Lovett senior spends night in jail after stealing cup at Taco Cabana

by Michael Nimri

Police arrested Lovett College senior Alan Ying Sept. 2, on charges of stealing a plastic cup at Taco Cabana. But witnesses suggest the arrest may have been motivated by his friends' problems rather than by the actual theft.

"We were drunk, or at least not sober," said Lovett senior Eric Klieberg, who was with Ying that night. "We were being really obnoxious. The manager was upset at us." According to Klieberg and Rick Ngo, a Lovett senior, 15 Rice students walked into the Tory establishment at about 3 a.m. after the "Senior Shindig" at Savage's.

Ngo and Klieberg said Ying ordered tortilla chips and water and paid for the order but did not receive any water cup. He then picked up a cup and filled it with water.

Officer Abraham Vanderberry, one of six off-duty Houston police officers that night by Taco Cabana, later approached the group and asked to see their receipts for the cup, Ngo said.

The cup was not on Ying's receipt, and he was arrested. Taco Cabana management had already asked the students over to talk to him.

Vanderberry denied race was a factor. "I arrested him because he stole something and then lied about it," he said. "It also is possible the arrest was the result of me keeping a close watch over its cups."

According to Houston Police Department spokesman John Leggetter, the restaurant chain has had problems with customers stealing water cups and then pouring them into soda cups. Customers then smuggle the drinks off the premises, which is illegal in Texas.

Also, "the store has lost big-time money in cola sales due to people taking the cups and filling them with soda," Vanderberry said.

Ying is scheduled to appear in municipal court Sept. 24 for arraignment.

Eliminate the middleman

Changes in federal law could make it easier for students to borrow for school

by Ryan Koopmans

Borrowing money for college may be simpler and cheaper under a new law that guarantees student loans.

In August, President Clinton signed into law a bill that allows students to borrow directly from the government instead of banks. Rice students will be able to get their loans at the same rates as those charged by state agencies, which are insured by the federal government.

The federal government pays interest to the banks while the student is in school and 6 months afterward. The student is then responsible for paying back the loan at a lower interest rate than banks charge.

The new system will remove banks from the student loan process. Loans will come from the U.S. Treasury, which can borrow money at very low interest rates. Collection will likely be handled by the Internal Revenue Service, in a move designed to cut down on the rate of defaults.

The current system costs the government $8 billion each year. The U.S. General Accounting Office estimates the new system will save $0.3 billion each year when fully implemented.

The interest rates will be variable, based on the prime interest rate and a percentage of the difference between the prime rate and 6 percent. The government will pay the difference.

The program will be phased in over five years, beginning in the 1994-95 school year.

Don't look down

Local mugger making students his victims

by Patricia Lin

Two Rice students were robbed last week in separate incidents, but likely by the same man.

Charles Crain, a Baker College junior, said a man who may have been armed asked for his wallet. The robbery occurred Sept. 2 at about 10:45 p.m. in the Baker quadrangle. Harris County Education President Kass Schuler was held up on Main Street the next afternoon. She said her wallet was taken.

In both cases, the man described as a bearded black male, about 30 years old, six feet tall and 150 pounds. The students said he was wearing a red shirt and blue jeans or shorts.

Crain said a man greeted him from across the Baker quadrangle. Crain, thinking the man to be a student, turned back to see what he wanted. "When I got close enough to see that he definitively wasn't a student, I was also close enough to see that he was holding something under his shirt," Crain said.

"I was expecting him to ask for money or something, but he asked: 'Do you have anything worth stealing?'" Crain said.

Crain said he couldn't see what it was and that he didn't want to take any chances by resisting.

"I think there would have been a struggle had I taken a closer look at what he was holding under his shirt because I didn't want to get mugged with a finger," Crain said.

"I'm shocked," said Schuler, "I know that the police were out there and it was a senior night. The police seemed to have been rowdy. The police were rowdy, but the police are rowdy and they get in trouble all the time."
The top stories of late serve to remind us that crime and punishment are very real issues to the Rice community, despite our seeming isolation. When criminals prey on students on campus, and when students' off-campus activities make them suspects and criminals, we must reexamine our relationship with the outside world. Although it has been invoked endlessly this week and in weeks and years past, a simple warning bears repeating: students and others at Rice have to be careful on campus. Rice is not a protected enclave in the midst of an urban landscape; it is just another part of the city, attractive and vulnerable to criminals. Anyone can drive or walk onto campus at any time; the entrances to the campus are not, fortunately, as well guarded as the entrance to the library.

And when Rice students venture off campus, as they should be encouraged to do, they are not endowed with a special status or advantage over their counterparts. A Rice ID may be a ticket to a CR meal, but it is not a get-out-of-jail-free card. Just because you are Rice and must be smart does not mean that our scavenger hunts and drunken carousing are any cuter or more acceptable to the community at large. In fact, they may be less so.

College years are a great time to sow wild oats and have fun, but they are a terrible time to become the victim of a criminal attack or to be caught in the machinery of the criminal-justice system. The fact that these misfortunes can be so easily averred makes their frequent occurrence all the more disappointing.

A great deal has been written about the problem of rape at Rice. It is simply a reflection of the fact that this is a problem that affects people, not disabilities, with few exceptions. Last semester, another group of students rejuvenated a campus organization, Rice For Access. Rice For Access hopes to increase the student body's awareness of, and sensitivity to, people with disabilities on campus. We plan to hold several campus-wide educational activities, including Ability Awareness Week, during the week of Oct. 25. The organizational meeting is to be held on Monday, Sept. 20, during lunch at Will Rice College and is open to all. By working together and educating others, we can make this wonderful campus a more accessible place.

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New efficiency is long-needed government development

Joe Grinstein

Vice President Al Gore has recently spearheaded an effort to "reinvent" government. His main duty since the inauguration has been a task force which is attempting to reorganize the federal government to make it more efficient, effective, and economic.

Consensus penalties to be set for Honor Code violations

Sam Cole

In an effort to encourage interaction between the Honor System and the Rice community, the Council, the Honor System will be setting forth a series of articles to allow questions or proposals. Anyone, and everyone, can submit a question or proposal to be considered for a wide range of issues related to the Honor System.

The Council would like to ask the students of the Honor System to read these articles and participate in the debate. Any articles or proposals submitted will be considered in a vote. The vote will be held in an open meeting of the Council.

Since its inception in 1916, the Honor System at Rice has remained unchanged. This year's debate includes: What is the appropriate penalty for a Major Violation? Should it be a combination of these? If so, what is an appropriate balance?

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This seems to be a mass public feeling of disdain towards our government, a feeling which Republican administrations have tried to "reinvent" government, and cut taxes. Yet it is disturbing that few observers have become alarmed at the possibility of this feeling of contempt for government having an effect on the Constitution, and hence democracy.

Republicans love to quote the old adage, "In America, the taxpayers come first." Perhaps as a result, Democrats should quote the equalitywise advice: "You never really mind anything until it's gone."

Joe Grinstein is a Baker College senior and president of the Rice Young Democrats.
To the editors:

Two weeks ago, Mr. Monton wrote to complain that he was offended by the presence of the "highly religious invocation and benediction" at last year's commencement. He stated that 40 percent of the students present reasonably be assumed to have experienced "some sort of reasonable argument as to why prayers should be included in the commencement program." Last week, Mr. Bennett came up with some good reasons; I would like to add to those.

It is reasonable to argue at commencement for several reasons. First of all, we live in a country founded some 200 years ago by Christians and based on Christian principles. I realize that this is a matter of some controversy; however, I only have room for a few supporting facts here. Our Founding Fathers were Christians. If you doubt it, you only have to read George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. It is, in fact, our personal emphasis voluntarily Americans to "acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God and to impress Him to continue and confirm the blessings we have experienced." In his general order at Valley Forge, Washington also stated, "We are, while we are ministers of the divine character of our country.

Not only were our founding fathers religious, but many Americans of today consider themselves to be religious. We experience a large percentage of the people at least claim to be Christians. Mr. Bennett is right to the degree for themselves whether or not they will choose to believe in the existence of God, but it is also interesting to note that one of the first official acts of Congress was to ask a rector to lead them in prayer and the reading of the 35th Psalm. (This tradition still continues today at the opening of each House and Senate session.) John Adams scolded this prayer in a letter to his wife Abigail, "I must confess I never heard a better prayer ... it filled the bosom of every man." (Parsons Adams, Familiar Letters of John Adams) At Abraham Lincoln's Inauguration, Dr. Philip D. G. Dudley gave a sermon entitled, "Have Faith in God." Dr. Dudley appealed President Lincoln's Christian leadership of America -- "God raised him up for a great and glorious mission, furnished him for his work and aided him in its accomplishment." These are just a few examples of the Christian heritage of our country.

In the Sept 3 issue of the Thresher, Micah Bennett said that Bradley Monton's protest against prayer at the graduation ceremony is "...religious destruction... inhuman... illegal... meaningless... which masquerades as open accommodations." This is all well and good, but it does not state my position quite so harhly, but I would probably agree with Micah. But, there seems to be an implication in his letter that prayer at graduation "...has something to teach us..." I don't think that teaching people, or that exposing them to new or different ideas is the purpose of prayer and graduation.

The dominant religions of this country, the Judeo-Christian belief system, are not new to all but a very few, and most people of most religions feel that it is necessary to gain the blessing of their god or gods as a part of their personal convictions. This is, at least, what has been performed by mainstream Judeo-Christian religions. And it is probably no more than a simple case of the majority of the people of most religions feeling that they should have the opportunity to pray to the god who created and sustained them and ourselves.

Tara Branum
Wiess '94

Prayer question of courtesy

To the Editor:

I was very unhappy about the graduation invocation and benediction that I experienced last week at Rice. This is a country founded on Christian principles; we should have the opportunity to pray to the god who created and sustained both our nation and ourselves.

I understand Mr. Monton's concern about prayer at graduation —  without Him I am sure I would not have made it this far, but I also understand that he might be compelled to express his feelings. If he does not believe in God, but is forcing others to do so, who may wish to ignore his program instead. I know that I, for one, would feel offended if there was no prayer at my graduation. I am the most important priority in my life, so I want Him included in my graduation — without Him I am sure that I would have never made it this far.

By the way, the prayer is not meaningless to me just because the person sitting next to me is not taking part in it. Prayer is a personal conversation with God. If you don't believe in God, then the prayer is not meaningful for anyone. Generic prayers don't cut it for me. If we were to go to a prayer, let's pray to God, and not critically correct combination of everyone's god's and goddess's. This is a country founded on Christian principle; we should have the opportunity to our graduation to pray to the god who created and sustained both our nation and ourselves.

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Mixed Signals

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who laugh the loudest at things like that are usually the ones who are guilty. I should hope that bothers someone else besides me that when giggling freshmen point at a campus security phone and say “Who’s Another rap?” that most of the time, they’ll be right — and some of the times that rape will be occurring within the hedges of the University. Mixed Signals is meant to change attitudes and increase understanding and awareness, I do not see why those who put in all the effort to make the presentation happen should bend the facts into a form more palatable for these women and men stuffed full of fun and craziness. It is designed to change attitudes, so I feel that it is the purpose to change our own. The simple fact is that women and men get raped, mostly by men. When the light blinks, someone was having his or her power of choice snatched from him or her body and peace of mind violated and destroyed. I know of two rapes that happened during the fun and craziness of O-Week my freshman year (they were never reported) and one during the O-Week of my sophomore year. The final thing that distresses me is the comment at the “irrespective student.” It is quite obvious that this man has never been raped, and it is one of the things organizations like Students Organized Against Rape are trying to change — the calls asking, especially from men, that rape can be either or at least only a mild discomfort. Perhaps this student was nervous, out to impress, or trying to hide something, but the Houston Area Women’s Center was correct — it was obvious that this person has never known rape. People like me, people who have been raped, we know how laughable the crime is. Perhaps this student would like to get together with me sometime, we can have a few drinks, and I can tell him how funny it is to have someone threaten to break his ribs with a jack handle if he doesn’t do exactly what he wants.

Rape

now a problem of this type, as a result. It is simply a redaction of the facts that the man is most often the perpetrator, and if this makes men uncomfortable (which I hope it would be in their best interest to make some efforts to stop such a horrible phenomenon. Specifically, if the man who spoke up truly feels so extremely violated, then presumably these feelings will stay with him for a very long time and be his advisor group stay want to consider getting involved in Students Organized Against Rape as an outlet for their concerns. As Cassandra Thomas, director of the Houston Area Women’s Center, pointed out, rape is not a term to be used loosely. As the “exaggerated stereotypical image,” it is sometimes used to rely on stereotypes in order to make a point. They function exactly to point out that in many situations the subtleties of behavior or actions which often go unnoticed are in fact present. And when you sit down and think about it, the partcipants in Mixed Signals do pretty accurately reflect the situations of many females, especially in relation to older students. The simple facts of not knowing very exactly what subtleties would be the least likely to be laughed at.

In addition, Bunt, Iskander, and Hall directly contradict themselves in talking about the capabilities of freshpersons. On the one hand, they are insulted by the stereotypes of the presentation, and beg for more nuance, so that an intelligent audience, such as ours, can relate. On the other, they don’t give freshpersons credit for being able to deal with such topics in middle of such a fun-filled O-Week. Are our new students so swept away in a dose of excitement that they are simply incapable of paying attention to a serious topic? This would imply that they are too dumb to be able to separate fun from grace. However, the authors themselves proclaim this not to be the case, thereby discrediting both their arguments.

The style of the presentation was also a problem for the editors, who objected to the melodrama and seeming lack of clarity. In the first place, it is appalling that the blue lights are a joke to freshpersons after seeing Mixed Signals. (Fortunately they can’t mock them too often, we’re talking about very very blue lights.) In the second place, what is the purpose with the lawyer sayings? The authors suggest that he was asking to be ruined. Obvi-ously they missed the whole point of the presentation. It is completely ridiculous to blame a well dressed man a victim can be any age, any gender, strong, passive, popular, whatever. No one is safe, and everyone needs to know it. The people here at SOAR, and the Mixed Signals participants, and the Houston Area Women’s Center all who fight with no organization to achieve to are doing the best they can in a world that is a lot of the time too much and too damn. It is a sad thing when the educated and intelli-gent defend the ignorance and in- sults which this give this most hideous crime a chance.

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Alley's 'Cyrano': a performance with panache

BY ANN C. KAISER

The Alley Theatre's presentation of Edmond Rostand's 1897 play, Cyrano De Bergerac, is fantastic. The characters are well defined, the fight scenes are convincing, and the acting is superb. The performances are solid, the sets are beautiful, and the lighting is flawless.

Cyrano's character, played by John Feltch, who played Comte de Guiche, is a muscle monster, and a green-headed witch on a motorcycle. The fighting is well done, and the audience is on the edge of their seats.

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Sparagana's paintings of the dolls' heads are some of the most appealing in this exhibit. It is easy to recognize the plastic heads with gel cookies and jelly-like features in similar shapes. The paintings are for the exploration of surface, color and illusion. From that point onward, Sparagana devoted himself to this exploration.

The artist's current collection confronts the viewers of both a personal as well as a social level. Personal, because the paintings invite you to come closer, to talk about your day, to look at their intimate meanings and to enjoy their irony. Social, because the paintings, through their intimacy and irony, remind us that we are part of a whole, trying desperately to share these two qualities of our existence. If this is the idea of human folly is vital to these works, they are about the strangeness and precariousness of existence and experience.

Apart from the sculptured paintings, for which Sparagana forms the shapes in sculpture before portraying them on canvas, the collection includes several works which contain recognizable children's toys. Stuffed animals, music dolls and Hallowe'ed Rudolph type heads all form a part of this conversation.

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‘Helena’ effective, but don’t take metaphor literally

BY MARYANN MCKIBBEN

Basing Helena is a well-executed film of obsession, possession and objectified love between a quiet, intense man and a sultry, dominating woman. Oh yeah, did I mention that this quietly intense man removes this sultry, dominating woman’s arms and legs in a desperate attempt to keep her all to himself? Unless you’ve been out of the country lately (and perhaps not even then), you’ve probably heard the Kim Basinger/Basing Helena litigation saga. Star agee says he be in movie, star back out because of 'unfairness', star pays. A list. But Jennifer Chambers Lynch, the movie's writer and director, loses out as well, as people lose off this film as a slash-fest. It's unfortunate but common, this focus on the metaphor instead of what the metaphor represents.

Nick (Jared Harris), an average guy, moves back into the estate where he lived as a child. He throws a party in honor of Helena, with whom he is obsessed after a one-night stand (which does not occur during the movie). Helena tells him to get lost and stumps away, unsure by head-long, insipid professions of love. In her haste, however, she steps on a scar, and her legs are crushed. In the next scene, they are completely gone. Nick has amputated them in an effort to make her legs are crushed. In the next scene, her his prisoner.

He runs after her (naturally), and she retaliates by hurling ridicule at him. She is extremely adept at playing the cold seductress in the same style as Helena. These women's cruel rejection of his love only fuels his fascination. Their rejection, along with his honeyed efforts to charm Helena, makes him a pitiful character.

Both before and after the amputation, Helena derives constant sadistic pleasure in tormenting Nick, dangling worth and power over others from an emptiness and meaningless sexuality. She tells a lover that he bores her, and when he gets up to leave, she surprisingly asks where he's going. The performances, too, make this movie worth seeing. Sherilyn Fenn is a fascinating actress to watch, and is extremely adept at playing the type of character men adore and women despise. Julian Sands plays the obsessive-compulsive Nick-perfection. He is so fluid and sweeter-than-sweet around Helena that I found myself playing him almost as much as I did Helena. I had to remind myself, "Hey, this woman is a prisoner here."

The issue of Helena's limblessness is handled tactfully. Both operations take place off-camera, with only a flash to give the audience found sickeningly funny. But in the spirit of the metaphor, all is well done. The fateful moment: The sight of Helena in a chair atop the dining room table is bizarre, and one that many in the audience found sickeningly funny. But in the spirit of the metaphor, all the performances, including those of the characters, are quite artistic and the transitions inspired. Although I find the conclusion completely unsatisfying, Lynch handles it well. There are some unevolved moments—the melodramatic moment when Nick first sees Helena could have been executed more sub-tly. And do we really need to hear "You're Nobody Unless Somebody Loves You" at the beginning and "I Can't Make You Love Me" at the end? It's all in all, it's a fitting film, and a very good first effort.

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Stop by Bubba's Icehouse for a well-done buffalo

By Julie Nymann and David Porter

Bubba's Icehouse
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For red-sisters and nightmares alike who want a taste of the local flavor, try the original Bubba's Icehouse and Burger Shack, "Home of the Buffalo Burger." It is located on Westpark right next to the Southern Pacific train line and the Southwest Freeway—an unusual location, but one that adds a definite ambiance to the place. Don't be taken back when you see the building; it really is a shack, but the food and the people you'll find there are first-rate. We had the pleasure of being served by the actual Bubba (not his real name) on one occasion. The employees and the regulars are good of folks who know where to find good food, good beer, and an easy atmosphere. Word has it that whenever a train passes by, beers are on the house.

All the burgers can be made with regular beef, but why would you come to this place if not to try something a little different? As Bubba is happy to point out, buffalo meat is healthier than beef. Even though some patrons don't exactly look health-conscious, the buffalo burgers are lower in fat and cholesterol and higher in protein than beef burgers. If you're a fricky eater, this is a good place to step out of the routine without having to try some thing really scary.

Buffalo hamburgers and cheeseburgers are popular, but a particular hit is the Border Burger with monsterol jack cheese and picante sauce. Be forewarned: all of our burgers were well-done when we visited. The cook was looking pretty stressed, so we decided not to freak him out with any special requests. Specialty items to try are the BubbaBubba and Bubba's "famous" jalapeno potato salad. And of course, you won't look like a regular at this stand without a beer in hand.

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They weave elements of funk, folk, and the Stompers (Kilian Sweeney & Diane Koistinen) has what one might call a propulsive quality about his music that makes it feel like it's moving quickly, often disjointed tunes that can be unutterably catchy at the same time. For small amounts of money, but of these bands out on the small stage shouldn't run out and see 'em while they still can, before they move off to Los Angeles, and The Galactic Cowboys.

From the standpoint of the local music scene, it is a rare band that "finds" a better place to see the band than the Wiess Tab in the Heights. It seems to have been declared one of the nation's Obvious places like Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco generate large numbers of major bands. But recently smaller scenes, often centered around colleges, have become the scene of major-label companies and the like. Despite all the music scenes, it is a rare band that does not attract a following outside of the state, and the local bands that have gone on to the big time (or at least to the edge of the corporate music world) don't appear to be a bona fide hit. As if that wasn't enough, recent one of the year's highlights has been a small version of it. The music press seems to like coming, but their cover is cheap—no cover for $2 RICE STUDENTS, $3 OTHER adults.

The play opens with Norm peering out of a window at his girlfriend Ann. She's going through a mess and given up fuzz for attitude, but a night of their music still leaves me feeling like I've got a nice, thick layer of grunge to smart-ass, in-your-face punk rock. They're stupid; they drink a lot; they live in a house that looks like a barn. Catal Huyuk. The Pain Teens are considered to be a very cool band, but here seems wholly appropriate. The music press seems to like coming, but their cover is cheap—no cover for $2 RICE STUDENTS, $3 OTHER adults.

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1015 Texas Avenue
Football seeks rebound against Green Wave

by Jason Katz

After a disappointing season opener against Ohio State University, the Rice football team returns home to face Tulane University, a squad that battled the defending national champions to the limit in the season opener.

Last week, Tulane battled the second-ranked University of Alabama Crimson Tide.

The Tide’s defensive depth was heavily favored, the Green Wave put up a fight in foreign territory before falling 31-17. "It looks like Tulane showed better against Alabama than [they] did against Ohio State," said Rice Head Coach Fred Goldsmith.

Tulane’s up-tempo offense, a squad that extended the Tide’s defense last season, is back against Ohio State. "said Rice Head Coach Fred Goldsmith. "We’re definitely very encouraged by what we did this past weekend," said Bennett. "We played well as a team, and on some occasions stymied the Tide’s offense."

The biggest problem for the Owls appeared to be their lack of consistency on defense. "It’s a big part of what made it so tough for us," Goldsmith said. "We’re seeing a different team from here on out." Bennett said. "There will be a sense of urgency to accomplish something in this game." Bennett went on to describe last week’s game as a learning experience. "He said that the younger players took a while to adjust to the speed of the game, but he feels they now know what to expect and will be ready this week."

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Drake browsers: The Tide’s defense in tackles and interceptions the past two years and had a team-high 15 tackles against Alabama."

Junior quarterback Craig Randall, a transfer from the University of Michigan, is starting his first season in collegiate football. Against Alabama, Randall completed 31 passes, but connected on a 25-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Derrick Franklin. Randall has an extremely strong arm and will be very dangerous," Goldsmith said.

The Tide’s offense was led by senior running back Jerald Sowell, another back, received the most playing time against Alabama.

Tulane won the starting position with the second-best opening day performance in the school’s history. He rushed for 139 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown run that eclipsed Tulane’s record for the longest play from scrimmage.

Defensively, Tulane has one of its most experienced teams in a number of years, returning nine starters from the 1992 season. While they allowed Alabama to accumulate 371 yards of total offense in the first half, they limited the Tide’s potent offense to 89 yards for the rest of the game.

One highlight include defensive back Mike Staud and linebacker Wilbert Staid, a returning AP All-South standouts including defensive back Mike Staud and linebacker Wilbert Staid, a returning AP All-South."

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Crimson Tide, Goldsmith had size tackles.

After their defeat to the Buckeyes, the Owls hope to step up their offensive intensity and plug gaping defensive holes before they face Tulane. While the Rice defense game needs some fine tuning before tomorrow’s game, the running game should kick in, relieving pressure from Bert Ensminger and the receiving corps.

Sophomore Yancy Edmonds should get the starting nod again and will try to avoid the nerves he suffered one week ago. "It was nerves in the beginning last week and slipped on a few plays," Edmonds said. "With the way we ran last week, Tulane will think we have no running game."

"If I can get at least 20 carries against Tulane, and get in a good groove, we will really surprise them," he added.

The Owls will have to make the greatest improvements in defense. Prominent holes in the Rice secondary and a weak pass rush allowed the Buckeyes to convert on many crucial third-and-long opportunities.

Ohio State, though not known for its defensive potency, gained over 600 yards in total offense against the Owls. The Ohio State game really woke up a lot of the guys," said Bennett. "Our pass rush must be better and we must plug up the holes. People will see a different Rice team from here on out."

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Rice rugby got off to one of its most promising starts ever Sept. 4 with a double victory over Louisiana State University at the Tigers’ home field.

"We’re definitely very encouraged by what we did this past weekend," said junior Anthony Arreola. "We had more than our share of bumps and bruises," Miller said. "There were plenty of black eyes and the like. But we came out of it in decent shape. We should be too handicapped for our next game."

That game is at Baylor University on Sept. 18. The Bears are rookies this year in collegiate rugby. Rick hopes to use them as a springboard to a similar season and a three-peat as state champions. "Hopefully, this game won’t be too tough for us," Miller said. "Playing a springboard to a similar season and a three-peat as state champions."

"We’ll smoke ’em," Arreola said. "They wear green. Enough said,"
SPORTS

Volleyball loses three in California

by Tony Tran

After three close losses last weekend, Rice volleyball team head coach Henry Chen said the Owls should have come back with some wins, but only registered one victory against Rice alumni.

"We had a strong game at the setter spot with 46 assists," Ttlrville said.

The Owls' schedule.

Men's tennis tunes up against Rice alumni

This year's men's tennis team will test its skills against Rice tennis players tomorrow at the annual Rice tennis alumni tournament.

Although he expects tough matches against all three teams, Rice Head Coach Henry Chen did not have any set strategy because he has not seen any scouting reports on them.

"They are all scary teams," he said. "They're going to give us a good run since they were tough, play good defense and tip a lot."

The team is also uncertain of what to expect from these teams, but they approach the game with caution.

"We know that any team can beat anybody at any time," said setter Jes-sica Williams.

Rice combined all of their three teams and, one week after they won a tournament, they came in as the team to beat.

Chen feels that his team is ready to approach the game with caution.

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The Wolverines are poised for a national championship, and Irish coach Lou Holtz is known for being the underdog to being the favorite," he said.

Women's soccer to play with limited roster

Following a team vote to play the season with a short-handed roster, the Rice women's soccer club prepares to open its season tomorrow with a home game against Lamar University.

At a team meeting Sept 2, all 13 players on the team pledged not to miss any practices or games for the duration of the season, according to senior Tassie Gnaidy.

Three club members were not present, however, at Friday's prac-

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HEAD TO HEAD

Tulane at Rice

I can't see how the Owls can lose this game. Tulane has a strong running back who carved up Alabama last weekend, but the Owls will take this one. Block Lock.

Notre Dame at Michigan

Hello, I love Notre Dame, but they aren't gonna win this one.

Texas Tech at Nebraska

Tech has got a great team and a great schedule. They play as many good teams as anyone else in the country. They are also going to lose to us.

Georgia at Tennessee

You have a better chance of getting a glass of water at Taco Cabana than you have of seeing a Georgia victory. The Tennessee Volunteers are going to roll over the Bulldogs. The real game will be when the Vols play at Florida.

The Aggies will average the beating MCU took last week.

The Sooner's usually tough in Norman while A&M was rather unimpressive against LSU. However, OU hasn't won a big game since they cleaned up their program (coincidence?). Ags 20, OU 5 (another safety).

The Lottery

Going along with this safety theme, I'll pick 2. My Mom's birthday is 3-6, Dad's is 10-28. The random number is 43. To review:

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

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The exhibition is a fundraiser tournament for future Rice's current tennis players.

This weekend, you should go to the Lakeside Country Club to watch the Owls' schedule.

Texas A&M at Oklahoma

The Aggies will average the beating MCU took last week. They are no match for the Sooners and the entire hick-filled city of Norman, Oklahoma. A&M has a tremendous defense that will contain the talented Clyde Gundy of OU.

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The Rice lacrosse club will rely on newcomers to fill out a traditionally strong squad due to the graduation of approximately half of last year’s team. After three practices, the incoming freshmen have already indicated that they have enough ability to offset the potentially crippling losses of experience.

“We lost a ton of seniors,” said senior midfielder Kent Campbell. “Last year’s team was made up of a lot of five-year students that had four years of experience behind them.”

“That’s a big loss. But the freshmen have potential and are hard workers,” he continued. “They also bring change to the club, which will help.”

Senior Eric Klineberg, one of the club’s three captains, believes that the team can expect to do well.

“We see ourselves as a rising, competitive team,” he said, “but it’s hard to say without playing any games.”

Klineberg acknowledged that graduation hurt the overall performance of the team.

“We lost a lot of [midfielders] and the best goalie in the league,” he said. “We still have Harry Moreen, the backup goalie from last year, and a freshman with experience.

“So far in practice we’ve been working on locking in and the fundamentals and nuances of the game,” he added. “Because of all the players we’ve lost, we have depth problems at every position.”

While the Owls’ offensive performance was far from stellar, it was more promising than that of their defense.

Quarterback Bert Emanuel led Rice into overtime, accumulating 105 passing yards and rushing for 56 yards on 14 carries. The Owls managed 269 yards, but had only one series of more than ten plays and converted only three of 14 third-down opportunities.

Rice’s only score came via a 43-yard field goal from backup quarterback Josh LaRocca to receiver Herschel Crowe with 24 seconds remaining in the game. It went on to win the league championship.

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Instead, Ohio State was able to march down the field into Rice’s territory and take a 20-0 lead into the locker rooms after kicker Tim Williams converted on a 35-yard field goal.

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Oilers massaged, trounced, trampled by New Orleans

by Chris Rodgers

Saying that the Oilers were defeated last Sunday night by the New Orleans Saints was a little too kind. It's more accurate to say that last year's Super Bowl was a mirage.

In order to accomplish this, a sports writer would not only need a true talent for underestimation, he would also need a vivid and gifted imagination.

And so it was, as if by a Jim Mora club that is known around the league for its distinctive intensity and depth of talent. Where I come from in North Texas, we call what the Oilers received a "first-class ass-whupping."

The Oilers' coaching staff could only watch from the sidelines as the Saints rang the school bell and put on the entire football clinic for the nation's televised viewing audience. The loss was so one-sided as to be nearly unrecognizable in the score indicators.

The scoreboard lists Head Coach Jack Pardee's Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride's and Defensive Coordinator Buddy Ryan's names as incriminating of a clueless deer caught in a cat's headlights.

The boys who coach the men in blue and red had not been massaged this bad since their mothers taught them the bronze jar before supper.

Sorry to disappoint all of you pessimists and Philadelphia Eagles fans out there, because this column is not all doom and gloom. The Oilers have a secret weapon, the Houston Oilers Super Bowl glory! During one of the few moments of the game that my head was not covered by an Albertson's grocery sack, I managed to catch a glimpse of third-string quarterback Bucky Richardson covering a kickoff on special teams.

The former Texas A&M University star delivered the best kick of the entire evening in my opinion, when he stunned a Saints' kickoff return man with a helmet shot to the abdomen.

"What happened to the team we received a first-class ass-whupping."

This was an unusual situation because special teams plays are known for their high number of rough hits and injuries.

It is a well-known fact that only the bravest, meanest, toughest and dumbest (remember, Bucky did play collegiate at A&M) of all football players actually volunteer to play on special teams. For the benefit of those who do not know otherwise, NFL quarterbacks, even if they are bench warmers, NEVER EVER sacrifice anything precious and expensive bodies in supposedly unforced by an opposing defense.

The versatile 6-1, 228-pound Richardson demonstrated his passion for the game, his heart and his willingness to do whatever it takes to win last Sunday night.

He played in a demanding and physically grueling position that some one else with less at risk could have filled.

Watching him being helped off the field by trainers after the play, I could not help but realize why so many Houston fans like Bucky.

He plays with a high level of intensity, perseverance and grit — three characteristics that recent editions of the Oilers seem to lack every time they step onto the playing field.

I am not critic, but I advise you and those in Houston who don't live in a case that the Oilers need a change after blowing off an opening game that was easily within their abilities to win.

Even the mighty Buddy Ryan has been unable to motivate the almost nonchalant, underachieving defense to a championship level. Kevin Gilbride's offense should be called the "Hot and Cold" rather than the "Run and Shoot" due to its inconsistent and undependable nature.

His play-calling in the New Orleans game was less creative and more predictable than most plays scratched out the ground by pre-schoolers on a sandlot.

So what is the solution? You are all in luck, sports fans, because I thought of a few things that the Oilers can do, and I watched Warren Moon being scammed off the Superdome's Astroturf with a spatch of the fourth quarter.

Option 1: Let Bucky Richardson quarterback turn quarterback, line backer and special teams. He might get tired quickly, but it would be nice to see an Oiler bust his butt trying to win for a change, instead of folding ways to lose.

Option 2: Feed the Oilers' defensive unit raw meat at the training table with the hope that they will finally develop a taste for blood and learn how to put an opponent away.

Option 3: REALLY piss Warren Moon off (has he ever been mad?!?) It is a well-known fact that all of great players play better if properly motivated.

Option 4: Fire the entire Oilers coaching staff and hire that Tony Robbins guy who does subconscious hypnosis and sell-esteem.

Option 5: Quit catering to everyone's ego, play every game like it means life or death. Live up to their talent. Play to win rather than play not to lose.

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Women's Club Soccer vs. Lamar at 2 p.m. at the club soccer field.

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TUTORS WANTED: Learning Squad, a private educational enrichment center in Houston, Texas, needs several part-time tutors for ages K through 12 in all subjects. Office is close to campus. Good wages. Call 555-0000.

FEMALE STUDENT wanted to supervise 9-year-old girl and run errands. Must own a car and have reliable care, neat, non-smoker and very dependable. $3-6/hr. Call 555-0000.

NANNY AGENCY seeking responsible individuals to care for children from ages 3 months to 12 years. Some college preferred. Experience necessary. Call 555-0000.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS available to qualified applicants. Referencing recent federal budget proposal. Provided you can persuade a legislator to vote for it. Call 555-0000.

WANTED: Female college student to work as tutor. Must be available between 3:00-5:00 p.m. Call 555-0000.

SUICIDE PREVENTION line. Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Use this number to contact people who are considering suicide. This is a confidential and free service for people in crisis.

A NATIONAL PRO-PURGE GROUP is looking for students to help establish appropriate gates and barriers. Volunteers needed at major universities. Contact Hanszen/Wiess TG 4-6.

AUCTION: Uploaded transparencies, data for a terminal,文化创意, 5092 Richmond Ave. (2311) 288-8888.

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LOVE PARTY. Have no information on this. 

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