SA proposes greatly expanding number of meal plans

by David Fisher and Spencer Yu

To address the controversy surrounding food policy proposals currently under consideration by the SA Senate, the Ad hoc Committee on the Food Policy has drafted a comprehensive proposal incorporating strong points from each of the individual plans previously suggested. The new plan includes four options for on-campus students and three for off-campus students, as a la carte pricing system for most meals, guaranteed dollars on four nights, and a proportional base cost. Rollover of excess food money from fall semester to spring semester will be retained, but, as was announced last semester by Food and Housing, rebates of funds at the end of either term will be discontinued by the elimination of rebates:

- **PRO:**
  - The plan would be tough, specific and clearly stated. The committee proposes to continue with this method of proportional base cost, except now the amount each plan will contribute to base cost will be lower than currently paid. Under the current system and the all-you-can-eat, all plans offered will result in a greater differential between the heaviest and lightest plans in base cost paid, and the committee has further expanded this gap in order to make the system more equitable for light eaters. The heavy eaters will continue to have a significant proportional advantage, but light eaters will also be able to save more money than under the current system and the other proposals.

- **CON:**
  - The committee is concerned about the new system that replaced the all-you-can-eat, all-proposals system that the students have severely impacted the college system by drastically reducing attendance at diners. Both the Committee on the Food Policy and the Senate believe that as long as we must pay a very high base cost to maintain eight.

Leading GOP candidate comes to Rice

by Kurt Moeller

On January 12 in the Farworth Pavilion, before an audience of about 200 people, Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams spoke about his background and his plans to fight for improved Texas educational system, and restore a favorable balance of power to the state.

Some polls have rated Williams, a wealthy state legislator from Midland, first in the four-candidate GOP field.

His competitors in the March 13 primary are Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, Secretary of State Jack Ryan and Dallas lawyer Tom Landry.

Before starting his own campaign, Williams graduated from Texas A&M with a B.S. in agriculture, served in the army, and was a life insurance salesman. He is a lifelong Republican who became quite active in the party during the 1980s.

His campaign claims Williams has created 26 companies and 100,000 jobs since he founded his first business in 1957, and the candidate from this background has a unique business background. He insisted it was not a handicap, saying “I've been in Austin for years...fighting to protect my company from more taxes and more regulations.”

“I want to take the lessons I've learned from the business sector and apply them to Texas government management,” said the 58-year-old Williams stated.

What motivated him to run for political office now, for the first time ever? Drugs, he said. “I don't accept that future of our country is going to be determined by some blanket-black, colorless slogan. That's why I'm here today.”

Williams outlined a three-prong plan for attacking the problem. The first would be education, starting in kindergarten. “I want our children to get the best education possible, before they go for drug dealers,” he said.

The second would be increasing wages for workers in the state and giving drug users the death penalty. He advocated dual prison space, saying the average criminal served only one day out of six of his original sentence.

The third was something that had been in the news, specific punishments against young users. He advocated taking away driver's licenses of teenagers caught using marijuana and “teaching the joys of bushels, rocks” to youthful users of harder drugs.

Williams proposed a 9-day military boot camp in West Texas where offenders would be placed in picking crews and work in roads and parks. He said Texas has spent $40 million on a six-week work camp where they would earn minimum wage.

Upon completion of program, their conviction would be erased. The money the offenders had earned and the new attitude and work ethic they would gain would enable them to reject drugs and follow a different path, Williams claimed.

The would-be governor also stressed the need to improve education. One in three students is a dropout, he said. “You're going to pay for that. When they exit school, when they're on welfare.”

He said the key factor was making them pay for education.

FINES

Generation conflict, television and violence play key roles in Thomas Pynchon's new Vineland.

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Students hold memorial services to honor King

by Amy Keener

In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the University community, faculty, staff and community members participated in several memorial events on Monday to commemorate the birth of a man and a dream. Events included a brief gathering at Willy's Statue at noon, a memorial service in the chapel of the Catholic Student Center and a third candlelight service at Brown College at 7:30 p.m.

Representative of the Black Student Caucus Alice Byrd opened the ceremony at Willy's Statue with a powerful plea emphasizing the meaning of words and the importance of the Martin Luther King legacy as a source of strength and encouragement to continue fighting for freedom and peace. Byrd read a Langston Hughes poem entitled "Freedom's Dawn" with emotion and conviction, captivating the audience of about 150 faculty, staff and students.

The poem called for freedom and equality for all Americans. "You can't change anything until you stop talking about it and start doing something about it," argued the American dream.

Byrd continued "My Living Shall Not Be in Vain." Approximately 20 people attended the church service at the Catholic Student Center later that afternoon. Father Brian Fostort, the rector, and Byrd again addressed the audience. Byrd praised King as the man who "gave us a national consciousness," and "exposed us to hypocrisy and challenged us to change."

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Opinion

New meal plan proposal overlooks food quality

On Monday, the Student Association will choose from four meal plans as part of a proposal next year that has been proposed by the SA Committee on Food Policy, headed by Spencer Yu and David Fisher. All the plans have been published in this week and last week's Thresher, and are summarized on the front page. There have been several other proposals, one of which is explained in David French and Steven Eichner's letter in this section, but these have been submitted very late in the process and most are very vague. The SA must choose a plan at the next meeting, and it will most likely be one of these four proposals.

In fact, at this time the SA is already inclined to choose what is labelled as Plan A. Apropos Base Cost with Pre-paid Dinners. This plan was worked out during the SA Leadership Retreat last weekend. It was not proposed before this week.

The plan represents a compromise between various opinions of the SA on meal plans. It combines a proportional base cost system, which allows students to buy according to their eating habits on a relatively equal basis, but it also forces pre-payment of dinners, which some SA members feel is a necessary evil to protect "college unity." Below is a breakdown of the plan:

The vote on meal plans was postponed until next Monday's SA meeting, although the majority of senators seemed pleased with the compromise proposal.

The key problem facing everyone is that people will not want to waste money, and dinner attendance will rise to pre-rebate levels. That is admirable, but after three years of both bucking the system and wasting money eating out, students may not be as compliant as the SA believes.

However, the majority of students realize there is a "prize to be paid" for the inherent inefficiencies of a college system. As they did in the past, students will probably be willing to pay for decent meals and eat at campus locations. The only reason the old system was thrown out in the first place is that food quality was terrible. Although no one has found any green fajita meat this year, food quality, especially at CK, has improved dramatically with the return of David Robertson.

Reverting to a prepaid dinner system will take away the best incentive for students to still have some power over CK; if the food plan does not accomplish very late in the process and most are very vague. The SA must choose a plan at the next meeting, and it will most likely be one of these four proposals.

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The worst thing about tuition going up: no one knows why

Every year at schools across the country, students get outraged as their university tells them how much higher tuitions will be for the following year. Students pollute every university forum with opinions. Opposite tuitions, like lower taxes, is a campaign promise. Student leaders get outraged, too. They feel that the rhetoric, the annual tuition increases, are pressingly lacking substance. For all they know, the increase will be anything from $20 to $100.

To the editors:

On Monday, January 21, the SA will hold a special meeting to vote on rice tuition schemes for the 1990-1991 academic year. It is in your interest to become familiar with these schemes before you render your opinions known to your senator or college president.

The first scheme incorporates a prepaid dinner plan. According to this plan, students pay $150 in advance for the evening meal period. If a student does not attend every meal of the period, then he or she has paid. All other meals will operate as they do now. A variable base cost system offers four proposals you need to understand why they were created. The original proposal, which is still in use, addresses three main issues: increasing dinner attendance, protecting the light eater, and bringing in the price of the food down. Poor dinner attendance played a big role in the SA committee's decision to create a prepaid dinner system. A lot of seniors who remember the old system have the impression that having everyone at dinner fosters college unity. I agree that it would be nice if everyone chose to eat there, but I don't feel right in forcing someone to pay for a meal they would not ordi-

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THE HEDGES

Drug czar upsets some scholars

by Shalai Dewan

Many noted scholars have expressed outrage at drug czar William Bennett's speech last month at Howard University.

"In the great public-policy debate over drugs, the academic and intellectual communities have, by and large, had little to contribute, and little of that has been genuinely useful, or for that matter, mentally distinguished," Bennett told the audience.

Bennett's speech was clearly attracting serious interest that the best way to control drug use is to legalize drugs. Bennett called the argument "superficial" and "disingenuous."

"Let me remind this audience, here at a great university, that drugs are a threat to the life of the mind...Learned institutions should regard drugs as the plague," Bennett said.

Ethan Nadelmann, a professor at Princeton University and a leading opponent of Bennett's policy, said that Bennett refused to look at research which might contradict the Bush Administration's policy. Nadelmann, whose articles have been praised by former Secretary of State George Shultz and journalist William F. Buckley, among others, said the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy had refused several offers to appear with him, because "Bennett is too chicken to debate me."

Other scholars criticized Bennett for political interference in academia. Arnold Trebach, professor of justice, law, and society at American University in Washington, D.C., said Bennett's speech was "Stalinist in the sense of the duty of a scholar being to support state policy."

Half of the holy in early December, two faculty members at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn., complained that a sprig of mistletoe hanging in their department office was inappropriate in a business setting.

Margaret Potter, assistant professor of psychology, said that mistletoe was a letter of sexual harassment. Her complaints led President Roland Dill to suggest that the mistletoe be removed.

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Supreme Court removes shield of tenure decisions

Administrators, professors divided on importance of ruling

by Greg Kahn

The Supreme Court of the United States ruled unanimously on January 9 that tenure, the traditional shield of academic freedom, is no longer safe from government scrutiny and that the government may demand that professors disclose their personal views and recommendations on whether students should get tenure.

In an 8-0 decision, the court said that "in practice, I don't see [the system of tenure] as anything that will alter the tenure evaluation process." Though one professor stated that "there will be much more caution in the part of everyone involved with evaluations of people for jobs or grants," in general the people interviewed for this story did not see any serious changes in the way that tenure or other personnel decisions involving evaluations will be made.

Peer review materials are used by many universities, including Rice, as a one-sided alternative to a formal hearing process. In the event of a tenure candidate's performance being called into question, the materials help to formulate arguments on whether or not to grant the candidate a permanent position on the faculty.

Rudie Tung, a Chinoiserie-American professor of East Asian Art and culture at the EEOC in 1985 after being denied tenure by the University of Wisconsin's Wharton School of Business. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1972, which includes employment discrimination based on race, sex, national origin or religion. According to the New York Times, Tung is presently the Wisconsin Distinguished Professor and director of the International Business Center at the University of Wisconsin, where she has tenure.

Harriet A. Blackmun wrote the opinion for the court. "Of course, some people might say that tenure is not the answer; they might say that the government should not accept the university's invitation to create a new gauntlet against the disclosure of peer review material. But we believe that the peer review process is more essential in effectuating the right to determine whether an employee of public property...will...hesitate to stand up and be counted because of litigation and the apprehension of personal statements, state-
Cheney describes Warsaw Pact changes, effect on U.S. policy

by Lorle List

On Monday, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney spoke to The Forum Club of Houston, an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization formed to provide a common ground for distinguished speakers. Secretary Cheney spoke about the importance of maintaining a strong national defense as part of the American strategy which has developed since 1945 to an effort to obtain global freedom and democracy.

Cheney began with praise and thanks to Texas for their support of the action in Panama. He said, "I think the Panama operation showed us all that the members of our armed forces today are among the finest Americans ever to devote themselves to the nation's defense."

Cheney called the 1990s a "decade of hope and uncertainty" and said recent events in Eastern Europe as examples of change in communist regimes. He said, "However amusing the speed of this change, we should not be surprised by its direction. The termination of freedom is an important reality, the result of thoughtful strategy by the U.S. and its allies.

Cheney talked of the U.S. strategy as one of partnerships and the creation of an environment that enabled the changes in eastern Europe to occur. "For forty years, to deter Soviet expansionism and resist and support for democracy has been remarkable effective," Cheney said in light of the past ten years of events. "Look at the record of change since 1980. Ten years ago the Soviet Union had just invaded Afghanistan, and was spending the U.S. by 60 percent of the midst of an incredible military buildup. Ten years ago Andrei Sakharov was imprisoned, and there was no solidarity movement in Poland. Throughout the world in ten years, regional conflict, garnered insurgencies, and international terrorism flourished in an atmosphere of democratic decline."

Cheney's explanation for the changes in the world over the past ten years is that "the U.S. has maintained a strategy of coalition defense, distributive policy and a continued effort to shape and influence the world system". He concluded his analysis of American strategy by saying, "In the current world, our global leadership role is laid under threat by a resurgence of democracy around the globe. In 1990, we saw America's strength can help maintain current trends and encourage even greater progress for democratic values and institutions."

Immediately preceding the luncheon, Cheney held a press conference in which he discussed several other key issues in the defense department.

In response to a question regarding legislation that would allow women roles in military combat, Cheney said, "The situation is that the current system in theory is that women would be in combat roles. However, the military by opening up a variety of positions to them."

Cheney also said that the production of the B-2 bomber would move full speed ahead, although production of the V-22 had recently been cancelled because, "We simply can't afford it."
Chinese students, Smith call lifting of martial law irrelevant
Say events in Romania convinced leaders their actions were correct

by Jim Kelly

Rice students from the People's Republic of China greeted last week's announcement of the end of martial law in Beijing with skepticism, questioning whether it signals any real change in the policy of the Chinese government.

There has been no move to relieve repressive laws enacted against demonstrations, they say, and more than 20,000 students remain in prison eight months after People's Army tanks were seen crossing Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Army tanks also have been replaced by a stepped-up police presence, and in some cases soldiers have simply changed their uniforms to become policemen.

"The government was trying to make themselves look better," graduate student Yue-min Yang said. "I don't think the lifting of martial law is a really serious improvement in human rights over in China."

Graduate student Jin-mei Bai agreed.

"This Quayle has already said, 'we welcome this step forward,'" Bai said. "Whether it's a step forward or not is an open question."

President Bush has called the ending of martial law "a very much welcome" development and has agreed to consider relaxing economic sanctions against China by May 1. But at the end of April Bush and Raj said they felt the collapse of Romania's Communist government was not yet "decisive to the end decision to end martial law in China."

"The situation in Romania was not significantly improved," Bai said. "Why they've lifted this martial law at this time—our personal guess is they want to show people, we see, are not afraid of anything. We are still a united government capable of doing whatever we want to do. Even though they are very afraid in their hearts, they want to show the people.

Professor of History Richard Smith, a specialist in modern Chinese history and culture, agreed with Yang and Bai that the lifting of martial law was mainly a cosmetic step on the part of the Chinese government but said he believed that the Chinese collapse had actually increased the government's confidence in its actions in Tiananmen Square."

"I think Romania reaffirmed in the mind of the Chinese government the sense that what they did was right," Smith said.

Graduate student Jing Li, who also works for the People's Republic of China's delegation of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, especially reinforced agree.

"They are thinking, 'If we hadn't used tanks, then we would be dead today,'" Li said.

President Bush's policy toward China received mixed reviews from the students. Despite their feeling that strong action needed to be taken against the Chinese government in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre, both Bai and Yang pointed out that in the short run economic and diplomatic sanctions hurt the Chinese people more than their government.

Scozwert and Eulgherger's visits were also criticized. Smith said they reflected a "cold and critical" attitude on the part of the Bush Administration.

"That those visits are made is something for Bush purposes by the Chinese government, because the Chinese government controls all means of communication in China," Li said. "Of course there are many criticisms, but they are never mentioned. They just show a big picture of the newspaper," Yang said and believed the current Chinese government had completely lost the confidence of the Chinese people, in the point where it could not seriously endure the recent crackdown because local officials would not cooperate.

"I think that when the government is weak enough, the Army will side with the people," Yang said. "I think this is going to happen for sure, and it's not going to take very long, maybe five years or even three years. I would say to the U.S. government, this government is very weak. They're going to collapse anyway—you can't help them."

"Deng (Kiaoping) is already 87, they don't think he can last more than five years, at the best. Once he goes...I don't think anyone can have the strong influence of a Mao or Deng."

Until that time, Bai said, Chinese students overseas have for the most part adopted a "wait and see" attitude.

WRC Diet considering boycott of telefund
by Steve Dortch

The Will Rice College cabinet is discussing plans to withdraw from participation in the university's telefund program in response to the recent tuition increase and worsening communication between students and the administration. A definite decision about the boycott, however, is pending.

The Telefund program is a university-sponsored attempt to raise money for the university. Each college has a team of students that requests donations from alumni by telephone. It is the only direct way, besides tuition, that students are involved in raising funds.

According to WRC Director for Development, Mark Elliott, the WRC cabinet, called the Diet, believes that the administration is not responsive to students' concerns and did not openly communique with them in deciding to raise tuition by 8.86.

"Andy's (Diet president Andy Tucker) concern is that the students have not been informed and not consulted about any of the administration's decisions on spending, especially on the tuition increases and the application of funds, like distributions among the colleges and the like," said Diet Secretary Wynn Martin.

"So, he would like to use the boycott as a statement to the administration that we would more input and at least a greater knowledge before spending decisions are made," Martin stated.

The Diet will formally vote on the boycott at next Wednesday's meeting. "If nobody makes an alternate proposal, I'll propose that we send a letter to Andy from the Diet administration that we would like to have a protest as a college and then we should go through with the Telefund boycott," Martin said.

The Diet might decide to merely threaten a boycott and not actually follow through with that, according to Martin. "It's very disheartening to consider as an option, merely threatening to boycott the Telefund, and then having Will Rice people just on their own go out and do it but not as a WRC function. So, yes, that's a possibility, but again, I don't think a lot of other people are in favor of that idea," he said.

According to Elliott, the Diet has not informed the Office of Student Development about the possibilities of the Telefund boycott.

"I would be very happy to discuss this with the WRC cabinet or president," said Margaret Alsbrook, Director of Development. Alsbrook indicated that the Telefund proceeds make up only 3.5 percent of Rice's annual budget.

"The monies that are collected as part of the annual fund are for current operations and beyond that, they go into the budgeting process," she said. "Of course, I'm hoping they won't do it (boycott the Telefund)."

Support for the boycott at WRC has been minimal, according to Martin. "The people I've talked to are not interested in that idea," he said. "I think that the rest of the college thinks it would actually be a bit counterproductive to make a statement in that way. We would prefer that Andy or the Diet sent a letter of disapproval to the administration explaining our concerns and go ahead with the Telefund because then we'll have more funds to work with.

The SA, although somewhat divided, feels the boycott would be a negative decision, according to Elliott.

"The SA feels that something is needed, but not necessarily this," he said.

A committee has been established to discuss ways to increase communication between the students and the administration, Elliott said.

The committee will be chaired by Baker president Erik Oden.

Martin said, "I think it's (establishment of a committee) a good idea...It might be particularly helpful to have a committee that regularly communicates directly with the lower university administration and makes reports to the rest of the school."
The papers of Col. Cyrus B. Smith, a surgeon in the Massachusetts 37th Infantry Volunteers during the Civil War, are the collection of Bruce Aldrich of South Hadley, Mass., a direct descendant of Smith. Aldrich and his son, Merrill, a Rice sophomore, presented the collection to President George Rupp at the ceremony.

JEOPARDY! searching for students to be in tournament

The television game show "JEOPARDY!" is searching for 15 undergraduates to compete in the $25,000 college championship. The two-week tournament will air May 7 through May 18, and the grand prize winner will receive $25,000 in cash. Anyone interested in trying out for the competition should read a postcard by January 31 to: JEOPARDY! COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP, 5428 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90028. The contest searches will take place the first three weeks of March.

Each of the fifteen students chosen will keep at least $1,000. Six will win $1,000; two others will receive at least $5,000 and the champion will keep at least $25,000 cash.

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The proposal is only a framework that must be solidified. The committee will work more closely with the Senate, and pending finalization of plans, will include alumni, a college master, members of the administration, two students from each college who would serve during their respective residence years, a SA Senator, and a member of the Board of Governors.

Huston gives speech in Washington

Dennis Huston, professor of English, delivered the annual Professor of the Year lecture at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) honored Huston at its 1988 National Professor of the Year last fall.

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SA discussions meal plans, lasting tuition committee

The formation of the committee was passed with only Cheyette objecting. The formation of the committee "how much effect would we as a tuition committee have? The administration realizes we don't want a tuition increase. An increase, if passed, is needed, and the SA is overlooking its bounds," he said.

Shannin said that even if the SA would not have an effect on the decision, it needs to represent the opinions of the student body views to the administration. It would be a shame if we were to simply ignore this, Shannin said.

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Appropriations Committee

Baker College Senator Larry Geibough reported on the progress of the Appropriations Committee, which has been discussing requests for funding from various student organizations.

The purpose of the committee will be to establish a policy governing eligibility of clubs and organizations requesting money from the Senate, House and the SA. Geibough said that the Senate, House and the SA are encouraged to apply. Any U.S. citizen or permanent resident is eligible.

For more information or an application for funding, write the Japan-America Student Conference at 606 18th St, San Francisco. Applications are due on March 23, and decisions will be made in March.
on December 14, 1989, Bobby Nagel, a graduate admissions secre-
tary in the Mechanical Engineering Department, wrote a letter to Head Librarian of Fondren Library Samuel Carrington to protest a $339 fine he had received in the mail. The letter caused him to lose his job.

Nagel’s letter included a check to pay the fine, although he felt the fine was inappropriate. On the last page of the letter Nagel wrote, "...I at least have ways of showing disproportion...now on, every time that the library is open, I will check out a random book from the shelf and leave it at some other spot in the library," he added. "I will not hide any book on a shelf...my in-
tention is to cause this library as much inconvenience as possible.”

Nagel threatened that he would remove one book by each of the Nobel Prize winners for literature, starting in reverse chronological order.

In addition, he wrote, "And if the whim should ever strike me, do not be surprised one day you should find all thirty volumes of your Ency-

(RPC announces first TG, spring break ski trip)

By Lorie List

The Rice Program Council met Monday, January 15, to discuss up-
coming events for the spring semes-
ter and to talk about the first TG of next week.

RPC plans to have the first TG of the year this afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center.

Tickets are still available to see Theatre of Rodney's perform-
ance of Der Rosenkvalier at 7 p.m. today. For more information on this and other upcoming perform-
ances contact Sunny Okie 650-8751.

The Formulas Committee is in the process of looking for places and ideas for a Bonfire which will be March 31.

The first Beer Bike coordinators met Monday evening to plan for the Miner Lounge. At this meeting Wednesday will bring new rules. Chris Briggs, the RPC Beer Bike coordinator, also sug-
gested that all offcampus groups buy their own money to resurface the bike track.

Tickets are still available to see "The Wild Bunch" at Breckenridge, Colorado during the Spring Break, which is February 25 through March 6. The package will include five nights at Wildwood Condominiums, a five-day lift ticket, and round trip motorcoach transpor-
tation. The total cost of the trip is $339, and a $20 deposit is due by February 7.

The New Programs Committee is in the process of planning an ama-
siety of outdoor activities. As the committee meets this week, they are trying to determine who the fairest person in Rice is. More information will be forthcoming.

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New Sewall show features modern abstraction

BY TIM CARROLL

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At first glance, the current exhibit at the Sewall Art Gallery, Dutch Geometric, abstraction in the 30s, might seem sparse and lacking in substance, even frightening to some people. Wonder if they had finished installing the show. However, their interpretation of the themes contained in this exhibit, and climate, is a paucity of content are

Certainly, there is absent in theillard the emotional quality apparent in other contemporary works—there is not as much exploration of common abstract ideas such as passion, love, or anger. They don’t speak directly to the common emotions of everyday life. Rather, they attempt to evoke the essence and simplicity of form, a form which has escaped the complexity of more traditional and predictable modes of art. The style has been described as autonomous, and there is

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It’s Dutch, it’s geometric, it’s abstract— it’s on view at Sewall through February 10th.

definitely a sense of self.

It’s necessary for the appreciation of the work. If the artist had indeed achieved the total autonomy they seem to strive for, then the work would be come autonomous from everything, including the viewer. It’s hard to imagine visual art ever achieving the questionable absolute purity of an art form such as music (at least not for quite a while), and this exhibit falls short of that goal. The exhibit is not, however, without its merit—what stems from the very relationship between the purity of form and the complex images and ideas from which these forms have evolved.

The interaction between form and content works on different levels, and with a variety of effectiveness. Some of the works bring to mind easily interpreted natural and societal themes. Others tend to be more elusive, yet still have some grounding in relevant imagery. It’s a relation to technology, nature, or certain aspects of society.

Marian Diworth’s “Parts of a Circle,” a series of spiralling green triangles, has a certain organic sense about it. Can even be seen as the depiction of an unfolding object. While some sort of restive. Whatever the object, the piece has an undeniable natural origin and conveys a biological, vital and living sense.

In contrast to this, Bunnemester’s “Element of Captured Light” evokes ideas concerning technology. It’s reminiscent of Lasio Maholy-Nagy’s sculpture, but to a much simpler and purer degree. It’s intriguing way the sculpture has a light, airy quality to it, with the steel rectangle draped carefully over the supporting rod. Each of the pieces have been worked on meticulously, and it is astounding how an artist such as Bunnemester can create something so apparently simple form.

A “plain” piece is Lucien den Arends’s “Perpendicularly Rooted” based on ideas concerning technology. This work is much harder to interpret, its a larger, bolder piece because it makes one think about the complexity of a form or textural quality which make “Element” so light.

The works are enjoyable—they’re fun to look at and study—a fact that sometimes gets lost when dealing with the philosophical and conceptual concepts in work such as this.

To be sure, the artists do not make any judgements concerning the political or social aspects of the ideas inspired by (and inspiring these contemporary) Deven’s work makes no statement concerning the intentions of society or the role of technology in the modern age. Although their work may be devoid of social commentary or opinion, it nonetheless is tied to a relationship with whatever object, image, idea or emotion the viewer may put on it. The work may itself be pure, but the concepts it conjures and the ideas they present are complex indeed.

Architects-Planned for Galveston

BY FINE ARTS STAFF

The School of Architecture’s annual ball, “Arch-Arts,” will take a dip down the Texas coast this year to Old Galveston Square at The Strand, in Galveston. The formal will be held on Saturday, February 10, starting at 8 p.m. Old Galveston Square is Galveston’s historical district. The theme for this year’s ball is “Arch-Arts: Galveston as a Golden Goose, the Sidewalk Ends,” after Shel Silverstein’s famous children’s book.

It’s a chance for a night when we can all go back in time, back over She Silverstein’s magical ‘edge,’ to rekindle all of the grandiose ideas and themes which pervaded our early thoughts. The coordinator of this annual event.

The Arch-Arts committee has arranged indescribable fun. In addition to fun and games from the university to Galveston. The rides will be free, and buses will depart from Lovett Hall. Full bus schedules will be posted one week before the formal takes place.

Tickets for the dance cost $20 per person in advance, and $25 at the door. Musical entertainment is to be provided by Bad Manners, a classic rock band, in downtown Galveston.

The committee has also arranged for special discounted rates at The Strand Hotel. Reservations at The Tremont House when you state your affiliation with Arch-Arts Ball.

There are a few eating establishments suggested by the committee which are within walking distance. These include Cafe Torrefie, Giorgio’s On the Strand, The Merchant’s Yard, The Oyster Bar, The Wintleport and Zan’s. There are no discounts for Arch-Arts. Arch-Arts attire is black tie or costume, depending upon your interpretation. For more information (like you really need it) call 527-4864.
THESCE

Saturday night and I ain’t goin nobody

SHAILA DEWAN

Well, I’m reading the Aeneid for a class and we rapped about the major conflicts Aeneas had between his public duties and his private life. And this, surprisingly, reminded me of Thomas Pynchon, whose orienetated existence had some to believe that he is, in fact, J. Salinger. Also Bob Dylan, too, like, resents his public life. He just started a tour for his new album, Oh Meryl, and one of his critics said I “never seen him smile before.”

Cat Stevens, too, became a sort of celebrity dropout. The last thing I heard about the former pop star is that he thought Salman Rushdie, who view the band as “heavy metal,” has reawakened. Critics might want to give Rush a second chance. Some of the band’s best songwriting ever can be found on its recent album, Presto.

BY BOB MINER

Since Rush formed in 1968, critics have been quick to heap scorn on the band for its 1990’s, critics might want to give Rush a second chance. Some of the band’s best songwriting ever can be found on its recent album, Presto.

The Canadian trio’s 13th studio LP in 16 years, Presto is a sonically diverse album, with more technical skill to appeal to progressive types and enough melodic songs with interesting lyrics to entertain rockers.

Rand dogma that characterized such early Rush songs as “2112” and “Anthem,” the lyrics have become increasingly personal. Not watch-me-wallow-in-myown-self-pity-personal, but honest reflections of a group that has matured from a poor man’s Zeppelin into serious musicians. As Peart writes in his 8-track tape recorder. The guitar solo, one of the many Terpsichorean works by college members and associates. Time to be an- nounced. The exhibit is in the Private Dining Room for one week only. Call Babs in the college office for info.

Presto’s closing track, “Avail- ing” is a Mingler. Also Bob Russell and Jack Saunders. More info are available. More info can be found at 228-8421.

The play runs Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 4 through February 11. Call 524-6706 for more. More info can be found at 228-8421.

A tribute to the raw egg is shown. The band’s synth-heavy 80’s music, far removed from the band’s best songwriting ever can be found on its recent album, Presto.

The Aeneid presents Eoico. I know nada about them.

The famed Kenville Folk Festival is on tour, bringing its works by college members and associates. Time to be an- nounced. The exhibit is in the Private Dining Room for one week only. Call Babs in the college office for info.

Photographs by Peter Brown are on display at the Farish Gallery through February 20.

Presto’s most directly social commentary. “Supercon- ductor” is about magicians who get wrapped up in their own personas: “The role becomes the actor/She’s addiction to apostrophe/The stage a world because/She never leaves it.”

The album’s most directly topical song is “Red Tide,” an indictment of air and water poisoners. Far removed from the pack of entertainers who discover a social conscience when it becomes fashionable, an environmental statement from Rush actually carries some credibility. “Deadline ap- proaches/For the weary land/It used to be something/But we let it run down in our hands.”

Not all the songs are quite so serious. “Chain Lightning” is a purposefully wacky song, one of Peart’s most purely energetic tracks. The guitar solo, one of Alex Lifeson’s all-time besties, was lifted directly from a spontaneous jam he recorded on his 8-track tape recorder. And the lyrics to “Anagram (for Mongol)” make about as much sense as the title does.

Some old Rush fans will no doubt miss the extended guitar solos and frenetic vocals typical of the band’s early work. But if you’re interested in concise and melodic songs with interesting lyrics, then Presto might be for you, even if you’ve never owned a Rush album.
Vineland succeeds despite commercial breaks

BY GREG KAHN

Thomas Pynchon's new novel, Vineland, concerns itself with two very un-Pynchonian themes — generation conflict, and television's enormous impact during the Reagan era — and one regular feature of his work — violence, both physical and intellectual. The text may seem rather mundane and down to earth for the man who created Throne Slothrop and the tens of other characters in the surrealistic World War II masterpiece Gravity's Rainbow, but he attacks his subjects and his new characters with zeal. It is obvious that Pynchon enjoyed writing this book, and at times he seems to be relishing his task a bit too much; the book reads as if it were written at the speed of light, and by never letting the reader rest from the furious pace there are times in Vineland when Pynchon first with losing his audience. The narrative shouts out at the reader, and occasionally ducking for cover is a wise action for even the most devoted Pynchon fanatic. But in the end, Pynchon justifies our attention span; you care about these bizarre characters, even if you've never met anyone like them, and Pynchon's themes, though simpler than in Gravity's Rainbow, still are razor-sharp and leave most other modern American writers in the dust. Vineland was probably the most anticipated book of the 1980's. Pynchon's last book, the awe-inspiring Gravity's Rainbow (one of the few 900 page novels ever produced where every word seemed necessary), was published in 1973, and since then news of the reclusive author's next work has been scant. Finally, in September of last year, word began to leak out that a new Pynchon book was forthcoming, and in December the book was released without any advance ... occasionally ducking for cover is a wise action for even the most devoted Pynchon fanatic.

Pynchon obviously believes that the enigmatic author doesn't place modern critical thought in high regard, which makes no sense because Gravity's Rainbow was given fawning accolades by nearly every reviewer across the world (one went so far to call it "the greatest novel yet written by an American"). The second reaction, when word leaked that Vineland was not going to be distributed before general release, was speculation that the book much have seemed disappointing to the publishers, and they wanted to bank on the Pynchon cult's immediate purchase of the book and make as much fast money as possible before the negative reviews came out. And the book has indeed received mixed reviews, but it seems that a good amount of the negative appraisals appear when the work is contrasted with his previous offering, names are still hilarious — Zoyd Wheeler, his daughter Prairie, and her boyfriend Sid, Zoyd's ex-wife Frenesi, and two psycho-pediatric federal agents, Hector Zuniga and Brock Vond. The overlapping plots (which spin into three decades and millions of hours of prime time television) are so numerous and chronologically complex that condensation of Vineland's storyline is useless. Television runs throughout the book: sets are on in nearly every scene; Hector is driven insane by the tube; Prairie measures her days by how many hours until "prime time;" all the characters, particularly Zoyd, whistle the theme songs from shows ranging from "The Brady Bunch" to "The A-Team." Characters frequently interact with each other by using dialogue from television, and the generational gap is often illustrated by the fact that references to shows from the 60's seem simple and funny while the younger characters' allusions from the 80's are often violent and shocking. Pynchon obviously believes that the ruthlessness of the Reagan era is due in good part to the militarization of private society, Federal agents run throughout the story, and at the conclusion of the "Just Say No" drug campaign, Pynchon's view of the issue of illegal substances may shock some. It is drugs, in fact, and the people who use them, that tie together Pynchon's story. The hippies of the 60's have turned into coifed refugees in the land of conservatism, and they struggle to simply survive. Appropriation, even for the straight-faced Brood Vond, is impossible; none of these characters can make it in a world more insane than television. Not only is Pynchon the man a complete engine, but Pynchon the author defies description. He writes of matters that are usually confined to the world of science-fiction, but his themes are grounded in the reality of modern existence. He is as much of an experimental writer as his countryman John Barth, yet he moves from the experimental to the realistic in breathtaking fashion. He is the most interesting writer alive, and yet in this People magazine era of publicity there has not been a single published photograph of the man since his senior portrait in his high school yearbook. Vineland is certainly a flawed book. The commercial interruptions — long, intense descriptions of life histories which throw the reader off even more than Pynchon's normal prose does — are too frequently programmed. But when the show itself is on the air, Pynchon is like a sight-seeing tele-vangelist, starting us with screams that we need to look and listen to the desolation around us, and the rest of us laugh the whole way through the show.
Owls pull off 68-66 victory over Frogs

by Wes Gere

It will probably take until tomorrow's home game for the voters of the Rice coaches and players to settle down from Wednesday's 68-66 victory over Texas Christian University and the sight of the game was won by a two-point margin in overtime or that both coaches had fouled out before the end of regulation play.

The Owls had gone into the locker room after the first period feeling the sting of a 36-24, the largest halftime lead in recent mem-

Then the Owls, as fans may say is true of Rice varsity sports, just generally played a little better.

"We did guarantee exciting games at the beginning of the season," said Thompson after the game, and the Owls, without a single guard getting a four-point lead, nearly played the game that saved Rice from a embarrassing defeat.

Said Hardy, "I just happened to look at the clock, and put it up as soon as I could.

The ensuing overtime game was nerve-wracking back-and-forth action, as the game was tied at 64-64, Price caught a pass from Hardy and put it in to break a 64-64 tie with 19 seconds left. Good defensive work kept the Frogs from scoring again.

"My heart can't take another one like that," said Hardy. "But the game, however, was spectacular. The Owls were 27 points into the game, thanks largely to six points from guard Dwayne Tanneker and a trey by Hardy.

Tanner had four steals by the

minute mark and by then the Owls were up 51. Tanneker now holds the Southwestern Conference record for most career steals, which he had tied in the previous game, against Baylor. He now has 128 in SWC play.

The fouled-out halftime lead was the largest in twenty years for Rice in the SWC. Rice last had the 15-point lead in the 1970-71 season. Rice's co-captain and the SWC champion. The second half saw the Owls team that was intent on recovering their dignity from a large deficit that didn't give their fans credit. It came back driven, and Rice could match its
time and regular season press conference win in a row, a reversal of the poor road play of last year.

Baylor

Last Saturday's 68-66 victory over Baylor at Waco, the third player on the team to score 20, and forward Scott Tynes made 15, including a crucial basket in the last minute to give the Owls a 62-59 lead.

"Because we have been up and down this year, every game is an ad-
ventures. That was the case last week, when we got the breaks when we needed them," Thompson said.

Brent Scott scored the winning basket with 15, including a crucial basket in the last minute to give the Owls a 62-59 lead.

"I just wanted to be the one to do it," Thompson said. "We need to start showing up in jungle games, as the season is over.

Brent Scott hypertrophies the helpless TCU Horned Frogs in Rice's 68-66 victory.
Owls, Thompson embrace “Jungle Gym” as Autry Court nickname

by Thresher staff writer

Coach Scott Thompson and the Rice basketball team have officially embraced the new nickname of Autry Court as “The Jungle Gym.” For the remainder of the 1990 men’s basketball season, students are encouraged to capitalize on this theme, and support the Owls in their efforts to make Autry Court the toughest gym in the Southwest Conference.

When Rice hosts SMU tomorrow afternoon, the entire student body is requested to kick off the “Jungle Gym” theme by dressing in camouflage, leopard-skins, and anything else affiliated with the jungle. There will be other events during the remainder of the home schedule to re-emphasize this year’s theme, including:

Jungle-sign contest
January 31 vs. Arkansas

Signs made by organizations and student workers. Stop by the Thresher office Sunday evening at 7:00 at the Student Center in the top floor of the Ley Student Center for additional information. Student Center in the top floor of the Ley Student Center.

Animal Night
February 3 vs. UMKC

Bring your favorite stuffed animal. There will be a stuffed animal talent contest among qualified entrants at the game. Entrants will be limited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jungle Night
February 14 vs. Baylor

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with your favorite jungle beast. Student pairs compete in a costume contest, judged on originality, adherence to theme, and humor.

50’s Night
February 24 vs. Texas A&M

A break from the jungle, with Rice honoring the 1954 SWC Championship team, and a post-game sock hop.

Students are invited to capitalize on the jungle theme for the rest of the season. So, be inventive, stir up spirit among your fellow students, and help make Autry Court more than just a noisy place to play basketball.

Dunavant

FROM PAGE 13

In the first half as in the second, we’d have been in good position to win. In the second half, we showed what we’re capable of doing.”

The Owls’ next home game is tomorrow against SMU. Game time is five o’clock.
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### INTRAMURAL ENTRY DEADLINES

**TODAY:**
- Schick Super Hoops (takes place Sunday, 2 p.m. Autry Court)
- Faculty-Staff One-on-One Basketball

**NEXT FRIDAY:**
- Women's Tennis Singles and Doubles
- Men's, Women's & Co-ed Softball
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- Wednesday - February 14, 1990
  - The Miner Lounge
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—Dr. Dunstan, PHYS 202

"Philosophy is a kind of science, even if we don't know what it's about."

—Dr. Meiner, ENG137

Overheard in WRC:
"I need my own roof!"

What do Apples use for birth control?
They punch in their shoes to make them limp.

The administration should teach a class in sex ed — they seem rather proficient at screwing students.

"FUCK" by Edgar Allen Poe.

Fuck, Fuck, Fuck, Fuck, Fuck.

I overheard a former kissing buddy:
"Fuck, Fuck, Fuck, Fuck, Fuck."

What do Aggies use for birth control?
They use their own suicide稳定.

"What do Aggies use for birth control?
They use their own suicide稳定."

Overheard from a female Baker Senor to a former kissing buddy:
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