**Rupp wants diverse student body**

by Kimberlee Barrett

Rice University President George Rupp told an Admissions Committee meeting Friday that making diversity a priority for students should become a high priority.

The purpose of the meeting was to define objectives for the upcoming year and to familiarize the committee with their responsibilities.

Rupp told the committee he feels it is important for them to consider requirements other than good academic records and scores when selecting students. He said Rice should "not be so concerned with high board scores as with interesting, talented people.

"Rice needs to make an effort to attract minority students in particular," Rupp said.

He said that although this is hard to accomplish due to competition with other schools, it is something "we need to work on." In addition to greater diversity within the incoming classes, Rupp wants to see Rice continue to target disadvantaged students during the admissions process, especially those who will be the first generation to attend college from their families.

"I am myself a first generation college graduate. My parents were immigrants," Rupp said. He added that this gave him a "certain sympathy" with such students and he would "hate to see us forget tradition."

Another of Rupp's suggestions to create heterogeneity was to concentrate more on recruiting students from outside of Texas.

"I think it's important that we admit the strongest degree candidate who applies, irrespective of geography. There has been a tendency to give preference to those in this region," Rupp stated.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was travel and recruitment, which is the first phase of the admissions process according to Moss.

The purpose of recruitment, said Moss, is to generate applicants. Recruitment involves visiting high schools and college fairs and giving interviews.

Between mid-September and mid-December the admissions staff will visit over 60 cities and conduct approximately 37 interview sessions.

This summer the Admissions office studied figures from the last five years to determine which high schools it was most profitable for them to visit.

They were concerned with such factors as high schools' graduation rates, numbers of National Merit Scholars, numbers of applicants to Rice, how many of these were accepted, and how many matriculated.
Alum argues against RMC name change

To the editor:

The Rice Memorial Center was dedicated upon its construction in 1958 "in memory of the students of Rice who have brought honor to the Institute through their contributions to the furtherance of mankind and of those who have given their lives in the service of our country." The University has decided that the addition of a wing and renovation of the original center merits the renaming of the entire complex. The Memorial Center's new name is to be the Ley Student Center, in honor of the main contributors to the expansion and renovation.

Our buildings, as are any school's, are testimony to generosity: tens of millions of dollars, all for support of the advancement of knowledge. With one exception our buildings are either named or dedicated to individuals. That one exception, the Memorial Center, has an honorable name, bought with the lives of people recognized in the original dedication, people largely unknown to the university — by giving their careers, or their lives, to the ideals for which the university itself stands: "Rice University, an American institution dedicated to the progress of mankind." Removing that name would be an insult to the memory of the honorees which the Memorial Center brings daily to our own wavering attention.

There is a straightforward way to acknowledge fairly the credit behind the new work to the Memorial Center while continuing to recognize fairly the donors of the original building and its dedication. There is precedent for my proposal: we need giving credit for the renovation where credit is due. I propose for the new wing:

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U.S. must take stand against racist policy

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revolution in Nicaragua, where several administrations backed a government that did not have the support of its people.

"One of the things I learned," he said, "is that mistakes our government made in backing so rigidly the Somoza regime, way past opportunities we may have had to be flexible with that regime, that had long since, by anybody's analysis, proved unresponsive to the people in Nicaragua. It was going to be overthrown. I think the one thing we must do in South Africa is maintain our flexibility. I think this economic sanctions bill is a step in the right direction."

Andrews also responded to criticisms leveled at the sanctions by conservatives, who claim that the measures are unfair because they have been selectively aimed at South Africa while the United States still conducts trade with nations such as the Soviet Union. The United States has applied economic sanctions inconsistently in the past, Andrews conceded.

Rapist caught in park

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towels and a bottle of toothpaste were left at the scene.

According to Kelsey, this made the police think that "she was sleeping there that night, she was a transient."

Kelsey claimed he was chided by an officer of the campus police for having called HPD instead of their office.

In response the four students stated that they did not have time to think and were acting solely on their first reactions. Kelsey also indicated that the campus police have refused to respond to previous calls about possible trouble off-campus.

Campus police chief Harold Rhodes denied any such refusal.

When called about a disturbance off campus, the Rice dispatcher contacts the required authorities, said Rhodes. "We call the Park Police, the Med Center Police, we notify the proper authorities," he explained.

Rhodes also noted that the Rice Campus Police are in radio contact with such authorities, making response time almost immediate.

He went on to say that "in case of emergency, we will go to anyone's rescue."

I hope that this expression of concern is helpful in making the board cognizant of its responsibilities toward not only the alumni it represents but toward the Rice community as a whole.

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However, he said the government has a long history of using similar tactics to influence other countries and cited examples such as the Carter Administration's wheat embargo against the Soviet Union and the Reagan Administration's military aid to Nicaragua's contra guerrillas.

Even though the United States should not try to control events in South Africa, our government still has a moral obligation to strongly disapprove of that nation's racial injustice, Andrews said.

"You must admit, I think, there are instances where our country has a responsibility, possibly historical alliances, maybe moral commitment to try and influence other countries whether it's the Soviet Union or South Africa or Nicaragua," Andrews said. "We can't dictate to the South African government what kind of democracy or what kind of government they should have. But surely we can make a strong statement about the policies of that country. I think this economic sanctions bill will do that."

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Nightlife in Houston: clubs, pubs, and more

So you think you might venture beyond the hedges and check out some "real world" nightlife? But you've never explored this area before, and you don't know where to start. Or, you've actually taken that first step which led you to a couple of clubs, and now you're wondering which way to go next.

The following is an extensive, though incomplete, listing of clubs and night spots. There should be something for everyone in this, but if you know of a club which absolutely must be included, but wasn't, send a note to the Thresher office.

Pubs, Beer Gardens, Warehouses

•The Ale House, 2425 West Alabama. Americanized English Pub with local bands at least four nights per week; imports on tap; cover varies with the band, usually $3-$5.

•The Bavarian Gardens, 3926 Fagan. Big band or Dixieland jazz indoors on week nights, local rockers in the beer garden on weekends. Cover up to $6.

•Cabaret Voltaire, 22 N. Shepherd. Warehouse, no air conditioning, concert hall; theater, specializing in up-and-coming American rock talent; cover varies with band.

•Chelsea's, 804, 804 Chelsea Place. Live bands nightly with original music, modern urban rock; R&B; no cover Sunday through Tuesday, $3 Wednesday-Thursday, $4-$5 Friday and Saturday.

•Fitzgerald's, 2706 White Oak. "Boogie Palace of Houston" with reserved tables available; cover.

•Gin Tours, 2711 White Oak. "Executive games and burgers;" no cover.

•The Gin Garden, 3103 N. Main. Huge dance floor, video screen; British pop; alternative music/alternative dress; host of Club Igna on Wednesday Nights to portable club from Austin; $3-$5.

•Numbers, 2, 300 Westheimer. Huge dance floor, video screen; British pop; alternative music/alternative dress; host of Club Igna on Wednesday Nights to portable club from Austin; $3-$5.

•Nite Moves, 12845 Westheimer. Miniconcert hall with live bands three to four times per week; $4-$5.

•The Parlour, 2402 Mandell. Woody's interior, restaurant upstairs; live music nightly with rock & roll; R&B; jazz; acoustical folk; no cover Sunday-Thursday, $2 Friday-Saturday.

•Rockefeller's, 3620 Washington. "Houston's Premier Showcase Nightclub national live entertainment Wednesday-Sunday; cover varies with entertainment; $5-$25; tickets for big-name concerts (B. B. King performed here earlier this summer) available through Ticketron.

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Sarandon stands out in appealing *Positions*

**Compromising Positions**

*Directed by Frank Perry*

Compromising Positions should appeal to many tastes because it has a little of everything—a bit of romance, some mystery and suspense, and lots of humor. Luckily, Susan Isaacs adapted her 1979 novel for the screen with an eye on comedy. Ironic humor is the film's most compelling element.

The basis for the mystery is rather darkly humorous: the murder of Playboy Dentist Bruce Fleckstein. One of Dr. Fleckstein's patients, Judith Singer, played by Susan Sarandon, becomes fascinated by the murder. She soon learns that most of the women in her small community in the Long Island suburbs had been "romantically involved" with the dentist. Judith surmises that she has discovered the perfect motive for the murder: a jealous lover. Her journalistic inclinations surface. Judith was a reporter before becoming a housewife—and she decides to write an article about the murder. During her investigation, Judith discovers all sorts of sordid details about her dentist's lifestyle. Meanwhile, her own personal life begins to crumble as her stuffy husband questions her desire to work.

Susan Sarandon is the true gem of this film. Although much of the screenplay's material is unoriginal, Sarandon brings her special insight to each scene. For example, several films have used this particular sight gag: a funeral scene with numerous female mourners who were the mistresses of the deceased. Yet, here it is funny all over again because of Sarandon's response to the unusual group of mourners. Stereotypes are the basis for most of the characterizations, which generally adds to the movie's ironic humor. However, the marital problems between Judith and her husband are old hat. Most 1985 audiences have outgrown such screen quarrrels in which the husband decries his wife's desire to have a career. Yet, the blossoming romance between Judith and Police Inspector Suarez, played by Raul Julia, is fresh and intriguing, for Sarandon and Julia give their characters a sincere, human element, which is lacking in all of the other characters.

In the end, Judith manages to solve the mystery, save her marriage, and regain her position as a full-time reporter. Still, Sarandon's main role throughout the film is to play the foil to all the craziness going on around her. Both Sarandon and Julia make the film worth seeing.

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Nightlife

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- Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. Gay disco with modern music Tuesday and Thursday; alternative dress; active lights; $3-$5.

- Eclectic. These clubs fall into classes of their own:
  - The Caribana, 8220 W. Bellfort. Live reggae, mellow atmosphere; laid-back dancing. A touch of Jamaica in Houston. Cover varies with the group.
  - Cody's, 3400 Montrose. Several stories up with a view of the Houston lights. Live jazz bar and restaurant. "Upscale" dress.
  - The Copa, next to Perky's Coffee Shop (2651 Richmond). Gay disco/new music. Features drag shows. $3-$5. (No relation to Barry Mankow's.)
  - C&W. With sawdust on the floor and longnecks at the bar.
  - Gilley's, 4500 Spencer Highway. Urban Cowboy tourist trap. Live indoor rodeo, mechanical bull, guest stars. $3 Monday-Wednesday; $2 Thursday; varies Friday-Saturday.
  - The San Antonio Rose, 1641 S. Voss Road. Cliffside C&W. Weeknights $2 after 9:00. $1 after; $2 Friday-Saturday.

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Coach Suitts makes staff changes during summer

by Mark Matteson

For the Rice men's basketball coaching staff, shuffling was a popular activity over summer vacation, it seems. Head coach Tommy Suitts kept himself busy with reorganization, as he added Sonny Benefield as assistant coach, promoted Greg Walavich, his top aide, to assistant head coach, and hired Willis Wilson as a part-time assistant.

Benefield, former head basketball coach at Dulles High School in Sugarland, was hired in early June. The 35-year-old replaces assistant Marty Gross, who resigned in May to take an assistant coaching job with his alma mater, Jacksonville University.

"We're happy to have Sonny joining our staff. I'm sure he will do an excellent job for us," said Suitts when making the announcement.

"Sonny has the personality to become a good recruiter, and he is a proven winner as a coach. Plus, his background as a Texas high school coach and a fine student-athlete at Texas A&M should be beneficial to our program," Benefield compiled a 201-104 record in 12 years as a high-school head coach. Most recently he posted a 30-24 record in a two-year tenure at Dulles.

The former Aggie great was a three-time all-Southwest-Conference pick and served as captain of Texas A&M's conference championship team. He also earned all-America prep honors at Sweeny High School.

Last week, Suitts announced that he had also added Walavich to the staff. The 25-year-old Walavich, the former head coach at Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., came to Rice in 1983 and has been instrumental in signing eleven highly-touted recruits, while demonstrating ability in all phases of coaching.

"In the two years he's been here, Greg has been an integral part of the progress we have made with the program," said Suitts when making the announcement.

"When I hired him, I said Greg Walavich was one of the best coaches I knew, and I think he has demonstrated that in the last two years. I've always been impressed with his abilities, his professionalism, and his success."

Walavich's new duties will include coordinating the Owls' national recruiting program, overseeing scheduling and a direct involvement in decision-making, according to Suitts.

"The reason for promoting Greg were two-fold," said Suitts. "One was to reward him for a job well done and the other was to maximize the skills he has."

The third appointment, Wilson, was also made last week. Wilson, a part-time starter on Suitts' first Rice team in 1982, rejoins the Owls after spending two seasons as an assistant basketball coach at Strake Jesuit High School in Houston. The Crusaders finished second in the 1984 Texas Christian Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament and won the TCI State Track title that same year with Wilson on the staff.

"We're very pleased that Willis has decided to come and work with us," Suitts said. "He was the kind of player people describe as a coach on the floor. When he was playing, he would carry out to the letter whatever the coach wanted to accomplish."

"If Willis can use the same mental approach to the game as he did as a player, he will become a very effective coach for us," he added.

The 25-year-old Wilson, who was a four-year letterman for the Owls after a fine prep career at Blair High School in Silver Springs, Md., will be Rice's designated part-time assistant, resulting from an NCAA rule that limits basketball coaching staffs to three full-time positions.

But as Suitts noted, "That means working full time at a part-time salary."

Wilson's duties will include on-the-floor coaching, the supervision of the Owls' pre-season strength-and-conditioning program, assistance with campus visits by recruits and the scouting of opponents.

VOLLEYBALL

by Antonio Torres

The Rice volleyball team traveled to the Texas prison town, Huntsville, to play the tough Sam Houston Samcats on the road last Wednesday. Unfortunately, the Owls were problems and the Lady Bears in straight sets, 15-1, 15-11, 15-12.

The Lady Owls have a history of struggling against Sam Houston — they lost last year in straight sets, as well — and this match was no exception. "In the first set there was a lack of team cohesiveness," said senior team member Dana Schunk. "There seems to be a mental barrier when we play Sam Houston because we always play below our standards against them. It's really frustrating," said Schunk.

Despite the fact that they are still searching for their first win, the Owls' outlook on the season remains fairly optimistic. Added Schunk, "The morale is still very high; we are working hard. We are going to have a productive season." Schunk mentioned that this year's edition plays with much intensity and has a strong desire to "go all out." Health continues to be the major obstacle, however: setters Lara Epperson and Gwen Johnson are still out. Suzanne Zalczewski is also out but has started practicing.

The Owls' first home game is September 17th at Autry Court. "We're going to be exciting to watch," predicts Schunk.
Owl sailors capture second in Armadillo Regatta

by John Wilson

The Rice Sailing Club was edged by Baylor in the third annual Armadillo Regatta Saturday; the sailors lacked only one point to the strong Bear team. Teams from Lamar, Oklahoma State and defending Armadillo champs Texas A&M at Galveston also participated. A spirited A&M team from the main campus managed only third place. Stuart Shippey, skipper of the A-division boat from Rice, summed up the feelings of the team when he quipped, "Losing to Baylor sucks, but I'll sleep tonight knowing we wanted A&M." Commend John Lane said that his feelings couldn't be put into words (you figure that out!).

The Armadillo Regatta (no connection with Dr. Alfred Armadillo, class of '89 and famous benefactor of Rice) was held at the Seabrook Sailing Club, a friendly and hospitable establishment whose facilities are rivaled only by the Galveston Cruising Association's moorings nearby. Collegiate racers use 420s, 13-foot sailboats similar to olympic class 470s which demand a great deal of skill from the skipper and crew. Regattas are divided into two divisions, A and B, so that more sailors can participate. The Armadillo had six 10- to 20-minute races for each division.

Early in the Regatta, the sailors were limited to four boats when the fifth boat's shroud broke. Even so, competition was tough and several finishes were decided by seconds; in one heat, for instance, A&M edged Shippey by eight tenths of a second. As the regatta got near the end, sailors got tense and three minor collisions occurred. Protests were dropped in two cases, and OSU admitted fault and accepted disqualification in the third. Throughout the regatta, changing winds made it difficult for the race committee to set a proper course. Two storms which passed nearby caused large windshifts. Team members Ed Graham, David Slivets, and John Wilson acted as race committee for Rice.

In the A division, Shippey, a past RSC commodore, slipped past OSU in two out of three and was aided by his crew, Janice Rolefson. One of Shippey's second places was the eight-tenths second decision to A&M.

In the B division, John Lane, RSC commodore, and Mike Doyle shared the skippering duties. They sailed to two firsts and two seconds to capture second place overall; both their losses were to Baylor. John and Mike demonstrated unusual starting strategies in each race, which gave them the advantage in several races, but cost them in one. They revenged earlier losses to A&M by beating them soundly and then coming back and edging them by one second at the line.

Regatta trophies selected for the Armadillo by Commodore Lane were given in the traditional RSC spirit. A&M at Galveston received a six-pack of Michelob Dark, the Rice team enjoyed Moosehead, and Baylor took a fifth of Irish rum back to place on their trophy shelf.
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Eggs to order, cream of wheat, cinnamon apples, bagels & cream cheese.
Egg rolls, oriental mixed vegetables, fruit or novelty.
Roast beef & gravy, rice, broccoli spears, poppyseed rolls & butter, coconut cream pie meringue.
Friday
French toast, syrup, bacon, hard or soft cooked eggs.
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Choose your weapon. The Rice Fencing Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm in the gym. All experience levels welcome. Instruction for beginners, challenges for more seasoned fencers.

Attention weird people: The Rice Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (RSFFA) and The War and Role-playing Club (WARP) will be having their umpteenth Annual Welcome party. We will have munchies, movies and refreshments. Sewall Hall 207, Friday, 9-13 7pm.

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