Scheid to advise student athletes under new standard

by Dave Collins

Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Ronald Scheibhies has appointed Dr. Mark Scheid to the new post of academic advisor to student athletes. Scheid, a visiting lecturer in English, will continue to teach courses in expository writing at Rice and at Texas Southern University in addition to fulfilling his new responsibilities.

Scheid told The Thresher that his tasks will be different from those already undertaken by academic counselor James Pelli, who leads the Student Study Panel. "Most of his time was composed of checking up on classes and conducting tutorials," Scheid explained. "Now that will be performed by a full-time person soon to be hired through the athletic department. My job will consist solely of advising."

Scheid created the position based on recommendations from the Self-study Panel on Undergraduate Education and an unrelated proposal to the faculty by Dr. Linda Driskill and others. According to Scheid, "One of the reasons that the position opened — and this is the first time we've had a position at Rice — was because of the need to treat athletes as students, as mentioned in the Self-study Panel reports. This purpose is to help each athlete get the best possible education he can get at Rice."

Rather than "sheltering" athletes in less difficult courses of study than the average, Scheid plans to achieve the goal of optimal education for each student athlete by "not keeping him out of courses that might help him in his career outside the hedges — indeed, to encourage him to go for everything he can get that will help him."

Scheid pointed out another development in the area of student athletes regarding recruiting practices. When he was on the panel, he was unable to find uniformity in the actual admissions of scholarship athletes, also as recommended by a Self-study report.

In shouldering the responsibility of advising student athletes, the admissions office will follow guidelines established by assistant track coach Ray Stanfield and Provost William Gordon. According to Scheid, the new standards are:

1. A score of 1000 or more on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
2. A grade point average of 2.8 or better.
3. At least 14 "solid" courses in high school (i.e., core curriculum, sciences and foreign languages).
4. A ranking in the top 20 percent of the student's graduating class.

Using these standards, Gordon and Director of Admissions Richard Stabell will screen all applicants before referring their applications to the Admissions Committee. Each varsity team will receive one or two exceptions per year to allow for extraordinary talent, just as the Rice School of Architecture and the Shepherd School of Music now receive.

Scheid commented that these guidelines show that Rice is making sure its first priority is to train students properly. The university will accomplish this, he said, through tightened standards: "Only one major university has a higher standard than that: the Air Force Academy, which asks for about 50 more points on the SAT."

Asking about the relation of the new standard to the findings of the Self-study Panel on Admissions.

Panels continue discussing problems at colleges

by T.D. Giorgio

The Student Affairs Panel of the Rice University Self-study Program held a public meeting in the Baker College commons Wednesday evening, February 8. Professor Katherine Brown, chairperson of the committee, opened the discussion by defining the eleven special topics areas into which the panel was partitioned. The panel also announced that it would consider suggestions from the audience in preparing the final recommendations, due back to the Steering Committee during the first week of April.

A poll on the topic of academic advising indicated that students generally give their student advisors better ratings than their faculty advisors. That students consider their advising during sophomore year is considered to be of utmost concern.

A proposal to allow declaration of major at the end of freshman year was presented to the panel. While some students might feel rushed in their decision, an undecided category should also be included to allow deferment of the choice until the sophomore year. This change would allow for the scheduling of a greater number of specific course requirements during the sophomore year.

Opinions of the panel countered that educational diversity would suffer.

Admissions

by David Frenenbach

Announcing that "the best thing Rice does is get its freshman," Professor of English Alan Grob, along with the other members of the Rice University Self-study Panel on Admissions generally praised Rice's admissions program. However, they warned that insufficient staff and resources could hamper future recruiting efforts and that a dual admissions policy pandering to scholarship athletes might injure the university's academic integrity and reputation.

The panel met Thursday evening, February 9, in the Lovett College commons to discuss the admissions office's handling of the Self-study Panel on Admissions and Student Affairs Joseph Bucherdi decried the university's lack of transparency towards the university's SELF-study Panel on Admissions. "We've been very adamantly opposed to seeking publicity, for reasons which are unknown to me." As a result, he said, "This is a strength of which we're not even making it a practice to send brochures to high school students with high admissions test scores. Explaining Grob, "They simply do not have the resources in the admissions office to carry something like this out."

Rice's penchant for anonymity has done little to assuage this situation, maintained some members of the School of Music now receive. Gordon Architecture and the Shepherd School of Music now receive.

The 17-member panel, chaired by alumna E.W. Kelley, Jr., studied the university's physical resources, organizational structure and financial stability in an attempt to evaluate the current effectiveness and quality of these resources.

Regarding the university's physical resources, the panel noted that several improvements had occurred during the past ten years. Included on the list were the Cesar Pelli master plan for growth, the purchase of the Tidelanders Motor Inn for graduate housing, and the new construction and renovation activities on campus.

However, the panel noted the "lack of a clear plan" and a crucial need for preventive maintenance at Rice. Currently the university is plagued by a backlog in maintenance. Furthermore, the undergraduate laboratories have failed to keep pace with technological change, and Rice is quickly falling behind other universities which update their laboratories more frequently.

The panel called for immediate attention regarding the shortage of adequate classroom space. Many professors now teach in rooms that are too small, too dark, too noisy, or lacking environmental controls.

Overall, the panel concluded that, although some positive steps have been taken, "the university already needs to do a great deal of catching up in many physical plant activities on campus."

Another area of concern for the panel was the organizational structure of Rice, with special interest in leadership. A consistent theme in the report and at the meeting was the apparent lack of long-range planning on the part of the administration. According to the panel's report, many members of the Rice community believe that the university is "drifting." The panel suggested adopting a five-year plan of goals similar to the one currently established. See Administration, page 5.
Ne'er so foul a creature there was as the apathy horse; yet he is as ubiquitous and traditional as the blackbirds.

It's time to beat the apathy horse again. Don't say that you've never heard of any such animal. The ugly beast is easily found on campus — just hang around a panel meeting for the Self-study, or drop by the ballot box at Brown College during an election. Or even the Thresher office during a spring recruitment party. There is not an activity on campus that has not felt the kick of this mangy nag.

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Some will simply say, "I don't care." This, at least, would be refreshing for its honesty, if everyone didn't bitch so much about the food, the run-down condition of the colleges, the shortage of computer terminals and a thousand other ills that plague a student body apathetic. It is that we are apathetic. It is that we are apathetic.

No, the the students care a hell of a lot about what goes on at this venerable institution of higher learning. So why the problem? It's not as if President Hackerman sits barricaded in his office, with a loaded shotgun for use on anyone insolent enough to submit a petition. Not only are Hackerman and other university administrators willing to hear well-considered suggestions from the student body, but numerous channels exist to enlist the aid of other students and even the faculty in promoting a proposal. The Student Association senate and the university standing committees with their student members have as a major function, if not their primary one, the funneling of ideas from the student body to the administration.

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Hasty boys present their annual awards

The hoity-toity Harvard Hasty Pudding awards, given each year by the undergraduate drama club to the man and woman the club feels deserve its self-proclaimed "prestigious" awards, have been awarded to an unlikely couple: Joan Rivers and Sean Connery.

The awards were announced and reported in the Harvard Crimson. Data of the year Rivera, who has said, "The Hasty Pudding was public appearances. But, Griffen said, "Baylor has always had an abiding concern for the health, welfare, and safety of its students. The nationwide problem of chemical abuse, including alcohol, was reiterated to our student body last fall when our various campus groups were reminded that the possession and use of alcohol at university events was permitted at university events."

But the president realized these concerns are of a different nature and exist in a different category than relatively harmless posters which students may place on dormitory walls."

BYU now a two-newspaper campus

Brigham Young University, the college of the Church of Latter Day Saints, has become embroiled in a controversy over freedom of press versus religious dogma. Last year the university administration banned the 7th East Press, an alternative paper for the school's Daily Universe, from the campus for a controversial interview, according to the winter issue of the university's ban on placing posters which students may place on dormitory walls. Supposedly it was because the paper was "questionable." The paper distinguished itself from the Daily Universe, which is used by the administration, by advocating causes and printing stories the Press's editors felt were being ignored by its counterpart.

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Philosophy chair plugs department

To the Editor:

One of the most widely consulted, quoted, and remembered sections of the self-study report will certainly be the Graduate Education Committee’s list of departments that improved significantly. Indeed, the Thresher quoted that section of the preliminary report before it appeared. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, the philosophy department was omitted from the list of departments that significantly improved.

Apparent, the cause of the oversight was that the philosophy department was not ranked in the 1969 study used as a baseline. The Graduate Education Committee has noted the omission and it will be rectified in the final report. For members of the community who find the qualitative character of the improvement from unranked difficult to compare to the improvement of other departments that were ranked both times, we would be pleased to have you consult the 1982 report’s measure 10: Improvement in program in past five years. On this measure the philosophy department was fifth nationally among philosophy departments. Considering that no other Rice department ranked in the top 10 in any category, we believe that this statistic deserves more attention than it has received, particularly in view of the fact that the four philosophy departments that showed more improvement during this period all benefited from large increases in funding.

I know that many undergraduates regard graduate education at Rice as unimportant, as Rice the faculty and the undergraduate faculty. In other words, if you want to know how other faculty members across the country rate your teachers, read the self-study report and the studies cited there.

Richard E. Grandy
Chair, Dept. of Philosophy

Vernon cautious about Mac attack

To the Editor:

I am troubled by Rice’s involvement with Apple Computer. As Dr. Hackerman has always been noted for fiscal conservatism, I believe the Apple representative appears quite competent. Published details lead me to believe the “Contract for Assistance” is more than a sales promotion with severe flaws.

With regards to the Macintosh itself there are many problems. The price consideration is not as substantial as expected, and the discount houses should have no difficulty matching the offer. The machine is in the “user-test” stage, and has not proved reliable (recall the Apple III Edsel). Finally, the Mac is not ready for demanding applications Rice might desire.

Richard E. Grayson
Chair, Dept. of Philosophy

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Blacks meet constant challenges at Rice and elsewhere

Reverend Jesse Jackson has definitely put a challenge not only to the blacks and lower classes of the United States, but he has challenged all of the United States to become more aware of current political events, to register to vote and of course to vote.

In a survey of 13 democratically controlled nations, the United States placed last in the percentage of the population that votes compared to the population of those 16 years of age and older, with a figure of about 45 percent. Ironically, the survey also revealed that the United States has the highest percentage of those who have confidence in democracy. Thank goodness that 80 percent of those who are registered to vote do so, which is one of the highest percentages among the thirteen countries surveyed.

Boles lecture highlights activities

Genealogist Margie Harris from Clayton Library presented "Tracing Your Genealogy" on February 6 as part of the many activities the Black Student Union will sponsor for Black History Month. Harris indicated many permanent records which one may be able to obtain priceless information about one's ancestry. She also said that one may make a pedigree chart and family group sheets which would lessen the complex burden of keeping track of ancestors.

In her presentation, Harris stressed that one should know exactly what one is looking for when researching one's family. She also suggested that one should look into the descendants of his ancestors as well as the ancestors of his ancestors. Finally, on a lesser note, she mentioned that one may find a great deal in the history of his ancestors' antiquities. The members of Black Student Union would like to give their sincere thanks to Ms. Harris for her presentation.

The BSU had the honor of presenting "Understanding Slavery" by Dr. John Boles on February 7. Boles began his lecture with a list of black books written about slavery such as U. Phillips' American Negro Slavery; Kenneth Stampp's The Peculiar Institution; Stanley Elkin's Slavery: A Problem in American Institutional and Intellectual Life; R. Raywich's From Sundown to Sunrise; John Blassingame's The Slave Community: Plantation Life in the Antebellum South; and Eugene Genovese's Slave Community: Plantation Life in the Antebellum South.

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Finally, in the early 1970s books began to appear actually showing ex-slaves and slave memoirs as a primary source on the slave experience. These are the works of Blassingame and Genovese.

Boles continued with startling information on the origin of slavery and the mortality rate of slaves in the British Colonies. He stated that until 1700, it was probably cheaper to import slaves to the Western Hemisphere. Yet the British had 33 percent of the total living black population in the Western Hemisphere. This fact indicated that blacks were indeed more prosperous in the British Colonies, whereas, on the other hand, were rare in Central and South America.

Boles concluded with some inferences that the British University was becoming increasingly interested in the study of slavery, noting that negroes were not mentioned in his courses. He stated that blacks look upon the era of slavery with pride because slaves were able to endure such oppression.

The BSU would like to express its cordial gratitude toward Dr. John Boles for his presentation. He also wishes to extend his thanks to Dr. Boles, hoping that he will recover as soon as possible from a severely burned hand.

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Panel finds Rice's strong point still needs to improve

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be more problematic, according to the panel's findings. Declining academic standards, coupled with the passage of the baby boom generation, will reduce the number of exceptional students available for the taking, and the competition for the nation's best and brightest students promises to grow keenly over the next few years as a result.

As a case in point, Grob commented that the battle among Texas A&M, Rice, and UT is becoming fiercer, saying that the admissions office "is very much afraid of competition from A&M and UT." He said that these schools have gone to great lengths to snare students. The University of Texas at Austin, he pointed out, sends letters to every National Merit Scholar in the state and invites these students to spend a weekend at the Austin campus.

Texas A&M, Grob continued, follows a current trend among schools of offering hefty scholarships to top students regardless of need. While panel members did not suggest mimicking these large efforts outright, they did warn that getting good engineering students may grow more difficult.

The panel also believed that Rice could stand a fresh infusion of non-engineers. "I really do think we need to have more breadth," said Grob. Professor of Psychology Sarah Burnett concurred, saying that Rice remains science and engineering oriented, which accounts for the relatively small number of Rice alumni making names for themselves in government, writing, and the arts. Buccheri attributed this problem to a lack of publicity aimed at potential liberal arts students.

While insufficient resources are simply a matter of dollars and cents, the threat posed to Rice's integrity by a secondary system of admissions that caters to athletes is a more deeply rooted problem that can only be remedied by a change in the present administration's philosophy, many members believed.

Spraul suggested that the faculty's recent protest against the present admissions system, in which the applications of athletes are not reviewed by the Admissions Committee, resulted from the feeling that a dual system of admissions "had been institutionalized without their approval."

Grob said that there is no lack of admissions standards; rather, he said, "The problem is that whatever the standards have been there have been exceptions made."

The flaw in the present dual system, he explained, is the presence of an admissions policy which is not conducive to future academic success. Despite the Athletic Department's protestations that it intends to find good scholars, Grob said, they primarily "want good athletes, whereas the Admissions Committee "wants students who will succeed."

Grob conceded that Rice "really wants to preserve a high degree of subjectivity" in selecting students with special talents. Still, Spraul remarked, the panel felt that the admissions officer is in a better position to look at the data and judge.

While the panel members did not expect their reports to bring about immediate changes, they were hopeful that it might have positive effects in the long run. Said Buccheri, "This is the end in the end can apply some pressure. It is rare, in the spirit of Rice, that they think the problem is of such a magnitude," that they must act.

Grob predicted that the athletic debate would remain a painful thorn in the administration's side: "In the end there is going to be a continuing controversy, a lot of finger-pointing, and the administration is going to feel uncomfortable because it is wrong."

Morgan wins a year In France

by Dave Collins

Will Rice senior Tom Morgan,

notorious former editor of the

Thresher, has been named the first recipient of the Clyde Ferguson Bull Traveling Fellowship in French. The annual award entitles a student to spend a year in France.

Morgan, who will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Spanish, and French, will receive $7,500 to help with traveling and living expenses. The award stipulates that he spend four to six months in Paris and the remainder of the year in other parts of France.

The fellowship's foundation, in the amount of $50,000, was established last year by Mrs Clyde Bull, who graduated from Rice in 1923. To become a candidate for the award, a student must submit an application in essay form detailing what he or she plans to do with the money. "After living in Paris," Morgan plans particularly to travel to the Loire valley, where all those big, old houses are, and then the area around Marseilles," Morgan declared.

To augment the sum he will receive from the department of French and Italian, Morgan has lined up a job working at a French fruit grower to find work as a fruit picker. Such a job would satisfy his desire for communion with laborers in other lands.

Scheid: a doc and a jock

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that a dual standard for admission is detrimental to the university, Scheid responded that the action represents a move away from the dual standard.

"I'm pleased with the quality of athletes being brought in," said Scheid, referring in part to the recruiting of high school football players this year, as well as those already at Rice. Scheid placed part of the blame for the discrepancy between the education of Rice's scholarship athletes and the remainder of its student body on problems with advising. "It's not that the advising has been uniformly bad," he said, "but it has been wretched." This is true of both, he said.

Scheid received his Bachelor of Arts in English in 1967 and his Doctorate in 1972, both from Rice. Since then he has taught courses in writing here and at TSU while writing some on his own. His experience with the athletic program at Rice will aid him in his tasks. Scheid played "lightweight football" as an undergraduate, was one of the founding members of the Rice Rugby Club, and has competed in many distance races. He is best known as the author of The Self-Coached Writer with Australian Olympian runner Al Lawrence and is currently at work on a novel manuscript at a recent writing colony.
The lack of adequate meeting space was identified as a major concern by various student groups. The proposed expansion of the Rice Memorial Center will not meet the needs of all the groups wishing to obtain a room for their activities, but it will provide a considerable improvement over the present situation, according to Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs Ronald Stebbings. Stebbings mentioned that the extension of the RMC would offer 20,000 square feet of useful space, or about the same area as the Mudd Building provides.

The student services subcommittee, which investigated the operation of the health service, placement office, counseling service, and the food and housing service, concluded that the need for additional floor space is acute. The health service received mixed reviews, while some compliments were offered on the quality of service, more than one member of the committee related confusion concerning charges for lab tests done outside the university. Consideration of a special sports medicine center was rejected due to the lack of facilities and the hours of intramural competition.

Primary discussion of the honor system subcommittee concerned the need for further investigation of the relationship between student athletes and honor code violations. A connection between these violations and the possible lack of commitment on the university's part to provide adequate advising was suggested; recent hiring of more advisors for athletes is expected to help alleviate the problem.

Problems in communication between college courts and the university court highlighted the need for a student discipline subcommittee. Issues of most concern to the panel are overlapping and unclear jurisdiction of the various courts along with the need for a more complete selection of the appropriate investigating body, and differences between the rules regarding the procedures of each college's court.

Regular communication between college court officials is suggested as part of the solution. The student government subcommittee presented the results of a poll which indicated that over 70 percent of the student body regards college governments as good to excellent, while only 10 percent rate it as poor. In contrast, the Student Association Senate received 25 percent of the votes for excellent, another 20 percent for poor, while the remaining 50 percent consider its performance as fair. The panel felt that the senate is too large and unwieldy to function effectively, but that it is evolving in a direction to become more efficient.

The Rice Program Council fared even worse than the senate, receiving 50 percent "poor" votes. This result was attributed to the perception that the RPC is not representative of the general Rice population. The audience's suggestions indicated that each college should involve its social chairman or an assistant in the RPC.

Despite its lack of personnel and space, students considered the financial aid office one of the most efficient on campus. As anticipated, the financial aid subcommittee asserted that limited resources posed a major concern. Although most funds originate from the university, the office obtains a percentage from the federal government. Complying with governmental standards is another problem area, but one for which little can be done.

New position to provide administration make sense

by Mark Benningfield

As announced, Dr. Ronald F. Stebbings, current dean of undergraduate affairs, will become Rice's first vice president of undergraduate affairs on July 1. Stebbings' promotion marks yet another effort to simplify administrative structure and to coordinate undergraduate activities. Primarily a cosmetic change, the promotion will give Stebbings some administrative control over all undergraduate offices, including the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, and the Office of Admissions and Records.

The administrative hierarchy was previously altered in 1973 when former Dean Katherine Brown assumed responsibility for all undergraduate affairs. Before then, a dean of students handled disciplinary problems and health services, while the dean of undergraduate affairs had responsibility for academic life.

"When Dr. Fred Wiener, the dean of students, returned to teaching, President Hackerman and I decided we needed only one undergraduate dean," Brown stated. "We created a proctor to handle the disciplinary side and a director of student activities and student health service."

Under the previous system, the dean had overall responsibility for current students but no control over offices which affected them; it was simply an "administrative courtesy" for the other departments to cooperate with the dean.

Brown is delighted with the new position, having discussed it for several years with Hackerman.

There was no rationale for the previous system," she said. "As soon as students are admitted, the entire responsibility for them shifts from admissions to the dean. The registrar's office also has an immediate effect on the dean's office."

Brown also cited several examples such as last year's housing shortage, which left the dean responsible for the mistakes of the admissions office, as justification for the new position.

Stebbings insisted that his new title does not reflect on the work of other undergraduate offices but rather emphasizes the "central importance of the undergraduate program." Said Stebbings, "It is merely our wish to locate everything in one office.

Stebbings will join Rice's three other vice presidents — William E. Gordon (provost), John L. Margrave (advance study and research), William W. Akers (administration) — as senior-most officials under the president. Like the other vice presidents and deans at Rice, he will continue to teach and conduct research in his academic discipline, space physics and astronomy.
Administration found fiscally strong, weak on decisions

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The plan would be flexible enough to respond to problems while providing direction for the school.

To determine the opinion of the university’s leadership, the panel distributed a survey to nine highly influential Rice alumni asking them their opinion of the administration at Rice. The results revealed that the majority of the alumni felt that the current leadership is strong on “the fiscal and day-to-day administrative side,” but criticized the administration for being “passive and overly ad hoc” when problems are brought to its attention.

Furthermore, the report stated that the alumni surveyed sensed a need for “comprehensive planning for the future of the university” and a move to “a more dynamic and visionary leadership stance that can break Rice out of its current complacency.”

Dr. Edward Williams, a professor in the Jones Graduate School of Administration, mentioned that the administration needs to be “less of a matter of personality and more one of an institution.” He commented that there was “too much ad hoc decision making.” Other panel members echoed his sentiments.

Turning to the university’s financial resources, the panel reported that government grants had decreased in the last decade. However, these declines were offset by an increase in endowment funds and private gifts and grants.

The salaries of full professors at Rice are not on a par with the salaries of professors at schools in the same class as Rice. To bring the salaries up to the first tier for all professional ranks would entail transferring one percent of the yearly budget to the current salary portion. Williams suggested that the extra money should be spent on procuring and retaining top professors.

Stated Williams, “We just don’t pay the money to get top full professors. U of H, A&M, and UT have gone out and bought the top professors in every field. They’re going to surpass us if we don’t watch it.”

The panel concluded its thorough study by offering many suggestions for improvement, which included:

1. A formal, continuing mechanism for long-range planning.

2. Clearly defined operating goals to guide each section of Administrative Services, a procedure to facilitate planning for successor to the president of the university.

3. The diversification of the university’s investments for greater income and long-term capital gain. Also suggested was the possibility of increasing tuition in order to augment revenues.

Many elected positions still available

by David Friesenhahn

Pam Truzinski won the Student Association election for the office of Campanile editor for 1984 last Tuesday. Truzinski, currently the Campanile’s assistant editor, defeated Kristin Merrigan, editor of the last year’s Will Rice College section, in a preferential vote, 418 to 206. There were 98 write-in votes.

In other SA news, the following offices are still open for next year:

Student Association: External Vice President
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Off Campus Senator

Rice Program Council: President
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Agnes of God
Tower Theatre
February 7-12

A newborn infant is found in a convent in a wastepaper basket with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck. A young, child-like nun Agnes, is accused of killing this baby that she secretly bore. This bizarre premise leads to a close examination of religion and society in John Pielmeir's Agnes of God, a compelling, sensitive, suspenseful whodunit.

Was the child sired by the shy priest who ministers to the nun's spiritual needs or was it a miracle? Did Sister Agnes lie when she denied memory of the act of killing her baby? Did someone else commit the murder to avoid a scandal in the cloistered order? And who will benefit, who will be hurt, and what will be found by sorting out the lies and illuminating the truth?

As the play progresses, the answers to each of these questions change constantly. This makes for a first-rate whodunit. But the play is more than this. It is a commentary on modern religion which evokes intense emotion from the powerful dialogues between the fiery Mother Miriam (Mercedes McCambridge) and the atheistic psychiatrist (Elizabeth Ashley). But the play is still more than this. It is about realistic characters who are trapped, some willingly, others not, in a situation which forces them to question the very foundations of their beliefs and values.

Academy Award winner Mercedes McCambridge is exemplary as Mother Miriam, a grand mother who has left the world and is now a mother superior. Although convinced in the truths of the Bible and of God, she is far from the stereotypical Catholic trying to impede knowledge. She is a human being. An ex-smoker herself, Mother Miriam delivers a hilarious dialogue with Dr. Livingston, the psychiatrist, on which brand of cigarettes certain saints would have smoked if they were able. St. Joan would definitely chose Work Horse chewin' tobacco while St. Paul was the original Marlboro Man. This is only one example of the comic relief which, rather surprisingly, adds greatly to the development of each character.

Tony Award winner Elizabeth Ashley likewise delivers an exemplary performance as an astrotheoretical atheist. She too is capable of delivering powerful drama one moment and hilarious humor the next in a manner which is exceedingly rare to observe and exhilarating to experience.

But Tony Award nominee Maryann Plunkett deserves credit as well. Her haunting portrayal of a nun who has no outside knowledge of the world and who was abused and molested as a child by her mother carries the audience through a whole spectrum of emotions ranging from uncontrollable laughter at the answers she gives the psychiatrist to intense sympathy for her to near complete abhorrence of her mother. With only three props (two chairs and an ashtray), the play goes beyond whodunit, questions faith, and values.

Real Man and many unreal beings. While the piece was contemporary in its tone, costumes, and style, the recurrent device of a single male dancer trapped on stage by many female dancers reminded me of many of the "white ballets" such as Swanlake and Giselle. Many of the steps that Kempe devised were both intriguing and lovely, especially a series of pinpoint-like port de bras.

Unfortunately, the dance didn't ever progress, and I spent a lot of time trying to figure out if there were a plotline that I had missed that would explain everything. Despite this serious flaw, I liked the dance because there was a communication between the dancers and the choreographer which brought a clarity to the steps that overcame the fuzziness of the piece's structure.

Out of the Blue, the final piece, was choreographed by Daniel Jamison to Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. The piece recapitulated the syncopated section of the dance because there was a communication between the dancers and the choreographer which brought a clarity to the steps that overcame the fuzziness of the piece's structure.

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Sparks chose to do a "Meller or Ronnie Segal and Valerie Hale in Through February 18. After Tuesday night's performance of... oh, whatever they call it, I wouldn't mind if they stuck with a good thing. I, along with a few dozen other people, had a good time.

The play has more than its share of bad puns (whenever a character says "Polar," a lead pipe hits the floor), corny dialogue, and ridiculous allusions to Michael Jackson ("He's hot!") but the cast rolls them off at a fast enough rate to keep things going smoothly. It has everything we've come to expect from that genre: a villain with a thin mustache and the popcorn-covered commons afterwards.

As hero Burgess Leander, John Walker gives what has been credited as an excellent acting performance. His redneck accent and repulsive grooming habits left me not knowing whether to laugh or retch. No wonder the audience booed him more often than they did the villain. I was pleased to learn later that he does not actually speak like that.

As heroine Carlotta Flower, Valerie Hale elicited "sobs" from the audience, who threw popcorn at her as they overdid on her sickening sweetness. Her characterization is accurate, and like everything in the melodrama, played to the hilt.

Villain Cassius Carstairs, played by Ronnie Segal, actually drew an equal number of yea's and boos. Segal has a great diabolical laugh as he oils his way into the good graces of Mrs. R-r-r-ramsage (Polly Olsson). Segal's gestures and栽培 gave a fit of laughter to the audience, who till then had been subdued by the blackout."
Neapolitan boys who get into trouble while their fathers are out of town. (When the cat's away, the mice will play...) The servant, Scapino, played by Devin Meadows, gets them out of their meses. If it sounds a bit silly, well, it is. Director John Soderstrom admits from the beginning that it is fluffy, though funny fluffy, that should appeal to all age groups. In Soderstrom's own words, "there is no real profanity and no nudity (unless the cast surprises me)."

Cost members include Meadows, who directed last semester's Wiess Tabletop production of Lone Star; Taylor Foote, first seen in the Rice Players production of Happy Birthday, Wanda June; Carleen Tindell, who performed in the absurdist Bald Sopranos at Lovett a year ago; Kathryn Tomasek, who was assistant director of SRC's The Night They Stole Spring and last acted in the Jones production of The Good Doctor; and Ernie Martin, who acted in Wiess Tabletop's Mousetrap a few years ago.

Cabaret-style seating was arranged to create a mood of intimacy and coziness. Complimentary wine at intermission completes the atmosphere. Soderstrom is hoping the style of the seating will create interaction between the actors and audience. The cast will also serve as waiters and waitresses to further enhance this interaction.

This entertaining show will be performed at 8 p.m. in the Jones outer commons from February 22 through 25. Reservations are suggested; call the Jones office at 527-4089.

—Cheryl Smith

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Liquid Sky examines sexual ethics with New Wave beat

Directed by Slava Tsukerman

How Soviet emigre Slava Tsukerman managed to produce such a desperately comic film about the New York New Wave underworld is beyond me, but I'm glad he did. He has filled this movie with fetching bits of commentary on a seductive, fatal scene, yet his sympathy for his caricatured characters comes through strongly enough to blunt a strong, logical and somewhat didactic point.

The plot captures the odd sexual ethics of the new world which forms Tsukerman's subject. Aliens start bumping off trendy Village folk. A German scientist who is on to the aliens explains all: the aliens feed on chemicals produced in the brains of humans who are doing it. Heroin, however, isn't as popular as it once was; it turns out that the aliens cannot eat a meal of humans at the moment of orgasm. The humans fed on in this way get offed.

Tsukerman edited the movie with a parallel montage effect, swiftly cutting from one scene to another: sadomasochism, necrophilia, homosexuality, bestiality, rape, plus an interesting bit of autoerotism in Jimmy's final scene with Margaret. Yet the sex is presented without nudity, and certainly without eroticism. When people die, a long triangular transparent crystal appears in their heads, which soon zaps out, usually taking the body with it.

Margaret is at first horrified by the deaths. "I can't handle all these bodies," she moans hilariously. But she begins taking pride in her vagina dentate as she realizes that she can use her fatal favors to get off with all the people who have abused her. "This pussy has teeth," she warns Adrian. The sexual politics of Margaret's position are intriguing. The first two people to die more or less force themselves on her, and she's never a completely willing participant in sex. She is spared because she makes love.

Johann, the German scientist, played by Otto von Wernher, has come to America to study the aliens. He takes up an observation station in a building across from Adrian and Margaret's apartment, where the alien has landed. Johann behaves the feeling of Tsukerman's hand in the film, with his misadventures in trying to find help in combating the alien. He first goes to the only person he knows in New York, and lays the whole problem on the table, complete with a slide show. He says he needs some help; for instance, how can he study the alien if it is on private property? His friend puts him off, saying he can do nothing — he's a college acting teacher.

The soundtrack of Liquid Sky stands on its own merits. Tsukerman composed some of the pieces himself, taking excerpts from a variety of obscure electrical artists for the rest. Apparently he had his parts on a public access synthesizer, but the feel is far from amateurish. The alien's theme is a high neurotic scream that sounds kind of like a time dancing on a catwalk high in the air. Adrian gives a rendition of "Me and My Rhythm Box" for another excellent track.

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Rice Players. The third production of Rice Players' 1983-84 season will be C.P. Taylor's Good. This highly acclaimed play is different from other plays in the growing body of Holocaust plays in that Good emerges as a boisterous, comic exploration of humanity at its worst. First presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London in 1981, it later went on Broadway. Steve Benedict and Elizabeth Gross star in this production. Show times are 8 p.m. nightly, February 20 through February 25 in Hamman Hall. Call 527-4040 for tickets and more information.

MAME. Theatre Under The Stars presents MAME, the Tony Award-winning musical comedy about the love and lives of a wealthy flapper-era free spirit adjusting her lifestyle to the needs of an orphaned 10-year-old nephew, who grows up to cherish his auntie's philosophy that "life is a banquet!" This production boasts sets and costumes from this year's Broadway revival. Performances will begin on February 23 and will run through March 4 at the Music Hall. Tickets range from $6 to $25 and can be ordered by calling 622-TUTS.

Words From The Moon. The Alley Theatre presents Tom Ross' comedy Words from the Moon as the third in this season's series of staged readings by promising playwrights. Set behind a ramshackle, clapboard house in North Carolina, this play was selected from over 700 scripts submitted to the Alley. Tickets can be reserved by calling 228-9341 for this one-time only performance on February 12 at 8 p.m. on the Theatre's Arena Stage. After the performance there will be a discussion with the director and cast.

Films

Experience Preferred. But Not Essential. The River Oaks Theatre presents the Houston Premiere of Experience Preferred. But Not Essential tonight. Chronicling the pains and pleasures of growing up in 1962 England, this film explores a young female student becomes aware of the world. This special engagement will run until March 1.

Elizabeth Edmonds in Experience Preferred

Music

Houston Symphony. The thirteenth Subscription Concert of the Houston Symphony will be on February 18 and 20 at 8 p.m. and February 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Gary Bertini will conduct La Damnaille Elle by Debussy, the Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Major by Mozart, and Piano Concerto No. 16 in D Major, created lively and often satiric engravings, of which the most famous are on display. MFA is closed Mondays. Admission is free.

The Contemporary Arts Museum presents the exhibition American Folk Art: The Heritage. Springsteen Jr. Collection February 18 to April 1. Concluding a national tour in Houston, this will be the only presentation in the Southwest. The exhibition includes 105 works ranging in date from the early 18th century to the present. The display is in the Upper Gallery.

Blythe, Patrick Godfrey, David Gwillim, and Louise Rice Players. This new film about the problems facing Gaussamm will be screened at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Rice Media Center with a discussion following its screening. A $2.50 donation is requested.

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Theatre

Actors in Residence. Rice University is hosting five actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company through February 18. The five Actors in Residence, Trevor Baxter, Dominik Blythe, Patrick Godfrey, D.Gwilliam, and Louise Jameson, will present Poorer This Evening, including selections from The Rupes, Parts, Homecoming, and Old Times tonight at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall. Tomorrow they will perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. For ticket information call 527-4040.

This production features Marilyn Jean Howell as soprano, Malcolm Fagan as pianist, and the Women of the Houston Symphony Chorale. Call 227-ARTS for information. Students and senior citizens can obtain half-price tickets one-half-hour prior to each performance.

Shepherd School. The Shepherd School of Music presents a free recital on February 21 at 8 p.m. in Milford House, 1101 Milford Steet. Performing are Eric Halen on violin and Anne Epperson on piano. The programme will include Mendelssohn's Sonata in F Major, Bach's Partita in E Major, and Hindemith's Sonata in E-flat for violin and piano.

Opera

Sherrill Milnes Recital. Houston Grand Opera presents American baritone Sherrill Milnes and accompanist Jon Spong on February 19 at 8 p.m. in Jones Hall. Mr. Milnes will perform a variety of works including "O du mein holden Abendstern" from Wagner's Tannhauser. For more information on the program or ticket information call 622-ARTS. Mr. Milnes last performed in Houston at lago in Otrello in 1976.
Cavanaugh leads women tracksters' rampage at Oklahoma

by Jeanne Cooper

The Owls gorged themselves in the first half, the Owls of the student section, got to play. cinnamon. They could not hold this lead.

The Owls' Women's Tennis team proved once again that

Owls drill Huskies 6-3 to open spring season

by Tracy Terrell

The Owls were busy winning their opening dual match against Houston Baptist University. The team has been hindered by many injuries and illnesses, it overcame these problems and ended up 6-3-2 victory.

Becky Nunez has already qualified in the 60-yard dash for the NCAA women's track and field championships, which last weekend established school records with a time of 7.06, but failed to qualify for the finals.

The women formed a powerful threat in the mile-relay combination of Harris, Welch, Millar and Shoppa, losing by a tenth of a second to Prairie View A&M while establishing a new school indoor record with a time of 3:50.07.

Coach Victor Lopez took legitimate pride in his team's efforts, commenting, "We feel we are the No. 1 team in Rice athletics, but the results and achievements speak for themselves."

Cavanaugh leads women tracksters' rampage at Oklahoma

by Jeanne Cooper

The Rice women's track and field team proved once again that youth is no barrier to success, winning several events and setting several school records at the indoor Oklahoma Track Classic in Oklahoma City last Saturday.

Sophomores starred at the meet, although the freshmen also made their mark. After winning her heat in 6.94, sophomore Cecilia Nunez won the 60-yard dash in 7.00 seconds to remain undefeated in this season. Nunez also won her heat in the 100-yard run with a time of 35.82, establishing a new school record. Both times qualified her for the U.S. National Indoor Championships on February 24 in New York.

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Sophomores Monique Millar and Katrice Harris both established school records with respective best times of 8.13 in the 100-yard hurdles and 6.90 in the 60-yard dash. Millar finished third in the final with a time of 7.03 behind teammate Nunez and Jocelyn Tatum of Prairie View, while Harris took third in the hurdles final with a time of 8.15.

Rice athlete of the year Regina Cavanaugh completed the sophomore sweep, setting a new meet record with her winning shortstop toss of 54 feet, 10 inches. The only surprise in the performance was the fact that the throw was also a personal best in indoor competition.

Rice won by only one point, 43-42. Tommy Suitts commented, "This was our best defensive game. They could never get a second shot."

The Owls chalked up another singles win when Brenda Russell, coming off the bench, disposed of Harriet Beebe 6-3, 6-2. Wanda Hadnott battled in a close and long three-set match against Heidi Wozasek before losing 6-4, 7-6. Karen Garman also succumbed in three sets, bowing to Rhonda Romero 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

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**BASEBALL**

Team runs unbeaten streak to seven with three-game sweep of Mavs

by Arthur Rabcau

While it may be occasionally enjoyable to see some helpless opponent into the ground, it doesn't really prove anything. Thus, those who amused themselves watching Rice fold, spindle, and mutilate Southwest Texas in the season opener were eager to see the Owls take on UT—Arlington in their second week play. The Mavericks were (and are) a far cry from the pitching-deficient Bobcats. Last year, UTAA split four games with Texas (the 1983 NCAA champions) and compiled an impressive 6-5 record against the Southwest Conference.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Rice edges TCU, but... by Steve Mollenkamp

Led by Holly Jones and Valerie Ziegler, with 18 points each, the Owls prepared for their matchup against Southwest Conference heavyweight Texas by beating Texas Christian's Horned Frogs 58-54. It was the second victory in a row for Rice.

While TCU led early in the game, it seemed that the Horned Frogs were no match for the defense-minded Owls. Rice was ahead 34-19 early in the second half.

It was strong defense that kept TCU behind in the game. However, the pressure defense took its toll on the Owls as well. Without the services of star forward Pennie Golf, Rice could ill afford to have any of its starters on the bench for too long. The team tired quickly.

Before you could say "TCU's back in the game", TCU was back in the game. Outscoring Rice 18-8, TCU brought the margin to within two, 48-46, with 6:06 left.

Tenacious TCU guard Lori Campbell recovered a shot blocked by Jones and brought the Frogs even to 50-49. Then TCU tied it up at 50.

From that point on, however, it was all Ziegler and the Owls. Ziegler scored four unanswered points and then hit two foul shots for the final minute. Jones and Angie Pha each added a free throw to give Rice the win.

Texas 113, Rice 50

by Gaye McMillan

Fran Harris canned 16 of 17 shots from the field in scoring 33 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the top-ranked Texas Longhorns trounced Rice 113-50 Wednesday night in Austin. The Horns beat the Owls 110-54 in January.

Texas, now 20-2 on the season and 11-0 in conference play, got 27 points from forward Annette Smith, 14 from reserve center Cathy Priddy and 12 from Andre'a Lloyd and Sheli Bollin. The home team led 63-22 at halftime and shot a devastating 73.2 per cent from the field.

Holly Jones and Valeria Ziegler turned in remarkable offensive performances for the Owls, both finishing with 18 tallies. Jones grabbed a team-high five rebounds, but the Horns controlled the boards 42-13.

The defeat dropped Rice to 3-9 in the conference and 9-11 overall.

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Sarajevo comes to Rice in form of endurance competition

by Steve Mollenkamp

SARAJEVO—They come from all over the world — from Shorewood, Wisconsin to Kahramanmetti, Kuwait; from small villages in Africa to bustling cities in North America. They gather only once every four years to celebrate the human spirit, man’s athletic potential, and the search for a dream. And they have come together here in the small town of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. These are for a dream. And they have come to make the best of the situation.

Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. These are athletes with a dream. And they have come to make the best of the situation.

Meanwhile, he and four other regulars will try to keep their least one in each game. Looking to extend his string of at the Winter Olympics.

Sports reporter worth his salt has been invited, but somehow the one-way ticket was not very exclusive. Forget the real men from the boys, the fear of the fittest Rice guy around. With strength, endurance, and speed events, the winner should prove to be in fairly good shape.

SWIMMING

Women make a big splash in Sherman

by Paul de Figueiredo

On Friday of last week, the Rice University swim team traveled to compete at Texas Christian’s Richard Center Pool. Though the Owls swam fast, they were defeated by the Frogs 123-59. On Saturday, the Owls competed in the Austin College Invitational in Sherman, Texas, where competing against a field of five other teams, the women’s team finished first and the men’s team came in second.

In the women’s events against TCU, Rice fell short 64-35. Leading the Owls’ attack were Becky Nelson, Kathy Jenkins, and Anita Heil. Nelson’s season-best performance came in the 50-yard freestyle, where she finished sixth, clocking a 27.01. Jenkins, Rice’s premier backstroker, turned in a 2:15.99 in the 200-yard backstroke, finishing second. Heil swam a seasonal best time of 2:34.62 in the 200-yard breaststroke.

For the men, junior Paul Nealy clocked a 1:06.30 in the 100-yard breaststroke, placing fourth.

At Austin College, all but two team members achieved season’s best performances. The women dominated the meet even though Rice’s National qualifiers (had the team) did participate in order to get some rest. For the second week in a row, sophomore Patrick Ingram swam exceptionally well as she clocked four personal-best times: 100-yard freestyle (1:00.98), 200-yard individual medley (2:26.5), 200-yard freestyle (2:12.5), and 200-yard breaststroke (2:39.0). She, along with her teammates Angie Brindlinger, Stephanie Schulz, and Ginger Golladay, also swam in the 800-yard freestyle relay, which set a pool record of 8:46.8. Golladay turned in season’s best performances in the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.5) and 200-yard individual medley (2:21.8).

Also in the 200-yard individual medley, Barb Griffin swam a personal best time of 2:39.0. She finished the day with another personal best in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:57.7).

At Austin College, the men’s team commanded the swimming events as they easily won all the relays and nearly every individual event they entered. The Owls lost crucial points to the first place finishers, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, in the team’s diving competition. Rice did not have entries in several events. Coach Kris Wingeroth explained performances at Austin College.

“We entered people in events that they needed to swim for the experience of racing, not the events where we could get the most points. Winning the meet was not our goal. Achieving fast times was our goal and we were very successful.”

Greg Holles, the senior captain, was voted most outstanding swimmer of the meet by all the participating coaches. He won all the events he entered: 400-yard individual medley, 500-yard freestyle, and 1500-yard freestyle. In the 400, Holles broke his previous school record by four seconds and set an Austin College Pool record as he clocked a personal best time of 4:22.3, missing the school record by less than one second.

Not to be overshadowed by Holles’ outstanding performance, sophomore David Gregory finished first in both the 100-yard freestyle (50.8) and 200-yard freestyle (1:51.2). He also captured second place in the 100-yard backstroke with a personal best performance.

Dave McDermott and Chris Ehlers also swam well for the Owls. McDermott clocked a personal best in the 100-yard butterfly (1:06.5) and a season’s best time in the 100-yard freestyle (55.3). Ehlers season’s best performance time came in the 100-yard freestyle (53.7) and 200-yard freestyle (1:54.8).

Wingeroth summed up the weekend, saying “Although the Owls did not win, good against TCU, who have already started their taper, I was pleased with the performances at Austin College. Those good times indicated that we will be even better times at the Southwest Conference meet when the teams are shaved and tapered. I am confident we will have the best SWC meet ever.”
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Voter Registration form sent to you, the following positions have not just be there. The winner will go on the regionals. We will continue to accept contributions through February 17.

Pre-Med Society On February 28, the President of the National Medical Association, Dr. Hilliard, will speak in the Kyle Morrow Room. Room of Fondren at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be "Minorities in Medicine". Besides an Ob/Gyn practice, he serves on the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. The Islamic Society of Rice and the Dept. of Anthropology present Jamil Dehlavi's "Towers of Silence" (a surrealistic presentation of Zoroastrianism). The film will be followed by a lecture/discussion led by Dr. Michael Fischer. Invaluable experience for those who appreciate thought and culture. SH 305, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 23. For information, call Aasim at 521-2166.

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Lost: One of the SRC Presidents' picture. Anyone with information regarding the photograph, please contact the SRC Master of the College office. No questions asked if picture is returned.

The following positions have not been filed for. Deadline for the submission of petitions is Feb. 28.

External Vice President—Secretary Treasurer
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Hillel:
Feb. 17—Shabbat Services, Pot Luck Dairy dinner, and Program, "The Holocaust Experience". Pinja Bowman—Guest Speaker, 6230 Varwell, call Hillel at 749-2271 before 2/16 if you need a ride. Feb. 20—N村里 Deli Lunch and Program, "Culture". Chapel Reading Room, RMC, $1.50 member, $2 member. Rabbi Finestone's office hours, 1 p.m. Chapel Reading Room, RMC.

Feb. 26—Career Crowd Party at Tingles

Darts Contest. Yes, you can be the next darts champion of Rice. We will be holding an ACUI darts tournament at 2 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Willy's Pub. The entrance fee will be $2. You don't need to sign up, just be there. The winner will go on to represent Rice in the regionals. So get on out here, on the double.

The University Blue will continue to accept contributions through February 17.

The Rice Democratic Caucus will be meeting on Tues. Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in Raynor 107. We will be discussing the upcoming senatorial debate. Anyone interested please attend.

To All Graduate Students. If you would like a chance to be a member of one of the University Standing Committees listed below, send your name, extension and department to Alan Rister, linguistics or call him at x6010. The Graduate Association recommends several graduate students for each position and President Hackerman chooses the membership of each committee.

Affirmative Action (1)
Campus Safety (2)
Computers (1)
Library (2)
Public Relations (1)
Religious Activities (1)
Research Council (1)
Student Affairs (2)
Financial Aid (1)
Student Health (1)
Undergraduate Training (1)
University Council (1)—plus alternates.
University Review Board (1)

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A Trip Through Rice University
Bright lights are what I see, and the shadows of the trees... I'm an albatross. The wall of infinite meaning... Gooks, Gooks, Gooks, Run... Everything was made for this. What a cool candle... Check out the lighter, Hey Man. Do that again... What it means is... Reality is... Riot, riot... We're susceptible to thought-induced group actions, our minds are open to suggestion... Everything's melting. I'm just glad this exists... Come on, we've got to see Joe out of the trenches, I've reached stadium stage... How long have we been doing this... Yes, occluc... I was just experiencing the 50 yard line... What did you do last night?... We approached the threshold of reality, and there we found the first three chords of my generation.

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