Colleges encounter problems in search for new masters

By Kat Feihlman

Baker, Lovett, and Wescou Colleges have united their Master Search Committees after encountering problems in naming new masters this year.

John Boggs, Master Search Committee Chairman, has said that a master has declined in popularity among the faculty.

"It's not a sought after position. It's seen as more of a responsibility than a privilege," said Boggs. "It's a lower status," he continued, "than a faculty member at a smaller school." Boggs said the master position is not as prestigious as other academic positions.

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"We want to present a united front," said Boggs. "It would otherwise compound their problems." The combined committees will share information on potential candidates and work together to develop a list of candidates for the master position.

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Opinion

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F&H policy still unclear

To the editors:

In the last two weeks, students and parents received a letter from Marion Hicks, Director of Food and Housing, attempting to clarify the meal plans. Unfortunately, the letter will create more problems than it will solve.

The letter explained that Meal Plan 1, although named "Total Room and Board," only provides approximately 70% of all meals, due to a "missed meal factor." Meal Plan II, thought by students to provide approximately 70% of all meals, only provides 70% of the meals covered in Plan I, or a total of 50% of all meals. The letter chose not to mention that if you are on Plan I and still plan on eating all of the meals, you will have to spend an additional $183 each semester. The additional cost for students on Plan II who will eat 70% of the meals is $230.

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I urge all students to call Mr. Hicks and make sure you are getting exactly what you bargained for.

Steve Mattias
Hamzeh, '89

Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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To the editors:

The title of this article is "Sexism at Rice occurs on all levels." The article is a good example of how sexism affects all levels of society, including the University. The author mentions a number of examples of sexism, such as the treatment of women in the classroom, in the workplace, and in society in general. The author also mentions the importance of education and awareness in combating sexism.

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In Part One of this feature, we presented incidents which may or may not be considered ‘sexist’. In this position we will investigate the broader implications of sexism within the Hedges and possible solutions to the problem.

The Report of the Commission on Women (1987-1988) submitted by the Rice’s Women’s Commission revealed the problem of sexism at Rice. The past year witnessed the most disturbing events reported last week. According to the report, 66 percent of Rice’s female respondents and 81 percent of the males have personally experienced sexist comments from other undergraduate; almost half of the respondents of both sexes encounter them on a weekly basis. Sexist comments from faculty are less common, but almost half of the female respondents and over one-third of the male report ‘experiencing them while at Rice.’

The Task Force on Campus Climate directed by Anthony C. Proctor and Susan MacIntosh, uncovered further problems which the University faces.

Regarding the academic climate, the Task Force found ‘between one-tenth and one-fifth of women undergraduates have personal experiences with teachers and advisors in which they feel denigrated or discouraged simply because they are women.’ The interviews demonstrated how damaging these encounters with a chily campus climate can be for women students’ self-esteem, intellectual development, and professional aspirations.

The Undergraduate Residential Environment has equally negative aspects.

The aggregate data are somewhat consistent themselves (for instance, 20 percent of those interviewed do not feel their colleges are supportive toward women, then the residential environment may be non-supportive for almost one-fourth of Rice women undergraduates). On the other hand, Rice does have some important differences among the colleges. For example, three colleges were perceived as very supportive, three others received mixed reviews, and one was seen as extremely non-supportive, the Report summarized. Suzanne Walsh specialization in gender relations. She also perceived different attitudes within the colleges.

"It seems to me that if that wider environment in American society, this kind of behavior and those kinds of attitudes are regarded as ‘normal’ or acceptable," she said.

What types of solutions lend themselves to such a problem? How can Rice educate its society to the unacceptable and subconscious attitude which exists in its milieu?

Then, the suggestion of reingraining of women faculty in the to dis-Elision against women in hiring processes, and to serve as role models for female students. In addition, she said, "because my research specialty is the practice of science and engineering in this society and others, I am very familiar with the plight that there are no women...there are students’ back-ground, how they deal with each other in their private lives. I think we can do something with the curriculum policy to bring these issues to the very center of the ongoing discussions, where they belong," Nowfield said.

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Rice University's computer science department has received a grant to develop parallel computer architecture, according to Elise Perachio, chair of the computer science department.

The grant is the latest in a series of federal and private gifts the computer science department has received over the past several years to help improve the computer's performance and expand its applications, Perachio said.

The research is designed to make computers faster and smaller. Although the research is a long-term project, the goal is to develop a supercomputer that can calculate in a useful, practical amount of time.

Parallel processing computers will solve the problem of allowing the computer to do more than one task at a time. They will concentrate on areas that require wide use of parallel computers and making parallel computers easier to use.

Rice's grant is one of 26 federal computer science and information sciences grants that were awarded. The total amount of the federal awards is about $106.5 million.

The grant to Rice is for $22.9 million over the next five years. Fifty percent of the grant will go toward computer architecture, with 30 percent going toward computer software development and 20 percent toward computer applications.

"This is a great opportunity to push the envelope in computer science and information sciences," Perachio said. "It will give us a chance to be a leader in the development of new computer systems and applications."
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Newswires
by Ross GDPberg

Rice opens nominations for RPC spots

He said if the Campus does not make money, the editors, photographers, business manager, and secretaries are unemployed. The entire operation is running at a $25 loss. The editor said that the SA will devote all its resources to the specific RPC campaign, and that the SA will be re-elected in May.

Financial Aid Forms Due for '89 - '90

Forms are now available in the Financial Aid Office, 201 Lovett Hall. Forms must be filed by March 1, 1989. If notification of aid for 1989-90 is delayed prior to leaving school next semester, the deadline for filing forms is June 1, 1989.

Leadership America announces program

Leadership America is a two-week summer leadership development program that takes 50 juniors to the Center for Creative Leadership in North Carolina, Colorado Outward Bound, and Dallas, Texas for three weeks of lectures by leaders in business, government, and community. In addition, there is a four-week internship and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Most of the major expenses (housing, transportation, meals) are paid for.

The primary criteria for selection is that you have "outstanding leadership potential." Students of every major are eligible; applications are available in the Office of the Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs, Lovett Hall.

Presentations concerning the program will be offered Friday, December 9, Monday, December 12, at 12:50-1:15 p.m. in the Career Services Center.

Jameson Fellowship applications due

Applications are being accepted for the Jameson Fellowship for the Decorative Arts for 1989-90. Gradu ate students and undergraduates who will be seniors next year in the fields of American Studies are eligible to apply for the part-time internship working with the Bayou Bend Collection. The stipend for 1989-90 will be in the range of $5,000.

Qualifications include an interest in American Art from the colonial period to the twentieth century, including period interiors and decorative arts. Students should also have background training in the historical periods represented by the Collection which ranges from the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries and an excellent academic record.

In the fall the intern is enrolled in a training course taught at Bayou Bend by the curators of the collection. In the spring, the intern will work one day per week at Bayou Bend helping with research exhibitions and cataloguing.

Applications should consist of a short personal statement (no more than two pages) expressing the student's interest in American Art, a transcript and two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, and a student's major department. Applications will be accepted by the Office of the Vice President of Undergraduate Affairs, Lovett Hall, no later than Friday, February 24, 1989.

Additional information may be directed to Professor William Sherman, 527-4101, ext. 3465.

Rice and Ma receive Interfaith awards

Sid Ridgway, College senior Allison Rice and sophomore Miriam Ma are the recipients of Interfaith Charter, Inc. scholarships which were awarded to ten Houston-area students last month.

Rice and Ma received checks for $500 from the group's treasurer, members of Final South, a Jewish student group, and the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic student group. The awards recognize students who exhibit outstanding leadership in their interfaith work on the campus and overall community.

Rice is currently serving as president of the Baptist Student Union. She has also served on the H.S.U. Executive Council and has spent a year in Taiwan teaching English.

Ma is active in the Rice Campus Crusade for Christ, which leads a Bible study at her church.
Masters  
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master, is asked to spend a lot of time performing college duties.  "I happen to think that there are some problems with this in that the co-master, who inevitably is a woman, is asked to do a lot. At Rice, in the past she got nothing for it. Under the current administration, she gets a nominal salary. But, money aside, there's the issue of the amount of respect a co-master gets.  

This administration has made significant effort to show respect for the job," Stein said.  "The stipend for co-masters should not be construed as a salary. We consider it a stipend. In no way provides financial compensation for the hours of effort, love, and patience that they give to the students, but it is a small show of appreciation.  

"If we're voted down, we have no choice but to make some conference events," May said. "It was our understanding that this case would be an exception. We need clarification on this.  

Members of the baseball team were ambivalent about the need for the raise, but said they felt it could be helpful.  

Baker College senior Mike Grace said, "If you take care of your business it shouldn't be a problem at the end of the semester. But everyone's human and we can fail behind. It would be a lot easier on us if the trips were earlier. Good communication between players and faculty can work things out.  

Baker College junior Rick Strebeck agreed. "We play so many games during the year that we're used to working things out. A trip like that could be a problem, but it all depends on your schedule. If it's too late, then it's too late," Stein said.  

Baker College student members are much more flexible to accommodate individual student preferences than an inflexible professor could create problems. Neither player was aware of the conflict before being contacted by the Thresher.  

"If you can work things out," said Stein. "With a mastership, the decision is made by two people, but it all depends on your schedule. If we're doing it, we're doing it."  

The University has a duty to inform students of both the size of and reasons for a tuition increase before the meeting.  

Of the $1000 increase, $800 will go to the tuition cost and $200 to room and board.  

Tuition  
FROM PAGE 1  

cost in the past 5 years and Texas Tuition Equalization Grants (de-  
crease of about 20 percent) has put a financial strain on Rice in recent years, Rupp said.  

In his letter to Rice's "Sources of Revenue," Rupp suggested that because endowment is a major source of in- 

come, there was no reason for a large tuition increase in thepast.  

"But with a slowing of the growth of income from our endowment, there is greater pressure on other revenue sources," Rupp said.  

Of the $600 increase, $300 will go to the Tuition Equalization Grant and $300 to room and board, making the total cost $10,475.  

The Student Association Sub- 
Committee on Tuition and Fees, which gave each Board member a copy of their report, "The Challenge for Ex-  
cellence: Rice Financially in Accord with Progress," Rupp said in response to the re-  
port, "[the report was read and discussed, and I think all of us appreciate the work that went into preparing the report... I think it is entirely appropriate that we now, in the course of the early spring, have as extended discussions as the commu-  
nity wants to have about broader policy implications of tuition in-  
crease.  

Members of the SA Subcommittee  
expressed enthusiasm about Rupp's letter, but said an outline of the specific uses for the added reve-  

eue from the increase is necessary.  

Chairman of the committee, Jenny Rasch said, "I was very pleased that he responded directly to the students, but I think they [the Board of Governors and Rupp] need to be a lot better at communicating to us what the money is for.  

Subcommittee Chairman, Brian Zedka said, "I'm pretty happy about the letter... He addressed a whole lot of the issues we raised in the report, but this is certainly the first step toward increased disclo-  

responsibility of a mastership fur-  
ther revenues at a family can  
spend together.  

"In the last four or five years, a good number of masters get di-  

grounded while being master," Stein  
said.  

"I am not aware of any marriage that has broken up because of the mastership," Zedky said. "I am aware of people who separated during a mastership. I am not aware that the mastership is responsible.  

"My divorce had nothing to do with being master," Disch said. "If anything, the mastership kept us together. It was something we could share. As far as the family is con-  

cerned, I think the mastership is totally positive. But, like anything, it's what you make of it. Some people choose to stress the negative aspects instead.  

Resident Associates  
The Master Search Committees are mainly looking for married fac-  
ulty. But, when seeking out Resident Associates, single faculty members  
are the main target.  

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KAHN'S CORNER:
A choice of Killbilly, Tchaikovsky and Engelbert Humperdinck

TONIGHT
• Killbilly, the "band that has Dallas buzzing" (as if that should be an achievement to be proud of) makes its Houston debut tonight at Fitzgerald's at 10 p.m. Admission is free, and you might as well give these guys a shot if for no other reason than they actually believe that they're "to bluegrass music...what Brave Combo is to Pekka."
• If Killbilly isn't your cup of tea, than perhaps Engelbert Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel is for you. It's showing at the Cullen Theater at 8 p.m. with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

TOMORROW
• Joan Lowery Nixon signs her two new books, Secret. Silent Dreams and If You Were a Shot if for no other reason than they actually feel surrounded by themselves up in a country cottage in Sussex, hoping to avoid creping the normal, boring and pointless music which they feel surrounds them in the current music scene. They challenge the listener to figure out what it is that they've found. On this latest album they chose to reveal their discoveries in a simple deconstructionist format. The band specifically chose a lead guitarist who was not a typical lead guitarist—iron Klein, formerly of Specimen. He does a good job of blending into the group's sound, sometimes to the point of imperceptibility. He relies on strictly rhythmical leads whose mood-setting nature resembles U2's style. Mood-setting is the most apparent aim of the tunes on this album and the mood is, for the most part, dark and evil. It's likely that Michael Hedges, the engineer and co-producer of the album, had considerable influence on this sound; he is a guitarist on the Windham Hill label, famous for signing new age artists like George Winston. Hedges, however, is not quite as any as that—he's covered the likes of Bob Dylan and Neil Young.

December 12—Wilbert Bard's classic work, runs tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall. Performers include Paul Schwindmann, Kirsten Stammer, Ben "Hot Lips" Worsley, Thomas Hyer and Josh Yolen.

December 13—Another night of Bach at the Menil Collection (though the press release is ambiguous again on the exact date), courtesy of those mutants at the Da Camera Society.

December 14—Another night of Bach at the Menil Collection (though the press release is ambiguous again on the exact date), courtesy of those mutants at the Da Camera Society.

Sioux and company explore dark side

BY ELISE PERACHIO

After a year's hiatus, Siouxie and the Banshees are back on the post-punk avant-garde scene with their current U.P. Peep Show. For the past year, after the release of the album Through the Looking Glass, the group has been spending a lot of the past year sitting around that cottage they feel surrounds them in the current music scene. They said they wanted to push the barriers of rock and roll and challenge the listener to figure out what it is that they've found. On this latest album they chose to reveal their discoveries in a simple deconstructionist format. The band specifically chose a lead guitarist who was not a typical lead guitarist—iron Klein, formerly of Specimen. He does a good job of blending into the group's sound, sometimes to the point of imperceptibility. He relies on strictly rhythmical leads whose mood-setting nature resembles U2's style. Mood-setting is the most apparent aim of the tunes on this album and the mood is, for the most part, dark and evil. It's likely that Michael Hedges, the engineer and co-producer of the album, had considerable influence on this sound; he is a guitarist on the Windham Hill label, famous for signing new age artists like George Winston. Hedges, however, is not quite as any as that—he's covered the likes of Bob Dylan and Neil Young.

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Rice's *Queen* makes toast out of male weenies

BY SARAH LEEDY

The Queen of the Damned, the third novel in Anne Rice's series The Chronicles of the Vampires, will not disappoint her many fans who have waited several entomies for this book. One important thing to note, however, is that you won't really enjoy this book unless you have read the first two novels. The interview with The Vampire and The Vampire Lestat. And if you haven't read those books, they would make great holiday reading. They do not make good semester break reading, because if you let yourself fall into the excellent trance Rice (the writer, not the school) casts, you will not put any of the books down until you have finished them—my GPA is already suffering the consequences of Queen. In terms of style, this could easily be a review of any of the vampire novels. Queen is a mosaic of emotion and imagery, and although it was a bit long and tiresome in some parts (the Vampyre Lestat among that characteristic), the novel is a seamless spin that will immerse you in the decidedly weird world of decidedly economical blood drinkers. It is difficult to do Rice's elaborate characterizations justice here, because she supports them so well with her sensual descriptions of scenes. All of the novels are woven together through recurring themes, expressed in the ideals and frustrations of her vampire characters. Among these in *Queen* are Lestat, the narrator of the second novel and self-proclaimed bad boy of the vampires; Louis, narrator of the first and most enthralling of the novels, a very human being; and Akasha, the 'Mother' of all vampires, who has set herself on a murderous mission to "cleanse" the world of the violent gender by trying to kill all but one of every one hundred men. Unsurprisingly, her detractors cannot debate her on the fact that men are a lot more violent than women, and instead choose to beg her to give the job to another century or so to straighten themselves out.

If you have not read any of the novels, it would probably be helpful to explain that Akasha would not have to bin all of those men—she is so powerful that she could look at, say, Anderson Todd, think in her mind, "toasted weenie," and all of his major organs would burst, thus causing immediate and very painful death.

How those vampires opposed to Akasha's plan deal with her is the main dilemma of The Queen of the Damned. It would be unfair to say anything else about the plot, although it would save everyone about 200 pages of meandering storylines. That is about the only real flaw of this novel—it seems Rice spends a lot of time just setting up new vampire characters that are not nearly as compelling as Louis and Lestat in preparation for her Chronicles. Hopefully, if these future novels materialize, she will narrow her scope back down to just a few of these characters, and develop them as fully and accurately as she did in Interview. Her epic theme completes itself in *Queen* of the Damned; let's hope Rice gets back to the potent, nasty, really pathological lightheartiness for which she first gained her fame.

Cole and Commotions sound asleep

BY VIKRAMA RANGALA

NEWS FLASH: The San Diego zoo reported today that a 400-pound orangutan named Peaches escaped from handlers and roamed freely about the city. Zoo officials finally recaptured the animal, but not without any emotional impact or ramble on for twice as long as anyone could stand to listen to it. Let's run that baby up the lines on my idiot board/what about love? What does that mean?

Okay, okay. I don't know if Mainstream is Lloyd Cole and the Commotions' first album or one of many. If they have had other albums, perhaps Mainstream is a departure, an experiment. Maybe Lloyd got the band together and said: "Commotions, how about this time we do an album which is insipid, boring, incoherent and unimaginitive? We'll use lyrics devoid of any emotional impact and ramble on for twice as long as anyone could stand to listen to it. Let's run that baby up the lines on my idiot board/what about love? What does that mean?"

"Is this from the Hip" (notice 'from' is not capitalized—is that intense or what?), is supposed to be about child abuse. It's really more like listener abuse. As in several of their songs, they take emotional subjects and manage to remove any emotional impact from them. They seem to prefer using hip catchwords over anything resembling context or style. These guys could do with the same education Lloyd did in Interview.

Some songs are uniformly slow, but not for any particular reason. They're just songs which not even Lloyd and the Commotions can get excited about. The tunes are forgettable, the arrangements tame. The production value is good, but big deal. Good production value can be had at Studio B for $10.50 per hour.

I understand new music seeks to break standard pop conventions, but these guys are breaking rules of decency. I'd never heard of Lloyd Cole until I was handed the black album with the picture of Lloyd looking sensitive and intense. He wants to look like OMD, I think. I don't know who they want to sound like. Whoever they are, they would have to be aslistenable, stoned, constipated or any combination of the above to sound like these guys.

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Pfeiffer, Gibson never looked better in Sunrise

BY GREG KAHN

Tequila Sunrise is one of those maddening motion pictures that has the potential to be unforgettable but refuses to cross the line between enjoyable entertainment and classic cinema. I'm hesitant to criticize this film because it's rare to find a well-made, intelligent, beautifully shot film that has an intriguing plot, especially during the holiday season. But in the end, you leave the movie feeling like you saw a very good picture that needed one last rewrite.

The blame for Tequila Sunrise's inability to reach its potential must fall with director-screenwriter Robert Towne. Towne the director is nearly flawless here (as he was in one of the '70s best films, Chinatown), getting the most out of his three stars (Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeiffer and Kurt Russell) and producing the most elegant scene of the year (where Gibson and Russell sit on swings, talking as the sun goes down in the background). But Towne the screenwriter doesn't have nearly as much success. The script is usually crisp and well-developed, but towards the end it tries to tie up all the loose ends without sufficient explanation of what the hell was going on in the mind of the picture.

Kurt Russell, Michelle Pfeiffer and Mel Gibson star in Tequila Sunrise.

Gibson gets top billing in Tequila Sunrise as the former drug dealer turned father. Russell is his high school buddy, who is now a cop, intent on both doing his job and avoiding arresting his friend who has some very shady acquaintances. Pfeiffer plays the restaurateur who becomes involved with both of them. The tension of the film involves the Russell/Gibson relationship, and whether or not a) Gibson is selling drugs again, b) Russell will be willing to arrest his friend, and c) whether Pfeiffer believes her loyal customer or the nice cop, for they are both apparently courting her (though she is unique of their motives). I've never been convinced that Gibson is a talented actor. He'd probably be terrific in a silent picture, for he has a unique ability to express some sort of natural emotion without ever opening his mouth. But when he does say something, it's usually said in the most dreary fashion this side of Harrison Ford. But doomed if he doesn't manage to make movies that are always well done: The Year of Living Dangerously (one of the best of the '80s), Lethal Weapon, and now Sunrise (either he has a terrific agent or a keen sense of sniffing out good directors).

Here, he does a fine job, but Towne rightly leaves most of the good lines for Russell and Pfeiffer. And, oh yeah, for you slobbering male fiends. Gibson has never looked better. Pfeiffer does a fantastic job with a complicated role. She has a great rapport with Russell, and many of her scenes are fun to watch because you see two gifted actors playing off each other with gusto. Pfeiffer also has the best line of the movie, telling Russell that he ought to get some chapstick to get his lips unstuck from his teeth, "unless that's your idea of a smile." And, oh yeah, for you slobbering female fiends, Pfeiffer has never looked more ravishing.

But the real star of Tequila Sunrise is the man who gets thrillingly and is usually introduced on Late Night With David Letterman as Goldie Hawn's live-in lover. Kurt Russell is fantastic as the cop who can't decide on the value of friendship weighed against his job. He also perfectly manages a role where he is neither good nor bad, making the audience uneasy every time he appears because he is so damn confusing. Raul Julia also has a beautiful part that I can't even begin to describe because it would ruin the plot; suffice it to say that his four scenes steal the last fourth of the picture.

The fact both Russell and Julia portray believable, multi-dimensional people should be credited to Towne, who always manages to come up with people more complex than one-dimensional robots (such as Sylvester Stallone or Phoebe Cates).

So despite the script's flaws, Tequila Sunrise succeeds in the end. Seeing three actors get the most out of their talent in a beautiful movie with three-fourths of a gripping plot makes Towne's picture stand far above most of his holiday competition. And if that doesn't seem like reason enough to shell out the bucks, remember, you hormonal animals: Mel and Michelle have never looked better.

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**SPORTS**

Lady Hoosters start season by dominating

by C. Yates and R. Hart

Jump back, Jerry. Slide aside, Scott. The Owls have a winner and we have one now. (This will be the first sports article not to mention the words rebuilding, future, good recruits, Rugby, or Keith Couch.)

Coach Linda Tucker and her Lady Owls basketball team have blazed to a 4-1 record, easily putting them on top of the SWC.

By C. Yates and R. Hart

The Owls have enjoyed some strong swimming performances from freshmen on the team. Michelle LeBlanc and Katrionna Ramiller now round out the distance squad with sophomores Mary Roth and Katie Lee. LeBlanc has been a strong asset; she won the 200 and 500 freestyles at the TCU Invitational with times of 1:56.00 and 5:05.51, respectively.

Rice also took the top three in the 500 free, Roth placing second and Ramiller third.

Shira hasn't shown any signs of a sophomore slump in making a successful transition from guard to small forward.

As you can tell, this year's Owls are the Lady Owls' leading freshman center Robin Castell. Lost among the bench support of junior guard Shannon Keely, sophomore forward Andrea Prater, freshman guard Carol Gilmore, sophomore guard Molly Morrison, sophomore forward Casey Zeh, freshman center Amy Lehner, and freshman forward Andrea Young.

Open your eyes, Rice. We finally have a winner! When Amelia Cooper has the ball, "I think it [attendance] sucks, we don't get enough support," there's definitely something wrong. If 600 of us can sit through Jerry Berndt's off tackle dives, I'm sure we could make it to a women's basketball game.

Leslie Tassin's eight assists.

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The Rice Swim Team recently completed its very successful fall season December 2 and 3 at the TCU Allen Holders Invitational. According to swim team coach Kris Wingenroth, "We have proven to have the best dual meet teams ever."

With the four dual meets for the whole semester crammed into a period of ten days, the women had a very rough mid-November. However, they swear hard in every single one of their meets.

The women's team opened their season with a victory on November 12 over Tulane University. Rice won this meet by only two points, but our wisely phased squad outmatched the Green Wave swimmers this year. Then, on the following Saturday, the women out-classed Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA.

In their two meets on Tuesday nights, the women swimmers faced two very tough SWC opponents in Texas A&M and Houston. They lost to the Aggies at the Rice pool on Nov. 15, but then came back very strong string winning the SWC Championship. Cooper led the Houston meet by only 2 points, almost overcoming a 3-point lead built by Cougar divers, who are the best in the conference.

The Rice men's swimming team also is improved. The team's larger roster has made them better in dual meets.

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But the men have proven that they are better opponents than they have been in the past. They are led by seniors John Graf and Roy Johnson. Graf's specialty is the breaststroke while Johnson swims the butterfly and the individual medley. Joe Zawedzko excels in the sprint freestyles, while Calvin Brooks and Karl Wold are doing well in the backstroke events.

The next few seasons looks even better for the men's team, since it also features a large freshmen contingent. Wingenroth said "The men's team has four talented freshmen who will improve and be outstanding swimmers for us in the next year or two."

Now that the team is through with the fall season, the swimmers are looking forward to making more waves in the spring. After coming back early from Christmas break to train, Rice will compete in dual meets with SMU, TCU, and North Texas. After that, they head for the SWC Championships.

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With a new diving coach and a contingent of starvag freshman divers, the diving team is really improved. Amber Hutchison, in setting a new school record for the one-meter board has qualified for the Zone Championships. This meet is, according to Wingenroth, a "selection meet for the NCAA National Championships."

Hutchison scored a 95.30 against the Aggies, beating out Sat Berry's record, set last season.

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Not to mention... are upperclassman sprinter Debbie Daniels and the breaststroke tandem of Gretchen Wassenstrom and Cathy Pereira. At the TCU Invitational, these Owls also did very well. Wassenstrom won the 100 and 200 breaststrokes and the 100 butterfly, and Pereira captured the 200 and 400 individual medleys.

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Quarterback Diane South, shown at right about to go down under the effort of a Bakerite living up to the name on her jersey, was behind the wheel of the inimitable Hansen powder puff machine as they kept up their tradition of meanness in the championship game last Sunday. They blanked Baker 19-0, proving that if you're going out on the field to have a good time, don't play this team. Their hard-hitting reputation is no bullshit. You're much less likely to get injured in a men's touch football.

All three touchdowens were scored by running back Juliellen Hanszen. This group is good enough to sustain a ground game in flag football, as two of the scores were run in on option plays. The other six was made in the air.

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**SCOREBOARD**

by Earl Drake

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**Results of Games Played**

Bitchin' Dudes def APC Rumprangers 45-39
Basketball Jones def Damage 46-38
Ricochets def Iconnia 72-12
21st Digger def Bud Burton 45-31
Swags and Bangers win their way over Schmucks Face 64-56

**Men's Soccer**

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