "Shots" and an unusual staccato rhythm of "Radial Transit." The primary reason why it makes for a better listening is that the forms of the music pushes the lyrics into a lesser role. Some of Neil Young's fans might say that those occasions where he disconnects or even disregards his music represent an artistic strength because such instances reflect an ability to change. While this may be true, it does not appear that Reactor will represent one of those works on which such a belief in his artistic ability would be based.

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More information on the release and other works by Neil Young can be found on his official website. The album has received mixed reviews, with some critics praising its rawness and others criticizing its lack of depth. Overall, Reactor is a testament to Neil Young's continued exploration of his musical style.
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Women's Basketball

Owls heavily favored for Invitational

The Second Rice Invitational Basketball Tournament opened this morning with two games at 10:00 a.m. Rice defeated Pan American in the first round of the eight-team tournament, including Division II schools and small colleges.

Rice was the favorite to win the tournament, and either archival Sam Houston State or Southwest Texas will probably oppose them in the final on Saturday afternoon. Texas A&M, the dark horse of the tournament, is the dark horse of the tournament, as they will have to rely on an upset of Rice to reach the tournament finals.

Games continue all day today and most of the day tomorrow. The final will be played as an opener to the SWC tournament starting today.

Women's Basketball

TSU halts Owls 73-61

by Donald Buckholl

Rice saw their nine-game winning streak come to an end last week, as they fell 73-61 to Texas Southern before a lively crowd of 200 at A rupt Gym last Friday night. The Owls' record went to 13-2 entering the Rice Invitational tournament today.

After the big win over Texas A&M earlier in the week, Rice played poorly in the second half and lost 73-61 to the Owls.

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With the win, Rice (10-7, 1-3) moved out of the SWC cellar. This was the Owls' second win in as many games after losing seven in a row. The Owls' next chance to climb in the standings comes against the Texas A&M Aggies, currently in second place (10-4, 3-1) behind Texas, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in A rupt Court.
Tigers outsize Owls

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with only 2:18 left. Tucker explained Rice's rebounding problems by saying, "We were outsized. We could have had a better position, but their jumping ability was beating us. They were just a very good rebounding team." Rice did not shoot particularly well in either half, finishing with a 38.2 percentage for the game. Senior forward Pat Krieger led Rice with 18 points, mainly at the foul line (10 of 11). Post Katy Owen joined Qualls with 12 points, and Goff scored 11 in addition to 10 rebounds.

The Owls will have plenty of time to rest before this morning's game against Pan American. Tucker stressed the significance of this opening game in the tournament, stating, "The first game is the most important for us. We need to play well while the other teams start well it's easier to maintain momentum."

OWLOOK

Surprising Horns perfect in SWC play

The Southwest Conference basketball season for 1982 has begun in earnest, and the play so far has been exciting and competitive. Rice Owls, who last year were formidable opponents, have been playing very well as of late. Their defense and rebounding have been especially strong, leading them to a 3-2 record in conference play. Against the University of Texas, Rice pulled off a very big win by defeating the Longhorns 73-61. Rice's defense has been holding strong, and their offense is showing much improvement. The Owls have also been playing very well at home, winning all of their games there. They look like they could be serious contenders for the conference title.

MEN'S TRACK

Morriss joins Owl staff

by Jeanne Cooper

Johnny Morriss stepped down from his position as head track coach at Houston Baptist University to join Rice as an assistant to head coach Steve Stroth. Morriss will expand the track and field events program with the addition of Morriss. An outstanding athlete himself, Morriss earned All-America honors in the hurdles while at Southwestern Louisiana, becoming an alternate on the Olympic team. He pre-season pollsters expected, he was the Meet of Champions this season. According to his team, "it's easier to maintain momentum."

Teams shine in Austin

The Rice men's and women's swimming teams turned in one of their best performances of the season this past weekend at the All-American Invitational meet hosted by the University of Texas. For the women, junior Kay Snell paced the Owls with an eleventh place, national qualifying time of 2:14.14 in the 200 yard individual medley. Snell also gained national qualifying times with a 2:14.78 in the 200 yard backstroke. Sophomore Kathy Batho earned Rice's only other individual national qualifying time with a 1:00.53 in the 100 yard butterfly.

Two of Rice's women's relays achieved national qualifying times at the prestigious meet. The 400 yard medley relay of Kathy Anderson, Batho, Karen Hight and Snell finished with a time of 3:40.73. An 8:06.71 time by the 800 yard free relay team of Anderson, Batho, Jane Picker and Snell won the event.

Lately, though, the Owls have been falling on hard times, losing their first three conference games by a total of five points. Tuesday night, Rice pulled off a very big win in defeat of Texas Tech University, where they had been 2-26 this season. Coach Fred Breckwoldt was pleased with his team's overall performance. Awesome, he commented, "We swam well for being so overworked and tired. Some excellent personal times were just over the hill. We seem to be stronger now.

In individual performances, Breckwoldt new "great step forward" at the All-American Invitational by swimmers Sue Allen, Anderson, Cal Calhoun, Barb Demonrotski, Randy Gardell, Hight, and Rick Hunt. The "over the hill" mark may perhaps come in this weekend's meets at Louisiana State and Tulane, when Rice will be able to compete in a wide variety of events.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Blake, Bears stump Owls 55-53

By Jay Grob

The story remained the same, only the cast of characters changed. As the unheralded Baylor Bears became the most recent Southwest Conference team to drop the last-place Rice Owls by one basket or less, winning 55-53 Saturday afternoon in Waco.

In an almost carbon-copy performance of recent losses to TCU and Houston, the Owls relied too heavily on forward Ricky Pierce, who came in with 32 points against the Bears (13 of 23 from the field, six of eight from the line). Pierce’s 13 teammates, however, only combined for a pathetic 21 points, preferring to pass up the open shot in favor of getting the ball to their double-and triple-teamed teammate.

Rice coach Tommy Suitts refused to use the name on Pierce’s colleagues, saying “Our offense is designed to get the ball to Ricky, and when nobody can stop him we don’t go to anybody else.”

The strategy backfired in the first half as Pierce missed four of his first five field goal attempts and the Owls fell behind 25-12, at 7:31. Baylor, getting balanced scoring from Terry Teagle (15 points), Joe Copeland (17 points), and Jay Shakir (10 points), surged ahead 38-28 at 7:31.

Faced with two freebies, Teagle returned the lead at 3:07 with a short jumper in the lane to put Baylor ahead 40-38. Pierce’s foul shot increased the lead and knotted the game at 38 with 1:21 to play.

Blake then hit an unlikely jumper with 18 seconds remaining, but the tired Owls did not think to call time after the bucket, and could not intentionally foul any Bears until only two seconds remained, when Washington banked Teagle. Teagle missed the free throw, but Pierce’s desperation heave as time expired fell full short of paydirt.

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Fieldgoal percentages: Rice (23/51)—45.1%.

Blocked shots: Rice (2)—Austin 2.


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Rice vs. Kansas State University

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Southwest Conference standings

SBC all games:

- Rice vs. Kansas State University
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- Rice vs. Kansas State University
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Next Diet meeting is Wednesday January 20 at 10 in the Music Room. By the way, whoever took the plant from the Music Room, please return it. It belongs to Babi, not the college. University Standing Committee applications are due to Karen Travis by Friday, January 29.

TOURNEY NEWS

Winners will qualify to participate in the February 6 performance of The Elephant Man. Central Committee meetings are to be held on Wednesday evenings after supper this semester. Remember, The Waltz is coming.

The sign up sheet for the master search committee will be in the common's until Friday the 22 at 1 p.m. The election of members will be on Monday the 25. There will be an extra off-campus subsidy that day. In case of ties, runoff will be on Wednesday the 27.

There is an election Friday for members of the Master Selection Committee and the Interim Internal Affairs Chairman, so come vote.

The annual Lovett snow party is this Saturday at 1:30. There will be beer and 15,000 pounds of snowbe there.

On Sunday evening between 8:30 and midnight drop by Lovett house for a study break.

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