Matusow best professor in fall say student evaluations

by Spencer Greene

In a recent letter from a Rice Gay/Lesbian Support Group member charging Texas Commerce with favoring discrimination, the administration is making arrangements with another bank to which student organizations will soon be allowed to move their reserve funds, according to Ray Hill, chairman of the Committee of the Houston Gay Commerce cited as its source a part of the letter.

Also, the petition argued that Hill's list of contributors are First City Bank (Downtown and Fannin), Allied Bancairies, River Oaks Bank, the Houston Chronicle, and Norton Ditto Clothiers. Hill expects to soon add Hilton hotels to the list.

Committee favors new election

by Valerie Rohy

The SA's election committee voted Tuesday night to recommend that the Senate rerun last Thursday's constitutional referendum due to improper handling of the election.

Students voted to approve the revised SA constitution on Thursday, April 11, by a margin of 760 to 183. However, Baker election chair David Blackstock submitted a petition to SA President Barry Richardson signed by fifty students protesting the election procedures.

Blackstock felt that the referendum should be declared invalid because the election committee posted the sample ballot two days before the vote instead of the minimum of three days specified in the election rules. Also, the petition argued that students would not given sufficient time to read the proposed new constitution before the election.

After more discussion, the committee voted on a motion to accept the petition and recommend that the SA rerun the constitutional referendum next Thursday, April 25, by a vote of five to zero, with one abstention.

Election committee chairman Richard Parr said that the committee's recommendation has gone to SA president Barry Richardson who will now "decide when and if to hold a special Senate meeting and decide what to do with the proposed new election.

Hill's committee also identified doctors, dentists, and veterinarians who supported anti-referendum campaigns.

A group of health-care professionals, called "The devil made me do it" but in this case the devil was Louise Welch. Hill's lists of anti-referendum contributors are "technicalities or a boycott," he said. "We simply informing people that their money may be coming back to fight civil liberties, theirs or someone else's. We ask them to fight this and they know how.

"Gay rights supporters won't bring Texas Commerce Bank to its knees," said Hill. "That's an unrealistic hope. But if I favor equal opportunity, why should we allow an institution to use its money to fight my goals?"

Rice University has had dealings with Texas Commerce and the company's presidents since the university's founding in 1912, according to Treasurer Joseph Nalle.

"I don't think the Board [of Governors] would entertain changing its banking relationship with Texas Commerce," said Nalle.

President Norman Hackerman expressed similar sentiments. "We put money in banks we think are sound and safe. We don't investigate their politics."

Phillips' charge against Texas Commerce cited as its source a report by the Economic Response Committee of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. For the five weeks the committee, chaired by Gay Political Caucus board member Ray Hill, has been busy publishing lists of businesses which contributed to the campaign against the citywide gay rights referendum. The referendum, which was defeated, would have explicitly prohibited the city from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in its employment policies.

Hill's committee began investigating contributors to the anti-referendum campaign soon after the election, he said. Gay rights supporters "outspent four to one in that campaign," Hill said, and were very interested in discovering where their opponents' money had come from.

"More money was spent on denying gay's civil liberties than on any other political issue or candidate in Houston history," claimed Hill. "Not many people understand that."

One of the largest anti-referendum contributions, said Hill, was the Campaign for Houston, affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's chairman, former mayor Louie Welch. Hill said the campaign spent over $1.5 million opposing the referendum.

Of that sum, $5,000 was donated by Texas Commerce Bank's holding company.

Texas Commerce Bank...
More on the Gnome Gazette saga

I heard through the grapevine that a number of Physical Plant employees enjoyed Sarah Jordan's article about the Gnome Gazette, and my subsequent editorial. I'm glad they read this rag; I, for my part, will endeavor to call them "gnomes" less often.

My editorial on Tuesday was in error on one point. There was apparently no case of Food and Housing employees suggesting improvements in their workplace and being threatened as a result. Instead, a number of Physical Plant workers wrote a letter and started a petition suggesting improvements in service and lower prices in Sammy's cafeteria, run by Food and Housing. F&H Director Marion Hicks says that his department was receptive to their suggestions. However, on the Physical Plant side (under Ed Samfield's authority), the same workers were threatened with being fired.

More feed for the rumor mill: apparently Mr. Samfield is so worried about the Gnome Gazette that any employee related to anyone ever associated with a newspaper is suspect.

If Samfield and Co. find the publishers of the Gnome Gazette, their problems will be far from solved. If Rice's craftsmen are qualified to do their jobs — and there is every indication that they are — then they have a lot of valuable things to say about how things are run. But their voices are being stifled.

Instead of destroying the Gazette by firing the publishers, the Rice administration could subvert it by providing an officially sanctioned forum — a real employee newsletter, with the editorial independence necessary to criticize incompetence, point out mistakes, and perform the kind of in-house review that Rice Physical Plant sorely needs. — Paul Harlak

Things I promise not to say...

In the interests of not saying anything I will regret, I will not froth on certain subjects this week.

I will not rant and rave about the silliness of protesting a referendum election which passed by a margin of greater than four to one.

I refuse to wax hypocritical with stern judgments about people who vote for their own protest petitions in election committee meetings.

I will resist the temptation to strangle people who complain that the Thresher published the SA constitution only one day before the referendum, and then ask if we can print up some more copies if the election is reheld.

I will not be intimidated by those who see everything as a conflict between politicians and "nice guys," where "nice guys" is defined as "the people who agree with me" (i.e., a minority of one).

— pfl

A pair of plugs, just filling space

• Barbara Burgower works for Newsweek. She needs a stronger at Rice of the University of Houston for Newsweek On Campus. The catch is, she can't pay stringers at both schools right now. She has 10 or more applicants from U. Who, and none from the home of the human slide rule.

It pays money, and there's the possibility of a part-time summer job along with it. If you're interested, call me at the Thresher or Barbara Burgower at Newsweek's Houston office for more information.

Remember, this is a matter of school pride: do you want someone from Cougar High to be responsible for covering Rice news?

• Rice Engineering Alumni will be having a barbecue along with its student awards program on Saturday, April 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the engineering quad (rain site: Ryen Lab). Juniors and seniors majoring in one of the engineering departments (including comp sci and math sci, the man told me) are invited, as are engineering faculty and alumni. The "short awards presentation" is from 5 to 5:30.

— pth

RMC manager praises vandal

To the editor:

After Lovett College Night in the Pub we noticed some damage done to one of the doors going into Grand Hall. I called Physical Plant to repair the door, and had planned to charge Lovett for the work.

However, one young person from Lovett came to me and admitted he had done the damage. As far as I am concerned, it took a lot of courage for this young man to admit, what had happened. We have worked out what is to be done, and it is to remain confidential.

We all make mistakes and do things we should not, but it takes a very strong person to admit it. I only hope other students will follow his example.

Thank you, full one.

Marty Vest
Manager, Rice Memorial Center

Major points out Thresher error

To the editor:

After having tried unsuccessfully to get Army ROTC events published in the Thresher, I find it ironic that the article finally published follows a headline which is totally misleading. Should anyone only take note of the headline and not look for clarification in the article, I'm positive that an entirely false impression of the program's future will be left with the reader.

This article, as written, is essentially correct. The Thresher has attempted to have the ROTC program at Rice be integrated into a larger program at the University of Houston. It is not being phased out at Rice; it is only being downgraded from a host program to a cross-enrolled program. Normally, such a change would imply a new program at Rice. However, the Department of Military Science would not be on this campus and our students would be required to go to the University of Houston for ROTC classes.

The statement that the movie is "a blatant vehicle for rock star Madonna to propagandize for her own selfish ambition" is absolutely false. The article also misstated the major's name. We regret both errors.

Desperately not pop star vehicle

To the editor:

I would like to clarify a matter in reference to the review (April 16, 1985) of Desperately Seeking Susan by Valencia Abbott. I disagree with what was written.

The statement that the movie is "a bland vehicle for rock star Madonna" is absolutely false. Madonna was signed on to the movie prior to her skyrocket to fame. The fact that it became "the Madonna movie" was a disturbing fact for the producers and me, Susan Seidleman. Please refer to the New York Times review of the movie (Sunday, April 14, 1985) if you are desperately seeking accurate information.

Amy L. Hobbs
Will Rice '87

Phillips details election grievances

To the editor:

How shameful it was that the SA Senate, of which you are of late a member, has made the "new, improved" SA Constitution before the students had a chance to look at it, much less approve it. This was a vicious and callous attempt to keep the students in the dark.

I suggest that for the SA Senate to be taken until one week after its passage, the students be informed about the Constitution prior to its passage. I do not believe the Constitution, as published, is a true statement of what the student body wants. The students of Rice University were asked on April 11 to give their consent to the enactment of a previously undated and privately prepared set of rules for their government, and the Thresher stood idly by, a partner in the crime against our sensibilities.

I remember being parliamenterian of our auspicious Senate only one month ago and asking that a vote on the Constitution not be taken until one week after its proper promulgation to the student body. As I should have expected, my words were soon lost amongst the hubbub of red tape that the Senate generates weekly in its nighttime display of self-adulation and contempt for due process. The grounds for pushing the new constitution through as it was appear to have been as follows: Rice student will be forced of habit submit to voting yes on just about anything put before them, so let's just toss the text before them the day before the election.

This is typical of SA dealings, and figures in more than a few such reviews.
Vandy votes to push principles

Vanderbilt University has decided to join a shareholder group asking Kimberly-Clark Corporation to adopt the Sullivan principles for desegregation in its subsidiaries' operations. The University Proxy Committee voted Vanderbilt's $480,000 of shares in the corporation in favor of dropping back the principles, which hold the company to ensuring "non-segregation" of the races in all eating, comfort, and work facilities; equal and fair employment practices for all employees; equal pay for all employees doing equal or comparable work for the same period of time; the development of training programs for blacks to move into management positions; increasing the number of blacks and non-whites in supervisory positions; and improving the quality of employees' lives outside the work environment," reported the Vanderbilt Daily.

Vanderbilt policy already prohibits investment in all South African-based companies, but Treasurer Charles Kane said that investments in newspapers operating in South Africa are not restricted.

Professor Sidney Harshman, chairman of the Faculty Senate and member of the Proxy Committee, said he thought "the rhetoric of the [Kimberly-Clark] management is not very convincing and is skirting the issue." according to the Hustler. He added that he would feel "badly" for Vanderbilt to invest in any company not signed with the Sullivan principles" because "apartheid is just too vicious, and it taints us as being associated with it." Kane reports that 45 corporations are in Standard & Poor's top 500 and conduct business in South Africa have not agreed to the Sullivan principles.

At least two other universities, Stanford and Harvard, have taken action towards divesting of businesses with South African interests. Harvard divested of Baxter International due to the corporation's refusal of information on its South African operations. Stanford is considering selling off its Motors stock because of sales to the South African police force.

Women's meet cut for practice

The final women's gymnastic meet of the season was cancelled at Yale University, because the scheduled date of the meet conflicted with a men's basketball practice session.

Yale gymnastics captain Cindy Rosenbaum is bitter that the scheduling committee decided to put at least four gymnasts of advancing regional competition. "The meet was the last chance for members to get high enough scores to qualify for the NCAA Eastern Regional," reported the Yale Daily News.

Due to communication problems and administration confusion, Yale gymnastic coach Barbara Tony was not informed until two days before the meet that there were any problems at all. But, in a 15-page letter sent to Director of Athletics Frank Ryan, Rosenbaum detailed the events that led up to the cancellation.

According to Rosenbaum, the problem began on January 23 when Steve Bertuzzi, Associate Director of Varieties Operations, told Tony that the department was considering moving the gymnastic competition from the amphitheater to a practice area so as not to conflict with the men's basketball practice. Tony informed him that the room did not conform to NCAA regulations. That was the last she heard about it.

Behind Tony's back, Yale's assistant to the Associate Director contacted the other team's coach on February 22 and asked if they could reschedule the meet for one of two other dates. The times were unacceptable to the Southern California State University team, one because of classes and the other due to a previously scheduled meet with Trenton State.

Then Gil Holgate, the associate Athletic Director, called SCSU back and told them that the Yale team would share the cost of supplying extra officials and would enter the meet with Trenton State.

On that same day, Tony called SCSU as well in order to confirm the original date of the meet. It was only then that two days before the scheduled meet — that she found out that the SCSU had thought the date of the meet had been changed and so were not going to attend.

Ryan denied ever officially changing the date of the meet. "SCSU assumed the meet was cancelled when actually it was not," he said. That Tony was not let in on the talks with SCSU because "we consider countless scenarios... and until we finalize the plans we don't bother the coach. In this case, we couldn't confirm it."

Rosenbaum claims that the meet never actually conflicted with basketball practice in the first place. She wrote that the men's basketball coach told Tony and Ryan that he had only planned to practice the team four days that week anyway.

"The coaches were just being nice," Ryan said. "It was a conflict the team was prevented from practicing on the Wednesday before the Harvard game."

"They could have practiced in the practice room," said Rosenbaum. "I think it's outrageous that men's basketball practice or any practice takes precedence over a varsity competition."

The team is planning to file a grievance against the athletic department.
I have one question regarding Scott Snyder's article on this year's beer-bike race: what is the origin of the "official times?" Snyder states that the first riders were timed at 2:05 or 2:06, and that Tom Smith had to ride his mile in less than two minutes.

I let me say that I think these year's race was a great success, a lot of fun, and that's most important. I don't want to make a big fuss. Perhaps someone with a better vantage point can correct my errors of perception. If not, I'd just like to set the record straight.

Paul Pancella
"Eight Man"

Graduate Student Association

Mr. Snyder replies:

I imparted the times listed in last Tuesday's article's "official times," since the only official times come from the times made for the first new students and will be released in the center spread of today's Thresher.

The times which I used in Tuesday's article were the fastest as recorded by KTRU, the only non-college organization to compile such statistics.

BEYOND THE HEDGES

Texas may shut down 2 schools

The Texas House Appropriations Committee voted to close Texas A&M University at Galveston and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin at Odessa, reported the Texas A&M (College Station) Battalion. Houston Representative Paul Colbert made the motions in order to better reach a balanced budget. Colbert, whose district includes Lubbock, Midland, and Rice, argued that the schools just aren't needed. "They've never been able to maintain enrollment," Colbert said. "They just can't attract people out there," referring to the UT-Peermian Basin. About A&M-Galveston's attempt to draw more students, he said, "It's just flat out not doing it, folks."

The colleges will not accept any more new students and will be closed in 1987. Colbert said that the state should save $61 million by closing the two schools.

The committee also voted to cut $8 million a year from the Tuition Equalization Grant Program (TEG). The program helps students who attend private schools. The money is to be re-apportioned to the state, under the theory that those colleges take some of the burden off state universities.

Twenty-four percent of the students in Texas private colleges get state tuition aid.

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Former SDS leader addresses anti-nuclear movement

by Erin Blair

Autry House on Monday sponsored a "teach-in" entitled "Preserving World Peace: There's no matter what it takes," featuring former sixties political activist Clark Kissinger. Kissinger was the national secretary for Students for a Democratic Society in the 1960s, where he helped organize the 1968 protest of the Democratic Convention in Chicago and the takeover of Columbia University.

Kissinger claimed that political leaders were being dishonest with the American people regarding defense policy.

"Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger assured his readers in Foreign Affairs recently that 'our government, of course, does not intend a first strike.' Former State Department official Leslie Gelb, writing in the New York Times Magazine says an 'all out surprise attack in peacetime is generally considered to be a remote possibility.' We hope these various representatives of the U.S. ruling power, and the attainment of parity in strategic nuclear forces."

Kissinger focused on the Reagan administration's embarking on a series of steps "geared unmistakably toward war." These include the AirLand Battle doctrine of 1982, which deals with the maneuver and deployment of ground forces in the "integrated battlefields" of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons; the MX missile basing decision which placed the missiles in existing Minuteman silos; the deployment of the Pershing II missiles in Europe and the Tomahawk cruise missiles on the U.S. Navy ships; and of course the Star Wars plan.

"Only by drastically altering the political structure can peace be maintained," he concluded.

"The conditions for revolutionary upheavals of epic proportions. Only revolution in large and strategic sections of the world can today prevent world war."

"We need a movement out of control," he said. "Can people be stopped without anarchy? Peace in the abstract obviously does not work," he added, noting the lack of reaction to a 1982 rally in New York City and other mobilization actions.

Quoting Mao, he stated, "We need to open up the gates of Hell and let the little demons out."

Kissinger's new rhetoric has not changed since the 1960s when he advocated "direct action in such forms as the picket line, leafleting, sit-ins, demonstrations, marches, strikes, and many forms of civil disobedience" as "the quickest road to a lot of publicity (good and bad) fast" (SDS Organizer's Handbook).

Kissinger came to Houston to promote the "No Business as Usual" day, April 29, 1985, a "day that deliberately disrupts and shuts down as much as possible of the daily routine through which we are lurching toward global war."

Although organizers at the meeting were vague about actions planned for Houston, protestors in New York plan to shut down Forty-second Street, San Franciscans intend blocking the Golden Gate bridge, Boston's Draper Labs will be blockaded, and in Washington, D.C., a march through strategic military and energy departments is anticipated.

An unrelated April Mobilization has been scheduled for this Saturday, April 20, in downtown Houston. Marchers from many groups in the Houston area will assemble in City Hall Park at 9 p.m. to protest U.S. involvement in Central America, corporate and government support for South African apartheid and racism in the U.S., deportation of Central American refugees and prosecution of sanctuary workers, as well as to urge a nuclear freeze, more jobs for the unemployed, decreased military spending, and assistance for the needy.

Transfer allowed

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Commercial. However, it asked that Martin and the Student Activities Office permit student-controlled money to be moved.

Campanile and Thresher accounts are by far the largest student-controlled deposits currently held at Texas Commerce Medical Bank, according to Martin. TexPIRC, the Rice Program Council, and the Student Association have smaller deposits. Various other campus organizations keep relatively insignificant amounts at Texas Commerce Medical, she said.

Martin added that while organizations will soon be allowed to move their funds from Texas Commerce, her office does not encourage such an action.

She did, however, state that Comptroller Scott Wise was very cooperative when she proposed making arrangements with another bank for clubs' funds.

Student organizations' choice of bank is regulated, Martin explained, because of problems involved with their annual change of officers. Outgoing officers "can walk away and leave the account dangling," she said. Restricting where clubs hold their money allows Martin's office to more easily keep track of these funds from year to year.

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Poet Snow named best translator

The Academy of American Poets announced on Monday the winner of the 1984-85 Harold Morton Landen Translation Award, selected by the distinguished translator Allen Mandelbaum. The winner is Edward Snow for his translation of Rainer Maria Rilke's New Poems (1907), published by North Point Press. Snow has been awarded a $3,000 cash prize.

In citing New Poems (1907), Mr. Mandelbaum writes, "The facing pages of Rilke's German and Edward Snow's English seem to have been touched by what Rilke calls the 'bogenstrich', the 'bow's stroke that from two strings draws one voice'. Snow's own gratefulness to previous translators will surely be joined by the gratefulness of English readers to Snow himself. He has given us a precise, enlightening rendering of Rilke's passage beyond narcissism into the shared worlds of mystical and daily presence. In this first volume of his New Poems, Rilke releases the objects of his praise and wonder from any sense in which they are the poet's 'property'. And reading Snow's translation, we can feel that even the properties of Rilke are not the properties of one sole language. Snow's English is a worthy confidante of Rilke's German.'

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This Week by Karen Nickel

Art

The 22nd Annual Student Exhibition, sponsored by the Association of Rice Alumni and The Friends of Fondren Library, begins on Tuesday, April 23, and continues its showing in Sewall Art Gallery until May 11. Check it out, your friends might have works in here.

Music

A faculty recital, given by Lynn Griebling Moeres, soprano, accompanied by Brian Connelly on piano, will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Shepherd School Rehearsal Hall. Included in the evening’s program are works of Handel, Tchaikovsky, and R. Strauss, among others. There will be one intermission. Contact Roslyn Ruethain at 527-4933 if you need to know more.

Film

The apparent foreign film festival on campus continues this afternoon when the Department of Spanish, Portuguese, and Classics and the Language Lab present La Leyenda del Nahual de Talamancos. Curtain time for this two hour movie based on the works of Lepe de Vega and Calderón is at 3 p.m. in Raynor Hall 110. You'll have to go it alone on this one, folks, because there aren't any subtitles. Next Friday El Licenciado Vidriera will be screened, same Bat time, same Bat station, and all for free.

A marathon screening of the 1985 Ann Arbor Film Festival winners is what's in store for you if you go to the Media Center tonight at 7, 9, and 11 p.m. and bring along $3 for admission. To enhance the marathon quality of the program, (26 films in all), beverages of a "stimulating" nature will be available. Or at least, that's what they told me.

This week at the River Oaks you can catch the Seventh Annual Houston International Film Festival, for three days only starting tonight. Then on Monday, April 22, you can see Andy Warhol's Bad, and Paul Morrissey's Trash. Tuesday is Alfred Hitchcock day when they show To Catch a Thief, and the truly great Strangers on a Train. Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25, mark the premiere screening of Nicaragua Yo Pasaré. For information on movie times, call the River Oaks at 524-2175.

Opera

Alexandre Dumas' poignant story of young lovers, set to Verdi's soaring melodies, returns to the Jones Hall stage in La Traviata, the closing production of the Houston Grand Opera's 1984-85 season.

Opening night is Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. and the performances continue until May 3. Singing will of course be in Italian, but English "surtitles" will aid the ignorant in understanding the plot. Tickets range in price from a paltry $6.50 all the way up to $55.50, and can be obtained at the Houston Ticket Center in Jones Hall, Ticketron outlets, or by calling 227-ARTS.

Otherworldly music will ring through the Music Hall on Saturday, April 27, at 8:30 p.m. when Andreas Vollenweider & Friends take the stage. The world famous performer makes his Houston debut, playing the electro-acoustic harp that gives his music such a magical sound, and is responsible for his selling over 2 million records. The Swiss harpist will include in his program works from all three of his albums, including his latest, White Winds: The Seeker's Journey. Tickets are available at The Jazz Store, all Ticketron outlets, or by calling Teleton at 526-1709.

Let the celebrations begin! That's right everyone, Rice University's own literary/art magazine, The University Blue, is finally here. The long-awaited coming of Volume Two of this fine publication, the result of long hours of careful consideration and planning, will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, April 24, at Jones Commons with a reading which will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

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Note: In Tuesday's Beer-Bike article, the fifth rider for the Lovett men's team, Norm Byrne, was listed with an incorrect name; Baker pugger Leah Strichartz and Suzy Egenolf were incorrectly identified as riders; and both Bobb Head and Jim Cox of Baker contributed to Baker's disqualification by riding without helmets. The Thresher regrets these errors and omissions.
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Abominable schedule takes toll during six games

by Tony Soltero

Well, folks, the Texas Longhorns have put the Rice Owls out of their misery.

Needing a sweep of the highly-ranked Longhorn team to stay alive in the Southwest Conference playoff hunt, the Owls instead were the victims of just that. Uno, dos, tres, and the Owls' season thuddled to an untimely end at Austin, as far as postseason play is concerned. Rice is now 3-11 in conference play and 24-16 overall.

It's not that Rice played badly. Not at all. The scores were 6-5, 5-4 and 9-0, which is okay against the defending national champs. It's just that the Owls simply couldn't deliver the knockout punch when they had the Longhorns on the ropes. The Owls squandered early 4-1 leads in the first two games.

In the first game of the series, played Wednesday, the Owls jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning off Texas starter Greg Swindell. Todd Ogden took the mound for Rice and allowed a run in the first, but settled down after that as Rice had a 4-1 margin after four innings, buoyed by Mike Fox's homer. His ninth of the season.

The Longhorns edged two runs closer in the bottom of the fifth on David Dennis' RBI single. Then they took the lead for good in the next inning on Bill Bates' triple. That made it 6-4, UT, and things looked bleak for Rice.

A bright spot for the Owls in the Friday game was the relief pitching of Russell Wright. He hurled two and one-third innings of no-hit ball, fans and keeping Rice within striking distance. The duo of Foxes was Rice's big offensive gun. Mike drove in three runs and Curtis stroked three hits, including a double.

The next game took two days to play. No, it wasn't an innumerable extra-innings affair, but it was delayed by rain. What a Saturday without rain, anyway? Seemingly, Austin weather is no different from Houston weather. Rain delay or no rain delay, Rice lost another one-run game, this time by a 5-4 score.

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Embattled Owls look ahead to conference tournament

by Jim Humes

The Rice men’s tennis team has had a hard time lately. But when going up against five nationally ranked teams in the last eight matches, it can be tough to keep smiling. The netters’ overall record has dropped to 1-4 and, in conference, to 1-4, as they have won two and lost six of their last eight matches.

Coming off the Rice Invitational, the Owls traveled down to Kingsville to face the mighty Buffs. The Owls were unable to win even a set against the top ten UT netters.

Froglord Fort Worth was the site of Rice’s next match, as the men again lost, this time to another top-ranked team, TCU. Winning at one and two singles were Melville and Petty, but the battling Owls were unable to do any more against the purple Christians, succumbing 7-2.

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THAT was a previous incarnation, I am an actor, but the actor fag'V' honey.

"Do you mind being called an evil and vicious place that destroys people. All this institution does is grind us up and break our souls fit for life."

No, I agree with you. Rice is an annoyed senior (who knows the better ways of life) P.S. Guys, please get your shit together!

Someone caught stealing their roommate's keys so they can fuck in private will be shot.

There was a time when I was glad that college was full of virgin men... but now I'm downright pissed and horny... an annoyed senior (who knows the better ways of life) P.S. Guys, please get your shit together!

I'm in corn chip heaven and I'm planning to stay...

"No, I agree with you. Rice is an evil and vicious place that destroys people. All this institution does is grind us up and break our souls leaving us fit for suburbia but not fit for life."

"Do you mind being called an actor fag?"

"I am an actor, but the fag part isn't quite inclusive enough, is it?"

"Oh, you and blond boys!"

"That was a previous incarnation, honey."

WILL RICE
Kristin Merrigan

There will be a blood drive April 23. Will Rice College will subsidize brunch for any off campus member who participates. To receive a subsidy, register your name with Steve Phillips.

If you will not be at Rice next fall to receive your Campanile, fill out a mailing label so one can be sent to you.

The beach trip is April 21. Information will be provided at a later date.

The Diet will hold a meeting April 24 at 10 p.m. in the Music Room.

Congratulations to our Beer-Bike teams. Both the alumni and women had victories. Special thanks go to Randall, who worked hard for the success of the teams.

JONES
Min Lim

Jones College awards night will be tonight in the commons. We would like to thank Lisa Ferdinand for changing the menu from pork chops and yam patties to steak and potatoes. Our stomachs growl in appreciation.

Jones would like to welcome Professor of Anthropology Julie Taylor as our new resident associate, as well as her five-year-old son who likes to hide in cabinets.

An opening reading for the University Blue will be held in the Jones commons April 24 at 7 p.m. A reception will follow.

Seniors, please remind your parents about attending the upcoming luncheon.

Congratulations to the Jones Beer-Bike team for a job well done.

BROWN
Darcy Rathjen

Richardson and Brown colleges are sponsoring a Jazz TG today.

Graduating seniors: Please contact the college secretary, Mary, if there are any changes in address or special instructions regarding the invitations for the senior luncheon.

Please donate to the clothes drive for the Houston Center for Abused Women. Bring clothes to Mary's office.

The Rainbow Rockers will sponsor a study break for all Brown members April 21 at 9:45 p.m.

LOVETT
Beth Gibbs

College night is tonight in the RMC. There will be a reception at 6:15 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7.

Congratulations to the Beer-Bike teams on their great performance. The men's team captured another first place title, and the women's team had their best finish ever.

HANSZEN
Blake Nelson

We would like to welcome prospective freshmen. The Tower Party is tonight. Contact Hazel if you want a Beer-Bike T-Shirt. Hanszen will sponsor a free movie in the commons Sunday night.

BAKER
Diane Rielinger

Congratulations to all Beer-Bike participants for a job well done.

The Baker Commons Party is tomorrow beginning at 9 p.m. for $1. Help your prospective love their perspective at a party with beer, mixed drinks and (we promise) good music.

WESS
Chuck Sanders

College night is a week from tonight, featuring musical entertainment.

Editor's note: Is there really a Women of Wess College Calendar? My associate editor says well better not be featured in it. - wff, news ed
Tired Of Termites? Fix It For Good With CRIGHTON Termite Control
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**UNINTERESTING MISCELLANEOUS**

The Thresher, April 19, 1985, page 16

I think the Thresher should subsume the Gnome Gazette for the following reasons:
1. It would give the gnomes a strong voice.
2. It would give the students a look into an aspect of Rice which we know very little about.
3. It would be a newspaper which tends to be too tame at times.
The Administration should also get some space.

Three days early: Happy Fucking Birthday! I think you will understand if I do not send you a card.

TGATFOC

Will you please get your clothes out of the laundry room? They have been there since before mid-term. We are going to throw away your purple and white jacket and give the rest to Goodwill.

One of the funniest things about students is that when their mouths aren't full of each other's private parts. Here is a sample conversation of two guys, enjoying their favorite meal of cake and telespies and gorgeous a girl goes walking into the room.

Guy 1: Jesus! Look at those tits! Guy 2: You said a mouthful!

Guy 1: I got dills enbigong her brains out this weekend.
Guy 2: They're still on the menu! (punches out Guy 1)

Sorry, my fingers must have slipped a little as I was typing this.

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T.V. party tonight
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We're going to have a T.V. party tonight.
We've got nothing better to do and we have a couple of brews.

Lost a set of keys: 1 room, one mailbox key, a Clairol lock key, a suitecase key, and a lock key attached to a Rice football shaped keyring. If found, please call 650-8581, or leave in Lovett College office. Reward.

A tribute in the afternoon of Beer-Bike. Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer true. I'm half-crazy, all for the love of you. It won't be a stylish marriage; I can't afford the carriage. But you'll be sweet honey upon the seat Of a bicycle built for two.

Darling darlin', here is your answer true: You're half-crazy, if you think that will do, then: the intellieut lumiaries of the early twentietht century, a couple of Mediterranean Renaissance buildings rising ou of a sea of miles from a small town few of them had ever heard.

Seven Decisions That Shaped Houston,
Houston City Magazine, April 1985.

Houston law office is looking for a bright fresh man to help with various activities and show photograph experience. Experience in part-time, full-time, in and out. For information, please call 980-3800.

Accounting major (senior) needed for full-time in summer. Full-time in summer. For information, please call 980-3800.

Spotlight-Houston, a new and dynamic restaurant, club, and entertainment service needs part-time and full-time marketing representatives. Please call 526-4636 for appointment.

Professional counseling services for personal, marriage, and family problems. Licensed, experienced therapist. Call 520-4825 for information.

Journalist seeks responsible student to live in or out and do fun and exciting assignments. We need a bay to. Must really like children. For information, please call 660-6600 nights or 200-7000 days.

U.S. Capitol: Efficiency in Government a new $4.5 million addition to the street from Rice U. Covered parking. Call 525-6068 for information.

Medical/University 2-4 in 4-plex.

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