Faculty votes to withhold one degree in Friday meeting
by Jeanne Cooper
In an unaccustomed move, the faculty decided not to recommend one undergraduate student for graduation after a long and emotional discussion involving the candidacy of several students at its May 11 meeting. In order to preserve the students’ privacy, the faculty closed the meeting to non-members. The following story is compiled from a variety of sources.

Student and professors pause for a prayer at the beginning of Rice’s 71st commencement exercises — P. Truzinski

Tuition rises moderately
by Dave Collins
The cost of a year’s education from Rice will continue to be among the lowest in its class next year. Vice President for Administration William Akers announced last week that Rice’s tuition will rise $200 for the 1984-85 academic year. Room and board will increase by $150, and fees will remain the same.

Akers commented that the tuition hike is “one of the smallest increases of any private university I know of.” The new figure for tuition will be $3,900, while food and housing will cost a total of $3,550 ($1,775 for each). With activities, health service and other fees remaining at $225, the package adds up to $7,875. This is approximately half the cost of attending comparable universities such as Stanford and Princeton.

According to Akers, the university will direct the extra funds from tuition toward raises in faculty salaries and expenses. “All the tuition money goes straight into the general revenue of the university,” he said. “That is about $10 million in tuition. Five million of that goes directly to financial aid, so we’re clearing about five million. And that’s out of a total budget of $60 million for education.”

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Honors graduates for 1984
by Paul Havlak
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What? Did we elect another druggie?

There was once an ad campaign for a popular soft drink which proclaimed, "Coke adds life." I'm sorry, but even the makers of Coke — the Real Thing, the proverbial It — didn't realize the deepest of truths: 'Yfeine is life. There is no separation possible. Once you have realized this, you have the necessary qualifications to work at any of KTRU, the Campamile, or the Thresher.

Think about it. How many people do you see in the RMC at 4 a.m. without at least one and one-half 'Yfeine coursing through their capillaries?

What is 'Yfeine, you might ask. Or you might not, thinking it a silly question or that I will think it such. Nonsense. No stupid question is too silly for the average Rice student to ask and receive a straight answer.

'Yfeine is not coffee, tea, Coca-Cola or Pepsi-Cola. It is not even Royal Crown Cola, Tab, or Mountain Dew. 'Yfeine is any one of these, imbued with a reverence usually reserved for an Englishman's claret. This is not to say that 'Yfeine is sipped — indeed, some of the more robust 'Yfeine cultists chug the sacred brew. But imagine that you have been stranded on a desert island for 10 years, and a small stash of marijuana in a plastic baggie from a shipwreck washes ashore. The delicacy with which you would smoke that last joint barely approaches the bond between a fan and his 'Yfeine.

So why does the RMC charge 40c for 'Yfeine? I mean seriously, how do they expect three or four dollars in change to last a night if one must pay 40c a pop for 'Yfeine? Sometimes there is no justice.

—phh

Same old BS not good enough for dbc

Why do I need to say any more? Don't I have plenty of bylines in this issue? And isn't this the issue wherein editors bear such trite phrases as "Have a wonderful summer," and "It's been a forty years," and "If I had to do it all over again, I would..."

A steady team of a half-dozen regulars has written and produced the Thresher. But this year a new group has joined the regulars. The Rice Thresher, May 18, 1984, page 2

THESHER'S GUIDE TO THE HEDGES by Tom Morgan

Did you ever see 'Midnight Cowboy? In this movie, Joe Buck, a young Texan, goes to New York City with the idea of making it. He is unsuccessful initially, but towards the end of the movie one wealthy woman offers to be his service. He cannot, however, perform when it comes time for him to do so. The wealthy woman chides him for incompetence and says something like "I have these images of you as a policeman without his stick, a bank robber without his gun, a writer without his pen..."

I quote this movie to illustrate my perception of the Rice University community. We like to think of ourselves as good people: good scholars, good athletes, good go-getting kind of people. We often do not, however, think of ourselves as the best. We qualify "best" with contexts: best "in Texas" or best "for our size." We want to be the best, but we feel like we all have one tragic flaw that prevents us from claiming superrative status as people. Do you, gentle reader, ever feel that, were it not for one particular personality defect, you would have gone to Harvard or Stanford? I know that I do.

Different people perceive what is the best differently. Despite efforts to overcome the power of Hollywood and Madison Avenue, our imaginations are invaded by the popular media myths about what is beautiful and true. Sometime in your life you have probably imagined yourself looking like Marilyn Monroe or Robert Redford. You may have thought that it would be wonderful to have the best possible life as explained by, say, Risky Business: to be thin, wealthy, gorgeous, smart, friendly, likable, and rich. I have never met anyone at Rice who actually did fulfill all of these categories. While some people are rich, and some people are either not rich or not friendly. Lots of people here have acne or, like me, a beer gut. While people here are smart, they are not the best in math or physics.

I have never met anyone at Rice who actually did fulfill all of these categories. While some people are wealthy, some people are either not rich or not friendly. Lots of people here have acne or, like me, a beer gut. While people here are smart, they are not the best in math or physics. We should be humble. We should not compete. We should not be ashamed that we are not Harvard. If we try to be the best at the expense of everything else, we may find that when called upon to perform that role, to answer all of humanity's problems the best way possible, then we may fall miserably. A recent poll showed the seventy percent of Americans would rather be governed by the first two thousand people in the telephone directory than the Harvard faculty. No one person or no one institution can be all things to all people; as a university, Rice should take its just place in the community of the mind that is the role of universities everywhere. Rather than dominate that community, Rice should give and receive symbolically, like plants and humans exchanging gases. We should not compete. We should create.

If we try to compete, if we really want to win the big one, to go down in history as the Harvard of the twenty-first century, then we may find that, like Joe Buck, things that should be hard and straight and true can, in a crucial moment, go soft.
Other Mitchell calls for deprogramming

To the editor:

A common companion to the Thresher in the Friday morning RMC stacks is The Forerunner, a publication of an organized religious group. I have read it, and doubtless you have, too. I have been informed that it is read by a large number of people on campus, and the paste-up suggests a more accessible and open forum for my proposal than the other publications.

The deadline for income taxes is past now, and everyone has his or her ideas about how the revenue money should be spent. Social programs are under increasing pressure to justify their worth, and little attention can be spared for "new" problems. Help for the spiritually desperate individuals of society has never been a government concern, and does not appear likely to become one. The result has been a proliferation of these people and a large profit-potential to be made by exploiting them, exposing evermore money-hungry others ready to take advantage of the situation.

A number of self-made millionaires are hard-core hypnotists. L. Ron Hubbard, Jim Jones, Jerry Falwell, Jim Jones, Oral Roberts, Reverend Moon, Jerry Falwell... but a large percentage of the spirituality parasitic are more subtle.

Faith, belief, is the most powerful force on earth, but without a focus it can retreat behind walls of apathy, or reach out desperately for the nearest foothold. Applied properly, faith can metamorphose losers into winners, and winners into butterflies. If a psyche feels lost, and painfully incomplete, though, it can fall to the other faith of their own ends. It's not a matter for blame. "God is a concept by which we measure our pain." John Lennon. I have a specific proposal to deal with this problem. The self-deprogramming kit would include: 1) a mirror, 2) simple instructions to basic meditation, 3) directions to a quiet spot in the forest, 4) optional mild psychedelic assistance, 5) an "I believe in me" button, and 6) an "Enlightenment is where you find it" shirt. These should be provided free, tax-supported, by the Department of Human Resources or the National Institute for Mental Health to any and all interested people.

Spiritual searching and wondering is a natural, universal act, and perhaps a strong candidate for Why We're Here. But there are some tests to help those who may stick to the mirror of a stagnant, faith-draining belief system.

Test instructions: If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, examine what you feel the implications of the statement are, and its alternatives. A few minutes of thought about what you truly feel are your key to yourself.

* Am I part of a large group of people who all accept the personal statement of one other person as the only absolute truth?
* Do I feel compelled by my belief system to avoid or back away from sensual or physical pleasures?
* Does my belief system encourage me to feel guilty of any thoughts or feelings I have?
* Do I believe that others need to be taught by missionaries or threatened with suffering to convert them to the "true way"?
* Is the focus of my faith compared to me in a way that denominates my nature, or refers to innate (impossible to remedy) evils in me?
* Do I feel my uncomfortableness makes it less easy to communicate with my friends and others?
* Do I feel my discomfort in dealing with the everyday world as unimportant or a mere preparation for a time when I will really "live fully"?
* "Say not, I have found the truth, but rather, I have found a truth." Kabali Gibran.

Additional sources: The Prophet by Kabali Gibran, your own head, the Get Yourself ALover school of thought.

Andy Mitchell
Baker '86

More on evolution: a logical theory of life

To the Editor:

This is in response to Bob Jones's article in the last Thresher and is also an open letter to people who try to use religious beliefs as scientific theory.

First, any construction of the probability of life arising on earth is limited by the fact that life has arisen on this planet. If the same physical and chemical predictions of probability that Mr. Jones applied to evolution are applied to the existence of a creator, the probability of life arising is zero. A zero probability does not mean that God does not exist, it means that there is no reason to believe in God from an observation of the physical world. Unlike the scientific evidence that exists for evolution, there is absolutely no evidence for the intervention of a creating God or even for the existence of God. Since there is, even according to creationists, non-zero probability of evolution, the conditional probability of an evolutionary beginning of life is one, while the probability of creation remains zero. Unlike evolution, creationism is not derived from scientific evidence; instead, it is a product of Western religious tradition.

There are standard criteria by which scientific theories are judged. A scientific theory is acceptable to the extent that it explains reality and has predictive validity. Another criterion, known as Ockham's Razor, is that a theory must be as succinct as possible.

Assume that creationism and evolution are both plausible explanations for the existence of life. Although the existence of God cannot be derived scientifically and evolution can, evolution requires the construction of no forces that have not already been discovered by physicists. Quite simply, it states that the formation of life obeyed physical laws. Creationism, on the other hand, requires that some kind of force known as "God" exists. "God" is not a well-defined concept and attempts to explain God demand incredible contortions of logic. For example, how does something extraphysical, such as God, affect the physical world without being part of it and therefore governed by its laws? Such logical problems have often caused people to claim that belief in God is a matter of faith. This may comfort them but it has no place in a scientific analysis, or even a logical analysis, since it is equivalent to claiming to have proven something by showing that it is unprovable. If ever there were a cumbrous idea begging to be lopped off by Ockham's Razor, it is the concept of "God."

Next is the issue of predictive validity. A usable scientific theory enables us to predict what will happen from knowledge of initial conditions, and can explain more phenomena as they are discovered. At the core of evolution is the Law of Natural Selection and the environment selects mutations that enable their bearers to reproduce and pass on the mutation. This selection process can easily be carried out in the laboratory and occurs continu-
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To the Editor:

I appreciate the efforts of the library to raise money. Heaven knows that we are seriously hurting for up-to-date resources in the physical and social sciences alike. I cannot support the latest scheme (pronounced scam) of the reserve room, however.

If 25¢ per hour overdue fee is not enough, hours that the library are closed are counted as well. So one would expect that if he returned a book at 12:31 a.m. which was due at midnight he would be ripped off $2 or $2.25. But, wait! There is an automatic charge of $5.00 for any tardiness at all. And if that weren’t enough, some clever soul has determined that the return time will increase fourfold if the return time is stamped as 24 hours later than the actual return. Hence, for this lousy three dollar paperback which was due at midnight and returned in the afternoon of the next day, some innocent schmuck is assessed a $10.50 fine, because another fund raiser has instituted the “bad math” system, finding it simpler to multiply by 40 hours than by 32.

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Pro Hams call intra- 

dural mischief unfair

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reference to the unfortunate injustice that was deal to me and my fellow teammates this afternoon by Mr. J.R. Barker. I am, as of now, an unofficial member of two softball teams, the Stroh’s Pros and the Pressed Ham. Doug Mischlich and I have been members of the Pressed Ham for four years and have been informal captains for two years. This year, since drinking has been banned at intramurals, Doug and I decided to play for the Stroh’s Pros and try to win the intramural championship that has eluded us. In our first game of the season for the Ham we played Joe’s Garage, the score was rather lopsided (30-4) but we really didn’t care. The whole spirit of the Ham is to enjoy a little softball on Friday afternoons. However, through the grapevine we heard that we had jeopardized the playoff future of the Stroh’s Pros.

I went to Mr. Barker and told him of our problem. He told me that the Stroh’s Pros would not be disqualified as long as Doug and I did not play any game for the Ham. After this agreement, Doug and I suggested to the Ham that we forfeit our games and challenge our-boat opponent to an informal, no score game. In this way, we thought we could uphold our deal with Mr. Barker and still enjoy the ambiance of the Ham. However, Mr. Barker had different ideas. After we were forced to forfeit to Joe’s Garage, he told Doug and me that Stroh’s was disqualified because Doug and I had continued to play for the Ham.

We told him of the forfeits and that we just played the other teams for fun. But Mr. Barker insisted that we be influenced. In fact, Mr. J.R. Barker had told me that though we had forfeited the game, we were still playing for the official Ham and were thus subject to his ruling.

How in the world can he try to tell me that a game that we forfeited counts for us as a win? The way I see it the ‘games’ that the Ham played were no different than any other impromptu Friday afternoon game.

I guess I’m just really pissed. There is no reason to get this jacked up about intramurals but I feel that this is a travesty of the
Committee begins work without biases

SA cites Sgt. Anderson for years of university service

The Student Association traditionally kept secret the name of its Mentor Recognition Award winner until commencement. This year’s recipient, Sergeant Willie Anderson of the campus police, thought he was逃 current SA President Tracy Winn to the stage. It was not until former year’s recipient, Sergeant Willie (committee chairman), Michael Anderson notified the next day. Anderson figured out the alumni Catherine Hannah and governors Ralph O’Connor and Kelly, Henry Hudspeth and alumni representatives are both former presidents of the Alumni Association. Dr. Charles Duncan, chairman of the Board of Governors, holds an ex officio seat on the committee.

According to Rister, the best interests of Rice’s graduate student population will be on his mind during the search. However, it will not be his intention to compromise the interests of the university. “I think that the university’s interests take precedence over the interests of any one group represented. I just have to insure that the new person gives what I consider and what the graduate students consider adequate attention to our needs.”

Asked to comment on the type of candidate he might be looking, Rister affirmed that he bears no preconceived notions. Martin echoed sentiment stating, “I don’t want to be specific about that at this time, because, first, I have no one type in mind — that will be a committee decision, not an individual decision — and second, I ran for the position because I felt that I could be a valuable member of a committee rather than just someone with my own ideas about who should be president. I look forward to visiting with the other members of the committee and talking with other people, but right now our sight is only partial.”

Martin also expressed a personal reason for wanting to be on the committee. “It’s exciting. It’s like getting a grant or a sabbatical,” he said. “It’s the same as getting one year to study American higher education without the time off.”

Wristers added a positive note, saying, “I feel good about this committee. That’s a good committee, and the aspirations for the university are shared by all the members.” Regarding the question of preconceptions of a particular type of candidate, Wristers agreed with Martin and Rister. “Everybody feels that this (the presidency of Rice) is an attractive opportunity for a first-rate person, and that we don’t need to go into this with any constraints or biases.”

Wristers added that the committee will retreat to Abercrombie’s pizza shop in Kentucky this weekend for two days of intensive planning.

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spirit of intimarsals. We were playing to win and have fun and Mr. Barker rudely and unfairly put an end to our season.

R. Bradley Borg
SRC 84

Two more softballers protest Stroh’s ruling

The editor:

Let it be known that the real men’s intramural softball champions are Stroh’s Pros (due credit goes to the Wombats). If Joe’s Garage can live with the fact that they backed into the finals by a candy-ass maneuver, then so be it. The rest of us want more pride in ourselves. We have played intramural sports for four years, and unfortunately our last game left a sour taste in our mouths. There is no way we could compete ourselves like Joe’s Garage and protest a game because two players on Stroh’s Pros played on the beer-drinking, fun-loving Pressed Ham. We don’t think it was just these two players which cost the sound defeat of Joe’s Garage in the playoffs. However, Joe’s wants to be known as the pub of the league, that’s fine. We know in our minds who really won the game.

P.S. Stroh’s Pros 9, Joe’s Garage 7

Someone call a proctologist, we’ve just been boofed.

Robert R. Gallinaro
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Douglas G. Mischlich
SRC 84

Derrick receives 1984 Parish Fellowship

Brown senior Laura Derrick has been awarded the John E. Parish Fellowship for summer travel. Given in memory of a long-time Wisn resident associate, the award carries a $2,500 stipend for two months of summer travel on a project of the student’s choice. Derrick will travel in June to ancient Mayan centers throughout the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, “places of former power where people still are Mayan, rather than Mexican.” Derrick will photograph the Mayan people and villages, and hopes to exhibit a portfolio of the pictures after she returns in August.

Commented Derrick, “I want to see what’s left of the old Mayan civilization. The Mayans seem to be really different from the rest of Mexico. The government has left them alone, with a few bloody exceptions, and the villages are very sparsely populated in the dense jungle.”

Derrick said she will rely on second class buses and rented cars to get to the isolated groups, and will need to communicate with the many Mayans who do not speak Spanish through interpreters. According to Derrick, many Mayan women do not speak Spanish, since only the men travel to the larger towns to sell their wares. The villagers primarily produce textiles such as handmade clothing, support themselves, as well as grow citrus fruit and raise some livestock.

Derrick, who plans to complete requirements for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree next year, is also this year’s recipient of the Christine Cronos Sayres Award for the outstanding senior in fine arts. Competing with the top student in each medium, Derrick won the $225 prize for her portfolio of photographs of street people, currently showing at the Houston Center for Photography.

This school is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.
Architecture students cash in all those sleepless nights

by Dave Collins

The Rice School of Architecture presented its awards to all-nighters May 1 in the Smith Garden outside Anderson Hall. The school conferred medals and fellowships of up to $3,500 upon candidates for the Bachelor of Architecture degree and seniors

Phi Beta Kappa Award for Teaching. Alumni Association President Joseph Reilly presented four Distinguished Alumna Awards, to Harry J. Chavanne '33, John A. Graves '42, M. Kenneth Oshman '62, and David L. Rooke '44.

Honorary Greek letter societies inducted 201 new members. The U.S. Army Reserve commissioned two graduates as second lieutenants, as did the Marine Corps, and the Navy commissioned five new ensigns, one of whom, Melanie Ann Ivy, was designated Distinguished Midshipman Graduate.

Senior Gary Tschirhart came away with the William Ward Watkin Travelling Fellowship, which carries a stipend of $3,500 for foreign travel after the year of preceptorship. Lisa Moberly was chosen as runner-up for the award, and embarking on preceptorships in the coming year.

Senior Guy Tschirhart's itinerary for travel in the summer of 1985 includes a week in Cairo, two weeks in Crete and the Greek islands, two to three weeks each in southern and northern Italy, and up to two weeks each in the western Mediterranean, central France, the Atlantic region and London. He will then return to Houston for his fifth year of study by way of New York City.

A recently created award, the Margaret Eveson-Fossi Travelling Fellowship, went to graduate student Ellen Palmer. The $2,500 fellowship is awarded for the best design project by a graduate or fifth-year student.

Kristen Annexstad, recently returned from preceptorship, won the Herbert Allen Award for the outstanding junior engineering major. The award, endowed by Robert and Helen Kramer, is intended for married engineering graduates who claimed a prize of $2,000. The student meet academic and living expenses while pursuing a professional degree and to help the student meet academic and living expenses while pursuing a professional degree and to prepare a better understanding of interior architecture, according to the program for the awards day event.

Other awards given at the program were:

The M.N. Davidson Fellowship ($400) to Jane Harrison and Guy Perry.

The Reynolds Aluminum Prize ($300) to Michael McNamara.

The Jese H. Jones Scholarship ($1,500) to Susan Faust.

The Binswanger Glass Company Scholarship ($900) to Jane Harrison.

The E.G. Spencer Scholarship ($750) to Susan Faust.

The Fay H. Spencer Scholarship ($600) to In Shik Lee.

The Featherlite Scholarship ($400) to Catherine Spellman.

The Professor Dik Voorman Scholarship ($100) to Leslie Nebell.

the tenth award, the first annual Harrana Butler Scholarship of $1,000. This award, endowed by the Rice School of Architecture, is intended for married engineering students needing financial assistance. Cooper, a student in mechanical engineering and materials science, was present with his wife Charlotte to receive the prize.

The Alpha Rho Chi Medal to Augusta Barone.

The Edward B. Arrants Medal to Guy Perry.

The John Crowder Travelling Fellowship ($750) to Jane Tannehill.

The Chill-in' Prize ($250) to Padra St. Ambrogio.

The American Institute of Architects/AIAF Scholarship ($500) to In Shik Lee.

The AIA School Medal and Certificate to Mark Yoes.

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts ($1,000) to Michael McNamara.

The Morris R. Pitman Award ($750) to Douglas Longfield.

The John T. Mitchell Travelling Fellowships ($500) to Kevin Daly and Howard Fitzpatrick.

Seniors Gina André, Ellen Anspoon, Jane Harrison, Lisa Moberly, Guy Perry and Mark Yoes all received elections to Tau Sigma Delta, the honorary society for achievement in architecture and design.

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The walls of the main room sport photographs, sketches and "film songs" with the all-important accompanying texts. The more remarkable photographic displays involve men in the street who make sexual advances toward the artist and their responses to her use of a camera as a weapon; the "Institutional Dreams" series of negatives of Anderson sleeping in public places; and the "Duets on Ice" photos of Anderson playing her violin in the streets of Genoa while walking on blocks of ice.

In all of the photographic sequences, Anderson's hand-written notes add comments on the purpose of each photo and observations which are several levels of consciousness above normal. Anderson's understanding of art and life, as revealed in these mini-exhibits, is frighteningly advanced. The effect is similar to the way George Carlin makes aspects of daily life interesting which one would normally think too banal to notice.

In three dimensions, Anderson is no less at home. The museum has acquired working models of Anderson's inventions such as the tape-bow violin, the viophonegraph and the sound table. The last of these gadgets involves a very simple principle of acoustics. The hardwood table contains two elbow terminals at each end. With elbows on the table and fingers over earflaps, the visitor can hear whatever casselette is playing in the table's underbelly through the bones in his arm.

The tape-bow violin is a familiar device to Anderson's fans. It replaces the strings with a playback head at the bridge and the horsehair on the bow with recording tape. Anderson has applied this concept to doors, as well, with messages that make sense both forward and backward. The viophonegraph bears a spinning vinyl disk with prescribed notes in its grooves at the base of the violin; a regular bow amplifies these tones. Unfortunately, these customized fiddles are not operational for the exhibit.

Apart from the video room, several special rooms spotlight the many dimensions of Anderson's talent. A free video box in one room plays some of her early singles, the corresponding visual art for which appears on the surrounding walls. Her most charming single, a bluegrass-reggae number, is "It's not the Bullet, it's the Hole," recorded in 1977. Honorable mention goes to her "Duet for saxophone and dog."

At the opposite end of the building, a casette deck plays Anderson's recent musical works as a background for her album cover art and photos of a violin-piano concert at opposite sides of the Buffalo River at the Canadian border. Still another chamber is devoted exclusively to "At the Shrink's," in which a video loop projects Anderson's image onto a clay figure of her, with the audio track spilling out a stream of neurotic dreams and confessions.

Anderson and the CAM have collaborated to produce a cohesive view of one of modern art's true innovators. To enjoy it thoroughly takes upwards of two hours, but if I could take the time (during finals week, no less), so could anyone with a passing interest. Laurie Anderson's two shows at the Tower Theatre on May 25 are nearly sold out at $15 a seat, with the best seats inhabited by members of the CAM. The exhibit, however, is free and well worth the trip.

—Dave "One Shed" Collins

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Tickets ($6 and $8 normally, $4 and $6 for students) may be charged by phone at 524-6706 or purchased at the theatre. This Preston Jones play, the second of his Texas Trilogy, opens May 25 at Chocolate Bayou Theater Co. and runs evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia. The story is told almost entirely through his music, including such hits as "I Get a Kick Out of You," "In the Still of the Night," and "I Love Paris." "As much Broadway as grand opera." Still, it might be interesting. Rigoletto (americano) runs May 24-27 at Jones Hall. Tickets, which range from a fairly reasonable $8 to a steep $175 to an even steeper $215.50. The show is being touted as "as much Broadway musical as grand opera." The Rice Thresher, May 18, 1984, page 9
**THRESHER SPORTS**

Horns dominate SWC; Owls await NCAA invitation

Two losses to Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference post-season baseball tournament may well have cost the Owls their first ever bid to the NCAA championships. Despite finishing the tourney with a 40-12 record and ranked number 13 in the country, Rice's 6-1 loss and 6-5 extra-inning defeat to the Aggies probably negates their 8-1 shellacking of Arkansas and will send David Hall's troops home earlier than anticipated.

The Texas Longhorns, ranked second in the country and winners of the tournament, received an automatic bid to the championships and 14th-ranked A&M is expected to garner an at-large invitation. Rice finished in a tie for second place with A&M during the regular season race and split four games with A&M overall. The NCAA will announce the entire tournament field Monday.

Both Rice and Arkansas (40-16) are longshots to receive one of the 10 at-large bids. The NCAA issues automatic berths to 25 teams and only 11 at-large bids, and Rice's coach Jerry Miles said Tuesday that very few conferences will have three teams invited to the tournament.

Explained Miles, "If a team plays badly in its tournament, it may have only 11 it's tough." Miles said that the Southwest, the Pacific-10, the Southeastern and the Southern California conferences all had three or more possible tournament candidates. In response to Miles' prediction that Rice would not receive a bid, A&M's coach Jackie Smith said that the SEC and Southwest Conference would both be doing a memoir to the NCAA pleading the Owls' case. In the most likely outcome, Hall noted several factors that he felt should make his squad a candidate for an at-large berth.

Wrote Hall:
1) All eight SWC teams had a winning record in 1984, and four had at least 40 wins. Rice had more wins (41) and seven losses than any other team in the district other than Texas. Against teams which were Division I this season or will be Division I in 1985, Rice was 30-13.
2) Rice finished strong in SWC play, finishing as runner-up to Texas by winning 10 of its last 15 games. On the season (including the SWC tournament), Rice was 14-10 against SWC teams.
3) During the 1984 season, Rice defeated Texas, Texas A&M (two out of three at College Station) Arkansas (2), Lamar (3). This season, Texas played 18 non-conference games with a 13-5 record. In 1983, Arkansas received an at-large bid after finished with a 25-4 record (same as Rice in '84). Arkansas' Div. 1 record was 27-21. In 1982, Houston received an at-large bid after finishing second in the SWC.

**MEN'S TRACK**

Owl hopefuls look to qualify for Eugene in next two meets

by Ian Hersey

Next weekend marks an important milestone for the Rice men's and women's track and field teams as the Rice Meet of Champions the last home meet for the Owl tracksters, but it also affords them a good shot at NCAA national qualifiers their last chance to bring their times below the magical marks.

Several Owls have already qualified for the national meet which takes place in Eugene, Oregon beginning May 30. The men's 400-meter relay team of Waylon Mason, Willie Mays, Steven Hall, and Elliot Stinson qualified with a 43.90 at the Southern Conference championships.

Stinson had already qualified in the 100 meters several weeks ago, but improved his season's best to 10.17 at the Austin meet, narrowly missing making the national meet. His abundance of talent in this race was evident; 07 seconds separated the first and third place sprinters (Stinson was second). In addition, Steven Hall qualified in the 200 with a 20.66. His sixth place finish again demonstrates what a high quality meet took place in Austin. Hall also ran a 10.33 in the 100 for a fifth place finish.

The quality of the meet was also evident in the women's division, as the Owls' 1600-meter relay team of Katrin Harris, Tammy Welch, Monique Muller, and Laura Shoppa, which had already qualified for nationals several weeks ago, broke the conference record with a 3:44.78 but only got second place. Laura Shoppa earned an individual berth in the 400, running a 53.84 for second place. Tammy Welch got third in the race with a 24.45.

The next two meets, the Texas Invitational this weekend and the Rice Meet of Champions next weekend, will be difficult tests for those Owls who are close to a national berth. Their prospects don't appear rosy, however, due to naging injuries plaguing both. The meet in Austin this weekend, as well as attracting Rice's NCAA hopefuls, will also feature a couple of redshirted Owls. Olympic hopeful shortputter Regina Cavanaugh comes off of a successful indoor season, but John Bell ran a 54.63/4.4 at a meet in Modesto to win her recent, and then garnered a second place at the prestigious Pepsi Invitational with a 55-2 inch throw.

The Texas Invitational isn't the only meet this weekend; there is another at Texas Southern University, open to any top runner he believes he has a good chance to qualify. Other hopefuls are hurdlers John Bell and Keith Gritzke, who earlier this season led the conference in the 400 intermediates. Their prospects don't appear rosy, however, due to naging injuries plaguing both.

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Middle-distance runner Gus Gay is also peaking for the Trials, but will race his 800 and 1500 this weekend, and up competing for his native Jamaica if he doesn't make the U.S. squad. Gus has been pushing considering the stiff competition from the likes of Steve Scott, John Boll, and so on.

**SPORTS NOTES**

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Honor credit questions lead to denial of one diploma

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reached by the Thresher for comment, informed the professor of the recent course involving plagiarism of the situation Thursday. Apparently the student had earlier received permission from one major department to take a reduced number of courses as a double major; however, the loss of credit in the course meant that the student would not complete degree requirements in the other major, and the was longer a double major. The student’s remaining department was asked Thursday night to review the student’s transcript to see if the reduced number of courses would still be acceptable.

Thursday evening the Honor Council asked Provost William Gordon, representing an out-of-town Provost, to review the proctor’s decision. Gordon upheld the proctor’s sentence. Marshall and a representative of the student’s remaining department then attended a meeting of the Committee on Examinations and Standing Friday morning. The committee voted to remove the student from the list of degree candidates, allegedly in order to allow time to examine the issue thoroughly.

As the faculty meeting was beginning shortly afterwards, Gordon informally announced that the committee did not have the right to make a decision on the granting of a degree, as it related to the Honor Council, but could only rule on the question of amount of credit in this case. The student’s name did not appear on the list of candidates then presented for faculty approval. Examinations and Standing Chairman William Walker also omitted the student’s name when he gave the names of certain students who should have been added to the list, but quickly added it when the professor of the recent course involving plagiarism mentioned that the case of “Honest Student Code violation” should be discussed.

Gordon asked that the faculty not discuss the issue until the agenda came to “new business,” which meant that the faculty would have to vote on a list including the student’s name before hearing any further details of the case. According to one observer, “The faculty rose up in indignation. It seemed an issue of principle. The faculty asked to hear from the professor and Randy Marshall, and members of the administration said the entire discussion was out of order.

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After much debate, the faculty voted not to recommend the student for graduation. Sociology Professor Elizabeth Long then proposed the establishment of a committee under Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Ronald Stebbins to discuss the policy issues raised by the case. The committee would be composed of faculty, students and administration members. Although the Thresher could not confirm the report, the formation of the committee appears to be in the works for next year.

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Klineberg unveils annual poll

by David Frienbach

Rice University Professor of Sociology Stephen Klineberg presented preliminary findings of his annual Houston Area Survey in Fondren Library’s Kyle Mocrow Room on May 9. The Friends of Fondren sponsored the lecture, entitled “Three Years of Attitude Surveys in Houston: How Have We Been Changing?”

Klineberg, in attitudes concerned the study, part of a spring semester sociology course he teaches, to “explore the way people are reacting to the extraordinary changes that are happening to American society.”

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**The Rice People's Calendar**

**Friday, May 18**
- 6 to 7 p.m., Rice radio. **Bill Dooley, 2 p.m., Sam [**Send Back the Gowns**]**

**Saturday, May 19**
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., seniors in the Rice Oakas, **Andrew Weidley, 2 p.m., Sam**

**Sunday, May 20**
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., seniors in the Rice Oakas, **David Lawton**

**Monday, May 21**
- 6 p.m., Music, **KTRU**

**Tuesday, May 22**
- 6 p.m., seniors in the Rice Oakas, **Andrew Weidley**

**Wednesday, May 23**
- 6 p.m., seniors in the Rice Oakas, **Andrew Weidley**

**Thursday, May 24**
- 6 p.m., seniors in the Rice Oakas, **Andrew Weidley**

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