Student grades on spring '87 professors come out

by David Stewart

Results of the faculty evaluations for the spring 1987 semester have been released. Based on a five-point scale with 1.00 as the highest possible score, university-wide averages were 1.9 for course quality and 1.8 for teaching effectiveness. Last year, the mean for courses was 1.87, with an average of 1.78 for effectiveness.

Among the divisions, the School of Humanities had the highest ratings, scoring an average

Brown, SRC changes smooth

by Lisa Gray

The conversion of Rice's last two single-sex residential colleges is going smoothly, residents and masters of Brown and Sid Richardson Colleges said after their first week and a half as co-ed colleges.

"We really expected to get phone calls from parents, to have lots of complaints," said Carolyn Areus, Brown co-master. "So far, we haven't had any.

"There's no substantive difference in the college," said Richardson master Jenny Disch. "Sid may be a little quieter, but not substantially.

Disch said "no open antagonism" of female transfers and freshmen has taken place.

"The women are a robust bunch," he said. "We have a really good group of transfers and residents." Brown also reported positively on the co-ed conversion.

"Brown seems livelier, more upbeat," said Brown co-master Carolyn Areus. "I feel in many respects that the college is happier—there's no one here who doesn't want to be here." In past years, roughly half the freshmen assigned to Brown had requested co-ed living.

Brown's co-ed conversion plan had called for 20 to 24 male freshmen to live in Brown this year, but the college instead accepted 35. Because Rice had accepted a high percentage of males, Areus said, many freshmen males would have been forced to live in the graduate house. Brown would have had unoccupied rooms this year, so the masters accepted the extra males after conferring with college members.

Because the college had planned to leave its top three floors single-sex this year, the lower four residential floors have higher-than-normal percentages of males, Areus said, many freshman males would have been forced to live in the graduate house. Brown would have had unoccupied rooms this year, so the masters accepted the extra males after conferring with college members.

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In addition, an angled roof will be added to the center, making its appearance similar to other campus buildings. The new top floor will have more extensive storage and offices, and more photography labs. Other major changes include installing a sprinkler system throughout the entire center and larger windows on the new floor. Both changes are necessary to bring the building into compliance with Houston's safety code.

Postal Artifact

This 1927 Post Office railway car, located at Montrose and U.S. 59, once moved mail between Houston and California. It has since been restored, and currently serves as an antiques shop specializing in railroad artifacts.

—O. Kelley

Renovations to Allen Center add fourth floor

by Judd Volino

Work is planned to begin in October on an addition to and renovation of Allen Center. The changes will provide needed office space, as well as improve the appearance of the building.

The entire project is expected to cost approximately $2.4 million. The architectural firm of Lloyd, Jones, and Fillpock, which drew the original plans for the building, is designing the addition. "We're still making revisions, but the drawings should be complete by the week of Labor Day," said Ed Samfield, director of Physical Plant. When the plans are finalized, a contractor will be selected on the basis of competitive bids.

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SPANNING THE HEDGES

by David Schnur

A few items from the news:

"I'm New York, Governor Mario Cuomo has announced a plan to build new prison space to house 3,400 additional inmates, but many officials believe that the new construction will be insufficient to cure overcrowding problems.

Secondly, there is evidence that a decline in government aid actually raises college costs, since almost all colleges attempt to meet a student's financial need anyway. When the federal money is removed from a student's aid, the college replaces the funds from its own coffers and raises tuition in order to make up the lost dollars from other students. In a survey by the American Council on Education, 71 percent of private school administrators said their tuition increases for 1988-89 are due to increased student aid expenditures.

Immediate victims are the middle-class, students who do not qualify for significant aid, but can't afford the runaway tuitions. Also endangered are poorer students who can't afford college without federal aid.

At Rice, we are fortunate to have relatively low tuition and a proven financial aid program. The fact that 70 percent of students here receive aid shows program works.

But last spring, however, the financial aid office indicated that 200-250 Rice students who qualified for Guaranteed Student Loans last year would not receive them this year, because of cuts in that program.

"Some students may not be able to return," said Financial Aid Director David Ham at the time.

Surely some students didn't. The federal government needs to be leading the way to solid, responsible, and lastingly aid programs—not avoiding them.

Editorial policy

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Letter writers should also include their phone number for our reference. Letters may be edited for length, clarity, and grammar. They should be addressed to the editor of the Rice Thresher, Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251, or delivered directly to the Thresher office on the second floor of the Ley Student Center.

Volunteer work brings rewards

I remember standing in Jackson Middle School in front of a swarm of 5th, 7th and 8th graders. Most of these kids are from impoverished neighborhoods and had and probably never spoken face-to-face with a college student. They were so eager to know all about Rice and what it was like to be in college. Most of all, I remember the look on a small Hispanic boy's face when I responded "yes" to his question. "Do you think I can go to college and become an astronaut?" — Shawn senior Eiran Mandellere

In ten years, I don't think I'll remember the time that I made the "A" on a Biochem test; however I'll never forget the Covenant House student who said that he received a better job after having passed the High School Equivlency Test. The previous week, I had helped him on fractions in preparation.

The Rice Student Volunteer Program (RSPV) was founded two years ago by a handful of Rice undergraduates who recognized a growing interest among college students to participate in community service. Besides serving as a clearing-house for volunteers activities in the Houston area, RSPV coordinates many of its own service opportunities which reflect specific interest and abilities of the Rice community.

Understanding the time constraints academics gives Rice students, and the difficulties which many students have with transportation, RSPV seeks to make community service accessible, even easy, for Rice volunteers.

During the past year, over 350 weekly volunteers were involved in such diverse activities as tutoring elderly illiterates to read and write, teaching English to newly arrived refugees, painting the home of a senior citizen, befriendning juveniles detained at the Harris County Detention Center, and raising money for hunger relief through a skip-a-meal program, volunteering in hospitals at the see Fall, page 6.
Are the minds of college students really closing?

Instead of the usual easy summer reading, like romance or mystery books, over 250,000 readers this summer have chosen a book on the subject of higher education in America: It's called Bloom’s The Closing of the American Mind.

A professor at the University of Chicago, Bloom complains that college students are not exposed to today, claiming that liberal arts courses on Greek philosophers and early scientists have been abandoned for more trendy, contemporary subjects. Bloom believes that educators are teaching only what students want to learn today. "Piracy, the rise of money today still finds time to listen to the rock-and-roll albums and socialize.

According to the Secretary of Education William Bennett, Bloom wrote a "brilliant book, a phenomenon that points out where higher education has gone wrong and what we need to fix it." Bloom’s book has found support from parents who believe that their children for sound liberal arts teaching have recently been heard. Also, some students, including a college newspaper editor, have voiced their approval as they see attention given to concern for their education.

Those who have criticized The Closing of the American Mind claim that Bloom has not taken into account that problems with education start in the home and in early childhood rather than in the college. Still other critics focus on the inequities of the American educational system that Bloom does not mention.

VP supporting aid

If George Bush is elected president, students on financial aid might find it easier to get as much as they need.

Bush says education as a whole is a major concern of his because he believes that a well-educated generation is necessary to improve America’s position in world issues. In a recent speech given in Indianapolis, Bush commented on the need for the government to support college-bound students facing financial difficulties.

Bush’s proposal includes establishing a program that would provide tax breaks for families saving for their children’s future education. It suggested “college savings bonds” which would be similar to United Savings Bonds. For parents who are saving, any interest earned would be tax-free. Some critics see this as a tax break for high-income families.

Another of Bush’s proposals focused on increasing federal grants rather than decreasing them as has been proposed by President Reagan. Reagan suggested cutting the Pell Grant budget from $3.9 billion to $2.7 billion, but this has not passed yet. Bush also suggested allowing students to repay loans based on the amount of money they earn after graduation.

And, without forgetting the primary role of education, Bush commented on the quality of education saying, “We should demand more real learning and less basket weaving.”

Piracy a problem...

Many students do not think twice about making a copy of a copyrighted program, nor does it matter to them that it is illegal to do so. Probably, this is because of getting caught are slim.

A popular activity on college campuses, software piracy drains the potential revenues of reputable software manufacturers such as the Microsoft Corporation and Software Publishers Association. In an effort to remedy the current situation, discounts on original software as well as advertising campaigns such as Software Publisher’s Association’s “unprotected software is not free” advertising used.

Software companies, however, face a real problem in terms of catching the culprits. Lawsuits which involve professors who have pirated thousands of dollars worth of software are worth the time and money since the actions of the faculty can be used to hold the entire university liable for piracy.

Those who are1 annoyed with the loss of profits have been harsh on “pirates.” For example, a professor at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor believes that students who are caught should be thrown out. A computer director at American University similarly believes that people should be threatened and prosecuted.

As far as student opinions on pirating software go, one suggested that if software costs were similar to textbook costs, then maybe students would not be so untimely when accounting for their software collections.

...that UCLA escaped

BY Engineering, a California based software company, was not able to get the legal aid it hoped for when it pressed charges against a UCLA employee who made numerous copies of seven programs.

In a decision on April 17, Judge Harry L. Haring Jr. of District Court granted a summary judgment in favor of UCLA. The decision was based on the fact that the 11th Amendment, under federal law, aims at protecting state agencies from being sued.

UCLA, even after being caught, did not purchase new licenses for the programs at $500 each.

Such licenses would have allowed the university to legally copy any programs needed for campus use. BY Engineering then sued UCLA for $70,000 in damages for each program.

The university counsel at UCLA not only claimed protection by the 11th Amendment but also claimed that making copies was legal under the “fair use” doctrine issued under the copyright law. Thus, Judge Haring’s ruling in favor of UCLA has not left software companies in a good position to collect their revenues without maintaining their rights.

Blacks concern UC

At UC-Berkeley only 27 percent of black students who entered as freshmen in 1980 and 1981 have graduated.

Despite major recruiting efforts that have succeeded in attracting qualified black students to Berkeley, racism remains a problem. It seems a waste to spend the time recruiting freshman only to watch their motivation and potential hindered by discrimination once they are on campus, Berkeley officials said.

With this problem in mind, a task force called “The Challenge Ahead: Improving Black Student Graduation” was formed in April to improve retention rates of black students. Other suggestions that the task force may consider include more freshmen/admissions contact as well giving black students top priority in housing status.

"It is not enough to bring black students to Berkeley, they must be given the support they need in order to succeed," the task force concluded.

Berkeley, in a more general sense, is also concerned with improving graduation rates for all students; Berkeley’s overall graduation rate is presently 61%.

BY GARRY TRAUDEU
Fall RSVP opportunities to continue spring’s spirit

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nearby Texas Medical Center, and working at crisis shelters to help battered and abused women at the Houston Area Women’s Center or homeless and abused women at the Houston Women’s Center.

In addition to weekly projects, RSVP coordinated many one-time service opportunities such as the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Outreach Day.

The Student Campaign is an annual event which combines two important issues—cleaning the environment and hunger relief. Outreach Day, on February 14 (Valentine’s Day), brought over 500 members of the Rice Community (students, faculty, and staff) to participate in over 30 different service projects.

These projects ranged from making Valentine cards for patients at nearby hospitals, to bringing 60 different service projects.

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The enthusiasm of Outreach Day continued throughout the rest of the year as many of the participants continued with their service involvement. We’re excited about the next Outreach Day which is planned for October 17.

Also, in November, RSVP will host the Southeastern U.S. Regional Conference of the Campus Outreach Opportunities League (C.O.O.L.), a national organization which encourages college students to serve their communities.

Last year many people joined together to expand RSVP from a small band of volunteers to a real model for college activists in the community. We are discovering the excitement of addressing important social issues and of challenging ourselves to be part of a process which will make a difference in our world, one person at a time. We are also finding that participation in the wider community offers experiences which enrich our education.

The continuing success of RSVP lies in our capacity to care and to get involved for others. RSVP wants to challenge you as a member of the Rice community to be a part of a solution, to lend your enthusiasm and your talents to community service.

RSVP has grown to include a full-time service coordinator, Jim Mustachia, as well as an officer staff. Our office in the RMC cloisters is open every day and night. If you have any questions or are interested in any of our programs, please call 527-4970 or come by our office. We are looking forward to seeing you.

RSVP Notices:
- There will be a one-hour University-wide RSVP meeting Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Sid Richardson college commons. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. We will introduce and have sign-ups for numerous service projects, and briefly discuss both the October 17 Outreach Day and the November 13-15 COOL conference. Come to the meeting early to get a seat. Refreshments will be served at 10 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed immediately for: Taping for the Blind, Rice Recycling and Recovery, and of challenging ourselves to be part of a solution, to lend your enthusiasm and your talents to community service.

Humaneness part of prevention

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work. Such a plan need not displace paid construction workers, as projects could be completed that labor costs would otherwise make prohibitively expensive. The inhumanly cruel conditions that have traditionally existed in chain-gangs must, of course, be eliminated.

To institute either sort of system in our state would require some rethink ing of the purpose of the justice system. The goal of our correctional institutions should not be punishment of the criminal, but the prevention of crime.

Only 30 percent of America’s prison population are violent criminals. The others would not pose a direct threat to public safety if released, and if they are released into a properly controlled program, they could be rehabilitated so that they are not threats at all, but rather productive members of society.

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by Wendy Erickson

With the help of grant money from several sources, Rice Student Volunteer Program director Jim Mustacchia plans to extend RSVP involvement through a project designed to combat adult illiteracy in Houston.

The goal of the literacy project is to create a task force of students trained to tutor illiterate adults. In order to facilitate this goal, Sid Richardson College is offering a one-hour course, coordinated by Mustacchia, which will address the sociological, political, and ethical issues surrounding the problem of adult illiteracy. The course is being offered as a response to questions raised by students interested in the literacy project.

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Students will be taught tutoring skills and will then be able to train other students in an effort to get the project underway. Although the literacy project in its present form is new, the college is involved in past projects such as the Reading, Education, and Development Council's literacy skills assessment screening conducted at Rice last semester.

The Kettering Foundation, which encourages leadership from college students, will contribute funds toward helping RSVP. The goal of this foundation is to encourage leadership in college students. The foundation believes a leader should understand issues from more than one perspective. College students must, therefore, learn about important issues and discuss these issues with those involved. Hopefully, this knowledge will permit students to work with other groups to find common solutions to social problems and to apply these solutions in coherent local activities. Mustacchia believes that the literacy project fits well into...the course is a forum for students to think through community service...

Jim Mustacchia is the driving force behind volunteering at Rice. He is the first, ten the second, and five the third. The funds will be used for all RSVP activities. Mustacchia has also applied for a federal grant intended specifically for the literacy program.

As a further encouragement for students interested in volunteer community service, RSVP and the sociology department will offer during the spring semester a three-hour course investigating the importance of volunteer service in contemporary society. The course, to be taught by sociology professor Chandler Davidson, will be based on a similar course taught at Harvard University. Mustacchia sees the course as "a formal forum for students to think through community service." As such, the course will support the Kettering Foundation's goal of promoting student leadership through service.

...Outreach Day is a prelude to long-term community involvement...

Foundation, RSVP has received a thirty-thousand-dollar grant from Action, a federal agency which supports community initiatives. The grant money will be spread out over three years with RSVP receiving fifteen thousand dollars per year.

Brown acquires new male odor

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Building and Grounds Representative Connie Rhodes. "There's slightly more damage than usual—the carpets are a little more trashed, there's more garbage in the halls, and the kitchen is messier, but none of it is serious so far," she said.

She added, "Third floor is developing a distinct male odor. You go down there and it smells like a party. A masculine smell."

Both colleges reported spirited orientation weeks.

"The girls seem to be enjoying the fact that they're the first females to matriculate here," according to Jerri-Rahi, Richardson Orientation Week co-coordinator. "Every freshman girl was at our first Powderpuff practice drill outside."

Reifs also said that during a mock Beer-Bike race between Richardson and Weiss College, "It was the girls who started cheering 'Sid Rich, Sid Rich.'"

"A lot of people were really worried that the college would be a lot less spirited once we went co-ed, that we'd become a generic type college," he said. "That doesn't seem to be happening this year."

Richardson junior Katy Feibleman, a transfer from Brown, agreed that Richardson has not become a co-ed college, but said it no longer has "the fraternity atmosphere it used to."

Richardson sophomore Katy Tashoff, also a transfer from Brown, said Richardson is "a lot noisier than Brown—but that's why I transferred. I wanted to be around more activity."

Richardson president Ewen Tseng said the college's female members are "a pretty spunky group. You throw water at them, they'll throw water back."

"A lot of upperclassmen from other colleges asked if we'd handpicked our freshmen—especially the girls. I think we have a lot of cute girls," he said.

When asked what differences he had noticed in his college, Tseng said: "The thing that's really weird is walking in the commons and smelling perfume. You walk in the commons now and you hit this wall of perfume."
RPC working to overcome Rondelet money woes

by Michele Wucker

By cutting committee budgets and working with the Athletic Department and the Student Association Senate, the Rice Program Council is trying to offset a $2,500 deficit largely stemming from last spring’s Rondelet/Beer-Bike weekend, according to RPC President Rachel Giesber.

Because a blanket tax referendum last spring failed, RPC officers have been forced to cut the committee budgets and look for funds from other sources. There will be a second referendum some time next semester to generate extra funds for the 1988-89 school year.

Until the RPC receives fall blanket tax funds in October, the Student Association will loan the RPC money. The money will help finance the RPC’s ballet ticket program and a free post-football game party, co-sponsored by Will Rice College, to be held in the academic quad after the year’s first football game.

Giesber said the RPC hopes the athletic department, which will sponsor an Otis Day and the Nights concert at the game, will bring more bands to Rice football games, cutting down on the amount the RPC must spend on bringing bands to parties. To keep down party costs, she said the RPC will try to attract more campus bands instead of bringing in outside groups.

To help cover other costs, the RPC may begin charging admission to parties. According to Giesber, the cuts will have little or no effect on this year’s Esperanza dance or Rondelet/Beer-Bike weekends. She said that because the RPC does not make a profit on events it sponsors, costs have been kept as low as possible in past years.

The cultural/speaker series committee will try to attract political speakers who will come to Rice without charging for their time.

“By cutting back on all this year’s committees a little bit, we’re basically making up last year’s losses,” said Giesber.

Unexpected charges for alcohol and cleaning comprised most of the loss on Rondelet. The 900 students at the dance drank $8,000 worth of alcohol. The Houston Center Club, where the dance was held, assessed a $2,000 cleaning charge. “The club served drinks until past 1 a.m., made an effort to quickly pick up any half-filled drinks, and charged us bar prices per drink,” said Giesber.

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**Bat Surfers band to play for Lovett Malibu Beach party**

**IN THE COLLEGES**

by Biff Clay

Lovett College will sponsor a Malibu Beach Party Saturday, August 29. The Bat Surfers will be playing live. The parking lot jack is today after dinner.

The Bat Surfers played at the pub last year. — M. Thomas

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**U. Court spot to go up for grabs in September**

by Mary Elliott

An election for University Court Chairman will be held September 22. Petitions will be available August 31 in the Student Association office, and are due by 3:00 p.m. September 11. Statements of the candidate's qualifications must be 250 words or less and be submitted to the Thresher by September 14.

The position was vacated when Hanszen fifth-year Frank Dahlberg resigned last spring. The Student Association Senate has voted to begin impeachment proceedings against Dahlberg, charging him with displaying posters slandering Will Rice junior Andy Karsner, another candidate for the position, during the University Court elections held last spring.

Hanszen Chief Justice Tracy Sharp has served as interim chair- man since Dahlberg's resignation. Sharp is ineligible to run for University Court Chairman.

All undergraduates except members of the college courts are eligible. "I think it would be better if they knew something about the court, but as far as I know, there are no formal qualifications," Sharp said.

Karsner and Brown senior Todd Torczon were candidates in last spring's election. However, neither will run this fall. When asked why he was not running again, Todd Torczon replied, "I think I'll let sleeping dogs lie and not answer that question." Greg Heath is the only candidate who ran last year that is considering running again.

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**Tsanoff Prize Winners**

The Philosophy Department is pleased to announce the winners of the fifth annual Tsanoff Scholarship Prizes for outstanding essays written in philosophy courses in the 1986-87 academic year.

The winners and titles of their essays are:

First prize in an upper-level course: John Thurnthwaite: "The Freedom Necessary of Morality: What Would It Be, and Does It Exist?"

First prize in a lower-level course: Randolph Berlin: "Analytic/Synthetic Distinction."

Runners-up in upper-level courses are:


Michael F. Woodward—"Golliath vs Golliath"

Runners-up in lower-level courses are:

Jill Reiviz: "The Role of Women in the History of Phi- losophy"

Michael Raphael: "Ep- icurus and Zeno Hit the Town"

These prizes will be offered again during the 1987-88 academic year.
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 grants all students attending post-secondary educational institutions the right to examine their own records under certain conditions, the right to a hearing for the purpose of correcting information in their records, and the right to privacy of all personally identifiable information contained in their records.

Students interested in knowing the exact working of the Act should consult the actual text of the Act, which is available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 101 Lovett Hall.

Students may file a written request to examine their folders by using forms which are available in departments or offices which may be holding their records.

The principal offices which maintain records as part of their assigned duties are the Admissions Office, the Registrar’s Office, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Proctor, the Offices of Sponsored Research and Graduate Students, the Athletic Office, the Alumni Association Office, the Office of the College Masters, Department Officers, the Cashier’s Office, Student Health Service, Psychiatric Service and the Rice University Police.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the University reserves the right to publish directory information. As defined in the Act, students who do not wish such information to be released should submit notification of their preference in writing to the Student Association office, 101 Lovett Hall, no later than the last day of the second week of classes. Directors includes such information as the student’s name, address, telephone number, and affiliated residential college.

Hazing bill passes for state

The Texas legislature recently enacted a bill, SB24, on hazing. Offenses under this bill are, at a minimum, classed as misdemeanors and punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both. The bill will take effect on September 1.

A person commits an offense if the person engages in hazing, encourages another to engage in hazing, knowingly permits hazing to occur or has knowledge of hazing and fails to report said knowledge to an appropriate official of the university, even if the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

“Hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

The full wording of the bill is available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and in the Office of Student Advising and Activities. Hazing has been forbidden at Rice University since 1922 and all matriculating students are required to sign a pledge not to engage in any form of hazing.

Grad House in Rice district

In response to a request made by the Graduate House Residents Advisory Committee, Harris County Commissioner’s Court recently realigned the boundaries of Voting Precinct 361 (the University) to include the Graduate House, 6500 South Main.

It is hoped that the change, which takes effect March 1, 1988, will encourage Graduate House residents to vote and participate more in the political process.

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No Way Out has no believable conclusion

Directed by Roger Donaldson

It is a rare event in movie-going to encounter a film with an ending so inexplicably and unbelievably awful that it completely undermines what had been a very good movie. Yet the new political action thriller No Way Out manages just that.

The film is a reworking of the 1948 film The Big Clock, which is based on the book of the same name by Kenneth Fearing. In that version, the story involved a newspaper editor and one of his reporters. However, for today's purposes, the characters have been updated. Now the players are the Secretary of Defense (Gene Hackman) and one of his intelligence assistants (Kevin Costner).

The star of the film, fresh from his triumphant role as Elliot Ness in The Untouchables, is Kevin Costner. As one of the rising stars in movies today, he is finally given a chance to play a much more human character than he has in the past. With his good looks, intensity, and a trace of boyish innocence, there is little doubt that Costner will be unreplaced as a leading man for many years to come. His fine performance is the centerpiece of an often frantic, complex and very cleverly written story.

Costner plays Tom Farrell, a career military man and decorated naval hero who is recruited by Secretary of Defense Paul Brice and his dangerously loyal assistant Scott Pritchett to become a liaison between their office and the many intelligence agencies.

Along the way Farrell becomes involved in a nicely portrayed romance with a local woman named Susan Atwell who keeps showing up with invitations to military balls. Atwell is played by Sean Young, who gives an impressive performance as Farrell's lover. Problem is, she also happens to be Brice's mistress.

The story takes a dramatic swing from the romance of Farrell and Atwell to a frenzied murder cover-up arranged by Pritchett to protect his boss, who is indeed guilty of a murder. Control over the entire investigation is given to Farrell and he soon comes to realize that he is being set up to take the fall for the entire situation should he not be able to clear everything up himself. This plot twist is what gives the second half of the film its energy — we get the feeling that the walls are closing in around Farrell as the plot gets thicker and nears its absurd ending.

Director Roger Donaldson does an admirable job in directing the action which takes place almost exclusively within the Pentagon during the last half of the movie. His claustrophobic direction heightens the tension of the film very effectively.

Gene Hackman, the ever-consummate actor, turns in another good performance as the haggard Secretary of Defense. Even better was the work of Will Patton as the ever-doting assistant Pritchett. His character was an equal opposition to Farrell.

Up until the last two minutes of the film everything was great — the acting, directing and script had all built up to what could have been any number of possible resolutions. What finally happened left me with my mouth hanging down onto the sticky theater floor. The ending just jumped out from left field, leaving the audience to try to piece together the seemingly insignificant clues which ultimately proved to be vital in any sort of comprehension of the movie. It takes a good fifteen minutes to sort through everything. It all makes sense (sort of), but the film still needed some sort of scene explaining the ending in a bit more detail.

I would never recommend this under any other circumstances, but my advice to anyone going to see this film is that when it becomes clear that the ending is about to be revealed, leave the theater immediately and invent your own conclusion. Only if you are still curious may you re-enter the theater during the next show and compare your ending to the film's. I promise you that anyone's could be better. Even yours.

—David Nathan

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Houston cinemas offer more than just films

Has this ever happened to you? "Bonjour!" "Bonjour!" "Comme ça va?" "Comme si, comme ça. Et tu?" "Très bien, merci." "Yo man, let us be going to the movies!" "Aighight! Where shall we be going?" "I don't know." "Let's just stay at home and drink until we puke!" "Yeah!"

Don't let this happen to you! Find out where your nearby theater is! Here is a guide to the finest Houston theaters located inside the 610 Freeway (inside the Loop to insiders):

Greenway 3 (Greenway Plaza East, 626-0402) For a long time this theater was about the only place you could see a limited-run foreign film. You know, the kind with the funny white letters at the bottom and the folks on the screen chanting away in Swahili. Nestled in the Greenway Plaza mixed-use development on the Southwest Freeway near Buffalo Speedway, this triple-screen AMC theater was a reprieve for the disenchanted Yuppie who wanted a fix of foreign films that will keep it varied. It features five completely different auditoriums ranging in size from 80 to 400 seats running the different. It was able to install a full complement of seats from those removed (though the director's chairs were more comfortable). You can usually see two movies for $3.50. (Not a bad deal in my book.) Beware the microscopic bathrooms!

Shamrock 6 is now half parking lot, half helped. It was once one of the worst theaters in town, but regulars packed 'em in anyway. It had terrible sound on the mixed size screens, and the fare always ran toward the lower-income-pleasing exploitation flicks, and an occasional smurf's movie. Moviewgoers visited this establishment at their own risk but choice comments from an ever-present peanut gallery were worth the trouble.

Museum of Fine Arts (1001 Bissonet at Main 526-2049) This small screen, located in the basement of the Museum of Fine Arts, is usually the site of an excellent retrospective of some foreign film series. The prices are right, but the subject matter is, well, arty.

Village Theater (2412 University Blvd. 528-2334) It used to show pornos and, certainly had the most interesting one-sheets in this upscale, conservative neighborhood, but now it's closed and no one is quite sure what to do with it. It's the only movie theater in town I know of that still has a balcony, and if rumor holds true, will someday show art films in the vein of the Bel Air and Greenway theaters.

The Trust

The Trust Main Street Theater

As William Marsh Rice grew older and accumulated more and more wealth, he chose for himself a certain measure of immortality. Since he had no children, when he died the majority of his estate would be for the benefit of the Rice Institute. Rice appointed his Houston attorney, Capt. James Baker, head of Trustees of the Institute, making him responsible for the construction of the campus, the acquisition of the faculty, and the general welfare of the school. However, when Rice died of seeming

desperate distributing company will feature a free film. This small theater fills to SRO with bored Rice students. Following the recent renovation of the Bel Air, the auditorium was able to install a full complement of seats from those removed (though the director's chairs were more comfortable). You can usually see two movies for $3.50. (Not a bad deal in my book.) Beware the microscopic bathrooms!

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languishing natural causes in the fall of 1900, a will appeared that left virtually nothing to the Institute. This will was, as Baker later discovered, forged by Albert Patrick, a New York attorney who conspired with Rice's valet to seize the estate. The story of Albert Patrick's evil plot and Baker's quest to save the Institute has been adapted into a play entitled "The Trust," currently playing at Main Street Theater in the Village.

The play was written by Doug Kilgore ('69) and involves several members of the Rice community.

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Leonardo da Vinci and Young FrankenNerd

COMING UP
the week in fine arts

FRIDAY the 28th

The Comedy Workshop (2105 San Felipe) will be presenting Bill Hicks and John Farnetti. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m., tickets are $7. Call 524-7333 for more information.

The Blues Busters, a super group for aficionados of 70’s blues-rock, will be playing at Rockefeller’s (3620 Washington Ave.) Call 861-9365 for information.

SATURDAY the 29th

Miss Molly and the Passion will be playing at Fitzgerald’s (2710 White Oak Drive). For tickets and showtimes, call 862-3838.

The Little Theater (2540 Waugh) begins its second annual 1987 Houston Tunnel Hike from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 10k hike begins and ends at The Park Shopping Center and runs through air-conditioned tunnels, skywalks and connecting buildings. Registration is $5 per person. For further information call the Hike Hot Line at 232-2137.

Tonight, The Red Lion (7315 South Main) features Lipo and the Trips. Call 795-5000 for more information.

SUNDAY the 30th

The Ram Rod Ale Dart Tournament will be held tonight at The Red Lion beginning at 6 p.m. It is open to all players.

ONGOING

The Alley Theatre (615 Texas Avenue) is presenting Molly Newman’s Shooting Stars through August 30th. It’s a comedy about an all-girl trick basketball team. Tickets are available as cheap as $12.50. For information call 228-8422.

The O’Kane Gallery (1 Main Street) is showing the watercolor works of three women artists: Marge Baron, Ursula Brinkerhoff, and Linda Haag Carter. The gallery is open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Comedy Workshop will begin showing Young FrankenNerd on Friday, August 28. It will show at 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 8:30 on Sundays. Call 524-7333 for reservations.

The exhibition, Leonardo da Vinci: 1452-1519, The Inventions, will be showing at the Glassell School of Art (5101 Montrose Blvd.) beginning September 2. Exhibit hours will be 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The school will be closed Labor Day.

The Quest for Eternity: Chinese Ceramic Sculptures From the People’s Republic of China is still on display at The Museum of Fine Arts (1001 Bissonnet). The exhibit will continue through September 6.

Suburbanite characters will be part of the entertainment of the 2nd annual Houston Tunnel Hike.

The Houston Ballet begins its performances of Romeo and Juliet on Wednesday, September 2, at 7:30. Call 227-ARTS for additional information.

Teens flick unreal

Of course, this shows people what a great guy he really is and it becomes popular again. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Predictability is only the first problem. There are several little things, beside the basic premise, that make you want to cry, “No way could that happen.” For example, Ronald basically dumps Cindy to look cool in front of the jocks. No way. Blame that, and almost of the movie’s other problems, on Michael Swerdlick, the screenwriter. If you see him on the street, do the world a favor and run him down.

I haven’t discouraged you, have I? Of course, Ronald ignores his old nerd friends. Of course, something terrible happens to make him unpopular, and he must find a way to make up with his old friends. Of course, he does so and,

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Madonna plays irritating bitch in latest film

Who's That Girl?

Who's That Girl? should have been a good movie. It had all of those necessary things that standard good movies need: interesting plot, interesting situations, occasional humor, some nasty criminals, and a happy ending. Beverly Hills Cop is an example. Who's That Girl? would have been a good movie except that instead of being a very funny film whose sole purpose was to be a vehicle for playing a likable but good-looking cabbie, the fat, ugly Madonna is trying to get rid of and not help the patron saint of pop music.

In the midst of the turmoil is a rare leopard that Dunne is supposed to be delivering to a rare species preservationist. The leopard falls in love with Madonna at first sight and does anything she wants him to do. I suppose there is some symbolic connection between the leopard and Madonna, especially when the leopard is introduced to one of the few remaining females of the species, but this movie is so worthless that not even a cheap literary device like that could help it.

By the end of the movie, Worthington goes down in disgrace and Madonna's reputation is salvaged. Not that she is the morally upright citizen that anyone would want to help. Her character is so annoying that at the end of the movie everyone is glad to see her leave. It really would not have mattered very much if things had turned out oppositely.

There are some funny moments in the movie, very few of which involve Madonna. In one scene, Dunne takes a cab to his fiancee's home. The cabbie recognizes the apartment and tells Dunne that "Wendy" is not his type. He knew because he had had her in the cab. When Dunne protests that giving Wendy a ride does not make the cabbie an expert, the fat, ugly cabbie says, "I didn't say that I had given her a ride. I said that I had her in the cab."
Campanile arrives ahead of schedule
Bold, artistic cover part of innovative design

As classes began Monday morning, the yearbook staff began delivering the 1987 Campanile. The unusual cover was the most obvious change of this innovative publication. Other unique features included a gallery section for artistic photographs submitted by students, a few reproduced Thresher articles, and actual administrator cut-out dolls.

Shiou Hee Ko, art editor for the Campanile and designer of the cover, commented on his personal interpretation of the cover. "Harold (Turner, the editor) and I wanted to use something that related to Rice but was different from the usual yearbook covers," he said, referring to the common use of the Rice Owl and the colors of blue and gray. Both of them also wanted a theme that could tie in the 75th anniversary of the university.

The abstract solution is present in the striking green and black cover. The little green squares (seventy-five in all) represent the abundance of squares in the Rice campus, while the small green shrub refers to the beauty of the lush, oak-ringed Rice campus in comparison to the harsh concrete background of Houston. Ko says that the shrub represents Rice as "an oasis in the desert."

Turner's interpretation, however, is slightly different. In the opening statement of the yearbook, he states that the squares represent the "pieces" of Rice life that students will remember twenty years from now.

Regardless of which interpretation the students prefer, the 1987 Campanile is undoubtedly one of the most creative yearbooks Rice has seen in the past few years. The excellent color photography and rich stylistic content combine to create an outstanding publication.

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**REMEMBER: DON’T MESS WITH RICE!**
Offense hot as blazes, defense warming up

by Steve Nations

For the hardcore football fan, August is the beginning, the alpha, the dawn of time. For the non-hardcore football fan, August is the time to renew old rivalries and try out a host of new ones. For the non-sports fan, August in Houston is a soulfully dammed hoe.

For the Rice Owls football fan, though, August is the time to get behind the team and move into a love affair with the Blue and Gray. This year’s edition of Rice football features some new faces, some returning veterans, and second-year head coach Jerry Berndt. Berndt is confident that his team is improved over last year, though he does not want to make any pre-season predictions.

“We'll be a better team this year than we were last year,” Berndt said. “If that means we’ll win six, five, or four games this year, I don’t know.”

Defensively the Owls look weak this year after the loss of all four starting linebackers, but Coach Berndt is pleased. “On the surface defensively we look suspect,” he said. “However, I look at it and see that we’re going to be better than people give us credit for.” The new linebackers this year include Jeff Hood, Will Hollas, Brad McKay, and Kyle Falk. Hood is now to the linebacking corps, having recently switched from center. But Coach Berndt gives Hood high marks, saying, “Jeff looks like he’s there (at linebacker) his whole life.” Hollas was an occasional starter last year, and all have had extensive game experience, although Falk is temporarily sidelined with an ankle injury.

Still, Coach Berndt is trying to cook up some new schemes to relieve some of the pressure on the new linebackers. This includes occasionally using more than three down linemen, and the use of more situational defenses than the Owls used last year.

Situation defense is simply the evolution of the system, according to Berndt.

With three returning starters in the defensive secondary, Coach Berndt thinks this group can be one of the strengths of the team. William McClyay, Roy Thompson, and Everett Coleman will be joined this year by Brent Knapton in the secondary. However, one of Coach Berndt’s themen throughout all of last year was the need to convince the team that every play was very important to the success of the team, and yet the secondary gave up a number of big plays last year. Most notable of the plays came against Arkansas, when the Razorbacks were faced with a third down and 27 to go from their own 23-yard line, and yet somehow managed to complete a 77-yard touchdown pass to take a commanding lead. If this year’s edition can prevent the big play then they will earn a place as one of the better units in the conference.

Junior William McClay anchors the secondary at corner, and according to Berndt is likely to win all-conference honors before his career at Rice is over. Knapton, who will be replacing Steve Kidd at safety, is a very bouncy player according to Berndt. “We even call him ‘Coach Knapton’ out there. While he’s not quite in the Kidd-mold as a hitter, Brent is a little more composed than Steve was.”

The defensive front of Jeff Thomas, Dexter Scott, and Eric Johnson looks solid, with Thomas standing out as one of the best defensive tackles in the conference. Johnson was starting last year before he broke his ankle against Texas Christian. Last year Rice tended toward a slant and angle defense at the linemen were constantly moving left or right. This year the line of scrimmage should be more square, according to Berndt.

Offensively there does not appear to be a weak link on the squad. The group to keep an eye on seems to be the receivers. “We have five or six receivers that we can put on the field at any time and not miss a beat,” said Coach Berndt. Guys like Chris Nixon, Mike Boudreaux, Greg King, Keith Lewis, and Darrell Goolsby will provide much of the offensive fireworks for the Owls this year, and Berndt is justifiably pleased with the crew, saying that he does not believe that a better collective group of receivers exists in the conference. Of course any talk of receivers is useless without discussing the men who put the ball in their hands.

The outstanding quarterback duo of Mark Command and Quentin Roper is back in action this year and ready to lead the Owls to glory. The reason this story did not begin by discussing the QB situation is because there is nothing new to report. Both are healthy, both will share playing time, and both can move the football. Presently Roper is working with the first team offense in practice, so he may be the one to start the games.

The offensive line should be another strong unit for the Owls in 1987. “I think our first group (offensive line) is on a par with any team in the conference,” said Coach Berndt, and he mentioned both left tackle Russell Moses and center Courtney Hall as standouts. Hall had off-season surgery on both of his shoulders, so should be ready this year to block effectively with either shoulder, something that was at times hard for him to do last year because of the shoulder problem. He also has put on some weight, and now tips the scales at 250, up from 215 last year.

The added beef on the line should mean a resurgence in the running game, which was one of the major team objectives this year. “That’s one of our main priorities. We have to rush the ball better than we did last year,” noted Berndt. Toward that end John Davis was moved from fullback to tailback last spring, but he has been hampered by injury recently. If the season were to start today, Senior Todd Jones would be in the lineup, says Berndt. And at fullback, Lorenzo Cyphers will be a “force to be reckoned with this year.”

Overall team depth could be a problem this year. Many of the reserves are younger than last year, and that could make the team trainer one of the most valuable persons to the squad. Keeping injuries few and far between will be important, but then that could be said about any team in any sport for any year. So we won’t worry about that.

From top to bottom the Rice Owls in 1987 look solid, if not outstanding. New faces, old veterans, and a refreshed crop of die-hard football fans are ready to rush head-long into the new season.

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Owl harriers set to swoop on SWC opponents

by Anthony Wills

The Rice Harriers have been off and running for nearly a month now in the high altitude of Colorado. The training trip, partly subsidized by Head Coach Steve Straub, was an opportunity for upperclassmen to get to know the new people on the squad, as well as enjoy some time away from Houston’s unbearable summer weather.

According to Coach Straub, “The 7,000-9,000 ft. altitude makes it difficult for them to run, but makes it easier to come back here and run. It (the trip) also works as an incentive to train during the summer.” Straub also mentioned that the Rice cross country team has been making the trip to Colorado for the last thirteen years. He added that the group as a whole is in pretty good shape.

Right now there are twenty-one people on the squad. At the Rice Invitational, to be held September 26, all runners will have a chance to participate. Afterwards, the team will be composed of twelve runners for the remaining competitions. Other runners will continue to train in the distance program. Near the end of the cross country season, seven runners will be selected to compete in the Southwest Conference meet and the NCAA Championship meet.

Some notable new faces on this year’s squad include Travis Webb, an Alvin, Texas native, and John Fowler, from Beaumont. Webb finished fifth in the State Cross Country Championships and went to state in the two mile. “Travis has looked good in the first two weeks of workouts,” said Straub.

Fowler, who finished in the top fifteen in the Texas cross country championships and went to state in the two mile, also has looked impressive. “John and Travis will probably be redshirted for development purposes unless they’re in the top five,” said Straub.

As for the upperclassmen, Straub expects seniors Tony Martinez, Jon Warren, and Alfredo Gomez to be the top guns for the harriers. Straub is also looking for big improvement from seniors Rich Dinsly and Bill Barrett. Right now, seniors Paul Arincino and junior Simon Pease are injured, and their status is questionable for the next two weeks.

The team is very optimistic, and most feel they have a chance to finish high in the Conference. “Arkansas has a strong team and should finish in the top three in the nation. U.T. will be able to challenge for second. This year the top three finishers in the district will go to the NCAA meet. The competition will be tough because several teams will have a chance to get those top spots. Our short-term goal is to run well in the meets scheduled in November. If we do that, we’ll finish in the top twenty in the nation.”

Tony Martinez

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By Jennifer Sanders

Rice sophomore Ken Thome made a splash in international tennis circles this summer by bringing home a bronze medal for his play in the Pan American Games. Thome competed in the singles competition, but his real success came in doubles, when he teamed with his brother. Playing for Costa Rica, the unseeded pair upset teams from Cuba, Bermuda, and the Virgin Islands before losing to the powerful Mexican team in the semifinals.

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At the Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Thome defeated his first opponent in singles play before losing to #5 seed Luke Jensen of the United States in the second round, 6-4, 6-4. The doubles competition continued more successfully. Thome explained that he and his brother “gained a little confidence” after their first round victory over the Cubans. The second round and quarter-final matches, against Bermuda and the Virgin Islands respectively, posed less of a challenge, but had particular value because of the experience they offered.

His success should be no surprise after his performance as a freshman. After playing the #4 singles and #3 doubles positions on the tennis team last year, Thome received the team’s MVP award. He also attained the best record on the team, 21-8.

Thome predicts that this year will be a successful one for the Rice team and credit that success to the talent and experience of his teammates. See Thome, page 19

Thome wins Pan-Am bronze

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Rice sophomore Ken Thome made a splash in international tennis circles this summer by bringing home a bronze medal for his play in the Pan American Games. Thome competed in the singles competition, but his real success came in doubles, when he teamed with his brother. Playing for Costa Rica, the unseeded pair upset teams from Cuba, Bermuda, and the Virgin Islands before losing to the powerful Mexican team in the semifinals.

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At the Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Thome defeated his first opponent in singles play before losing to #5 seed Luke Jensen of the United States in the second round, 6-4, 6-4. The doubles competition continued more successfully. Thome explained that he and his brother “gained a little confidence” after their first round victory over the Cubans. The second round and quarter-final matches, against Bermuda and the Virgin Islands respectively, posed less of a challenge, but had particular value because of the experience they offered.

His success should be no surprise after his performance as a freshman. After playing the #4 singles and #3 doubles positions on the tennis team last year, Thome received the team’s MVP award. He also attained the best record on the team, 21-8.

Thome predicts that this year will be a successful one for the Rice team and credit that success to the talent and experience of his teammates. See Thome, page 19

Thome wins Pan-Am bronze
As Rice gears up for another fun packed academic year, everyone looks forward to the advent of the most entertaining part of The Thresher. I'm not talking about sports, very fine arts, the latest scandal from academia or even Owlslook. We may not admit it, but we're all secret readers of the intramural scoreboard, where the team names range from the obscene to the sublime to the really stupid.

Across William Rice's Marsh, intramural athletes face their first mental challenge of the year. The label they dream up for their team will not only be publicized campus wide and beyond the hedges, but can go a long way towards establishing a team identity and image. The guys can really get a macho adrenaline surge going into the season with a name like "Hot Beef Injection" or "Death from Above." It's those little mental edges that can make all the difference.

Of course, it takes the freshmen a while to catch on to this vital presea-son skill. The little darlings just don't seem to understand the aesthetics and image normally associated with sports in the outside world. But just think of the howls the guys had in thinking up such a perverted label for their collection of midlife and seeing this printed in the paper. It's always fun to phone Mom and let her in on the joke too.

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The armchair athlete revels in some of the more original and appeal- ing names that appear in the standings, and it can be fun to make presea-son picks on the basis of name alone. I was really high on "Hidden Salamis" for last year's basketball crown, but they crashed to an 0-5 record. Sometimes a good name will come through for you, though, like "Renaude Nuns on Wheels," last year's soccer champs.

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**OWLOOK**

*by Keith Couch*

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**Berndt magic to sweep Owls to heights of glory in SWC**

*by Joel Sendek*

Many sportswriters attempt to make preseason speculations about how teams in a certain conference or division will fare. Questions that are raised include experience and talent of the players and their susceptibility to injury, depth on the bench, the quality of the coaching staff, the rigor of the schedule, and the momentum carried over from the previous sea- son. Typically these questions are answered in great detail, and provide the readers with some idea of whether their team is going to be a contender or have to endure a season of mediocrity, euphemistically known as a "rebuild- ing year."

One question that is not often con- sidered is the question of fate. If a team has fate on its side, the guessing game is over. Jerry Berndt's Owls are destined to win the Southwest Con- ference this year.

Consider Berndt's record at two previous coaching assignments. In 1979, his first year as head coach at DePauw University, a Division III school in Greencastle, Indiana, the Tigers compiled a 2-7 won-lost rec- ord. The following year DePauw fin- ished with a 7-2-1 record, their best in nineteen seasons.

An almost identical turnaround occurred at the University of Pennsyl- vania, Jerry Berndt's next stop on his way to Texas. Berndt's record in 1981, his first with the Quakers, was a dismal 1-9. Miraculously, Berndt turned the program around the fol- lowing year, and the Quakers wound up with a 7-3 mark, good for first place in the Ivy League.

Since that crop they have been the dominant team in the Ivy in their last two seasons and are favored to win the title this year. Last year, Jerry Berndt's first year at Rice, the Owls finished the season with a 4-7 record. 1987 is the "Berndt Magic" year, and as a result, the Owls are destined to have a big year.

Still, critics may want answers to the questions posed earlier. What about injuries? Well, unlucky teams usually suffer the most due to injured players. Since the Owls have luck on their side this year, injuries will be a bonus, since they are going to afflict the other teams in the Conference.

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Intramural athletes face deadline pressures

by Robert Nevill

"Sure, Beave, I want to slam my sweaty self against the bodies of members of the same sex, but where do I go to sign up?"

Well the answer is simple, or at least it is for those who are introverts and like to play sports that are one-on-one. Just take your body over to the Human Performance and Health Sciences Department located at the Gym. While you are there be sure to take note of the J.R. Barker Intramural Award Plaque and to voice your opinion that Robert N. Nevill should be this year's recipient. Next, find the Intramural Director Lisa Widner, pay her your $1.00 (up from last year's price of $.50) and get ready for fun, or for death at the hands of some semi-pro badminton player.

For team sports the procedure is a bit different. First, find people who will join you on your quest for victory and form a team, or find an established group of victory seekers. The best place to find a team is in your college as there are usually many players to choose from. But sportsmen beware, for this choice is one that should not be taken lightly, because each team may define victory differently. In each college there is a veritable plethora of definitions to choose from. Here at Will Rice, we have two teams that I feel represent the extremes of the victory spectrum.

The Budmen: Last Year's Football champions, under current investigation for recruiting violations and illegal use of steroids, define victory as "Death, Humiliation and Pain." If the opponent does not bleed then there is no true victory regardless of the final score. Stan Gustas, Budmen blocking back elite says, "Our jerseys are red so they won't stain."

The Whoredogs: Going into their sixth year of a losing tradition they have a more relaxed definition of what victory is. Tom Neupert, ex-Whoredog great, defined victory as "Whoredog Punch before, but not during the game." Rumor has it that this year the whoredog definition is being modified to include the post-victory balloon celebration.

So one can see that there is a team for everybody and that no one should be left out if they have the desire to play. Oh, by the way, for team sports the entrance fee has now been raised to $3.00 per player. The deadline for football is today by 4 p.m. Upcoming entry deadlines include: women's tennis (singles, doubles), tennis mixed doubles, co-ed basketball, women's volleyball, and women's college tennis, all on Sept 4.

Officials are needed for all major team sports, including football, volleyball, basketball, and softball. The first meeting for those interested in officiating football will be Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 4:30 in classroom A in the gym. If you wish to complain or just need more information do not hesitate to call Lisa or Mike at 527-4058 or 527-4808.

Dat crazy Berndt magic will getcha

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Momentum is certainly on the Owls' side. The Berndt magic seemed to be taking hold even before Jerry's virgin season came to a close. Rice came within scant inches of winning a tension ridden game against the bowl-bound Baylor Bears. Rice's stirring second half comeback against the Falcons of Air Force has already passed into the annals of great Owls triumphs. To cap it all, Rice reclaimed the fabled Bayou by trouncing Houston in the season finale Buchet from UH.

And the Owls have experience, at least offensively, with eight offensive starters returning. The two-headed, four armed quarterbacking machine will once again be leading the offense down the field. Enough said?

"I hope history repeats itself, but there is no magic to it," said Jerry Berndt. Come on, Coach, The Owls have nothing to worry about.

Thome wins medal

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Coach Larry Turville voices similar optimism and commends Thome for his overall strength and "excellent return service." Turville adds that "because [Thome] learned to play on clay [courts], he has a little more patience and ability to keep the ball in play than most American." Thome comments that his main goal is to get his degree, and "keep those good tennis memories."
THE CALENDAR OF THE SEVEN DEADLY VIRTUES

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