RMC renovations affect nearly all users during summer

by David Schnur

Construction is set to begin soon on the Rice Student Center, temporarily forcing some activities out of RMC. Architect Cesar Pelli's plans call for the building to be expanded, and will include a student football stadium. The RMC will include a multipurpose room, lounges, student study gardens, and courts. Student Advising and Activities offices will move down from the attic level, and some student publications will also move into the new wing.

The current building will be renovated, enlarging the bookstore and meeting current fire codes. The alumni office will take over the cloisters, and its current space. As the present offices of the SA, the Campanile, and the Thresher will be converted into the new businesses, the RMC will take place, and finally, offices will be moved in time for the fall semester to open on the fall of 1986. Services located in the basement of the RMC will bear the brunt of the effects of construction since mechanical and foundation work will go on before any other building begins.

Willy's Pub may be closed for most of the semester, as the campus store will relocate. The temporary home for the campus store will be the first floor of the Space Physics Building, in areas being vacated by the Department of Material Science as the department moves into some facilities into the new Mechanical Laboratory. The store will have to endure smaller quarters. As Binford explained, "The bookstore will be roughing it for the next academic year. In all likelihood, they will not be able to offer the full variety of merchandise they do now."

If KTRU is forced to move, it will most likely be relocating to the first floor of the Science Hall. FCC regulations do not allow a station to go off the air for more than 30 days without losing its license, so any move must be completed quickly.

According to KTRU General Manager Alex Malinn, "It is a matter of more than a week that we can't use the studio where our radio signals come in. If it is real long we will have to disassemble and move part of the control room. Sid Rich is an ideal place for us to move because there is a good link to the transmitter." Student Advising offices will remain in the current attic location while the construction is taking place. Director of Student Activities Patricia Martin, "This office will keep operating here on a twelve-month basis. There will be some inconvenience, but they are to have the function will function."

Offices on the second floor of the RMC will also stay in place until next summer. Only in summer 1986, when work is nearly complete, will student offices move.

Officials dispute worker claims

by Sarah Jordan, David Friesenhahn and Paul Havlak

Earlier this week, two Rice Physical Plant employees accused administrators of ignoring job safety, forcing some Physical Plant employees to labor under potentially dangerous working conditions. Safety Officer Bill Glidden told the Thresher on Wednesday that most of these complaints were unfounded.

One employee originally voiced his safety complaints last Sunday in an interview with KTRU news staff. He claimed that workers are regularly exposed to hazardous fumes while performing repairs in the attic of the Chemistry Building.

Safety supervisors recognized early this year that working conditions in the chemistry attic are hazardous. In order to protect against these dangers, Glidden met with Physical Plant managers and sent a memorandum to Physical Plant Director Edwin Samfield on March 25, stating:

"In order to minimize employee exposure to the ambient environment in the Chemistry Building attic, we agreed that the following procedures be established:

1. Reverse air flow direction of attic ventilating fans.
2. Provide attic outlets from the building on the second floor to dissipate the fumes so as to furnish additional makeup air to the space.
3. Furnish and require that all employees entering the attic be fitted with full protective clothing, tight at wrists and ankles, boots, or shoe covers, and gloves so that minimal body surface will be exposed to the attic environment.
4. Furnish and require that all employees entering the attic be fitted with respirators.
5. Furnish and require that all employees working in the attic to minimize total time spent in the attic environment even while in protective equipments.
6. Require a hood exhaust fan shut-down and adequate purge of the attic for any work by outside contractors or major or extended work by university employees."

As far as I know, there is no army surplus, and, he said that a fellow employee was sent into the attic alone to do repairs. He emerged, he discovered burns on his arms.

Another worker stated that while the university had some protective equipment, it is either inadequate or is not properly maintained. He claimed that one employee was given a World War II surplus gas mask to wear into the attic, one which did not protect him because it did not fit properly. He also said that protective equipment falls into disrepair. "They have good equipment but they don't keep it up, so after a year or so it's no good, it doesn't work."

Glidden disputed these claims. All the suggested equipment has been acquired new, he stated. On his request, four full face, positive pressure air masks, of the same kind used by the fire department, have been ordered for use in the contaminated area. They are not army surplus, and, he said, "As far as I know, there is no army surplus equipment in use."

According to Glidden, the concentration of fumes is not at a level that would be harmful. He claimed that one employee, and he knows of no injuries in the chemistry attic as described by the complainant, who added, "No, of course not."

One employee claimed that at least one person has been injured in the attic as a result of chemicals. He reported, according to Professor John Clark, the concentration will be properly ventilated. Romero's personnel have been involved in maintenance, as two pairs alternating turns in the attic with watching the air equipment.

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One last time...

If only one suggestion has been put in the Physical Plant suggestion box in four years, as Physical Plant supervisors say, then they should be out soliciting more suggestions. It would be a tragic farce if management is in fact benevolent, but through lack of communication with employees they managed to let these misunderstandings come about.

This is the last issue of the Thresher; if we have inadvertently been making problems worse, then management has a whole summer to fix them.

This newspaper is late because of the receipt of a letter on this subject which I considered important enough to include. Another letter was unfortunately bumped, but I hope the author, an anonymous Physical Plant worker has been quoted numerous times already, will understand. He did wish to point out that he had been misinterpreted on the uniform policy, and that he did not support the Gazette as the best means of addressing Physical Plant issues, just the one that had come around.

I can’t write tonight, honey; I have this splitting headache

Editing the Thresher is like being married to someone who goes into menstruation twice a week. This year has been an education into the way large groups of people manage to get anything done at all. Almost without exception, this column is the only thing I write myself. Usually, the best I have been able to do has been to farm out all the jobs that need to be done, and then sit back and wait for disasters. Sometimes I feel like Red Adair.

My deepest respect and gratitude go the staff which has saved my job this year. I am sorry that just yet you have to read the staff box for once. I wish I could more eloquently describe my appreciation — but the paper is already going to be late.

It’s been real, and it’s been fun, and maybe it’s been real fun, but right now I’m too tired to believe it.

Paul Havlak

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THRESHING IT OUT

Samfield upset by editorializing

To the editor:
The Thresher has had a habit of maligning the Physical Plant Department in the past. Despite the many inaccurately reported articles, I previously have felt that rebuttals would be futile; however, you have recently written editorials about the Gnome Gazette which are so ludicrous that I must break my silence (even though I suspect you will defend the contents of this letter).

Although the Gazette itself is greatly misinformed, its tone is tame compared to the unwarranted and inflammatory attack being waged by the Thresher. The items in the Gazette are pure fabrications, yet the truth cannot be addressed to its publisher because he hides in anonymity. Paul, even the Thresher will not publish unsigned letters to the editor!

The one incident you quoted in your first editorial was in error when you reported Food and Housing employees complained about working conditions. The correction which you published in your next editorial was, itself, venal in error. The truth is that about eighteen months ago a small group of custodial employees petitioned Mr. Hackerman and others for improvements in the quality and cost of food served in Sammys. We were very sympathetic to their cause. Mr. Franco, our Manager of Custodial and Grounds, took the initiative to arrange a meeting with Marion Hicks, Food & Housing Director, to discuss this matter with all of the custodial employees; in fact, Mr. Franco served as their representative and interpreter for the Spanish-speaking employees. In no case were these workers threatened with being fired as you stated.

No one has been threatened in the Physical Plant. The Gnome Gazette was discussed at our supervisor's meeting on March 5, 1985 and the minutes of that meeting still represent management’s viewpoint.

It is a serious offense to publish or distribute unauthorized literature which degrades, agitates, or attempts to adversely affect other employees. Such acts are very irresponsible, disrespectful, and clearly insubordinate; and they will be dealt with severely. Not only is it a cowardly act to write such and anonymous letter, but the writer is a sadly mistaken individual. PHP supervisors have made a concerted effort to seek employee benefits and to communicate its ideas with its employees. It has always maintained an open-door policy to everyone. Foremen's meetings are the vehicle for discussion of problems and dissemination of information by their minutes to all employees. The suggestion box is still available to all employees (although there has been only one suggestion placed there in four years).

If this statement (quoted above in its entirety) constitutes a threat, then I must remind you that the discipline for this type of employee conduct is described in the Rice University Personnel Manual, Section 15, Rules of Conduct, which states:

"The University shall have the right to discipline an employee for cause. Disciplinary action may be a verbal or written warning notice, reprimand or admonition, suspension without pay, or discharge. Causes include...spreading of rumors or gossip."

There exist established grievance procedures, described in Section 15 of the Personnel Manual, which are administered by the Personnel Office and which are the only acceptable methods for voicing grievances. It includes provisions for protection against retribution or reprisal. We cannot tolerate, nor do we authorize, any method of grievances, including the spreading of rumors and gossip.

I welcome an open exchange of ideas, and I have suggestions for discussions at every level of our organization. No one honors freedom of speech and freedom of the press more than I do, and so it is very unjust for you to accuse me otherwise. I appreciate honest and unbiased comments.

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**O'Hair ridicules religion at A&M**

Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the atheist famous for winning the 1963 Supreme Court case which removed required Bible reading and prayer recitation from public schools, gave a speech at A&M University on "Freedom from Religion."

"Atheism is a very simple concept. An atheist has no theology," she told the audience. Her talk stressed the importance of living life on earth to the fullest because there is no life after death.

"We simply look at what religion is and say we can't accept that because it is not rational," she said. Atheists do not believe in God, a Heaven, a Hell or "any God, a Heaven, a Hell or "any religion is and say we can't accept that because it is not rational." She also told the audience that prayer was ridiculous. "You go pray about it [world problems] and see if whether your prayers fill the bellies of the starving Ethiopian children. Or you pray for peace and see how far that will get you...."

She told reporters at a press conference held earlier that day that the uphill battle's most important purpose was to "de-program a whole nation from irrationality."

"We are the rational ones in the crowd," she said. "We're square, but we're intelligent. We have all our marbles." O'Hair said that, due to the inconsistencies found in the Bible, an objective reader would disregard it.

"It's crazy as Hell," she said. "Read the Bible. If you've got any kind of brains in your head, when you get done reading it from cover to cover, you will throw it in the trash. It's not fit for human consumption.... So an atheist looks at religion as what we find bullshit, piled very high and very deep," she said.

She claimed that atheists live to the fullest by doing deeds, not saying prayers. Atheists build hospitals, not churches.

After her speech, O'Hair took questions from the audience. When asked if handicapped or retarded children are entitled to life, O'Hair said absolutely not. She worked with these children for 17 years and believes that they are an economic cost to taxpayers and an emotional cost to parents.

"If I were in charge of them, I would absolutely see that every one of them was snuffed out. There is absolutely no solution to that monster child who is born."

**UT students pet gypsies in parade**

The annual Round-Up Parade at the University of Texas in Austin was marked by violence this year. Representatives of the school's Gay and Lesbian Student Association (GLSA) were bombarded with beer bottles and firecrackers when they passed by a private dormitory on Guadalupe Street.

The GLSA's entry consisted of a car holding seven of the group's members preceded by other members carrying a banner. Near the end of the parade route, onlookers standing on the balconies of the Goodall Wooten Dormitory began lobbing cans and bottles into the parade, according to the Daily Texan.

Alex J. Bernhal, chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Association, told the Daily Texan that the organization's troubles began when they first tried to enter the parade.

"As the parade started, people from other floats kept saying 'Get bumber to bumper. Don't let them in,'" Bernhal said. "As we neared the university, both sides of the street threw beer cans at the car, and many crowd members headed down the street toward the Goodall Wooten Dormitory."

"All of a sudden, we were plastered by what appeared to be hundreds of beer cans, beer bottles and cups full of liquid," he said.

Bernal, who was driving the automobile, was able to escape the pelting by turning east on 21st Street. Only one injury was reported when one of the car's riders was hit in the head by a beer bottle. No medical treatment was required.

Bernal claims that the GLSA has been bombarded every time it has entered the parade but "this is the worst display of anti-gay and lesbian violence I have ever seen," Bernhal said.

One witness told the Daily Texan that the attack was completely spontaneous. "One person threw something and then all of a sudden it started."

Another dormitory resident claimed that one of the GLSA made obscene gestures at the students throwing bottles from the balconies.

**Kierstead clears up authorship**

To the editor and Rice students: There is a severe error in the new issue of "The Rice Thresher. But due to some communication between myself and the staff, the story “Take Your Clothes Off” was listed as being written by me. In actuality it was written by my roommate Jim Struthers. He is the one responsible for him to be published under the pseudonym “A Book.” Unfortunately, I learned of this on the same day that the type-settings were sent to the publisher. I had been assured that the story would have an insert denoting the error, but this did not occur so I would like to set the record straight. I apologize to Jim and hope you will enjoy his whimsical tale.

Steven D. Kierstead
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**Aggie criticizes arrest on grass**

The Texas A&M Battalion reported a student's claim that he was hauled into the university police station for placing flowers on the grass of the Memorial Student Center. The officer involved, however, said that the student was taken in for giving the police officer a false name.

Hugh Stearns told the Battalion that he and two other friends were arranging flowers on the MSC grass in the shape of a peace symbol when university police officers approached them. The time was 4:00 p.m.

He said that he and his friends wanted to remind students of its true meaning. He believed that the symbol represents the peace for which the soldiers fought. The grass at the MSC is dedicated to those soldiers who died in battle. It is an Aggie tradition not to walk on the grass.

Stearns said that one of the officers began asking questions then searched and handcuffed Stearns. The student was taken to the station and his friends were told that he would be arrested if they did not clean up the flowers.

Bob Wiatt, Director of Security, however said that when he approached the area, he saw a man (Stearns) running. The driving chased Stearns to his friend's car. When the officer asked Stearns to present his I.D., Stearns said that he did not. Instead Stearns gave the police a false name. Stearns was released after his true identity was confirmed.

**Name withheld by request...**

To the editor: I first read the Gnome Gazette, I thought: this is great, a little satire that can give us all a break from the reality of some serious questions. Just what good satire is all about, Well, it's not a lie, it's not a perjury, I'm not trying to defend the Physical Plant Administrations. The Gazette has already had a few givings. However, a few questions should be raised about the Gazette's coverage of the whole issue. For example: in the latest article it was mentioned that "employees are required to wear long-sleeved polyester uniforms;" this is not true. We have the choice of long- or short-sleeved shirts, polyester or cotton. Those who wear coveralls do so by their own choice.

I think that the writer's responsibility to check the authenticity of such claims before printing it. By the way, I don't like the uniforms either, but for different reasons, I think uniforms in general are used to put a distance between you and the people you require to wear them. You can do the same thing by calling people names, such as "employee." Incidentally, I never saw "gno" as being degrading until I saw it in the handbook of one of the last Tuesday's paper, and I know that I'm not the only one thinking that way. As for the Gazette's intended use as a place for "employees to communicate their problems to administration," the newspaper was written by a few people who are not even individuals to reveal their identity to their fellow workers, so who should we go to with our problems? I do not think that my reluctance to bring my problems directly to Mr. Samfield for fear of being seen as a troublemaker and perhaps even losing my job. However, the Gazette does obviously not do a very good job, either. A possible solution would be a joint effort from all the employees to either go and talk to him or to compose a sincere letter, bringing up the problems. I know that "union" is
Single-member districts reflect shift in political power

by David Trenzahn
In 1970, the Police Department forced the City of Houston to change its scheme of government to include council positions elected from single-member districts. Prior to this, all city councilmembers were elected at-large. Minority groups claimed this diluted their voting strength, preventing from getting representation in city government. The following is a look at how the Houston City Council has changed since the adoption of single-member districts.

The balance of power in Houston city government has shifted since the advent of single-member districts. Changes in councilmember-citizen relations, the operation of council offices, and the daily conduct of city business all indicate that council is more responsive to the concerns of its constituents to communicate their relations.

Constituent Relations. One of the most noticeable changes in the Houston City Council is the way in which single-member districts is its approach to keeping in touch with voters. In the old days, meetings between constituents and their councilmen were limited mainly to civic club meetings. However, with the advent of the new council, there has been much more emphasis placed on cultivation of good relations.

New councilmembers, for instance, have gone to great lengths to encourage their constituents to communicate their concerns to them.

In the old days, councilmembers did not view meeting frequently with constituents as crucial to the conduct of their jobs. But members of their constituencies at a district is now seen as important.

All councilmen make formal appearances in their respective districts almost every working day, meeting with civic clubs and the like.

But new members have been innovative in this area. District councilmember Rodney Ellis, for instance, was the first councilman ever to hold “town meetings” with his constituents. These meetings, which usually attract about 200 area residents, serve as forums for citizen complaints and gives him a chance to educate his constituents about the workings of city government.

Informal meetings with constituents have also increased since the adoption of single-member districts. Councilmembers have gone as far as to hire people for the sole purpose of keeping in touch with voters. In the old days, they would “run” the district every Friday, visiting with local leaders and constituents.

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But salaries alone do not completely account for the change in attitudes. Constituent pressure to “deliver” also plays a role. There is, for instance, the difference in the way that at-large and single-member districts view their jobs. Few of the at-large members treat their offices as a full-time job. According to several councilmembers, of the at-large members, only Eleanor Tinsley devotes almost all of her time to her council job. District councilmembers, however, do not have the luxury of deciding whether or not to put in many hours at the office. Constituent demands force them to be full-time. As councilmember Larry Mckaskle notes, “The constituents have a tendency to salt the district councilmen. The at-large councilmen put in the hours in the hours that they see as necessary to do their job. However, in many cases, the single-member councilmen have to look for things to do and create projects. While the constituents for those districts people, they bring projects to us.”

The demands now put upon district councilmembers have also led to changes in the way that their offices are run. The period after the change has seen a growth in the size of councilmember’s staffs. Before the change, councilmembers’ staffs were few, apparently. One of the most popular stories told around City Hall is that one secretary from the old days managed to knit 28 Afghan sweaters during her spare time on the job. Today, most councilmembers have three staff members.

Implications for city government. “It’s not that the charter has changed. It’s the concept. It’s the realization of what these people are doing and what it’s all about that’s changed,” said Robinson of the new council. Indeed, the fact that councilmembers can be more easily held accountable for their actions in office has drastically altered the way that city government is run on a day-to-day basis. Since the changeover, councilmembers view their new council members, for instance, are the first councilmen ever to hold “town meetings” with their constituents. These meetings, which usually attract about 200 area residents, serve as forums for citizen complaints and gives him a chance to educate his constituents about the workings of city government.

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Councilmembers change policy to meet new demands

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members, or several councilmembers would likely to employ four. Although older members, such as McKaskle, have mixed feelings about the change, several of the new councilmembers have now had the opportunity to introduce legislation, and the younger generation is more willing to do so. The reason for this change is that councilmembers are more willing to publicly challenge other members or the mayor in order to protect their constituents' interest. Said one councilmember, "You have to put on a show. Mr. McGowen fights hard for his district. And you can call it grandstanding or what — getting in there and putting on the table and saying 'my people need this and my people need that.' I do that, too. And you have to do that to get something nowadays.

Councilmembers want their voices heard outside the council chamber as well. When members are at council meetings, they only vote on finished legislation. However, this often the product of months of planning and decision-making behind the scenes. Traditionally, the mayor's staff drafted legislation for approval. Since the change, though, councilmembers have demanded a voice in drafting legislation. After the change, the new council forced the mayor to adopt a committee system that would allow them to help prepare legislation. As Robinson remembers, "In the old days, we didn't have any committees. I don't ever remember the thing that was a surprise to us, the old councilman, was that when the new council came in, the first thing they talked about was a budget committee. We couldn't believe it. What are you going to budget?"

The mayor makes the budget. All you do is approve it. Our concept was the mayor does it, and if I don't like it and I can't find five more votes, then I'm not going to be able to do anything about it. That's changed. The most striking change in policy-making is the change in councilmembers' policy concerns. Councilmembers fight fiercely to win money and city services for their constituencies. In the words of one councilmember, district representatives have carved small "domains" for themselves in Houston to which they give their main allegiance. Then again, they have no choice. Since they can now be easily identified and targeted for defeat, they must win political battles for the people they represent. Thus, the concerns of district councilmembers are sometimes narrow.

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Relation Between Council and Administration. Houston has been notorious for its "strong" mayors — shrewd politicians like a Louie Welch who have dominated city government. Because of this, the voice of councilmembers is more likely to be ignored groups have to assume it. Some councilmembers find themselves toe the administration's line to get their people, do you know that in the old days I couldn't go to you and say, 'I don't like what you're doing!' I'd have to go to Louie, tell Louie, get his permission to come and talk to you. But that's not true anymore.

Conclusion. The inclusion of single-member districts reflects a shift in power in municipal government. Bound to geographic regions for which they are responsible, district councilmembers must insure that their areas receive their share of city services and benefits if they are to remain in office. New members who have not been reelected to their respective districts. Councilmembers are no longer completely independent on the change in councilmembers' policy concerns. Councilmembers fight fiercely to win money and city services for their constituencies. In the words of one councilmember, district representatives have carved small "domains" for themselves in Houston to which they give their main allegiance. Then again, they have no choice. Since they can now be easily identified and targeted for defeat, they must win political battles for the people they represent. Thus, the concerns of district councilmembers are sometimes narrow.

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SA disregards protest of referendum, approves outcome

by Valerie Ruby

Meeting Monday night at Jones College, the SA approved the April 11 and 18 election results, denying a petition which called for a rerun of the constitutional referendum.

The petition charged that the students did not have sufficient time to make a decision because the SA posted the sample ballot too close to the election date.

President Barry Nicholson opened discussion of the petition by condemning it as inconsequential. "Those that protest such as this 'ruin the reputation of the SA across campus,'" he said, adding that protests such as this "ruin the reputation of the SA across campus."

Baker Election Chairman Steve Blackstock, who wrote the petition, reminded the Senate that fewer than 1000 students voted in the election: "A four-to-one vote means not much to me when it's an uninformed vote," he said. Without adequate information, voters will unthinkingly approve any proposal.

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"The reason they [the committee] voted to accept the protest was the technicality of the ballot posting," Parr said. University Court Chairman David Dankworth said the constitutional bylaws on election reruns specified only the procedure for dealing with discrepancies, not with protests. He recommended that the SA overturn the petition.

"We didn't consider voter apathy, but we can't expect many people to change their minds," Dankworth said. "Maybe 250 people would change their votes if the election were rerun, which wouldn't affect the outcome."

After discussion of the petition, the SA voted 17 to 0 with one abstention to approve election results as they stood.

Judicial Review Committee chairman Chris Clautz gave a preliminary report of the committee's findings. Its recommendations include rewriting the Rice Code of Judicial Procedure. The committee has talked to lawyers with this in mind, planning to make the highly technical 14-page legal document more understandable.

The committee plans to hold orientations to acquaint students, the student courts, and college masters with the Code. It will also make copies of the Code available in the colleges, and make provisions for notifying student defendants of their options in case proceedings.

A Publications Committee to review campus media such as the Thresher was formed, with five senators volunteering. These were continued from page 5

The influence of the old days still lingers — on council and in the city. But those who were ignored now at last have their foot in the door of the city council chamber rather than of a federal court.

Paul Havlak, George Creel, Signy Schou, Rita Cortez, and Kimberlie Barrett. The Senate also discussed a Financial Committee to be made up of two senators, two students, and the SA treasurer.

Bob Casey suggested that an ad hoc committee should form to study the SA's banking arrangements, to examine our bank's political investments, and to look for a better account. Nicholson delegated this task to the Finance Committee.

The SA voted H. C. Clark to serve as their faculty advisor again next year, and approved a new organization called Rice Students Seeking Total Tranquility. Will Rice President Bill Tucker will act as liaison to this group, which states its purpose as nude sunbathing.

The Senate also accepted the proposed SA budget and approved Lovett Senator Beth Fairley as the Campus Escort Chairwoman.
Children, and agree that academics disagree that a married couple do not need children to be happy, but that 94 percent of conservatives believe having children at some point in their lives. Liberals and conservatives both tend to spend time with small groups of one or two close friends. They also agree that the statement "we will be able to solve our problems through better technologies alone, without having to change our lifestyles," a position that, surprisingly, both academics and S/E’s agreed with.

What does all this tell us about Rice students in general? It shows that some men at Rice still hold to traditional, conservative ideas about women and families, and that Rice women are much more progressive, being in touch with their place in this society and acknowledging their rights to choose their own careers.

Academics and S/E’s show differences in opinions and how opinionated they are, but these differences only seem to point to a difference in interest or time to the backdrop.

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**Thresher Poll Results**

Note: Missing responses -- e.g. "don't know", "undecided" were discarded in calculating these percentages. For each five percent group, the percent that appears after the question is the midpoint of the group.

1. Age: Male 55%, Female 45%
3. College: Bakke: 10%, Brown: 8%, Hanszen: 10%, Jones: 8%.
4. Course: Freshman: 22%, Sophomore: 21%, Junior: 20%, Senior: 18%.
5. Grad student: 14%, Class: II 0.3%, Faculty: 1%, Staff: 4%
6. House: 13%, Male 55%, Female 45%
7. Job: 4%, No: 96%
9. How good a job do you think Washington, D.C. will make as a football coach? **
   Excellent: 18%, Good: 43%, Fair: 9%, Poor: 9%
10. How likely do you think it is that the Rice football team will be truly competitive with the other teams of the Southwest Conference over the next 4 years? I.e. will it win at least half the games in a single given season?
   Very likely: 22%, Fairly likely: 26%, Not likely: 30%, Very unlikely: 23%

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Poll says moderates and liberals dominate social issues

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10. In your opinion, would it be in the best interests of this university to stop trying to build a major football team and compete in a more appropriate conference? **
Yes: 56%, No: 44%

11. What proportion of the Rice students who are presently attending on athletic scholarships would you say are fully capable of doing Rice academic work? *
Excellent: 18%, Good: 43%, Fair: 30%, Poor: 9%

12. How well do you think the students who are presently attending on athletic scholarships fit in socially with other Rice students? Very well: 18%, Fairly well: 61%, Not at all: 21%

13. Do you think more active efforts should be made to integrate student-athletes more fully into campus social life? *
Yes: 45%, No already integrated: 36%, No: 2%

14. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage is morally wrong. Strongly agree: 32%, Slightly agree: 13%, Slightly disagree: 11%, Strongly disagree: 44%

15. We will be able to solve our moral problems through better technologies alone, without having to change our lifestyles. Strongly agree: 4%, Slightly agree: 18%, Slightly disagree: 25%, Strongly disagree: 36%

16. In general, a married couple cannot experience a complete life without having children. Strongly agree: 18%, Slightly agree: 25%, Slightly disagree: 52%, Strongly disagree: 36%

17. There are limits to growth beyond which our industrial society cannot expand. Strongly agree: 18%, Slightly agree: 32%, Slightly disagree: 30%, Strongly disagree: 30%

18. A single father can raise secure children just as well as a single mother. Strongly agree: 44%, Slightly agree: 34%, Slightly disagree: 26%, Strongly disagree: 10%

19. The U.S. should take whatever steps are necessary, including the use of military force, to stop the spread of communism. Strongly agree: 27%, Slightly agree: 38%, Slightly disagree: 23%, Strongly disagree: 28%

20. Birth control advice and supplies should be available to all young people whatever their age. Strongly agree: 49%, Slightly agree: 17%, Slightly disagree: 9%, Strongly disagree: 19%

21. There can be no winner in an all-out nuclear war; both the U.S. and the Soviet Union would be completely destroyed. Strongly agree: 62%, Slightly agree: 20%, Slightly disagree: 6%, Strongly disagree: 15%

22. It would be much better if the husband works outside the home and the wife takes care of the home and family. Strongly agree: 17%, Slightly agree: 20%, Slightly disagree: 6%, Strongly disagree: 15%

23. Protecting the environment is so important that continuing improvements must be made, regardless of cost. Strongly agree: 30%, Slightly agree: 41%, Slightly disagree: 18%, Strongly disagree: 12%

24. A person can live a full and happy life without ever marrying. Strongly agree: 48%, Slightly agree: 31%, Slightly disagree: 20%, Strongly disagree: 12%

25. There is little question that man has evolved from lower, less complex animal forms to his present state. Strongly agree: 49%, Slightly agree: 31%, Slightly disagree: 13%, Strongly disagree: 16%

26. It should be legal for a woman to have an abortion in any case. Strongly agree: 48%, Slightly agree: 38%, Slightly disagree: 2%, Strongly disagree: 12%

27. How likely do you think we are to go into a nuclear war within the next ten years? Very likely: 12%, Fairly unlikely: 51%, Somewhat likely: 13%, Somewhat unlikely: 6%

28. Do you favor or oppose the United States agreeing to a "nuclear freeze" with the Soviet Union — that is, putting a stop to the testing, production, and installation of additional weapons, on both sides? Favor: 60%, Oppose: 40%

29. How serious a problem would you say is the overall condition of the earth in its present condition? Very serious: 30%, Fairly serious: 52%, Not very serious: 18%

30. Do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal on the "broad issues" (i.e., homosexuality, abortion, premarital sex, etc.)? Conservative: 33%, Moderate: 28%, Liberal: 40%

31. Do you consider yourself to be heterosexual, bisexual or homosexual? Heterosexual: 92%, Bisexual: 5%, Homosexual: 3%, Asexual: 0%

32. In general, how would you probably describe your time socially? Alone: 2%, With one or two of your closest friends: 56%, In a larger group of people who are your friends: 34%, With a very large group composed of friends and strangers: 8%

33. Have you ever engaged in sexual intercourse? Yes — not in last twelve months: 11%, Yes — in last twelve months: 44%, No: 45%

34. How important is religion in your life? Very important: 30%, Fairly important: 33%, Not very important: 37%

35. Do you participate in the affairs of any of the campus religious organizations? Yes: 13%, No: 87%

36. If so, which one(s)? *
Among those listed were Campus Crusade for Christ, Christian Fellowship, Baptist Student Union, Methodist Protestant, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish groups.

37. How active would you say you are in campus religious groups? Very active: 15%, Fairly active: 10%, Not very active: 85%

38. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings on the Bible? The Bible is the oral word of God and should be literally worded: 26%, the Bible is the inspired word of God, but it was written by men and contains some human errors: 47%, the Bible is an ancient book of history and legends, God had nothing to do with it: 50%, Regardless of whether or not you yourself would go see one, do you feel that the colleges have the right to show sexually explicit films, even if others were offended by them? Yes: 63%, No: 37%

39. Which of the following circumstances, if any, would justify your participation in an antiwar event (i.e. a speaker or film on Campus Crusade for Christ): Circumstances: circular that apply to all)
If several members of the student body were to start a sit-in, I would be opposed to it on moral or ethical grounds: 18%, It is my own belief that the student body felt that the event should not occur: 45%, If the image of Rice University might suffer: 28%, If there was legitimate concern over a possible lawsuit: 50%, If the administration believed that allowing the event would violate moral or political principles important to continued from page 7

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Music
The world renowned Guarneri String Quartet comes to Rice's own Hamman Hall this Tuesday evening, April 30, at 8 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Houston Friends of Music and the Shepherd School of Music. This season marks the twentieth anniversary of those prominent musicians having been together, touring the world and cutting numerous albums. Their program will include Mozart's Quartet in B-flat Major (K. 458, "The Hunt"), Webern's Five Movements for String Quartet (Op. 5) and Beethoven's Quartet in F Major (Op. 18, No. 1), in addition to the works of Suk and Turina. Tickets cost $5 for students and senior citizens and $10 for adults. Call Roslyn Ruethain at 527-4933 for further information on the performance.

An Evening with Phil Collins is the offering on Tuesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. at the Summit. Most of this multitalented drummer and vocalist's performance will be devoted to his solo album of this year, No Jacket Required, the title of which is a joke on the American and European hotel requirement of wearing a jacket in their bars and restaurants. Tickets cost all of $15.75 and can be purchased at the Astrodome box office, Super Stop 'N Go's, Upbeat Records, Hasting's Records and all other Ticketron outlets. Call 827-9542 or 827-9452 for further information on the performance.

The Rice University Media Center presents the photographic works of Steve Peterson and Laura Derrick, Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates, now on display. Entitled, appropriately enough, Private Landscapes/Public People, the work features that theatre of such renowned artists as Rubens, van Dyck, van Goyen, and de Hooch, among others. This exhibition marks the first time these works will be on view in the United States, and the Houston showing is the second of only three American cities to present this important collection of Dutch masterpieces. Contact the Media Center for further information or to arrange a gallery tour.

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Film
Preambly, the least foreign flick for this semester will be presented by the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Classics and the Language Lab this afternoon, April 26, in Raynor Hall 110, at 2 p.m. El Llicentado Vizcaíno, a 60 min. color film based on the work of Cervantes and originally offered as a film made for Spanish TV, is this week's selection. Brush up on your Spanish before going, because there are no subtitles. Admission is free.

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The SAMMY Awards began in the 1979-1980 academic year. Since then, each Fine Arts Editor has changed them in some way, adding more categories or improving the selection process. For this year's SAMMY Awards, I created Drama and Comedy subdivisions, and I changed the selection process. Instead of the panel/discussion format used last year, ballots were sent to fourteen people, some of whom are Thresher theatre critics, some of whom are active in Campus Theatre, who saw most if not all of the plays. The winner was selected from amongst all those candidates receiving more than one vote. For tie votes, the award is shared. If the winner is not a Rice student, then the student receiving the second highest vote tally is also listed as winning.

For the many critics of the award who say it should be a popular vote, the SAMMYS were designed to be awarded by the Fine Arts section of the Thresher "to those who have excelled in the theatrical arts" in Campus Theatre productions. Not everyone will agree with this, but I feel bound to stick as close to tradition as possible. Congratulations to all the winners (indicated by boldface type) and also to those who were involved in Campus Theatre in areas not receiving awards: producers, music directors, people in charge of props, publicity...

—Ian Neath, Fine Arts Editor

Note: an asterisk (*) denotes non-Rice student; a sword (†) denotes non-student.

Drama:
Best (Non-Neil Havens) Director of a Drama: Trevor Baxter, The Tempest, Baker Shakespeare
Chuck Maya*, The Diviners, Wiess Tablopetalk
Karen Chatfield and Ray Iale, A Kind of Alaska, Jones College
Joe Poneosa, Equus, Rice Players
Best Actor in a Drama: Lee Chilton, Prospero, The Tempest
Robert Seyer, Martin Dysart, Equus
Don Lee, Alan Strong, Equus
Lee Chilton, Victor Franz, The Price
Best Supporting Actor in a Drama: Mary Schratwieser, Miranda, The Tempest
Anne Laffoon, Tilda, Echoes
Andrea Martin, Kate Quinn, Uncommon Women
Beth Reingold, Holly Kaplan, Uncommon Women
Debbie Catsakeas, Rita Altabel, Uncommon Women
Best Actress in a Drama: Women
Women
Women
Women

Rice Player's Equus won Best Play

Best Actress in a Comedy:
Mary Schratwieser, Miranda, The Tempest
Anne Laffoon, Tilda, Echoes
Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy: Kendra Chatfield, Ariel, The Tempest
Emily Phe, Esther Franz, The Price
Best Actor in a Comedy:
Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy:
Best Director of a Comedy:

Best Director of a Musical:
Best Supporting Actress in a Musical:
Best Actress in a Musical:
Best Supporting Actor in a Musical:

Musical:
Best Director of a Musical:
Anne Sparks, Ain't Misbehavin', Brown Theatre
Denise Starkey, Guys and Dolls, Wiess Theatre
Elaine Levenson, Side by Side by Sondheim, Hanszen Music Theatre
Best Actor in a Musical:
Johnny Gibson, Ain't Misbehavin', Will Hines*, Ain't Misbehavin'
Keith Kemper, Side by Side by Sondheim, Will Hines, Side by Side by Sondheim, Ronnie Sgal, Nathan Detroit, Guys and Dolls, David Thompson, Sky Masterson, Guys and Dolls, Lee Chilton, Working
Best Actress in a Musical:
Christy Moore, Side by Side by Sondheim, Cindy Winkler, Side by Side by Sondheim, Socor Chatmon, Side by Side by Sondheim, Socor Chatmon, Ain't Misbehavin', Veda McDaniel, Ain't Misbehavin', Tamara Siler, Ain't Misbehavin', Kitty Karn, Sarah Brown, Guys and Dolls, Elaine Levenson, Miss Adelaide, Dolls
Best Supporting Actor in a Musical:
Scott Kaufmann, Nicey-Nicely John and Dolls
Karl Sowa, Benny Southstreet, Guys and Dolls
Scott Morris, Working
Will Hines*, Working
Don Lee, Working
Kleth Kemper, Working
Best Supporting Actress in a Musical:
Beth Senko, General Cartwright, Guys and Dolls
Cindy Winkler, Working
Socor Chatmon, Working
Elaine Levenson, Working
Andrea Martin, Working

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Annual
IMY AWARDS

Best Play:
The Diviners, Wiess Tabletop
A Kind of Alaska, Jones College
Uncommon Women and Others, Brown College
Theatre
Side by Side by Sondheim, Hanszen Music Theatre
Ain't Misbehavin', Brown College Theatre
Guys and Dolls, Wiess Tabletop Theater
The Real Inspector Hound, Jones College
Black Comedy, Baker/Will Rice
You Can't Take It With You, Richardson Theater
Bus Stop, Lovett Theater
The Tempest, Baker Shakespeare
Equus, Rice Players
Working, Rice Players
The Price, Rice Players
Echoes, Rice Players

Best Costume Design:
Bus Stop, Cathy Walcott
The Tempest, Marcine Gibson
Ain't Misbehavin', Joanna Throckmorton
Black Comedy, Heather Miller
Working, Marcine Gibson

Best Set Design:
Equus, Scot Brooks
The Price, Devin Meadows
Black Comedy, Scot Brooks
Bus Stop, Rosana Lin
Working, Bess Treadwell

Best Lighting Design:
Black Comedy, Don Russell
Equus, Dave Schrader
The Tempest, Dave Fisher, Alan Thompson
Working, Dave Schrader
Bus Stop, Kathy Brown, Rosana Lin

Best Overall Ensemble:
Side by Side by Sondheim, Hanszen Music Theatre
Uncommon Women, Brown College Theatre
Ain't Misbehavin', Brown College Theatre
Working, Rice Players
The Real Inspector Hound, Jones College

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for Excellence in Acting by a Dead Actor:
Dr. Walter Islel, Dead Body, The Real Inspector Hound

The Tempest won a SAMMY for Best Costumes

Uncommon Women won Best Overall Ensemble
THRESHER SPORTS AWARDS

Thresher sports presents annual awards for excellence

Each year the Thresher honors the outstanding athletes and performers in each varsity sport played at Rice. This year we have selected athletes who have represented Rice well in intercollegiate competition in their respective sports. Here are the winners of the Thresher athletic awards 1984-85.

Our most valuable player of the year is Regina Cavanaugh from the women's track and field team, and our newcomer of the year is Scott Melville of the men's tennis team.

Selections were made by Tony Soltero, Mark Matteson, and Scott Snyder in collaboration with writers for particular sports: John Lippert for swimming and Antonio Torres for volleyball, women's basketball, and track and field.

**Women's Basketball**

Only a sophomore, Holly Jones is already fourth on Rice's career scoring lists after averaging 15.6 points, 7.8 rebounds per game this year. Holly scored in double figures in 21 of 26 games this year. She has also been selected to the South National Sports Festival team.

**Men's Basketball**

Named to the UPI all-SWC team, Tony Barnett led the Owls in points and rebounds this year with 16 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, and led the team in either scoring or rebounding in 23 of 27 games this semester.

**Baseball**

Infielder Carl Mikeska has played shortstop, first base, and third base this year for the baseball team. Mikeska has had six game-winning RBIs and is third in hitting with a .353 average.

**Women's Cross Country**

Kim Whitaker led Rice in every race this year, including a fourth place finish in the SWC and fifth in the NCAA District V race in Rice's first year of team competition.

**Women's Tennis**

Wendy Wood has had another outstanding year with a 15-3 singles record and a number 19 ranking nationally. Earlier this year, Wood was invited to the Burger King Invitational tournament, which featured the top 32 women's tennis players in the nation.

**Football**

Coming off an injury-plagued junior year, Melvin Robinson was the football team's top receiver this year. Robinson was also the second top receiver in the SWC, catching 46 passes for 593 yards and three touchdowns. Robinson ended his Rice career with at least one reception in his last 25 games as an Owl.

Qualifying as an alternate in the shot put for the Olympics last summer, Regina Cavanaugh is the Thresher's pick as MVP. This year, Cavanaugh has already added a second NCAA Indoor title to her list of victories with a toss 54' 1 1/2", and is holder of the SWC record in the shot and the discus. Her career best is 60' 2 1/2".

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Cavanaugh, Robinson, Barnett, among those honored

Sporting a 15-7 record in singles and an 11-3 record in doubles, freshman Scott Melville is Rice's number one men's player this year. He is also ranked in the top 50 nationally. For these accomplishments the Thresher picks Scott Melville as its Newcomer of the Year.

Coach of the Year
Cross country and track coach for six years, Coach Victor Lopez is the Thresher coach of the year. Fielding a full women's cross country squad for the first time in several years, the Rice team under Coach Lopez finished fourth in the SWC and fifth in the NCAA District VI race. Lopez has also been instrumental in bringing the women's track to national prominence in the last few years.

Women's Swimming
Michelle Dekter led the women's swimming team to a 12th place finish in the NCAA Divsion II Championships by finishing fifth in the 200 fly, eighth in the 400 individual medley and the 200 backstroke and 11th in the 200 individual medley.

Men's Cross Country
Willard Moore led the cross country team to a fourth place finish in the SWC and qualified for the NCAA's, finishing 21st in the national meet. Last Monday, Moore was awarded the Bob Quin Award as the Owls' outstanding senior male student-athlete and the "R" Association Scholarship Award for post-graduate study.

Volleyball
Alecia Abraham was the volleyball team's setter this year and had over 1000 assists for the season. She also led the team in digs with 339.

Women's Track
Junior Tenye Mactosh qualified for the NCAA Indoor finals as anchor of the 4 x 100 indoor relay team which placed third in the nation. Mactosh also finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a school record time of 54.55.

Men's Track
Elliston Stinson holds the Rice record in the 100-meter dash from last year and is co-record holder in the 4 x 100 relay. Stinson has qualified for the NCAA's again this year as a member of this year's 4 x 100 relay.

Men's Swimming
Rob Koger was the only male swimmer to score individually in the SWC meet, placing 16th in the 100 fly and setting a new Rice record of 52.03. He also swam on all three men's relay teams.

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Rice basketball star Jones named to national squad

by Mark Matteson

In what was a move that should boost the prestige of not only Rice women's athletics but the Rice athletic program as a whole, Holly Jones has been named to the South National Sports Festival team. Jones is already one of the finest women's basketball players in Rice history, having accumulated a career total of 842 points and 409 rebounds, fourth and fifth on Rice's all-time career leader lists, respectively.

Jones and Owls teammate Karen Sowada traveled down to Nashville two weekends ago. The tryouts were held at Vanderbilt University, where 112 university, junior college, and high school athletes from over an eleven-state area participated. "It's a lot like a junior Olympic team," said Jones. "The participants have to have been born after January 1, 1965."

The quality level of the players was very high. When asked about the competition, Jones said, "We (Sowada and Jones) were wondering, 'What are we doing here?' We couldn't believe we were actually there." Representatives from Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, LSU, and Florida were present. In addition, there were quite a few big-name coaches. "We met Old Dominion's Mary Ann Stanley and Vandy's Phil Lee," Jones said.

The trials consisted of all-day workouts for three days and included innumerable drills and constant scrimmaging. Players had to adjust to international rules and the larger-sized ball used in men's competition, as well. In the end, twelve players and nine alternates survived five nerve-wracking cuts. "It felt great — I was so excited," said Jones. "I thought that, at the most, I'd make it to the last couple of cuts. I really had to work. I think the reason they picked me was that I was a team player; I set picks, passed a lot, stuff like that — like I do at Rice. And it paid off. They were looking for team players, not ball-hogs," said Jones.

The final decision culminated the tension. "When there were 24 players left, they called us aside," Jones said. "Then the judge went down the roll in numerical order, and, since I was number 206, I was near the bottom of the roll. It seemed like it took forever."

Interestingly, of the players that made the first team, only three ("me, a junior college girl and a high school girl") were from non-big name schools, according to Jones. Nevertheless, there were more than just a few players from national powerhouses that failed to make it. "I hung around a lot with three Texas players. Everyone thought they were going to make it — not only were they good, but they had political clout (being from a well-known institution)."

Rice women's basketball head coach Linda Tucker accompanied Jones and Sowada to the tryouts, but, because of regulations, was not allowed to see them very much. Her comments were nevertheless quite laudatory. "Holly played the best basketball that I've seen her play in the last two years. She stuck with her fundamentals and didn't try to do anything fancy. She shot well and passed well and demonstrated that she is a good team player."

From here, Jones will go on to play with the south team as they compete from July 19-31 against the other three regional teams. She feels that she already has a good shot at starting, since six of the twelve chosen players have decided to play for other national select teams, according to Jones. Thus six alternates will be moved onto the team, giving Jones and the other five originals a better shot at starting.

Trying out for the team had been one of Jones' goals the past few years. "It had a lot to do with my future plans," said Jones. "I did it, and I'm happy. It's not all politics, like I thought. I mean, it helps (being from a big-name school), but it's not necessary."

So, would you say perseverance pays off? "Yeah, it really does," Jones replied.

Owls fall to UH, Baylor

by Jim Humes

In the last two conference outings of the season, the Rice Men's tennis team did not fare well. Losing matches to both Houston and Baylor, the netters' record dropped to 0-7, with their overall record falling to 11-14.

Against Houston the sky fell, as the Owls lost all nine matches. Scott Melville, at number one singles, won his first set but then lost two consecutive tiebreakers against a tough Jeff Rolquin. Chuck Bratik was the only other player to get a set as the Cougars plowed through the Owls.

Against Baylor things were not much better. The strokes from the Texas wonderland of Waco came out strongly in singles, accumulating enough matches to clinch the victory before doubles were played, with Melville winning the only singles match. Regardless, the doubles teams of David Petty Martin Sieckman and Melville Mark Kirschunas proved that the Rice Owls are no quitters, adding two more triumphs, characteristic of many losing matches this year. Against Baylor was decided by four split-set matches which went in Baylor's favor.

Rice's next challenge will be in the Southwest Conference Tournament in Corpus Christi, see Men's, page 16.
WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis goes into tournament on positive note

by Mark Matteson

You know that a Rice athletic team is doing all right when the team has a winning record. When the team has won twice as many times as it has lost and has a conceivable shot at taking second in the Southwest Conference, you really know that those Owls are rolling.

With only the remainder of a suspended match with Southern Methodist and the SWC tournament left, the Rice women's tennis team finds itself in such a position, thus proving its worth as one of the more successful athletic programs at Rice. The Owls, with the exception of the match at SMU (which was suspended because of rain with two doubles matches left to play), have completed the regular season with excellent victories over Texas A&M and Texas Tech, which were combined with a tough defeat to Texas Christian.

After the suspended SMU match, the Owls trotted into College Station and trounced a somewhat cocky Aggie team, 6-3. "It was a very good win for us," said head coach Paul Blankenship. However, the Owls returned home only to fall to TCU, 6-3. "We did the best we could," said Blankenship. "We lost four out of four three-set matches, but we did well just to make it there." Winning, however (and not surprisingly), was number one singles player Wendy Wood (6-4, 7-5). The number one doubles team of Wood-Wendy Brockman also won easily, 6-2, 6-1.

The team returned to Rice to play the season finale against Texas Tech. The Saturday-scheduled match was postponed, but on Sunday, the 21st, the Owls "went out in style," according to Blankenship. Rice put away the Red Raiderettes 6-3, a turnaround from last year's final loss. "I felt the win was important for our group of out-going seniors," said Blankenship. "They (Eileen Curreri, Brockman, Ellen Cussonie, and Ray) were the foundation of the division I team and a key contribution in the program's success. That group has won close to 70 percent of all dual matches they played." The team performed well against Tech, as Wood, Curreri, Ray, and Allison Culver all won in singles; Wood-Brockman and Curreri-Culver took doubles matches.

Going into the SWC tournament, Blankenship feels that the team should do well. "Wood, Ray, and Culver all should be seeded highly," he said. "Brockman, Curreri, and Cussonie all have been giving 100 percent — their records just aren't as indicative of their play, because of the level of competition at those positions. We had expected that in preseason. Regardless of how we set up (the lineup), we won." "We have...
About as often as the Minnesota Twins win a baseball game, one of the tens of Owlook fans takes it upon himself to write to us here at Owlook Headquarters. Postal regulations being what they are, very few of these letters actually reach this office. But when the letters do reach us and when there's a crisp twenty dollar bill attached along with them, we make the best effort we can to respond to them. A careful weeding out process involving metal detectors and trained staff resulted in this month's Owlook correspondence.

Dear Mr. Owlook Sir,

I am a freshman chemical engineering student here at Sid Rich (hurrah). I read your column as religiously as I do this Physical Chemistry text chained to my hands. Here's the scoop though: this girl in my math class has drooled my way once or twice whilst I was discussing Laplace transformations. My question is: if I should get the guts to ask her out (and I'm feeling good about it), should I kiss her on the first date?

TRACK

Owls fly

by Antonio Torres

Two weeks ago the Rice Owl track team participated in the Bayou City Invitational, hosted by the University of Houston. Both were very successful, as the men had several runners qualify for the NCAA championships, and the women finished first and second in quite a few events.

The men's team was particularly successful. The victorious 400-meter relay was timed in an NCAA championships-qualifying time of 39.75, to start with. This marks the second time this season that the Owl team of Patrick Gordon, Terry Jones, Steven Hall, and Eliston Stimson have made it under the NCAA qualifying time (the first was in indoors). Hurdler John Bell also sparked, coming in second in the 400m hurdles with another NCAA qualifying time, this one 50.81. In addition to the two qualifying performances, there were several other outstanding showings. Gawain Guy, for instance, won the 800-meter run in a close race with a time of 1:48.22. In the 200-meter dash, Rice had a 1-2 sweep with Courtney Brown clocking in at 21.25 and Terry Jones winning in a 21.42 time.

The women's team did similarly well, even though they didn't have anyone qualify for the NCAA's. Regina Cavanaugh won the shot put with a toss of 53' 5" and Bronwen Morrison won the javelin throw with a toss of 149' 6". Hurdler Monique Millar took second in her specialty (100m hurdles) with a time of 14.45, as did sprinter Katrice Harris in the 100m run (a time of 11.86). In the 200m run, Harris, Tanya Mcintosh, and Cecilla Nunez came in first (24.02), fourth (24.59), and fifth (24.76), respectively. In addition, Pam Klassen finished third in the 3000m with a time of 9:51.30.

On the whole, it was a very productive weekend for the Owl track teams.
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AROUND CAMPUS

Baker
Diane Rielinger

All persons currently living on campus or who will be on campus next fall need to complete a food and housing form. These are in the Baker office.

A work-study person is needed either for a half day or a full day this summer to work in the Baker office. Please see Kathy for details.

THRESHING IT OUT

Hoefer defends Wiess assholes

To the editor:
Re your editorial on Owl Day: I agree that Rice should pick up the tab for prospective's meals during their stay. But I take exception to your criticism of the rest of the way Owl Day is handled, and especially to your criticism of the way Wiess College hosted its guests.

The purpose of Owl Day is not, as you imply, to try to convince as many prospective's to come here as is possible. Rather it is to give these prospective's an objective look at what life at Rice is or can be like so that they, without fear of having been misled, can make their own decisions.

You contend that the large gaps in the prospective's schedules should be filled with more planned activities; presumably you mean more free-coke parties or other boring and even stricter events. I would contend that the free time possessed by the prospective's allowed them to look around Rice and Houston for themselves, to spend more time talking to students, and to see what the social scene at Rice is really like.

You also object to the "obnoxiousness" of dinner at Wiess (though you declined to mention Wiess overtly). But even if dinner at Wiess is not usually like that, it sometimes is (e.g., after Rice TGI), and it is better to give the prospective's a good taste of Rice vulgarity before they come here in the fall. Personally I am proud of the welcome we at Wiess gave to our prospective's. We gave them a chance to see the good and the bad sides of Rice without forcing anyone into doing something he/she didn't want to do. I think Owl Day as conceived by Paul Havlak could never achieve this, the actual goal of Owl Day.

I think you have lost sight of the basic fact that it is not bad if some prospective's are turned off by the Rice they see over Owl Day. Owl Day is and should be as much of a weeding-out process as it Admissions itself. Perhaps if you had been a host rather than a bystander, you would have understood this.

Carl Hoefer
Wiess '86

I wasn't a host because I stay up all night on Wednesdays working on this rag, and sleep all day Thursdays. But I've hosted prospective's before; some can figure out what Rice is like on their own, and should be allowed to do so. More voluntary events should be available, however.

I don't think it's up to us to weed out prospective's at Owl Day; the admissions process does a good enough job of that.

As far as Wiess (or a vocal minority thereof) goes, perhaps my point was not that assholes should not act like assholes when the freshmen are here, but that they should just try not to be assholes.

Brown
Darcy Rathjen

If your home address for the summer is different from the one Mary has now, please go by the college office and fill out an address card. Also in her office are forms for meal plans. You need to specify your meal plan or you will be billed for the full meal plan next year.

To all our graduating seniors: we're going to miss you next year! Thanks especially for helping out the freshmen! Good luck!

Lovett
Beth Gibbes

It's exam time again, but before you start studying, come down to the Lyceum party tonight for free beer and a good time.

Exams bring with them one good thing — study breaks! A study break for seniors is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 and there will be two all-college study breaks. These will be held on April 30 and March 2. Check the commons door for the times.

GSA
Mike Lee

The Spring Picnic will be held today, the last day of classes, from 4 until 8. Hamburgers and hot dogs or a vegetarian entree will be served at 5:30. Beer and soft drinks will be available beginning at 4. This party is free to graduate students, who may bring one guest; others who attend will be charged $2.

This is the last party for the semester. However, the GSA will be sponsoring several events during the summer including a beach trip, a pool party and an outing to the Shakespeare festival at Miller Theater. Check the Graduate Student Association bulletin board on the wall beneath the television in the RMC for details.

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A FOND FAREWELL

By the time you read this, I will have officially ended my term as Back Page Editor. Those of you who don’t care: kindly stop reading this. The following is for aficionados of Back Page.

Being bhe has been many things to me. Never having worked on the Thresher in any other capacity, my first weeks here were a time of trial. I knew to make and discovering how much fun it can be. Later, with experience, I changed the face of the back page to reflect my own taste and not that of my predecessor’s. Even later, I realized with great fear and trembling that only a dedicated professional can make the back page be a reflection of one’s self. I thank all of you who have complemented me on its new look. Now it is time for me to take a break in the print world for the next year. The material that finds its way to the back page is a reflection of my tastes, also, and I take full responsibility for it all. I can say without hesitation that if I were to die, the back page is what I want it to be. (Paul Havlak never exercised his ultimate authority, and when he died I usually went after him with an x-acto knife. I’m afraid my morbid behavior rubbed off on the rest of the staff, because recently Paul has only been allowed to type the staff box and choose the cartoons.) Now I’m a Bpe Emeritus, and no doubt I will occasionally do oral at what the back page becomes in the future. That’s just too bad. Along with the duties of bhe, I now shew its privileges.

But digress. The back page is a joy, in spite of the fact, of being a creative outlet, both literary and artistic. It has been a vanity press. It is a place for the author to put a story together, to try to make it look good, to try to be witty on demand, and to see the fruits of my effort go out and be seen by everyone. If it can make some people to come to the back page each day, that’s a great satisfaction. It has been a source of content and announcements at dinner, in class, over the phone in the bathroom, and in bed. Those of you who are guilty know who you are. But I forgive all of you. Except, Dave.

A lot of you have asked if I will be bhe next year, and obviously I will not. I have come to know, just for the record, that Scott Snyder (the next Thresher editor, yes, the guy you voted in) cannot carry the idea of my being bhe, on his Thresher next year, and that is why. For those of you who don’t know both of us, I will simply say that our differences, in ideology, sensibilities, morals, you name it, are irreconcilable. Apology, of course, as you wish. Let’s be fair: if he did want me to bhe, I don’t think I could do it anyway; I must graduate next year (or, even less inclination) and that means passing some courses. Mr. Snyder has asked me if I will write editorials, and to the best of my ability, I will.

Before I forget, some people asked me if they could see this word under my foot today. I must say that my bhe is marked my all-time favorites:

1) Do your thing and you do your thing. I am not in this world to live up to your expectations of me; you are not to live up to mine. You are you and I am I. And if by chance we find each other, we shall do our thing and you do your thing. I am not in this world to live up to your expectations of me.

2) Why do you wrap a hammer with electrical tape? A: So it doesn’t explode when you fuck it.

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LITTLE GREEK GIRL MISCLASS

A Michael here, a Michael there
A pair of Michaels in her name
A dawn encounter, face aglow
Is there something we don’t know?

A third man in her lair?

Once upon a time, there was this little boy named Greg. Greg was very popular with a lot of people because he was very entertaining and somewhat of a nice guy. One day Greg decided to see how many people he could alienate, so he started acting like an asshole. He spread vicious rumors about his friends and even said mean things about them to their faces. Well, Greg succeeded: he managed to alienate all his friends and everyone else who thought well of him. Now he’s all alone with no friends.

I got bird blood on my soul

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