College officials look harder at cardreaders

by David Amdur

The college masters and presidents met again Wednesday night to discuss the cardreader proposal but didn't reach a final decision.

The current proposal to install cardreaders at Willy's Pub and CoffeHouse has undergone much debate in the past month. A meeting of the college masters and presidents a few weeks ago, the issue was tabled for further consideration.

Jones College President Damian Ahren said Gordon Wittenberg, master of St. Richard's College, asked the members not to discuss the details of the meeting at this point. Instead, the presidents and the masters will present separate letters to the editor of the Thresher at the end of next week expressing their opinions.

At the last meeting two weeks ago, the masters and presidents turned down the original proposal, which would use Food and Housing mealplan money, because they decided the proposal would hurt the college system and FEL.

The new proposal, which has been better-received, involves using an optional, separate account at the Pub.

Trading places

The results of the 1994 Texas election:

Governor
George W. Bush (R)

Lt. Governor
Bob Bullock (D)

U.S Representative — Dist. 25
Ken Bentsen (D)

U.S Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)

Election notes

The ceremony itself was planned to reflect the importance of information technology to education. Grade-school students from The Rice School/El Centro Rice used computers to control robotic arms, which actually performed the groundbreaking.

The building will house the Center for Research on Parallel Computation, and the Computer and Information Technology Institute. It will include several classrooms, an auditorium and lecture halls, conference rooms and offices for both resident and visiting scholars.

The conference rooms will be equipped for teleconferencing, and the classrooms will be furnished with audiovisual equipment for multimedia presentations.

During the ceremony, Anita K. Jones, '64, the director of defense research and engineering for the Department of Defense, said the new building may launch the university into educational preeminence.

"I believe that those universities that harness information technology most aggressively and most effectively will in fact turn out to be the best universities in the country and I think there is going to be a major shake-up," Jones said.

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Ken Kennedy Jr., director of the Center for Research on Parallel Computation, stands at the podium while students from the Rice School operate a robotic arm, which performs the Computational Engineering Building groundbreaking Nov. 4.

Computational building ceremony part of construction boom at Rice

by Chetan Kapoor

Ground was broken Nov. 4 for the Computational Engineering Building. The ceremony, coming just two weeks after the groundbreaking at the Baker Institute, marked the beginning of a building boom. This will include at least three new buildings under construction simultaneously, the most on the Rice campus since the 1980s.

The $16.5 million CEB is scheduled for completion by 1997. It will be followed by the Baker Institute in the fall of 1995 and later the Nanotechnology Building.

Meanwhile, other construction projects, including an addition to Fondren Library, are under discussion.

The 112,000-square-foot building will house several departments: computer science, computational and applied mathematics, electrical and computer engineering and statistics departments as well as two computer research institutes.

The building will display several of Outram's trademark designs. The outside will be decorated with a variety of brightly colored precast concrete pieces, including some with contrasting inset metal designs.

The interior will include a long three-story atrium with cross-crossing stairs and protruding balconies, a space which Outram likens to a valley.

Another distinctive Outram feature is the use of huge, 6-foot-diameter columns bollarded out to house electrical, phone lines and ductwork.

"I think information technology is the single most pervasive force that is going to change the course of education," she said.

She said information technology would help educators bring reality into the classroom with the graphical depiction of physical phenomena and the interlinking of voice, text and visual images.

"I wish I drove an Oscar Mayer wiener"
**DIVERSITY**

'Thresher' lacks representation from key portions of student body

Last weekend several members of the Thresher staff and I went to a journalism conference. Of the many things that we all learned there, from balancing budgets to news reporting ethics, one thing stuck in my mind more than anything else.

The Thresher has very little, almost no, minority involvement. And, to a great extent, it is my fault.

Speaking to the multitudes of Black and Hispanic journalists at this convention, as well as numerous recruiters from other schools, I discovered that simply making positions available is not enough to gain diversity on the staff. Instead, an active attempt must be made to include all groups in both the subject matter of the reporting of the Thresher and the composition of the staff.

The first part is easy. Over the next few months, the Thresher will be making an effort to expand coverage of issues that relate to diversity in all its forms. The second part will range from features highlighting the activities of various special interest groups on campus to the examination in depth of the history of the first thirty years of racial integration and Rice's successes and failures at achieving diversity.

The second part, increasing diversity on the editorial staff, was almost universally agreed upon at the convention as the more difficult of the two objectives. Everyone had a different suggestion, none overwhelmingly effective and none easy.

So I start where it is easiest. Here. If you have ever considered writing, you have ever been angry, or even if you have simply cared enough to read a staff editorial, come talk to us here at the Thresher.

Tell us what we have been doing wrong. Tell us what we have been doing right. Volunteer to help us fix it. Tell us how to go to hell. Without student involvement, without total student involvement, the Thresher does not represent the student body. We have made a commitment to represent the students. Now we need your help.

David Hale, Editor in Chief

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**To the editor:**

Veterans Day is a day to honor and thank all those who have given of themselves to defend our country and our lives. We must also, however, look critically at the United States' methods of resolving conflict.

This nation gained its independence through war; since its birth the United States has been involved in conflicts with other nations and with itself. We must also consider how violence to gain economic power, to protect other nations and to receive global respect. Although these ends may seem to enhance the quality of human life in this nation and throughout the world, one must question the use of violence in reaching these goals.

The most common criticism cited for the use of violence in international politics, and in society in general, is its tendency to destroy the quality of human life. As we honor those who fought and died for our freedom and comfort, let us also look carefully at the necessity of violence. We must honestly discuss the issues at hand.

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The Honor Council will be hosting a forum on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelley Lounge of the Rice Student Center. The forum will feature members of the nonviolent疥 conjugation of the United States, showing the difference between the peace that can be achieved by completely nonviolent means. The forum will feature the newly formed Civic Community Council on Nonviolent Peace Actions.

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Rice hosted the National Conference of the Center for Academic Integrity from Oct. 13 through Oct. 15. Members of the Honors Council heard presentations and participated in discussions with faculty, administrators and students from other institutions both with and without honor programs.

Topeka finished third in a total of forty-two schools participating. All letters must include a return address if they are to be submitted for publication in the Rice Thresher. Rice Honor System gains national praise

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Cable issue one of greed, robbery
James Ling

It is all too obvious by now that whenever some enterprising committee conceives of a radical resolution to make itself seem useful, the Rice community will tend to fall for it hook, line and sinker. How else can the 37% voter approval for the comprehensive installation of cable be explained? (37% of voters want cable in colleges, Nov. 4)

Editor's Notes

It's not that I have anything against cable itself. In fact, I hope we sign the voter approval for the campuswide cable system. Or, if for no other reason, at least we should benefit from the quality of on-campus life at Rice.

But not before we resolve the matter of a substantial sum of money.

The Cable Committee proposed a university-wide franchise of the Federal Housing bill by 30% next year with incremental increases of one dollar each and twenty-five cents per year for the cost of cable installation in every college dorm room. Thus, all on-campus residents would have to pay an extra 30 bucks for cable regardless of its practical value to them.

Where's the justice in such a scam? Why should I be forced to pay for cable if I don't want or can't even have access to it? To comprehend such robbery just boggles the mind. Like it or not, cable will be installed in all of the rooms according to the terms of the negotiated contract. However, a comprehensive installation plan does not necessitate comprehensive billing. An easy alternative can eliminate all this nonsense.

I suggest that, instead of making up pay, F&I should initially pick up the tab for the installment, thereafter make back the cost by charging only those people who order cable.

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To handle such a hefty fee at first may require temporary allocation of funds from other less important functions. But at the sacrifice will be worth it, won't it? After all, a majority of the campus apparently feels there's some need for cable, therefore the charge should go to the campus.

James Ling is a Haaseman College freshman and assistant opinion editor.

Voters to Democrats: you all failed

Midterm election returns mark lasting victory of conservative ideology

Why this rising Republican tide? Well, as ABC's Cokie Roberts pointed out toward the end of her network's election coverage, the answer is not simply that voters are fed up with the economic policies of the '80's, a time I heard somebody utter that "drink in the drink," has discovered that the median president should not attempt to trans- system, shows that the median man sat down to think over what the Constitution which was origi-

The 1994 midterm elections — or Midterm Revolution, if you're a Republican — was a revolution in the sense that a Republican victory would be a revolution in the economy, stupid." Why? Well, in the words of General James Carville, Clinton's brilliant presidential campaign manager, "It's the economy, stupid."

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"Clinton's problem is that he threw an economic recovery, but nobody came.

And what will be my fate? Unfortunately, the antithesis of this Constitutional phrase has become synonymous with prison. When the founding non-gender specific parental individuals of this country sat down to think over what would be the best, the most humane way of taking care of the non-violent criminals who have served. More specifically, we must envision. For example, a doctor would be put to work at a public clinic. A lawyer would build houses for the government's programs. An accountant would become a math teacher.

As for the non-skilled laborers, they would either be taught a skill in demand or put to work repairing roads and other manual labor. Those able-bodied who refuse to work will be stripped of their Constitutional rights and submitted to medical laboratories for experimentation.

We would rely on the discretion of the medical community of course, to ensure the humanity of the testing and experimenting (wink, wink). One could then be assigned a specific number of hours each week to work and counseling, at the end of which he or she would be given the approval of the committee of, course.

This system not only rehabilitates individuals but also takes major steps toward deterring its own cost, unlike a prison.

Certainly a fine idea for the late 20th century, but two hundred years have elapsed since then and we still haven't problems with laws and the people who break them (for the next Gerald). With an unreformed penal system, we have become more in doing prison sentences for every crime, even ones which did not even exist at this country's inception. Did you shoots someone, you go to prison. Steal someone, you go to prison. Guilty of a crime, you go to prison. "Crime and punishment" is an antiquated phrase. The system should strive to focus care-

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Although 200 years ago it was not possible to give criminals a chance like this system, we owe it to those who drafted the Constitution and to all Americans who demand the highest standards of technology and psychology toward creating the America which they envisioned.

In addition to that, the system should always be made to work for it themselves. The system we have today would not be easy to create, nor would it be simple to control, but it's the newest technology available today can be made to work.
Peace

Peace depersonalizes fighters and teaches now recognized as human beings to fight. They refused to kill objects they killed because their humanity was denied by wearing uniforms to transform a group of individuals into a mass of killing machines. People are used to obey all orders without question, even the command to kill. Sergeants yell, "Send your enemy back home to his momma in a coffin," and soldiers cheer.

Peace is aLiving person, violence is a viable and effective means of conflict resolution. Few significant and disproportional number of domestic violence cases involve veterans. Violence often begins violence.

Conclusion

The speaker was, of course, Bill Clinton. The topic was the 1980's. It is an incontrovertible fact that the middle class prospered in the 1980's. Indeed, median household income increased 33.5 percent. All of Clinton's bragging at press conferences and attempts to de-lead the 80's than they are now.

Thus, voters answered Clinton's referendum by bringing into power the party they hope can restore some of their '80s prosperity. In the process of ushering the Republicans into independent choice, certainly the more costly cable issue may be resolved in a similar manner.

Cable

Cable is an amenity, and as such it should be fairly accounted for on an individual purchase and itemized basis. Just think how much more efficient and democratic such a line would proceed.

Earlier this semester, I had the option of choosing whether my social fees would go to alcohol. That process involved a sum of money much less than the $30 need for cable. If some thing as particular as beer warranted...
Texas law forbids sodomy, and wages.

Proposal chases food at a college.

ports the cardreaders at the Pub and were refused on the grounds that university student government voted 30-7. The base cost paid at meal exactly equals the price that CK meal card deductions for any given meal. This means that students and their families pay for the operating expenses. The result is a 45 percent increase from the prices at the colleges.

Another concern is that F&H tries to predict how many meals are needed. F&H bought more food than students were willing to consume at the colleges. If F&H tried to pay for the operating expenses, this would cost students more. Furthermore, CK would indirectly force students to pay more for their meals. The erosion of the college system, the Stephen F. Austin State University, has been challenged in court several times. He was the key for the court decision.

SFA student government cites sodomy law to deny funding to gays by Kate Hallgren

The Stephen F. Austin State University student government voted 30-20 to refuse funding for the Gay and Lesbian Student Association for next fall in a meeting on Nov. 1. The funds were refused on the grounds that Texas law forbids sodomy, and members of the group, being gay, were probably violating the law.

The majority of GLSA members ... are gay, and in order to be a homosexual, someone, punishable by a fine. The law makes "deviant sexual intercourse" between same sex adults a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine. The law has been challenged in court several times, and the Texas attorney general is currently considering its constitutionality.

Sawa: The Daily Texan, University of Texas, Nov. 2

A&M directors get probation Texas A&M Athletic Director Wally Groff and Associate Director Penny King were each fined $250 and given three months probation after pleading no contest to charges of labelling government records.

The charges were the result of investigations by the TII and the Texas Rangers. Groff and King were also charged with using student mail to advertise, and had distributed them through student mailboxes. The Daily Texan, Nov. 1

Selling ads violates Rice policy, dean says by Eleanor Wilkinson

A student who was selling ads that gave discounts to Rice students was asked to discontinue his sales because they violated school policy. Brooker Donner, a senior at Hoggan College, had solicited ads from nine merchants in the Village and had distributed them through students' mailboxes a few weeks ago. Dean of Students Sarah Burnett asked him to stop because the university prohibits advertisements in on-campus facilities, including mailboxes and the campus mail, to advertisements.

Dean Burnett said the conflict was that Donner "can't use the Rice campus for the purpose of running a business." She said this kind of advertisement could jeopardize Rice's tax-free status.

She also mentioned that students and staff cannot tell businesses that they are representatives of Rice University without permission from Rice. In this case, Burnett said she did not know of any misrepresentation on Donner's part.

Donner said that although he told the businesses he was a Rice student, he did not say he was a representative of the university.

Donner said the advertisements were very successful. "I did provide a service for the students as well as for the businesses I represented."

The businesses included Super Travel, Mall Baskets, Inc., Haagen-Dasz, Mr. Gatti's, Firestone and the Kolache Factory. He declined to say how much money he made.

Donner also said he had received positive feedback from the businesses. He said Haagen-Dasz "had gotten more response from my ad than from any other advertisement they had done at Rice."

Burnett mentioned another instance involving a student soliciting advertisements. She said that earlier this year, the student began collecting discounts from businesses to issue an alternative to the Student Association's Silver Saver card. The rival card never came out, but it did raise questions about misrepresentation of Rice in the community.

Burnett said that often policy concerning these situations is "kind of tricky technically." She said the university has also warned local businesses to determine whether the students and staff they are dealing with are officially representing Rice.

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COLD AS A CORPSE

Inconsistent ‘Frankenstein’ will disappoint Branagh fans

BY KRISTIAN LIN

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein belongs to an emerging genre I like to call a ‘film noir’.

It’s usually a bad-budget horror story about a monstrous creation, values, set in a historical period far removed from our reality. It is often brought to life via limning of, at most, one actor (Humphrey Bogart) as the director isn’t asleep in his chair.

This genre includes some excellent films -- David Cronenberg’s The Fly (1986) and Martin Scorsese’s The Age of Innocence (1993) -- as well as failures, such as Bram Stoker’s Dracula (1992) and now a film reminiscent of it, Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein.

The film begins as a dying Dr. Victor Frankenstein (Kenneth Branagh) revives his story to a sea captain (Adam Quinn) trying to reach the Yukon.

As an idealistic medical student, Frankenstein becomes obsessed with creating life. From parts of corpses he fashions a man, but recoils in horror from his creation.

However, the monster (Robert Del Naja) escapes and vows revenge on the creator who has abandoned him. You happen sooner or Kenneth Branagh, as a film director, has always had a tendency to overshoot.

This has been largely successful in the past. In Frankenstein, though, Branagh goes over the top in a cold and homely way, and he comes off as a man of the theater -- desperately trying to be cinematic.

He shoots from an extremely low and high angles, wheeling and jerking the camera wildly. People who die cleanly in the novel die amid great roaring fountains of blood in the movie.

Gilded composer Patrick Doyle underscores it all with heretical, pretentious music. The idea isn’t to scare you but to dazzle you with visual ingenuity without regard for reason. It’s a scatterbrained approach, and naturally it screws up Branagh’s better intentions.

There shouldn’t be surprised by Frankenstein’s resemblance to Bram Stoker’s Dracula, since both the writer and director of that film, James Hart and Francis Ford Coppola, are among the producers.

Perhaps Branagh goes the operatic route because the script, by Frank Darabont (writer/director of The Shawshank Redemption) and Stephen King, is so tediously reevaluated.

One problem the film has is that the filmmakers are all itching to go for the sensationalistic elements in the story but are tied down by the knowledge that they’re adapting a classic. This problem makes the film wildly inconsistent in tone. It also crops the supporting characters. The peripheral characters in the novel aren’t interesting at all, but Lady and Drahant don’t try to fill them out either.

It is strange that Branagh, of all directors, should let so many fine actors go to waste. Ian Holm, Richard Briers and John Cleese pass in and out of the film and you wonder you what they’re doing there.

Quinn has it worst; you only remember him as the unhappily married butler at a British accent.

On the other side, Cherie Lunghi as Frankenstein’s mother achieves a degree of poignance not found in any other Branagh film.

Tom Hulce gets some laughs as Frankenstein’s lightweight classmate. Looking the part is pretty much all you can ask from an actor in this film, where a sustained performance is almost impossible.

Neither Branagh nor Del Naja manages an impressive performance, although they do pull off a fascinating dialogue between monster and creator.

The only significant deviation from the novel occurs in a scene near the end, in which Frankenstein tries to resuscitate his adopted sister Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), who has been murdered by the monster.

The result may be one of the most horrible scenes ever recorded on film. While she gets help from the makeup people, it is Bonham Carter’s acting -- or rather the scene compelling despite being almost too painless to watch.

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The scene is also saddening in that it gives you a belated taste of what this film might have been.

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CARMEN, (Dame Cawne Davies) and Escamillo (Richard Paul Fink) declare their love.

The scientist (Kenneth Branagh) and his wife (Helena Bonham Carter) share a passionate embrace before tragedy strikes.

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O'Brien reconciles war with reality

BY MEGAN O'GRADY

When asked how the horrors of Vietnam have shaped his writing, Tim O'Brien compared the memory of war to a dream: "a single, unrehearsed" near vision. O'Brien wrote about the Vietnam War in the 1978 novel In the Lake of the Woods, which was made into a movie called The Things They Carried.

In O'Brien’s 1978 novel Going after Cacciato, the boundary between reality and fantasy is tested by two contrasting tales: that of a platoon of soldiers that follows a man from Vietnam to France on foot, and that of the Vietnam War itself, equally unbelievable simply because it happened.

In The Things They Carried (1992), a group of soldiers attempt to tell stories as a sort of catharsis, both during and after the war.

O’Brien uses storytelling to explore the conflict between these horror and the limits of language in depicting reality.

When you’re almost dead,” O’Brien said about his own war experience, “you’re really alive, and you feel a sort of numb glow, because you realize all that you have
Virginia Carnan (Marcy), Eleanor (Bridge Fonda) and Dr. Spitzwegl (Herbert Weissner) are caught off guard in Wellville.

Mr. Unpronounceable

THE BEST in The Road to Wellville comes about 30 minutes into the film when Sir Anthony Hopkins says, "An emotion is a fragile on your grave."

Unfortunately, the rest of the movie doesn't live up to the same brilliant peak again.

The film begins in 1870 Battle Creek, Mich., "the Cereal Bowl of the World" and site of the title thoroughfare.

Hallam Hall, 527-4027

RAVENSCROFT, MARCY, RAVENSCROFT

The other five suspects are the al-

siments, the characters provide much dramatic exposition and reveal telling dramatics.

The plot twists more than a cork-

The production includes no set occur when he lets his emotions and
time, Maas shows remarkable ability to make his exchanges interesting.

The questions and answers move

The inspector drinks too much whisky and answers questions in a garbled monotone.

Though the artwork was more Mexican than Cuban, the Cuban ambience was noticeable in the lack of the overwhelming stucco found in many Mexican restaurants.

The margaritas come in two sizes, and even the small made a generous serving as it wants to be. Despite a few deficiencies, the rest of the food was excellent and hilarious, but her part is

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El Meson offers delights

BY KEVIN MISTRY

E. MASON

2425 UNIVERSITY BLVD.

When I think of Cuba, I usually imagine either Desi Arnaz ("Lucy, you got some explainin' do to") or Fidel Castro ("Have a cigar from under my table.")

I also notice that both these guys are on the stout side — maybe it's what they eat.

Curiosity piqued, I decided to

the finest moments of the first act can't quite be the all-business, just-pleasure, Mrs. French gets more sinister and the act snowballs.

The plot thickens with the emergence of strips of chicken breast sauteed

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No sober police

No drinking, drinking, drinking.

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ArtS & Entertainment

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spectors talk to the women one at a time. Maas shows remarkable ability to make his exchanges interesting.

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The Family Cat sound brings together old styles in new way

The Family Cat's new album, Magic Happens, stacks up to previous albums despite the accompanying cheesy comic strip.

Sarah and Marissa:
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Gimme a Burger

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For the bartender, tell him which bottle to send to your table and enter the dining room. The dining area is cool because every booth is well-isolated from the other booths, so you can enjoy your meal. And here's the scoop: you get this big pot of hot oil (or broth) on a burner in the middle of the table. Then, they bring out the main course and the two friends will dip in and you cook the stuff right there on the table. You can say to your friends: "Isn't it grand that we got to try it?"

David and Antroy:
Wow, this was a great restaurant. It's difficult to try new restaurants in Houston. You never know what you'll get. For example, the "Hamlet For Now" has some odd guitar overdub reminiscent of '70s arena rock. It uses on tracks like the David Bowie -produced "Voltaire," and it's a big, juicy hamburger, for example. There's also a coupon in the Unofficial Student Guide which you can get to share the dinner, which was still enjoyable. The business for five years now. That's when we hit them with the wine flights. As the wine guy was spinning off all of these interesting facts, our dates tasted the Bichaud and gave us that look that says: classy place, classy waitstaff, classy guys.

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mysteries in the story, it is one which may remain unsolved in the end. Like O'Brien himself, Wade goes to war to maintain the love of his family and his country. Wade becomes a politician partly to atone for the past, but winds up selling out to the instructions of his campaign manager, who promotes a messianic delusions, Incest and murder."

Ultimately, Wade becomes lost in history, lost in reality and, literally, lost in the lake of the woods.

Wade avoids the question, and the results are disastrous. O'Brien addresses the question for himself through his writing.

"There have been times when I wanted to die," he said, "Writing helped me to survive."

O'Brien hastened to add, however, that while writing has a therapeutic effect, he does not write for therapy.

"I write for the reason every writer gives," he said, "to create an artifact that speaks to an audience."

In the Lake of the Woods speaks not only to the experience of war, but to everybody's personal Vietnam.

This was not a faultless production. Most glaring of the deficiencies was the thin, mistake-ridden and one-dimensional playing of the orchestra. Composed of the house players (as opposed to Riglossetti, which used members of the Houston Symphony), Carmen's orchestra was engaged in no exercise in subtlety. No one even bothered to quiet the percussionist, who was somehow under the impression that we came to the opera to hear him.

As a final mention, it is certainly worth noting that Denyce Graves is a fabulous Carmen.
Rice football begins stretch run to Cotton Bowl

by John Fredland

The Rice football team has reached the crossroads.

Tomorrow, the Owls (4-4, 3-2 in the Southwest Conference) host 19th-ranked Arkansas at Rice Stadium in the season finale Nov. 26, a Texas A&M University and Southern Methodist University at the conference meet in Lubbock.

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Soccer falls at Regionals

by Grant Flowers

After barely qualifying for the post-season, the Rice Lads were quickly shown the door at the Texas-Louisiana Regional Soccer Tournament last weekend.

Playing in a four-team group, the Lads lost their opener 4-1 to Tulane University and a scoreless draw with Southwest Texas State University did nothing to increase their chances of advancing.

Needing two goals to win and advance in the tournament, the Lads stepped up the attack and again left themselves vulnerable in the back. The Aggies took advantage of Rice's aggressive attack by scoring four second-half goals.

Ha, on the bench with an injury, said, "The puddles were going our way in the second half."

Despite the club season now over, the Lads will participate in several tournaments next semester. The temporary layoff allows the players to ruminate on the Lads' 6-3 record.

"We were all right," said Dowling. "I think that our biggest problem is with Baylor, Texas and Texas A&M. We need to win one game this year and the draw left the Lads of them. Last year we won 1-1 and this year we lost 3-0. Again. Those are the teams that we need to beat."

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HEAD TO HEAD

Since the Rice-Baylor game this weekend is the key to the Owls going to the Cotton Bowl, we asked several celebrities to help us out on predicting this huge game.

Ted Kennedy

There are two things that I look for in a college: booze and chicles. At Baylor, alcohol and sex are forbidden. Rice, however, has the Pub, and I've been to NOD at least eight times. The Owls by three.

George Foreman

Rice is hungry for the Cotton Bowl. I'm hungry for Cotton Candy. Rice has got a lot at stake this weekend. I'm going to have a whole steak this weekend. Rice will cream the Bears and put them on ice. I'll have some ice cream. The Champ's pick: War Owls by seven.

Chuck Reedy

I might be the Baylor coach, but I'm picking Rice. See, I'm going to start losing big when we switch to the Big 12, so I need a little money in the bank after I get fired. Betting against my own team is a safe, easy way to make bucks.

Dylan McKay

I'm the oh-so-cool rebellious bad-boy from 90210. I'm a loner who doesn't play by the rules. I can pick Baylor and get away with it. I don't care what you think. You make me sick.

John Mackovic

I figure that if Baylor wins, I'll get fired. However, if Rice wins, I will lose my job. Texas hasn't played Baylor yet, so all I know about is Rice. Since they kicked my butt, I'll pick the Owls.

Oliver North

Rice is going to lose. I know all about losing, since I was the only Republican who could not win on Tuesday's elections. Baylor has the kind of values that made me an unpopular zealot, so out on the football field, they will dominate.

Randy Block

If this team — hell, if this school — has an ounce of heart, we'll fill the stands on Saturday and whip the Baylor Bears. Once and for all, this is THE GAME. Cotton Bowl or Toilet Bowl. We either tear down the goal posts or we do our homework. The Block Lock™: Rice 27, Baylor 26.

Chris Rodgers

The "Baptist" Bears look at the Owls as just another step in their Crusade for Cotton. An unfortunate underestimation considering we are undefeated versus the SWC at home. LaRocca, Izzo, and company are Back-News for the Waco Bears: War Owls by 8.
Swim team looking good early on

by David Gordon

The Rice men's and women's swim teams take to the water this weekend with a flurry of meets to begin their season.

The men take on the University of Northeast Louisiana on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. while the women face the University of Houston this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

All competitions will be held at the Rice Aquatics Center at 5200 Bissonnet Street.

The men's team returns 10 swimmers from last year and are loaded with experience.

Seniors including Arielle Brown, Jim Bridenstine (fly/back/free), and Ryan Gravelle (free) are expected to make a big impact in this home tournament. Assistant swim coach Bill Knothe is excited about the men's team.

Coach Turville expects a strong performance from his players as they take to the water this weekend.

The tournament will feature more than 20 teams from around the nation.

"We know this will be a tough tournament, with top players in the country," he said. "Our athletes are determined to do well and make a name for themselves."
SPORTS

It’s time for the big one: Cowboys-49ers

by Noel Desai

After squaring up against the Cincinnati Bengals, the Cowboys were ready to assess their mid-season performance. Certainly, the road to a third consecutive Super Bowl has had its ups and downs. However, even in an opening day in Pittsburgh and the most recent loss to the Atlanta Falcons, the team's defense is holding strong. Although this weekend will answer quite a few questions.

The two big questions going into the season were the defense and the coaching situation. Even with all the off-season issues, the defense has been very solid and actually has been better than last year's. Dallas' defense is tops in the NFL, and a lot of this has been due to the maturing of some young players and the re-emergence of Charles Haley.

The coaching situation is in pretty good shape although Switzer came into a pretty tough situation. Although he inherited a Super Bowl champ, he also inherited the expectations that go along with that. But he has stepped up and won every game. So anytime they lose, the coach is the first guy to take the heat from the media. Moreover, importantl,y, the fans. Barry has handled this and Jerry Jones fairly well.

The Cowboys had no real problem dispatching the New York Giants in front of all of America on Monday night. Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin had big games as the Cowboys dominated the game from the outset.

Unfortunately, there were actually a few bad things that happened in the game though. At the end of the first half, Aikman threw up a "Hail Mary" for Abner Harper. The replays showed that he was clearly hit before the ball got there. The refs completely blew the call, but the really bad news is that Harper's situation and injuries to tight end Jay Novacek and defensive back Mike Jenkins are going to keep them out of the game though. At the end of the first half, Aikman threw up a "Hail Mary" for Abner Harper.

The Cowboys are three-point underdogs going in, and it is going to be a tough game even though the 49ers are coming off a six dig win. The Cowboys have tried to play the game off. They have won the last two Super Bowls. They have the best record in football and they have won the last three meetings.

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Jumped out to a 40-20 halftime lead points, hitting three three-pointers. Sophomore Jesse Cravens, the Gray comers 68-43.

Over the Blue team of Rice's five new-six returning letter winners, rolled Gray beats Blue in basketball season kicked off with the annual Blue-Gray intrasquad game. Champions from Ohio State University.

Munson and Gerald Kanapathy, with Andy MacKay and Greg Peakes, with Vivian Mo as coxswain, placed 11th out of 15 teams with a time of 18:06, finishing the Blue team of Rice.

The Rice crew team traveled to Austin two weeks ago, only 47 seconds behind the champions from Ohio State University. The team had mixed success as they traveled to Austin to participate in the Intercollegiate Tennis Championships.

This past weekend, the women's rugby wins first ever game that we should win. "But we had been holding them for a while. Our defense had been working very well and we were still holding them off when the whistle blew."

With the close win, the women now look forward to a match with Baylor University this weekend. "It's an important game, because when we play college teams we do well and when we play club teams we don't," said Boudreau. "So this is a game that we should win." The Rice match will be the third of Rice's season.

The Owls lost their first contest of the season to the Houston Hurricanes, a local club team. "Rice's backs are fairly good," said Mathis. "They're very quick so I'm more worried about the backfield than the forward pass."
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If you know PC or CAD technology well or have excellent people skills and can work as a flexible work schedule call SunComp Automation. We provide a relaxed environment and are close to the Rice campus. Also, if you know of a highly marketable software that you can support, we can create your own job with us! We create software individualized and we are always recruiting, so call even after the ad is over.

Deseret: Female roommate for spring in 2 bedroom, 1 bath, nice, fully furnished apartment. 3 mi. from Rice/800-1040. Pet rabbit. Non-smoker, 24 hr. guard, walk-in closet. Call 797-6625.

Help Wanted: Delivery Services area. 2 part time student positions available 11-23 hour week. $5.25/ hour. Perform various mail sorting and processing duties. Some computer skills call伊斯兰 Mader at 2264.

Fundraiser - raise $500 in 5 days - Greeks, groups, clubs, motivated individuals. First, simple, safe - no financial obligation. 1-800-775-3851 ext 33.

Fast growing company needs intern with potential for advancement. Starting at $8 per hour. 15 to 25 hours per week. Flexible hours. For immediate consideration contact Mike at World-wide Cellular - 681-0282.

PC expert wanted for communications company. Part-time - $7/hr.

First Computer Corporation. 666-3013.

Cruise ships now hiring. Earn up to $2500/mo working on Cruise Ships. Land/Tours companies. World travel and full time employment available. No experience necessary. For more information call 1-206-636-0468 ext. CS8491.


First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset, became a reasoned faith matters intensely today. Sunday Services 10:50 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sunday night supper 5:45, free with Rice ID. Campus YMCA, Baker '84, Minster.

NOTES AND NOTICES

The committee preparing the Self-Study Information on Technology at Rice will hold a final, collective "town meeting" on Monday, November 21 at 4 p.m. in 124 Herring Hall.

The sign-up for Dennis Huntington's Humanities 201 Public Speaking, will be on a first-come, first-serve basis in 224 Rives Hall on Wednesday morning, November 16, at 7:30 a.m. Freshman are not eligible for this course.

Mr. Lawrence J. Payne will speak about "The Urgency of News" Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Fanninworth Pavilion.

Honors Council Open Forum, Sunday, Nov. 14 from 14 p.m. in the Kelly Lounge in the RMC. Free Pizza.

The White House is now accepting applications for 1994-1995 White House Fellowships. Serve as an intern at the White House, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Effective January 1, 1995, for one year under the supervision of a senior-level Executive Branch official at a full-time, paid position. Contact Marie Duell at 3347 in the Human Resources Office for details. Need to apply by Dec. 1, 1994.

26 WAYS TO CONFUSE YOUR ROOMMATE

1. One day, sit in your desk chair and talk loud for ten minutes. Loudly, hyperbolically for about ten minutes. Then, one day, repeat the following over exercise, but instead of laughing, get up and look at the chair, say, and it's not funny anymore.

2. Get a surfboard. Put it on your bed. Stand on it, and pretend to surf for about fifteen minutes. Then, pretend to fall off and fall all the bed onto the floor. Pretend you are drowning until your roommate comes to "rescue" you.

3. Keep a hamster as a pet. Buy a blender and make milkshakes every day. Then, one day, get rid of the hamster. Make a usable of ketchup. When your roommate comes to get the blender, look empty the empty desk and tell your room-

4. Want to get a military officer. Breakfast every morning. But don't plug the toaster in. Eat the plain bread, looking at the toaster angrily, and complain that the toaster doesn't know what it's doing. If your roommate suggests plugging it in, go on a tangent about fire-safety hazards.

5. Every night, before you go to bed, beg your roommate for a glass of water. When he/she brings it, dump it on the floor and immediately go to sleep. If he/she ever brings you a glass of water, lie on the bed and pretend to be drinking of dehydration, making an annoying gurgling sound, until he/she does so. Then, get off the time the phone rings, turn on the stereo at full volume and sing along to the song. Insist that your roommate rush you to the hospital because your appendix is bursting. If you are in horrible pain. Demand that your roommate rush you to the hospital.

6. Wear scary Halloween masks. Look in the mirror and scream hyperbolically for about five minutes every time you put one on.

7. Rollerskate up and down the hallway. Every time you see your roommate, crush into her and knock her down. Apologize, and say that she looked the "enemy." Ask her if she has any milk? Then, knight her head with a win-

8. Dress like a military officer. Insist that your roommate salute you upon your entering. Act like you hit your head on something.

9. Hang a picture of your roommate on the wall. Throw darts at it. Get angry, and say, "Oh, that damn hypnotist..."

10. Turn on the stereo at full volume and play any popular music piece that your roommate does not like. Then say, "It's not funny anymore."

11. Paint abstract paintings and trade them for trinkets and beads. Every time you put one on.

12. Avoid your roommate entirely for a month, leaving no traces that you are ever in the room. Then hide in the closet and wait for him to come home. Emerge with a Playboy and claim you feel "starved."

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22. Send your roommate long, melodramatic letters describing in- sinuate details of his life. Sign them with his name, but date them two months in the future. In the final letter, state that he knows his room-

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