Administration disallows yellow ribbons

by Kurt Moeller

Wednesday afternoon the administration rejected a proposal by a group of students to place and leave yellow ribbons around trees in the main academic quad Friday. At press time, the loosely-organized students were unsure of plans for a noon ceremony at Willy's statue, which may not include ribbons at all now.

Earlier Wednesday the students delivered a letter to Director of Student Activities Sarah Nelson Crawford and Dean of Students Sarah Burnett, stating their intention to hold the ceremony, attach ribbons to the trees, and take them down "at the end of the day." "We are planning to have a student speak briefly on the meaning of the yellow ribbon, and to state our support for the troops," the letter stated.

The administration and the students numbering a hall-dozen, mostly from Hanszen and supported by Hanszen residential associate Frank Schubert, disagree as to how the administration responded. Schubert said Crawford and Vice-President for Student Affairs Ronald Steihards were initially very receptive to the idea in a series of meetings Wednesday.

Schubert said Burnett "officially accepted the proposal [to place ribbons on the trees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.]" although she told him and left a message on his answering machine, "I want that no ribbons were going to be allowed on the trees in the quad before, during, or after the ceremony," Schubert said.

"After initially agreeing to put ribbons on the trees for a temporary period of time, the administration 'backed off'" Schubert added.

Ribbon rabblerouser reprimanded

by Marc Kossower

Last Friday night, Hanszen College member Koichi Takagi and a group of his friends hung yellow ribbons around nearly all the trees on campus under tentative approval from both the Student Association and the administration. According to the form's sponsor, Eric Hahn, also from Hanszen, the group is trying to comply with the administration's requirements. A "group of students that Friday night very loosely organized, as groups were associated with anything -- we just said, 'We're going to put some ribbons out in fifteen minutes. Do you want to go?'" said Hahn. He explained that they paired off and put ribbons up all over campus.

On Sunday night, they were informed that the ribbons would be taken down, so they called the news media to inform them of Rice's decision, he said. Hahn said that the problem resulted from Takagi not getting complete approval to put up the ribbons.

SA President Spencer Yu said that Takagi had approached the SA for support, but that no formal agreement had been reached. "He wanted to get a Senate endorsement -- a Senate support for putting up yellow ribbons across campus, on every tree," he said. "We were under the assumption that he was going to get administrative approval that the administration was aware of what he was going to do, and wanted him to come back to us for student approval." The SA also approved a motion to pay Takagi $80 to pay for the ribbons contingent on Takagi getting approval from the administration.

Director of Student Affairs Sarah Nelson Crawford said, "Koichi and I had talked about how to put them up, and so forth, but we hadn't gotten final approval about where to put them up," she said.

Yellow ribbons around campus continue to brew controversy at Rice.

"The Moving Wall..." A traveling Vietnam war memorial visited Houston for a day during a nationwide tour.

Mitra Miller wins Student Association Presidential Election

by Ryan Koopmans

The results of Tuesday's university-wide elections were made official Wednesday, declaring Mitra Miller next year's SA President, Erik Leedal SA's external vice-president, and Harlan Howe and Ann Zillerkopf Thresher editors. Twenty candidates ran unopposed, and no write-ins candidates were elected.

"I hope I can live up to the confidence that the students have placed in me," Mitra Miller said. Miller spread the news of her candidacy through the use of flyers, posters, and personal contact. He said that he is "trying to explain to people what the SA is all about. We are trying to have many people meet with current SA President Spencer Yu to discuss the nature and responsibilities of the job.

Hanszen Junior Drew Johnson was unsuccessful candidate for SA president. 'I'm very happy with the results, and I'm glad I ran,' Johnson said. 'I think that considering I haven't held an office before, 37% of the vote is a good result.' Johnson said of his campaign: 'It wasn't very sophisticated. The main point was to let people know I was a serious candidate.' Johnson expressed satisfaction with the results of the election and added, 'I think Mitra will do a fine job; she has more experience than I do.'

Both referenda on the ballot received a majority of the votes but failed to receive the two-thirds majority needed to pass. Referendum 1 asked students if they wanted to change the current four pre-paid meals system. 796 voted for the referendum, 721 against. Referendum 2 asked how many pre-paid meals should be required if Referendum 1 passed. 857 voted for two pre-paid meals, 416 for four pre-paid meals. If the referenda had passed, the SA would have been required to recommend the results to the Food and Housing Department. In the past, Food and Housing has been responsible to student wishes, but it is not bound to accept them. Last week Food and Housing Director Martin Hicks said next year's meal plan would include four pre-paid dinners.

The only write-in candidates to receive a significant portion of the vote were Tim League and Tom Kusten, for editorship of the Thresher. If they had been elected, Starrs and League could have been deemed ineligible for the position. "I'm going to try to control," said Kusten, "I'll force all candidates must have a full year's experience to run for office. The decisions of what constitutes a full year's experience is referred to the current SA. These," he added, "are your experience, and by no stretch of the imagination do they have a year's experience.

SA Secretary Rachel Leitl reported that from Weiss Coffee there were a number of write-in votes for "Lumpy the Pocket Snake." There will be a special election March 12 to fill the offices of Honor Council member at large, University Court member at large, Sammy the Owl, and Composer editor. The last election was postponed from the 26th of February because no candidates applied.

Clay Crawford spoke with Hahn, since Takagi is out of town, and explained that the ribbons could only be put up around the SMIC and the residential colleges with the college's approval. Hahn said that he is seeking this approval now and is taking down the ribbons from the other places.

No formal university complaints have yet been filed against the students, said Dean of Students Sarah Burnett. Burnett also explained that students are allowed to use the university facilities for activities like this as long as they follow the rules, as stated in the student handbook on page 18, and that they receive approval from Crawford.

"Basically, it was just another day that they didn't go through university policy," she said. "Now they have gotten approval, and they can..."
To the newly elected 1991-1992 SA Senate:

Congratulations on your election! You are now the legitimate voice of the student body here at Rice; you are the much-needed representation of the student body by, among other things, starting the quarterly cover charge. That burden may soon again fall on the Senate. The burden of saving the Pub by, among other things, the promise to keep the Pub open if it lost money. Years ago when the Pub was in serious trouble, SA President Kevin Gass claimed to have received enormous support and numerous signatures, the cause carried the force of a paper tiger. This past week in fact, the authors of the movement were blatantly in violation of his own petition and the alcohol policy itself.

The presidents do not have the luxury in campus-wide issues of calling for the students to step up and do their part. If the Senate began tackling the meal plan (not just food quality) for the first time in the masters, it found a constructive student criticism, and compromise have resulted in better food and, more importantly, better attendance in the commons. But the greatest loss of power this year seems to be to the Masters. Last year, the Food Committee worked with Bill Boorn and chose the current meal plan. Personal relations with CK, constructive student criticism, and compromise have resulted in better food and, more importantly, better attendance in the commons at dinner. This year, the Masters seem to have decided that the rule for the students. No offense to the Masters, but since the Senate began tackling the meal plan (not just food quality) under the administration of the last masters, great progress has been made. The Senate needs the power of choice to continue the battle. And I can only hope that next year’s Senate contains a few cars.

Although I am confident that, by turnover, SA President Mitra Miller will have personally updated the changes that have already been made to the constitution (something not done in a year or two because the disk was lost), the Senate’s goals also need an update. First should be finding a permanent place for the Coffeehouse. The Senate has offered in the past to help, but now it should demand a home for the Coffeehouse — it deserves one.

Second is an investigation of the Pub’s finances. V&W Permits, Inc. president Sarah Nelson Crawford refused earlier this year to personally save the Pub by, among other things, starting the quarterly cover charge. That burden may soon again fall on the Senate.

Third, the Senate should at least try to chip away at that infamous Rice Apathy, which everyone running for office seems to carry around with them like a bad habit, campus safety, etc. Despite all these unresolved problems, this year’s Senate has made progress on a great number of issues and leaves behind quite a legacy to live up to. For one am confident next year’s Senate can. Who knows? In the future, an improved Senate might even cause contested elections.

JAY YATES

Honor Council details consensus penalties

The Honor Council approved recently the following consensus penalties for Honor System violations. These penalties serve as sentencing guidelines only. The Council reserves the right to choose a lighter or more severe penalty based on any possible mitigating circumstances and the cooperation of the accused. The Council adopted consensus penalties in the early eighties to help provide a uniform sentencing framework within which to deliberate cases. They are as follows:

Cheating on a homework assignment: Multiple loss of credit on the assignment.

Cheating on a major assignment (20% or more of final grade): Failure in course.

Cheating on in-class exams: Failure in course and one semester suspension.

Cheating on take-home exams: Failure in course and two semester suspensions.

All Honor Violations generally receive the addition of a suspension clause to a student’s file. This clause ensures that a subsequent violation by the same student will carry the recommended penalty of suspension.

The Honor Council urges all students to take responsibility for their academic work and to seek clarification of course guidelines whenever they are ambiguous. Thank you for your support of the system.
Tying of yellow ribbons implicates all students in jingoism

To the editors:

Because the issue of putting yellow ribbons on campus trees has reached a point where further discussion and placement thereof and subsequent removal is no longer possible, we have chosen to express our position on this issue and our role as Rice students as we see it.

We feel that students participating in the tying of yellow ribbons represents a change in position. While they are ordered to kill and destroy, and would do if they could, there still exist a large number of people who are also independent intellectuals and fundamentally[^1] people. We hope they hear the appeals for peace and lay down their arms. We support them as human beings — just as we support the families of Iraq and all other countries participating in this conflict and all citizens of affected countries.

We pray that soldiers will do what Bush and Saddam will not — stop aggression and make peace.

We are opposed to the concept of the yellow ribbon. While we sympathize with the American soldiers and their families here, we feel that displaying a yellow ribbon signifies some increased inherent value and that it insinuates the fundamental rights of the other group of people involved. There are ample appropriate avenues for one to express their feelings and opinions on the Rice campus. Some of them include this space in the Thresher; the greater campus community; any classroom on campus, which can be used for such purposes; any forum; any university-affiliated building on campus; and the bodies of Rice, which was most generously covered with yellow ribbon, a red flag, and a Statue of Liberty, a symbol of freedom.

I then approached Sarah Nelson Crawford, Dean of Students at Rice University, the most generous and highest

On January 30, Kochi Takagi wrote to the Student Senate Association that they should endorse displaying yellow ribbons on campus throughout the campus. The Senate endorsed this action, pending administration approval and approved to fund the project 1:1. Rachel opposed endorsing or funding this project on the grounds that this is a military issue and possibly other students would prefer not to display the ribbons or vote for the ribbon in the motion declaring that the yellow ribbon was a political statement or a partial political statement.

A recent survey of 21 students on whether students should act on this action on the grounds that it is an inherently

Untying of yellow ribbons suppresses views

To the editors:

As some people may or may not have noticed, on February 15, yellow ribbons were tied around trees on the Rice campus. This gesture was meant as support for our troops in the Middle East. The yellow ribbons are a traditional sign of hope that loved ones away at war will come safely and quickly. They are meant as an unspoken message on either the support or disapproval of the war.

This point is reinforced by the seemingly numerous flyers accompanying the yellow ribbons that explain the traditional function of the yellow ribbon.

Unfortunately, the project was over, and not even the day after it was over, we were informed that the administration had decided to remove the yellow ribbons. This was approved and funded by the S.A., the administration obviously did not agree. Since this was not a politically biased gesture and the sentiment expressed was not controversial, we are not convinced of the impetus behind this action. This kind of censorship betrays our viewpoints to the public.

Some of us do not necessarily support war, and to us do not, it is behavior like this that embarrasses us and discredits our viewpoints to the public.

To the editors:

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As Rachel opposed endorsing or funding the project because of their objections. On February 15, of my own accord, the administration approved the project and funded the costs.

In 1972, Tony Orlando produced the pop song "Tie a Yellow Ribbon round the Old Oak Tree," establishing the yellow ribbon's significant modern culture. Yellow ribbons on trees are a national symbol in support of the American POW/MIA veterans, at a time when anti-war fervor was at its peak. In 1979, Iran took 57 American hostages. Again, Americans were in a very serious state of war. We feel that displaying a yellow ribbon seems to reflect a desire for "our boys" to come home.

Secondly, many have argued that the message should be a general wish that the conflict be resolved peacefully and not a project focused on a certain noble goal, such as bringing home all of our troops. I agree. However, it seems to present a change in the ideal without a corresponding change in the symbol. In other words, why is yellow ribbon opposed to an orange placard bearing the same message?

The yellow ribbon has a particularly traditional meaning. This is not a political statement. I believe it is simply an appeal for the preservation of a unique cultural and emotional symbol. It is important to realize that generality is not good enough to itself, to make the message acceptable. In general, shouldn't one be able to die for a cause, for a political solution, for a non-political solution of no action at all but to entail a substantial lie of substance and uniqueness.

Third, the mention of American soldiers does not necessarily support the war, as is the case for all our troops; in general, in our country, it is not a question of whether there are any troops abroad, this has been the case for a long time.

As an associate of Lovett, I was present at the meeting where the decision was made. On the issue of support for the war towards those protesting the war, we feel that it is a much more complex issue than anything else. As a general's aide in the military, I have been asked by the American and also for the safety of all the soldiers.

Ribbons tied by students, not Rice University

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Ribbons need no disclaimer

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Guest Columns by John S. Hutchinson

I am opposed to this war. I am opposed to our participation in this war, and I am opposed to the war itself. Of which we have been given for our participation, I am opposed. I do not expect that anything positive will come out of this war. These are not popular statements in these early days of fighting. After a war, people in my position have been falsely associated with people who supported the war. These are not positions that are already identified as unpatriotic. An editorial cartoon in the Houston Post last week depicted anti-war protestors in "linkages" with Saddam Hussein in burning an American flag. I can make these statements and expect to live or even to be taken seriously. Am I a pacifist? Am I an Iraqi sympathizer? If that were a word, I'd spell it. It will still mean something to me. I was raised to love my father, and I expect to die whichever of the above you may find interesting that I am so perilously close to that desolate certainty that the energy, anger, and emotion.

Contemporary life...

I have two daughters, Ashlynn and Fina, and ten, two respectively. Like all mothers, I worry about them. I wonder if they face the veritable hope of humanity. My children bring me peace and hope, and I love them dearly.

For years now, my wife and I have had many discussions about why we were to harm either of our children, despite our peaceful and rational tendencies. We were afraid that that person suffered a partial retribution. I am not a pacifist. I do not believe, unfortunately, that she and I are utopian in this deep-seated potential for revenge. We love our children. But our brothers, our sisters, and we would not suffer their loss peacefully or without revenge.

That doesn't sound much like pacificism, does it? But I regard revenge as one of our instincts, and I expect that we will do what seems right to us in our time. Our research in this area is incomplete. We have come to the conclusion of this deep-seated potential for revenge. For reasons that are not clear to us, we have a strong desire to revenge. And we are very real and it is a powerful emotion.

Do you understand why I oppose the war? Not! Consider how I'm not fooling anyone... I am not a pacifist. I am a realist who opposes the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am a realist who opposes the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist. I am an opponent of the war. I am not a pacifist.

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This war, because it crosses cultures, histories, and even religions, will produce more violence for the people of the United States than we can imagine.

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To the editors:

Kurt Moeller will certainly go to great lengths to demonstrate hiscart
against the President's Lecture Series as both unwisely chosen and David Halberstam, whose presenta-
tion of the series suggests that our annual guest lecturers have real intellectual merit and you are correct that our policy is to try to avoid choosing speakers of the stature or reputation of the ethos of our speakers. And your claim that the President's Lecture Series in past years has — to put it colloquially — paid little attention to is an uncom-
monly incisive observation. I can still re-
member when in my very earliest years at Rice a black professor from

The main problem with Mr. Moeller's analysis is that he suffers from an acute case of ideologue's myopia, seeing all choices in the President's Lecture Series as politi-
cally motivated. One frequent aim of the committee has been to include a literary figure in our list of speakers, and there too the likelihood of ending up with a publishing success is no more gratifying as it is more disagreeable with mine. Indeed so hard pressed is Mr. Moeller to come up with the name of an ideologi-
cally acceptable writer that he has rejected even those who, after pro-
perly scrutinizing their views, are regarded by many as a liberal or a liberal nationalist. (If he had thought longer, Mr. Moeller might have had in mind the hol-
sufficiently reactionary to please the right wing of the committee as well as the right wing of the President's Lecture Series.)

To Mr. Moeller, Susan Sontag, a springboard to the general public. An American who opposes America's foreign policy, a former actress and writer of whom the New York Times itself once wrote: "Miss Sontag appears and the moving account of her battle against cancer, Illness as Metaphor, an addendum to which dealing with cancer,panels well with the rest of her work and make a most interesting addition to the series." Mr. Sontag would be a perfect choice to invite instead of Shirley Chisholm for the dedication of the Minority Affairs Office, since that is what the series might suggest. Perhaps the most overtly political choice (though it is not as bad as it might seem) during the three years between the three political journalists who have spoken at Rice in the past, Stuart Halberstam, Todd Gitlin, and David Broder, and the one name that probably does not satisfy the political standards of those who believe that neither of the other sets has a greater claim to the title, is that of Mr. Moeller himself. He is, nonetheless, essentially controlled by the fact that the right wing of the committee, the most lefist college lecturer and Broder the most conservative. But that is another story. The committee has always intended to pursue the "good intentions to whites and Anglos, and especially of the whites and Anglos in the United States and abroad in the last two adminis-

Rayzor chair search, minutes in secrecy was presumably the reasons for the secret Chair search, minutes in secrecy. It seems to be that both the selection process and the assembly of the committee's first choice of a chairman, Mr. Rayzor, are as un-

By November 1 and Jan. 5, following the proper channels, I sent no less than three serious letters about the Rayzor chair search to depart-

To the editors:

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Bill Jahnel Graduate Student
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The crisis in the Persian Gulf is a very deep, complicated, and tragic issue. If Kisch went to the Student Association forum on the Gulf War February 13, he saw that six eloquent and well-informed people discussed this issue for two hours, and the issues were only barely touched. To think that an icon经济体 such a simplistic view of any facet of this war is supported by consensus at this university is absurd. Not only do many people have mixed feelings about it, even theicon she represents, at least two of us are fundamentally opposed to our interpretation of the yellow ribbon.

We celebrate and defend the right of each student here to speak freely. We encourage lively debate about the Gulf War. We encourage Kisch to explain how he thinks we should not be bewildered by the yellow ribbons. But just as African-American citizens of Alabama could not be convinced that the Confederate flag flying over their state capital is a symbol of hate, we, too, simply dismissed our invitation and, in my mind, with a sense of honor.

One of the accomplishments of recent years that the President's Lecture Series can be most proud of is the appearance of some of the major figures in the celebrated "boom" in Latin-American literature. Among the foremost of these figures is Carlos Fuentes whose opinions on Latin America Mr. Moeller found so obnoxious that even in his capacity as a reporter covering the event, he apparently found it necessary to seek out a professor to supply a properly conservative rebuttal. (As for the propriety of that bit of ideological advocacy under the guise of reporting an event, I leave that to the journalistic conscience of the co-editor of the "Tweaker" to decide.)

Sure, if the press asks you about the drummers today, just say you respect all viewpoints. The freedom our troops are fighting for.

THE THREATENED TROOPS MARCHING TOWARD THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY WANT TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD. THEY WANT TO BE HEARD. THEY WANT TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD.
Nation files charges against sculpture thieves after long delay

by Anne Chettle

In response to publicity from charges brought by Rice's Art Department against two Modern Art History students for damage during the 1990-91 Senior Project, the local art community has expressed support and concern for the students involved.

According to a spokesperson for the Rice Art Department, the students were charged with the theft of a sculpture by a well-known artist, which was displayed in the Department's gallery last year. The spokesperson noted that the art department is taking the charges very seriously and is working to ensure that the students receive fair treatment.

Local artists and art historians have expressed their support for the students, stating that they are innocent and that the charges are unfair. They have called for a fair and impartial investigation into the matter.

The art community is urging the university to reconsider its decision and to provide the students with legal representation. They believe that a fair trial is necessary to ensure that justice is served.

In the meantime, the art department is moving forward with its investigation, and the students will have an opportunity to present their case.

S.A. SPECIAL ELECTION

Petitions for the March 12 special election are due March 3 at 5 p.m.

Those interested in running must file petitions with the Office of the Dean of Students by March 3 at 5 p.m.

The election will be held on March 12, and candidates will be chosen by a lottery system.

The election will determine the candidates for the following offices:

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Rupp defends ARC selection process

In an interview with the *Thresher* Tuesday President George Rupp defended the way the Athletic Review Committee (ARC) was selected. That same day the Faculty Council, a body of professors which was not consulted in the selection process, discussed the formation of the committee.

Rupp said he consulted many people, the appointments, "I tried to think what would be a fair and balanced group," Hightower said.

Rupp did not say why and implied this was the usual procedure. When he appoints a committee, he said, "It is not unusual for me to call them up and ask if they would like to serve; in fact it's only courteous."

Director of managerial studies Stephen Zeff, who serves on the Faculty Council, said last week that the secrecy surrounding the ARC selection process made it "a rather strange way to form a committee." Rupp replied, "I have no idea why Stephen Zeff would have said that. You'll have to ask him."

Before the meeting none of the Faculty Council had seen the instructions governing the ARC. Faculty Council Chairman Joe Hightower said, adding that Rupp gave him a copy: "We wanted to make absolutely certain that the members of the committee were covered," Hightower said.

History professor Thomas Hassel brought up four concerns which were contained in the charge for the committee, Hightower said. "On paper it looked pretty good, if in fact it's only courteous."

Rupp gave him a copy. "I have been told by both President Rupp and (ARC Chair) King Walters," Hightower stated. "We wanted to make absolutely certain that the members of the committee were covered," Hightower said.

Rupp, however, said the report was "a rather strange way to form a committee." Hightower urged all persons to comment, even when asked about faculty recruitment, and said he did not consult Athletic Director Bobby May or Head Football Coach Fred Goldsmith about timimg or appointments.

Hightower urged all persons to write to the committee (c/o King Walters) and said the committee would investigate all correspondence.

By Angie Tweet

**Speech team scores telling points in Oklahoma**

The George R. Brown Forensic Society traveled to Oklahoma this past weekend to compete in a swing tournament, with the first meet held at Oklahoma University and the second at Oklahoma State University. The squad won the overall sweepstakes in individual events and both extemporaneous speaking and persuasive speaking. Grinstein made Rice history, being the first person to win first place in after-dinner speaking.

In 1990, the Rice Speech team was challenged by the University of Houston, who swept the event. Rice fell short, but after the 1990 season, the Rice team started working on their speaking skills and started competing again.

In 1991, the Rice team competed against the University of Houston, the University of Texas, and the University of Oklahoma. The team won both places in the pentathlon, debuting in communications analysis. Qualifying him for the national tournament, WRC senior Tariq Ahmed won second, sophomore Ahmad, fourth, and sophomore Johnson, fifth.

In persuasive, Schiller and Ahmed placed third and fourth, respectively. Placing fourth was sophomore Joe Grinstein and junior Ahmed. Baker freshman Peter Johnson took sixth.

At LSU team took all six places in both extemporaneous speaking and persuasive speaking. In extemporaneous, senior Ahmed took first, winning her first collegiate tournament. In persuasive, Brown sophomore Alex Dominguez won third. Schiller placed second in persuasive and sophomore Johnson placed first in after-dinner speaking.

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Diversity Week Comedy Night

Emcee Manuel Dominguez performs at OMA's Comedy Night.

Yellow

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"I think that anti-war perception has been carried across the airwaves...That is exactly what was broadcast," he said. "My only regret is that we didn't put out the proper sound bite that was picked by Ron Stone and others so that our position was clearly known," MacDowell said. Ron Stone has been covering the story for KPRC-TV Channel 2, which has given the story extensive coverage.

Schubert said one of the reasons for the proposal was "as an opportunity to help Rice's tarnished media image."

Ribbons

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put them up in those areas.

Jeff McCrary, a graduate student at Rice, feels that it is important for people to express themselves on campus, but he doesn't believe the yellow ribbons endorse his beliefs. "I have a personal friend who is a graduate student from Rice who has family in Baghdad," he said. "I don't think those yellow ribbons are remembering his family in Baghdad."

Hahn, on the other hand, argues that the yellow ribbons only support the United States soldiers in the Middle East, and in no way say anything about support for the war. Further, he said that the yellow ribbons are a universally accepted symbol that stands for support for the troops.

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Second ranked Stanford shows how wins are made

by Stephen Dart

The Rice University baseball team traveled to Palo Alto, California this past weekend to play the second best college baseball team in the country, as ranked in the Collegiate Baseball ESPN poll. The Stanford Cardinals, with a season record of 23-6, are an outstanding team and probably the toughest opponent Rice will be facing all year.

Needing wins in two of the three games played, the Owls took either a lead or a second place position both Saturday and Sunday. In both games, though, the Owls ended up losing Stanford score in the bottom half of the inning for a three-game loser overall. Yet, the fact that Rice was able to play competitively against a team of such high caliber proves that, with a little work, the Owls can have a chance at post-season play, most likely into the NCAA tournament.

On Saturday, the Owls took a 3-5 lead in the bottom of the 9th, when Stanford’s Jeffrey Hammontree entered with two outs, hit a homer to hand the Owls a one-run deficit. The winning homerum came off of a 3-1 pitch from Rice’s Darrell Richardson. Richardson’s son had pitched the whole game, and had allowed the Owls to trail, 6-3 before striking out 8, before the final two innings.

The Owls’ record, after the three games, is second to Stanford, 17-12 at the top of the conference. In both games, though, the Owls went 9 for 18 after the third inning to put the Owls ahead for the last time, 5-4.

The Owls started off on the wrong side of the game when Versailles tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, but not by enough to win the game. Rice was still able to open up a 140-point lead in the top of the seventh, but Stanford tied the game in the bottom of the 9th.

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Monday’s game proved to be the best yet for the Owls, as they took the first set from the Owls in a 5-4 win. The Owls jumped out to a commanding lead in the top of the 9th when Jim Miller put a two-run home in his first ever collegiate at bat. Rice was still ahead 20 going into the bottom of the 9th. Rice’s starting pitcher Ron Howard only allowed 3 hits in the first 5 innings while striking out 6.

The 9th inning, however, was a different story. While going for double play to end the game, Rice’s shortstop Joe Rincalci threw over second baseman Chris Fett, allowing two runs to score. Stanford’s Troy Talman hit a single, allowing the third run to score. The loss was a heartbreaking one for the Owls, who were 7-0.

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The Owls made their move on conference play by taking a commanding lead in the top of the 7th inning against the Texas A&M Aggies. Arkansas’ hitter Mike Spence scored 2 runs in the 5th inning, 5-5. The Owls had trouble from the floor in the game, but not by enough to win the game. Rice was still able to open up a 14 run lead in the top of the 7th, but the Owls went ahead on a three-point attempt.

The Owls were sparked by Dana Hardy, who scored 2 points, in 1st, 6-3 win over ACU at Austin Court Tuesday night. Hardy scored the winning run, then nailed a three-pointer, made a 180 degree layup, and nailed a 180 degree three-pointer. The last two were both from the bezel, and the first was a beautiful behind-the-back dribble and layup.

"It’s my job to pump us up, whatever it takes," said Hardy. "We have some open shot at the conference's top three-point shooters.

"They collapsed on Brent Scott and Chace Magie and we had some open shots," Hardy said. "Those guys were doing a good job of getting me the ball and my shots were falling so I kept shooting it." The Owls had trouble from the floor in the game, but not by enough to win the game. Rice was still able to open up a 14 run lead in the top of the 7th, but the Owls went ahead on a three-point attempt. Rice led the Owls 110-30 at the half.

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Strong performances highlight SWC meet

by Greg MaGee

The men's track team took fifth place in the SWC Indoor Championships last weekend in what head coach Steve Straub called his "most gratifying meet ever." The 46 Rice points represented the highest point total the Owls have amassed in the ten years under Straub.

Leading the charge for the Owls was Gabriel Luke, Chris Caldwell, and Nigel Codrington. In the 400 meters, Luke set a second-consecutive new school record in the process, which points optimistically to further success in the upcoming months for Codrington.

Other bright spots for the Owls included a school record in the 5000 meters for Kevin Irwin, who earned fifth place, in a strong distance conference with a time of 14:34. According to Straub, Irving's performance boosted the team's spirit and set an upbeat tone for the remainder of the meet.

Eric Davis, George Alexander, and Mike Butler also gained valuable points for the Owls. Davis captured fifth in the long jump, scoring 227". Alexander and Butler each excelled in the middle distances, with Alexander finishing fifth in the 800m and Butler placing fifth in the 800m.

Looking ahead to outdoor track season, Straub believes that this year's team could be the best he has ever coached. But first Luke and hopefully several other team members will have the opportunity to compete against the best track athletes in the nation in early March at NCAA championships in Indianapolis.

Scot Thompson discusses players, strategy, and the conference

Interview by Kurt Moeller

The Thresher recently conducted an interview with Head Basketball Coach Scott Thompson. Excerpts from the interview follow.

Thresher: Why have you been using three-guard, or even four-guard offenses, lately, with Chase Mung and sometimes Torrey Andrews starting as forwards?

Thompson: A lot of it is because of theskill of the quicker teams we need to match up with. A lot of it is for defensive purposes. The second year people can defend the three-guard as forwards?

Thresher: Scott, you need to keep getting more out of the talent that you've got a lot of talent.

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Tennis players attain personal glory

by Gus Attwell

Last weekend, an inspired men's tennis team began its schedule by participating in the University of San Diego's Intercollegiate Tournament. Coming off a comfortable 3-0 spring start, the Owls showed confidence individually with several sharp outings and, as a team, with the highest point total. Joining Rice for this event were fourteen competitive schools from California and Hawaii, including the powerful top 25 squads of Irvine and host San Diego. Right from the start, the Owls rose to the occasion, putting a finalist into every singles flight and never losing a doubles match.

In the singles top flight, junior Steve Campbell seemed unstoppable. He eased his way to victory over opponents from Long Beach State (LBSU) and Cal-Santa Barbara (USB) before claiming San Diego State (SDSU)'s Michael Sass (9-6, 6-4, 6-4) in the quarterfinals. His semifinal victim would be Cal Baptist's Frank Orfet (6-4, 6-3), after whom he faced nationally top-10 ranked Jose Norga. Campbell gave him a run for his money, but came up short in the end (6-7, 7-6, 6-4). "I'm pleased, but I'm not that happy about it," he said. "I had my chances; he played tough,... but I feel I can beat a guy like him. It was an opportunity I didn't take advantage of."

Sophomore Jose Von Heintze joined Campbell in the top flight, and he, too, made an impressive performance. After two straight-set wins against number-two men from Cal-Riverside (UCR) and Cal-State-Hayward (USB), he slowly managed to overcome LBSU's Bill Pham (1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4) to reach the semis. There he met the hard-pounding Norga, whom he defeated (6-2, 6-3) on his way to the trophy.

In the second flight, Rice's number three and four singles players, sophomore Juan LaValle and fresh- man Ryan Gately respectively, continued the Owls' trend. Gately quickly put down UCSB's Gavin Fenske (6-1, 6-0), but he then lost a hard-fought duel with San Luis-Obispo's (SLO)'s Max Almas (6-4, 4-6, 7-5). LaValle, however, enjoyed a perfect record, and the flight's champion. Nothing seemed to fail as he breezed past players from Chapman, UC-Irvine, and New Mexico State to arrive at the semifinals. There, he kept strong against SLO's Kerry Salle (7-5, 6-4), advancing him to the finals with a match versus UCR's Kevin Bradley, whom Rice had re- cruited last year. After slowly finding LaValle rubbed some Owl pride in Bradley's face, overpower- ing him (2-6, 7-5, 6-4).

"When I play weaker guys, I don't play that well, but when I play [better] guys, then my game kind of raises up," LaValle said. "I'm always a slow starter, like in the finals' first set." The third flight also reflected the Owls' individual accomplishments. Freshman Willie Dana led the charge. He knocked off challenges from UCR, SLO, and USD, resulting in a semifinal match against team- mate Raimundo Rios. He controlled Rios pretty easily (6-4, 6-0), but he came up short in a tight finals match against SDSU's Jeff Belloli (6-4, 7-6). Freshman Jose Medrano also came on strong in his flight. He posted 3 straight-set victories over opponents from CSH and SLO, setting him up with future champ Belloli in the semis. Belloli defeated him (6-5, 6-3) to earn a match with Dana.

In doubles, the Owls executed a perfect record, which was cut short by their afternoon plane flight. Campbell and Dana teamed up in the top flight, where they blew past duo from Irvine and LBSU, only to be forced to default in USD's semis. The second Owls pair, featuring Gately and LaValle, bought their way to the finals of the second flight after beating teams from the College of the Redlands, UCRS, and SDSU. They were also unbeaten, leading them into the finals of tough matches coming up.

Campbell said, "Everyone played well... it's definitely a confidence builder." Nonetheless, as one who had some frightening moments in the third flight, he added, "I don't think we should dwell on it for the team. We've got a lot of tough matches coming up."

Heintze was also certain of the Owls' success. "We could see some little things we should be able to work on," Coach Turville said. "The guys gained some confidence,... and we should be able to go into the next flight." The Owls host Southwestern and California on Friday at 10:00 p.m. and Northeasterns on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
The basketball team is actually good

**Off The Kuff**
by Charles Kuffner

You know, it occurred to me recently that I haven't had much to say about the men's basketball team as of late. Those of you who believe, and not without some justification, that I'm a deadly jinx to any Rice team I write about are undoubtedly wining in pain right about now. This job is full of delicious pleasures, I'll tell you.

I should point out that for awhile there, it looked as though the less said about the Owls, the better. For a stretch in December and January, it seemed as though they couldn't win and looked bad doing so, with the guards clashing the rims and Brent Scott at-bailing free throws. To make matters worse, what started out as Scott Thompson's first "veteran" team turned into another bunch of kids as junior Greg Price transferred and senior David Willie was dismissed from the team. I mean, it's face it, the last thing we needed was to hear was another year of "we're a young team, we need time to improve." It looked like it was going to be a long, cold winter.

Things sure can change fast, wouldn't you say? This may well be the best Owls team in anyone's memory. Not only is Brent Scott the league's leading rebounder, he's had games of five and six assists and is even 18 for his last 23 at the free throw line. Dana Hardy now trails only D'Wayne Tatter as Rice's all-time assist leader. And Chase Maag, after an arctic start, is now hitting 3-pointers in his sleep. Let's not forget Torrey Andrews and Sam Campbell, either. I still can't believe some of the offensive rebounds I've seen Andrews grab. Hasn't anyone ever told him that he's four inches shorter than most of the guys he goes up against? As for Campbell, he's going to make one heck of a point guard when he steps into the starting five.

The most amazing statistic I've seen of late is that Rice is second in the conference in field goal percentage. I don't know how a team that shot 42% last year could suddenly be shooting 50% this year. Blazing the nets at a 50% clip, but hey, who am I to argue? What's more, the improvement in this one facet of the game has not been at the expense of others — Rice has been strong on the boards and posted a terrific defensive effort against the Cougars.

There has been only one ingredient missing, in fact, and that is road victories. Let's face it, you can't be a winning team if you don't win at least a few on the road. I'll concede that winning in Fayetteville or Austin is no picnic, but hey, let's be sure to win in College Station and Waco.

One thing is for certain, and that is that Rice has been exciting of late. Every game I've been to I know I'll come away clearer from screaming my head off. I even find myself looking forward to next year, when Scott Tyres and Robert Glaze will be due redshirting and freshmen All Bell will arrive, and Brent will be a junior, and Sam and Torrey will have a full year under their belts, and...

**Answer to Trivia Question #14**
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**Trivia Question #15:** Who did Dana Hardy surpass in career assists to take over the number two spot?
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BY SARAH LEEDY

With only two months left before graduation, I knew this year was probably my last chance to see the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. So on Monday night, I went to see George Strait. This was also the third time I had been meaning to do—see a country music concert.

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