by Sara Maurer

Rice administrators had no response this week to students protesting that Rice's Naval ROTC conflicts with university policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Attention was called to the controversial issue in a letter sent to President Malcolm Gillis and seven trustees of the Board of Governors by the Gay and Lesbian of Rice.

The letter, also published in The Rice Thresher, stated that the ROTC's policies and regulations violate university policy. "Rice is obligated to take action to either correct or eliminate the offending program," the letter's policy states. "There is no discrimination whatsoever on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origins, age, disability or veteran status."

Rice President Malcolm Gillis also attended the meeting. Gillis said that since the letter was sent to him but said he had not yet read it and could not comment. Other trustees were unavailable for comment.

Capt. Quentin Masters, head of the Naval Science Department, said it is up to the university to make any decisions. "The Naval Science classes are open to everyone at Rice, even those who aren't in ROTC," Masters said. "Personally, from that standpoint I don't see any conflict." Masters also pointed out that applicants to ROTC must apply to ROTC and the university separately.

"(Gillis) affirms George Rupp's policy," said Carl MacDowell, assistant to the president. Then-President George Rupp implemented the above policy of nondiscrimination.

Armed Forces secretaries will release guidelines Oct. 1 for military programs adjusting to President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy of nondiscrimination.

"Necessarily, we're going to want to see what's in that text of Oct. 1," said J.J. McCoy, director of the Galore Coordinating Council, which works to have gay and lesbian students discharged from ROTC programs at other colleges but does not know if it has happened at Rice.

Russian ministers visit Rice

Representatives from the Russian U.S. energy industries met at Rice Monday to discuss U.S. investment. Front row from left: Russian energy minister Shakhhsno, a translator and U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

by Melissa Williams

Russian ministers, U.S. Department of Energy representatives and Houston businesspeople met at Rice Monday to discuss U.S. investment in Russia's oil and gas industry.

Mark Doyle, public liaison for the Energy Department, Rice was chosen because "this is the oil and gas capital of America."

Also, Rice is close to the Wynnham Warwick Hotel, where the dignitaries stayed, and is well known for having hosted the International Economic Summit in 1990, Doyle said.

Rice President Malcolm Gillis also attended the meeting and made opening remarks. Baker College junior Tyler Sunshine drove the Russians from the airport to their hotel and then to Rice.

Rice is hoping the U.S. government and private companies will invest in its energy industry, which, despite current oil reserves, has sagged since the fall of the Soviet Union. "Many excellent ideas came out of this meeting," said Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. "We had a frank and open discussion on what it takes to improve the business relationships." Suggestions included an independent dispute-resolution group, education of youth about energy and ways to examine existing oil and gas projects, O'Leary said.

Earlier on Monday, Russian Prime Minister Vlador Chernomydina signed a natural gas deal with Houston's Energy Corp.

The next stop for the delegation is Washington for meetings with Vice President Al Gore, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Gore charged Gore and Chernomydina earlier this year with exploring Russian-U.S. joint cooperation in energy, space and environmental technology.

Lab plans relocation to pave way for CITI

by Sei Chong

Bonne Nuclear Research Laboratory will release in a year to make room for a computational engineering building. The computer workstations within Bonner will be distributed to other areas of the campus.

It is unclear whether the Bonner building will be reared as a computational engineering laboratory. Bonner Lab houses computer workstations, some Physics Department offices and research facilities. The land Bonner occupies is leased from the Natural Sciences Department, said Tony Gerry, vice president for research and administration.

"We are loaned with the understanding that the (department) had a need for it, then we would give up the space," he said.

Originally, Bonner was to close at the beginning of this school year, but the department decided to extend the lease one more year.

"Bonner is not going out of business," said Provost Neal Lane. "It is an important research activity. It is not settled as to how it is to be housed." There are no plans right now, but several options are being questioned," he said.

In the current plans, Bonner will acquire new high-performance silicon graphics workstations to supplement the workstations already there. Bonna's Macintosh computers were moved out before the lease extension. They were placed on the second floor of Ramsey Hall and in the axial skills lab in Alice Pratt Brown Hall, according to Andrea Martin, assistant director of computer services.

Gerry said plans are being developed for a new computational lab. There are more network capabilities on campus than people realize, however, he said. "We'll lose some, but we'll gain more than that way."
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Efforts to accommodate the disabled should be sensible and economical

The issue of access for the disabled is a difficult one because it raises such a wide range of questions. The most central of these questions is: Why do some buildings reflect our sense of priorities about the disabled? What does society's ability to cope with the future reflect? To what extent must society level the playing field for those who need more elaborate access, greater services, and more care? From where does society's moral obligation spring, and at what point is this obligation met?

It is now established in American law that universities and other public institutions must make plans to accommodate the disabled in all future construction and must create plans to update earlier buildings in the near future for basic access. The university must carefully consider its future plans and cautiously adjust its budget accordingly. More importantly, it must consider the unique nature of the institution itself.

While laws can be followed in letter, only those within the university know what access really means on this campus: what buildings people most frequently use, what rooms they really need to reach, and where they hold the most popular parties. These are things that the federal government cannot dictate in a society so strongly conditioned by the quality of a life for a disabled Rice student or faculty member. It is for this reason that the university must make it its business not just to follow the law, but to somehow find that particular way in which access can be enabled without great expense, but with great effect. The university should not spend exorbitant amounts to make every room of every building accessible. But efforts should be sensible so that key destinations are fully accessible, not just beyond the reach of the disabled by incomplete renovations or partial solutions dictated by vague federal regulations.

While we at Rice are determined that our architecture reflects the spirit of the university, too, should we see to it that our new buildings reflect our sense of priorities about the disabled. The university's ability to accommodate the disabled reflects in some sense the community's ability to cope with the future.
Multiculturalism ensures academics relevancy in tomorrow's world

Allison Smith

The white majority will cease to exist in the U.S. in the 21st century. As Rice positions itself to be a major world university, whose inhabitants are made not of Western European descent, we must acknowledge the contributions of, and expect to be of any relevance in an evolving world.

Rice has been reluctant in the past to open up to other cultural perspectives, but I believe that the victims of rape. If the statistics were ever made public, the reality of the subtleties of real life. Many existing classes could fulfill this requirement, including recently history classes on the women's movement in China or the sociology of India. Other classes could fulfill multicultural requirements.

English 101 could offer sections focusing on minorities' and women's contributions to English literature, for example. This requirement could be fulfilled by requiring a different course than the one, and no time to the other. Nor be trusted, then 1 in 7 men arc raped, whereas the male is aggregate, and, by extension, that a non-physical, spiritual, academic special interest for these students. So many have the means to respect and to understand the customs and traditions of other cultures. In a global community, everyone can be a member of a world community. It is in danger of becoming the antithesis of the ideal of an institution to dominate unchallenged. The limited perspective threatens to make the education at Rice University inconsistent and irrelevant in a multi-ethnic nation and world.
New explanations warranted for NASA's recent failures

Chris Thomas

On Saturday, August 21, NASA scientists lost contact with the $1 bil-

lion Mars Observer spacecraft as it began a maneuver to preser-

ve its propellant tanks.

The probe was scheduled to re-

tain contact with Earth after a rou-

line operation in which communica-

tions were severed. This did not hap-

pen. Since then, repeated efforts to re-

tain contact with the ship have failed.

NASA scientists have speculated

about possible causes of the mishap.

Their focus has been on a number of

possible computer and hardware mal-

functions. When considered with re-

cent high-profile failures for the space

program, this demonstrates a definite

pessimism on the part of the NASA

administrators.

In my defense, however, I assert  that

the cause is a little bit different.

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On the EDGE

"How could that be?" you might say, seemingly hallucinogenic.

It appears to be the most natural answer. Have you ever wondered why they call Mars the "red planet?"

Consistent evidence revealed af-

ter the collapse of the former Soviet

Union/neo-Menshevik Revolution/

mass exodus to Mars in 1991 hints at

an answer.

"We should stock the Sid rocket with tactical nuclear weapons and combat-sized personal particle beam weapons.

The comet at the time of its closest approach to the Sun is a 12 foot worm-like creature with slime skin, blind eyes, and a keen sense of smell." - Jym Schwartz

Coconuts are key to complete and proper celebration of summer's last stand

From the Department of Geology and Geophysics

The NEOTA, of course, was a 12 foot worm-like creature with slime skin, blind eyes, and a keen sense of smell.

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When I was younger, Labor Day meant much to me.

It was more than just another random day out of school. I recall going out in the back yard with my brothers, shovel in hand. We'd dig a nice deep hole and plant the tree we brought home from... No, Wait. That was Arbor Day. I think we framed around a pole with ribbons tied to it. No, that was May Day.

Was that the day we dissected a creature with slimy skin, blind eyes, and a keen sense of smell.

It was Halloween. Okay, the turkey was definitely Thanksgiving, and the red construction paper hearts were Valentine's Day. Well, at any rate, I'm sure it was a grand holiday that my whole family had some sort of colo-

nial ritual to celebrate.

Nevertheless, the holiday that sticks most firmly in my mind was NEOTA Day. I'm not making this up.

There was a day when all the teachers had to go to school, and all the kids didn't. I thought this was the single coolest and most fitting holiday in existence. After all, it was holiday for the people who needed and deserved it the most, the students.

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I never get tired of this story. (If enough people do it, we may have a holiday of our own.)

It was only recently I discovered (much to my dismay) that there is no NEOTA Day. It's actually an acronym for "Northwestern Ohio Teachers Association," and the day was set aside for the teachers to exact a "torture" day at school in which no "children" spoke out of turn, all the correct an-

swers were given, no one stopped out of line, and teachers could take half-

breaks in the lounge without worrying that their classes were tear-
ing up the room while they sat down with a cup of cold coffee in their
drinking hands.

What, you might ask, does this have to do with Labor Day? After all, Labor Day was founded in 1882 by the labor movement, and the labor wars of that era, the eight-hour day, the time-off (instead of armistice) and NEOTA Day weren't. But both are days that have been set aside to honor and re-

cerate people who work for a living: everywhere, or at least in northeast-

ern Ohio. We also honor Senators and congressional representatives to cel-

brate Labor Day out of the goodness of our collective American heart.

So keep Labor Day in your heart not just the first Monday in Septem-

ber but throughout the year. Make it a symbol for when you want to slack off because you work hard enough the rest of the year, make it a day when you want to get some easily enough.

Labor Day should not be just one day but every day (although this might defeat the purpose).

The single most important thing to remember this Labor Day is to buy a coconut and smoke some pot. The following address:

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"Chris Thomas is a Sid Richardson Col-

lege senior."
Loan program promotes inefficiency

Vivek Rao

Beginning in the 1994-95 school year, college students and their parents will have to deal with the frustration involved in obtaining student loans. According to the Clinton "more government is good government" Administration, the new federal student loan program, which became law in August, is hailed by many in Washington as a solution to the problem of student loans. However, this plan will probably do little more than replace the shortcomings of the old system with new deficiencies.

The federal loan program currently in place has banks act as agents for the government. In exchange for providing student loans, banks receive interest on the loans as well as compensation in the event that a student defaults on the loan. The Clinton plan would have the government compete considerably by not paying banks in interest. But government organizations lack the efficiency of private businesses—a result that do almost everything they can to control costs. Furthermore, the government would fail to do their jobs quickly and accurately, but customers have already been adversely affected from promises made.

With government, those in charge are more concerned with rewarding loyal supporters than searching for people who are most qualified. Since their salaries are in no way affected by how much agencies spend, there is little incentive to strive to achieve and maintain a high level of productivity. As a result, the new program will cost Americans more than it will save. Additionally, students will find the new loan program less "user-friendly" than the old plan.

Due to unforeseen difficulties in the new program, much of the good that the Department of Education expected to receive from the program has been virtually unattainable as long as it is virtually unattainable as long as Congress is unwilling to make sacrifices in their own districts. Until we create that utopia, we can do little more than hope that the new student loan program will not be as disastrous as some of Bill Clinton's other attempts to help the "common folk."

The new federal student loan program is the result of a dance for change, but it is a change for the worse. If only "governmental inefficiency" were as easy to change, things would be different. But separating the two words seems as difficult as paying off the federal debt by 1999—possible, but one that is virtually unattainable as long as Congress is unwilling to make sacrifices in their own districts.

Physics conflict not forseen

To the editor:

It has come to my attention that the Physics Department is being criticized for an attempt to move PHYS 101 to Monday-Wednesday-Friday. It is fact made the change last spring with the knowledge of their dean and the office. It raised no flag at the time because they had offered that course on that schedule several years ago. It was not noticed until recently that it would give students enrolled in the "Satisfied" and "HUMA" four MF classes. The department continues to believe that the course is better taught MF, but when the schedule problem was discovered, they volunteered to return to Tuesday-Thursday for the new semester.

The administration is studying ways to prevent this sort of disruption in the future.

Vivek Rao is a Bilkis College Freshman and the Assistant Opinion Editor.

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Third of social fees won't pay for alcohol

by Keith Hoffman

College presidents are confident that this year will include plenty of flowing taps at the residential colleges, even though students can now decide whether their social fee can be used for alcohol.

"I don't foresee any shortcomings in our funds for alcohol," said Lovett College President Clatt Patterson. "We actually have a surplus now."

"We have at least the same amount [of money for alcohol], if not more than in previous years," said Audrey Chiu, president of Jones College.

The change was part of Rice's decision to not allow university funds to be used for alcohol, for liability reasons.

The B5 college social fee has in past years been collected through the causer's office, making it a university fee. By collecting the fee themselves, colleges can continue to use it for alcohol.

The fee was collected when residents picked up their keys. Most students designated their fee whether alcohol could be purchased with their fee.

But Jones, Wiess College, and Will Baker College decided otherwise — and Lovett College forgot to ask its freshmen entirely.

Jones is now using available social fees for alcohol and will have members designate their preferences when the fee is collected, but Jones won’t allow freshmen to designate their funds for alcohol.

A clause in the alcohol policy prevails over college-wide fees and right to prohibit using their money for alcohol, but nothing prevents Jones from going the other direction.

"Since none of [the incoming freshmen] came in as 21 year-olds, we didn't feel the need to give them a choice," Chiu said.

She said Jones doesn’t borrow as much alcohol, and so the loss of freshman social fee was an affordable one.

At Wiess, the social fee money is going into the general budget.

"Any money collected by the college can be used for alcohol," said Wiess President Citcate Campbell. "We're going to use it in our [Night of Decadence] proceeds for our operating budget for alcohol.

"[Using the NOD proceeds] is easier than worrying about the social fee or students'inky," Campbell added. "It's not always fair to ask them to contribute to things like that."

Wiess is mailing memos on which students will indicate their preferences.

As a result, the college doesn't yet know how much alcohol money it will have, said President Morris McKinney.

"When our freshmen came in, I think we didn't tell our freshmen," said Anita Kao, Lovett treasurer. "It had forgotten about the option."

Kuo said she plans to send out forms for freshmen to sign.

Preliminary data from college presidents indicate that less than a third of students chose to designate their fee for non-alcohol use, leaving substantial funds for alcohol expenses.

Drown College President Rachel Hardless said about 50 percent of incoming freshmen — but only 30 percent of upperclassmen — designated their funds for non-alcoholic use.

"Our college doesn't sell alcohol," Patterson said Lovett does not have a tally yet, but it is "estimating that no one has designated [the fee] for non-alcoholic use."

"We've tried to make it clear that not all the money will be spent on alcohol," Brandt said.

Hanszen College President Kara Kane said, "Out of 600, at least $1,200 was not to go for alcohol. We figured we would have enough even if it was just the random 21 year-olds that designated yes."

Rice College is currently short on general social funds, said President Steven Graham, but has plenty of funds available for alcohol.

"We were hoping for a 50-50 split between alcohol and non-alcohol or $2,325 for alcohol. We passed that out alcohol, but all in all we have not collected as much as expected," Graham said.

Graham expected to receive $4,650 from the social fee, but because of problems collecting from off-campus students, Graham said, the college has only received $3,796.

While more than $2,665 in fees has been earmarked for alcohol, leaving no problem with funds for alcohol, Baker is still $900 short.

Graham said the fee could be collected through the Cashier's Office, "we'll wait a little bit because if it's done that way, the fee collected by the cashier can't be used for alcohol."

Chiu said, "(About) 60% [of upperclassmen] designated that we could spend [their fees] on alcohol, leaving Jones with sufficient alcohol funds.

"I think [the collection] is going to go really smoothly. We haven't had anyone refusing to pay their social fee," Chiu said.

Problems that did surface centered around collecting the fee from off-campus students, Brandt said.

If off-campus students don't ask for a mailing list or an exterior coat, then the colleges will be forced to collect the fee through the cashier.

"Some people are a little surprised when they have to pay the fee. Some people are little confused," Patterson said.

"People are up in arms," said Brandt.

Jones College avoided any possible conflict by requiring the fee for membership in the college, Campbell said.
Nabelek gets 40 years

by Sei Chong

A Rice University graduate student was sentenced Monday to 40 years in prison for photographing himself in sexual acts with a 2-year-old. Ivo Nabelek, a Slovakian violinist, received a master's degree in May from the Shepherd School of Music and was a doctoral student when he was arrested. He faces a separate trial for child pornography in Texas. Nabelek has denied the allegations.

Illinois team loses bid for reinstatement

by Sei Chong

A judge from the Peoria, Ill., District Court threw out a lawsuit charging the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with reverse discrimination for women's swimming programs. The University Athletic Director Ronald Guevara said he regretted that men's programs were not affected.

High default rates may hurt financial aid for colleges

The U.S. Department of Education has threatened to drop almost 2,000 postsecondary institutions from federal funding because the schools have high student loan default rates. Of the schools, 455 had exceeded 40 percent default rates on student loans for fiscal year 1991, putting their Title IV programs in danger. These programs include almost every kind of financial aid. About 1,200 schools had more than 50 percent default rates in 1991. The Department of Education penalized schools with more than 50 percent default rates for three consecutive years. The schools on the penalized list have a week to appeal the decision.

Intoxication levels lowered for under-21 drinkers

Underage drinkers can now be arrested for having an intoxication level lower than .01, the legal limit, for those over 20 years of age. Because of a new Texas law that went into effect Sept. 1, minors can be legally intoxicated if they have a blood alcohol level of .07 percent. However, the legal blood alcohol level for those older than 20 remains at .10.

Bike registration for students

Campus police will register bicycles Sept. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sept. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center.

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Eight members of the 1992-93 men's swimming team had sued the university when it cut the men's program but not the women's program. The university decided to eliminate the team May 7 because of budget cuts. The team members were seeking a temporary injunction to reinstate the swim team until there was a permanent ruling on the reverse discrimination issue.

"The members of the team were innocent victims of a law that requires the men's swimming team to pay the price for the women's swimming team," McCauley said in his ruling.

University Athletic Director Ronald Guevara said he regretted that men's swimming was the necessary victim of gender equality rules listed in Title IX of a 1972-old federal law. These rules prohibit any cuts to women's sports programs if there is a low overall participation rate.

"This decision will make any non-revenue sport possible victim of Title IX," said plaintiff Matt Graham, sophomore.

Source: Daily Illini, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Aug. 25
A little before twelve noon on Monday, August 23, I sat down with one brick emergency exception, it would be almost 68 hours before I stood up again.

I had decided to check the wheelchair accessibility of the Rice campus. The most obvious way to do this was to sit in a wheelchair for a few days. Obviously I wouldn't be able to find everything that might be problematic, but finding only nice things would be better than not looking.

I wheeled myself to the door of the Thresher office and struggled to open it. Eventually I would figure out the emergency exception, it would be chair accessibility of the Rice campus. Almost 48 hours before I stood up seemed to be a good time to stay in a wheelchair into the world. It was not going to happen. I line up to the door. Press the button. Even the ones who did not know me.

I made my way through the Brown building, the college was an easy entrance I discovered just before the door, how ever, was a small step. By accident I found myself listing to one side or the other. It was not going to happen. I found myself listing to one side or the other.

For lunch I ventured to my first class. After being a year and a half in the academic quad, I decided Briscoe would be a good place to start to learn. I was halfway around the RMC when I felt off the sidewalk and strained myself in a patch of mud. I was unable to get around a corner and I should just stand up when a man came up and offered to help. He was able to pull me back on the sidewalk and I was again on my way.

My first attempt to enter a building was easy. One man opened the door for me and I made my way in. I discovered that I had the same thing by myself later on. Trying to do the same thing by myself later on. It took me three times to move fast enough to get inside of the building.

I made my way through the Brown television lounge, threading my way between the couches and the wall, past the football table and into the commons. At everyone first went about making a point of not paying atten tion. Your friends approached and curiously grew.

To my pleasant surprise, there were no obstructions going through the serving line. The same could not be said of the Commons tables. Only the outermost ones were accessible.

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Mike feared flashing through my mind as instinctively I lunged out my arms and somehow managed to grab the railing, the building would be completely accessible.

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The Jerky Boys amuse with obnoxious phone pranks

BY PETER HOWLEY

"WARNING! This May Offend Most People." So reads the cover of the already legendary Jerky Boys album. The sticker is attached with good reason. The album is a recording of crank phone calls that surpasses our most radical junior high school pranks in creativity and daring. The language is scathing, the personalities abrasive, and the results hilarious. Bootleg copies of the Boys' work have circulated around college campuses and other outlets of obnoxious humor for some time while not breaking character for a band without a major hit in this country.

For their second album, the Jerky Boys have used their critical acclaim and major-league supportersto tour the nation, staging Living Colour producer Ed Stasium's and Extreme guitarist Nuno Bettencourt to help out. Bettencourt helps out on several tunes, producing and contributing backing vocals to "Life is a Distance" and a cover of Free's "I'm Your Friend," while playing acoustic guitar on "Because I Can," which he cowrote with singer/songwriter Sue DeMarchi. Unfortunately, the latter song, along with the Free cover, only services underscore the group's major problem: the lack of a strong songwriter. DeMarchi, a talented landscape artist, is not a bad vocalist, and Eddie Paree writes ineffective but unspectacular songs that hint at the group's live power but show no promise of individuality.

Part of the problem with the album is that there is no indication that the group is anything more than a backdrop for DeMarchi. She seems to be the main focus of the band, while Leslie, Paree, and drummer Frank Celenza are relegated to supporting roles.

Even on the album cover in pictures, DeMarchi, resplendent in low-cut shirts and short black hair with shocking blonde bangs, is surrounded by her three seemingly interchangeable bandmates, who even look alike. Sex might not be selling the band, but DeMarchi sure is.

A favorite gambit is for one of the Boys to play a caller looking for work while freely admitting to being a foreigner with poor English skills, carrying around a variety of calls. In one, she complains to a auto repair company that advertised for a mechanic. "Sir, can you please use the proper term instead of calling me a 'mechanic.'"

So, with a powerful but uninteresting banter, the album begins with a hackneyed accusation: "Whenever you breathe, you're the enemy."

"This is an album that's great for playing with friends and family," adds DeMarchi. "They're just hard enough to fit in with the Halen equivalent to the American Grammy."

The Jerky Boys are certainly capitalizing on the success of their first album. Baby Animals have sold 750,000 copies in the last year, which isn't to say that there aren't impressive moments, but they are less frequent than we'd like.

Baby Animals aren't confident enough to step out entirely on their own. It's a pity, too, because with a few pushes in the right direction, Baby Animals might be something more than just this year's passing fancy.

The photo says it all: Baby Animals are dominated by lead singer Sue DeMarchi.
Some to love, some to loathe on the A&E turntable

BY BOOTH BACOCK AND JEREMY HART

Maclean's

Okay, everybody repeat after me: "Muscled to the max. Canada's rock band that ever was. Probably..."

Basically, Vancouver band Maclean's (who produce top-notch "Prog Core" progressive hard rock) have been in the business of crafting catchy, anthemic yet frightening rock songs for nearly 30 years and have joined the swelling ranks of bands who record "eye" instead of the pronoun "I" on their albums now. In the process, they have joined the ever-increasing process of turning aDiagnostic industry more concerned with turning a profit than to actually try to make a decent, worthwhile rock album.

Preview

"Pumpkins have a future ahead of them."

Larry New

THE PAST ISN'T DEAD. Honest. Or at least, ever were because these five gents from the Midwest seem to think so. It's their stuff that's really frightening), and, of course, Nirvana's grunge music?

According to their press materials, "in every Savoy Lovbox one discovers the tension between inner and outer worlds, as well as a message of love surrounded by a climate of love." I'm sure the album isn't as derivative as all hell, but it's that atmosphere that makes it so great. Just go out and buy all of their albums now.

"Eye"

Engines of Agression

"These five guys didn't go back in time to buy it; it gets old quickly. Be..."

Almost all their albums seem to have injected into their songs. This starts out with a heavy, Hel- mstein groove, but almost immediately goes into a downslalom. Orangia is basically "alternative metal" — and by using many people seem these days. Even worse, it's almost "alternative metal." The lyrics aren't derivations of some truly classic rock 'n' roll. These five guys didn't go back in time, they just never came to our time. This is rock that almost makes me want to wear Heavy Metal, though in my opinion, it's that bad.

Guitar fuzz. A few songs don't go back in

"Brown-Eyed Pickle Boy" and "Miles

"I get the same feeling I did back when I was a child. We're all kids again, aren't we? You're a kid, aren't you?"

The guitars are shimmery, with barely a hint of distortion. This album isn't all bad, as a hard rock song, and "Greatest" gets into a nice little crunch-groove. They manage to pull off the "sawdust" effect while not being too fancy for words...but not too fancy for words...but not too fancy for words...but not too fancy for words...but not too fancy for words...but not too fancy for words...

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Hypertext takes you where no narrative has gone before

BY JEREMY BOGAIKY

There is no choice anymore. You don't eat. You die. You have to choose.

Hypertext, a form of literature written in hypertext, is the medium that allows this kind of freedom. It is a form of literature that allows the reader to shape the narrative, to choose which parts to read and in what order.

In hypertext, there is no one narrative, no fixed sequence of events. No two people will read the same story in the same way. Each reader will create their own story, their own experience.

The first screen of a hypertext narrative from Eastgate Systems is a beautiful example of this. The story is called "The Walking Bicycles," and it is written by Michael Joyce.

In this story, the reader navigates through a tangled relationship network, choosing which details to explore and which to ignore. The text is not linear, but rather a web of connections.

The reader can jump from screen to screen, following the threads of the story as they choose. The story is not fixed, but rather emerges from the reader's actions.

This is the kind of freedom that hypertext allows. It is a form of literature that is truly interactive, allowing the reader to become an active participant in the creation of the story.

So the next time you pick up a book, consider the medium. Is it a linear narrative, or can you choose your own path? Is it fixed, or can you make it your own?

Hypertext is a thing entirely new. It's something entirely different. It's a way of thinking that is not constrained by the limitations of the printed word.

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The Rice women's volleyball team traveled a considerable weekend in a three-game stretch of the nation's toughest competition. The Owls are ranked 17th in the nation, the most difficult spot ever for this young squad, without the starting setter Casey Ron.

Row, a sophomore, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during Wednesday night's pregame warmups. She is scheduled for surgery on Sunday, and is expected to miss the rest of the season. The Owls have 14 seniors and eight returning letterwinners, which is the most veteran team in the nation.

The women wrap up the tourna-

by Jason Katz

Rice football faces nationally ranked St. Buckeyes

One year after breaking a 29-year streak of losing seasons, the Rice foot-

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ATHLETICS

Cobb lands spot with Kansas City Chiefs

Trevor Cobb, the most prolific rusher in Rice history, has taken his game to the professional ranks with the Kansas City Chiefs. Although he made the team, he will be out for the season because of a knee injury and has been placed on injured reserve.

"Trevor was doing fine. He would have made the 53-man roster, and he was going to be one of our first backs," said Jimmy Rave, running backs coach for the Chiefs.

Cobb, who was not drafted by any of the 28 NFL teams, signed with the Chiefs as a free agent the day after the draft.

"I didn't play special teams in college," he said. "I had to reach out and learn how to cover kickoffs, but I was excited to have a chance to return kicks.

Cobb is enjoying his experiences with the Chiefs so far.

"It's great," he said. "It's a learning experience being with Joe Montana and Roger Craig, who watched while I was growing up and now I'm getting a chance to play with them.

Cobb noted the major differences in making the jump from the college
game to the professionals.

"There's a lot more hitting, we're playing against bigger and faster players," he said.

Rice made their debut Wednesday against Stephen F. Austin, a university that has faced three of the nation's toughest defenses.

"We really are pretty stiff," said freshman swing hitter Rebecca Case. "We showed a lot of composure and played a fierce, aggressive game."
Men's soccer strives for nationals
by Grant Flowers
Seasoned midfielders and a strong defense will lead the Rice men's soccer club in its Sept. 11 opener at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Club president Ken Spruell and captain Dave McMath believe it will be the first game of a successful season.

The Lads reached the national tournament in 1990 and 1991 after winning the Texas Collegiate Soccer League title. Last season the team placed fourth in the league, a far cry from nationals.

The Lads believe they will improve on their 1992 record. They hope to collect more titles than the single championship they won last year, the Post Oak YMCA college league championship that they won with support from members of the Rice women's soccer club.

The Lads lost five players to graduation, most significantly forward John Long and forward/halffback Adam Kinsey. Their experience on the attack will be missed early in the season.

"Our big weakness right now is goal-scoring," McMath said. "But we've been watching people around and seeing if that could result in more goals. Our defense is strong enough to win games until the offense starts up."

"Senior goalkeeper Sue Baur returns for his second year as a starter. At 6-7, Baur has an advantage in the air, and Kerks and crosses."

"I think that his height intimidates some attackers," he said. Surrounding Baur is the best defense until the Owls have had for several years. Baur describes the group as "phenomenal."

The Owls' strength lies in the midfield corps, however. Spruell, Randy Westbrook and Adam Lewis fill three of the four midfielder positions.

"The midfield is strong again," Spruell said. "It's crucial to have a good midfield because they control the game. They provide solid defense, do some of the offensive work, and basically control the middle of the field."

"Freshmen have worked out with the Lads, and most should make the squad."

"Last year one or two freshmen tried out and performed. This fall we got six, so this is a great year for freshmen."

Of these newcomers, Ruben Rodriguez is one to watch. Rodriguez, from Houston, played with club teams in Mexico for several years. "Ruben is very quick," McMath said. "He plays outside; on right half. Ruben is very quick, so we can use him as a big advantage. (Rodriguez is) the hardest worker we've got out there."

Rodriguez said that he does not feel pressure as a freshman to help the team. "I think that there are enough upperclassmen to help lead, and I think some of us younger players can help out, too," he said.

The biggest problem with the freshmen is conditioning. According to Baur, the freshmen are skilled, but they're also out of shape.

"We were concerned about conditioning so far this year," added Spruell. "We get ourselves tired, and then we work on the skill stuff. That's the way it is at the game."

Baur thinks that early work will result in victories for the Owls.

"We've been stressing fitness as a key," he said. "If we're in shape, we can run harder and we'll last longer." Baur also mentioned unity and drive as advantages of the Lads.

"We like to be 11-on-11 when we play the first. We want to beat the good teams in the league." Also, we should have a full roster of 18, with most of them on semester break.

The top competition is the Texas Collegiate Soccer League, which includes Baylor University, Texas A&M University and, to a lesser degree, the University of Texas at Austin.

The Lads were supposed to play Louisiana State University in an exhibition at Kingwood High School on Aug. 29, but it was cancelled due to heavy rains.

The team's soccer club will have their first home game Sept. 12 against Lamar University.

Women's club soccer uncertain
by John Fredland
Faced with declining participation, the Rice women's soccer club approaches its fall season with uncertainty.

Two players currently compose the team roster: enough to field a team with only one substitute.

The team met last night to determine whether to attempt to play with 12 or to forgo the season entirely.

This is the second year that the squad has had to deal with the problem of a limited roster. Last season's team was down to 12 players for an off season, and actually had only 11 for a match with Texas A&M University.

The problem, according to junior Gail McKinley, stems from a coaching philosophy that cannot produce a team.

"In my freshman year, we kept 22 players, not cutting anyone," said McKinley. "We would travel tomorrow and many people would not play, so they became dissatisfied and decided not to come out for the team again."

The result is that only a few seniors and juniors are on the 1993 roster, a phenomenon that probably prevents the presence of only one freshman on the squad.

"We'd like to have a coach at the beginning of the practice, but they had problems arranging a coach and the team work load," said senior Tawnya McManus.

Reactions to the selection of Ken Stanley as the new "Head to Head" guy
I know what a real man Ken is. But this just proves it once again. - Julia Faraham, Student Association President
Who is he? - Malcolm Gfits, Rice University President
Ken Stanley is no Tom Harris. - Tom Harris, former Head to Head star
Ken will do a great job. He's my baby. - Ken's mom
I only have one word for Ken Stanley: Good luck. - Randy Block

Randy Block vs. Ken Stanley

Rice at Ohio State

Hey, I'm not gonna click Rice just because I go here. The Owls will go to a Bowl this year, but this is not a game that they will win; the Buckeyes are too tough, too experienced and have too many fans. If Rice wins, I'll pay the Pub's rent for the next ten years.

Houston at Southern Cal

The Cougars are a team that could win the Southwest Conference. Since the Doug Flutie era, Miami has lost to USC. Miami also lost Sugar Bowl MVP Gino Torretta. The Canes will romp, 45-10, while tee Eagles won't score.

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Florida at Texas Christian

The Horned Frogs are a bad team in a great town and will find themselves losing this one by 20.

Texas at Colorado

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Houston Team Syndrome—is your franchise afflicted?

by Chris Rodgers

They make you want to pull your hair out. You might find yourself yelling, screaming and cursing at your television set on Sunday afternoons in utter helplessness. In fact, they have

they're murdering the Bills!
2. "They should call this game off at halftime!"
3. "Where's the damn beer?"
4. "What time will the Oilers play next Sunday?"
5. Infamous line: "Having a major act of God, the Oilers will defeat the Bills and advance to the next round of the AFC playoffs." (NFC's Wild Card at halftime)
6. Famous last words: "Who is he? This Frank Reich guy—doesn't he speak?"

Unfortunately for Houston's hyper-guarded hand of followers, the Oilers once again found a way to lose, despite having a 32-point third-quarter cushion. Furthermore, back-up quarterback Reich of the Bills not only managed to beat the Oilers, he put the game in the record books by registering the greatest comeback in NFL playoff history. Second only to the 1972 Miami victory, the Houston Police Department seriously considered altering the color scheme of its patrol cars.

Houston Team Syndrome (HTS) had struck again. For those not familiar with area sports, HTS is a condition which affects all fans of Houston's professional sports teams. It is a chronic illness that reaches its most deadly form when playoff time rolls around. Status of an infected franchise might become noticeable earlier in the season as, for example, in a loss to a last-place division rival.

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Such criticism would be unheard of in any other city that had a football franchise which has gone to the playoffs for six straight seasons.

Just remember a few things about the Oilers:

1. There are the football team that Houston fans hate to love.
2. They have never been to a Super Bowl.
3. NEVER EVER change the channel of your television or leave at halftime.
4. The Oilers have been good, damn good at times, but never seem to be able to defeat four-game to the next level required to go the distance. I could call it a curse, or simply chalk it up as bad luck. I would rather call it the most four-time bad luck, when put together, and eternal doom for a football team.

Since Houston Oilers fan and we are an optimistic lot by nature, I can ignore their black history and look on the preseason as a springboard to Superbowl glory. And while the 1993-1994 Oilers' schedule might have winning effects on my sanity, you can still expect to find me wearing my Warren Moon jersey and fanning Houston cap, singing "15-1 YA BABY" on Sunday afternoons this fall.

Hopefully, I will not be alone.

Chris Rodgers is a freshman at Rice

College

SPORTS

The Rice Thresher Friday, September 3, 1993 15

Intramural Announcements

College swim meet entries are due on Tuesday. The meet will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Rice Pool.

Officials meetings for basketball referees will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Rice Gym Classroom A. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Entry deadlines for Thursday include swim meet, women's college soccer and men's singles, doubles and mixed doubles tennis.

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During last week's Thresher Bible study, we ran across a particularly cryptic verse which none of us could close to translation. The verse in question appears in the New Testament, in the second Book of Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 2. The King James Translation reads as follows:

"I told you before, and remind you, as if I were present, the second time, and being absent now I write to them which heretofore
with thee." (2 Cor. 3:2)

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