Senior Gala receives no administrative funds, loses $600

By Elise Perachio

Rachel Giesber and Alex Fienner lost the dance to the Rice University Graduate Student Association when they organized the Senior Gala, an annual event that provides nonprofit educational purposes; the nature of the copyrighted work; the amount of the portion used in relation to the work as a whole; and the effect of the use upon the market for the copyrighted work.

There are several factors stipulated by the clause to determine fair use: the purpose and character of the use, including whether it is for nonprofit educational purposes; the nature of the copyrighted work; the amount of the portion used in relation to the work as a whole; and the effect of the use upon the market for the copyrighted work.

Many Rice professors currently take advantage of the Act by using their reading lists. If the instructor’s suit is successful, it could force Rice students to acquire more books or copy texts from the campus bookstore.

Kinko’s representative Kurt Koeck said that the company’s policy on photocopying is to respect the copyright center who contact publishers to obtain permission to use portions of copyrighted materials for classroom use under the "fair use" clause.

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Textbook manufacturers sue Kinko’s Graphics

By Sarah Lee
du e to changes in the way they do business, which allow faculty members to make multiple copies of copyrighted materials for classroom use under the "fair use" clause.

A lawsuit recently filed by several textbook manufacturers accuses the company of serious consequences for Rice professors who use photocopies as part of their teaching assignments.

Kinko’s Graphic Corporation, the parent organization of the college’s Kinko’s Copy stores, has announced its intention to fight a lawsuit filed by eight textbook manufacturers to settle the lawsuit in the past such as Esperanza and the Graduate Student Association, which the company has refused to settle.

The suit should be settled some time later this year.

Aceramic honoring students who won prizes and awards is student with award, in the main academic quad. Despite the threat of rain, the gala occurred several days after the last day of classes. "We learned a lesson [for the future]—to put it closer to the end of finals," Giesber said.

Giesber and Fienner plan to structure the event over the summer so that it can be run more efficiently next year and can gain enough donations to be a charity event.

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Giesber said that if any students wish to make donations to help cover the debt or for next year’s event, they may mail checks to 7600 Commencement Gala, P.O. Box 2581, Houston, TX 77252. Checks should be made out to Owl Gala.

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Opinion

College unity does not depend on family-style

This year's Commencement was not very different from others before it. Undergraduate degree recipients marched in with their college's colors. Many other undergradduates came only for their own college's commencement. And what awards and prizes were presented to professors that were also college associates, the members of that college gave a rowdy standing ovation.

Will all of these changes mean that college unity is neither dead nor dying, despite what some university officials would lead us to believe?

In the past few months, these officials, as well as some college trustees and students, have attempted to restrict an individual college's right to choose cafeteria-style meals over family-style meals; claiming that cafeteria-style causes or reinforces a tremendous loss of college unity.

I find this to be a far-fetched assumption. In the first place, how can those opposed to cafeteria-style measure "college unity"? I would like to propose some viable factors.

One is the social networks students create at Rice. I believe most students would agree that, while they may have many acquaintances from other colleges, few of these are from Rice's own. The college system also breaks down social barriers between classes and majors. It is not unusual to find engineers, humanities majors, pre-med students and architecture students living together, even in their junior and senior years.

College unity also manifests itself in all-college activities, such as annual parties, games day, Beer-Filk, and other inter-college competitions.

Family-style dinners can be a valuable way to preserve college unity. But it is certainly not the only or the most vital. For instance, why has the entire meal debate centered on the evening meal? It is in the sense of the family dinner that one gathers to share each other's company. But at school, lunch can be a much more convenient meal for which to get back to one's college. I always see most on-campus college members, a lot of off-campus members, several associates and my college master at lunch. Maybe it is different at other colleges. But the point is that this indicates there is an association with each college shows its "unity" in different ways, at different times.

The university should definitely work to maintain college unity, but not through harder changes that will have no effect on some colleges and a profound effect on others. It should work with each college individually, to improve upon the unity that is already, most definitely, alive and well.

Sarah Leedy

Hall should be replaced

Nine seasons after David Hall became Rice's head baseball coach, the time has come for him to fire. The reasons are simple: the continually poor performance in Southwest Conference play and his insistence that scholarship players live off-campus.

Over the last five seasons (in reverse order), Rice has compiled a 5-16 (including a 4-16 overall stretch to end the year after being ranked in top 25), 5-16, 5-16, and 5-15. Rice finished last or next-to-last in the SWC records of 4-17 (star pitcher Rob Howard had 3 of the 4 wins), 6-15 (including a 4-16 overall stretch to end the year after being ranked in top 25), 5-16, 5-16, and 5-15. Rice finished last or next to last each season.

Rice's performance hasn't always been this bad. Rice finished 13-14, 13-14, 13-14, and 13-14 in Southwest Conference play in Hall's first four years as coach.

Some may argue that the SWC is an extremely tough baseball conference, and that many interpretations of the document are possible. In particular, is unclear whether the promulgation of the Drug-free Workplace policy over coercion from the Federal government is in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

I understand that Federal Law requires me to inform the Associate Provost within five days of any criminal activity conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace at Rice University. I promise that this refers only to hypothetical violations committed by one, since I do not need to commit such. However, should I be to be accused of any such activity, I would be required to report it to the university, which is at the heart of issues the university is debating a bill requiring students to report to the Proctor's Office for punishment.

Such an incident could soon happen at Stanford University, Emory University, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, or the University of Wisconsin at Madison. All have concerns restricting forms of speech and have decided to prohibit such speech.

New York Times article also reported that the Wisconsin state legislature is debating a bill requiring students to report to the Proctor's Office for punishment.

Supporters say the measures are needed to curb increasing racial tensions and promote tolerance. Critics claim that the First Amendment rights and try to sweep problems under the rug by restricting the intellectual exchange that is at the heart of universities' relationship with students.

Recently Emory's President issued a statement denouncing the school's prohibition of sexual harassment to include all kinds of behavior, including racial, ethnic, sexual, etc.

Last April the regents at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor issued a warning that discriminatory harassment could lead to punishments from reprimand to expulsion. The Wisconsin House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill restricting "racist or discriminative communications or the expression of offensive behavior, uttered to an individual."

In hearings in the Senate, where opposition is expected, the Wisconsin Student Association testified in favor of the bill.

Sponsor D. Spencer Cogas, a Milwaukee Democrat, said "We agree that divergent philosophies should be allowed on a college campus." However, "You cannot yell fire in the face of free speech."
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Speech

In a crowded theater, you cannot cause a hostile atmosphere on campus.

"For the colleges not to deal with the racial prejudice on campus is an abdication of their responsibility in a free society," said Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"When you pass a rule which represses speech, you are avoiding dealing with the underlying problem and you're passing a rule whose sweep is going to be broader than the things you're trying to contain."

The most acrimonious and lengthy debate has been at Stanford, where memories of two racist incidents within the past 18 months are fresh. On April 19, the Student Conduct Legislative Council proposed an anti-harassment proposal to replace a withdrawn one that was widely attacked as too restrictive.

The new proposal makes intent to hurt or harass essential to prove any violation, and requires the efficacy remarks to be directly addressed to the people involved, and says the offense "must be expressed in words, pictures, or symbols that are communicated, intended to convey, in a direct and viaerly way, hatred or contempt for human beings of the sex, race, color, handicap, sexual orientation, or national and ethnic origin in question."

The proposal still must pass through a complex ratification processes, including a public notice and comment period and approval by Stanford President Donald M. Kennedy. Upon passage it will become part of the student conduct code, so punishments would be within the existing range of penalties, from reprimand to suspension or expulsion.

"The new proposal is a marked improvement over the old one, but it does have serious flaws that need to be addressed," commented the April 24th edition of the Stanford Daily.

The paper said the use of "acceptable community standards" ultimately put the majority in judgment of what is ultimately a minority right.

The original proposal, which was attacked by the university's general counsel and a constitutional law professor, prohibited "obscenities, epithets, and other forms of expression that accepted community standards degrade, victimize, stigmatize, or perjoratively characterize them on the basis of personal, intellectual, or cultural diversity."

Professor Gerald Gunther compared the anti-harassment proposals to women's groups attempts to repress offensive speech is one of the most difficult obligations the free speech proposal imposed on all of us. Yet it is also one of the First Amendment's greatest glories and indeed it is a central test of the community's commitment to free speech. More speech, not less speech, is the proper cure for offensive speech."

Junior Gastia, a member of the three person Council of Presidents that heads student government, strongly disagreed. "We don't put as many restrictions on freedom of speech as we should. You have to put up something that tells students what the limits are, what they can do, and what they can't."

The anthropology and African-American studies major added that the proposal is not in line with the First Amendment but adds, "I'm not sure it should be. We at Stanford are trying to set a standard different from what society at large is trying to accomplish."

In a full-page statement in the February 8 Stanford Daily university general counsel John Schwartz and Ira Glasser argued against strong restrictions on speech, saying that "a university, more than any other institution, must preserve itself as a forum for the expression of ideas, and in doing so, must tolerate the expression of ideas that some or most of us find repugnant."

The statement said that as a private university, Stanford was under less restrictions than public universities or governments. It also added, "No one has a right that another person not hold an opinion, or express it."

That same day a contradictory report, authored by philosophy professor John Perry and graduate student C.R. Douglas, was issued. They rejected the First Amendment as a guideline, saying, "We ought uphold higher standards of what is appropriate and what is inappropriate. There is no reason we should uphold rules that someone has established."

The next day the Daily strongly supported the council's position emphasizing universities' duty as a place of exchange of diverse ideas. Later Perry, a professor, and a student debated the issue on the campus radio station.

Misclass Correction

To the editors:

Although I appreciate the house of having put my lecture quoted in the "Misclass" section of the Thresher, I am sorry to note that the unnamed correspondent misrepresented me. First, the thalamus is part of the brain, not a gland. Second, the hypophysis is actually the part of the brain that controls the activities you mentioned, not the thalamus.

Evidence from psychology experiments suggests that putting jokes in lectures backfires: students tend to remember the joke, but forget the preceding and succeeding content of the lecture. Your misquote in the Misclass represents this type of problem.

Henry L. Roediger III
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Graduation

FROM PAGE 1

Seven professors retired from the Rice faculty: Donald Baker, Geology; Frances Bible, Voice; Katherine Brown, Art and Art History; H.C. Clark, Geology; Raphael Fliegel, Music; Madeline Strobel, French; and Mercedes Valdivieso, Spanish, Portuguese and Classics.

Several professors and alumni were honored for superior teaching and service. Larry S. Tenkin, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, won The George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching. There were also six recipients of The George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching: C. Sidney Burrus, Professor and chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department; Susan L. Clark, Professor of German and Slavic Studies; Kathleen S. Matthews, Professor and chair of the Biochemistry Department; Robert L. Patten, Professor of English; Gale Stokes, Professor of History; and William L. Wilson, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Dr. Rupp's commencement address focused on two common phrases: "Talk is cheap" and "There's no such thing as a free lunch." Rupp then expounded on the depletion of the ozone layer, the rise in the cost of quality education at other institutions, the federal debt, the generosity of William Marsh Rice and the other supporters of higher education, and the irony of his advice in light of these events.

Former SA President Andy Karsner presented the Mentor Award to Dr. Gilbert Cuthbertson, Professor of Political Science, and made a few personal remarks as well.
Local cinemas offer plenty of summer fun

BY HAROLD BUNNEMEISTER

After struggling through the spring movie drought, a summer beam appears on the horizon. Is it the glare of a projector beam on a movie screen? Could be. Is it an oasis of entertaining, enlightening cinematic fare? Could be. Is it the upcoming summer movie season? Could be.

I thought I'd do six of my favorite readers a public service and call up my favorite theaters in town, just to find out when the big flicks are showing up. (Funny how my favorite theaters are the ones that always slip me a couple of clues before the previews. Just kidding!) But just in case you think that I just looked 'em up on Paramount, well, I'm even going to tell you what my good buddies said to all you folks out there.

Meyer Park 14 (4730 W. Benfield) My very good friend Chuck Lopez was more than happy to give me these confidential tips.

On May 24, look for Harrison Ford to ride for the last time in Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade. This is director Spielberg's attempt to apologize for the evil Temple Of Doom. Practically everybody who worked on Raiders, down to the caterers, are in on this one and it even stars Sean Connery.

William Shatner takes his turn on the helm of the Star Trek series of movies with Star Trek V: The Final Frontier opening on June 9. From the look of the trailers, it will make another bazillion dollars for Paramount. Even if it is worse than a bad episode of the Star Trek: The Next Generation or J.J. Hooker, die-hard fans will still show up. On June 30, the invasion of the numbers continues with Ghostbusters II, complete with Bill, Dan and Sig. Sequel gets ugly in August with Friday the 13, Part VIII: Tens in Time Square on the 4th, and Nightmare on Elm St. 5: The Dream Child on the 11th. Those crazy guys, Jason and Freddie, have been up to their tricks longer than the Reagan administration. Think about it.

My very good friend Chuck says, "Hope to see everyone out here."

Greenway 3 (3 Greenway Plaza East) Over on the artsy side, Patti Calandra, a very close and personal friend of mine, tells me that they really won't know what's coming later this summer, but can tell me what they are expecting in the next few weeks. Good enough.

She highly recommends The Navigator: An Odyssey Across Time, a film that has gotten good reviews both inside and outside the recent Houston Film Festival. Opening today are two more Film Festival movies: Paperhouse, a surreal story about a girl, her drawings and a little boy, and Miracle Mile, a prenuclear action-romance starring Mr. North's Anthony Edwards. On May 26, The Dressmaker starts its run, and French Film Week runs from June 5 through June 9.

My very close, personal friend Patti says, "See you at the movies."

Spectrum Cinema 9 (2660 Augusta) One of my all-time best friends in the whole wide world, Margaret Stratton, gave me a list of some of the flicks showing up at the Spectrum this summer. On the 2nd of June, expect Geena Davis's masterpiece to fall for Jeff Goldblum's alien in Earth Girls Are Easy, another Film Festival alumus.

Like rival Meyer Park 14, the Enterprise cruises in on the 5th of June, and the Ghostbusters slime onto the screen on the 16th of June. While Ralph Macchio kicks the shit out of bad dudes on the 23rd of June, Dennis Quaid rocks and rolls into your gut as Jerry Lee Lewis in Great Balls Of Fire. Close on the heels of Balls is Spike Lee's Do The Right Thing. Lee apparently expects this to be his answer to Mississippi Burning.

My all-time best friend Margaret don't have anything to say, but her whole being suggested to me something like hope to make a quick dollars on summer receipts. Hope to see you there."

River Oaks 3 (2009 W. Gray) Bousom buddy Rick Dudley couldn't give me much of a low down of the secret plans going on over at the R. Oaks, but he did give me some hints. Like the Spectrum, he expects to get Great Balls Of Fire on the 30th of June. Among the other releases for June are Brightness, Voices of Serafina, and The Rainbow. I don't have any advance word on these pictures, but knowing the River Oaks, they will be very...um...artistic.

Buddy, pal, friend Rick says, "We're not going to be playing a lot of the sequels," referring to a memo passed down to him from the higher-ups at owner Landmark Theatres. Let the movies begin...
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Radical Heathers marred by Slater

By Tim Carroll

Maybe I’m being too picky. Not every movie can have delightful acting, excellent humor, and a strong message which really hits home. Not every movie can be perfect. Maybe I should lower my standards.

Case in point: Heathers. It’s being pushed as a radical departure from the typical high school genre—a film which twists it and turns it on its ear. Well, the movie certainly is off the wall, but the idea has been done much more successfully in other films (John Waters’ Hairspray comes to mind).

Heathers deals with the relationship between a high school junior and her stereotypical group of popular friends, “the Heathers.” The Heathers are about as busty as they come, and Veronica (played by Winona Ryder) begins to regret being part of their group. So she responds by teaming up with Jason Dean (Christian Slater), a new arrival at the school with a rebellious attitude, and a few strange habits. The two plan devilish tricks to pull on the Heathers, and things are peachy until one of the Heathers gets killed. The movie then turns into a black comedy suspense film, in which Veronica begins to wonder as much about Jason’s intentions as she did about the Heathers’.

The movie is ultimately a test of Veronica’s strength—first in the face of the Heathers’ dominating attitude, then in the face of Jason’s violent possessiveness.

The movie does do a good job of averting stereotypes to the point of absurdity. Veronica’s relationship with her parents is humorous, and the black humor is, at times, hilarious. However, I’m not sure where the filmmakers were trying to go with the idea—were they trying to show Veronica’s strength in relation to the two-dimensional personalities of the other characters? Was the whole film tongue in cheek, dispensing with all sympathy characters and poking fun at ALL teenage films (including itself)? Perhaps, but it’s doubtful; the ending has too much of a moral message. The acting in Heathers was average, with one exception—Christian Slater was below average. He was the most annoying presence on the screen, which is unfortunate, as his character is present throughout most of the film. Slater apparently wishes that he had been born as Jack Nicholson, and delivers all of his lines as if he’d been connected to an artificial lung.

The movie had a few enjoyable scenes, but although Heathers definitely wasn’t typical, it fell far short of being anything but average.

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Owls finish year with tough losses

by Wes Gere

Coach David Hall's sixth Owl squad ended the days April 19, losing all three in a series at Texas Tech. The Owls finished below a .500 season for the first time in nine years. Their final record wound up at 28-30, with a 4-17 conference slate.

However, it was the 1989 Southwestern Conference Tournament that ended the season, as they fell 15-15, 21-20, and 24-0. These three losses came after taking one from the Arkan-ساس in relief and an excellent 1.48 ERA in 33 2/3 innings. His seven saves tied the Rice single-season and career records, and he carried many of those into the Gator. Owls win in 4-13.23, 153 games with 96 hits. It took top-ranked A&M to break that streak. Also, his 70 strike- outs put him at third in the conference in that category.

Cooper (5-7) distinguished himself by beating Texas in the last game of the series. Their only score in the 3-1 contest came in the second game of the series. Their third baseman also climbed to the top five in the Rice career record books in these categories. He also went 8 for 11 in the series with Arkan-

sas. "I'm happy with our pitching losses; we score more!

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Calculators make math easy; physics makes calculators necessary.
If you're not sure about something, then it's probably against the rules.
If you are sure about something, then you're wrong.
CX food is worse than expected, but it can't get any worse.
Sophomore Year
College food can get worse.
Free haircuts with your student ID works.
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