Hu organizes referendum to cut TexPIRG blanket tax fund

by Robert Morrison
The February 23 Student Association-campus-wide election will include a referendum calling for the elimination of TexPIRG's blanket tax, largely due to efforts made by SA Internal Vice President Dan Hu.

Hu circulated a petition and obtained 230 signatures—approximately 100 signatures over the number required for the referendum to be placed on the ballot.

In explaining his call to remove the blanket tax, Hu said, "I don't think that this organization is deserving of a student-funded tax. Because they have not demonstrated that ability to wisely spend the money that we trust to them."

He charged the TexPIRG officers with "mismanagement and incompetence." Hu also expressed dissatisfaction with the organization's accomplishments this year and with their hiring of a professional organizer, Jim Koeng. TexPIRG President John Simmons argued that the decision to hire Koeng came after "lengthy discussion" with regional PIRG advisors, and he pointed out that "in every other state PIRGs are organized by a professional organizer."

"We are trying to rebuild an organization," he said, adding that TexPIRG has gone from an effective organization in the mid-70s to almost a nonentity in the beginning of this year. He added that through the current officers' efforts "we have increased to a workable membership from a non-membership."

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President Dan Hu organizes referendum to cut TexPIRG blanket tax fund

Senator votes for minority clubs

by Rob Schultz
At its weekly meeting Monday night, the Student Affairs Senate acted to allay the fears of the minority student associations who are seeking blanket tax revenue. If the minority groups receive blanket tax money, SA bylaws require that their candidates be elected by the students.

Michael Sims, President of the Black Student Union, led a delegation of four BSU leaders to the SA meeting. Sims and Elliot Rawls, the BSU Vice President, felt that if BSU officers were subject to university-wide election, unqualified or mediocre candidates could win. Rawls and Barker senator Ed Keller said that the voters should be limited to those knowledgeable about the organization.

"Clay Jackson, the SA Treasurer, said, "I believe that any student who supports an organization has the right to vote for the officers.""

Jones senator Tom Gebharm made the motion to delete the offending bylaw provision and to allow the BSU, CSU, and RAMAS to receive blanket tax revenue and elect their own officers with only members voting. The motion passed.

Ed Keller reported that Dr. Arefu of the French Department has proposed a foreign language here. Mr. Keller also reported that the curriculum committee is planning a study of the managerial studies program.

Margaret Bielinsky presented a report from the Student Health Committee. The Health Center has recently received a needed copy machine. The committee is exploring ways that the Health Center can provide preventive care. A proposal that children of graduate students should be treated at the center was rejected because of the lack of pediatric care materials and the lack of a foreign language achievement test, and would be required to take a foreign language here. Mr. Keller also reported that the curriculum committee is planning a study of the managerial studies program.

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Time to clear the air

It is apparent from the deluge of letters that have besieged our offices this week that last week's editorial on TexPIRG has fostered some misconceptions and some need of clarification. To begin with, the idea of a hiring a professional organizer is in no way an attempt to overcome traditional barriers to student organizing efforts. Specifically, those barriers are student class loads further complicated by break periods such as summer and Christmas vacations. The use of professionals provides consistency and credibility for the student corporation during such periods such as summer and membership continuity.

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Jay Grob

 TexPIRG stirs reaction

PIRG organizer Koenig explains job necessity

To the editor:

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Jim Koenig
TexPIRG organizer

Professional assistance standard for chapters

To the editor:

Because of some misconceptions and misinformation in your editorial of February 9, the TexPIRG officers feel obligated to respond. The hiring of an organizer does not undermine TexPIRG's objectives but rather, represents, in the officers' view, the best way to move the organization from its present developmental stage to a more mature and effective avenue for social change efforts.

TexPIRG's position is that a professional represents an effort to increase student and professional efforts until 1979, the year TexPIRG began to flounder and lose direction. TexPIRG's employee's role will not be to operate the group's offices, but to facilitate the operations of TexPIRG—or as another corporation would bring in a professional to facilitate their operations. My role is further intended to increase student participation in TexPIRG and instruct those students on a variety of citizenship skills.

Rice students have a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on the decision-making process in the State of Texas. I am here to aid students in that endeavor.

Jim Koenig
TexPIRG organizer

EXPLORING THE HEDGES

In the face of widespread public apathy, President Reagan can safely continue his anti-communist course in El Salvador. No student revolt is in the offing. Congress' traditional doves are relatively quiet, if one discounts their ever-present feelings about anything the Soviets. Secretary Haig knows this, and the very fact that he can finally, totally have his way with President Reagan on a matter of policy has led him to trumpet loudly his alarm about El Salvador. He has finally found a battle he can win, and is eager to fight it even if it isn't worth winning.

El Salvador is eminently not worth winning. Assuming that the United States has a right to intervene in the internal affairs of another nation if intervention benefits both the U.S. and the nation in question (a basic and moral tenet of American foreign policy, overt or not), one must ask whether intervention in El Salvador will make a difference.

Our past experiences in intervention have been successful and failed (Iran, Nicaragua, Chile, Cuba...). We must conclude that it won't.

Texas President Haig's pressure on his party and allies for support is a form of political adventurism. The domestic opposition to that form of intervention is sufficient. Congress can rubber stamp grateful support without any risk. The people who partake in such ideological pursuits to change society usually have nothing to lose. With Soviet aid provocation costs them nothing. We should let the present and future oppressors of El Salvador fight it out among themselves.

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Academic journal lists college book choices


The Chronicle detailed a trend away from self-help books such as Jock OK—You’re OK. by Thomas Harris and The Complete Scarsdale Diet, by Herman Tarnower, and suggested that students today are far removed from the socially conscious student of the 1970's or the "Me Generation" of the last few years. Students have instead evolved an attitude of "amuse me or tell me the answer—keep it simple."

Recent surveys claim The Chronicle, reveals that "young people feel pressured to succeed and limited in their options." The journal contends that the students choice of books manifests this pressure. Books like What Color is Your Parachute? Preppy Handbook, and A Simple Solution may prove helpful, but how do you escape the popularity of 101 Uses for a Dead Cat?

Alumni association at Baylor recruits mascot

Former Baylor mascot, Abner the bear, received a lifetime membership to the Baylor Alumni Association last week, marking the University's most unusual member to date. Living at Texas Sades for the past three years, Abner currently plans a pressent for an upcoming role in Towers of the Brazos.

One time bear trainer assistant turned law student, Rick Kraft explained, "Abner walked over to the Association to deliver a letter, and they had a certificate for a lifetime membership waiting for him."

Tech changes clothes for marching band act

Texas Tech plans to replace their 23-year-old band uniforms. These mended, faded, patched, and outdated uniforms should soon give way to Spanish style band costumes complete with a maroon motif and cape.

The Tech band must earn $75,000 before reaching their goal of $100,000. Assistant band director Keith Baden urges donations from generous Tech parents, alumni, and students through local advertising, including television spots.

Moral Majority College encourages spartan life

One university relies totally on contributions solicited during Jerry Falwell's weekly televised "Old Time Gospel Hour." Liberty Baptist College, in Lynchburg, Virginia, promotes this claim and maintains a philosophy of "literalist Christian exercise."

Falwell, infamous president of the Moral Majority, opened Liberty Baptist in September, 1971. Some 100 students enrolled in the tiny college and were forced to attend classes in condemned buildings around Lynchburg. Ten years later, 3000 students attend the university, located on a mountain outside the town. The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Admission standards include a "demonstrably good moral character" and an acceptance of Jesus Christ as the applicant's personal savior.

"You must be a born-again Christian to be admitted to our college," reported President Pierre Guillerman. When applying, students must include an autobiographical description of their conversion.

Once admitted, students live in highly structured and restrictive environment. For example, a student may be reprimanded for drinking, dancing, or going to movies. Smoking marijuana means immediate expulsion from the school.

Rock and country-western music is prohibited. Falwell calls such music "the devil's anthem." Students can be suspended for swearing, reading pornography, or visiting the dorm (including the lobby) of a member of the opposite sex.

Dorm officials inspect Liberty Baptist student rooms daily, and a guard stands watch at the single lane entrance to the school. Students must sign out before leaving and be back by 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and 11:30 p.m. on weekends.

Prayer leaders conduct devotions at curfew, and attendance is mandatory.

Faculty members must also follow these standards. "No way will we hire a divorced person for our faculty," asserted Associate Dean Glen Sumrall. Teachers are expected to "set Christian example for their students."

"Anytime (faculty members) start teaching something they don't like," said Falwell, "we cut the money off."

Placement Office Interviews

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minority clubs positive,

need blanket tax funds

To the Editor:

The members of the Black Students' Union, as a small but dedicated group that represents our organization, in order to make ourselves more accessible to the Rice community, must procure a stable financial base upon which to operate. We argue that the blanket tax be increased by $1 in order to provide the financial support to our various organizations. Black Student's Union and the Oriental Culture Club, may participate more fully in providing a diverse and heterogeneous environment for the student body. The $1 increase in the Blanket Tax would be equally distributed among these two organizations and the students would retain the option of having their own respective blanket tax returned upon request.

A question for a portion of the Blanket Tax is predicated on the following observations:

in contrast to the occasional manifestations of the Black Students' Union as a separate organization, it is, and has always been, a committed force, internationally renowned intellectual enlightenment of a large number of the Rice community, faculty, staff, and students alike.

Our designation as a "special interest" group is only intended to indicate that we sponsor activities oriented exclusively to the interests of our own members. Indeed, we provide a perspective which is both relevant and needed to the Rice community, our respective members and capable of...
2) Service to the community

These organizations constitute a personal vehicle through which lecturers, art displays, and films representing alternative viewpoints appear on campus. Their assistance to the Admissions Committee towards the formulation of a diverse student body is as well a notable service to the university. Our members have visited local high schools, served as hosts, and conducted campus tours for prospective students.

2) Service to the community

The recognition that unanimity of thought and "intellectual tunnel vision" diminishes the true value of an education is borne out by this very institution's usage of a distribution requirement system in its curriculum. The minority organizations enhance the value of an undergraduate experience by offering a different cultural perspective and experience through which everyone can benefit. Attending a lecture by a renowned black Ph.D., sampling various ethnic cuisines at International Night, or watching a film which realistically depicts another's cultural experience is as germane to the "Rice Experience" as attending a T.G.I.F. participating in Rondel, or playing intramural sports.

2) "To help promote national and international understanding and fellowship at the student level"

This objective can in no way be achieved unless those organizations which provide this service are financially capable of conducting activities to this end. By presenting various aspects of the different cultures within the Rice community, modes of thought, written/oral artifacts, customs, etc., the minority organizations encourage the student to cultivate a sensitivity to the experiences of others and challenges him/her to expand his/her own knowledge of the different people which comprise not only the world and the nation, but the very education miles in which he or she studies and learns. In a sense, the B.S.U. and the O.C.C. are liaisons to a range of different, distinct cultural dimensions.

To reiterate, the Black Student's Union provides a service to both the university and to the community. Unfortunately, the limited availability of funds has significantly circumscribed our ability to make the contribution to campus life which we would like to make. We believe that by allocating a portion of the Blanket Tax to the ethnic organization, these organizations can and will make more significant and enduring contributions to the Rice community. If the Student Association of Rice University is truly committed to enhancing the "value of the undergraduate experience" and to helping "promote national and international understanding and fellowship at the student level" then the passage of this referendum is imperative.

F.M. Sims, Chairman, B.S.U.
E.D. Bank, Vice-Chairman

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Huddle studies illegal aliens

by Gustavo Acevedo

Rice University economics Professor Donald L. Huddle has just released a report stating that the federal government is financing illegal aliens working in the United States. Huddle, a specialist in Latin American and U.S. labor economics, found during his current study that "the federal government is not only enforcing the employment of illegal aliens, but it also enforces a hourly pay rate higher than the federally ordained minimum wage." Huddle's study also found that "the presence of illegal aliens within the U.S. work force may be much more widely felt than previously believed."

Huddle conducted his study in the Houston area with the help of Rice economics students doing the field work and interviews. Dealing mainly with the commercial construction segment, the research project began three years ago as a study of union and non-union productivity in the Houston area. But as Huddle encountered large proportions of illegal aliens in construction, the focus of the project shifted. Huddle's student researchers covered almost 2,000 of the 150,000 construction workers in Houston during March and April of 1981. They revealed that as many as one-third of the workers sampled were illegal aliens.

"Our researchers found illegal workers in unskilled and semi-skilled jobs making between $4 and $5.50 per hour—wages that are considerably above the U.S. minimum rate." Huddle pointed out that "these wages debunk the commonly held notion that illegal aliens are taking only those jobs that American workers don't want because they are so lowly paid."

The reason that businesses employ aliens more readily is the "better information available" and access to "unafforded to unemployed American citizens. The study suggests that some foremen on projects sub-contracted from federal and state government offices are hiring aliens. For money, they would war them with any upcoming projects so that the jobs are filled before unemployed Americans have the opportunity to apply for them and in many cases the job openings are never even announced.

Huddle plans to expand his project. Research will be in depth, and he hopes to spend time interviewing illegal aliens about how they obtained their jobs. "They're willing to talk to you as long as they don't have to give you their names," said Huddle. Huddle also want to inquire about possible exploitation by employers. One common example Huddle uncovered was that contractors will hire illegal aliens and then turn them in to the Immigration and Naturalization Service ("Migra") before the contractors have paid them.

Presently, Huddle is working on a "working paper" that will explain the methodology of his research. The paper will contain tables giving figures and estimates explaining Huddle's preliminary conclusions. Huddle intends to write a book, but he concluded, "There's still a lot of work to be done."
In the past few months, there has been some speculation about the promptness and quality of the maintenance of college rooms. Because TexPIRG had received a large number of complaints about the maintenance being provided by B and G, we felt the situation warranted a complete study. The study was designed to determine if indeed there are problems with room maintenance, and if so, to determine what can be done about those problems. With that goal in mind, TexPIRG has been conducting a preliminary study. TexPIRG representatives have been gathering information in seven of the eight colleges. These people have been talking to the Buildings and Grounds representatives at the colleges and have been surveying people who have requested maintenance. From talking to these people, TexPIRG has gathered some valuable information which it is now compiling.

Frank Petru of Food and Housing has already been contacted concerning the preliminary results of the study. He has been very helpful in the study so far, and he has expressed a willingness to cooperate with TexPIRG once the study is completed. Mr. Petru has asked that students be more explicit in their maintenance requests. He also recommended that students complain at the first sign of the trouble instead of waiting until the problem becomes a major repair job. If students would follow these suggestions, it would certainly help Buildings and Grounds do a better job.

In the interest of providing the best possible study, TexPIRG has decided to conduct a campus-wide survey concerning the maintenance of college rooms. The results of this survey will be compiled by TexPIRG and will then be given to Food and Housing with whatever recommendations the officers feel are warranted. Most students should have already received the survey form. Please take the time to complete this survey and to return it to the person who is collecting the surveys at your college. Their names are included in the survey. Hopefully, through the cooperation of the students, TexPIRG can compile a study which will provide a sound basis for improvement.

In other news, students should remember that TexPIRG operates a consumer complaint center. If any student has a consumer complaint or desires consumer information, TexPIRG is a good place to start. Since there are now some very dedicated people working at the consumer complaint center, most complaints probably will be handled much faster than in the past. If you have consumer complaint or desire information, call 527-4099. Also, watch for TexPIRG's upcoming series of mini-courses. The first mini-course will involve networking and computer mechanics and will start either in late February or in March. Information on how and when the course will be open will be out soon. Look for Telefund's ads about this and other TexPIRG projects coming in the near future.

Student patrols secure vulnerable library areas

by Catherine Warner

The library administration hopes that the addition of two student patrols will make the halls and carrels of Fondren Library more secure. Armed only with walkie-talkies, two uniformed Rice students will patrol the study carrels, all floors of the library, and the main desk area looking out for any disturbances.

"A visibly uniformed person is a definite deterrent," said Mary Voswinkel, assistant chief of the Campus Police. "The program has worked out quite well." Reported incidences of aggravation are down 25 percent since Fullwiler, a Jones freshman, and Rick Gardner, a Lovett junior, were hired last November. Voswinkel said the patrol was "kind of a brainstorming idea" between Dr. Carrington and the Campus Police after Fondren staff became concerned with vandalism and other crimes. The main problems included wedged-open fire doors, rare books with pages torn out, billfold thefts and "exhibitionists."

"People crawl around on the floors under the study carrels looking under skirts and sit down next to those studying and try to strike up a conversation."

To date, all of those apprehended have been non-Rice people. Voswinkel noted, "Libraries are attractive (to these people) because they know there is usually a fairly young group, it's big (Fondren), and not a lot of people are there in the evening so it's easy to escape."

According to Gardner, the student patrol officers love the campus, "but we have direct communication" and a unit in the area can respond right away. "It's a lot faster than calling the dispatcher and giving your name, the place, etc." Asked about situations in which he intervened, Gardner said on student reported a strange person sleeping in one of Fondren's rooms. The visitor, reported as "looking like a bum," was found to be a Montrose resident not connected with Rice.

Beinecke scholarship offered

Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Katherine Brown is encouraging current juniors to apply for the Beinecke Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship covers tuition and $4000 annually for related expenses accured during a student's senior year and first two years of graduate study. The Sperry and Hutchenson company established the Beinecke scholarship fund to encourage students to attend graduate school by providing for their financial needs. Preference is given to candidates planning a career in college teaching with an interest in related financial need. Interested students should provide Dean Brown with a statement of financial need, two letters of recommendation, and a statement describing their background, interests, and career plans. The deadline for application is Tuesday, February 23. The directors of the Beinecke Memorial Scholarship Program will select scholarship recipients from nominees presented by participating colleges.

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Telefund expands projects

of satellite communication system, which is more expensive than the Bell System.

Many versions of the Telefund will be conducted in various areas of the state throughout February and March. Students and others who assist the Telefund drive will be offered a free long-distance call for 15 minutes anywhere in the US. Those interested in participating in Telefund should contact Anne Wilburn at 537-4991.
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Texas on Paper brings diverse variations to cellulose colors. Her works such as Torso with Crown and Dress with Wig possess a crude vibrancy close to that of Mexican marketplace pottery.

Now living in Austin, Bradley R. Petersen uses the same bright colors that Bosch generally uses but, in a subtler, more provocative manner. This one would take up cracks on the ceiling.

William Steen of Rice Theatre

and if that Mockingbird don’t sing
Alley Theatre Arena Stage

and if that Mockingbird don’t sing is being produced for the first time ever at the Alley Theatre, during the months of February and March. Running in repertory with Monty Holman’s Paradise on the Alley’s other stage, Mockingbird gives every evidence of having a future in the theater.

The play, by native Texan William M. Whitehead, relates the story of the late Sixties in Wofford’s Silverdollar Cafe, a truck stop near Hobin, New Mexico, with the main character being owner-operator Casey Wofford. Casey is a widow who clings to the truckstop (which is being driven out of business by the Howard Johnson’s on the main highway) as her last link to her dead husband, Earl. The play takes place from midnight to dawn, the slowest time of day for the cafe, and shows Casey’s sometimes self-deceiving methods of dealing with an unpleasant reality and her tendency to live in the past. During the play Casey relives the time when she was the Silver Dollar Songbird for the Wichita Wildcats—constituting of her husband and two backups, Hampton and Jenkins. These flashbacks to past times are caused by present-time happenings, usually connected with her husband.

As the play moves forward, these memories relate the group’s involvement with Fatback, Billy Turner, Earl’s mentor and former partner, and his stand on the stage. J. R. Reid had perhaps the best songs, a raucous singer who brings on the audience with a few raucous, raucous songs.

Mockingbird is the friendliest reflection on Elvis Presley in some time. The tone is optimistic without a hint of didacticism. Diversity and intensity characterize the exhibition best. Diverse approaches to paper provide an entertaining exhibition well worth an afternoon stroll.

—Gwen Richard and Jeanne Cooper

Pizza Inn

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Dear "Designs for Living":

I am not a wearer of a mega-winner or a fag or any other such thing. I am a citizen of America (God's favorite nation) and a resident of Scheiss College (God's favorite college) and I am so mad right now I could eat the head of a dog or parakeet if I had one. But instead I will write to you. This is part of why I am so mad:

1. Co-ed. Co-ed is bogus. Is forcing a co-ed situation on a college unless it exist? It is in the Bible. (Also in the Bible it says that social services should come from the Private Sector and also that fags should be killed.)

2. Second, El Salvador. Why does it exist? Is it in our hemisphere, and yet nobody there speaks English. What kind of people don't speak English? This is a condensed list: a. Russians b. Cubans c. Fags (if you ever get close to them they fit together (for example, the wimps behind the structure actually represents the form that seems to be there. Monolithically displayed in its own room, Snelson's intricate geometric pattern teasingly hints at solidity while only preventing the barest matrix of form.

Snelson's focus on geometric imaging has led him to use the panoramic camera, which captures up to 180 degrees on a single negative. Using such a camera throws the image into a horseshoe shape, causing perspective to be compressed near the center of the frame and expanded near the border. The effect of seeing a curve in the seemingly straight Brooklyn Bridge, or seeing all three rails in a Parisian blind-alley is quite startling. Snelson seems to be still exploring the visual possibilities of this device and should only get better in time.

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Kenneth Snelson's Forest Devil, presently at the Smithsonian Museum.

Designs for Living!
by Ronald Ehmke

Kenneth Snelson's dazzling array of polished aluminum sculptures and panoramic photography is currently on display at Blaffer Gallery at the University of Houston's Central Campus, Tuesday through Sunday, until February twenty-first.

This American artist's prowess as an engineer led him into sculptural experimentation with basically two components, polished aluminum and steel cable. Straight metal tubes of various sizes are suspended by their ends with taut cable and structurally grouped in ways to effect a great range of three-dimensional lattices. Most of the pieces are mounted on the floor or on slightly raised pedestals, although a few of the smaller ones are attached to the wall. No two tubes are ever directly connected, and there is always some length of cable between the ends of each tube.

Some of the sculptures consist of methodical stacks of identical units (such as the piece, X-Column, which is a series of concentric X's), while others thrive on a certain randomness that poses the intriguing question as to how they fit together (for example, the piece Cobweb). To size, the multitude of objects on display ranges from the petite (around one foot) to the grandiose (fifteen feet and up).

Snelson's larger pieces achieve a certain technical majesty when viewed in an open setting. One of these, Model for Easy Landing, graces the waterfront of Baltimore Harbor. It seems to me that the exhibit's greatest pieces are too cramped to achieve their maximum effect.

The rather medium scale work (five to fifteen feet), some of which are models for larger pieces, views more favorably in Blaffer's sterile environment. One such piece, Star, highlights the exhibit with its eerie discrepancy between what the structure actually represents and the form that seems to be there. Monolithically displayed in its own room, Star's intricate geometric pattern teasingly hints at solidity while only preventing the barest matrix of form.

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A race for a Meaning

Chariots of Fire
Directed by Hugh Hudson
Screenplay by Colin Welland

How Chariots of Fire ever got a PG rating is beyond me. This is a movie—all but one of those days you take your kids to. Made-for-TV movies are made out of this stuff. Two runners who find the strength within themselves to win the Big Race. Fortunately, Chariots of Fire goes beyond that.

The two runners, Harold Abrahams (Ben Cross) and Eric Liddell (Ian Charleston) are real people who won the 100-meter and 400-meter dashes in the 1924 Olympics in Paris. Abrahams is a Jew studying at Cambridge with a fundamentalist Christian from Scotland who will spend the rest of his life in China as a missionary: He runs "for the greater glory of God" and all that.

But besides the incidental fact that they ran in the same Olympics for the same country, the stories of the two men are unrelated. Therein lies the beauty and the daring of the film. In the made-for-TV film, the juxtapositions of their lives, with completely different views of the world would lead to a climactic conflict at the finish line between Liddell and Abrahams.

But it never happens. Liddell drops out of the event, because the first heat is on a Sunday and causes quite a row among the British team. But—since all must work on Sunday in this film—he gets to run in the 400 meters and wins the race.

By the end of the film, the two central figures have only exchanged a couple of words and a few handshakes. No great friendship between the extremes. No personal conflict. Only inner conflicts.

Building the action are the nicely-crafted scenes of director Hugh Hudson. The feel of the twenties is manifested subtly, but pervasively. The running scenes, done in slow motion and repeated over and over, are beautiful scenes—once or twice. But Hudson insists on using the technique with every race, and, unfortunately, it began to remind me of NFL Highlights, complete with "nursing" music. Actually, the electronic sounds of Vangelis are the strength of these scenes, deftly conveying both the fluidity and the precision of the athletic struggle.

It is easy to point to the simple moral Chariots of Fire—that the inner will necessary to triumph can be found in a number of ways—but I don't think Chariots is as simple as that. The juxtaposition of the two tales is not constructed so they play well together. Chariots is a more complex film than even that.

The Meaning that emerges comes from that almost random montag of the two tales whose relationship is only defined by the movie itself. And in that Meaning is the true triumph of Chariots of Fire.

—Richard Dreyfuss

Chariots of Fire is as simple as "The Spirit," presently on display at Sewall Gallery. The lecture will be Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. in Hamman Hall.

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman. This is a new play by Monte Phillips Holamon, which will have its world premier on Alley Theatre's Arena Stage this week at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. This play was first read as part of the Alley's Monday Night Live! staged reading program last winter, and is set in a small central Texas town called Paradise. Following its February opening, this play will play through February 26, and then March 9-14, and March 23-28. For information and reservations, contact the Alley Box Office, at 228-8421.

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Leonardo: Nature Studies from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle. The show features fifty sheets from the greatest collection of Leonardo's drawings in the world, and will be on view at the Museum of Fine Arts through April 4.

Rice Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band. This program will combine our own Jazz Ensemble with Larry Slezak guest performing on the saxophone, and the Rice Concert Band. The program will include works by Leonard Bernstein, Paul Hindemuth, Bill Holman, Rob McConnell, and more. Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. in Hamman Hall.

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by Donald Buckholt

The Rice women's basketball team was in action last week, as they defeated Abilene Christian 82-67 and Hardin-Simmons 64-47. Upon returning to Houston, Rice lost at Texas Southern Monday night.

After riding eight hours on Friday, Rice traveled to Abilene just two hours before tip off. The Owls were ahead 60-58 with 10:51 remaining. Jeff Taylor saw his first action since the first game of the season at home. Florida Atlantic was a very methodical comeback.

The Owls controlled the boards by a 42-33 margin, as junior post Kayt Osten grabbed 11 rebounds to go with her game-high 23 points. Rice scoring was well-balanced, with three other Owls in double figures. Sophomore Denice Goff scored 17, Quails had 12 points and seven assists, and senior Pat Kriger added 10.

Saturday Rice played Hardin-Simmons, another team with an unimpressive record. The Owls trusted in a 39-24 lead, getting 47.1 percent in the first half against H-SU's 39.3 percent. Qualls said, "They weren't that good. I think we had more talent and were better conditioned."

Rice had no trouble maintaining their lead in the second half, as the Cowgirls could not muster stuff about putting the ball through the hoop. H-SU's shooting actually got worse, hitting only 17 of their 64 attempts for 26.6 percent. One does not need a keen basketball mind to guess who lost. Rice also cooled off, shooting a flat final percentage of 40.3.

The Owls overcame an off night from Goff, the team's leading scorer with a 16.6 average. She only managed four points Saturday before fouling out. Junior Lauren Schneck contributed well from the bench, scoring 10 points and leading Rice with 11 rebounds. Leaders scoring for Rice were Kriger and Qualls with 18 points each, while Osten had 10.

The Owls came back from exotic Abilene and took on TSU at Adams Gym Monday night. Earlier this season, UH was slaughtered at TSU, and Cougar coach Dot Woodfin promised after the game never to play another game there after the difficulties with officials the Owls faced at TSU. Rice coach Linda Tucker should possibly consider the same policy.

The Owls were 17 for 21 from the floor for the game, but were outrebounded 43-36 by the Tigers 42-26. Kriger shouldered the biggest offensive load, scoring 23 points and topping Rice rebounders with 10. Qualls and Goff each had 13 points, which only used six players in the contest. Darlene Hale and Sybil Reddick led the winners with percent from the floor for the game, but were outrebounded 76-56 by the Owls.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Teagle triumphs, Bears bump off stumbling Owls 66-55

by Dave Chilton

Less than a week after playing their finest Southwest Conference game this year, the 80-49 mauling of Texas, the men's basketball team put forth their poorest effort of the season as they bowed to Baylor 66-55 before 3200 observers at Autry Court Saturday night.

In what was predictably labeled as round two of the battle of 6-5 senior forwards, Ricky Pierce of Rice and Terry Teagle of Baylor, the two players' performances reflected the fortunes of their teams. Pierce had his worst 20 minutes of the season as he shot only one of eight from the field for only two points in the second half, finishing with "just" 17 points, his second lowest total of the season.

Teagle, on the other hand, put together a stellar performance. Held to 12 points in the teams' first meeting in Waco (a 55-53 Bear victory), Teagle broke loose for 11 of 12 field goals and 26 total points to break the all-SWC career scoring mark with 1,143 points in three-plus years of conference play.

Despite losing by their biggest margin in any SWC game this season, Rice actually led Baylor at 36-34. Less than a minute later, Baylor went ahead 40-36. "The Bears slowly chipped away at the Rice advantage but were unable to fully extinguish it until Teagle hit a layup with 37 seconds left to tie the game at 30. The contest appeared to be headed for a deadlock at intermission, but when Owl guard Tyrone Washington was called for his third foul, Baylor's James Stern made both shots of a one and one to give the Bears a 32-30 halftime advantage.

Despite Suitts' uneasiness and Pierce's low productivity, the Owls did not allow Baylor to take the game all at once in the second half. In fact, the second half began much like the first, with the teams exchanging the lead during the first seven minutes. Renaldo O'Neal's jumper from the right corner at 15:36 put Rice back on top at 36-34. Less than a minute later, O'Neal connected on a ten-foot jumper to reclaim the lead again for Rice at 38. It would be the Owls' last time on top.

Rice got as close as they would come the rest of the game when Pierce hit from the top of the key with 8:00 left to knot the game for the sixteenth time at 45. But 22 seconds later, Baylor went ahead for good on Joe Copeland's 12-footer from the right baseline.

"Kenny "Stork" Austin's drive up the right side at 5:11 brought Rice within 3, but five minutes later, the Owls would not score again for four minutes as the Baptists' defense was too hot for O'Neal's jumper from the left corner to tie the game at 49. The Owls would not break the 60-49, spelling the end of the road for the Owls.

In a must-must situation down the stretch, Rice sent Baylor to the line nine times. The Bears missed five, two on the first shots of one and one. Despite their free throw misfires, Baylor went handily 66-55.

Defense was the deciding factor in the game. Baylor played a superb game defensively with a box and Teagle's moving up and back in the middle, constantly shifting the zone from a 2-3-2 to a 3-2 to a 1-2-1. This strategy held the Owls to 34-40 percent shooting in the second half. Rice's man-to-man, however, was considerably less effective, allowing the Bears to shoot 60.8 percent from the floor.

Rice was led by Pierce's 17 points. Although he had a mediocre second half, Pierce was seven of 11 in the first half and had 10 rebounds for the game. Austin played one of his better games of the year as he scored 15 points and grabbed a game-high 12 caroms while covering Teagle throughout the match. O'Neal helped keep Rice close in the second half, scoring 10 of his 11 points.

Teagle led all scorers with his 26 points, including 12 in the second half. Stern and Shaker rounded out Baylor's high scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively, while Daryl Bauchan pulled down 10 rebounds for the Bears.

MEN'S TRACK

Tracksters take third

by Jeanne Cooper

Although the Rice men's track team finished fourth in the Louisiana State Indoor tri-meet last weekend, their performance showed strong improvement over their first two indoor meets this season.

The Owls faced tough competition from Florida, who won the meet with 61 points, and host LSU, who followed with 57. Rice performed at a slim 28 points, but as head coach Steve Straub noted, the team had no entries in four of five field events, giving up a possible 44 points.

Rice's All-America pole vaulter Paul Bratvold earned his first honors of the season, winning the event with a vault of 17'-2.5/4 that set an LSU indoor record. "He's where he needs to be," commented Straub. "He's ahead of the last two years."

The Owl sprinters charged through the 60-yard dash, with football team member Elliot Stinson taking first with a time of 6.27. Vince Courville and Sherman Hall placed third and fourth in the event in 6.31 and 6.43. "The sprinters did an excellent job", summed up Straub.

Junior Jerry Fuqua made his season debut for Rice, which gave the team a lift, according to Straub. The team's all-around nice effort earned the Owls 34-32 over four minutes as the Baptists missed second place in the 600-yard run by one hundredth of a second with a time of 1:12.51.

Craig Herman ranked behind him for fourth place with a time of 1:16.46.

Rice's distance men did not perform as well as the others, but Straub advises to "look for them later."

William Moore scored the Owls' top time in the two-mile run with a 4:07.25, earned third place with his mile of 4:10.79. Sophomore Francisco "Sico" Melendez had a bad day, according to Straub, and finished sixth with a time of 4:16.51. Guy also picked up a fourth-place award in the 880-yard run with a time of 1:57.57. Sophomore William Moore scored the Owls' top time in the two-mile run with a fourth-place finish in 9:16.17.

The men will compete next at the Kenji II Indoor meet in Oklahoma City this Saturday. The Southwest Indoor Championship meet follows the next weekend in Fort Worth.

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Women's first all-team meet promises successful season

by Jeanne Cooper

The Rice women's track and field team competed in their first full-team meet of the year at the Louisiana State Indoor last weekend. Despite the Owls' third-place finish in the meet, the women garnered four first places as well as gave some promising performances.

The big name at the meet for Rice was freshman Camille Cockerham, who won the high jump with a height of 5-5. One of the best prospects in the United States, Cockerham was originally recruited by Texas Women's University. When TWU suddenly cut their track and field program last August, Cockerham headed for Rice. "We're very fortunate to have her," said head coach Victor Leper.

Junior Disa Lewis earned the title of fastest woman in Texas with her mile win of 4:59.56, while sophomore Denise Widden took first in the two-mile run with a time of 11:02.98, a personal best. Freshman Laura E. Wright clocked a 56.45 in the 440-yard dash for first place and a state record.

But the first places the team racked up don't tell the whole story of the meet. Sophomore Laura J. Wright ran a 7:20 in the 60-yard dash for second place, while Laura E. was a tenth of a second behind for fifth place. Volleyball newcomer and pentathlete Lisa Ferdinand took third in the shot put with a throw of 36-9.

Sophomore Holly Ackley scored Rice's other third with her 22:22.93 in the 880-yard run. Behind Lewis in the mile run were Kathy Sullivan (5:05.78) and Widden (5:05.83), setting personal bests with their fourth and fifth place finishes. Sullivan also fared well in the two-mile run, placing third with a time of 11:19.47.

Freshman volleyball starter Alecia Abraham made her track debut in the meet with a fair performance, although she had trouble with the 50-yard dash. Abraham placed sixth in that event with a 7.87 and a fifth in the 440-yard dash with a 1:00.9.

Rice accumulated 31 points in the meet, behind host LSU with 39 and Florida with 57. Lopez noted that the other two schools were Division I compared to Rice's standing of Division II, and that their teams fielded 30-35 athletes while Rice participated with 13.

The Rice women's soccer team played their first league match last weekend. Outplayed the Deep End Blues, 2-1 victory. The team put on a strong performance, pleasing coaches Ales Soudek and Steve Milan.

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The women will rest this weekend before heading to Baton Rouge again for another LSU meet February 19-20.

Owls work out the Blues, 2-1

Rice had to get over a sluggish start, but the Owls scored first in the match. Mary Ellen Trunko slipped a shot past the Blues' goalkeeper after receiving a pass off an indirect free kick by halfback Genie Lutz. Part of the second half the Blues tied the score, but the deadlock was short-lived. A newcomer to the team, right wing Lane Cardwell, converted on a rebound of a Rice shot which came off the post. Rice held on to open their league season with a win.

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IN THE COLLEGES

Change in the TG on the 12th: Now being held at Sid Rich, co-sponsored by the guys. Don’t forget that executive position petitions must be in by February 17 for the 82-83 year. And, of course, an explanation of each position is still set for a meeting February 15. Blurbs, short statement of qualifications, will be due February 19.

SID RICHARDSON

The defending champion Sid beer team will be practicing every Monday and Thursday night in the Laundry room at 10 p.m. Also, exhibition chugging will be featured at the Sid-Brown TG today in the country club.

U.S. District Judge Robert O’Connor will be speaking at the Master’s house after dinner on Monday, February 15. On February 13, stop by the Clark’s house from 2-4 p.m. for some Valentine’s punch and snacks.

SRC officer and SA Senator elections will be held on March 9. If you are interested in running for an office, petitions with twenty-five signatures are due by 5 p.m. February 26. Finally, a special thanks to T. Roger Ford for his work on this column last semester.

The RPC is offering a hang-gliding course. It will have 4-5 sessions here on campus for $85. Anyone interested should contact Preston Smith at 526-7606 or Don Baumgartner at 526-8566.

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Want to improve your family’s friends and future employers? Become an ASME officer! There will be an election meeting in the Tresho Office Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. in 450. Be there!

A Bible study group will be held by Christian students on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Wiess Tabletop practice, it will be held in the Tresho Office. Everyone is welcome. Call 741-2749 for more info.

The Rice Gay/Lesbian Support Group welcomes everyone to their Valentine’s potluck dinner party to be held Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9 p.m. Transportation can be provided. Anyone interested in attending please contact Anne at 252-7456 or Rick at 252-1929. Have a happy Valentine’s Day.

International Night will be on Feb. 21 in the RMC. There is a limited number of tickets for this evening of good food and great entertainment so make sure to see the shows soon! Tickets will be on sale in the colleges starting Thursday at 4 p.m. in the RMC.

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