New coach speaks to students

by Dave Collins

Watson Brown, Rice's new head football coach, dropped in on Monday night's meeting of the Student Association Senate meeting to hear the student body face to face. He presented his opinions and predictions to approximately 150 students and a video camera from Arts 327A, while answering questions on the compatibility of football and academics among other subjects.

Brown has become the center of a controversy at Rice in connection with the new commitment to excellence in athletics recently announced by the Board of Governors. His contract reportedly provides for a package of $1.2 million over six years, funded by the university and outside contributions. Through-out the hour allotted him Brown demonstrated his sincere belief in the possibility of a winning football team at Rice with no compromise of academic standards.

College President Lisa Shambro related, "We asked Dr. Hackerman if and when Richard and Sid Rich would go coed. We had in mind that there were rumors of charters and wills that forbade them from going coed. He had informed us that that wasn't so."

Hackerman responded, according to Shambro, "If it doesn't happen, it will be at least two or three years."

Chris Rose, president of all-male Richardson College, played down the discussion. "It's not that big a deal," he said. "Lisa asked him (Hackerman) about it, and he made no definite statement. The ultimate plan, of course, is coed for all the colleges.

Retention, that as early as 1981, Dr. William Martin, then Richardson's master, had remarked on the possibility of dual-sex conversion for the college.

Hackerman also warned against jumping to conclusions. "First, we have to digest this most recent conversion, which happened last year," he stated, referring to opening of Women's College to women. "The other two conversions, if they happen, will come in time, but right now, it's a little premature to start thinking about it."

More stipends needed for grads

by Brock Wagner

The Rice self-study panel on graduate programs toasted the academic board last Thursday to discuss the present and future state of Rice's graduate programs. Ten people, primarily faculty members, attended the meeting.

The first item of business was the discussion of the questionnaires which the committee had sent to all departments at Rice that have graduate programs. So far, the number of responses has been small, but the committee expects more questionnaires to trickle in.

Individual questionnaires sent to the department chairmen, intended to give the committee a sense of the overall opinions of the department, have not all been satisfactorily answered. In many cases, chairmen have submitted responses from individual faculty members rather than the single, collective opinion requested.

The responses to the questionnaires sent to the faculty have been extremely emotional. They emphasize the lack of administrative and monetary support for the graduate programs.

The panel then moved to the second item of business, allowing the people in attendance to air grievances and praise. One of the first criticisms that surfaced was the lack of leadership within the graduate program.

Since administrators have been anything but supportive of the graduate program, faculty members are the only present source of leadership, in the opinion of the audience. Some noted that when leadership has appeared, it has met with resistance from the front office.

Petitioners also claimed that the administration has not provided necessary encouragement for research projects. Thomas Estée, chairman of the physics department, exclaimed, "I feel that if a department is involved in research, it is despite the university." The solution to the problem, he said, would be a stronger administration that is supportive of the graduate program.

The third topic discussed was the money available to the graduate program, which proved to be a sensitive subject. The panel was privy to certain figures, but the Treasurer's office will not reveal the exact amount of money available for the individual programs.

This discussion led to the next topic, that of enlisting good students to come to Rice for graduate work. The number of tuition waivers and fellowships has decreased recently, creating some difficulties. The faculty would like to try aggressively to get the best graduate students possible, but this is difficult when students are uncertain of what funds are available to them.

One panel member suggested rewarding tuition waivers to each department on a competitive basis, since there is a ceiling on the amount of money available. Those departments with graduate programs ranked higher than others would receive more of the tuition waivers.

The panel preferred this idea over a suggestion to eliminate some of the small, "inadequate" programs. The panel felt that the loss of morale that would come with the elimination of programs would not be worth the small savings.
Who speaks for the Rice student?

Regardless of the wisdom of her bringing up the subject of Brown and Sivrickich's eventual (or newttering at one of President Hackerman's "notice how I am listening to student opinion" luncheons, Brown President Lisa Shambro has been playing dubious politics in claiming that Rice's residential college presidents "really, really, really much" agree that the university would be more fun with exclusively single-sex colleges.

Any such agreement must have been ephemeral and mock-wistful, for Shambro's statement when relayed to the Thresher to several college presidents was met with laughter. Nor, this isn't an editorial attempt to tease Lisa. Rather, it is a reflection on one of the disadvantages of the college system.

Having eight voices to choose from, President Hackerman can choose among them for the one that best fits his current position on any issue. With student leadership fragmented and vacillating between concession with reservations and confrontation (for instance, Shambro vs. Will Rice President Peter Miller and others on the possibility of having a student observe Board of Governors meetings), little is accomplished of import. A petition here, a meeting there... and to talk in depth with the people who really determine athletic policy.

Sure, its hard to be firm—even necessary obdurate—when seated facing President Hackerman. President Hackerman has done great things for this university. Perhaps, even, he is correct about football at Rice. However, if the student leadership of Rice believes that Hackerman is wrong, dead wrong, it should be spending its time on more important things than question and answer sessions with the new head coach, a man who obviously has not had enough time to take advantage of his free country club membership. Top talk in depth with the people who really determine athletic policy.

Affirming who speaks for the students would be a good way to begin. The Presidents don't trust SA President Mark Meiches enough to let him represent Rice students to the Board, which might be politically astute, since his office has traditionally been taken less than seriously. The perceived legitimacy of student government on school-wide matters (as opposed to in-college ones, where presidents wield effective power) has been so eroded in the past years that a school-wide referendum is deemed necessary for most major issues. Christ, why did we elect these people?

Christopher Eksen

Missing: The Thresher Christmas editorial

This is the space usually reserved for the Thresher Christmas editorial, which has been a tradition since 1959.

But, on the momentous eve of '84, with all that it implies, we break with tradition to broadcast a different holiday message. Not simply Merry Christmas, nor simply Happy Chanukah (just ended), nor simply a combination of the two in an effort to be non-denominational. What we need now is not an absolute reliance on the old beliefs. "Peace on earth to men of good will" is as desirable as ever, but no longer a believable proposition.

The lights of the menorah, like the star on top of the Christmas tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. But, amid the glitter of the tree, are eloquent symbols to the strength of human hope and our capacity for both wonder and gratitude. 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On Sunday, November 7, Princeton marked the first anniversary of its new residential college system. The school's newspaper, The Daily Princetonian, recently ran a series of articles evaluating the system, which was developed in 1978 by the Committee on Undergraduate Living (CURL). The following information is taken from that series.

The college system at Princeton is centered around the freshmen and sophomores classes. They make up almost the entire population of the colleges, with only 30 upperclassmen permitted to live in each college. The underclassmen, as a result, are the ones most pleased with the system.

For freshmen, it "gives them a set of social contacts they can start with from which they can move out," according to Butler College Master Emory Elliott. He feels it is much easier under the new college system for freshmen to interact and meet other students than it was under the old dormitory system.

The class that really seems to be benefiting from the new system is the sophomore class. Because they are the returning students the freshmen have the greatest opportunity to meet, the sophomores now have a definite role at the university. Sophomores "help the freshmen (and) give them a good idea of what's going to happen in the immediate future," said Mary Kessler, '84, a resident advisor in Rockefeller College.

Most sophomores are happy with the situation. "Sophomore year used to be like a limbo" said Catherine Colillo, '84, a Mathey College R.A. Other benefits noted, especially from interviews with masters, were the personalization of administration-student relations and a center for freshman social life.

But the new Princeton system does have its problems. Its two major detractors are the minority groups and the upperclassmen who do not live in the colleges. Minority groups on campus have been wary of the changes even since its proposal. Most members of the minority community predicted it would marginalize their well-being both immediately and in years to come.

The Third World Center, Princeton's most active minority group, feels that the college system greatly restricts relations between freshmen and upperclassmen. "Upperclassmen are very important for all freshmen, but especially for Third World students," said Joe Harris, '85, a member of the TWC.

The TWC exposes the "support system" the students are trying to bond that is expressed through the desire to live and eat together, sharing thoughts and trading perspectives and provides a sense of security in a seemingly intimidating place. Because of few upperclassmen being allowed to live in the colleges and restrictions on meal exchanges, the support system has been hurt by the college system.

Many people feel that the TWC should be working harder to overcome the problems posed by the college system and stop complaining. TWC officials feel their critics are expecting too much.

Derek Peake, '85, the TWC's governance board director, notes too that "the freshmen haven't been reaching out for help, either." He says that this "early apathy" has frustrated efforts to keep inter-college minority relations going.

Peake thinks "a lot of freshmen don't want to make waves. They don't want to join an organization that threatens the role of the residential college."

Added another minority student, "(CURL) may discourage students from forming friendships on a racial basis, and that's nice, but it is shutting out the rest of the university community to do it." Also feeling shut out after the first year of the new system are the upperclassmen of Princeton. Junior Class President Bert Peake thinks "a lot of freshmen are the returning students the freshmen have the greatest opportunity to meet, the sophomores now have a definite role at the university. Sophomores "help the freshmen (and) give them a good idea of what's going to happen in the immediate future," said Mary Kessler, '84, a resident advisor in Rockefeller College.

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Faculty-wide vote?

To the editor:

Last year when Texas A&M bought itself a Supercoach, we all laughed and heaped ridicule on the top-sawy, cowboy millionaire values that prevail at A&M. Now we discover that the same values prevail at Rice. We too are subject to the whims of wealthy men with grandiose dreams of big-time football played by "scholar athletes." Which is worse? The irrationality of throwing still more of the endowment down a proven rat hole? Or the hypocrisy of talking about "scholar athletes" while simultaneously scraping up support in some dark corner of the university for new courses "with a more practical bent," such as "how to read a business invoice"? (Houston Post, 24 Nov. 1983, p. 4c). Take your pick: both are beneath the dignity of a true university.

The immediate question is who controls the curriculum. Here there is a ray of hope. The Provost is on record as favoring faculty autonomy in this matter, its last and most critical sphere. "If the curriculum is watered down," he told the Houston Post, "it will be watered down by the faculty, not the administrators or president." (Ibid.) I look forward to the faculty-wide vote on the new football-friendly curriculum that these words so clearly imply.

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Department of History

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by Berke Breathed

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Brown pledges to be a good boy, promote academics

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"I don't think there is an easy job," Brown replied. "It's just something you have to feel. I like this kind of background to work in, like at Stanford or Vanderbilt. But I don't think anything in this program is something we can turn around overnight."

According to Brown, the student body should assist in creating a little bit more comfortable to football players. This kind of environment, he said, would be very important to him. "It's a two-way street. Students should be proud of their football players, and football players should be proud of their school."

Asked what he thought would be a reasonable goal for his term at Rice, Brown answered that he plans, first, to begin winning games again by exhorting his players to "believe in themselves and play for the university." He stressed that great accomplishments are possible in college football. "When I got to Vanderbilt (as a quarterback coach), we were 0-11. Next year, 0-11, the year after, 4-7, then the next year we went to the Hall of Fame Bowl!"

Brown credited the success at Vanderbilt in favor of a quarterback-oriented offense. "Passing football can be an equalizer. A team like Rice can't push back a team like Texas, but they can get against us and have a chance to win." He mentioned the plan to recruit one or two top-flight quarterbacks to fuel a new, pass-happy offense.

At the mention of the prospects for new facilities, Brown had nothing but praise. "We can expect a lot of improvements to the stadium, and there will be a new weight room for the players, which all you know we need," he reported. "We'll be getting the weight room this spring. In the stadium, we'll be getting some better seats, new turf — the turf has been there for a long time — and improvements to the press box."

In addition to recruiting top scholar-athletes, Brown plans to adapt the program to accommodate the needs of the players as flexibly as possible. "When I played at Vanderbilt, I went through afternoon labs, and we'd have practice at night," he recalled. "If necessary, if a player wants to be a science major, we'll do that."

Brown stated several times, in response to the students' questions, that football players should not be isolated from the rest of the community. "I won't tell anyone to stay away from anything," he said, "such as orientation week, tutorials, or the academic side, as a single-sex college."

"If a player's coming just to play football," Brown went on, "he shouldn't be forced to do anything they don't want to do. I want to bring in a guy who's gonna flunk out! If I do that, I lose twice. I get a football player who can't keep up in his classes, and then he flunks out, and I don't have a player."

Another of Brown's ambitions is close communication between players and coaches to guide the team toward fulfilling their potential. "I'm gonna love 'em to death. I'm gonna make them do the right thing, do things with class, and if they don't, I'm gonna get after their fannies," he promised, mindful of the mixed company.

On the subject of "the right way," Brown affirmed his wholehearted support of Rice's Honor Council and Honor Code. "I like it, and I plan to meet with it," he declared. The Council of the Member of the Board.

THREATING IT OUT

To the editor:

Well, the time has finally come for one of the lowly, non-intellectual oddballs of the sporting scene at Rice to comment on the recent agitation concerning the football program here. Christ, I hardly know where to begin.

One thing's for sure, "aggression" is the proper word to characterize what's been going on around here. I'm sure that Brown's been burning effing vigors of us yet. First, I should mention that my views concerning the Rice football team reflect those of the entire football team, or the remainder of the athletic community for that matter. However, I'm sure that many of my fellow student-athletes would probably agree with most of what I have to say.

Personally I feel that some changes in curriculum concerning the business courses here would be advantageous to the entire school. When a school such as Southwest Texas State offers a more diverse business curriculum than we do (and believe me, they do) then something's gone wrong around here. If we're going to offer a business major, why not make it the best available? I don't think this question has anything to do with downgrading academics here at Rice. If we're going to do anything at this school, we ought to be the best that we can be at it.

In the last few years, I have spent a lot of time reading the Thresher (a real gluton for punishment, I admit) and the comments in it made against the athletes (mostly us football players). A typical example of these comments can be found in the "Miscellany" section of the Dec. 2 Thresher. We are referred to as "overgrown oafs" who might "blandly accept loads of lightened schooling." Recently there have been a lot of people who have found it necessary to express themselves in this manner.

Basically, I think that sucks because these are the people that have been reduced to making such comments. I do think this question has anything to do with downgrading academics here at Rice. If we're going to do anything at this school, we ought to be the best that we can be at it.

The members of the Honor Council have repeatedly been heard to say how athletes completely disregard it and how athletes disregard the Honor Council has consistently "produced" evidence that athletes believe they're above other students. Why don't we all amend that statement and say that athletes get caught more than other students. Do you suppose (oh God this just couldn't be true) that the members of the student body and the faculty here might just spend a lot more time trying to catch athletes cheating than they do other students? (gasp?)

So, I get caught at it more. Maybe we're just not as good at it as some of the others are around here. After all, we're supposed to be less intelligent. If we're going to have an Honor System around here let's go ahead and do it right. Let's make sure that we all put our books and notes at the front of a classroom during tests. Let's make sure that the faculty does their part in upholding the Honor Code. And let's try and phase out some of the obviously discrimination against athletes that is no doubt taking place using the Honor Code as its shield.

I could type for hours in regard to this subject but I have more important things to do. However, I don't think that the average athlete should be made to face this issue alone any longer. I am fed up with some of the ignorant comments that I have been reading and hearing. I think that it's time that the athletes here were given equal time in the Thresher.

Since the Thresher is obviously not going to take the initiative, to it present a challenge. Interview me. Hold an athletic forum on the topic of "scholarship athletes."

Althought Mr. McLaughlin's letter arrived two days after the deadline for the editorial of the Thresher of the year, it was run at the expense of other letters since it is the first letter of the year of such a nature. It was written by an athlete to the Thresher.

The Thresher has published pro-football articles, columns and letters by, among others: Steve Mullenkopf, Jonathan Stadler, "R" Association President Lew Harpold and Greg Vest. The Thresher has welcomed contributioin to the athletics controversy, has covered the major events involved (including open forums of both faculty and students) and specifically requested submissions from all points of view in its October 28th issue.

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by Pat Hlavak

Name a team which has placed in its region for each of the last five years (and in previous years as well) and has recently placed second in the nation. (Hint: it's not football!) Give up? One such team, perhaps the only one, is the Rice computer team.

On November 12, four Rice students won the Southwestern Regional Programming Conference at the Rice University in Houston. Team members Dave Johnson, Randy Chase, William LeFebvre (computer science graduate students) and Brandon Rigney (Baker '86) solved two of the five problems posed at the contest, and in less time than the Texas A&M team took to solve the same number. Only one other team finished any of the problems at all.

By defeating teams from 40 universities in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma (actually, the trophy is only for Division 1-A schools) the highest score in both divisions) the Rice team took to solve the contest, and in less time than the team's teammates were busily typing in the terminal on which his team was competing. Large storms did not stop the team's efforts, and in the contest-induced load on SFA's system, Johnson estimated, was greater than any it would have seen during a class.

If not for problems with the computer system, said Johnson, "We would have solved one more problem." The second program which he attempted, involving manipulation of large sequences of numbers, was almost completed, but an attempt to obtain the output from a printer was not to tie up the terminal on which his team were busily typing in the data. The other team that was taking advantage of the lack of output time. However, the team was not the only one, and 15 minutes were left in the contest time limit.

Johnson then ran the program on the terminal and submitted it for a judged run. By the time the results of that run were returned, the contest was over. He didn't get credit for the answer, probably because of a possible mistake that he made in the JCL (Job Control Language), commands for submitting the judge's job. Johnson found that the input file look like an empty file.

LeFebvre's problem, described by Chase as "picky shit," involved running a sequence of bowing sets and printing out the scores in a certain format. "It was so long (three pages) that there wasn't enough time to type it all in and get it running," commented LeFebvre.

Johnson and LeFebvre were asked to join less than a week before the contest. "We were told we could go to Houston to program the computer. We were told to do nothing else to do that weekend," he said.

Although such a selection method might not work for the formation of an award-winning football team, it resulted in a well-rounded squad to represent the university.

Whereas some teams at the contest relied on enormous stacks of reference books, our barefoot heroes depended on their stuffed animals for psychological and intellectual support. According to Chase, "The animals did all the hard stuff, and we were just the secretarial staff." The only other aid accompanying Chase were Too Late the Philosopher (a tragedy set in South Africa during that bygone era in which there were no pocket calculators) and a reference card on FORTRAN syntax. As a whole, the team took very few books.

Asked if assistance from furry friends before the contest, Chase replied, "It doesn't say anything about them in the rules." As the contest began, said Rigney, "We were herded in there and given some instructions, then turned loose with the machine." Each team had one computer with the most correct solutions wins. If two teams have the same number of solutions, they are tied for judging. The judged run, on unseen data and producing output not disclosed to the hackers, results in either a correct or incorrect verdict, the latter resulting in a time penalty.

"The problems asked are pretty wide-ranging. The other important thing is to realy be able to think quick on your feet and translate your thought into a computer language," Rigney said. "Another essential requirement, he added, is that at least one person on the team be able to type fast.

Selection of the team members was not particularly methodical, especially since those chosen being "people who could go and wanted to go, people that were supposed to be graduates." According to Johnson, "we are under the impression that athletic students can't meet academic standards."%

One team member agreed that although a few players probably do not belong in an institution as academically competitive as Rice, there is a general misconception that because a student is an athlete he is incapable of handling Rice's curriculum. Brian Patterson, a senior member of the team, refused this misconception by giving examples of several graduates from the team who are currently attending law schools or working for banks and large corporations.

Many of the students — both athletes and non-athletes — agreed on the need for greater support among students and faculty in order to improve the situation. Some suggested that overall desire for improvement could inspire the administration to provide needed funding to alleviate weaknesses in the current program.

Patterson added that the rise from 40 member squads since the 1960's to field a team also presents a greater need for recruiting and donating of money already existing from profits and alumni donations, toward science, engineering, and humanities. Many players feel that they are not being paid an optimist that newly appointed coach Watson Brown will improve recruiting.

Gary Butler, a team member, stated that he felt that once the team improves and wins more games, students will give more players. "We are more games, students will give more recruiting and donating of money," Rigney added. "Another essential requirement, he added, is that at least one person on the team the team be able to type fast."

Selection of the team members was not particularly methodical, especially since those chosen being "people who could go and wanted to go, people that were supposed to be graduates." According to Johnson, "we are under the impression that athletic students can't meet academic standards."
THE THRESHER INTERVIEW

The Thresher is delighted to announce the resignation of Coach John Franklin, who has signed with his new football coach, Watson Brown. In his last letter, Coach Franklin wrote:

"I am pleased to inform you that my contract has been terminated by mutual agreement. I wish to express my gratitude to the university for the opportunity to serve as head coach."

What strikes me most is that there's confusion between what we are buying and what we are getting. There are "a lot of very fluky things that seem to happen." For example, at one time complex numbers were not thought to have any actual existence, but they still were not really accepted. Finally, quantum theory, based on complex numbers, confirmed their "real" existence. In the case of complex numbers, objects which seemed purely theoretical turned out to have real existence in the physical world. Therefore, "You have this mathematical thing and you have the real world — fitting them together is the puzzle."
THE THRESHER INTERVIEW

The Thresher reporter Earl Peterson asked professors Alan Grob, Robert Stein, Harold Rorschach, Bill Wilson, and Art Pharr about their opinions on the new football coach's reported salary.

Here are their replies:

Grob: Well, I suppose that I feel that it could be better spent on other purposes. I can't assess what kind of coach he will make and people who were involved with the committee would back that up. It's beyond the going market rate given his qualifications. It's obviously a great deal of money to pay for a head coach and it's beyond the going market rate given his experience and record but other than that I suppose that I would leave it up to the committee to judge whether they thought it was worth it.

My objections were really to a kind of overall concept rather than what they did in this instance. I don't really feel that it's likely that we'll succeed in football at this level nor indeed do I think that it would be worth doing. I'd like to see us play football at a different level, schools I'd like to see us emulate are schools of our own size and caliber like Amherst, Wesleyan, Oberlin, places like that.

Stein: If you accept the fact that we're going to have a football team, and you're asking me to give you a cost-benefit analysis, I don't know. Is he worth the money? The answer is of course he is worth it. Why? Because he got it, and in this society the market dictates what someone's worth. So Watson Brown is worth the money because he got it.

Will it prove to be effective in terms of a winning football team? I would say that this is kind of a speculative question. His record would indicate that he has some success. Yeah, it's a good risk. I know nothing about football in terms of college football and I can't make any judgments on that. Is the money well spent? What else could we have spent it on? The answer is nothing. The money comes from alumni and commercial interests who wouldn't have given it for other things. It gives it to what they wanted to give it for, so we couldn't have spent it on anything else, it is a moot point...If we are going to have a football program at Rice that's what we are going to have to pay.

Rorschach: I think that it is too much to pay for that kind of activity, especially in view of the fact that I think that it is very unlikely to be successful. It's hard to criticize one single thing. I know that that money comes from sources who would perhaps not give them money for anything else at Rice University and so it comes from them and they can turn it over to the athletic program, and I hope they have hopes that he'll be able to do something with the athletic program, that we can be competitive. I think that is a misguided hope and that he has a hard job to try to do that, an impossible job in my view.

I do believe the money could be better spent if it were available for other things. I'm not sure it would be available for other things. I will say this, it was very upsetting for me to see the difficulties that the Honor Council had in raising in money or in getting approval of the blanket tax so that they could publish the booklets on the Honor System and maintain a good honor system at Rice. They had to borrow $1500 from the President's office which they had to repay in two years and funny, they can find that much money for a football coach but they can't find $1500 to help the Honor Council and that did upset me. That is what upset me about it the most.

If they had that money available in the academic side of the university there are lots of things they could do with it that would bring fame and publicity and visibility to the university and I hope that the board has solved the athletic problem it would turn its attention to providing the money for the academic side of the university.

Wilson: First you have to understand where all the money's coming from... I don't really know. I guess we've got to be careful, because anything you say about salary is conjecture, nobody knows what he is being paid for sure. So everything I am saying will be based upon conjecture and what I've read. (Part of it) is coming from donors who want to spend their money trying to improve Rice football and people can spend their money any way they want to.

My greatest feeling is one of disappointment because there seem to be a lot of other needs that the university has that I wish people wanted to spend money on and it doesn't appear. There are a lot of things in my department, my own as well as others, where we really do need more money and wouldn't have any donors. So, if a lot of money is being spent on his salary, I guess my main feeling or reaction to it is... "Gee, I wish people wanted to spend it on other things as well." Whatever it is going to do any good or not, I don't know.

Pharr: I agree that you have to pay more money to a football coach than you do to some of your professors, if you are committed to having a football program at this university. I personally question whether or not a (very good coach) could take a football program at Rice and turn it around, and I'm not convinced that even one of the best could. Watson Brown may be one of the best, I really don't know that much about him. I'm not convinced that he can turn the program around at this school. I question whether or not five years from now we won't be in the same position that we're in right now. I think (Watson Brown) has done exactly what he should have done, he had an opportunity to work himself into the SWC, a more major conference than he is in at the University of Cincinnati, and there is real potential for him, particularly if he can do something with the team. I'm going to withhold judgement on whether he will do it or not.
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New World String Quartet
Hamman Hall
December 6

The concert Tuesday evening in Hamman Hall by the New World String Quartet, co-sponsored by the Houston Friends of Music and the Rice University School of Music, was a true success. The young quartet, winner of the Naumburg chamber music competition in 1979, was joined in this performance by the renowned pianist, Richard Goode. The success of this collaboration can be attributed to five extremely competent musicians with a clear understanding of what one must do to be a strong yet conceding member of a small chamber group.

The quartet — composed of Curtis Macomber and Vahn Armstrong, violins; Robert Dan, viola; and Ross Harbaugh, cello — opened their program with the Quartet in D Major, K. 575 by Mozart. The opening of the allegretto was clean and convincing, with a well-set tempo felt from the first note. As the quartet developed, things only became better, and by the last two movements I was under the impression that they were actually having fun with the music. Small details sharpened sound while continuing to display technical assurance. This concluded the first half of the program with inspired emotion.

The Concerto Major for Piano and Strings, Op. 81, was the final work on the program. Happy melody and folk-like rhythms are incorporated throughout the work. The almost shamefully playing ability portrayed the natural simplicity that provided the inspiration underlying Dvorak's musical embellishments. Robert Dan's solo viola passages were played with extremely touching melody. The concert was brought to a close with a freckled Old Lady, played without hesitation at an exciting upbeat tempo.

The success of this group is foremost a result of their ability to feel the tempos and music as a whole. The work of screenwriters, the inspiration of film composers, and the use of music to convey emotion and dialogue. We need to hear why Candide's dream of living the simple life suddenly appeals to Cunegonde, and something should be said about the fact that after having searched for and found each other, Cunegonde and Candide's love is not enough for them, and they require an ultimate purpose to human beings for themselves and mankind. Another rewrite is needed to make the work totally rewarding musically and intellectually, but as comedy it already has it all.

— V. William Uher, III

Weak writing wrecks Rita

Educating Rita

Directed by Lewis Gilbert
Columbia Pictures

There's a charming thing that films are often able to do: be ambiguous. And while all the arts include problems of definite meaning or of right or wrong, film (it seems) is most immediately equipped for this special effect. Actors can embody the charm of human uncertainty, not the glare of theoretical simplification. The mood of the camera can subtly undermine an otherwise clear statement, improving the overall effect, leaving the audience to see the enigma; no one shouts a thing so loudly that you can't somehow see the other thing.

All this subtext and puzzlement on the pitiable flux of modern manhood, Catherine Deneuve, likewise beguiled even in the middle of a hopeless film grinder, can capture the whole confusion of living as a real woman in one ponderous look of irresolution. And while whole segments very rarely have the strength to be soft these days, while most cudgele us with conclusions instead of posing ironies, there are moments spinning with problems in every theater.

British director Lewis Gilbert clearly sees the beauty in uncertain humanity. In his new film Educating Rita, he strains, dashers, stacks the deck and finally rings hollow by pursuing that insightful lack of an answer. Instead, when Michael Caine and newcomer Julie Walters stop, look, and dumbly emit at one another, where irony wanted to be, there was only a mumbled bit of

Candide impressed me, but the work still calls for revision, particularly regarding the Old Lady's Cadiz song and much of Candide's music. Maybe through fault of the orchestra, the overture sounded a bit weak, but if this show is to contend as an opera, a less Broadway sounding orchestra would be in order in any case.

Clearly Candide is cut from the same intellectual fabric as Bernstein's Mass: dogma is expounded, dogma is doubted, and dogma is eventually supplanted. Sadly, this piece "wings out" in the end. Bernstein gives us a gorgeous finale a la Virgil Thomson, but the humanistic Gospel of Leonard Bernstein, telling us that man is good or evil through his own works does not ring out with conviction. The idea that man's nature is to create and to protect the earth is too important to be tossed away in a phrase of dialogue. We need to hear why Candide's dream of living the simple life suddenly appeals to Cunegonde, and something should be said about the fact that after having searched for and found each other, Cunegonde and Candide's love is not enough for them, and they require an ultimate purpose to human beings for themselves and mankind. Another rewrite is needed to make the work totally rewarding musically and intellectually, but as comedy it already has it all.

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Lack of substance forces flick to fall through under fire

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documentary—look, non-filtered, rather static camera frames seen mostly in British films of years ago—before the "twisty" look of Charlot's of Five Points glint and rich warmth the vogue. He remains distant in even the most intimate scenes. And when it burst into a close-up on the viewer, there is only a staged stare to see, with nothing of thought and nothing of the rich ambiguity intended.

Some of this eminence probably belongs to the same category, for Russell does take up heavy material, even though evidences no real depth. It is in its aesthetic merit that it is embarrassing easy to ask just how valuable fine literature is, to put a needy man and a giving woman together and then show how they longingly miss one another. It is far more difficult to spark a feeling as to why these things are. Most movies today do not bother one way or the other, not even the serious ones. And almost all of those which try end up shooting, or having aliens and a pediatric song lyric sew up the matter completely.

That Educating Rita overcomes not megalo- mania, rather it is a small triumph, a fine, that is. 'He to show a vision of class and career which is an illusion, a lovely, or simple-minded is also a count in its favor. But as a serious character study Substance does little to it in its original, or at least, the剩余的文本内容无法完全显示。
CAMPUS THEATRE CORNER by Wiggy Martin

Running Brave
Starring Robby Benson

That chainsaw-cut-open-stew-em-up thriller, Pieces, seemed like the next obvious choice. Crossing all lines of convention for the chainsaw genre (i.e. not set in Texas), this film can't even get a rating. It's that gross. Or Strecker, another punk rock demolition derby in the desert a la The Road Warrior. The ad shows some new wave weaponry and a human ornament. Interesting. It was in my genes to go see one of these babies this past week. But on my way to the Shum 6 it happened . . .

I was walking lazily to my favorite cinematic establishment, my head tilted towards the silvery heavens, slightly obscured by an armada of clouds. Slowly, the fiery orange tones of the sunset were glistened and grown from its lofty origin. I saw a human figure descending on this shining staircase of light. My heart trembling as it approached with increasing speed. It was a Grecian goddess, swooping only in twirling, her beauty embracing me in a hypnotic trance. Her hair shone like the sun, her skin was soft and fair. She began to beckon to me through full, pouting lips, her words soft yet forceful. "Stop watching all that crap, Holies, it's time to fish or cut bait."

I'll fish. You've seen this kind of movie before. It's the story of a winner. A man who wouldn't quit. Playing to win. Coming from behind to beat the odds. It's the story of a blind quadriplegic who went on to become the world's greatest artist. Well, you know, like that. It's Running Brave, the true story of Billy Mills, a Sioux Indian who left the reservation and went on to win the 10,000 meters at the Tokyo Olympics. Mills started running as a kid with obvious talent. His ability is his ticket off the reservation and on to Kansas U. At Kansas, Billy's traditional Indian values run up against the world and white prejudice. Among others he is still alone, alienated even by the rest of the track team.

Robby Benson's portrayal of Mills is loaded with the stoicism, and courage, and pride that get him through these tough times. Benson has been in these, 'Come on, you can do it' films before, both in Ice Castle and in One on One (oh, and let's not forget the classic Death Be Not Proud!). But it's not that old, it's great. You begin to feel for this poor Indian at K.U., his frustrations, his doubts, and his confusions. When this guy runs, you pull for him. It just seems that he deserves to win. The running scenes are very well done. Just the sound of footsteps and hard-breathing, along with a well matched musical score whose subdued, easy flowing synth tones enhance the picture. It's not of the Charlies of Fire caliber, but it is powerful and motivating.

The film avoids being too clicheed because it is very well developed, the storyline making several interesting points. Vivid images of the American Indian are presented. The hopelessness and the degradation of reservation life are contrasted with Mills opportunity. But this opportunity is also examined. As a "hired" athlete, Mills is being used by his school to rack up points when he really doesn't belong in such a fast-paced setting. The Knute Rockneque coach of Kansas is played well by Pat Hingle. He's always preaching win, win, win, and demanding commitment in the face of doubt. All of this conflict adds depth to the character, giving us a reason to care whether or not he wins.

The final result is a great film. True to the formula, it is motivating, emotional, and it ends on a high note. Some may feel like they've seen it all somewhere before, and they probably have, but I had no problem selling out to see what was one of the best movies I've seen in a while.

What can you do? Don't watch TV! Ever notice how many programs have that cute little kitten after them? Enough to suck your mindhood, "Hill Street Blues." No doubt some of you wonder why the fuck they'd want to do that, what in hell difference does Tom Morgan make? Tom Morgan himself may be among these doubters, with good cause. He doesn't know that he is the receptacle of the indomitable will of all mankind. That's pretty heavy duty shit. God (The storm drain? Remember him?) doesn't always let his big guns know what they are, a lot like postmen not knowing just how important they actually are. But don't you see? The plot is to mummify Tom Morgan —

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\section*{Music}

\subsection*{Houston Symphony}

The German conductor, Christoph von Dohnanyi, will make his Houston Symphony Orchestra conducting debut on the Jones Hall stage leading the orchestra and bassoon soloist, Benjamin Kamins, in three concerts of music by German composers. The Overture and Veneurnberg Music from Till Eulenspiegel by Richard Wagner opens the concert program. WEBER'S Bassoon Concerto in F Major, Op. 75 will conclude first half. Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 55 is scheduled for the second half. The concerts are scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at 8 p.m., Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. and Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m.

\subsection*{Houston Harpsichord Society}

The Houston Harpsichord Society will present Robert Wayne Moss, of Garland, Texas, in an exciting concert of early 18th century French music. Mr. Moss' program will feature his masterful skills on the viola da gamba accompanied by musicians on the flute and harpsichord. Admission to the concerts is by ticket only and will be sold at the door. For ticket information, call the Alley Box Office at 228-8421.

\subsection*{Christmas Pops! The Houston Symphony Orchestra}

Will present its annual holiday favorite Christmas Pops concerts on December 13 and 14, in Jones Hall. For the third season, conductor John Lanchbery returns to the Jones Hall podium to lead the 95-member Houston Symphony and the Houston Symphony Chorus, which is under the direction of Virginia Bambian. After the orchestral and choral works the audience will be asked to join in for the Merry Christmas Sing-Along, singing some of the best loved Christmas carols. For tickets call 227-ARTS.

\section*{Theatre}

\subsection*{The Gift of the Magi}

This one-act musical based on the famous O’Henry short story of two young people that sacrifice their proudest possessions to bring each other happiness at Christmas. The Christmas Bayou Theater Co. presents this show December 16-18, and again December 22 and 23. For tickets and times call 759-9840.

\subsection*{The Three Orphans}

Cloud Nine. Caryl Churchill’s wickedly funny comedy, winner of three Off-Broadway Obie Awards, makes its Southwest debut as the first part of the four-part Anna Christie series at the Alley. The first act of Cloud Nine is set in Africa, 100 years ago, and focuses on a colonizing family, repressed and obsessed by the Victorian values imposed upon it. The second act is set in London, 100 years later, yet the characters have only aged 25 years. The play ridicules social conventions, employing among other things cross-gender casting to achieve this effect. The play opens December 29 and runs through January 29. For ticket information, call the Alley Box Office at 228-8421.

\subsection*{Christmas Lights}

Christmas is coming to? I am tired of mindless sex, it isn't even

\subsection*{Christmas Flowers}

The article continues with information on Christmas events and performances in Houston, including a mention of the Christmas Sing Along at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2352 Rice Boulevard at 5:00 and 9:15 p.m. on December 14.

\subsection*{Christmas Carols}

The article mentions the national events of Christmas carols and the Houston Symphony Orchestra performing a Christmas concert on December 13 and 14.

\subsection*{Christmas Traditions}

The article highlights the importance of Christmas traditions and how they continue to influence modern Christmas celebrations.
Rice was unable to capture their second win of the year, losing to UTSA 72-56 at Auky Court on Thursday, December 1. For the second year in a row, Rice was unable to defeat the Roadrunners. The Owls were once again shackled by cold hands and stiff rims as the team shot an anemic 33 percent from the field and 21 percent from three point range in the second half. Meanwhile, the red hot Roadrunners crisped the nets at a rate of 49 percent for the game and a blistering 57 percent in the second half.

The big men led the Owls in scoring. Mike Cunningham bulled in 13 points, while Tenessee Gamblers and Tony Barnett added 12 and 11, respectively. Unfortunately, Rice was unable to sustain any kind of outside shooting game against the taller Roadrunners. The Owls mustered only 8 points with a 3-for-11 shooting performance from the field.

For San Antonio, forward Derrick Gervin lived up to his last name scoring both teams in scoring and rebounding with 21 points and 14 caroms. The Runners were able to capitalize on a swarming Rice defense by consistently hitting the open perimeter shot. Definiv and forward Scott McHoin were especially effective, combining for 12-for-18 shooting and 12 points.

The Owls did manage to show some bright spots. The team turned the ball over only 14 times, and Tracy Steele made some spectacular defensive plays, such as his acrobatic block of an attempted layup. Rice's overall confidence and hustle was encouraging. Not to mention the most scintillating halftime entertainment of the year—the Hanesannets.

Louisiana Tech 77, Rice 69 by Andy Crocker
Rice dropped its third decision in five games with a 77-69 loss to a physical Louisiana Tech team Saturday night at Auky Court. The Owls jumped out to an early 5-0 lead against the Bulldogs and did not relinquish the lead until almost nine minutes had gone by in the first half. The key to the Owls' success in the early going was a spectacular defensive play by Arthur Rabeau.

Another major problem was presented by the USFL's summer season. The Owls opened on February 26 and play until July 1, when the city's hot, humid weather is at its worst. One of the franchise's owners, Bernard Lerner, saw this as the main reason for the Houston Sports Association for the Dome's success. He stated, "The reason we're at the Astrodome rather than at Rice is that the Astrodome has a cover."

The Owls' next game is Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Auky Court against Texas Southern.

Thresher Sports

Stadium too hot for Gamblers
by Arthur Rabou
At this time last year, even as the Rice Owl football squad was trying to forget worst win season ever, it seemed likely that Rice Stadium would become home to a highly competitive — perhaps even winning — team. The United States Football League was expanding from 12 to 18 teams, and the newly-created Houston Gamblers were looking for a home.

It seemed like a perfect match. The Owls had the perfect structure, which hosted South Bowl II, and would be widely regarded as one of the finest new stadiums in the nation. The precedent for using school facilities was already established by USFL teams such as the Arizona Wranglers, whose home field was Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium. And, of course, such an arrangement would provide a substantial profit to the Rice Athletic Department.

Nevertheless, on September 27, the Houston franchise announced that their home games would be played in the Astrodome. This was not the result of any sudden loss of enthusiasm on the part of either Rice or the Gamblers. Both sides were very positive about the potential partnership. As Bobby May, Rice's assistant athletic director, put it, "We would like have to have them here. We felt they were a viable outfit." Similarly friendly statements were echoed by Rice Sports Information Director Bill Whitmore and Gamblers Marketing Director Dan Black.

But there were difficulties which hampered from the outset Rice's change of heart. Disruption of school routine was one; the Gamblers wanted to practice, rather than be forced to play on it. This would have entailed daily use of the dressing rooms and other facilities (including the field itself) during the weeks of spring football practice, a most unattractive problem for many in the athletic department. May points out, "We would not have allowed that. (Gamblers' workouts and games) to interfere with university business."

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The most serious obstacle to Rice's hosting the new USFL team sprang up shortly after the negotiations were transferred from the athletic department to the president's office. Briefly stated, if the school had made a long-term lease agreement with the Gamblers, it would have incurred a large tax liability which would have been passed on to the franchise.

This was not an insurmountable problem, as evidenced by the successful Wranglers-Arizona State venture. Lerner believes that "Rice could work it out if they put their minds to it." But the Gamblers wanted to settle on their facilities in order to prepare for the 1984 season. Thus time was ultimately the overriding factor. "It became clear to both parties that we weren't able to solve the legal problems as quickly as they wanted," summarized Rice presidential assistant Carl MacDougal. And so the Gamblers joined the Jaguars, Oilers and Cougars in the Dome.

It is not known how much the USFL franchise would have meant to Rice; "we never really got that far," as May noted. (Terms of the Gamblers' contract with the Houston Sports Association for the Dome have not yet been released.) It is possible (though not likely) that future negotiations could yet bring professional football to Rice, but the Gamblers seem to be firmly ensconced "under the roof" for now.

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Women cagers on the roll —

Pennie Goff puts up a soft jumper against South-west Texas State. Goff and her teammates cruised to an 87-70 victory Tuesday in Auky Court and weakened the team placed third in the 26th Classic at Magnolia State, losing to State but beating Alcorn. The team's record is now 5-3.
by Walter Kenelly
The Rice rugby club played its final matches on November 19 and 20, capturing its best season ever. The team won six of its final seven games on the way to a respectable 7-5 record. Considering the size of our university, the small number of players, and the frequent injuries season, this success was even more incredible. Many players feel that Rice will soon be able to contend for the Texas Collegiate Rugby title. It has now become a tradition for the Rice rugger to beat the University of Houston. On consecutive Saturdays, Rice handed the Cougars losses of 23-12 and 16-10.

Minutes later, Tom Hobson broke free on the wing for his first four points of the day. Dave Schaefer converted one of the tries, but Houston scored again and led before the final period, 12-10.

The third period belonged to Rice. Walter Kenelly scored what turned out to be the winning try midway through the period. UH then seemed flustered, committing three penalties which Dave Schaefer easily turned into nine points for a final score of 23-12. On November 19, the two teams met again in the first game of the Houston RFC 15th Annual Tournament. The Rice players scored on tackles and supported the ball carrier the full hour. UH contrarily managed to get the ball over the 50-meter line. Although Rice could not score a try, four Dave Schaefer penalties gave Rice a commanding 16-10 win. The Owls’ record against the Cougars now stands at 4-0 overall.

That same afternoon, Rice played a huge Austin Blacks Club, which eventually won the division tournament cup. The Owls again hit hard and stunned their opponents, behind only by a 4-0 margin at the half. Robert Lain, Robert Duffield, and Walter Kenelly each made tackles that were heard at the sidelines. However, the finesse of the Austin Club (mainly the kicking of their fly half) kept Rice at bay. The final score was 16-0.

In the club’s final game of the tournament, the team could not have upset a more cocky foe. Yes, you guessed it, the Texas A&M Aggies. Excellent scrum play and support allowed Daniel Fearn to scamp in for the match’s first try and the Owls led at the half 6-0. However, the Aggies have always been strong in rugby and opened the half with seven quick points.

by Dave Desrocher

The first match (November 12) was the roughest of the season. The Cougars came out hitting hard and surprised Rice with an 8-0 score at the end of the first of three periods. However, Rice battled back in the second period. Chris Tanks, Robert Duffield and Daniel Fearn combined for a classic rugby try, finally touched down by Houston. Minutes later, Tom Hobson broke out the Owls’ lead and scored a try.

midway through the second half, Rice kicked Dave Schaefer make two penalties to answer the Owls’ first-ever meeting. But the kick proved too difficult enabling Rice to finish an exciting season appropriately — with a heart-stopping victory over the hated Aggie.

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SAILING

Salvors grab 2nd at Baylor

by Stuart Shippey

The Rice sailing club has participated in three regattas over the past several weeks. First came the Baylor Fall Invitational, sailed in 420’s in extremely light to moderate conditions on Lake Waco. Representing Rice were Dave Norman and Stuart Shippey, who together were a good bit heavier than most of their competition. This factor cost the team, especially on the reaching legs of the course, where lighter crews have a distinct advantage when the wind is soft.

Norman skipped the first six races, placing second or third in each, and Shippey skipped the last race and got a second. When the finishes were finally tallied up, Rice had clinched second overall in the A division, losing only to the nationally ranked team from UT.

The next regatta was the SEICSA (Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association) Sloops Invitational, sailed in J-24’s out of the Galveston Bay Cruising Association. Races were planned to be held on the bay, but conditions were so heavy that the competition had to take place on a somewhat calmer Clear Lake. Eleven races were sailed with one bye. Norman skipped all day for Rice and crewing for him were John Lane, John Progelhof, and Shippey, each relatively inexperienced at J-boat racing.

The eleven-boat fleet afforded some stiff competition. Teams from UT, SMU, Tulane, and Spring Hill each demonstrated that the boat-handling, as could be clearly observed from the various points of the Rice team near the back of the fleet. Rice did, however, manage to beat out Lamar for tenth place. Other clubs participating in the event included A&M at Galveston, Baylor, and Florida State.
MEN'S SWIMMING

Owls rebound to beat North Texas State after tough time at SMU

by Paul de Figuereido

Last weekend, on December 3 and 4, the Rice swim team completed the last of their first semester competitions. On Friday, the Owls traveled to SMU's Perkins Natatorium where they competed in the Southwest Conference Pre-Christmas Invitational. On Saturday, in Denton, Texas, the Owls easily defeated North Texas State 73-14.

The Pre-Christmas Invitational was by far the most competitive meet the Owls have entered this semester. The swimmers of the Southwest Conference are among the finest in the nation as SMU finished second and UT finished third at the NCAA Division I finals last year. The conference also boasts three of the fastest swimmers in the world: Rick Carey of the University of Texas, a world-record-holding back-stroker, Sioung Ang of Houston, currently the world's best in the 50-yard freestyle, and Ricardo Prado of SMU in the individual medley.

Nevertheless, with a series of teams they met last weekend. The conference is not alarming that the Owls finished last in both the men's and women's events. Coach Kris Wingenroth commented, "I was pleased with our performance at the meet. More important than their times was the chance to meet high-level competition."

For the second week in a row, the Rice women are a Division II team, and thus are allowed to carry only nine scholarship athletes. This is five fewer than the maximum allowed by the Division I teams they don't last weekend. Nevertheless, with a series of season-best times, the Owls managed to garner 46 points at the meet.

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