National award-winning fundraiser Alsobrook to retire this summer

by John Weimer

Director of the Rice Development Office, Shirley Alsobrook, will conclude her thirty-five years of service in June of this year. During her tenure, the donor pool has expanded from 2,757 thousand to $21.4 million, and has benefitted all facets of the Rice University. Alsobrook has been named fundraiser of the year. In April of this year she became an honorary life member of CASE.

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Liquor license woes still plague Willy's, Valhalla

by Kurt Moeller

Six weeks after the expiration of Willy's Pub's liquor license, the administration is still researching the legal liability problems related to who holds the Pub's new license. Management fears that graduate students believe the administration will not be renewed in time to keep it open all summer.

Dean of Students Sarah Burnett said at present renewing the license will not be done in time to keep it open all summer.

She has worked under four university presidents and eight Board of Directors, which deals exclusively with donations from private sources, raising a respectable $320 million raised during her tenure. Alsobrook's tenure. She is an instrumental liaison between the university and alumni, corporations, and foundations. She helped form the Rice Associates Program and Research Sponsors, a group of corporations which have contributed donations to the university until incorporated into Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Alsobrook cites other factors which help account for the growth of the Development Office. Alsobrook credits former Chairman of the Board of Governors George R. Brown for the growth of the office.

President George Rupp's commencement speech addressed what the Declaration of Independence called "the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

"If all men are created equal," Rupp began his speech by briefly recalling the monumental events in 1989 and 1990 in "nations yearning to live in freedom." He then commented on the irony of the first "self-evident truth" of the declaration, that all men are created equal when slaves had no rights and women had few.

According to Shaper, friend-making is a what fundraiser is all about. "Alsobrook knows millions of people." Her thirty-five years of experience have provided the Development Office with a continuity which has benefitted all facets of the Rice community.

"This is not a sudden decision," Alsobrook said. "I've been planning retirement for three years... I'll be right here in Houston. In fact, I have no intentions of leaving Rice. I'm particularly looking forward to spending time in the library.

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Bas Poulos leads an expedition to Greece for summer

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Outstanding students win cash awards

by Kurt Moeller
At a ceremony in the Rice Memorial Center's Grand Hall the night before commencement, 32 awards were presented to students and faculty. In addition, 16 honors were given prior to the ceremony.

Hanszen junior Corey Sivley received the largest monetary award of the evening, $2500, which won the Blanche Randall Haden Scholarship. The award is given to the most outstanding undergraduate economics major.

Other recipients of large cash

Grads
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Rupp mentioned the dilemma of what "life" means, a dilemma evidenced in abortion arguments. He criticized our society's attempts to fight death until the very end with an "awesome array of machinery: their instruments, their medicines, their machines." To attempt to affirm life by fighting against death at all costs imperils every one of us, both economically and personally. Fully to affirm life includes acceptance of death as its appropriate, even welcome end.

Regarding liberty, Rupp said that our joy at seeing the liberation movements in Eastern Europe and southern Africa is understandable but "too often we celebrate only one dimension of the right to liberty—the right to be left free of the control of others—and neglect its other dimension: the freedom to shape the common life of a community."

Rupp's award, one of the third "right," was even more critical. "While we may have a right to pursue happiness, we are blissfully, mistaken, indeed wrong to exercise that right... [happiness] leaps into the laps of our lives as a by-product of our other activities and involvements, not as a preoccupation in its own right."

Telescope offers first view into O'Dell's

by Jim Kelly
Some time in the next few months, professor of physics Robert O'Dell should get his first peek through the finest telescope on earth of this world.

The Hubble Space Telescope, now being checked out in earth orbit, is expected to become operational by mid-summer. And O'Dell — who has been a key figure in the space telescope program since its inception almost two decades ago — ranks among the first of many observers lined up to use the $15 billion instrument.

"As a scientist I look forward to seeing those first images," O'Dell said. "That's when the high adventure starts."

O'Dell plans to use the telescope to search for stars in the process of formation within huge clouds of gas and dust like the 1006 light-year distant Great Nebula of Orion. Images of these "protostars" are expected to shed light on the formation of our own solar system as well as contributing to general theories of star and galaxy evolution.

Since the space shuttle Discovery lofted the Hubble into orbit two weeks ago, O'Dell and his colleagues in the space physics department have been keeping track of the satellite via a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) microwave channel monitored in the Rice Memorial Center by Student Center director Marty Vest. Despite early problems with a solar panel and an antenna, the images that will come up to its full potential.

A year from now people will remember those things," O'Dell said. "They've just slowed the proce.

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Baseball traditions, guidelines cause many official headaches

by Charles Kuffner

Every sport has its share of laws (most normal people call them rules), and all of those laws are there for one reason—to prevent one side from gaining an unfair advantage over the other. The enforcers of these laws are expected to apply them in a timely and proper manner from gaining an unfair advantage.

For example, last weekend the Houston Astros and the New York Mets were playing a doubleheader up at Shea Stadium. In the eleventh inning of the first game, with the score tied 3-3, the Astros had bases loaded with two outs against Met relief pitcher John Franco.

As Franco wound up to pitch, home plate umpire Doug Harvey called Franco for not pausing for a full second while coming into his stretch position. This is a balk, according to the rules, and allowed the Astros to score a run and take the lead, temporarily.

The purpose of the one-second pause rule is to prevent the pitcher from getting an unfair edge on base-runners who want to steal. The problem here is that there was no need to call the balk. Bases loaded, two outs, most of the law gave the Astros an advantage, perhaps even an unfair one, since the Mets only had one inning to erase the lead.

The Mets did hit the game and managed to win, 5-3, but it shouldn't have come down to a three-run home run by Kevin McReynolds in the bottom of the eleventh. If the Mets had lost, they would have been robbed.

Less strict than laws, but often as problematic, are guidelines and customs, especially when situations which have no precedent arise. A case in point may occur this year in NCAA baseball.

Going into the last week, the Rice Owls are 9-9 in league play and in fifth place in the Southwest Conference, behind Texas A&M, who are done with the season at 11-10. If the Owls sweep a three-game set against Texas Tech this weekend, or even if they win the first two and the third is rained out, the Owls will pass A&M and clinch the final spot in the post-season conference tournament. If this happens, the NCAA has a headache.

You see, for the NCAA tourney and the chance to qualify for the College World Series, the NCAA traditionally selects teams that qualify for their conference's post-season tournament. If Rice passes A&M, it means the Aggies, with their 43-17 overall record and Top 25 ranking, could very well be left out in the cold. On the other hand, Rice would have a very good reason to complain if they pass A&M, but are bypassed in favor of A&M when the NCAA comes calling. Either way, it's a headache.

In my opinion, if it comes down to deciding between the two teams, the NCAA should find some way of taking both teams. Then, they should come up with better guidelines.

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Fishdance leads upscale trend in area dance clubs

BY C.J. LUKAS

There is a trend developing in Houston club openings. The new clubs emphasize opulent decorum, dazzling lighting effects, upscale dress and a classier crowd. Avalon (5078 Richmond), The Mansion (1107 Waugh), and Fishdance (8110 Richmond, outside the loop) are the best examples of the new style. This week's column focuses on Fishdance and its trend of the trendy and the aquatic.

The club's name as its theme, the interior design of Fishdance excites the eye and provokes the imagination. There are fish and fish icons everywhere in numerous permutations. For example, large aquariums are located throughout the club. But hold on...those are definitely not just goldfish in there! One tank features two baby sharks, a moray eel and a manta ray, along with a fussy grouper! There are four live shark feedings every night at midnight. Live "food" is cast into the tank and a fascinating, albeit ghoulsome, feeding takes place.

Fish tanks can be found on the stone floor of the foyer and on the walls throughout the club. The theme is carried out in a neo-zenoian setting with thoughtful painting and lighting cues. Many-windowed, curtain-wall "screens" separate the club into foyer, main dance floor and seating, and back bar.

A remarkable laser system is the centerpiece of the lighting on the dance floor. It reaches out like a giant octopus, sending multi-colored beams to all corners of the room. The floor itself is sunken and surrounded by booths and stalls that bend into, rather than divide, the space. Railed minibars serve as an ideal spot to sip a drink and watch the crowd.

The back bar area features pool tables (which seem to be almost standard in clubs and bars these days) and plenty of table seating for face-frame conversation. The bar itself is a pleasing design. An elaborate wooden structure holds the glassware above. A low brick wall steel bannop plays upon the Japanese theme for the & expensive Japanese restaurants.

The club also earns high marks for pricing and specials. There is no cover on weekdays. Every Monday is cheap drink night. Wednesdays are billed as "Fish and Chips," with $1 drinks. Sundays feature free beer from 11 p.m. and retro wave music.

Fishdance is open Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. It is a 21-and-over club on Fridays and Saturdays (11 p.m. and over). Progressive dance music is featured. Why not jump into Fishdance next time out—but watch out for the sharks!

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