**Rice among eight survivors after WAC splits in half**

by Brian Adam

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A voice from the past

To continue a tradition begun by last year's editorial board, this staff editorial is reprinted from the Aug. 25, 1972 issue of the Thresher. The 1998-99 editorial board feels that its message still applies to this year's incoming students, as well as to those of us returning to Rice for another year.

"The true function of the University" is a phrase that gets kicked around a lot, mostly in editorials. Speakers looking for a topic can always fall back on "re-examination of the fundamental principles of education." But any questions about the purpose, if any, of Rice are more meaningful when phrased simple:

What are you doing here, anyway?

Everyone at Rice is here because he expects to benefit from it. The anticipated advantages are of three types, and an honest recognition of which advantage you seek is vital if this situation is to be worth $2100/year. The question is not philosophical: it is practical.

First is the academic viewpoint; that there is information and experience to be gained here which will be necessary for success in your chosen career. If you believe this, you must take the most challenging courses you can find and work at them very hard, accepting low grades and trusting that, when you graduate, your competence in the field will be obvious.

Second is the cynical viewpoint, coupling a questionable opinion—that a college diploma is necessary before you can even be considered for most prestigious professional or academic jobs.

For the student with this philosophy, strategy is obvious. The easy course leading to a good grade is to be preferred to the difficult and chancy one. The end result will be an impressive-looking record and a student with excellent "qualifications". This student trusts in these "qualifications" to get a job, and relies on native ability to learn what he really needs while he works.

The third viewpoint, and the one most fashionable to profess, is the humanitarian one; the idea that four years of living in a college community is an end in itself. A humanist believes that the experiences of college life are more valuable than either the education or the diploma. He will spend his time talking to people, doing things, taking interesting courses, and looking for experience. Hopefully, he will avoid the experience of flunking out.

While this does not matter to the true humanists, there are no pure types on any campus. Everyone is motivated by a combination of purposes, but one is usually predominant. To get your money's worth from Rice, you will have to honestly examine your motives for coming here. You must determine what you need from the next four years, and then go after it. No one who truly knows what he wants is part of a faceless mass; this is a time for introspection and self-direction. And that is the purpose of the University.

The Aug. 15 bombing in Omagh, Ireland was reminiscent of past problems and indicative of future ones for the peace process in Northern Ireland. The Real Irish Republican Army took responsibility for the bombing, the deadliest incident of sectarian violence in 25 years. The group, a radical faction of the Irish Republican Army, broke off last year when the IRA began to help the peace process.

As the past three decades have shown, beginning with the Irish Catholic call for more independence from the Protestant majority, fringe groups, with their opposition to disarmament, have caused the most difficulties in the peace process between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

The fragile peace agreement has been in place since May 22, when over 70 percent of voters in Northern Ireland voted for forming a power-sharing agreement. The plan was negotiated principally by Northern Ireland's John Hume, the leader of the Irish Catholic minority, and David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, the Protestant majority. The agreement called for a new, independent Northern Ireland, free from the constraints of British and Irish rule.

The decision has been called the most important agreement in all of Northern Ireland's troubled history.

Disarmament is high on the list of priorities in the peace agreement, but it is also the hardest task to accomplish. A group may observe the cease-fire, but if it has weapons, it must have absolute faith in the peace process. If the peace process were to fall apart, the groups would re-arm and continue to fight. Groups like the IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army exist in a serious threat to peace.

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The slaughter in Kosovo continues as rest of the world stands idly by

In 1987, Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic marked his rise to power with a series of powerful speeches. He advocated that the minority Serb population of Kosovo, a southern province of Yugoslavia, should claim Kosovo as its own and wage constant guerrilla warfare against the Albanians, who make up 90 percent of its population.

Of course, in Yugoslavia such battles are not simply political, and Milosevic's speeches, as he must have expected, have drawn parallels between the current situation in Kosovo and the war in Bosnia. The Kosovo dilemma, however, defies such a comparison. The thorniest problem is that, while Bosnia was a sovereign country, Kosovo is still recognized as part of Serbia, so there is little that the United Nations or other international bodies can do about violating Serbia's sovereignty.

While politicians make weakly statements against Milosevic's backbone, Western nations cannot bring them to support the Kosovar movement for independence, in part because of a desire to ignore the fighting altogether. Thus, the KLA is often called "rebels" or "separatists," rather than something more official, like "military." Viable solutions have yet to present themselves. Diplomatic talks are a seemingly attractive option, except that neither side wants to sit at a table and talk about peace. Even a temporary ceasefire is problematic, since Milosevic is unlikely to respond to diplomacy or reprimand, and there are no signs to indicate that he will end his onslaught until the KLA has been wiped out, at which point Kosovo and its people.

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Five years ago, on a humid Houston afternoon, I left my room at Harvey and walked to my new university. Campus was empty and everyone had already promised me that the world was full of possibilities. Tomorrow, I would be in college.

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I found a building full of people not unlike me... I opened up like I never had before.

But then started things to change. I found myself in the outside. At first, those of us who had been left out stuck together. But then we, too, went our own way. My birthing friend across the hall immersed herself in Radio City and friends from work, who used to hang out on my couch, ended up vandalizing his own college. The girls upstairs went political. I be-
Students wait in line for food in the Will Rice College Commons. Proposed changes in College Food Service would create shared eating areas between colleges.

**Committee recommends servers for colleges**

Plan suggests larger facilities, shared eating areas to improve food quality

by Mariel Tam
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

Rice students could soon be lining up for dinner in a serving area shared by two or three colleges if Rice follows through on recommendations made by a committee of faculty and students looking into the College Food Service. The committee proposes creating a "shared server," a single kitchen and serving area paired to separate commons for Hanszen College, the new Wies College, and the proposed south college.

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by Carter Brooking

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New policies ban advisers from matriculation

Changes in ceremony trigger mixed reaction from advisers, freshmen

by Amy Krivobock

Instead of chanting college cheers and pulling pranks, Orientation Week advisers lined the sidewalk with luminarias, lighted thiki torches in the quad, set up the post-matriculation reception in the academic quadrangle.

Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaido Camacho decided last spring to ban advisers from this year's ceremony, after "jacks" that he approved for matriculation last year drew the ire of many in attendance.

Most advisers said a jackless matriculation was a good idea, but would have liked to attend the ceremony itself.

Baker College O-Week Coordinator Colby McLaurin praised this year's initiation rites unequivocally.

"The ceremony was fantastic and would still have been so if the advisers had been there," he said. "The advisers being there would not have changed any of it. I felt privileged to hear President Gillis speak — it really set a tone for the whole school year. I think it would have benefited the advisers to hear it, too," McLaurin said.

Others said it made little sense for Camacho to bar them from the ceremony.

Hannsenn College sophomore and adviser Mary Spect said most of the advisers she knew felt they should have been at the ceremony:

"They are entrusting us with the freshmen, but they wouldn't trust us with matriculation," Spect said.

Hannsenn freshman Megan Wilde also cried foul.

"It's not really fair to them because they are just as much a part of our becoming freshmen (as the matriculation speakers)," Wilde said.

Advisers who left their freshmen hours before to decorate the Inner Loop and didn't see them again until they passed through the Sallyport.

Lovejoy College junior Cliff Connell said he preferred waiting for the freshmen in the quad to accompanying them to the ceremony.

"It was a good time to get to know fellow advisers from other colleges," he said. "I felt we were able to be there and surprise them with the ceremony."

Camacho said he would meet with college masters and O-Week coordinators before making any plans for next year.

"I do not believe matriculation will always be held indoors," he said. "There is no doubt that matriculation was much better this year."

"My hope is that all aspects of O-Week will continually be reviewed and appropriate changes take place when necessary," Camacho said.

Food changes concern students

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students walking to and from classes and meals. Szerela said he worried about the possibility of a new, large complex.

"It'll ruin the aesthetic side of that part of campus," Szerela said. "It's just like an eyesore."

Sawyer, however, said he believed the proposed building would be tasteful. "One of the things we insisted on was that it not look like a dormitory," he said.

Whatever the decision, many of those who frequent the college cafeterias agreed the food is not of the quality it could be.

"I'll be glad I'll be cooking for myself by the end of my five years of your life," one student said.

As the freshmen began exiting Sallyport, most member in academic regalia turned to two colleagues for direction.

"What are we doing now?" he asked.

"We're trooping out to Lovejoy Hall," another answered. "It's actually a lot of fun."
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Houston is a car city. The freeway system ties together the whole metropolitan area. Surface streets, however, are often the fastest way to get somewhere (especially in rush hour). A good street map is a must. The Key Map is a heavy-duty well-indexed atlas; various companies make good street maps.

By foot
Houston is not a walking city, but if there’s any place in Houston that’s hospitable to pedestrians, it’s the Rice area. The Village — a collection of shops and restaurants — is a short walk from campus (go west on Rice Blvd. or University). The Museum District (Museum of Fine Arts, Contemporary Art Museum, Museum of Natural Science, Holocaust Museum) is also walkable (go north on Main), and Hermann Park (which includes the zoo) is across Main Street from campus. Besides a few Medical Center establishments (many of which close mid-afternoon) the finest food is in the Rice area. Galleria, which also has a Rice supermarket (on Rice Blvd.), is 59 north to the airport exit or 45 south to Westheimer Road.

By bus
Houston’s bus system is regarded as one of the best in the country. Its forte, though, is serving suburban commuters, not local travelers. The proximity of the Medical Center offers Rice a lot of bus connections. The METRO homepage (http://www.hou-metro.harris.texas.us) gives complete schedules, routes and buy a good map. TWU makes good street maps.

By taxi
If you are taking a taxi from the airport, a zone system applies. There are maps at the curb as the airport. Check what you should be paying and pay that. Cabbies frequently try to swindle riders by changing more. Most taxis charge the same for several passengers. They do for one, so pooling can be advantageous.

The airports
 Hobby is closer to Rice; take I-45 south past 610 and exit Broad- way. The fastest way to Intercon- tinental (depending on whom you ask) is 59 north to the airport exit or 45 north to Beltway 8 to the airport exit. Airport Express. (713) 322-8888, runs shuttles to both airports from Med Center hotels, including the Marriot, which is a block from the southeastern edge of campus.

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A word to students: Give athletics the attention they deserve.

Grads will not only oversee the Aggies in the workforce but also the student body toward Rice athletics is generally one of apathy, undying support for their schools' athletics simply out of school pride. The overall attitude of Rice's own students fail to do the same? What is the attainable without sacrificing academic superiority.

University; both schools are not only members of two strong conferences. It is difficult to take a university's athletics seriously as it ended for Rice. In fact, the Owls eliminated Rice from the tournament with the biggest blow coming from a very lucky break that, may have been some of the top athletes in the country. How many people go to a Lady Owls basketball game or football game that went to bowls in the last three years while holding some of the highest SAT averages in the nation. Stanford wins the Sears Director's Cup, the all-around award for NCAA athletics, year in and year out, in addition to having one of the top academic programs in the United States. Each school demonstrates that athletic excellence is attainable without sacrificing academic superiority.

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Rice swimmers out Wingenroth

by Leslie Ann Carter

So what does this experience, such as a College World Series appearance, can help push a team to the top in the postseason. Others think that the postseason starts, all is forgotten and everyone begins with a clean slate. Unfortunately for Rice, the latter theory proved to be true as the NCAA Central Regional in College Station last spring. And the much-hyped pitching experience that the Owls acquired in Omaha in 1997 didn't amount to much more than a hill of beans. Twelve beans, to be exact.

After losing Rice to an 11-3 blowout victory over Arkansas Little Rock in the opener, the Owls' pitching staff self-destructed to the tune of 20 hits, 25 runs (24 of which were earned), 17 walks, three wild pitches and the aforementioned 12 hit batters in just two games.

Rice's situation is reminiscent of seventh-graders. The skinny kids with acne run to find a place to work for us someday after an A&M touchdown. Athletic inadvisable. It's like a train hitting you in the face. It's something I never imagined would happen." Head Coach Wayne Graham said. "Whenever I think I've seen it all, there's another thing for the team would be a new coaching change. Letters were written and meetings were held. His diagnosis after talking to us was that we needed a new coach. Even after this occurred, Kris didn't change her style. The administration had known about this issue for a long time. They just took baby steps to do something about it.

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But it wasn't until last April when Kris Wingenroth did not sufficiently motivate and support her athletes. "Kris Wingenroth was not re- spected by a person," said5 Jada Sanders. "She's very organized, and kept the records and business. But she wasn't enthusiastic enough to make it a good swim team.

"All last year, and for the past few years, people have been satisfied with the way Kris coached," junior Captain Liz Cornelison said. "She was hard to swim when you don't feel like you're being encouraged by the head coach. We thought the best we could do was depend on the assistant coach, to get the team going again and excited about swimming.

With that in mind, a group of swimmers approached May about a coaching change. Letters were drafted to the Athletics Department and meetings were scheduled to discuss the state of the swim team. "We wrote letters and had meetings," said Davidson. "We even had support from previous Rice swimmers. We submitted a list of people who quit the team not because of academic or financial reasons, but because of Kris. In the past few years, 15 swimmers had quit. The swimming efforts made an impression on May. "We had the last team meeting on a Wednesday, and by Friday Kris had been asked to leave," Sanders said.

While the swimmers are looking forward to a new season under a new coach, there are lingering feelings about how the coaching situation was handled.

"My first year (1995-96 season), we tried to change coaches," Davidson said. "We wrote a request list and a team psychologist even came in. His diagnosis to us was that we needed a new coach. Even after this occurred, Kris didn't change her style. The administration had known about this issue for a long time. They just took baby steps to do something about it.

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By José Luis Cubría

Owls fail in bid for 2nd World Series berth

Sophomore right fielder Charles Williams makes contact at the NCAA Central Regional in May.

As it ended for Rice. In fact, the pitching of junior Mario Ramos and sophomore Mark Gwyn propelled the Owls to victory in the first game. After giving up a lead-off single to center to start the game, Ramos (12/2) proceeded to retire the next 12 men he faced. Gwyn effectively遏制ed the Owls' bats and the first four innings in the first six innings, the Owls put six runs on the board in the first inning, with the biggest blow coming from a very lucky break that, may have been some of the top athletes in the country. How many people go to a Lady Owls basketball game or football game that went to bowls in the last three years while holding some of the highest SAT averages in the nation. Stanford wins the Sears Director's Cup, the all-around award for NCAA athletics, year in and year out, in addition to having one of the top academic programs in the United States. Each school demonstrates that athletic excellence is attainable without sacrificing academic superiority.

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After losing Rice to an 11-3 blowout victory over Arkansas Little Rock in the opener, the Owls' pitching staff self-destructed to the tune of 20 hits, 25 runs (24 of which were earned), 17 walks, three wild pitches and the aforementioned 12 hit batters in just two games.

Rice's situation is reminiscent of seventh-graders. The skinny kids with acne run to find a place to work for us someday after an A&M touchdown. Athletic inadvisable. It's like a train hitting you in the face. It's something I never imagined would happen." Head Coach Wayne Graham said. "Whenever I think I've seen it all, there's another thing for the team would be a new coaching change. Letters were written and meetings were held. His diagnosis after talking to us was that we needed a new coach. Even after this occurred, Kris didn't change her style. The administration had known about this issue for a long time. They just took baby steps to do something about it.

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But it wasn't until last April when Kris Wingenroth did not sufficiently motivate and support her athletes. "Kris Wingenroth was not re- spected by a person," said5 Jada Sanders. "She's very organized, and kept the records and business. But she wasn't enthusiastic enough to make it a good swim team.

"All last year, and for the past few years, people have been satisfied with the way Kris coached," junior Captain Liz Cornelison said. "She was hard to swim when you don't feel like you're being encouraged by the head coach. We thought the best we could do was depend on the assistant coach, to get the team going again and excited about swimming.

With that in mind, a group of swimmers approached May about a coaching change. Letters were drafted to the Athletics Department and meetings were scheduled to discuss the state of the swim team. "We wrote letters and had meetings," said Davidson. "We even had support from previous Rice swimmers. We submitted a list of people who quit the team not because of academic or financial reasons, but because of Kris. In the past few years, 15 swimmers had quit. The swimming efforts made an impression on May. "We had the last team meeting on a Wednesday, and by Friday Kris had been asked to leave," Sanders said.

While the swimmers are looking forward to a new season under a new coach, there are lingering feelings about how the coaching situation was handled.

"My first year (1995-96 season), we tried to change coaches," Davidson said. "We wrote a request list and a team psychologist even came in. His diagnosis to us was that we needed a new coach. Even after this occurred, Kris didn't change her style. The administration had known about this issue for a long time. They just took baby steps to do something about it.

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**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

**Mayor's Cup spices up Rice/SMU series**

When Rice takes the football field against Southern Methodist University Sept. 5, it will mark the end of the first season and also kick off the inaugural Mayor's Cup.

Fashioned after the Governor’s Cup, which was awarded to the winner of the inaugural National Football League game between the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers, the Mayor’s Cup will be preserved by the remaining schools of the college-level Dallas and Houston rivalry.

The Mayor’s Cup was created to increase the reality between Rice and SMU that dates back to 1936. While SMU holds a

larger number of victories, both schools have experienced many of the same losing years in the past.

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And for the California schools, it’s never been a problem.

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**Stringer leaves men’s basketball team**

After a two-year stint as a guard on the Rice men’s basketball team, junior Joshua Stringer has decided not to return to the team for the 1998-99 season, but he will stay enrolled at Rice. When asked about his decision Stringer said only, “I want to pursue other things.”

Head Coach Willis Wilson could not be reached for comment.

The six-foot-two guard from Fairlawn, Va., averaged 3.5 points and had under two assists in 28 games for the Owls last season. He was also one of Rice’s leading long-distance threats, hitting 37-of-91 (41.3%) three-pointers.

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Who says you can't sip a martini while enjoying fine works of art? Not the Contemporary Arts Museum, which becomes the "STEEL LOUNGE" on the last Friday of every month, offering drinks and great music in addition to marvelous exhibits. Artwork featured this week includes "Face of the Gods: Art and Altars of Africa and the African Americas", and the drink of the month is the "Deity-ini." The action begins inside the museum at 5:30 p.m. at 5216 Montrose. Admission is free. For more information, call (713) 284-8250.

Saturday  AUG 29

Come see the site where segments of Armageddon were filmed. The JOHNSON SPACE CENTER sponsors an open house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The space center is located at 2101 NASA Road 1. The open house is free. Stick around at 6 p.m. to watch the Ballunar Lifting Festival, when hundreds of hot air balloons will take off into the sky. Call (281) 244-5312 for more information.

Sunday  AUG 30

Have you ever wondered what Houston has to offer for theater? Head down Main Street to the THEATER DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE for a free preview of what the Wortham Center, Jones Hall and the Alley Theatre are showcasing this season. The Houston Opera Studio will perform throughout the day and the Houston Symphony will perform at 4 p.m. The Aerial Theater presents live jazz on the patio, while Theatre Under the Stars presents songs from its upcoming musical Guys and Dolls. Come downtown from noon to 5 p.m. Admission, food and drinks are all free.

Journalist Hector Feliciano presents The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art at 3 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Fine Arts at 1001 Bissonnet. After seven years of research, Feliciano wrote his book after his quest to recover MISSING WORKS OF ART by Matisse, Vermeer, and Picasso that were taken from Jewish collectors from the Nazis during World War II. The lecture is free, but seating is limited.

Monday  AUG 31

Set your alarm clock, and get ready to roll. Today is the FIRST DAY OF CLASSES for the fall semester.

TUESDAY  SEPT 1

REGISTRATION for continuing undergraduates and graduate students ends Friday.

Wednesday  SEPT 2

Come cheer on the Rice volleyball team in their first home game! The VOLLEYBALL team plays against Stephen F. Austin in Autry Court at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY for the new graduate housing complex begins at 11 a.m. at 1515 Bissonnet.

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SLIME PARADE

Anyone who took part in Sunday's matriculation extravaganza knows what it's all about — practically nothing. It began with the same balloon-filled blimp, as did any other year, and ended with the same old jokes and cookies for freshmen left about the Academic Quadrangle. It's all in good fun and part of the university's annual tradition of starting the new academic year.

The Rice Band led the parade down Main Street, followed by the convertible floats and the hand-holding slimes, led by the Rice Band, as usual. This year's slimes were in buses; the girls in convertibles. The rice Band led the parade through the Loop's State was less successful, and the slimes had to be content with amusing the gawkers on our own turf as they did the year before.

In front of the Rice Hotel the traditional pep rally took place. Then it was back to the campus, where all the giggly-eyed slimes were to have their orgy. However, most of the freshmen girls decided that they didn't want to go through with this order (possibly they didn't want to catch glandular fever). The I'm 110 girls that did show up created quite a stir. The seniors, however, gave them a rousing reception. The Bloodgood Mummus' newest release, "I'm Not the Band, but if your note sounded kinda dopey," wrote Christine Muller, knowing that her note of the weekend's happenings was in fact, a terrible miss.

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