Details all that are left after Rice formally joins the WAC
WAC
NCAA violations could foreshadow dangerous future

According to a recent report in the Chronicle of Higher Edu-
cation, of the 16 schools that will be in Western Athletic Conference
when Rice joins in 1996, one-quarter are currently on probation
with the NCAA.
The University of New Mexico, the University of Nevada at Las
Vegas, the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of
Tulsa have all been slapped with penalties for rules violations in the
last few years.
This less than well publicised fact points to an important situa-
tion: Rice University has rushed fairly quickly into a conference
that most members of the Rice community know little about.
While the choice was probably the correct one, we must still be
on our guard to ensure that the arrangement is beneficial, or at
least not harmful, to us, either athletically, or more importantly, as
a highly respected institution of higher learning.
Still, our future conference-mates should not be immediately
condemned. Southern Methodist University, both a former South-
center and a former Southwestern Athletic Conference member
and a future WAC member, did a
remarkable job cleaning up what was probably the most corrupt
athletic department in the United States.
UNLV's outgoing president took great strides to solve the
problems surrounding the men's basketball team when they
broke.
The SWC was not exactly angelic, with SMU and Texas A&M having problems recently, and Baylor likely to be slapped
with major penalties with recent alleged recruiting violations.
It is not that we should never expect the other teams in our
conference to never cheat (or merely make mistakes, as several of
the violations appear to be), but we should be careful to assert our
priorities about maintaining high standards in this new confer-
ence.

After all, one is often judge by the company one keeps.

Rice campus roads need new names

To the editor:
It is time to have some imaginative names for the roads on this campus. "Loop Road" and "College Drive" are pretty deplorable. In the spirit of the MRC, editor "Loop Road" and "Love It Drive," for the two branches of the former "Loop Road." Although I wouldn't seem to "Loop Drive" should be a
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Kurt Cobain: ‘This guy was a total nimrod.’

Jym Schwartz

I keep swearing to myself I was not going. I really do. But there was a story about Kurt Cobain’s suicide... I knew that I sat down and really thought about it. I would sit and say some prayers and then listen to some music. I had a lot of support. The university and the federal government.

I was with my friends. We were all under the Office of the President. It was the FM Board of the University and Student Activities. KTRU also reports to the FCC. KTRU works closely with Sarah Nelson Crawford, Director of Student Life. This ensures that the station is run in a professional manner.

This was two years before Cobain’s death. He was in high school at the time. He had a lot of experience in radio. A lot of the station’s officers were appointed internally. We were concerned about the station’s sustainability.

I haven’t read Mr. Cobain’s suicide note, but I don’t need to hear it to know the real reason why he did it. He was completely betrayed by himself and the camera which he helped to create. Consider ‘Grunge’ and what it meant when the group Nirvana was founded.

They were single white males who were anti-money, anti-commitment, anti-partisanship, and anti-mainstream and anti-everything. They lived in a largely unknown and depressing city making music for themselves. Shitless and silent, they had no plans for the future, nor did they want one.

A few short years later, they were all Dead. They took advantage of or were not interested in any other student organization or club. The University Blue, Club Soccer or the University Tennis Club. Anyone who wants to replace graduate Chris Benke. The Rice Thresher welcomes letters. Short (200 words or less) letters may be sent in by campus mail: Thresher or to our e-mail account, Thresher@ricevml.rice.edu.

A great beating when he came in and then pushed him back out the window. Above and beyond one man’s death is the media’s role in making this into a national news story. They have embarrassed Kurt Cobain as the ‘symbol of his generation.” What? Obviously the media has an extremely low opinion of our generation that they should saddle us with such an obvious loser. Are we expected to follow this sad and base example? Is the whole world waiting for our generation to self-destruct?

I really don’t. If I had been at the hotel where that guy from Mill Valley sat out on the ledge for two hours, I would have waited in his room, given him a good beating when he came in, and then pushed him back out the window.

And for the rest of us, I think KTRU is doing quite well. The station is doing quite well. When I first heard he killed himself, I thought, ‘God, he was a real loss.’ Then I heard he had a wife and a kid, at which point I reviewed my opinion: This guy’s a total weirdo. Picture yourself in his scenario:

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The following is Elizabeth Dole's address to graduates at the Eighty-First Commencement on May 7, 1994.

Thank you for that warm welcome, and thank you, President Gillis, for those very kind words of introduction.

What a privilege it is to share this day with the Class of 1994, their families and friends, and all members of the Rice community. Like you, this is a day I have been looking forward to for some time. I have long heard of the academic excellence of this university and of the beauty of its campus from my good friend and former Cabinet member Jim Baker, whose grandfather was instrumental in the founding of this university. Both my husband and I believe that Jim Baker was one of America's finest public servants, and this university can take great pride in the new James Baker Institute for Public Policy.

My remarks today will be brief. Let me assure you that I do, have sat in and grown, hoping my commencement speaker would remember the "Three Rs" — to be brief, to be sincere, and to be seated. And besides, I know you want as much time for that last trip to "Willy's." As I look at this graduating class, I am reminded of the fact that Rice was well ahead of its time in offering educational opportunities to women. Its first class in 1912 comprised of 48 men and 29 women.

My Harvard Law School class of 1965 had only 24 women out of 550 students.

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President Malcolm Gillis and Elizabeth Dole shook hands before her speech.

"Today, America applies for a very special loan — borrowing not only the brains assembled here, but the character that guides them."

Senior Shay Harrison amused fellow Jones graduates by blowing bubbles during Elizabeth Dole's commencement address.

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Baseball eyes SWC tournament trophy

by Charles Klein

After sweeping the year looking to win the SWC championship in the regular season, the Rice baseball team must now take its last 33 regular to the SWC tournament seeded second behind regular season champs Texas Christian University.

On May 5, the Owls faced University of Texas at San Antonio for their pre-tournament tune-up after taking a week off for finals.

The Owls lost to UTSA but made the most of its chances of playing before the tournament look good; however, the Owls found their own game slide by defeating Oral Roberts on May 6 in a doubleheader 11-1, 4-2.

Tim Byrdak and Bo Johnson pitched complete games against Oral Roberts, bringing both their records on the year to 6-3.

“We just lost to UTSA because we hadn’t practiced for a week,” Head Coach Wayne Graham said. “Sometimes the best teams will come off a break and lose by 20 runs. Oral Roberts is an unusually talented team, and we defeated them.”

Besides the good showing against Oral Roberts, the team can focus on their regular season statistics.

Jose Cruz Jr. led the team with a .492 batting average while four other players had above .300 averages. Cruz also finished the season with a .753 slugging percentage and a 2.59 on-base percentage. With the team batting as a unit, the Owls averaged 3.00, they feel relatively secure about their offense power, but the defense will be the key.

“Pitchingcontrol,however,maybeda problem for us in May,” Cruz added.

A problem for the Owls this season was the Owls’ pitching as in the tournament, the Owls pitchers threw 56 wild pitches in comparison to just 29 by their opposition. One bright spot was the combined ERA of 4.59 with Tim Byrdak leading the team with a 3.25 mark.

The Owls pitchers also can look to the fact that they have held their opponents’ to a batting average of .254 with no grand slams.

“Tim Byrdak is an all-conference pitcher, and he won six games for us in saving nine others,” Graham said. “I see myself as a leader in the defense. Jose [Cruz Jr.] takes care of the offensive power.”

The Owls played the Red Raiders on May 12 in Austin. With three of the teams having four All-SWC players, the competition is tight.

“We’re facing Ryan Yee [SWC Newcomer of the Year] and Scotty Yee tomorrow, so we’re worried about him,” Graham said. “Texas has been prolific to win from the beginning, and they have the home field advantage.

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Rice’s track and field athletes continued their efforts to reach June’s NCAA championships over the past weeks. The men’s squad competed in the Southwest Conference Championships and other meets and continued to work towards securing their places in June.

Thusfar, the men’s team has five automatic qualifiers to the NCAA meet in Boise, Idaho, June 2-4. Two earners had the opportunity to win from the beginning, and they have the home field advantage.

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Byron Bronson, Jr., 400-meter relay, 49.56

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Cliff Alexander, Jr., 400-meter hurdles, 50.04
Brian Bronson, Jr., 400-meter relay, 50.19
Nicole Akeswoloku, Fr., 5000-meter run, 15:49.09

Women’s track and Field:

Automatic Qualifiers:

Valerie Tulloch, Jr., Javelin, 191-2

Provisional Qualifiers:

Nicole Akeswoloku, Sr., 3000-meter run, 9:33.92
Andrea Blackett, Jr., 400-meter hurdles, 58.75
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At the Mizuno/Houston Invitational, Rice improved their chances of making the regional with an outstanding performance. The provisional qualifier qualified 100 meters with a wind-aided 11.3 and in the 200 with a 22.83.

Three relay teams provisionally qualified at the conference meet, T.NaShia Marks, Melisa Straker, Newhouse and Nicole Wright teamed up for a fourth place finish in 45.32 seconds.

Another relay team, the 4x400 four of Brooks, Straker, Newhouse and Nicole Miller provisionally qualified earlier this year.

Rice will have one last chance to qualify for the nationals at the Meet of Champions on Baton Rouge, Louisiana May 26.

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Peter Howley, Jr., 200-meter dash, 21.57

Candace Lesmesner, Jr., 800-meter run, 2:08.02

Tulshee Marks, Fr., 400-meter relay (Miller, Bronson, Alexander, Jones), 43.95
4x400-meter relay (Miller, Bronson, Alexander, Jones), 3:55.92
4x400-meter relay (Bronson, Alexander, Klein, Jones), 3:56.98
Texas Christian University would eventually match the title away from Texas Tech University with a 6-2 win in the final, thus disposin the University of Texas at the semifinals.

Rice's top singles player, senior Willie Dunn, reached 76th in the nation, including Tech's Juan Gutierrez, 66-64. Dunn and Veloso then knocked down Noorderg and Strangeland at fourth seed 6-1, 6-3.

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Cruz leads four Owls to All-SWC
Outfielder brings player-of-the-year honors to Rice for first time since 1981

by Tony Tran

The Rice baseball team, seeded second in the upcoming Southwest Conference tournament, was well-represented in the selection of the All-SWC team. Rice, along with regular season champion Texas Christian University and third-seeded Texas Tech University, had four members on the team, chosen by the sports information directors of the SWC schools.

Rice sophomore sensation Jose Cruz Jr. captured SWC player-of-the-year honors to become the first Owl since right-handed pitcher Matt Williams in 1981 to win that award. He was joined by junior third baseman Mark Quinn, senior outfielder Donald Aslaksen and junior relief pitcher Tim Byrdak.

"We’re really proud of all our players for the recognition they have received," said Head Coach Wayne Graham. "Those four have all made a big difference in our season thus far." Cruz, one of only three players to be unanimously named to the team, improved on his national-freshman-of-the-year season last year to dominate the SWC play with a .443 average.

Those categories are batting average, .406, with his school record 64, runs scored with 64, home runs with 13, slugging percentage at .753 and on-base percentage at .559. He was also productive at driving in runs as he finished with 64 RBIs. Quinn had a strong first year after transferring from Alvin Junior College by leading Rice in hitting during SWC play with a .443 average.

Aslaksen finished seventh in the SWC in hitting with a .356 average overall. He’s productive at driving in runs as he finished with 55 RBIs. Byrdak also a transfer in his first year from Oak Forest, Illinois, served as the Owls closer, overpowering the league to set a Rice record for saves with 10. The four Owls on the team was also a school record, equaling the number named to the team in 1958.

The all-SWC team was dominated by the four teams which will play in the championship.

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☐ Dan Grossman, Titus Andronicus, Titus Andronicus

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☐ Oren Hayon, Nathan Detroit, Guys and Dolls

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☐ David Goetz, Aaron, Titus Andronicus

**Best Actress in a Comedy**
- Amy Hassan, Helena, *All’s Well That Ends Well*
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