IBM approves $1 million for OWLnet workstations

by Grace Chen

Rice has received a grant from IBM Corporation for $1 million worth of computer equipment to improve OWLnet, Rice Engineering's Education Computer Network. The addition, which includes software, storage disks, and 28 new workstations, has already arrived at Rice.

Sam Davis, Director of OWLnet, said the workstations, which are electronic studios modeled after the architectural studio, will arrive early next week. In addition, these workstations will allow engineering students continuous access to computing and information resources throughout their Rice careers.

A proposal submitted eight months ago to IBM Corporation by Sam Davis and John Akin, Chairman of Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science, requested facilities to incorporate the IBM wing of the OWLnet Program. One hundred, which is only two years old, presently consists of 58 Sun and Apple workstations. Currently, about 400 engineering students hold accounts on the system.

The proposal had originally asked for 54 stations worth $2.5 million. Davis said that only $1 million of the hardware was approved last month, "but we picked out what $1 million worth we wanted." Nevertheless, the 28 new workstations will increase the present OWLnet system by 50 percent.

Four years ago, although IBM was interested, the same proposal was turned down because "it was just a bad economic time for them," said Davis. Davis and Akin stated in their proposal that "entering the network to include a substantial number of engineering students will alleviate the prevalence of IBM PC FTs in industry. These stations have advantages over the Sun and Apple workstations in both speed of computing and graphics capabilities."

"This new IBM system has twice as much memory as the old system," said Davis. Many of the IBM workstations will be in Ryon Laboratory while some will be in Abercrombie Lab. There will also be one used by the staff in the Mudd Building, where the central server will be located.

Davis said the main component of the Rice system had lacked equipment allowing engineering design in a "realistic" way. Graphics are currently only in black and white. This will change with the installation of the new IBM which will "expand labor for high resolution graphics and engineering designs."

Although the parts for the 28 workstations are expected to arrive by next week, the second step is the task of installation. Davis said that efforts by the staff at Mudd and students will be needed.

Davis said he hopes the present system can be connected to the new one by next semester, but since the systems are different it is uncertain whether this will be possible.

Although an attempt will be made to incorporate the entire system, Davis conceded, "I haven't talked to many colleges that have done this."

"We hope to make it all one nice happy family, connecting the whole system all over campus," he said. "Our goal is to have the system operational by next semester."

Admissions Committee reviews entrance standards

by Tr6 Fischer

The Admissions Committee presented its annual report at a faculty meeting Monday. The report compares students admitted as artists or to the Shepherd School, to the student body as a whole. The report attempted to gauge the quality of scholarship applicants and Shepherd School students, since the committee cannot review applications before they are accepted.

Experience members of the committee examined the academic records of these students and divided them into one of three categories: Category I designates students comparable to the student body, category II designates those who are not comparable, but meet some minimal standards, category III designates those who are not comparable and fail to meet minimum standards.

The data for 1989 Shepherd School admissions showed 45 percent in category I, 54 percent in category II and 1 percent in category III. This is a 20 percent increase over last year's category I admissions. Admissions Committee Chairman Fred Rudolph said, "This past year was quite good, especially considering that they use musical talent as primary criteria."

The data for 1989 athletic admissions showed 24 percent in category I, 14 percent in category II, and 22 percent in category III. Last year, only 17 percent of admissions were in category III. One reason for this year's increase may have been a change in criteria for designating category III students.

Previously, the category was for those students "who would probably not survive at Rice, whereas this year it is for students who, based on the responses in their applications, are not comparable to the average student. These are basically students who made below 850 on their SAT, have low class rank, and low preparation in important courses," Rudolph said.

Faculty approves research faculty track

by Tr6 Fischer

At its meeting on Monday, the faculty approved by a narrow margin an amended version of the controversial proposal to establish a research faculty track.

In addition, the Admissions Committee delivered a report on last year's athletic and music admissions [see related article, this page], and a joint Masters of Business Administration/Masters of Engineering Degree program passed unanimously.

The creation of a research faculty track is intended to increase Rice's ability to obtain research grants by attracting high quality researchers without taxing the fiscal resources or academic balance of the university. After a lengthy debate, the faculty approved an amended version of the research faculty proposal by an 11 to 10 vote, but narrow, margin. The exact margin of the vote was unclear due to difficulties in counting by Faculty Secretary Stephen Baker and Faculty Parliamentary Aes Chapman. Their results were 54 or 62 and 47 or 51 against.

Despite the controversy and calls for a recount from Baker and the floor, President George Rupp said that a recount was not necessary because the entire "No" side was below the entire "Yes" range. Soon after the vote, several faculty members walked out of the meeting, making a recount impossible.

"It is important to realize that this is not just football. This is a spread of all scholarship athletes, including trainers," said Associate Director of Advising Mark Schied. He also said that he was asked to emphasize that many of the students currently attending school were admitted by past coaches.

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Current abortion debate demands democracy to work

Over the past two weeks, the Thresher published profiles on two clubs on campus that represent the pro-choice and pro-life positions of the abortion debate. According to the stories, attendance is high at meetings for each organization, and both are visibly active across campus (for example, this week the pro-choice group sold t-shirts in front of Fondren Library).

In Virginia, Lieutenant Governor Douglas Wilder is about the become the first black governor since Reconstruction (if the capital of the Old Confederacy) mainly because of his libertarian stance on the abortion issue (which appeals to many conservative voters). President George Bush angered many in his own party by vetoing a bill that would have provided federal funds for abortions for victims of rape or incest in the District of Columbia. Pennsylvania and Florida legislators recently went through emotional battles over restrictions on abortions (Pennsylvania passed tough restrictions, while Florida, in a rebuke to its governor who called a special session, did not).

The publicity and its bitterness raise "plagiarism" about the late U.S. Representative Mickey Leland and blacks in general. Westmoreland reportedly stated during a break in council deliberations that "Nigger International" might as well as "I don't recall who took advantage of the System." After this class was over, I came to the conclusion that no other man at Rice and an agnostic. I had no trouble adjusting to college life but, less than others. My grades weren't great but they were good enough that I didn't have to take any extra measures to prevent sexual violence. This is something that I can't help but believe that it still would require a great leap of faith for a pro-vocically dressed woman to feel safe or comfortable while sur-rounded by a thousand drunk and mostly sober men with sex, especially considering the de-grating atmosphere and warped sexual themes that are synonymous with Night of Decadence.

But I realize that no amount of words can change a person's mind about going to NOD. If you are convinced that the nudes that NOD upholds are worth any amount of moral or emotional compromise, please move on; you will only be bored by the rest of this letter. For those of you who still have reserva-tions about attending or have never been to NOD, what follows is not high theology or grandstanding; it's just the truth.

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Some problems with the Honor Code

To the editors:

Last year's Thresher survey about cheating caused some ripples in the otherwise serene waters which our Honor System has been in. Perhaps it is time to reevaluate the Honor System and to understand the Constitution and By-Laws of said institution in action, however, must be taken by the students, fac-ulity and administrators as a whole.

I had an experience in class which brings up the question regarding an entry-level class with a large room. I was forced to take my tests to the Jones School library (only a few steps down the floor to take our tests to the Jones School library) as the Honor Code allows, and I believe that the Handbook of the Chronicle states that my rights given to me by the Constitution and By-Laws of said institution need to be updated and such vague sections as men- tioned above need to be clarified. Energized electorates and frightened politicians are good things, the longer Westmoreland stays in his current position, the more risk to take a stand on what many in the country view as the most important domestic political issue of the year. Energized electorate and frightened politicians are good things, the longer Westmoreland stays in his current position, the more risk to take a stand on what many in the country view as the most important domestic political issue of the year. The debate has also frightened politicians and administration as a whole, Constitution and By-Laws of said school library (only a few steps down the floor to take our tests to the Jones School library) as the Honor Code allows, and I believe that the Handbook of the Chronicle states that my rights given to me by the Constitution and By-Laws of said institution need to be updated and such vague sections as mentioned above need to be clarified. The longer Westmoreland stays in his current position, the more risk to take a stand on what many in the country view as the most important domestic political issue of the year. Westmoreland is telling me that my fellow councilmen and club members are stories, attendance is high at council meetings is an immediate because of his blatantly racist "jokes" about the late U. S. President George Bush angered many in his own party by vetoing a bill that would have provided federal funds for abortions for victims of rape or incest (in the District of Columbia). Pennsylvania and Florida legislators recently went through emotional battles (in Florida, in a rebuke to its governor who called a special session, did not).

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The Taming of the Rice student culture

by Jay Yates

Tara produced once again with the MOB halftime show of Saturday's football game. Between the wild MOB songs and the debossed Aggie demeanor, the halftime show carried a tremendous amount of spirit. Rice fans were treated to a lively and entertaining performance by the MOBsters. The halftime show began with a lively and enthusiastic MOB song, followed by a spirited MOB chant. The MOB then paraded onto the football field, performing wild and entertaining MOB songs and dances. The MOB's performance was met with enthusiastic applause from the Rice fans in attendance. Overall, the MOB halftime show was a lively and entertaining performance that brought a tremendous amount of spirit to the football game.
Bicycle thefts on campus increase

RUDP suggests strong locks, registration to protect from thieves

by Tania van den Houten

The problem of stolen bicycles is perennial, and this year the number of cases has increased significantly. Rice is an easy target for such thieves because there is such a high concentration of bicycles on campus.

From September 1 to October 31 of this year, 17 bicycles were reported stolen on campus police, and about four had been registered. However, last year from September 1 to October 31, only six were reported stolen. This is somewhat miraculous, and I think the campus police have 100% of the credit for such thefts but can be very use-

A lot of the problem comes from the lack of responsibility on the part of the students. Mary Voswinkel, Rice University Chief of Police, says I can walk across campus and see thieves at locks everywhere. Many thieves can be prevented by circular-key, U-shaped Kryptonite locks rather than cable or disk locks. Although such U-shaped locks cost $25, they are still consistent with a new bicycle.

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by Shelley Fuld

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Cognitive science major will produce first graduates this year

by Shalia Dewan

The proposals nominated for this year's Women in Science Fellowship involve women in English language in six different areas. The fellowship, which provides support for women at the University of Michigan, includes the following activities:

- Senior Seminar: This seminar is designed to encourage women to explore their interests in science and technology and to provide them with support and guidance as they pursue their goals.
- Professional Development: This component includes workshops and training sessions to help women develop the skills necessary to succeed in their careers.
- Networking: Women will be connected with mentors and peers in the field to help them navigate their careers.

Four Rice students nominated for 1990-91 Watson Fellowships

by Lauryl Grayson

Although the lack of publicity for the program was significant, according to Professor Grandy, "it's not a problem. I think it's going to work even better this year." The program's aim is to provide women with the opportunity to pursue their interests in science and technology and to help them develop the skills necessary to succeed in their careers. The proposals nominated for this year's Women in Science Fellowship include:

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League of Women Voters' guides now available

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The toughest job you ever loved.

by Stephen Boucher

The Earth Systems Institute, Rice University and the Citizens Environmental Coalition (CEC) will sponsor an educational series of films, lectures and discussions to be held on Thursday evenings through May 14. The series will address such issues as "The Impact of Energy Struggle," a film concerning global warming moderated by Professor of Space Physics Arthur Few, and "Power for the People," a film concerning alternative energy sources moderated by Professor of Biology Ron Sass. There will also be several lectures that will be lightened by curiosity, a student asked, "We hope that out of the 7000 B.C. Yangchow period, the presentation, which traced the time line of China as far back as when several aesthetic cultures evolved near the Yellow River Valley, moved to the pottery and bronzes of the 2000 B.C. Yangchow period, quickly touching on the role and effect of the Buddha and Confucius. Smith knew it was the early traces of origins of certain Chinese traditions. Early Chinese language can be traced to oracle bones of 1200 B.C. Showing a slide of a bronze bell from the Zhou Dynasty, Smith said, "music is central to Chinese culture. Chinese music and culture are inseparable. The use of a slide presentation. When one remembers the sound of the Chinese word for blessings. When asked what the symphony wrote, a student answered, "It was supposed to be present. Unions, Chinese music is always different. Smith said, "When in doubt, assume longevity as the symbol." Smith humored the crowd, and seemed to enjoy the question and answer portion of the lecture following the slide presentation. When one student mentioned the strangeness of the Chinese musical songs, Smith replied, "For Westerners, most Chinese music is very unusual." Another man brought forth for discussion the topic of Chinese divination. Before he finished asking his ques-

Rice to hold week-long series on global issues

by Grace Chen

The last of a five part Alumni Lecture Series on the "Ideas and Images of Asia" took place this past Tuesday in the lecture, entitled "The Literary Mind and the Carving of Dragons," Professor of History Richard Smith revealed the many different aspects of Chinese culture, art, history, and philosophy with the use of a slide presentation. Lecturing before a full house at Sewall Hall 311, Smith begins by mentioning the understanding of Chinese culture: will allow us to re-

Smith gives last lecture of Asian series
MAYORAL ELECTION 1989

by Kurt Moeller

Four days remain until the election for mayor of the nation's fourth largest city. Of the six candidates vying for the job, two stand out in experience, name recognition, and financial backing: incumbent Kathy Whitmire and former mayor Fred Hofheinz.

Whitmire has stressed a comparision of the records which shows she's the "better mayor." Hofheinz has criticized Whitmire's extranousness in City Hall, saying "I'm running for mayor because it's time for a change."

Throughout the non-partisan campaign, the two have hammered away at each other on issues such as police protection, drugs, and economic growth and diversification. Within the past two weeks, however, two other issues have also come to the forefront.

Hofheinz has repeatedly criticized Whitmire for awarding $11 million in no-bid city contracts to an engineering firm owned by her campaign committee's chairman. Hofheinz said the firm had averaged $50,000 a year in such contracts before Whitmire became mayor.

The awarding of the professional services contracts, which by Texas law cannot be offered for bids, was "absolutely unprecedented," said Hofheinz. Whitmire, in a Monday interview, said the contracts were "a competitive process." The number of professionals doing business with the city has almost tripled since she became mayor, she said.

Wiligam manager Margaret Wilson was in an interview Wednesday that while there was an appearance of a problem, it was "inherent in the campaign process. Just because they're friends, I don't think they should be penalized."

Hofheinz has also attacked Whitmire's failure to call for Councilman Bob Wilson's resignation. Two weeks ago, Wilson was a wealthy businessman who was a county judge, the mayor of Houston, and took a $10,000-a-month job in creating theAstrodome, the world's first dome structure.

By contrast, Hofheinz says he is from a family with one of the most famous names in Houston. His father, Roy, was a wealthy businessman who was a county judge, the mayor of Houston, and took a $10,000-a-month job in creating the Astrodome, the world's first dome structure.

Whitmire's toughest since she became mayor in 1981. She has won landslide victories in races for three other two-year terms.

Whitmire, 51, narrowly won election as mayor in 1973 after an unsuccessful attempt in 1971. Four years later, she retired from public office to return to private life.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, the former mayor said the city must have a "short shelf life... Mayors stay in office too long and they lose their ability to get things done." He blasted Whitmire for having "only on public service nearly all her adult life."

The 43-year-old Whitmire was raised in working-class north Houston, the Whitmire administration in its eighth year. Whitmire position papers say crime in Houston is growing at a rate twice as fast as is the rest of the state, and murders are increasing faster than in any other city except Washington, D.C., in large part due to the police hiring freeze imposed by the city in 1986. Wilson claimed that the city had not frozen births but, because of budget difficulties, did not replace most policemen who left.

"To combat drugs, Whitmire advocates a solution of law enforcement, education, and treatment for addicts. "We must have drug treatment on demand," she stated at the debate. Whitmire said, "If we don't provide treatment... we are in fact increasing crime [because addicts need money for drugs]." She acknowledged it is an extremely expensive and that Houston has few facilities for poor patients. The city would bring together people who could provide money for treatment, she stated.

Hofheinz also proposed the same three-proposed anti-drug program, with "locking up the criminals as a very important first step." He also favors mandating stringent penalties for anyone selling or possessing drugs near schools and expanding a group of lawyers and police officers to confiscate drug dealers' property, racket crack houses and raid drug markets.

Hofheinz said he would raise the police manpower levels to the ones recommended in the report without raising taxes, he said he would take $28 million from an annual budget of $1.4 billion. "I know you can live simply and service our people without the fiscal and programmatic problems that create continuing problems show that we need to get our local government working again."

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that anyone with even a moderate interest in theater or film would have managed to miss both film versions (the first of which includes Jack Nicholson in one of his first roles) and the various professional productions, most notably in London, but the director of a well-known campus-wide acting company said that he had done just that. For those of you who are in the same position, the play follows the career of Seymour, an employee of a nearly defunct flower shop, who was plucked from an orphanage by the shop's owner, Mushnik. Seymour harbors a secret love for Audrey, the other employee, who is involved with a sadist who has gone into what is, for him, the perfect profession—dentistry. Seymour, during an unexpected total eclipse of the sun, finds a most interesting plant. Its very presence is enough to turn the shop's fortunes around and make Seymour famous. There's just one little drawback. The plant, which Seymour names Audrey II, has both a need for a rather unusual diet and the persuasive powers necessary to induce Seymour to provide it. What follows is a happy descent into madness.

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**Little Shop sticks to movie formula**

**BY BILL TUCKER**

Whenever a theater company performs a piece which is familiar to its audience, the director's decisions are always colored by perceptions of what the audience is expecting. When the piece is known only from recent and very successful productions, the problem is even more acute—any deviation from the previous production is likely to be seen as a failure unless it is clearly an innovation. In its Little Shop of Horrors, Hansen wisely chose to remain faithful to the recent movie version, despite the risk of being compared to the likes of Steve Martin. The result is a romp through the rather disparate themes of world conquest, love, murder, skid row economics, dentistry, fame and fortune, and the difficulties of procuring plant food.

I would not have believed that anyone with even a moderate interest in theater or film would have managed to miss the performances of both Dr. Mushnik and Audrey II. Dr. Mushnik is a slightly more plausible character than Darrin from Bewitched. His obsession with the plant and the difficulties of procuring it are interesting, even if they are not entirely believable. Audrey II, on the other hand, is simply terrifying. The way the plant moves and speaks is both believable and frightening. The audience is expected to acknowledge the end of their relationship even before it begins.

The performances are exceptional. As Dr. Mushnik, Mark Landau is both believable and frightening. His obsession with the plant and the difficulties of procuring it are interesting, even if they are not entirely believable. Audrey II, on the other hand, is simply terrifying. The way the plant moves and speaks is both believable and frightening. The audience is expected to acknowledge the end of their relationship even before it begins.

**Crimes hits target effortlessly**

**BY LOUIS SPIEGLER**

**Crimes and Misdemeanors** is about God, murder, the prize of success, and Woody Allen's nonexistent sex life. Over the past two years Allen has tried very hard to become Ingmar Bergman, making movies about serious people who discuss their myriad problems for two hours while sitting on Scandinavian furniture against a beige backdrop. He has failed with each attempt. Now he has given up his dreams of becoming a serious Swedish filmmaker and has created a real winner. Crimes and Misdemeanors, like Hannah and Her Sisters, (which, though well done, was a variation on the plot of Bergman's Fanny and Alexander) is a fine blend of drama and comedy, only this time the plot is much heavier.

Finally, Allen has dropped a weight that hits its target: the audience. Bull's-eye!

Crimes and Misdemeanors deals with the relationship between Judah Rosenthal (Martin Landau), an ophthalmologist, and his mistress, Dolores Nykvist (Anjelica Huston). Former airline stewardess who refuses to acknowledge the end of their affair and threatens to reveal everything to his wife if he does not divorce her. The film is also about an unsuccessful documentary filmmaker, Cliff Stiem (Woody Allen), who hates his brother-in-law, Lester (Alan Alda), a slimy and successful television producer, but Cliff must make a film about him in order to finance a film that he wants to do. Linking these plot lines is Ben (Sam Waterston), a rabbi who is a friend of Judah's and is seeking an end to his on-going business. He is the brother of Cliff's girlfriend, Wendy (Loanna Geissler), and Lester.

Woody Allen's direction is simple and to the point. He does not have to labor over every scene with extreme close-ups or use fancy editing. This time the story is so well written that each scene speaks for itself when presented like a play. This is a technique he tried to use in September, but the material was so dead that it slowed the film down and revealed the thinness of each character and the story he was trying to tell. Crimes and Misdemeanors works because Allen's script is good. His direction gets as much mileage out of it as possible. Here content prevails over style.

If there is anything that holds back his film it is Sven Nykvist's cinematography, reminiscent of his work on the films of Allen's idol, Ingmar Bergman. The scenes are beautifully lit, but the aesthetic appearance) in Wall Street. As Ben the rabbi, Sam Waterston is boring, which is good because that's the way most rabbis are. Jerry Orbach plays Judah's Mafia-oriented brother deadpan. He talks about murder as just another job that someone's got to do. For Woody Allen, he does what he does best. He plays the guy who just can't get the girl, this time by playing Mia Farrow. She knows how to rebuff Allen quite well. To see Allen's Cliff cringe when he finds out that his sister had a date with a man who tied her down and defecated on her is absolutely hysterical. Though Cliff is the comic relief of the movie, he is also the character whose ideals are shattered by the end. His pain can be felt by everyone, as can his need to be inside of a woman other than the Statue of Liberty.

Crimes and Misdemeanors is great because of all that it achieves so effortlessly. It deals with big moral questions without being preachy as Bergman does. Woody Allen's style of humor provides answers that ultimately stimulate thought, not controversy. It is also a comedy that works off of the serious issues at hand without undermining them. Woody Allen has stopped competing with Bergman, and now he knows how to be heard. With Crimes and Misdemeanors he has something to say.
Rickie Lee is back in Coolsville

BY SHAILA DEWAN

In the wake of the recent success of intelligent, tough female vocalists such as the Indigo Girls, Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, and 10,000 Maniacs' Natalie Merchant, the "Duchess of Coolsville," Rickie Lee Jones, has returned to the scene to get her share of the action. On her first release in five years, produced by Steely Dan's Donald Fagen, she traded her declassé spike heels, bad-girl leer, and cocaine habit for a conservative but jazzy image.

Indeed, Jones appears to have grown up in many ways on Flying Cowboys. Her sound has mellowed out of the fringe-snapping jazzy scat of her first album, the Grammy-award winning Rickie Lee Jones (1979). She is no longer the wacky, heavy-metal singer who ran away at 14, sket under the "HOLLYWOOD" sign in L.A., and roller-coasted through a love affair with singer Tom Waits.

Despite the fact that the new album is heavier on the slow songs, Rickie Lee Jones retains her versatility. Her vocals are at times childlike and fragile, at times they project a brassy streetwise pride. In the palm of her black net gloves she cradles a certain innocence, trusting offering up a whiff of unanny associations, tremulous lonely images and risky intuitions. Sometimes these lyrics are obscure, too personal to evoke more than a fleeting sensory impression, as in "Rideo Girl": "There's a medicine at the gate/And a number on your butt/And this world is all jacked up like a Cadillac." But that afflication is much less present here than in "Pirates" (1981) or "Magazine" (1984). Flying Cowboys is Jones' most accessible work in years.

Each of Jones' four LP's depicts a neighborhood; she shows the listener the ropes. Her albums have been populated by such characters as Chuck E. Sal the Weasel, Johnny the King, Dutch and Bird; these homeboys frequent the barrio, the local juke-joint, the precinct paddywagon. But Cowboys has a new dwelling place: the wide-skyed range. "Imaginary posies" chase the listener through the desert to "distant adobes." Rickie Lee, raised in Arizona, does not abandon the city, however. She returns to "wild it up" in "Ghetto of My Mind," a tune with a surprising reggae-based beat. In "Ghetto" and another world-beat track, "Love is Gonna Bring Us Back Alive," Rickie Lee's harmonies add a sort of Bonnie Raitt-country sound, a first for the jazzy vocalist.

The two masterpiece tracks on the album are showcases for her dark insecurities and turbulent background. In the first, an eerie tune called "Ghost Train," Rickie Lee drops her voice along bluegrass gravel depths. Her unpredictable and precisely perfect phrasing, missing from most of Cowboys, is back in this slow-burning balled.

In the second excellent track, "Atlas Marker," Jones manipulates her voice through a jumble of dynamics to a primitive beat. "Maybe you want another world," she sings to Atlas. "One where heaven doesn't weigh so much/Maybe you'll find another girl/One you can feel when you do not touch/"

And in a third song, not quite as vocally strenuous, Rickie Lee exhibits her ability to give life to her characters in words, to tell stories with only a few images. "You turn the carousel on/When the lights have closed down/And watch your ponies run/Through the middle of town," she croons. And when I say croon, I mean croon. It's certainly true that Rickie Lee Jones does not appeal to everyone. To some her voice is whiny, not wounded, bovine, not angelic. But, not only is her voice malleable, her moods mercurial, and her lyrics mysterious, her wily charms are as tough and seductive as Los Angeles itself. While Flying Cowboys is a smoother and less raucous addition to her repertoire, it and her earlier albums are more interesting, more brilliant, intuitive and poetic than... well, than the Indigo Girls. Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, or Natalie Merchant.

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Rickie Lee Jones is more reserved but still a duchess of jazz.

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The power of Karin Broker's work is apparent from the outset. The striking format and emotional, energetic style command attention and draw the viewer into each piece. Further inspection reveals more subtle, intriguing and carefully-executed relationships within the work. In fact, the different aspects and levels of relationships form a thematic backbone to Broker's art, which she emphasizes through a combination of contrasting visual images. The relation between the most basic and simple artistic techniques serve to reinforce Broker's larger, more abstract ideas concerning the aspects of personal relationships.

In "Screwed Blue," a realistic emotional portrait of a woman is superimposed by a child-like stick figure image done in tubular steel. The line work in the underlying portrait is complex and energetic—Broker works with black conte crayon, which provides for an incredible fluidity and expressiveness. The face is accurately depicted, and is reminiscent of some 19th century religious portraits, full of intense passion and emotion. The energy, expressiveness, and internality of the conte drawing are all contrasted by the basic steel structure of the stick-figure face, which adds a definite ironic note to the work—the passion and emotion of the woman is downgraded by the simplicity and trite expression of the steel figure.

In contrast to the bitter irony of "Screwed Blue," there is the brooding, emotive sense contained in "Ex'd Out," a diptych done on steel and formica. On the right hand panel, Broker has rendered a classical nude in conté on a white formica background. The glowing figure is set in the center of a dark and tempestuous field, placed in solitude against the chaos which Broker achieves so well with the black conte crayon. Balancing this is the left hand panel, a sheet of steel which has been cut, canned and treated in acid for a mottled, insinual form. The canvings in the steel reflect the chaotic within a definite structure, emotive and expressive as well as simple and concrete. The different levels and disparate elements grab hold of the viewer and make the work impossible to ignore. Above all, Broker's beautiful and flawlessly executed line work proves the undeniable talent of the artist.

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**THE SCENE**

Opera, and more opera

BY SHAILA DEWAN

Well, now that even the self-respecting radio stations in Houston have succeeded in making everyone turn green from nausea at the first sound of the world's greatest rock'n'roll band, the concert, I repeat, The Concert, is just five days away. And I'm not selling out on Mick, though my date is freely offering his ticket at about a three percent markup. Also this week is the dreaded, revered, raucous Night of Debauchery which has to at least be in the running for Biggest Party in Texas. I'm going as a dose of AZT. Everyone I talk to says, "Believe the hype." One good thing about this issue of the paper—after this issue—will be the chance Sunday to hear poet Ed Hirsch, and Vemon Fischer. Also this week is the Little Shop of Horrors premiere and a world premiere at that—at the Wortham. 227-ARTS.

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Hollas and Henley relive the spirit of '76

by Myra K. Rucker

Nineteen seventy-six was a very good year in Rice football. History was made, records were set, and the Owls were swamped in rain water. While the campus was swamped in rain water last Friday, the Rice swim team hung Aggies out to dry in bid for Texas Collegiate Soccer championship

by Jeff Salands

Take four teams, one weekend, and a bid for a national tournament. Mix well with Homecoming, fifteen goals, two clean sheets, world-class play, and add water — lots of it.

The Texas Collegiate Soccer League championship tournament, held at Rice last Saturday and Sunday, proved to be one of the most exciting tournaments in recent years. The four teams present were the regular season champions and runner-ups from each of the league’s two divisions. Rice and Texas A&M were the top teams from the two divisions, beating the University of Houston and the University of Texas, respectively.

In the first semifinal match, A & M trounced UH, dominating the game and scoring five consecutive goals. The Lads and UT were well matched in the second game. They played a scoreless first half.

In the second half, UT found momentum, taking multiple shots, but not finding the goal.

Junior goalie Ken Finger turned defense into offense on a past series, well past midfield. Senior center forward Jean-Pierre Bassetouthed the UT defense as the ball came down the center, finally touching the ball lightly over the UT goalie’s head, who had run out of the goal to try to reach the ball.

Minutes later, a UT breakaway was stopped by senior Jeff Saland. The Lads then went ahead on a well placed chip by senior Mahmoud Banjami, who came up from playing fullback to score.

That was the rain started. Despite slick grass and puddles in front of both goals, the tournament continued. The Aggies scored, by knocking in a ball which stopped in the mud in front of the Rice goal, to tie the game for halftime.

The second half of Rice go ahead on a talent effort by freshman James Young, who received a pass under the penalty box and turned to shoot into the left corner of the goal. Once again, the Aggies came back with a goal of their own, tying the game.

Soon after the Aggie goal, the head referee decided to stop the game due to lightning in the area. As a result of the game’s early end, there were two possible outcomes to the tournament. First, A & M can get a wild card berth, allowing both teams to go to the national tournament as co-champions. The second, more probable, outcome would be the Lads and the Aggies in a 00 minute within the next two weeks.
Lacrosse team fares well in A & M tournament, despite lack of sleep

by Oscar Bayazitoglu

The Rice Lacrosse team participated at the ninth annual Texas A&M Fall Tournament last weekend. The tournament involved lacrosse teams from around the Southwestern Conference and other nearby universities.

Since most of the lacrosse players are not the type to go to bed early on a Friday night, waking up at 5:30 in the morning was not the type of thing they were used to. Luckily, the Rice coaches brought twenty Rice lacrosse players to the tournament, and the tournament was overruled because the tournament in lacrosse players who obviously prepared for the second game by Ozgur Bayazitoglu

Afterwards, the team rested and played well. Texas A&M proved to be exceptionally good against Texas Christian. Rice played aggressively this time, making up for the loss in the morning. The score at halftime was Rice 7, TCU 2. TCU then brought in two professional lacrosse players who obviously played at a far superior level. With the rest of the captains overruled, the Rice men's team emerged as the new force in the men's "B" division.

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Humorist writes an open letter to head football coach Fred Goldsmith

by Charles Kuffner

Dear Coach Goldsmith,

Well, we lost again this week, and it was neither close nor pretty. Even though the season started with a lot of promise, things are looking mighty bleak about now, and with Arkansas and Texas Tech coming up, it's not about to get better. Ah, well, there's always the future, no?

I'm sure this year has been tough on you, Fred. May I call you Fred? I mean, you came from Arkansas, a perennial Cotton Bowl contender, and Florida A&M, two-time national champions in their conference, to Rice, which hasn't had a winning record since most of the grad students were in diapers. It can't be easy of great ignominy (after proper therapy, of course). Let me give you an example.

I went to Stuyvesant High School in New York. Stuy is a school known for its academics, especially in math and science (sound familiar?), but not known for sports. Our football team, if you pardon the expression, was fee games in my four years. I remember one year we had a big of pep rally for the team. The band played the most recent, we didn't have a marching band, but what the heck, the cheerleaders cheered, the football players did whatever it is football players do at such things, and everybody came away feeling, well, peppy. Inspired like never before, our guys went out and lost, 35-0. It wasn't as bad as it may seem, however: I know this because one of the players told me that, "the game was a lot closer than the final score indicates." I knew right then that we had a true losing team — even the players knew the right rationalization.

Then attended Trinity University in San Antonio. Trinity is also known for its academics than for sports, but they did do Stuy one better — they won six games in my three years. Once in my academic career a Trinity football game did attract some outside attention, but in true losing-team fashion, it had nothing to do with us. We were playing a school called Denison College, which is in Texas. And Texas A&M. Hopefully the cycling team will continue to capitalize on the newfound talent evident at Sunday's race and proceed to move up the conference standings.

DO POLITICIANS PISS YOU OFF?

If you don't vote, it's your own fault. Elect a new one! Vote November 7.

Junior linebacker Donald Bowers tries to shake some sense into Aggie running back, and Houston hopeful, Darren Lewis.

Cycles

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cycling world, made her presence felt with an eighth-place finish. Team captain Harry Bruell battled home to 15th place, but the remainder of the team failed to complete the agonizing thirty-mile race.

Rice captured fourth place overall on Sunday, ahead of such notables as Baylor, Texas Tech, and Texas A&M. Hopefully the cycling team will continue to capitalize on the newfound talent evident at Sunday's race and proceed to move up the conference standings.

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Mana Studs are the losers selling condoms at NOD Classified Ads

**MISSILE: like NOD, only less sticky**

Three condoms slogans to keep in mind tonight at NOD:
1. If you slip between the thighs, don’t blame your pants.
2. Especially in November,괄관 your socks are wet.
3. If you’re not going to suck it, go home and whack it.

"Last week, one of my students had a nervous breakdown. Mississ, for an using unmention-able sexual connotation. I am being vague because I don’t want to find myself in Mississ."

—Dr. Morrisos, PHIL 201

What is the difference between a Technical and an assistant nontutor?
A. You can negotiate with a nontutor.

Overheard at a pre-Exposition party: "It’d be better if you shoot it.

"Ted Turner should buy Russia and cull it.

—Dr. Martin, SOC 213

What is the only thing in the world that sucks harder than Lover?
An Aggie.

What is the only thing that sucks harder than Lover?
The Aggie halftime show.

A whole crowd of Aggie fans during a MOB halftime show.

The only thing in the world that sucks harder than Lover.

Inevitably, every class has a student who stumble(s) instead in the flawed course work, not in our own lack of merit, but in the Search for Truth.

The fault, I have concluded, lies in our own lack of merit. "Somber, poverty-striken poet..."

Lots of food and Dan the Man.

A: Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

B: Lovett.

C: Nothing.

D: My mouth is really dry. I need a drink.

E: Experience and a desire to be financially independent.

F: Shlmano 105 equipment. 100 miles.


H: For info call Marsha at 749-2271.

I: Three condom slogans to keep in mind tonight at NOD:

J: We are struggling through Calculus classes today.

K: "Without Calculus, the world would not be where it is today."

L: I am still in condition to write. I’ve been doubled over with pain.

M: A FREE GIFT JUST FOR CALLING PLUS raise $500 obo. 522-4622.

N: You can negotiate with a nontutor.

O: But think of the money he saved.

P: "Incoming fire has the right of way."

Q: Who was your favorite class? I will assure parity by slamming back to my room, where I flopped through the course book, and then turned to my room, where I flopped through the course book, and then turned to my room, where I flopped through the course book.

R: Don’t do that. It’s only 1/4 a.m. and I am not going to save the world.

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X: I can now differentiate a determinant in thirty-three seconds while surfing whale waves, but WHATS THE POINT?

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**THE Night of Innocence (Yeah, right.)**

**CALENDAR**

**COME EARLY AND OFTEN**

Friday, November 3

- Deadline to drop and change pass/ML to grade.
- Football vs. Arizona.
- Student Rentals.
- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

Saturday, November 4

- Fishing for capital punishment Spoken like a true fisherman; throw ‘em back and let ‘em get started.
- Football vs. Arizona.
- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

Sunday, November 5

- St. Vincenzo music at Rice. Hammars at 8 p.m.
- Spring Edition From the Home Office from NOD, 10 p.m.
- "Ted Turner should buy Russia and cull it."

Thursday, November 9

- Election day. (One beer per vote.)
- Parking Night.
- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

Friday, November 10

- Student Rentals.
- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

Saturday, November 11

- NCAA basketball games.
- How to get out of sex over the weekend.
- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

**FIREPLAY FOR RENT**

For LEASE: Greenbrook and Houston. 10 month lease by weeks or months.

The Thresher now seeking a new Advertising Production personnel. With Mandarin on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, good health and driving record required. Apply In person, Mon thru Fri. 10-3.

- Who kept a dead whore in a cave.

**UNDERSALE**

A FREE GIFT JUST FOR CALLING PLUS raise $500 obo. 522-4622.

**1000@RICE**

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B: Nothing.

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**NOD: Notes & Notices of Decendance**

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