Former Campo faces illegal weapons charge

by David H. Stewart

Former Campus Police officer Willie M. Bragg will go to trial October 5 for illegal weapons possession. He was arrested June 25. If Bragg is found guilty, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education will automatically suspend his license for up to two and a half years. A conviction also carries a maximum penalty of a $2000 fine and a year in jail. District Attorney Donald Smyth said he will probably receive a penalty of "a day and a dollar."

Bragg has been prosecuted and convicted on two other separate charges since he left Rice in 1982. Bragg was convicted a second time in April of 1987 for his behavior while working as a construction flagman. According to Smyth, a road crew worker had waved a pickup truck through a job site when Bragg stopped the truck. The driver told Bragg that he had been instructed to proceed. Bragg yelled obscenities and then struck the truck repeatedly with his flashlight, causing $700 in damages. Smyth said Bragg has appealed both convictions.

According to Smyth, Bragg has been working as a "rogue," offering his services free of charge to small counties in order to obtain a commission. Bragg's license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education will automatically suspend him as a full-time commissioned officer.

Construction firms often overlook this legal shortcoming when they need an officer to serve as a flagman to strengthen their position in case of an accident involving the road crew. "Someone hires them (rogues) at $12 an hour and pocket's the difference," Smyth said.

Bragg left Rice amid allegations that he verbally and physically abused Jonathan Ker, a student at the Student Center. A 50 percent vote by students and officers listed in the student directory is required to approve a club for SA affiliation. The SA will vote September 18th on Students for Life. According to club President Aileen Burton, the club began the application process last spring but did not get final approval before the last SA meeting.

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New clubs try for SA status

by Michie Wucker

Four student organizations have applied to be part of the Student Association. At press time, only one of the groups had completed the necessary procedures for approval as an SA organization. SA affiliation gives an organization the right to reserve and use rooms on campus, to have its activities listed in the Rice Program Council calendar, to have its name and officers listed in the student directory, and to use a mailbox in the Ley Student Center. A 90 percent vote by the SA members is required to approve a club for SA affiliation.

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Food pay dispute temporarily solved

by Dan Blanton

The Department of Food and Housing has agreed to gradually introduce a new payment policy for student kitchen help—known as "grubs"—after students objected to an abrupt change in the payment plan for off-campus grubs. Director of Food and Housing Marion Hicks said Food and Housing will pay students this semester according to the system under which they were hired last spring. Next semester, the program will be partially adjusted to move closer to the rest of the system. The new payment scheme will be in place by next fall.

This fall, Food and Housing announced that returning off-campus grubs would be required to purchase meal plans, although the students were not informed of that restriction when they were hired. Last spring, when filling positions, Food and Housing told its off-campus kitchen help that meal charges would be deducted and remaining salary would be paid directly.

According to Hicks, off-campus students and grubs at Sid Richardson College, most workers planned their budgets around that promise and were shocked to hear that they would not be paid directly. According to Hicks, the addition of the new food plan caused the problem. Before the new system was introduced, all on-campus food workers had their salaries deducted from room and board costs. Off-campus employees, however, were charged for the meals they ate on the job and were then paid the remainder of their wage directly.

Hicks points out that there are very few off-campus students employed as grubs because Food and Housing seeks first to hire resident students for on-campus jobs. He also notes that most grubs eat during their time on the job and should be charged. Still, "the off-campus grubs had a legitimate complaint," he says, "I changed horses in the middle of the stream."

Hicks hopes to be able to "stick with" the agreed-upon plan. "I think it's all resolved. I think everything's fine," he says, "but I could be wrong." Kahn agrees, "Everyone is satisfied—at least for this semester."

Football Fan

Defensive back Hunter Armistead signs an autograph for a young fan at the Blue and Gray game. The young lady didn't get to see him play because the game was rained out. —L. Cowser
Our evaluations

Rice’s praiseworthy system of allowing students to evaluate their professors at the end of each term can provide benefits in improving courses and in deciding promotions and tenure. Two events in recent months, however, suggest that the university should examine and fine tune the evaluation process.

The most recent event occurred this summer when Associate Professor of English Robert Jones resigned amid charges that he tampered with teaching evaluations completed by his students. Former students saw Jones in his office with the forms after his students filled them out, and four students reported that their written evaluations, critical of his class, were not among the forms recovered from Jones’ office. Evaluations are supposed to be submitted by professors and completed and delivered directly to the Provost’s office by students.

Jones’ case, an embarrassment to the university, suggests that the Committee on Undergraduate Teaching would do well to better publicize the criteria for evaluating teachers at the beginning of each semester, so that professors and students alike are certain to understand the process of completing the evaluations. Perhaps professors should be asked to read a summary of the correct procedure to their classes at evaluation time. With new students and professors entering Rice each semester, the student evaluation process, like the honor system, needs constant reinforcement in order to ensure its integrity.

Another event, which cast a shadow on student evaluations occurred last March when the Rice Board of Governors voted not to grant tenure to Assistant Professor of Biology Joseph Martin. Martin had consistently been one of the best professors on evaluation—top in his department in fact—and had received numerous teaching awards from Rice. As his tenure decision drew near, hundreds of students signed petitions and marched on his behalf.

When Martin leaves Rice this year, presumably to win more teaching awards at another more welcoming university, his departure will signify the unreliability of one-half of the dual commitment to teaching and research on which Rice prides itself. All universities welcome great researchers, but a university with a commitment to teaching and research should test their sincerity with their actions. When Rice moves to a dual system, principals might conduct a study of the literacy of the dual system, selecting professors for tenure. But we suggest that the university go a step further and concretely display Rice’s commitment to top-quality teaching.

The Committee on Undergraduate Teaching should occasionally be given the power to grant a professor promotion or tenure solely on the basis of his or her exceptional teaching, as determined by rigorously examining several years of the professor’s teaching evaluations. This need not be often, perhaps once every two or three years. Professors with exemplary research but mediocre teaching routinely receive tenure everywhere; but few, if any, universities grant tenure expressly for exemplary teaching.

Rice could be widely known as a national leader in attracting top teaching, but it takes policy and not just rhetoric to do so. Student evaluations, if done excellently, can be an excellent way to identify top teachers at Rice, and better institute those evaluations into university policy might ensure that they stay.

Forget signatures

A fall ritual is occurring these weeks around the Registrar’s Office—hundreds of students bringing forms to add or drop a class. This is a bureaucratic inconvenience, but an unavoidable one. What is avoidable, however, is the perfunctory faculty signature that the Registrar persists in requiring on all registration and add/drop forms. This requirement is supposed to represent a faculty advisor’s approval of the student’s course change, but in reality the signature means merely an inconvenience for students and professors alike. The ideal faculty advisory system, which the signature requirement presupposes simply does not exist here.

Every freshman is randomly assigned a faculty member who serves as his advisor until the student declares a major. The advisor sometimes does take an interest in the student’s coursework and helps him plan his courses. But when the underclassman needs to get a signature, he almost always grab the most available professor, usually a master or a resident assistant. Whether or not the assigned advisor has been consulted about the schedule change.

Upperclassmen have departmental advisors with the more focused duty of checking that the student’s coursework is acceptable for graduation in his major. But can’t a Rice student get the needed information from his advisor even if he did not have to hand the professor for autographs each semester? We think any student worthy of a Rice degree can. Many of the students from minority or other culturally alien groups. Advisors often have office hours conflicting with the student’s classes, advisors sometimes miss their office hours altogether, and they occasionally are away from campus around the add/drop deadlines. Does this mean Rice doesn’t care enough to get their information when they need it? If so, the signature requirement does little to encourage any responsibility. The requirement does cause wasted time and paperwork for students, faculty, and the Registrar. The office would do everyone a favor by eliminating the signature requirement.

Administration fumbles with meal

To the Editor:

I hope that whichever administrative official had the poor judgement to decide that all on-campus students who wanted to make use of their meal plans do so in the stadium, and watch the scenarium as well, will apologize to the students for an uncalled-for inconvenience.

The motivation, I believe, was to inspire students in supporting Rice. That reasoning is rather faulty though, because other creative incentives could be used. Perhaps the meal plans should be subsidized for Rice’s football team. In fact, the assumption is insulting in the case of our university, which prides itself on its intense academic orientation. Aside from that, the weather was—

America denies freedom to die

We Americans love life fervently, ardently—and, I submit, pathologically. Otherwise, why would the world’s highest value lead a modern society to deny its members one of their most basic human rights, the right to death? In the United States, both a doctor who performs euthanasia and an acolyte, who assists the patient in his suicide attempt, could be rewarded with a tenured faculty position. Our usual tolerant society is so obsessed with and superstitions about human life that we tolerate no disagreement about it.

When an animal suffers, we consider it our right to end its suffering. Veterinarians tell us that we must "destroy" or "put to sleep" our pets, so we need not face the truth: the vets kill the animal, leaving it dead—and better off for it. We cannot ask our pets how badly they suffer or whether they want to keep living, so we decide for them. We can ask many terminally ill patients whether they want to keep living, but we don’t, because we fear they will say no.

Certainly, no one should decide to kill a patient against his will, and no one should force any doctor to help with mercy killing. We must, however, recognize the right to a dignified death for the terminally ill, to be supported by all.

As a terminally ill patient, I would choose to die at a time and place I choose, and to be comfortable during the time until my death. Many people in this small country choose the time and cause of their own death, and they have the support of the state and medical community to facilitate that decision. The ethics of this choice are the same as one’s own legal right to choose how and when to die.

Most Americans believe that each person’s life should be extended as much as medical science makes possible, regardless of the monetary cost. If it were as simple as deciding between caring for the sick and buying more television sets, the choice would be clear. In fact, though, day-to-day care of the terminally ill diverts money and talent from medical research and other crucial activities.

We do not suggest that anyone should be killed against his will because the cost of care is too high. We do suggest that the cost of keeping someone alive against his will would be better spent in other places.

To go a step further, I propose that insurance companies or government agencies could strike deals with suffering patients who opt for euthanasia.

Say an AIDS patient is expected to live 2 years, and his care will cost a quarter of a million dollars. If he decides to end his life early, the insurance company might agree to give half that expected cost to his family.

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There is little doubt that the 1987 Texas Legislature was the most taxing in its history.

See Clements page 4
If your grades aren't great, go to Cleveland

A Cleveland-based foundation called Scholarship in Escrow is offering $40 to high school students throughout the United States. Each Cleveland, Ohio, high school student whose senior year grade point average is at least 2.0 will receive $40 for each A, $20 for each B, and $10 for each C that they make. In an effort to reduce the city's dropout rate, currently at 49%, Cleveland Mayor Alfred Tuleta has developed the Scholarship in Escrow Program which will provide students with their grade earnings upon graduation.

The money is to be deposited in an escrow account, and students will receive a bank statement at the end of each term.

"After hooking them with a financial incentive, students might develop some motivation," said Educational Psychologist Lawrence Balter of New York University. "The dropout problem is so enormous that anything is worth a try.

Local citizens have donated $5 million to the privately-funded program. Oberlin College, expressing approval of the program, has promised matching scholarships to Cleveland students admitted there.

Asians at colleges

At the University of California at Berkeley, 25% of the entering freshman class is Asian-American. This figure has increased 20%, and at Harvard it is 14%, according to Time magazine.

Getting into these prestigious universities does not seem to be a problem for Orientals—whose math SAT scores, at 518, are 43 points higher than the national average. Asian-Americans win an unusual percentage of national scholarships such as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search as well.

The obvious question one asks is why this group is so smart, why do they graduate with more credits and higher GPAs than other American-born students?

BEYOND THE HEDGES

by Mary Ashkar

A Harvard psychology professor, Jerome Kagan, claims in Time that "to put it plainly, they work harder." Asian work eleven hours a week compared to white Americans who work only seven, the article says.

Other research indicates that many Oriental students have parents who were high achievers themselves. Of 292 high scorers on the SAT, 71% of Asian-American students' fathers had PhD or MD degrees, whereas only 39% of the others' fathers had those degrees.

Still others have cited genetic differences as reasons why Asians excel. Family life and encouragement also play an extremely important motivational role, some psychologists say.

But Oriental students do not always consider themselves rewarded for their hard efforts. Some people claim universities are discriminatory in their admissions process.

Harvard and Princeton, both accused of discrimination, said the reason they accept fewer Asian-Americans is simply because they do not fit into two preferred categories: children of alumni and varsity athletes. Stanford, with Asians comprising 16 percent of the entering class, admits to a possible "unconscious bias" in admissions and has dropped the ethnic identification requirement on applications.

Rushing at Baylor

Most students at Baylor University have marked their fall calendars for the orientation and registration meetings for their dream sororities and fraternities, according to The Lariat.

Freshmen at Baylor will attend two-hour sessions to learn different themes to encourage them to rush. The girls rushing are expected to submit ten photographs as a major part of their application.

At organizational meetings, rules and regulations of rushing will be discussed. Potential rushers are then chosen on the basis of the high schools they attended and the classroom friends they make their first two or three months. Rushes then vie for membership in the sorority.

Fraternities, to attract guys, often advertise the fact that they are stopping steps to other activities. To choose the lucky guys with just the right personalities and brains (Baylor frats require a GPA of 2.0 or 2.2), a bidding system is employed.

Fraternities, as well as sororities, require a financial and time commitment for such social gains. Some at Baylor realize, however, that Greek life may allow members "a false sense of identity and security" and opt to find their own social activities.

Rodeo for women

Instead of catering off stereo and computers to college, some students bring a miniranch complete with horses, goats, calves, trailers, and pickup trucks.

These students attend one of the more than 292 high scorers on the SAT, 71% of Asian-American students' fathers had PhD or MD degrees, whereas only 39% of the others' fathers had those degrees. Those students attend one of the more than 100 colleges that belong to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) where rodeos are popular, according to the Wall Street Journal. According to the college sport with a co-ed event, spectators enjoy attending rodeos to see a pickup truck team attempt to rope a steer's legs, horns, and neck.

It is unusual for women to participate in rodeo events. Goat-tying is one of the most demanding events, requiring the woman to jump off a running horse, run to a goat, and tie three of its legs as fast as possible. A Miss College Rodeo opens up the ceremonies, captivating the audience with her studded jeans and smile.

The College National Finals Rodeo, held annually in Boise, Idaho, and the National Finals Rodeo, held in Las Vegas, attract up to 5,000 avid spectators. Since the rodeo is not governed by the NCA or the NIRA, nothing stops these college athletes from competing professionally. In fact, because of the expenses involved in rodeo, many students can afford to partake in college rodeo only after winning money professionally.

Book ban reversed

In two major cases last week, federal appeals courts struck down rulings banning some public school textbooks in Tennessee and Alabama.

In the Tennessee case, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a 1986 decision allowing parents who brought suit against the public schools of Hawkins County, Tennessee, to remove their children from reading classes which discussed The Wizard of Oz and The Diary of Anne Frank among other books considered "godless" by the parents. Appellate Judge Pierce Lively wrote that "there was no evidence that the conduct required of the students was forbidden by their religion."

The Alabama case involved a March ruling by Federal Judge W. Brevard Hand that 34 history, social studies and home economics books used by Alabama public schools violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment by espousing a religion, secular humanism.

The eleventh Circuit Appeals Court in Atlanta evaded the issue of whether secular humanism is indeed a religion, contending that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that the books in question promoted secular humanism.
Alumni can help solve university image problem

I got on the bus for work and saw a guy wearing a Rice T-shirt that said, "Rice Owls." This would not usually be a big deal, except that I was in Manhattan for the summer and hadn't seen anyone there with a Rice shirt. I asked which college he was in, and he told me New York University. The T-shirt belonged to his roommate, he told me, and every time he wore it someone asked him if "Rice Owls" was a Spanish dish.

The obvious solution is to better Rice's reputation outside of Texas. That's easy to say, but difficult to do. Still, I propose a solution. It is by no means complete, but any help is better than none—in the long run, my proposal could be very beneficial.

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Clements: Tax increase will help schools

In Kansas City, my hometown, several families regularly hold Christmas parties and summer barbecues for current and prospective students. Everyone gets to know each other, and there is a definite sense of a Rice community existing 750 miles from Houston.

Another thing that can be done is to send copies of the bookstore catalogue to alumni. That way, they can buy Rice clothing, posters, stationery and all the other things the campus Coop has. It can be used anywhere in the world, including this campus, because the Coop has a great mail-order business.

We are currently in the information age, and the most valuable possession in this age is a database. Rice has generous alumni who support its database, but only uses it to ask for donations. This is a pity because using it properly, the database could help Rice reinforce its reputation it deserves.

So many before me and like so many will do after me, I have put a lot of time, effort, and money into my education. I like to think that when I am old and grey, I will have more than the sheepskin on which it is printed.

Paul Angles is a senior at Sid Richardson college.
Former postmaster to be new Jones School dean

by Jael Polac

Benjamin Bailar, former Postmaster General of the United States and a widely known business executive, has been named Dean of the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration.

Bailar succeeds Francis D. Tuggle, a Jones School faculty member since 1978 and dean of the school since 1981. Tuggle is returning to teaching full-time as the school's Jesse H. Jones Professor of Management.

Bailar, 53, served as Postmaster General of the United States from 1975 until 1978. During his tenure with the postal service which he joined in 1975, Bailar oversaw the payment of all postal employees.

Bailar hopes to build the reputation of the Jones School to be nationally recognized as a top program for business students.

"Rice is a fine university with a significant reputation nationally and internationally for the science and engineering departments. The School of Administration is young, but through its connection with Rice it has the seeds to become a highly regarded program," said Bailar.

He feels that the Jones School's connection to Rice is one of its major strengths. However, he feels that the School of Administration needs to focus on two or three specific areas in which to accelerate. Bailar is not yet sure what those areas of concentration should be.

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Guaranteed loans no longer sure bets

by Shelley Field

G. David Hunt, Director of Financial Aid, estimates that 200-250 students who lost their Guaranteed Student Loans due to changes mandated by federal legislation will be turned to work-study to be eligible for the semester Rice aid package and a few high-need fifth-year students who are still able to borrow loans. The two groups of students made loans available. "This year 'to some extent.' In the past, when they were made, Hunt speculated, the changes could prevent some students from returning to Rice this fall, but he said this week that he has no information on whether students were unable to return.

Hunt believes that the unavailability of loans may have affected some students this year "to some extent." In the past, when a family's computed need was too high, the Financial Aid Office made loans available. "This year we can't do that. Undoubtedly it had some effect," Hunt said.

Previously, the GSL program provided the most liberal aid, automatically qualifying families with adjusted gross incomes under $30,000. At that time it was

Now, however, GSL need determination is more stringent. Hunt said few students qualify for guaranteed loans. The two groups of students who are still able to borrow through the GSL program include high-need fifth-year students who are no longer eligible for their semester Rice aid package and a few who will turn down Rice aid like work-study to be eligible for the GSL.

Hunt estimates that $400,000 in GSL money was available to Rice students last year. The Financial Aid Office is still processing this year's loans, but he says the figure for undergraduate loans will be "way down."

However, graduate students are borrowing more money this year because their loan limit was increased. "The volume [of all loans] may not be that much less, but the distribution will be very different."

The most common alternative, the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, is available on a no-need basis for up to $4,000 per year. However, they are not as desirable to many because they have a 10.27 percent interest rate, and repayment begins immediately. Hunt said PLUS repayment terms are good, with as little as $50 per month for up to ten years.

GSL repayment, at 8 percent, does not begin until six months after students complete school. In addition to the PLUS program, campus employment and the cashier's office payment plan are the alternatives for many students, Hunt said.

Despite unavailability of GSL funds, Rice was able to meet computed need, he said.

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by Berke Breathed

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1987
Biology Professor’s work with high schools wins grant

by Anu Bajaj

Ronald A. Sass, professor of Biology and Chemistry, has received a $32,824 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He will use the grant to implement a program combining science and math courses in secondary schools in the Conroe Independent School District.

“We planned a course in which we bring together pairs of math and science teachers at the 9th grade level,” said Sass.

“The majority of the money will be used to pay for developmental materials—books, videos, consulting fees—and to finally put together the kits which will be distributed to the teachers,” Sass said. The University of Houston and Texas State University will also evaluate the kits and the program.

The State of Texas pays for travel, equipment, and other expenses. Rice has waived tuition for teachers who take this course, and the Conroe school district is providing the video taping and editing equipment. The program will be compiled into kits which will be distributed to other school districts.

Sass developed the program after the Conroe superintendent in 1983 requested that someone from Rice review Conroe’s science program.

At that time, Sass and eleven other volunteers from Rice formed a committee with scientists from the Baylor College of Medicine.

After interviewing teachers, attending classes, and even teaching a few classes, Sass and the committee made several observations.

“We found that kids were being turned off from science and math at the elementary school level. The elementary teachers had no background in science and math and were not able to develop an interest in science and math,” he said.

The committee also found that the common practice of tracking, placing candidates by looking at their scores pointed by the President of the United States selects nine thousand potential candidates by looking at their scores pointed by the President of the United States selects nine thousand potential candidates by looking at their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). To continue in the competition, students must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the Assessment of the American College Testing Program (ACT).

After these scores are screened, 1500 students are chosen as candidates and submit further information and essays. Semifinalists number 500.

Hohlfelder is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was named a National Merit Scholar and New Mexico’s Regent Scholar, and he has played viola in the All-State Orchestra and Albuquerque Youth Symphony. An experienced rock climber, Hohlfelder plans to study materials science.

Hohlfelder was impressed by the treatment the scholars received. “We were in a room with many antiques. A desk that Thomas Jefferson had used was just sitting out in the open. You could lean on it if you wanted,” she said.

Hohlfelder feels that the program is worthwhile because it recognizes and rewards the hard work of many high school seniors.

Mary Jane Ingram is from El Paso, valientcimian of her class and a National Merit Scholar. She played flute in the All State Orchestra and in the Aloha Bowl halftime show. She was also named an outstanding musician in the World Music Festival in Honolulu. An accomplished piano player, she was president of her school’s math club and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. She has also built, with popsicle sticks, a twenty-two-inch bridge that supports 734 pounds. She is undecided on a major.

“Many of the students chosen do not fully appreciate the honor bestowed upon them,” said Ingram. She feels that since many of the people on the commission are not educators, many students are overlooked.

Paul Steadman is from Dayton, Wyoming. He is a National Merit Scholar and was on the All-State Math Team. He played trumpet in the All-State Band and attended Wyoming Boy’s State and the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Foundation Conference. He held lead roles in school drama productions, and was a state qualifying swimmer.

Steadman will study materials science and engineering, and plans to participate in the M D.B. (Marching Owl Band), Rice Players and student government.

“It was quite an honor. It was really exciting to meet the leaders of today and be told that we are the leaders of tomorrow,” said Steadman. He feels that if more people were made aware of this program, then it would motivate people to work harder in high school.
Scholarships, fellowships offer funds for studies

These scholarships and fellowships are funded by various non-Rice sources, for which the student must make application through the university. All listed deadlines are firm and refer to submission of completed applications including forms, proposals, biographical information, and letters of recommendation, as required by the specific award. For full details on eligibility, qualifications, and application procedures, consult the persons listed without delay.

Watson Fellowships
For 1987-88 graduating seniors, $11,000 ($15,000 for married students accompanied by a spouse) for a year of foreign travel working on an original project proposed by the student.

Information is available in the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, 101 Lovett Hall, and the Office of Student Advising and Activities, Ley Student Center. Deadline for applications is October 2, 1987.

Winston Churchill Foundation Fellowship
One year of graduate study in science or engineering at Cambridge in England. For information, see Janis Street, Graduate Program Office, 312 Lovett Hall.

Luce Scholarships
For 1987-88 graduating seniors, current Rice graduate students, persons holding degrees from Rice and Rice faculty. The scholarship provides for a year of internship in the recipient's chosen field in a Far Eastern location. The only career fields which are excluded are Asian studies and international relations. A generous stipend, adjusted to living expenses in different areas and increased if the recipient is married, covers travel, medical insurance, living expenses, etc. Information is available in the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, 101 Lovett Hall, and the Office of Student Advising and Activities, Ley Student Center. Deadline for applications is October 2, 1987.

Rhodes Scholarships
For 1987-88 graduating seniors. (U.S. citizens only). Offers support for two years study at Oxford University. For information, see Mark Scheid, Office of Student Advising and Activities. Deadline for applications is October 2, 1987.

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Marshall Scholarships
For 1987-88 graduating seniors (U.S. citizens only). Offers support for two years study at a British university. For information, see Mark Scheid, Office of Student Advising and Activities, Ley Student Center. Deadline for applications is October 2, 1987.

Truman Scholarships
For 1987-88 sophomores, continuing in a bachelor's degree and committed to a career in government service; offers support for the junior and senior year and two years of graduate study up to a maximum of $6500 per year.

Rotary Scholarships
For undergraduates and graduate students. Offers for one academic year of study in a foreign country in any field. Preference is given to applicants who wish to study in a country where the language is different from their own. Rotarians and close relatives of Rotary Club members are ineligible. See the Office of Student Advising and Activities, Ley Student Center, for details.

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In addition to those described above, there are various scholarships, fellowships and grants for which students may make application on their own initiative.

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New INS crackdown means paperwork

by Claire Closmann

On September 1, the Department of Immigration and Naturalization began enforcing the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The new law, intended to curb illegal immigration, requires employers to fill out an Immigration and Naturalization Service form, the I-9, to prove that the employee is a U.S. citizen or a legal resident in the U.S.

Employees must prove identity and authorization to work within three days of being hired or by the end of the first shift of their job. Anyone hired between November 7, 1986, and May 31 of this year must have filled out the I-9 before September 1, 1987. An employee can prove citizenship with a number of documents including a U.S. passport, a valid foreign passport with employment authorization or a state-issued driver’s license along with Social Security card.

Proof includes a United States passport, a certificate of United States citizenship, a unexpired foreign passport with at least a subperiod or a alien registration card. Also acceptable are one item each from these two groups: 1) a state-issued driver’s license or I.D. card or U.S. military card and 2) an original Social Security card, birth certificate certified by a government authority or INS employment authorization.

Employees who were hired before the law was signed but have recently taken an approved leave of absence are not required to fill out an I-9.

“T'm pretty apathetic about it. It’s just another form to fill out, but for a lot of students it’s a hassle because most of them do not keep the necessary documents with them in college,” said Dennis Abbott, a pub employee.

IN THE COLLEGES

by Shelby Fuld

Students at the Brown College Cabinet meeting decided to reserve the bathrooms on the even-numbered floors for women, while men will use the bathrooms on odd-numbered floors. Violation of this rule could be grounds for prosecution in the college court.

Bathrooms aren’t the only practical issue that has arisen from the co-ed conversion. The sunroof, long known for attracting helicopters who hovered around the women sunbathing, will become co-ed.

Brown will also purchase three new bicycles since they have no men’s bicycles.

Friday, September 11, Brown and Jones College will hold a TG at Fairy Fountain.

On September 18, Brown and Hanszen College will hold a party with the theme, “Urge to Merge,” in the Brown Commons. Hanszen will throw its annual Suburbs Party tonight at 9 p.m. Dance, have fun and buy lots of Tupperware.

TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Grand Hall, RMC

Preparing for the interview
Self Assessment, Resume Writing, etc.

How to interview

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Revue offers refreshing non-Houston humor

Are We Having Fun Yet?
The Comedy Workshop

People play silly games. You play silly games. We all play silly games. Isn't that fun? Maybe not, but it can be very funny when you take the games completely out of their original context or stretch them to almost unrecognizable lengths.

This is what The Comedy Workshop has done in its latest show Are We Having Fun Yet?, and they have done a great job of it. Unlike past shows, the current performance is not a never-ending stream of Houston jokes: there is no mention of the economy, the price of oil, street people, Kathy Whitmire, or Dallas. So, if you're not from Houston, it will be much more enjoyable because for once you'll understand all of the humor. If you are from Houston, you'll appreciate the fact that The Comedy Workshop has broken away from its usual current events humor.

The show consists of a series of hilarious skits about common American games, often from a slightly unusual perspective. There is a Monopoly game seen from the tokens' point of view. (One of them comments about a player's nose hair.) Another skit shows how macho a game of golf can really be. Still another soothed every baseball fan's most troubling worry: it explains what baseball players, coaches, and umpires are really talking about when they have conferences on the mound. My favorite skit was about two blue collar women in love with the memory of Elvis Presley, their long-suffering husbands (who have secret infatuations for Marilyn Monroe), and a ouija board. Another puts a Mets fan in a conspiring, Astros-loving, Houston sports bar, Dwight Gooden couldn't have asked for a better welcome.

There was also a series of very short skits about games from around the world. For instance, from Pasadena, Texas, there was car jumping: "OK, first you take the red cable and attach it to the positive terminal and then you take the black cable and attach it." The actors were very polished and professional. They even had to keep the audience entertained for half an hour because of a power failure, and they managed to do so with songs, jokes and pieces to Houston Lightning and Power. Later, during the show, one of the comics ad-libbed a verse about power failure at the Comedy Workshop for the song he was singing.

The show was intelligently written and the skits were even funnier. All of them were at least somewhat amusing, and most made me laugh out loud. In addition, the acting was excellent. The delivery and timing were loud. In addition, the acting was excellent. The delivery and timing were perfect without seeming staged. Each of the actors appeared in about two thirds of the skits, always appearing as a distinctly new character and usually with a minor change in costume. Are We Having Fun Yet? succeeds because it is universally appealing.

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—Paul D. Angles

Golfers John Swasey and Cliff Moore star in Are We Having Fun Yet?
The Fourth Protocol
Directed by John MacKenzie

Back in 1966, a young British actor made a lasting impression with his first starring role in a film named Alfie. Since then he has been one of the busiest men in movies. In the last year and a half alone he has appeared in eight films. His crowning moment came last year when he won his first Oscar for his performance in Hannah and Her Sisters. Previously, he had been nominated for his work in Alfie, Sleuth (1970) and Educating Rita (1983).

The person I'm referring to is, of course, Michael Caine, and through the years he has remained the most consistently effective film actor in the business. The worst that can be said for Caine is that he lends his talents a bit too feebly. Often he will do a movie for little pay just because he likes a particular film project, and this has often led to an appearance in some unsalable Hollywood pseudo-drama.

In good films or bad, Michael Caine has always found ways of rising above the material given him. For his latest movie, The Fourth Protocol, Caine has gone back to the genre of film in which he has had success during the late 1960's in films such as The Ipcress File—the spy/spionage genre.

The Fourth Protocol is based upon a novel with the same title by Frederick Forsythe. The story of an aging resort named The Borscht Belt. Geographically, it is somewhere in the Catskills. This area is known as The Catskills. This is Steve Gomer's film. He captures the essence of the Catskills vacationers: overweight food-lovers in their 50's and 60's. Caine, Brosnan excellent in his role, Ned Beatty william wordsworth, David Nathan

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Sweet Lorraine
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There is no James Bond here, however, just John Preston, a top British secret agent who has recently fallen into disfavor with the new hierarchy because of his loner tactics. As Preston, Michael Caine has always found ways of rising above the material given him. For his latest movie, The Fourth Protocol, Caine has gone back to the genre of film in which he has had success during the late 1960's in films such as The Ipcress File—the spy/spionage genre.

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Romeo, Juliet, and a couple of NYC Dudes

FRIDAY the 4th

The New Farrell Dyde Dance Theatre presents "An Evening of Adventurous Dance Theatre" in Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park at 8:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. Call 520-3290 for more information.

Tonight is Taco Night at the Red Lion Restaurant and Pub (7135 South Main). Call 795-5000 for information.

"Dudes," starring Catherine Mary Stewart and Jon Cryer, opens today at theaters around Houston. The movie is an action/thriller about two street kids from New York City.

SATURDAY the 5th

The New Farrell Dyde Dance Theatre again presents "An Evening of Adventurous Dance Theatre" at 8:30 p.m.

The Houston Ballet will be performing "Romeo and Juliet" at 7:30 p.m. at the Wortham Center. Tickets start at $6. Call 227-ARTS for more information.

The Comedy Workshop (2105 San Felipe) is showing Are We Having Fun Yet? at 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and Young Frankenstein on Fridays and Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. Young Frankenstein also shows Sunday at 8:30 p.m. Call 524-7335 for reservations.

The exhibition, Leonardo da Vinci: 1452-1519, The Inventions, is showing at the Glassell School of Art (5101 Montrose Blvd). Exhibit hours are 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.

SUNDAY the 6th

The Houston Ballet again presents "Romeo and Juliet" at 2:00 p.m.

ONGOING

The O'Kane Gallery (1 Main Street) is showing the watercolor works of three female artists: Marge Baron, Ursula Brinkerhoff, and Linda Haag Carter, through September 18. The gallery is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition, "True Wit" continues at the Cullen Center (1600 Smith) through October 8. The exhibit consists of twenty color lithographs consisting of twenty color lithographs and continues through September 5.

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The Gerhard Wurzer Gallery (5085 Wesheimer) is sponsoring an exhibit by Joan Miro entitled "Les Enfants du Ubu." The exhibit consists of twenty color lithographs and continues through September 5.

The Seward Gallery is showing a retrospective of contemporary Dutch fruit artist Jan Schoonhoven through October 16.

Houston Central Public Library (500 McKinney) is presenting Polish History, Art & Culture, in commemoration of the Pope's visit to Texas, through September 27. Call 227-2222 for more information.

American Art, 1945, 1955, will be on exhibit at The Museum of Fine Arts (1000 Bissonnet) through December 27. Admission is free on Thursdays. With a Rice ID it's only $1 on other days.

COMING UP

the week in fine arts

Times in the Village) is presenting "The Trust," the play by a Rice alumna about the murder of William Marsh Rice and his attorney's quest to save the university. The show plays Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 524-3622.

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Frank Lloyd Wright and the Johnson Wax Building is on display in the Parish Gallery in Anderson Hall.

Fiber Fusion Houston, an exhibition by Alicia Dulan, Donna Durbin, Kay Johns, Francie Sanders and Jana Vander Lee, is currently at the Art Institute of Houston (3600 Yoakum).

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Merrily We Roll Along
Stages Repertory Theatre

Stages Repertory Theatre recently unveiled its new production of Merrily We Roll Along, a musical by Stephen Sondheim based on George Furth’s book. The work is the second Sondheim musical the company has offered in recent seasons. A magical production of Pacific Overtures was presented in 1985, one that included both a strong cast and an imaginative staging of the dance and musical numbers. While Merrily We Roll Along is not memorable as a Sondheim work, the new Stages production fails to effectively capture the musical’s strongest point, its heightened use of theatricality to color a familiar tale.

Merrily We Roll Along is based on a play written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart and was first performed in 1981. The KaufmanHart story moves backward several years in time with each new role throughout the musical, creating a highly charged, now-or-never kind of whirlwind that carries Franklin away from his first dreams. For the California party scene, they are all outfitted in pristine white outfit and white sunglasses; the faces remain the same, but the outfit grows steadily more garish as the play moves back through the sixties.

The dance scenes were choreographed well enough, but problems caused by limited space and an arena construction of the stage were difficult to overcome. The big group numbers need to be played in one direction and at some distance from the audience to capture the razzle-dazzle, larger than life treatment Sondheim gives to Franklin’s downfall. As it was, the dancers were only a few feet away, and the movement patterns created chaos rather than the art of sophistication that usually accompanies Sondheim’s works.

The final scene takes place at Franklin and Charley’s graduation from high school. Although a wistful ending in the face of fame and fortune is a subject that receives regular treatment in plays and movies, Sondheim does create some interesting twists. The twelve member supporting cast, nine of whom take on new roles throughout the musical, create the highly charged, now-or-never kind of whirlwind that carries Franklin away from his first dreams. For the California party scene, they are all outfitted in pristine white outfit and white sunglasses; the faces remain the same, but the outfit grows steadily more garish as the play moves back through the sixties.

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The strongest acting roles of the evening were offered by Debbie Boyle as Mary and Mary Hooper as Gussie, Franklin’s ambitious second wife. Boyle effectively played Mary as a bit of an ugly duckling, someone who harbored an unshakeable love for Franklin, yet was willing to be delegated to overcome. The big group numbers need to be played in one direction and at some distance from the audience to capture the razzle-dazzle, larger than life treatment Sondheim gives to Franklin’s downfall. As it was, the dancers were only a few feet away, and the movement patterns created chaos rather than the art of sophistication that usually accompanies Sondheim’s works.

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Diverse Menil collection accessible to Rice

The Menil Gallery

Over the summer—in June, to be exact—a new art museum opened its doors here in Houston, not far from Rice. The Menil Collection is housed in over 10,000 "objets d’art" accumulated by Dominique and John Menil, her late husband John, which range from primitive African to Rothko and Warhol, both exhibiting primarily on the surrealism movement. The house, designed by architect Renzo Piano, is itself a work of art, with its cool gray exterior, elegant black hardwood floors, and parabolic cerused sconces which pull in the light, illuminating the gallery with a softer, more natural glow than one usually sees in an art museum. The rooms are laid out tastefully and give off a peaceful ambiance as one walks through them.

Works by Rene Magritte, Max Ernst, and Giorgio de Chirico hang in the Surrealism Room, including Ernst's Portrait of Dominc (1934), his rendering of the gallery's benefactress, and the sculpture Lunar Asparagus (1950).

Wild Bowie concert highlights new music

David Bowie
Glass Spider Tour

The fine arts departments of most college newspapers usually review concerts like this one: someone on the staff gets tickets, goes to the show, and then writes an article that makes everyone else wish that they had gone. Not a particularly helpful way to run a department for a reader who is looking to go to a good concert. I flew the entire fine arts budget on a trip to the Meadowlands in New Jersey to cover out David Bowie's Glass Spider concert.

The opening band was Squeeze, which is a good enough band to go see as the main attraction. They played some of their more familiar songs like "Pulling Muscles from a Shell" and "In Quintessence," as well as some from their new album. The stage was immense, and the dominant feature was a gigantic spider whose body covered the stage and whose legs draped down the sides and back. Both the body and the legs were filled with colored lights which were turned on at appropriate times throughout the show. The concert was far better than I had ever seen. It was glittery and theatrical without being tacky. The Tonic Basil choreography ranged from the normal to the disturbing, with a choral line for the big finale. Bowie's music was powerful and energetic, and he never lost sight of the fact that it was a rock concert.

Carlos Alomar, Bowie's long-time guitarist, started the show with a manic solo. In addition, Bowie also had Peter Frampton playing guitar. (It should be illegal to monopolize two of the world's best guitarists for one show.) On stage, Frampton and Alomar, as well as the saxophonist, dualed music watching with energy and enthusiasm. He never pretended to leave so he could get an encore and come back and sing songs he was going to sing anyway. He played until he was finished and that was that. He also did not do any of the cheerful tactics that some performers do to get people to clap.

As I write this article, Bowie has not yet announced exact concert dates in Texas, although there will be a show or two announced soon. If you are not a Bowie fan and might have to prostitute yourself to get tickets, do so. I promise you it will be the most creative and exciting show you'll see in years.

—Paul D. Angles

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REMEMBER: DON'T MESS WITH RICE!
Owls look to pummel unwitting Cardinals

by Wes Gere

So Rice railroad kicks off the '87 season tomorrow, and the question on everyone’s mind is: “Geez, here we go again, another Owls come-back season”—no wait a minute, that’s not a question—it’s an assertion. Yes, it’s for real this time. No kidding. Anyone need convincing? How’s this: “One need convincing? How’s this: “Yes, it’s season”—no wait a minute, that’s not go again, another Owl Comeback Season.”

This is his 2nd year at Rice, so now the Owls have had a year to get used to the new leadership.

According to Berndt, “the players are more knowledgeable of the system” and are “aware of what we want from them.” This is after a very successful and very intensive spring training. In other words, they’re ready. They’re ready to do enough damage to make other conference teams learn enough ecology despite their sadly inferior education to understand that the owl is by nature a predator. The Lamar Cardinals are about to be unfortunate enough to catch the full force of the new enthusiasm in the season opener.

There is much more to rely on this year than enthusiasm. There are at least two players whom Berndt predicts to be All-Conference this year: center Courtney Hall and left tackle Quentis Roper, whose drop-back pass routines promise to keep tomorrow’s score high. Look for big yardage, as well as a much improved running game, a weak spot in the past. “We need to run the ball better, to change from just a drop-back pass team to more of a running team,” says Berndt. Also, people might be inclined to mark off defense this year just because there are only four returning starters. Berndt maintains defense is still bet- ter, and will last through several more years. Still, this means defense will be spread thin, so that avoiding injuries becomes very impor- tant. But injuries can’t be predicted, and they’re always critical anyway.

According to Berndt, Saturday’s Lamar game will be more of an exercise for the new system than a real challenge. “We just need to line up and play.” This is especially true since he can’t be sure exactly how to deal with them this time. The Cardinals just changed to a run-and-shoot offense in ‘86 that made for some exciting play, and this year they have installed a new defense, the overshifted 50, that gave Arkansas the lead in fewest points allowed in the Southwest Conference last season.

The changes have come under Lamar head coach Ray Alborn, who took the University of Pennsylvania from a 1-9 record in 1983 to four consecutive Ivy League titles. This is his 2nd year at Rice, so now the Owls have had a year to get used to the new leadership.

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Downpour puts damper on Blue-Gray extravaganza

by Steve Nations

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Of course many of the fans left right after eating. Some left during the hour-long wait between dinner and the announced scrimmage starting time. And most left when the record for consecutive August days without rain was halted by hurricane-force winds that dumped enough rain in Rice Stadium to turn the place into the largest communal bath house in Texas.

But the loyal fans saw Head Coach Jerry Berndt introduce the starting squads and had an opportunity to go down on the field and meet the players. The MOB was there, too, as well as the cheerleading squad. Both were present and had an opportunity to go out to begin their pre-game routines.

As things stand, it looks like Murchison is going to be stopped, along with the rest of the Cardinals, since Rice is in a mood to win after a twenty-three year slump, it’s more over with than ever. Coach Berndt thinks we’re “much farther along than at this point last year,” when even the cyclers ran through the drills they will perform before every game, starting tomorrow night against Lamar.

Hopefully the lightning and rain won’t be a problem this time. But even if a hurricane rolls through, you can be sure that those funny guys in white overalls will be there till the end. So will the Rice Owls of 1987.
Club sports participants mobilize for fall

We at the Thresher Sports Committee now bring you a partial guide to club sports at Rice. These statements are solicited from the various club officials and reflect the spirit and breadth of competition available here. All clubs are open and indeed happily painting for newcomers. Use this article to get involved. Go ahead. Do it now.

SAILING
The Rice Sailing Club has something to offer for those who've never gotten further than shore than swimming at Padre and for those "rock stars" who've raced with Dennis Conner.

The club has two purposes: teaching novice everything they need to know and handle a boat themselves and racing against other schools in SESA (South-Eastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association), which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. Are we any good? Take note of our motto: first at the starting line, first at the finish, and come to a workout (across the street from the gym) to join up.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
Ruggers work up a frenzy.
We drink blood, we eat flesh. The Rice University Rugby Club is composed primarily of Rice undergraduates who possess a common will both to compete and to party as a team. The drive to win, to improve, and to have fun motivates us as we travel Texas and adjacent states. Our first semester schedule includes University of Dallas, LSU, Texas Tech, and a slate of local club sides.

We practice Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., with a conditioning session on Monday. Our ultra-experienced coaches, Dave Schaefer and Jay Roberts, architect a flawless first side whose seasoned ability trickles to a novice who has no less tenacious second side. Home games are fraught with violence, excitement, attractive fans, and post-game Underground beer drinking to excess.

More important than partying and than our amatiastic desire to play is in our mutual feeling that no individuals exist. Ruggers are a fraternal lot, and fierce friendships are soon struck. We are a team, only as strong as our weakest member. We stick together and excel at kicking butt. Call club President Phil Meyer at 630-8287, or come to a workout (across the street from the gym) to join up.

CYCLING

Every Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. the Rice Men's Soccer team practices at the field next to the gym. If you've played competitively and don't mind stories of Hermann Goring and Snipers, you'll fit in fine with coach Mike Henshaw. Though we came in second in the Southwest Conference last year, we're planning to top this year (even if we have to miss a few games so we can play in Monterrey). If interested, contact Tony Mason at 630-8336. No wannabes need apply.

RUGBY

Brown College and the Rice Rainbow Rockers present Brown 100 — Square Dancing Workshop Brown College Commons Sunday, September 6, 1987 — 7:00 p.m.

Drop by and see what square dancing is all about. You don't have to wear the silly clothes. —D. Kelley

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by Joel Sendek

Early in the spring of this year, as "quarterback of the future," Mr. Best we have, he'll be out there returning the 1987 Rice Owls football team is going to be the quarterback of our future. "If he's the best we have, he'll be out there returning kickoffs," said Coach Berndt. Overall, Roper seems satisfied with his situation this fall. "I like Coach Berndt's system because we both get playing time. He will have Mark and me in for different situations. You never know what the coach is thinking about," said Roper. Berndt's optimism seems to be rubbing off as well. "We are going out to win, not just to play, and we feel we can win and win big. We can't afford to take anyone for granted, and that's what we did with Southwest Texas State last year," Roper continued.

Quentis Roper is the main man in what Jerry Berndt considers to be the strongest position on the team. "Quentis Roper has been sparkling out there in preseason," Berndt said. Let's look for Quentis to be the cygnet of the Lamar game tomorrow.

Owl volleyballers host tournament

by Claire Glosmann

The lady Owl hitters headed off the season with two strong victories last week. The first was in a scrimmage against San Jacinto Junior College last Friday in which they won all 5 games, and the second was against Houston Baptist University last Tuesday. In their first official match of the season, the team won all three games with scores of 15-5, 15-8, and 15-5. San Jacinto is consistently among the top 10 junior colleges in the nation.

At H.B.U., Anna Epperson had a great game, with an attack percentage of .38, and a set percentage of .50. Cherisse Taylor's .44 attack percentage proved to be too strong for H.B.U.'s defense. Gwen Samora led the team in serves with 4 serve aces. Because of a minor illness, Laura Epperson was unable to play in the match, and Diane Kuhlman stayed out of the match because of leg problems. Both expect to play by this weekend.

Coming up this weekend, Rice will host the Gene Hackerman/Rice Volleyball Showcase, a tournament in which Rice, San Diego, South Carolina, and Tulane will play. The tournament will take place in the spotlight. Said Berndt, "Donald Hollas is a game player. We think he is going to be the quarterback of our future. As 'quarterback of the future,' Mr. Hollas will have some mighty big shoes to fill, considering the fact that the Owls' starting quarterback does more than just throw the football.

Quentis Roper, the leading kickoff returner in the SWC last season, will be counted on to bring the pigskin upfield again this season. "If he's the best we have, he'll be out there returning kickoffs," said Coach Berndt. Overall, Roper seems satisfied with his situation this fall. "I like Coach Berndt's system because we..."
Die-hard Cubs fan spits bile at Astrodome

OWLOOK
by Keith Couch

It was a warm breezy late summer day this week that gave me that uncontrollable urge to go out to the ballpark for a bit of the American pastime. Of course, it’s no fun to do this kind of thing by yourself, so I was looking for company. The Chicago Cubs were in town, so the obvious choice was my roomdog the Fish, the original midwestern die-hard Cubs fan. With assorted motley company, we set out for the ballpark in anticipation of a good, clean evening of male bonding.

Unfortunately, as I soon learned, taking a die-hard from Lincoln country to the Astrodome is akin to taking a rabid feminist to the “Nude Girls” club out on South Main. As we drove towards the Dome, Fish was in a nostalgic mood, reflecting upon past journeys to the idyllic greensward of Wrigley Field, the Cubs’ rustic home stadium. As we sped past Burger Kings and fluorescent Mexican restaurants, he spoke fondly of El trains, blackberry brandy, and the ancient nostalgic mood, reflecting upon past

The Rice Cycling Team begins its season with a road race at Southwest Texas State September 26 and 27. Typical collegiate races range in distance from 15 to 30 miles. The team trains daily, but individuals ride from 40 to 220 miles per week. Rides leave Monday thru Friday at 3:00 p.m. from the Rice gym dance room, in addition to Rice, club members are allowed to attend class at any of the other Cha branch schools. Two common misconceptions about the Karate club are that we require previous martial arts experience and that all we learn is the ability to fight—both are usually wrong. If you are at all interested in physical fitness, improving your flexibility, self-discipline, or self-defense, you are welcome to attend our remaining introductory sessions on September 3 and 9. For more information, contact Ozan Gursel (630-8714), or Rich Nuzum (661-5546). Other clubs that exist but didn’t care enough to send their very best to us include badminton, water polo, fencing, women’s soccer, bowling, and volleyball. A call to Lorraine McKay (527-4808) of the new, improved Department of Human Performance and Health Sciences should be sufficient to get you in touch with them.

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Student Admission Committee needs volunteers for overnight hosing, guiding tours and more. Yellow volunteer forms are available from your college office, the Admissions Office, or any committee representative.

New schedule for Fondren Library will be: Monday through Thursday, 7:45 am to 1 am; Friday, 7:45 am to 12 am; Saturday, 10 am to 12 am; Sunday, 1 pm to 1 am. These hours will be kept this fall on an experimental basis.

Overheard in the Mech E building: "Make sure the proctologist doesn't have both hands on your shoulders while he's examining you."

It takes a double E to spell Friarbe. No, vulcanized rubbers don't come in designer colors but Mr. Spock can.

Heard in the Weiss commons about the dangers of studying mathematics: "I used to be a math major, but now I'm history."

And I thought it took a double E to spell geek.

"It's not cannibalism if you eat yourself."—an ex-boxer.

It's a shame we have to see obnoxious "faggot" jokes in the Misclass nowdays. I suppose we'll be seeing nigger and kike jokes before too long. Any objections?

Mister, you better watch your language on my backpack. I don't take kindly to the words you're using. Folks around these parts consider them mighty derogatory.

Heard in History 211/311 about how folks reveal the beliefs and feelings of the populace: "Those folktales, well, they're written by the folks."

"The square root of a positive number = hunky-dory."—Math 211.

Don't count your chickens before your eggs have hatched because the Bark nomination not withstanding, the Supreme Court has ruled that chick embryos don't count.

Guess you missed the Jewish joke in the 8-21-87 issue.

The moon is bright in the sky again. But she is not here to see it with me. She is watching it also, but she is not here to see it with me.

But she is not here to see it with me.

"If you grab a man by the balls, you can lead him anywhere."—Gordon / Soc 311.

"The0 perhaps it didn't offend your sensibilities as much as my 4 am humour does."

Don't count your eggs before your chickens have hatched (or is it the other way around?)

"I don't have to be normal. I have a hunky-dory way around it."

Chick embryos don't count.

Kevin missed "Kevin says that condoms come in designer colors"—Day.

Perhaps if the 5A were to make it an official holiday... There's a super party residue and his name is Sludge McKenzie... Finish this and if we pick your submission you'll win a free designer condom.

O.K., Hanszen, quit being so lame and come up with some mischief. If we find that folder empty again, we won't let you enter the name the Hanszen contest.

George R. Brown Forensic Society will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday, September 8, at 7 pm in Sewall 301. All students interested in intercollegiate speech, debate, or dramatic events invited. No previous experience necessary. Call Gary at 630-8721.

1987 Foreign Service Exam applications are available in the Placement Office.

Rice Math Tournament Organization needs volunteers to help organize a math tournament for high school students. Anyone interested is invited to our first planning meeting of the year on Monday, September 14, at 7 pm in Fondren 306. Call Charles Foretahaus at 630-8857.

German Exchange: Frau H. Frank, director of an exchange program with German universities, will be on campus Friday, September 11. If you are interested in attending a German university for a year of undergraduate credit, come by the Office of Student Advising and make an appointment.

Commodore Amiga computer lovers interested in forming a club or simply talking should contact Chris at 630-8857.

Learn Braille! Volunteers needed to transcribe textbooks into Braille. Classes start Tuesday, September 8, from 10 to 11:30 am at the Lighthouse Library, 3530 West Dallas. The lessons are free. Contact Sherry Nance at 527-9561, ext. 273 for more information.

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Chrysalis Repertory Dance Company program of classes for children and teens. Location: Houston Community College, Central Campus, 3517 Austin at Holman. Classes begin Sept 6. Call 52-0061.

Rice Dance Theater technique classes Monday, Wednesday 4:30 pm Dance Room, Gym, call 527-4058 for additional information.

Retail sales person wanted for ICONOGRAPHY in the Village. Sunday hours 11:45-5:15 and 3 afternoons during the week, 3-6. $5.00/hr. Previous retail experience required. Call Candy or June 529-2630.

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Do you like adventure? Do you like to drive to far away places? Are you flexible from 2 - 7 pm? We’re looking for you! Call Denise at 522-3951 for more information!!

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Wanted to sell a cheap, ugly, reliable car? I am looking to buy that very kind of car. Please call me at 630-8162.

Part-time sales position now available. Apply at Massin Office Supply, 5314 Kirby Drive.

WICKED STEPMOTHER
Houston Area Women’s Center Rape Crisis Program needs volunteers to work on 24-hour hotline and accompany survivors of sexual assault to hospitals. Training begins September 12. Contact Laurie Harrison at 528-6798.

Beach bash for animal protection: Houston Animal Rights Team will be cleaning Texas beaches for Coastal Cleanup Week Saturday, September 19. Beach buddies will clean one mile of beach between 9 am and noon. Free refreshments for participants. Call 975-7973.

Family Outreach needs caring people 3-4 hours per week to work with families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Training sessions September 14, 16, 18, 21, and 23 from 9 am to 3:30 pm at Chimney Rock Center, 6425 Cherry Rock, Houston.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets Friday evening at 7 pm in the Famsworth Pavilion.

Weight Watchers International will hold a “Brown Bag” seminar Wednesday, September 9, at 12:00 noon in the Private Dining Room. Sammy’s. Interested members are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch for an introduction to the Weight Watchers Program. If enough attendees are interested, a Rice Chapter may be formed.

“Objections to Objectifications of the Mind: Feminism and Visual Images,” a lecture with slide presentation, will be presented by Professor Cynthia Freeland of the University of Houston. The program will be held Thursday, September 10, at 4:10 pm in Sewall 305.

Help stop apartheid. Come down and help hand out flyers and picket One Shell Plaza, McKinney at Louisiana, every Wednesday, 12 noon to 1 pm.

Why Celebrate the Constitution’s Bicentennial? The Friends of Fondren Library invite you to find out. Come to this year’s first meeting, featuring Dr. Harold M. Hyman, Wednesday, September 9, at 7:30 pm in the Farnsworth Pavilion.

Expand your horizons—attend the free public President’s Lecture Series here at Rice. The series starts September 25 with Stephen J. Gould of Harvard’s Museum of Comparative Zoology in the HMC.

Interested in KTRU? Come by the studio, 1220 Voss, September 13 at 8 p.m. Attendance mandatory for those interested in Dill.

Interested in Willy’s Pub? Turn in an application for assistant manager for the 1987-88 school year by Friday, September 11, in the Proctor’s Office.

Interested in student internships? A publication listing internships, paid and unpaid, with the Department of State is on file in the Office of Student Advising. Great job experience related to foreign affairs.

GALOR, Gays and Lesbians of Rice, will have its first wine and cheese party of the year Sunday, September 6, at 2 pm. Soft drinks provided. Pais members should plan to bring wine, cheese, crackers, etc. Call Dan at 80-0247.

Canterbury Episcopal students and friends. Join us for Evensong and supper Sunday at Austry House beginning at 5 pm. This week’s program (6 to 7 pm) is a discussion/exploration of how our faith relates to educational and career goals. Visitors welcome. Call 524-3168 for rides and info.

The Thresher still wants you more than you can really know, so come see us at the Ley Student Center.

THE DEMISESQUINCENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY

September

Fri 4 • Baker TO today. Bring your ID.
• Intramural deadlines: Women’s Tennis (Singles, Doubles, College); Mixed Doubles; Coed Basketball; Women’s Volleyball.
• Whatever happened to volley-wall-ball?

Sun 6 • Rice vs. Lamar, 6 pm, Rice Stadium. Wear a toga.
• Post-game omori, Ois Day and the Nights. Look out for the Salary Club.

Sat 5 • Happy Birthday to Lizzette Palmer.

Mon 7 • Labor Day.
• Deadline for misclass submission, 5 pm.
• Happy Birthday to Rice University.

Tues 8 • SA meeting, 11 pm, Ley Student Center. (Time change due to Labor Day.)

Wed 9 • Happy Birthday to James Bunt.

Thurs 10 • Happy Birthday to the Constitution.
• Celebrate by going to the Friends of Fondren lecture at 7:30 pm in the Farnsworth Pavilion.

Thu 10 • Guess the correct age of all these birthday people and win a free roll of designer electrical tape.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE MISCLASS

Absolute redemption total reemption come across this line and tell me about time. Look in my eyes and tell me if it’s real and if you say fuck I know it’s ideal.

Who says we don’t print “fuck”? — jah, bpe.

If you are old enough to need a drink, you are old enough to buy one.

Slickerious liquidities of eloquent eccentricsities abound in the all around—and the quality of equality knows nothing.

Have you ever noticed that everyone in a class laughs at a prof’s jokes, no matter how hurting the jokes are?

I think I am because I am a yam.

No fucking way am I going to submit a hamster joke to the misclass section!! (unless, of course, the hamster submits!!)

Good—jah, bpe.

At least I have the fucking nerve to sign my fucking name to the word fuck.

—Fast Eddie

Wa of the back page wish to extend our sincere thanks to the late night poets of KTRU, who so thoughtfully provided misclass.

EXISTENCE

(Not Living)

Screaming from wasteland of the mind.

I face myself in the mirror and shout,”Why?”

Horror — picture movies curl and wither in my brain.

Pain, pain, pain

You could get multiple prions too if you were the only one around in the dead of the night.

Overheard at Two Pesos at Jam: “Peter, you know if she touches it, it will fall off.”

Said in Mac 451 as class ran late: “If I do not tell you this, bridges will fall and even more planes than already do will crash.” — Dr. J. Dennis.

Pictorial misclass submissions are now being accepted! Deposit your photos or drawings in the envelope outside the Thresher office. Black and white only, please; coroner, submissions cannot be returned.

ONE LAST NOTE & NOTICE

A new committee is being formed to plan the future of educational computing at Rice. If you would like to sign as a member of the Undergraduate Representative on this committee call the Student Association office at 527-4079.

Anyone interested in this does not have to speak to Kevin by any particular deadline. After all, deadlines are meant to be broken. Aren’t they, Kevin?