

# Synergist Buckminster Fuller to speak here Tuesday

Richard Buckminster Fuller, described by some as a visionary and others as a crackpot, and by himself as a "fairly low average man," will be the last speaker in the 1973-74 President's Lecture Series. The renowned engineer, architect, and philosopher will discuss "Humans in the Universe" at 8pm Tuesday, March 19, in the Rice Memorial Center Grand Hall. He will be introduced by David A. Crane, Dean of the School of Architecture. The lecture is open to the public without charge.

Fuller deals fundamentally with one broad issue—the quality and future of human life. He says: "The possibility of the good life for any man depends on the possibility of realizing it for all man. This is the function of the society's ability to turn the energies of the universe to human advantage."

Much of Fuller's philosophy is based on "synergy," which he defines as "the behavior of all systems, unpredicted by the behavior of parts or subsystems."

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Fuller is best known architecturally for the invention of the geodesic dome, a spherical structure like that Fuller used in the United States Pavilion at Montreal's Expo '67 — or like the one constructed here last year by two Rice architects.

"Fuller has spent the last 45 years in the 21st century and he's been sending bulletins back ever since," says one of his biographers. A university president called Fuller "one of the creative giants of the century who has shown us that the technologist, the humanist, and the policy analyst can live and work together; indeed they can be personified in one man."

Fuller, born in 1895, attended Harvard from 1913 to 1915 without graduating. He was dismissed twice for "lack of sustained interest in the processes within the University." Since then he has received 26 honorary doctorates for his work in the arts, sciences, and humanities. Fuller

has also been the recipient of over 20 professional awards from architectural and designers' institutes and one from the Queen of England. He is currently Distinguished University Professor at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He is also a "World Fellow in Residence" at the University Science Center in Philadelphia.

During his stay in Houston, Fuller will also be the guest speaker at the spring dinner meeting of the Rice University Associates on Monday, March 18, and will participate

in an informal seminar-discussion with interested faculty and students on Tuesday, March 19. The discussion will be arranged by Fuller's University hosts, Associate Professors Adele and Antonio de Santos of the School of Architecture.

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### Streakers grin and bare it

by GARY BREWSTER

Although streaking, or running in the nude, has been popular on many campuses for several months, until recently no one at Rice paid much attention. Now, however, several

groups of nude students have been seen merrily sprinting their way across campus.

The pastime has become an almost nightly affair, —but as of yet no one has been brave enough to strip and streak during the day.

The new sport is usually a group activity, so far dominated by males. Tennis shoes and an occasional ski mask are the rule, although some streakers run barefoot.

One of the first schools to become notorious for its streaking was the University of Maryland, where 125 males and females ran around a dining hall au naturel, cheered on by other students with fireworks, shouts, and music.

Florida State University students streaked to fame through Tallahassee's rush hour traffic.

The strippers

At SMU, one student was arrested and fined \$27.50 for disorderly conduct after streaking around one of the women's

dormitories. At a later evening 500 students came out to watch and cheer streakers joining arms to prevent security guards from apprehending several persons who were disrobing in a fountain there. The events have become so commonplace that the Mustang Band comes out to play. Naturally, one of the selections was "the Stripper."

Keep on streakin'

Texas Tech students, not to be outdone, have taken up streaking in broad daylight. One student there made a run from the Administration Building to the Journalism Building at 2pm last Wednesday. Another student streaked through the brightly-lit lobby of one of the girl's dorms as a large crowd of breathless females watched. Residents of one dormitory have started wearing T-shirts with the caption, "Keep on Streakin'," and depicting the school mascot, a mustachioed cowboy, in the buff.

A few days ago, 250 Tech students noted after a campus security officer drew his gun to "arrest" a streaker.

UT Austin has had its share of streakers, too, including several during the daytime. One Austin man has offered to donate \$200 to charity if a group of Jester center residents can successfully complete six streaks around the building. Also, the Business School's Student Advisory Council has volunteered to sponsor a "Streaker Queen" contest against Texas Tech. The winner will be the first female to streak across either of the campuses, winning \$600 for her efforts.

UT police are now reported using cameras to trap streakers.

As usual, the Aggies have their own way of doing things. Seven Aggies streaked across the campus there last week, each carrying a pair of gym shorts "in case of a tragedy." However, the next morning they were feeling remorseful about the incident, and so wrote a letter to the editor apologizing for their misconduct and saying: "With all

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Not a streak, but a stroll; Lovett's "Nocturnal Emissions" return home Thursday morning.

John Cook

## Students hear 'Sissy' on Texas issues

by JOHN ANDERSON

Citing "broken promises" and poor leadership on the part of Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Frances "Sissy" Farenthold brought her gubernatorial campaign to Rice Tuesday night. Speaking before a mostly enthusiastic crowd of about 150 people at the RMC, Ms. Farenthold lashed out at Briscoe, whom she described as "inept" and "unresponsive."

Ms. Farenthold, who was defeated in the 1972 Democratic

primary runoff by Briscoe, asked rhetorically, "Why am I running for governor? I am running so the people can have a real choice. Think of what four more years of Briscoe means. I don't believe that Texas can stand four long years of inaction."

Challenging the caliber of gubernatorial appointments, Ms. Farenthold cited Briscoe's appointees to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. "Seven of those commissioners from Texas are registered oil lobbyists,"

she noted. "One is an East Texan who was indicted some years ago on charges of drilling slant wells. Another is a former Texas Railroad Commissioner who retired from office under a cloud."

Also under attack was Briscoe's part in seeking (and obtaining) a stay on a lower federal court order which would have banned multi-member legislative districts as unconstitutional and instead instituted a system of single member districts statewide. "Why, Briscoe's so weak he just gave in to pressure from the Tarrant County (Fort Worth) delegation."

Again and again, Ms. Farenthold returned to the same theme: "the unresponsive representation which Dolph Briscoe gives this state." Ms. Farenthold noted that, "the things Briscoe talked of in his 1972 campaign . . . he hasn't even proposed those issues to the legislature."

"Briscoe said he was for a Budget Commission. Well, that got lost. He said he was for mass transit. And now all we

## Thresher changes

Beginning this week, the Thresher will look and feel slightly different. This issue was printed on a rotary offset press rather than the flat-bed letterpress units the Thresher has used for the last 40 years.

Although precipitated by recent price increases which made letterpress economically unfeasible, the change should represent a definite improvement in printing, although more time-consuming, is cheaper and more flexible, allowing more

photographs — eventually — more pages each week.

The slightly smaller page size was dictated by the paper shortage. Offset paper in this size, unlike the larger 17" stock used until now, will remain readily available at reasonable prices.

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# Ben Blanton, Rice Information Services director, dies

Ben F. Blanton, a 1940 Rice graduate and Director of Rice Information Services, died Wednesday, February 27, of an apparent heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Born in Waco, Blanton graduated from Houston's San Jacinto High School. While at Rice he was editor of the Owl, a campus humor magazine, and



Ben Blanton

campus correspondent for the Houston Post.

Blanton served as a naval officer aboard the carrier St. Lo during WW II. As Landing Signal Officer, he organized her abandoning after a kamikaze attack. Severely burned, he was rescued two hours after the sinking.

After the war, Blanton worked for the Post as a reporter and Action Line staffer. He later purchased the Brenham Banner Press, serving as editor and publisher. He was named to the Information Services position 1970.

His civic activities included service on the Chambers of commerce of Sherman, La.; Baton Rouge, La; and Wichita Falls, Tx. He was also chairman of the San Jacinto Battleground advisory board.

His office not only published the faculty High Emprise and University magazine Rice University Review, but also functioned as a clearinghouse for information and material on Rice, its activities, history, news, and personnel, in addition

to handling public relations.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; and two daughters, Marilyn Blanton (Rice, 1944)

and Mrs. Beverly Fayless.

The Ben Blanton Memorial Fund has been established to benefit Fondren Library. Contributions will be used to buy books. The Rice Pre-Med Society also plans a blood drive April 2, 3, and 4 in his memory.

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These programs are open to ALL undergraduate majors. Interested students in any Masters program can arrange an interview by contacting Ms. Mary Leatherwood in the Rice Placement Office.

## Streakers...

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sincerity we extend an apology that will mark us the rest of our lives. We hope that our mistakes will be a lesson for others."

Here at Rice the first streakers to get any attention were from Wiess College. Their first and now-famous nude sprint occurred two weeks ago tonight; they ran from Wiess to Brown and Jones, then by Dr. Hackerman's house, and back home. Last Tuesday ten streakers from Sid Rich sprinted to the library and back.

### Streak slowly

Rice streakers, however, are more casual than most. Others run. Often, Rice 'streakers' walk.

The idea of streaking isn't all that new here at Rice, only more widespread lately. After a fashion, streaking was a Lovett College tradition for several years. Whenever a particularly "popular" Lovett man attained his 21st birthday, he was escorted by his peers to the Brown-Jones fountain, deprived of his clothes, and left to find his way back to his room by himself.

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# Nine student waiters fired after training table walkout

by JUDY CRAFT

The training table waiters staged a walkout Monday night, March 11, due to a dispute with Food Service and the Athletic Department.

The Athletic Department plans training table lunch served at 11:45 during spring training because of a 12:30 team meeting. All the training table waiters have 11 o'clock classes,

so they can't start before 12:10. Last semester, training table lunch was at 11:45.

Mrs. Rubash, Director of College Food Service, told training table headwaiter Joe Waluk to either fire some of the waiters and hire some without 11 o'clock classes or to have the waiters hire a substitute to work from 11:30 to 12:00. Waluk demanded that the meal be moved to

12:10 or that the Food Service hire the substitutes.

Waluk announced that, if these demands were not met, none of the training table crew would work Monday night. Mrs. Rubash insisted that all 9 waiters work that night or lose their jobs. Neither side felt the other open to negotiation so the walkout was carried out. All 9 waiters were fired.

"We're students first," Waluk explained. He had expected to negotiate about the time a 12:00 compromise would have been acceptable. When a 12:00 compromise was offered, Mrs. Rubash replied, "I have to do what the customer (the Athletic Dept.) wants. You run a business to suit the customer, not the employees." The Athletic Dept. will not change the meal to 12:00; they feel the 11:45 time necessary to get all the players to the 12:30 meeting. A change in meeting time might conflict with classes.

Mrs. Rubash pointed out that "grubs" and part-timers must pay their own substitute; therefore, the training table waiters should pay a substitute to come

in at 11:30. Waluk felt it reasonable since the waiters' salary was cut this year and he had only this year.

Mrs. Rubash says the training table salary was cut to equal pay with that of the other crews, under the university policy of equal pay for jobs. Waluk feels the training table waiters are not equal, that the other crews are not equal, that it is difficult to compare.

Training table waiters only wash dishes but also set tables. According to Mrs. Rubash, "It's like freshman waiters. The waiters must set tables, serve dinner to the other students individually, bring s

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### They just keep streakin'...

by GARY BREWTON

For a while last week it seemed like streaking would be the next official college sport, as soon as the newness wore off, the pastime began to decline. Nevertheless, individual streakers continue to appear in classes and gatherings during their informality. Undoubtedly the high point of the week at Rice came Wednesday night when about fifty streakers marched on the Main Fountain to the surprise of many Main Street motorists. The people tooted their horns; the "flashed the moon"; and at least one man stopped, stripped, and joined the revelers.

Rice's first daylight streak occurred earlier that day as three streakers dashed from Hamman

Hall through the quadrangle to Lovett College at 1:00pm. Several females from Baker made what was apparently Rice's first co-ed streak to Willy's statue and back—on Friday after lunch.

The letdown was on Saturday afternoon when the big "coed streak" at the Texas-Rice baseball game failed to reveal any females. 26 streakers dashed across the infield before a large crowd, receiving a standing ovation (and national coverage). This streak's only distinguishing features was the one streaker who painted himself completely orange.

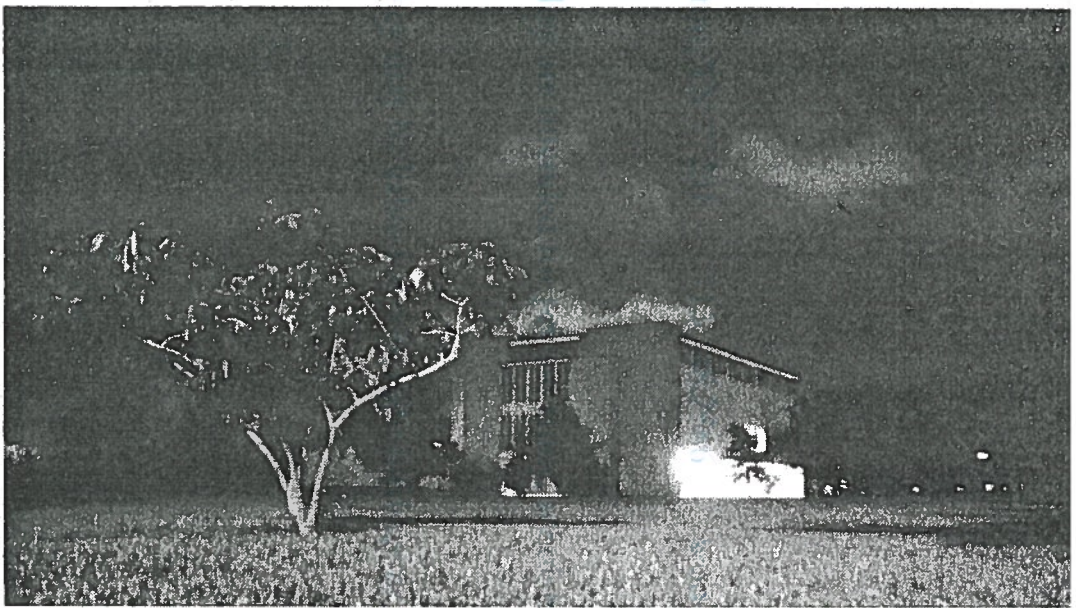
Streaking became more an indoor sport, too. The Thursday night event included a romp through the library, up onto the mezzanine and back out the door. (No sir, we don't have any books.) Streakers were seen at the late showing of The Garden of the Finzi-Continis on Friday night.

On Monday, one nude male strolled across the Hamman Hall stage munching on a carrot in front of Dr. Cuthbertson's Poli Sci class; another streaker ran between the class and the

prof in Dr. Brelsford's Intro Psychology course.

Other students are planning a "streak-against-Nixon" campaign when he comes to Houston to speak at the National Broadcasters meeting next Tuesday.

The UH Student Association has challenged Rice's SA to a "streak-in." See page 2.



—bill f

What is reality?

### Rondelet festivities set for early April

Rondelet '74 has been set for the April 5-7 weekend. Friday's University-wide TGIF bash starts the festivities with free beer in the Sallyport of Lovett Hall. The film "Cries and Whispers" will be shown free in the Lovett Hall/Commons at 8 and 10pm.

Will Rice and Hanszen Quads will be the site of a free pic-

nic Saturday at noon. (Barring College subsidies there will be a \$1.25 fee for off-campus people.) The annual Beer-Bike Race will be held at 2pm in the stadium parking lot.

Then from 7pm until 1am the Rondelet Dinner-Dance will hold sway in the Emerald Ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. The "extra-special" dinner

begins promptly at 7, featuring prime ribs and a baked Alaska finale. The BYOB dance starts at 9pm with special semi-professional bartenders for those who would like theirs blended. (Setups will also be available.) Tickets are \$17.50 per couple, or \$5.00 for just the dance, on sale in the colleges and the SA office beginning Monday, March

25th.

Sunday at 2pm Will Rice will host an ice cream social. Hamman Hall will be the site of the traditional Songfest at 8-1am, the Off-campus Committee will present Bill Haymes, Vince Bell, Mike Marcoulier in the Hamman Hall, costarring free beer it lasts.

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