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Alex Byrd receives National School Volunteer Program Award. Byrd was presented with the award during the National School Volunteer Program luncheon held at the Floridian Beach Resort Hotel on May 22.

Byrd was selected for the award due to his efforts in community service. He has been involved in various community service projects and has been recognized for his contributions.

The award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities through volunteer work. Byrd has been nominated for this award multiple times and has always been recognized for his dedication to community service.

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Bush misplaces anger

Chinese students speak
of disaster at home

by Greg Kahn

"In the beginning, I felt very excited," the man said. "Every night, turning to reports from Tiananmen Square on the radio or on the television, I was so excited... People don't understand how exciting this was to see in China."

But then, when the massacre occurred, I seemed to have lost all my hope... But when I think about it now, I know that's the way that China deals with history."

This was the reaction of one graduate student from China to the incredible events that have taken place in mainland China over the past three months. Rice's campus has, over the past few years, seen a significant increase of Chinese graduate students, according to Director of Academic Advising Patricia Martin. "There are over 70 students here from China... They are spread out among the departments pretty well, although most of them are in engineering and sciences," Martin said.

Rice was anticipating the arrival of 25 new students from the mainland, but "other than a couple of kids who had their visa application approved before all the trouble started, we just don't have any information about where those students are," she says. "And we won't really know for another month." The New York Times comments on 29 May, and it was amazing. "But when I came home to Houston on 29 May, I began to watch the TV, and I watched until 4 June. I was outraged when Deng declared martial law. I was shocked. [When the massacre occurred] I was quiet for days. All those students wanted to make China a greater country, and everybody I knew who was there agreed with them, even the people who didn't take part in the demonstrations, and then this terrible thing happened." Another graduate student in the sciences took a more analytical view of the remarkable chain of events in his homeland. "Many times when I was in China I hoped [protests] would happen. I was not that surprised to finally see the protests... I was not surprised to see it happen. I just didn't want it to happen."

Both the graduate students interviewed for this story asked to have their names withheld for fear of the safety of their relatives back in China.

One of the graduate students, who is studying in an engineering field, had an immediate connection with the demonstrations in Tiananmen Square. "My wife was over there supporting the students in the marches... I definitely would have been over there with her if I could have been. I was working in a different state on a project, and I was listening to the radio reports every night, trying to figure out what was happening there."

"It was so exciting," he said, trying to convey his emotions. "There had never been anything like it before [in China]. I was disappointed and worried to see the government declare martial law, but I was excited again to see the troops stopped by the students. I heard lots of stories from people [who were there] at the time, and they said that it was amazing."

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"They kill the student leaders now, but they will probably make some small concessions down the road. They will do some of the things that the students wanted them to do, but only because they know that they will stay in power and that they eventually need the people's support to do that. The people in China's countryside consider more the need to survive than democracy."

The engineering student stated that "it will take several decades for changes to happen in China. Things will happen very slowly... I was very scared about America's reaction to what happened in China, because if America got upset, then the students are the ones who will get hurt...[But] I really appreciate the response of the American people."

"All my family, and everyone I know, is completely behind the students. Everybody I know came out for the demonstrations. My cousin was a hunger striker there, and he's still in hiding. I hope he can come out someday."

The student in the sciences also believed that change would eventually come to China. "The demonstrations that the student leaders did... It didn't go very far, did not take a step forward you can never go back."

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Rice barely affected by tropical storm

by Mary Elliott

Rice University suffered minimal damage from Tropical Storm Allison, which raged across Houston during a one and a half week period in late June, dropping up to 25 inches of rain in some parts of the city.

"We were prepared for it (the storm). Some water got into the Will Rice Mechanical Room in the basement, and we had some roof leaks."

That was it, Jim Kerneckel, Operations Manager at Physical Plant, said.

Low-lying, high risk flood areas were sandbagged, but this action is the first step in the university's multi-level hurricane plan, which also includes evacuation of students. Allison was never upgraded to hurricane status.

The Office of Food and Housing is currently compiling a hurricane information booklet for students.

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The booklet, aimed at the students living in the residential colleges, is a condensed form of the university's Hurricane Plan.

"The Masters and College Presidents suggested that a booklet of this nature might be helpful, and we are acting on this suggestion," Director of Food and Housing Marion Hicks said. Sid Richardson senior Stephen Smith is helping to compile the booklet, which will be available to students this fall.

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FRESHMEN WELCOME!
New Dean of Architecture announced
Former CRSS Architecture Group president accepts position

by Anu Bajaj

President George Rupp recently announced that Paul Kennon, President and Design Principal of the Architecture Group of CRSS, has been appointed Dean of the School of Architecture. Rice’s School of Architecture has not had a dean since the retirement of former Dean O. Jack Mitchell in October 1987.

Kennon has been an Associate Professor of Architecture at Rice since 1984. Also in 1984, Kennon received his Bachelor of Architecture from Texas A & M University and his Master of Architecture from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. At Cranbrook, he received a Eero Saarinen Memorial Fellowship for graduate study, and worked with architect Saarinen from 1987 to 1988.

Kennon also co-authored the book, Architecture and You. He has been a juror for the American Academy as part of the Rome Fellow-in-Architecture program, and served on the board of Trustees of the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in New York.

Appointments

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The search committee is looking for someone who will provide continuity. "We wanted someone," Martin said, "who would enable and assist the student organizations...someone who [would be] to the organizations what the masters are to the colleges."

Martin’s office has changed its name from the Office of Student Advising to the Office of Academic Advising, in order to clarify its role.

The office handles academic advising and international advising. Martin plans to use this summer’s reorganization to expand her study abroad program.

Career Services

According to Cristine Lorenz, currently Assistant Director of Career Services, Bob Sanborn also feels the effects of additional student concerns. Rice is in the process of hiring an assistant or associate director, depending on the background of the person hired. The individual will be concerned primarily with counseling and the joint

Film director Spike Lee visited Rice in late June when he offered a sneak preview of his new film, Do the Right Thing. Lee held a question-and-answer session with the audience, which was composed primarily of TSU and Rice students.

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1. Never take a taxi (Yellow Cab has an almost complete monopoly, and they exploit it).
2. Everything in Houston is spread out, way out.
3. There is no such thing as zoning laws in Houston—that is why you may at any point see an adult bookstore next to a church.
4. The insects here are absolutely huge. Mosquitos are everywhere. The cockroaches fly.
5. There are 8,000,000 Mexican restaurants within a five mile radius of Rice (we counted).
6. Almost every restaurant in Houston has a drive-through lane, because everyone in Houston does everything in their car.

Which Way to Intergalactic Airport?

No one in Houston refers to the interstates and highways by their proper numbers. A translation:
610: "The Loop"
1-45: "North Freeway" (what you take to get to Intercontinental Airport)
1-45 South: "Gulf Freeway" (what you take to get to Hobby Airport)
1-10 West: "Katy Freeway" (the road to Austin, San Antonio, etc.)
1-10 East: "East Freeway" (the road to New Orleans)

U.S. 59: "Southwest Freeway" (the road to Sharpstown Mall)
Hwy. 288: "Northwest Freeway"
Hwy. 290: "North Freeway"

Two Facts About House of Guys

1. Forget what the homophobes tell you: House of Pies is always a cool place to go.
2. All dance clubs close at 2 a.m. in Houston. Therefore, go to House of Pies before 2 if you want to avoid the wait.

The Worhile Newsapers of Houston

The Houston Chronicle: The best national news coverage in town (which isn't saying a great deal), good local coverage, average sports, conservative editorial page, good comics (i.e. "Calvin & Hobbes").
The Houston Post: Very poor news coverage, terrible movie reviews, good sports section, fascist editorial page.
The Public News: Free weekly that concentrates on the arts, very poor writing, but excellent club listings and interesting personals. Found in the RMC.

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Poets offers more than just Williams

BY TIM CARROLL

Robin Williams struts in from his success in Good Morning, Vietnam! to star in this summer’s Dead Poets Society, a story of the battle between individuality and tradition at a New England prep school. I expected Williams to be funny in his portrayal of Mr. Keating, the newly hired English teacher. However, I was not quite as ready for the highly emotional quality of the film, or for the excellent performances by many of the boys, who ought to be considered the true stars of the film.

A brief summary of the plot: Mr. Keating, a young and somewhat progressive English teacher, returns to his alma mater to teach. His unorthodox style stirs some fire in the boys’ souls, which have been stifled and regimented by the intense authoritarianism and tradition of the old school and its old administration. The boys join together in a poem appreciation group (inspired by a similar group Keating founded when he was at the school) which meets secretly in a nearby forest.

One of the boys most influenced by Mr. Keating’s new attitude is Neil, an intelligent and creative boy whose attempts at expression (working on the school yearbook, etc.) are constantly crushed by his domineering father. Neil’s roommate is Todd, an introvert who is reluctant to participate in Keating’s class (or any other social endeavor) despite the teacher’s urgings. The plot is mainly concerned with these two boys—Neil, who tries to escape his authoritative father by going against his wishes and acting in a play, and Todd, who tries to escape his own shyness and inhibitions in the face of the oppressive atmosphere of the New England school.

But I won’t give the ending away...Suffice it to say that Williams excelled in his role as Mr. Keating, providing just enough Robin Williams humor to make the movie entertaining—his delivery of Keating’s lectures are certainly the funnest points in the movie (although you’ve probably seen most of them in the television ads).

The movie, in fact, is not a comedy—far from it. Don’t let the commercials fool you. This is a film made by the same man who created Galapogi, The Year of Living Dangerously, and Witness—impressive films, certainly, but no laugh riots. The power of Dead Poets lies in the seriousness of the relationship between the boys on the threshold of independence and the traditional, stubborn attitudes of the older generation. Although some of the other actors are fine (e.g., the sympathetic and stereotypical (a character as mean as Neil’s father hasn’t been seen on film since Cruella on 1001 Dalmatians), the emotional power of the film, and the excellent performances of Williams and the actors who portrayed the boys, easily compensate and make this film one of the most powerful films of the summer.

Bernstein’s Loyalties worthwhile despite flaws

BY GREG KAHN

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Sports

Cavanaugh wins national Byers Scholarship

by Myra K. Rucker

Everything seems to be coming up roses for Wiess alum Regina Cavanaugh ('87). Cavanaugh, who this year won a national scholarship in track and field, has already achieved every award possible at Rice. Often called the finest thrower in Southwest Conference history, she was NCAA all-American nine times from 1983-87 in indoor and outdoor events. She was also the only graduate Regina Truax ('89) were scholars to graduate from the University of Texas, in Austin, Truax eventually to be a collegiate level athlete, one man and one female, as the first female winner of the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship.

Established in 1968, the $7,500 a year scholarship was named for the past executive director of the NCAA. The national award is given annually to a graduating former college athlete, male one and one female, for postgraduate studies, and is renewable for up to two years. According to Rice track coach Victor Cavanaugh, Regina, who has achieved every award possible at Rice.

How about them 'Stros? It's half-way through the season, and they've managed to turn what started looking like a sinker of a season into a fast-paced, exciting race for the number one division spot. The real boost was a 4-1 Harlem that started with a complete routed sweep of eight games in late May. They immediately followed that with an incredible homestand that got the Houston team respect throughout baseball as a championship contender.

At the beginning of June, the Astros swept a four-game series with the Atlanta Braves which is the longest game by time in Houston history. Along with another extra inning hard the next day, the team logged 35 innings played within a 24-hour period.

The 22-inning marathon game on June 2 was undoubtedly produced by Bogger Manager Tommy Lasorda's decision to put in 1984 Cy Young award winner Orel Hershiser in the fourteenth inning. Hershiser kept the Astros hitless for seven innings, until Rafael Ramirez's RBI single put Houston on top, 5-4.

Just to show LA that they weren't finished with them yet, later that day (June 4) the Astros came back in from a 6-0 deficit to win 7-6 in the thirteenth on an RBI by Scott, who had just pitched an inning of relief. The Astros allowed the go-ahead hit with a Louie Meadows grand slam in the sixteenth innings and tied with a solo home run from Craig Biggio in the bottom of the ninth with two outs. Houston managed to win two more extra-innings games later that week.

Houston has the enthusiasm of youth, and that's one of the great reasons why they have been able to come from the start. From Terry Forth, who is also developing as a solid hitter.

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This year Houston has the pitching to keep those games close enough to win. Scott is one of the hottest pitchers around, already leading the league in wins with his 14.5 record. Before he injured his hamstring last Sunday, which kept him out of the Byers game, he went 6-1 in a hot start.

Jim Deshaies (8-4) and Danny Darwin (8-5) have been the mainstay on the starting staff. Darwin has more strikeouts (93) than allowed, and a just 3.06 ERA.

Larry Anderson is earning a name for himself this year as a strong, dependable relief work from the mound. In 33 2/3 innings pitched, he has yet to pick up a save, but he is at a scalding 0.67. Check out his 32 K's and 11 BB's so far.

The biggest question mark on the mound this year is Bob Kuepper, whose up-and-down career is in another "down" phase (3-9). His off-speed junk hasn't been fooling anyone, he has been wanting in the last few last Sundays loss to Montreal, he tossed two scoreless innings of relief, but maybe that situation fits his style.

The "Stros" definitely have the hardware to equal the success of their '86 season, and if they have any hot hitting pitchers, they have become rather quite lately. Art Howe's first year at the helm hasn't been the biggest of successes, but then again, he has never been able to put his team in order to get results, and he is showing it to be true.

The big advantage of '89 is that with the all-star contests, "Stros" ball is as exciting as it is successful.

Sowada, Truax receive postgraduate honors

by Myra K. Rucker

Karen Sowada

Baker College alumna Karen Sowada ('89) and Rice College Graduate Regina Truax ('90) were among six women awarded postgraduate scholarships by the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics. They were the only Scholars to graduate from the same undergraduate university.

The scholarship winners, chosen from college graduates who plan to pursue a career in intercollegiate athletics administration, received scholarships valued at $6,000. The scholarships are intended for one year of study in a NCAA approved sports administration program.

While playing basketball at Rice, Sowada completed internships by assisting in the organization and administration of intramurals and other Rice athletics programs. She received a bachelor of arts in managerial studies and sports management. Sowada now studies exercise and sports sciences at the University of Florida, and is a member of the North American Society for Sports Management.

Truax worked with Volunteers for Youth and the Houston Challenger, a team of physically handicapped youth. In addition to last year's other letter winner, she finished her freshman year as an All-American, and was selected as most valuable swimmer her junior year.

When she finishes studying sports administration at the University of Texas, in Austin, Truax plans to coach at a college or secondary school level. She plans eventually to be a collegiate level athletics director.

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