Insurance difficulties force cancellation of Fight Night

by Elise Perachio

Liability and medical insurance problems have forced the cancellation of Fight Night, the annual charity boxing event sponsored by Hanszen College. Coordinators Michael Matlock, Stacy Arenz, Ritchie Elders and Roger Wilkes decided their dispute with the President's office over an insurance policy could not be resolved soon enough to determine an event to occur on its originally scheduled date, February 16.

Fight Night began in 1989 as a way to raise money for the S.H.A.P.E. Community Center in Houston's Third Ward. It did so by charging Rice students admission to watch several amateur boxing matches between fellow students who volunteered for the event. The function of the community center, according to MacDowell, includes help of children in the Third Ward to live better lives by teaching them about their history and their community.

"In the two previous years, the President has been willing to let the event go forward because the insurer's conditions were worked out, we felt, to the university's satisfaction," Assistant to the President, Carl MacDowell said. He said problems arose after one of the participants was injured last year.

The injured person's medical insurance did not cover the entire cost of medical expenses. "His parents were unhappy and felt that the university was not sufficiently responsible," MacDowell said. "The university did not feel that it was their responsibility because the student signed a consent form and went through a training, but those conditions the event did occur on the Rice campus, the university agreed to cover the uninsured portion of the student's medical bill.

"With this injury still in mind," MacDowell said that he had many more questions for this year's Fight Night coordinators concerning the medical involvement of the participants and the protection of the university from liability. "Until these questions are satisfactorily answered, we really don't think we should encourage the event to go forward," he stated. "At this time, the coordinators have not been able to satisfactorily answer these questions.

Matlock said he has worked since November, when he was informed of the problem, to reach a compromise with the President's office. Matlock said he did not receive an official rejection of the Fight Night proposal from the administration. He first heard about the problem from the Rice Student Volunteer Program at he tried to register Fight Night as a charity event and was denied.

Subsequently, Matlock met with Vice-President for Student Affairs Ronald Sturhagin, Assistant to the Treasurer Bernard McMaster and finally, MacDowell. These meetings began in late November and continued through the end of last week as Matlock tried to obtain a solution to the insurance concerns.

The solution the coordinators arranged was to register with the United States Amateur Boxing Federation as a boxing organization and register all participants as amateur boxers. This membership would allow the organizers to obtain a $2 million blanket insurance from the USAFB. The insurance would cover $2 million blanket insurance from the USAFB.

Committee proposes expanded power, pay for student food representatives

by Marc Kosover

On January 22 the Student Association Ad Hoc Food Committee (SAFC) presented the Student Association Senate with a proposal to establish a Student Food Committee (SFC). According to the proposal, the SFC would have the duty to "provide an effective channel of communication between the student body and the College Food Service," feeling that the proposal did not adequately delineate the SFC's responsibilities, decided to return the proposal to SAFC for additional study rather than determining its fate at that time.

The proposal is a Food Committee meeting open to student, body a revised version of the SFC proposal was presented which more extensively outlined the duties of the SFC. The proposed state, "It will provide a venue for students to share in the responsibility of making the food product of the utmost quality in all college meals. This long range proposal will provide the student body with the framework to monitor the operations of the College Food Service...and to make recommendations for resolving these problems and inefficiencies."

Composition of the SFC

The proposal suggests that the SFC be composed of nine paid student employees representing each college and including a chairman drawn from the entire university, instead of the current system of volunteer representatives. The current responsibilities of the food representatives would be increased to include serving representatives to Central Kitchen (CK) and Food and Housing, establishing a kitchen grate sheet and ensuring complaints are satisfactorily resolved. Additional responsibilities will include notifying college of problems in food delivery, performing and keeping records of periodic inspections, as well as forecasting of food consumption and coordinating and approving delivery problems.

Darryl Stephens, author of the original proposal, explained that paid food representatives would be more responsible than the current volunteer representatives. He suggested, also, that a permanent paid position of food representative—in a vein similar to the present college maintenance representatives—would have an increased capacity to solve complaints.

According to the proposal, "Each representative and the chairperson would be paid at a rate of $1,200 a semester (630 hours monthly). The funds for such salaries would be gained from a blanket tax from each member of the Student Association." Mary Elliott, member of the SAFC, explained that this would approximately raise each person's tax burden by nine dollars. She said that off campus people, including those with no meal plan, would also have to pay the tax because the tax applies to all undergraduate students.

Mark Ullmann, Baker College's food representative, feels that the position is unneeded. He believes that if a responsible food representative had been selected initially, there would be no need for a paid position. He said, "If the problem are not being resolved, it is because the representative is falling down on the job."

Steve Eicher, staff assistant for CK, agreed. Additional dollar increase in the blanket tax is not such a large increase that someone should do the job out of love for the college rather than as a job.

William Boorn, manager of the College Food Service, said that the position is not the current position held by food representatives.

Some of this year's freshmen were not here before the Roe v. Wade decision, Clarkson pointed out.

According to secretary Leslie Rainer, the group is concerned about Supreme Court decisions which have opened state laws requiring clinics to:

1) Have the same safety standards as hospitals;
2) Obtain signatures from women about fetal
development or possible dangers to themselves in an abortion;
3) Require parental consent before minors can have abortions.

The movement, formerly named Students for Life, was founded in 1989 by Rice alumnus John James and Alan Burton in response to what they considered a negative attitude toward life on campus.

The group's objectives include educating, organizing and protest about abortion; the possible dangers of abortion, as well as writing to the Texas legislature and participating in volunteer work such as collect funds and supplies for the nation's oldest women's shelter.

The group, which is not affiliated with any particular religion or ideology, claims it has 60 students on its mailing list.

Throughout the semester, the group will have videos and speakers, including some women who have had abortions in the past and are now advocates of the pro-life movement.

Rice pro-lifers hold candlelight vigil on anniversary of Roe v. Wade

by Jennifer Saunders

The Rice Pro-Life Movement held a silent candlelight vigil on Monday to increase student awareness of what the movement's vice-president called "the American holocaust."

The vigil was intended to be a memorial to the 25 million abortions that have occurred since the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which made abortion legal in all states.

Forty students attended the initial hold, with Carl MacDowell, the march wound past each college, and by the time it reached the library its size had increased to sixty students. People from the surrounding community and some students from the pro-life group at the University of St. Thomas also attended.

The silence was intended to "mark the inability of the unborn to speak," according to Trudy Nitzche, president of the Rice Pro-Life Movement.

Before the students began their walk, Nitzche and vice-president Gavin Clarkson addressed the group, which "opposes abortion as a form of birth control," Clarkson pointed out that abortion is "big business" clinics have large ads in the yellow pages. "Life is too precious and too valuable to be considered disposable," he said.

Rupp visits White House to obtain Bush library

by Shaila Dewan

President George Bush and Chairman of the Board Charles Duncan traveled to Washington last week with representatives from the University of Houston and the Greater Houston Partnership in an attempt to persuade President George Bush to establish an academic portion of the Rice University library.

"The University of Houston and Rice united to persuade Bush to place the library here rather than at Texas A&M," said Bush. "We hope they will agree."

They agreed, that should Bush choose to establish a library, University of Houston and Rice University and other Houston institutions would form a partnership to run the library.

This arrangement, according to Rupp, would enable each institution to have a hand in the "protocol for the management of the academic portion of the library complex. This involves determining the areas of concentration of scholarship at the library as well as the access of scholars to the library."

Texas A&M also went a delegation of two last week to meet with Bush. According to the Houston Post, they have begun to negotiate what claim that their alumni, faculty and students would have more support than those of the Houston universities.

The Houston delegation met with the President and Barbara Bush in the family quarters of the White House. "They were extremely hospitable and gracious with the group, Rupp stated.

According to Rupp, the delegation proposed three sites in Houston.
Fight Night cancellation exposes Rupp's biases

The administration's shameless actions to thwart Fight Night, an annual charity event held by Hanzen College, have succeeded, after publicly acknowledging that President George Rupp might not find a boxing event "appropriate."

It is obvious that despite continual assurances to students that the administration is accessible, tolerant, and receptive, it will resort to a wide assortment of bureaucratic smoke screens to enforce its opinions and protect its interests.

Assistant to the President Carl MacDowell says that Fight Night Coordinators were unable to satisfactorily protect the university from liability. However, the coordinating committee obviously next that there have been bloody revolutions in Romania, Panama and Afghanistan. The pictures in the media nowadays are more reminiscent of Tiananmen Square than of East Germans drinking champagne on top of the Berlin Wall.

On campus, everyone who currently holds an elected position is probably growing weary of it. The politics season, a pleasure for everyone, is already upon us with early university elections. The sooner the better since we're all sick of "inaction" and professors this semester, too.

In other words, there is absolutely nothing pleasant to write about an event. Besides, in our extremely optimistic frame of mind, we don't really think anyone will read this anyway.

Apply to help S.A. tuition committee

To the editor: When the S.A. Senate discussed the issue of tuition increases at its spring retreat, it was pointed out that the issue was much more complex than it initially appears. Tuition, as a facet of Rice University's finances, is a part of a much greater process that involves not just tuition, but budgets, alumni giving, and financial aid, and what the future value of a Rice education will be worth.

These problems cannot effectively be addressed by a secondary student committee. For this reason the S.A. senate has established a Permanent Tuition Committee. The committee's single driving focus is keeping future tuition increases to a minimum, without reducing the absolute value of a Rice education.

We realize, however, that education costs really are increasing, and that means must be found to accommodate these expenses. With that acknowledgement, we would like to initiate a program that involves working with the administration, not against it, in order to limit future tuition increases. What this requires is a concerted effort to address the dilemmas facing our university and a variety of efforts to solve them. Students, alumni, faculty, administration and the Board of Governors should work together for the community's benefit. This committee will be inviting representatives from all these bodies to join us. Work is likely to be painstaking, slow and frustrating, but any progress this committee makes toward increasing community input into the tuition question will be significant.

Because of the long term nature of this committee's responsibilities, student positions on the committee will be permanent. This would mean more continuity from year to year than found on many other Student Association, and even university standing committees.

The committee would like to invite those students who are seriously concerned about using their time to work on this process to write to their S.A. senators. Financials of the university involve not just students, but faculty, alumni, and the administration, and we encourage them to consider joining us in this venture.

Membership on this committee means having the chance to build a better university for ourselves and those who follow us. Take the time to do something for Rice. You might be doing more than saving yourself some money.

Kirk Odens Chair, S.A. Tuition Committee Baker '90

Abbott applauds effort on food plans

To the editor: At the beginning of this academic year, I established a senate ad hoc committee to address problems in the food policy at Rice. This food committee, composed of both senate and non-senate members, has spent numerous hours of collaboration and discussion with food representatives, members of the food and housing staff, and members of the student body to address the areas of inefficiency in the present plan. In meetings open to the general student body, the committee has heard the input of students and Food and Housing staff to formulate and revise proposals which address current problems in the system and correct as many of these as possible.

After considerable discussion in the colleges and almost an hour of debate by senators and students at the January 22 senate meeting, a vote was taken and the decision was reached to propose to Food and Housing what was referred to as "Plan Z" in last week's Thresher. This plan calls for a proportional base cost and four pre-paid dinners (Monday- Thursday). It allows for four levels of on-campus eating.

This food plan encourages the eating of dinner as a college, a concept vital to the college system as it was planned. Rice's college system has been praised as a "unique experience" which "provides students and faculty with a style of living in keeping with the traditions of the college. For this reason, any reasonable senate in the future, will do anything to dilute the benefits of this experience for future Rice generations.

We have reached a compromise which will allow a partial as a carte system to function within the true spirit of the college system. Already, the Senate and other members of the student body have approved the late proposals and guidelines to establish a student food committee designed to monitor and control food quality, especially at diners. I encourage interested students to contact your senator or president, or listen to announcements in your coil legs for meeting times.

It is all too easy to stand on the sidelines and criticize those who have juggled all the problems to be answered by this single proposal. Every senate member and many other students have tried to address many problems by doing research, taking polls, going to meetings, and listening to opinions from all sides in order to construct a food system which will, overall, be best for Rice. I applaud all who have worked diligently on this food plan for their time, energy, and perseverance.

Dena M. Abbott
Student Association President
A proposal: students helping CFS

Guest Column by Darryl Stephens

Editor's note: the following column is a condensed version of a more detailed proposal being discussed by the Student Association, the Masters and Presidents Committee, and Food and Housing. This article includes the specific duties of the student committee.

Background: The SA Ad Hoc Food Committee came to the realization that effective communication between College Food Services (CFS) and the students would solve many of the current problems of the food system.

It is in the best interest of CFS and the student body to allow students to take part of the responsibility for maintaining a quality food service.

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maintaining a quality food service operation. Rice University allows the student body to have large amounts of responsibility for several important central aspects of student life—the residential living and the housing system. We believe students can help run their food system as well.

Proposed: We propose establishing a permanent committee of student representatives from each college, plus a chairperson. The main duty of the committee is to represent the student body and provide a feedback source of communication between the students and CFS. Masters and Presidents Committee will serve as the final decision-making body between student and CFS.

This new system of active and responsible student representatives provides a necessary ongoing link between the operations of the Central Kitchen and the final product at the individual colleges. The system will spotlight problems as they begin to arise and offer real advice on quick resolutions to them. It will provide a venue for students to share in the responsibility of making the food product of the highest possible quality in all college dining facilities.

This long-range proposal will provide a framework with the framework to work on the operations of CFS in light of current issues and inefficiencies as they arise, and to make recommendations for resolving such problems and inefficiencies.

How College Food Services Will Be Improved

1) Students are an excellent resource at Rice. Many students are motivated and interested in helping improve our food system. Students should be allowed a voice in deciding how their money is spent and paid representatives will be willing and able to dedicate the time and energy needed to provide substantial help.

2) Communication will be improved.

As an of new, communication between students and College Food Services is indeed efficient and effective. CFS cannot be expected to be aware of student concerns unless students are informed. A small group of students who are willing to share their concerns and have spent time monitoring and researching student needs and realizing interests of the student body. Students at Rice are the only ones who know what kind of food service they want — the important thing is giving them a voice in the decision-making process.

3) College Food Services will be more available to student representatives. It is not secret that students will not seek out CFS. CFS puts the burden on students to help do something about the food service. With CFS, College Food Services will become something that is seen more frequently, instead of the student body and less an as an enemy.

4) College Food Services' load will be lightened. CFS can spend its time concentrating on food service, which is what its employees specialize in. SFC will be providing planned menus for students what students want, making decisions on serving food more efficiently, and preparation. SFC will expect action from CFS, and CFS can feel confident that SFC has done its part in finding out what students want.

How Rice University Will Gain

CFS will be able to serve the community as a whole in several ways. Among them:

1) Rice will have one of the most important ongoing communication channels between the student body and CFS. Students will be able to monitor and deal with the CFS as a true partner of students.

2) By hearing what students say, new ideas can be generated. Rice will be able to keep up with the latest trends in food, and CFS and students will be able to have a greater understanding of each other.

3) Rice students are willing to incur the cost of participating in this new program. Students will be able to buy into this program and CFS will expect that students will be willing to participate.

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Soviet students of journalism hit the (good) books

by Shalla Dewan

At Moscow State University in the Soviet Union, journalism students will soon be required to study the Bible as a result of the changes President Mikhail Gorbachev is making in the country.

The Old Testament will be required reading in a classical literature course, the New Testament in a course on literature in the Middle Ages.

Yasen Zasursky, dean of the faculty of journalism, stresses the fact that students will not be studying theology. "We won't have priests or ministers on our staff," he said.

The curriculum addition was made in order to increase students' understanding of world culture, according to Zasursky.

A recent decision was made to publish the Bible in the Soviet Union, an officially atheist state, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Beyond the Palm Trees: Civil Engineering students at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., tackled a looming real-life problem, according to The Stanford Daily. They divided into teams and designed shakers for the homeless.

Given a map of the site and the total cost, students built scale models and construction plans for eight different designs. They then built a full-scale model of the winning design outside the engineering building.

The winning team distinguished its design by using curved walls, arranging units in an S-shape. The rooms are "spartan" and wheelchair accessible.

Student Brad Avens said the project was worthwhile, saying, "You can teach and bring in lecturers and tell problems, but unless the student experiences it firsthand, it means nothing."

Ring for a Day? A dispute arose at the University of Texas at Austin because the semester began on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"It's ridiculous to be put in the position of either respecting one of the important leaders of the 20th century or going to class," said Marcus Brown, president of the Black Student Alliance.

Administrators defended the calendar, saying that classes had to meet on a reasonable number of days in order for UT to get full funding from the state.

June Burke, member of the University Calendar Committee, said, "We do not observe anybody's birthday.

In a related story, UT President William Cunningham recently expressed support for the Martin Luther King Statue Foundation; a student group working to put a statue of the civil rights leader on campus.

Cunningham told the co-directors of the foundation, Michael Mark and Dave Winter, that he would submit their proposal to the Board of Regents.

The student foundation has earned $2,500, and estimates are that installing the statue would cost $25,000. The co-directors have been attempting to meet with Cunningham for a year.

"Now that we have his endorsement," Mark said, "our project should proceed at a favorable rate."

Keeping Others Out: Officials at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., have imposed a new policy, according to The Chronicle. Most campus parties, dances, and concerts must end by 12:30 a.m.

The reasoning behind this is that if campus events end before most bars in Boston and Cambridge close (usually 1 a.m.), non-students would not be as tempted to attend.

Officials say that people without student identification sometimes cause problems when they are turned away at such events. Last fall, a gun was fired in a skirmish between two men in an M.I.T. parking lot. Neither of the men was a student.
SA approves pre-paid dinner plan for '90-'91

by Shelley Fuld

The Student Senate and SA Food Committee approved a pre-paid dinner plan at its meeting Monday. The plan the Senate will propose to Food Service is 2-page long, including all the details about the plan and the requirements. The Senate President stated that it would be reviewed by the students and representatives from each college.

The plan is designed to provide a more convenient and affordable way for students to purchase meals. It will allow students to choose a specific meal plan that suits their needs and budget. The plan will be presented to Food Service for approval, and if accepted, will be implemented starting next semester.

Food

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Library

For the library: the University of Houston, Rice, and Nanas Park. One of the main criteria for a site was proximity to a university. Rupp said, citing on-campus libraries as unavoidable here. Who are Rice's choices? "the Southern part of the area in central Houston," Rupp said. This is where the museums are, where the most people go, and where most of it has the most cultural and social atmosphere.

UH, on the other hand, is offering Bush "the most electrifyingly sploshy libary ever built," said

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University Court holds open forum on elections, trial procedures

by Kurt Moeller

At a University Court open forum Tuesday night in the Rice Memorial Center's Miner Lounge, members of the court discussed the structural changes implemented last spring, trial procedures, and the upcoming elections in which students will elect justices and vote on a constitution for the court.

Under the new system, University Court justices will be elected by class, like the Honor Council currently is. On February 20, two justices each will be elected by this year's freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, and four justices will be chosen by graduate students. On March 13, three at-large justices will be elected, and next fall two members of next year's freshman class will be chosen by members of the court. The freshmen will be non-voting members during the fall.

Candidates for the positions will have statements and pictures in the Thresher. They will not be allowed to campaign, however.

This year's justices were picked by the Committee on Judicial Reforms, which was chaired by mathematics professor Paul Pfeiffer and included student representatives such as then-Student Association President Andy Karsner and then-Wiens Senator Brian Casey, because "they were the people most familiar with the judicial code" and designated the new judicial system, said University Court Chairman George Thomas.

Under the old system, University Court justices were the chief justices from each college court. The committee changed that because it felt "when you're representing your college...there was a chance your biases were greater," said Thomas. Additionally, "they wanted to try and get some continuity on the court," like the Honor Council has.

In the February elections, there will also be a referendum on the court's new constitution. In order for the constitution to be ratified, more than half those voting must approve it.

The court will also form a committee to develop a clearer, more concise, and more memorable statement on student rights and responsibilities than the two pages that currently outline them in the student handbook. After asking other schools about their standards, the committee plans to draft a proposal that will be submitted for student ratification in spring 1991.

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The career advisors will hold workshops at each college. One advisor will be assigned to each college to provide career services. The college advisors will participate in "values clarification" exercises so that they could better understand themselves and their personal goals, which would help in understanding the pressures and difficulties of other students.

Most of the career advisors attended a retreat last semester to get to know each other and learn to work together as a team. On the retreat, students defined "success" through skills, and received results and interpretations of the Myers-Briggs Personality Test.

Career Advisors will have materials available for students to purchase, such as manuals and recruiter lists. They will also provide guidelines for preparing resumes and letters of recommendation. They will also offer various career workshops at each college. One opportunity will be on finding summer jobs.

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Also available in the alumni book that the advisors have helped Gabi Sternman, the career advisor coordinator, compile. A group of students has been sent out to 175 Rice alumni asking them to fill out questions, from what they majored in at Rice to what their occupation is now. Career Services hopes that these people will agree to become career contacts for students.

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Ku Klux Klan gets permit to protest near Rice before summit

by Jennifer Rios

Members of the Ku Klux Klan have a city permit to hold a parade on Main Street across from Rice University, the week prior to the International Economic Summit. The Houston Traffic and Transportation Department scheduled the permit for Saturday July 7, two days before the summit will begin and will last from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kennedy said that no group could be denied such a permit as long as "they meet all of the requirements under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that allows free speech and assembly." In order to obtain a parade permit we send you a application along with a copy of the parade ordinance, and you just fill out the application. If you meet all of the requirements set in the city ordinance and pay for a copy, you can obtain a parade permit," Assistant Director of Traffic Transportation Ray Kennedy said.

The ordinance requires that the group does not parade at peak traffic hours on the weekends—6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.—however, there are no time restrictions on the weekends and holidays, according to Kennedy. The parade also must be limited to two hours, he said.

The Klan has a city permit to hold a parade on 3:00 p.m. deadline.) Absentee voting (2:30-3:00) (3:00 p.m. deadline.)

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4. All members voted in the SA office. (4-52-46)

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bodily injuries and personal liability of the participants, as well as property damage, product liability and legal liability.

Matlock and the others also agreed to hold multiple training sessions and hire professional referees and corner men. "The safety of the city and the university is our main concern," Ehlers explained. "This is not a blood bath; we don't want anybody hurt.

The President's and Treasurer's Offices rejected the second proposal, saying it would not sufficiently guarantee that Rice University would be protected from liability. There was no specific mention of the university and how it could be coerced if the USMAF's $2 million was not enough.

Matlock said a third option is available: If the organization registered with and paid a fee to the Gulf Coast Amateur Boxing Association, he would be able to obtain for Rice the kind of coverage which would protect it. However, he just became aware of the option last week and said it would take at least another month to work through it. That would not leave enough time to hold Fight Night as scheduled, he said.

Matlock said he heard the meetings with MacDowell and McMaster frustrating. "They never told us ever around and return to the Monument by way of Lamar Street, Kennedy said. "They will be in the street, so we can control what goes on," Kennedy said.

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She said that as long as the participants remain on the property, there is nothing that the RUPD can do to contain the crowds that might arise.

"At any time that they come on Rice property they would be required to leave because it is on private property and we do not allow demonstrations on the property itself," said Voswinkel, but added that if the demonstration at the entrance itself would not be a problem.

"If they petition the university, we will have to give them permission," she said, "but we're not sure that we'll grant them permission.

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"On occasion there have been people with disagreements about what was shown at the media center, but as long as they stayed on the sidewalk there was no problem at all," Voswinkel said.

Voswinkel had not seen a copy of the prototype permit, or had not been contacted by the city for assistance in monitoring parade activities.

"I'm quite sure there are going to be a number of groups that have causes that they want to bring before the different heads of state. So I'm sure that's not the last group we're going to have requests from," she added, "because every country has a particular issue.

Member of the Black Student Union Byron Pope said that the BSU was aware of the parade but haven't decided on any formal action that they might take concerning the KKK parade.

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KTRU returns to air

KTRU returns to the airwaves in June.

By John Weiner

For those KTRU loyalists who are still in despair over your favorite show, the end is near. The station's technical difficulties should be resolved by the end of this month, and the transmitter will be back on the air.

The transmitter is located in the roof of the Rice Student Center. It is vulnerable to static and other electrical disturbances that can cause it to fail.

The station has been on the air for almost four years, during which time it has been monitoring student activities. The transmitter has been in use since the 1980s.

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Electrical Engineering department hires second female professor in its history

by Gilbert Saldívar

Rice University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has hired Dr. Naomi Halas from Bell Laboratories as the second woman professor in the history of the department. Having used live semiconductors to become established in Houston, Halas now teaches a graduate seminar in optoelectronics. Halas studied as an undergraduate at Rice and performed her graduate research at the IBM Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, New York, one of four research facilities maintained by IBM in the world. At the Watson Center, she researched the transmission of solitons in optical fibers, helped discover the "Dark Pulse Soliton" which maintains an undistorted waveform through very long optical fibers, and worked on generating the world's shortest electrical pulse. Her doctoral thesis is entitled "The Ultrafast Modulation of Light by Atomic Absorption in Pulsed Lasers." Along with many other applications, shortening undistorted pulses greatly increases the capability of fiber optics. The density of information transmitted through an optic fiber increases because the density of pulses increases. Also, electronic hardware, like word processors, which use high frequency signals to drive software operations will benefit directly from the added speed these higher frequency signals will bring.

Halas' experience, however, goes beyond fibre optics. As a post-doctoral researcher at American Telephone and Telegraph's Bell Laboratories, she examined the properties of electronic materials for two years, specifically by performing experiments on the surface conductance properties of semiconductors. For this reason, she described her field of expertise as "somewhere between quantum electronics and solid-state physics." This diversity of interest made her especially attractive to the Rice engineering faculty, whose work in these same fields also interests Halas. These past connections led Halas to be attracted to Rice, said Michael Carroll, Dean of the Department of Engineering. "She is extremely talented and very active in research. When she first agreed to speak with members of the Electrical Engineering Department, they talked shop over a couple of beers at Valhalla. The next morning, the engineering professors who met with her were on the phone with me, emphatically in favor of her employment," Carroll said.

"She is a perfect match for the department, and I am personally delighted to have her with us. She has the capability of easily becoming one of the best professors in the department."

The graduate students in contact with Halas echo this sentiment. Richard Alan Cheville, a 1986 Sand Railroad College alumnus who earned his Master's of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Rice in 1987 and is now pursuing his Ph.D. under the auspices of Halas, called her "a breath of fresh air in our department."

"She speaks with you, not over you," Cheville said. "She is a firm believer in discussing problems with students, rather than lecturing in them from on high. Her tremendous degree of accessibility makes her a lot of fun to work for." Halas has been most impressed with Rice's ability to pool profound and highly diverse expertise from across its science and engineering community in an extremely effective and open manner.

"The Rice Quantum Institute" said Halas, "is a wonderful thing. Although my background is originally in physics, in a place this small I can speak with members of, say, the Chemistry Department and other

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Kate Bush shows her World

BY MIKE RAPHAEL

Kate Bush's distinctive voice can evoke two provocative, but paradoxical moods. On the one hand, it creates a childdish magic, a kind of Where the Wild Things Are world of innocent, exhilarating discovery. On the other, it's tantalizingly coquetish—sassy, sensual, sexual. The combination makes for music that is at times savage, at times schizophrenic, but always captivating.

Fans of the reclusive vocalist may have been startled to see Bush—long a British favorite, but usually considered "college" music here in the colonies—debut on the number 24 in Rolling Stone's top 100 albums two weeks ago, but they won't find many radical new directions in her new album The Sensual World. However, there are a few surprises.

Michael Kamen, who arranged the orchestra on the Pink Floyd classic "Comfortably Numb," does the same for "This Woman's Work," the best track on the album. Here, Kamen helps Bush be her stunning best, and it's worth listening to over and over.

Things don't work out so well on "The Fog," the other song Kamen arranges. This is Bush being Pink Floyd, complete with waltzes of the (Kamen arranged) album The Final Cut. The overdialogue dialogue bothers me, as does the overly sexy solo.

Bush usually manages to avoid the banality of Top 40 lyricists while sidestepping the immature gimmicky and forced zaniness of much "alternative" music. A good example is the bewitching "Deeper Understanding," a seemingly romantic song that highlights the contemporary role of machinery: "As the people here grow colder/turn to my computer/and spend my evenings with it like a friend."

The chilling technological message meshes with Bush's lyrically girliness for a wonderfully spooky effect. She falls into the Twilight Zone, though, with "Heads We're Dancing," which—get this—is about a woman en-chanted with a mysterious dancer who, she later discovers in a newspaper photo, is actually Adolf Hitler. It might be a metaphor, but it's an exploitative one. Bush's strangeness is effective in a subtle examination of a feeling (like "Deeper Understanding"), but it's laughably forced fake emotion: "But couldn't be you would be没错 you're staring at a picture of Hitler."

"Reaching Out" is Bush in her childlike, tongue-in-cheek manner, and it's tantalizingly coquetish—sassy, sensual, sexual. This sort of stuff is especially attractive now that Iodism is almost as hard to find in culture as it is in the White House. "Never Be Mine," is a patchy, seductive tune supported by some interesting music from unalan pipes and vocalists called The Tri'o Bul-gers.

Bush's songs are often sexual without being about sex. Her own sexual identity, talking, was, believe it or not, a very sexual song about nuclear war. Like her weirdness, this sexuality is best when it seductively fingers, not when she hits you with the head of it. Why The Sensual World's title track disappoints me thematically as she sings of heading "into the flesh" for "one kiss, then another."

Granted, I'm doing some puritanical nitpicking with a good song, and good. But if we were up to me, I'd have had Kate Bush sing about Things Don't Work Out So Well For Me. If you don't know the difference, look it up—or listen to her other songs.

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Oh, well. I tried. Have some of these two kilo Panamanian tamales for me.
By Shaila Dewan

When Steely Dan said "Any minor world that breaks apart falls together again," they hopefully weren't talking about Eastern Europe. They may, however, have been talking about mega rock bands.

There are, to be sure, rumors everywhere. What's left of the Beatles might get around to having a jam session. Do they think they'll invite Yoko? For old times' sake?

And then again, the Eagles are looking suspiciously conciliatory. Everyone's getting belly-mellow. On—date I say it—poor? We've been through that already with the touring giants that hit Houston this year.

I have my own hopes for some particularly happy reunions: Donny and Marie. The old Saturday Night Live cast, with Eddie. The Judds, Five, the Brady Bunch, the Supertramp, Simon and Garfunkel.

I also (Billy Joel) can think of a few (Chris Brickley) unions the world (Gill) didn't do without (Vanilli). But I won't hold my breath.

Tonight

*Roe Dance Theatre presents its annual concert, "Round Comers." Pieces are by guest choreographers and faculty, as well as a full-length piece by student Lisa Jaskolka. Tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall. See related article, this issue.

*Stephen Sonheim's "Into the Woods" visits Houston this weekend. Tickets are around $30 each, but it may be worth the splurge. At Jones Hall, Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8, Sunday at 2 and 7.

*Wow, Houston's just teeming with that banality of theater: clever musicals. Lerner and Loewe's Camelot enchant the Music Hall through February 4. This Theatre Under the Stars production shows at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturdays and Sundays.

*The big kid on the block offers August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, Fences. It's the story of a black family in the late 1950's. Wilson is also the author of Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. At the Alley Theater, Monday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 8, Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 through March 4. Student rush tickets are available, and the Alley is offering a special "pay-what-you-wish" (or what you can) performance Tuesday, Jan. 30.

*Jammerica...at Fitzgerald's. A reggae in two flavors: American, with Spy Vs. Spy (featuring two ex-members of the Killer Bees), and Jamaican, with Tony Bell and Kutchie.

*The Society for the Performing Arts presents pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Wortham Center.

*The Fifth Column, another glorious Rice band, will play The Last Concert Cafe. They are a Blair/srock cover group.

*Fitzgerald's teams up with Piece of Cake to bring you Jack Bruce and Ginger Baker, formerly of 60's wonderband, Cream.

*At the Houston Classic Guitar Society, international prize-winning guitarist Adam Holman performs at Mabee Theater, Houston Baptist University at 8 p.m. $7 for students.

UPCOMING


ONGOING

*Dutch Geometric Abstraction in the '50s" is on display at Sewall Art Gallery through February 10th. The exhibit features the post-1983 work of eight artists.

*Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas are depicted in Peter Brown's large-format photography exhibit, "High Plains, Plain Views," is open at the Farish Gallery through February 20.
Dance Theatre starts year with *Round Corners*

**BY THRESHER STAFF**

The Rice Dance Theatre will present its annual concert, *Round Corners*, tonight at 8:00 p.m.

The performance will include works by choreographers Joanna Friesen, Karin Gastreich, Paula Jones, Lori Katterhenry and Anita Lemon.

Joanna Friesen's piece, "Hello, Angel, Goodbye," is inspired by her own personal loss.

Karin Gastreich, a Rice graduate, has returned to present a quartet choreographed to music by composer Ennio Marcione.

Local dancer Paula Jones has been commissioned to set her award winning trio "The Little Piece."

Lori Katterhenry will be presenting two works — "Colony," and "Undone," a tribute to the raw egg.

Anita Lemon will be performing a solo piece titled "Carnavale.

*Round Corners* also includes works choreographed by Rice faculty and students.

Rice student Lisa Jaskolka will present a piece done in collaboration with student composer Andrea Moore. It is her first venture into choreography.

Shakespeare will present a piece done in collaboration with student composer Andrea Moore. It is her first venture into choreography.

The concert will reflect the diversity of talent in the dance community, and viewers will experience dance from many perspectives.

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SPORTS

Owls' winning streak snapped at A&M

by Greg Kahn

Despite the frigging of long time head coach Shelby Metcalf and Rice center Brent Scott's 27 points, the Texas A & M Aggies defeated the Rice Owls 88-72 Wednesday night at the C. Rolie White Coliseum in College Station. The loss broke a four game Rice winning streak and dropped its record to 42 in the Southwest Conference, while the Aggies evened their record at 3-3 in the SWC. The Owls maintained sole possession of third place in the conference.

The game was a back and forth struggle throughout, with Rice holding its only lead of the second half after a Marvin Moore three-pointer with 14:11 on the clock. But it was the Aggie guard Lynn Suber's expertise from beyond the bonus stripe that helped her team. From the eight foot line, Suber drained a 15-footer for her first points of the game and soul-tempted. Kenneth Rourke threw in a Brent Scott miss to cut the Aggies lead to 85-82.

Rice got one last opportunity with 10 seconds to play when Suber threw the ball away, but dynamic Aggie center and Patrick Ewing wanna-be David Harris, showed why he's leading the SWC in blocked shots by swatting away the final two Owl shots. The final points were scored by guard Tony Martin with two twists from the foul stripe.

"I felt we had a really good effort throughout the game," Rice coach Scott Thompson said after the contest. "There were a couple of periods in the first and second half when we lost our point, but overall I thought we played well and that the Aggies played an inspired ball game throughout. Suber got them over the hump, and Harris' blocked shots really killed us. But Brent played a big game for us tonight." Texas A & M was still reeling from Monday's announcement that Metcalf's 26-year career was abruptly ended with his firing. Metcalf was the SWC coaches in conference history. John Thornhill, Metcalf's top assistant, took over the Aggies and was coaching his first game Wednesday.

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Basketball team beats SMU, continues success in overtime bouts

Sophomore guard Dana Hardy leads Owls with nine points in overtime, Owls raise conference record to 4-1

by Wes Gere

Last Saturday the Rice defense once again put on a pressure that assurred the Owls another conference win, beating Southern Methodist University 58-55 in overtime. This gave the team a 6-4 record and a 6-1 conference record, which puts them near the top of the SWC standings. The Owls haven't had a 4-1 conference start in 41 years.

This success bodes well for Rice's chances of making the season a real turning point, but the upcoming games will be much more difficult as they face opponents like Texas A&M and the University of Arkansas.

In order to keep up a strong record, they will need, consistently, the kind of shooting they have gotten recently only in the last minutes of their games. The last two games, against Texas Christian and SMU, were won in overtime, and the previous one at Waco was saved from overtime by a last-second shot from D'Wayne Tanner.

In all of these games, Rice shot under .500 in both halves.

Coach Scott Thompson feels the poor shooting percentages are a matter of inexperience. "I'm not concerned about the offense," he said. "As the team matures, the shooting will get better."

If effective defense and last-minute shooting win games, it's hard to complain.

Yes, I care if you smoke.

Dana Hardy's three-pointer was the last shot of overtime.

After a dunk by the Mustangs' Vernon Perdue opened the scoring in the game, the Owls took the lead with 16:46 to go, and never relinquished the lead the rest of the period.

The Owls were helped by freshman Kenneth Roucher's defensive rebounding. He had 8 of his 13 rebounds in the first half.

Rice led by nine, with six minutes to go, before SMU's defense kicked in. They allowed Rice only five more points until halftime, while catching up to make it 27-26 at the buzzer, Rice's lead.

During the first half, the Mustangs had only three team fouls and never gave the Owls a single free throw opportunity.

The last nine minutes of regulation were dominated by a single Rice player, this time freshman Marvin Moore, who was the only scorer for the Owls until overtime.

With 9:43 left in the game, 6'10" center Chip Scott grabbed one of Rice's rare offensive rebounds and put it in to boost the Owls ahead 41-40, eliminating SMU's only lead in the second half. Moore sank one of ten free throws to increase the lead to three.

SMU center John Colbourn, the Mustang leader with 21 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals, scored to bring them close again, 43-42.

From then on, it was a battle between Moore, who scored 13 that day, and SMU's Gerald Lewis. Moore was assisted by guard Dana Hardy on another basket, which he followed up with a one-handed shot a minute later, putting Rice up by five with 3:42.

A foul shot and a three-pointer by Lewis kept the Mustangs alive. Then Moore bounced one off the backboard for two. By this time the crowd was yelling, "We want Moore." But they didn't get any more. Another Lewis basket from outside the line tied it up, 44-44.

"Marvin really provided the instant offense for us that night," said Thompson. "He's learned a lot, he knows what's expected of him. He's more comfortable out there now."

Hardy scored all of the Owls' nine points in overtime, including a three-pointer and two free throws with 16 seconds on the clock. He scored six points in regulation play, but ended up leading the team with 15.

"He (Hardy) really is a pressure player," said Thompson. "When it gets down to the wire, that's when he likes it."


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The 3,109 people who packed the Coliseum were treated to some serious, NCAA-style prime time play the rest of the half, with Texas A&M tossing in long distance rockets from Suber (22 points for the game) and Milton, dominating the offensive boards (10 in the first half) and maintaining between a two- and six-point lead. Rice countered with some impressive short range jumpers from Hardy (who, along with senior guard D'Wayne Tanner, seem to be the obvious on-court generals for the Owls) and dominating interior play from Brent Scott, who scored 15 for the half and pulled down 13 rebounds for the game.

The freshman sensation, who along with sophomore Chip Scott provides Rice with the muscle to match up inside with the powerhouse of the conference, did have a terrible time at the foul line. Knocking down only three of nine first half freebies, the Owls managed to go in halftime down by only four points on a Brent Scott layup, 45-41.

Rice goes up against the red hot Texas Longhorns Saturday afternoon in Austin. Texas was 13-3 overall and 6-0 in the conference going into Thursday night's game against Arkansas in Fayetteville.
Sign contest scheduled for Arkansas game

by Thresher staff

The Owls are thankful. During the entire game against Southern Methodist, the men's basketball team was literally boosted by the students, many of whom were dressed in grass skirts or other jungle-type attire, promoting Autry Houston Post court.

Duhrsen would have made it if security had let him into the game tied to the seven-foot wooden stake and carrying a sign which read "I'm naked and I'm on TV. It must be my birthday."

Fans will have yet another opportunity to support the Owls and the "Jungle Gym" theme on Wednesday when Rice plays the University of Arkansas. Student groups, colleges and associations are encouraged to participate in the jungle-sign contest. Due to community standards for public displays, signs must be no larger than 3' tall by 6' wide. Signs will be judged for originality and adherence to the "Jungle Gym" theme. Anyone wishing to participate in the contest must contact the Owl Club at 520-0733 prior to the Arkansas game.

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The Baker Quad Squad:

Tuesday: Diabetes

No, we wouldn't. Well...maybe.

Don't even bother writing the pledge leaders ability of Metallica."

Wednesday:

Thursday: Constipation

"We never exactly disliked you..."

"Really, I've never had trouble decid-

ing."

"The Backpage staff would like to thank...

"Brown film: Heathers."

HAPPY CAIENDAR

Friday, January 26

• Baker TG

• Jones Party. The theme is "Jones Crack House," Beer, cocas, and Food. Music by DJ Mike Stuart, Just says Crack. Jones Commons.

• Brown film: Swimming to Cambodia

Tuesday, January 30

Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas, 7:30 p.m. Aubry

Every basketball player, for the sweat that has given Rice a team to be proud of.

Wednesday, January 31

Men's Basketball vs. Arkansas, 7:30 p.m. Aubry

Add it all the members of the Jungle Gym. Rock on...