Science behind ‘Bell Curve’ examined, criticized

Murray: IQ does not play decisive role; people are ‘plenty smart enough’ for life

Josh Earnest, George Hatoun and Felicia Yang

The highly controversial ‘Bell Curve’ symposium took place Wednesday in front of approximately 600 people in Stude Concert Hall.

The symposium was held to discuss the allegations of the book ‘The Bell Curve’ and featured Charles Murray, a Bradley Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, Murray, along with the late Richard Herrnstein, co-authored the book, which was published in October of 1994.

‘I would like to believe’ that there was somebody from the audience ... whom I might have influenced to some degree to reconsider [the book’s ideas].’

— Leon Kamin
Psychology, Professor

The book suggests that our society is composed of two distinct classes: a smart and educated upper class and a structural underclass characterized by racial and genetic intellectual inferiority.

President Malcolm Gillis opened the event with a short speech highlighting Rice’s contributions to minority programs. He stressed that these efforts did not develop from the administrative level but rather were initiated by concerned faculty.

Examples of these programs are the Rice Posse program, which brings inner city students to Rice to study engineering, and the Rice School (La Escuela Rice), an experimental partnership with the Houston Independent School District. Gillis reminded the audience to focus on the practical implications of the discussion.

‘In the meantime, let us be mindful that children — not academicians — are the ones with the greatest stake in the revolution of the controversies ignited by the publication of this book,’ Gillis said.

Let us conduct ourselves tonight as though those children were here with us tonight.

The forum consisted of Murray and three other presenters:

• Leon Kamin, professor of psychology at Northeastern University,
• Toshiyuki Kono, Kyushu law professor
• Maryana Liskander, Student Association President

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Davidson — Chandler Davidson opened the session by summarizing Murray and Herrnstein’s conclusions in ‘The Bell Curve’ and laid the ground rules for the symposium.

Davidson said, ‘We hope a lively debate will ensue that will contribute to the task of separating truth from falsehood.’

Murray began by discussing popular misconceptions about his book.

He said that ‘in the middle of the bell curve, there’s nothing broken that needs fixing,’ and that the problem deals with the tails of the curve.

Murray said that the vast majority of people in this country are ‘plenty smart enough’ to lead normal, ‘satisfying’ lives. ‘The fact is that success in life and success as a human being depends upon a whole bundle of characteristics,’ he said.

Those characteristics include intelligence, character, industriousness. SEE SYMPOSIUM, PAGE 5

Study abroad exchange started with Japan’s Kyushu University

Norberto Codina Bonora, a Cuban poet and magazine editor, will speak at Rice on Oct. 18.

Codina will speak on Cuban literature and culture at 7:30 p.m. in the Physics Amphitheater.

He is the editor of La Gaceta de Cuba, the magazine of art and literature for the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC).

‘I think it’s great we’re going to spend a year abroad in Japan,’ Nicholas lammarino, coordinator of Japanese studies or Japanese language.

‘The Japanese government, which in part sponsors the program, wants to develop a wide array of people who know more ... about their culture,’ she said.

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lammarino stressed that the program allows students to visit Japan outside the capital of Tokyo. Kyushu University is located on Kyushu Island in southern Japan near South Korea and China.

On Monday, President Malcolm Gillis signed an agreement finalizing the details of a tuition-free exchange program with Kyushu University in Japan.

Starting this year, the program will provide for one Rice student to study abroad for a full year at Kyushu University. Those who have an interest in Asian studies or Japanese language.

Janes College senior Kent Garenne, who is not sending a student to study abroad this year, ‘the benefit is entirely Rice’s,’ lammarino said that the program ’especially should be of interest to those who have an interest in Asian studies or Japanese language.’

However, applications will be accepted from all Rice students on a good standing. participants do not have to know Japanese.

The signing, which formalized the terms of the agreement between Rice and Kyushu, was attended by Kyushu law professor Toshiyuki Kono.

Currently, Rice also participates in a one-for-one exchange program with Tokyo University in Tokyo.

However, that exchange is tuition-free; participants pay their usual tuition to Rice.
ATHLETICS
It's time for women's teams to get the recognition they deserve

The women's volleyball team performed a remarkable feat last Wednesday night in Waco against Baylor University. It won.

In the past four years, a span covering 62 games, the Owls defeated a Southwest Conference foe. Since then, in an amazing run, the team has won two more games, beating last year's SWC champ, the University of Houston, and putting up a close victory over Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

On the individual level, senior Sammy Waldron, in the game against the Lady Bears, last Saturday, became the SWC's all-time kills leader. As a result of this outstanding play, Rice finds itself third in SWC play, fourth in district play and actually received some national recognition in the form of votes by USA Today.

With a large chunk of the schedule remaining, the women's volleyball team's success is a welcome sight at a time when the men's football team is struggling.

The women's cross country team has continued to maintain its winning ways after capturing the SWC title last year, the first woman's title ever in the history of Rice. With enough success this weekend, it's a good chance of making the national meet, whether or not it wins the SWC title.

While the women's teams are doing so well, it seems that many students are not going out in support. Women's volleyball games, on a great night, will draw over 1,000 people. Unfortunately, most of the fans are parents, high school players and coaches rather than students.

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With the men's football team struggling and the Athletic Department operating under an annual deficit hovering around $54 million, there are needs to be a change in focus.

One approach to take a larger place in the spotlight of Rice athletics. Too often they are ignored by the media, the students and the general community in favor of the higher-profile sports.

This needs to change, especially in consideration of the fact that Rice is such a small school where the football program cannot come close to generating as much revenue as most schools do. The first step was taken by changing Midnight Madness to include both the men's and women's basketball teams.

The next step is to up us as students.

AWARENESS
Recent campus events give excellent opportunities to be informed citizens

Whether you've noticed or not, this campus has suddenly been besieged by struggles not directly at all affecting Rice. The Navy ROTC program and its conflict with university policy, has the purpose of raising awareness about the Navy ROTC issue. The Student Association tabled the Navy ROTC issue for four years in 1989 so that the U.S. Department of Defense could get its act together and define its policy concerning ROTC/Pre-Conflict programs.

Brown-Hodding Associate Matt Taylor attended the last SA meeting to get the word out that there is a Tibetan photo exhibit in the Student Center that is sponsored by the Chinese Communist government. Until a few students complained, propaganda material on the "peaceful" transition of Tibet under communist rule was readily displayed on a table outside the lounge. The Bell Curve symposium was also tackled, an awareness raising event. Even the Cuban speaker that will be here at Rice here to raise awareness about Cuban life, culture and literature.

It's time to sit back and applaud the people on all sides of the issue who have been hard at work in bringing these issues to the forefront attacking the "getting students beyond the hurdles" problem from a different angle and allowing the issues to be discussed in the only way possible at an American institution of higher learning.

LETTER POLICY
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3. All names withheld by request.

To the editor:
Some of you may have noticed our recent poster advertising the fact that our dinner, which was planned for Sat., Oct. 14, has been canceled. However, I suspect that most of you will probably not see this poster.

It seems that some individual has decided to systematically tear down our fliers because he/she found them offensive. The fliers used were prominent pictures from the Vietnam War, and this same picture was used just two weeks ago in a flier that was not as widely distributed.

The picture is shocking, disturbing, and very famous. It shows a South Vietnamese officer killing a North Vietnamese spy at point-blank range.

The try to use the picture once; mine, and I stand behind it for a variety of reasons.

We try to be funny, shocking or obtrude in our fliers, and as a result we generally get noticed.

Veggie Club is one of the most publicly-hungry organizations on campus, and to pull off a stunt like this required a lot of money that we also paid the most fliers on a semi-weekly basis of any club on campus.

Try to not shock, shaking or obtrude our fliers, and as a result, we generally get noticed. Except for the most blind fliers, we've managed to offend some people every single time we had a flier. I suspect I will continue to offend some people as long as I make the fliers that Veggie Club uses. I also assume that the concept of a veggie club offends some people, so I'm essentially damned no matter what I choose.

In fact, I know the concept of Veggie Club offends some people because I've been told, not eating meat is against the will of God. So, as long as I stay a vegetarian, someone somewhere will be offended.

However, the systematic removal of fliers makes little sense. I think it's great that someone is opposing to censorship, and that's an ugly thought.

After all, quite a few people have died (many in wars, not surprisingly) so that we could have the right of free expression, and I find it odd that a war picture so offends someone that they choose to censor it, especially since the person being executed in that picture worked for a regime that had no qualms about censoring its opponents or about killing intellectuals.

I don't wish to defend what that South Vietnamese officer did. It's a matter that's been discussed at length, and yes, it was brutal. But, in any event, it's probably not all that uncommon with wars, who are not quite soldiers in the Geneva Convention sense of the word.

This incident happened a long time ago in a faraway place, and there are a variety of defenses that I could use for the inclusion of that picture.

People should be aware of brutality. While the Veggie Club doesn't try to be dogmatic about the meat industry, it's face it — the meat industry is pretty brutal.

However, this sort of activity is not only sanctioned by the government when the meat industry does it, but it's also supported both directly and indirectly by the government through tax breaks. I don't have to put up with it silently, and that's one of the reasons I'm involved with Veggie Club.

In short, if you gave me the option of living like a vegan or a factory-farmed chickens versus taking a bullet to the head, I'd imagine I'd pick the latter and so would most people.

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The officers at the scene of the incident kindly said that it was the Rice Campus Police handled the incident.

The officers investigating the incident never asked me for a statement. To my knowledge, they did not ask me for a statement.

When I went at the scene of the accident called for a wrecker from Metro Auto Service. When I left, the police denied ever calling a wrecker. My father called Metro, who confirmed that it was the Rice Campus Police who had called for them.

It seems that I made a mistake in trusting the Rice Campus Police.

My father also called the Rice Campus Police for a copy of the police report. It was treated rudely by the representative on the phone and was denied a copy of the report.

I called at a later date to ask the police to send a copy of the report to him. The person I talked to repeatedly said that he did not know what the proper procedure was and therefore was unable to release the report.

It seems that I made a mistake in trusting the Rice Campus Police. This incident has taken up a lot of my time and has had a direct impact on my studies. Dealing with the Rice Campus Police has only added to the inconvenience. I expected better service of Rice.

Name withheld by request

Flier meant to attract attention, not to provoke tearing it down

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The Republic will not allow any new schools to join the program and will force one-third of the current schools to abandon the program.

Equally hideous is the bill that will cut its minimum interest rate on PLUS loans to 6%.

This will effectively kill the program, according to national student aid organizations.

The federal government needs to make more direct loans to poor students.

This bill is a horrible affront to millions of college students.

The fee imposed on universities will be passed on to students.

I know that without the direct loan program, many of my friends and I would not be able to afford the cost of attending Rice.

It is of the utmost importance that Rice students realize that this bill will place a substantial financial burden on them and that they must act to help stop this butchering of the student aid system.

A trend to place the interest burden on the student is also evident in the bill.

With the abolishment of the financial aid program, the interest rate on student loans increases for all current students and will affect all future students.

This is the worst time for us, the students, to defend our financial aid.

The United States faces, it is important to recognize that education is one of the universal human rights that help solve our country's problems.

Politicians need to realize that it makes no sense to cut education. They must encourage students as possible to attend college, and we need to make the process as easy as possible.

New Gingrich's and Phil Gramm's election to.lon is made easier by federal student aid. They now want to cut these federal aid programs and not allow current college students the same opportunities that they had.

It seems that politicians have lost sight of the people they are supposed to represent.

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Call 1-800-574-FAID and tell your congressperson and senators how important these loans are to the future of American education.

Only if enough students speak out can we help guarantee that money is available to pay for education.

Nick Waddell is a Straight College freshman and member of the Rice Young Democrats.

**Equal opportunity for leadership**

The cover article of last week's Thresher really pulled my interest. It discussed EQ, a measure of how good we are at dealing with other people, compared to IQ, the standard way of measuring one's intelligence. The EQ test does not measure one's ability to focus, as IQ does. Instead, it is about one's ability to interact effectively with others.

I have always been interested in the EQ test, so I feel confident in answering this question: what does an EQ test measure?

As a result of its testing, the EQ test measures one's ability to deal with others. The EQ test is not about focusing on one's skills, but about one's ability to deal with others.

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In a world like today's, the ability to convey not just information but abstract ideas and feelings is of premier concern.

Emotions and recognition of them, their importance and their role in shaping society is something we must understand.

Chris Ciompi is a senior in Rice Businesss School.

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**Veggie Club is often accused of being militant.**

Since we're accused of being militant, I want to go ahead and "play it up." I wasn't ashamed of the poster at all, and it was favorably received by some people who I don't necessarily consider friends.

The expression of opinions protects our poster, and if censorship is the battle of freedom of speech, someone encounters something they don't like, I have to hang my hat on the shoulders of the Rice education.

Now, the FBI can't take away the right of Rice in '91, and the only poster ripping that happened at Rice was by thugs coming back from the pub.

Now it seems that poster ripping is the standard way of shutting out thoughts that don't agree with your own.

Veggie Club typically has a 50 percent reduction (four dollars) and while we can live with that, a campaign to systematically tear down posters is dishonest and even more important, this is the battle of freedom of expression and would prove, if nothing else, to cost the lives of many of U.S. and South Vietnam soldiers.

Regaining a Veggie Club poster, though not likely to cause immediate neighbor protest, is still a stab at the intellectual freedom that many people believe include the South Vietnamese officer in the poster I supported.

Overall, it should be clear that I have no intention of supporting any posters, and I hope that those who believe in minor ideas like free expression would support the right of Veggie Club to put up posters on campus just like others do.

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That's a pity because I've been told a number of times (of lives and some very derogatory ways) that I shouldn't be a vegetarian.

However, in the history of mankind and people like myself who are fighting against the excesses of industrialization and people who are biding for their lives.

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EQ considered to be a better indicator of success than IQ

Schools would like to do away with the SAT. Yes, it may cost a heck of a lot more money to assess someone's EQ rather than using a machine-scored test to measure IQ," he said. "But if we don't, then we're saying that a test score is more important to us than who a child is as a human being. That means an immense loss in terms of human potential because we've defined success too narrowly."


Non-traditional student enrollment is on the rise

Non-traditional student enrollment in four-year colleges and universities is rising nationally. Non-traditional students are those between the ages of 25 and 55 years old.

According to Kathleen Griffith, president of the Texas Tech Non-Traditional Student Association, national enrollment of college students 30 years and older increased from 1.5 million in 1970 to more than 4 million in 1990. Enrollment of students from these age groups has doubled to 2 million from 1970 to 1990.

Griffith said that many older people are returning to college for a variety of reasons, including increased competition in the job market and economic pressure. It has become increasingly difficult to support a family on a minimum wage job, according to Griffith. "The better paying jobs require more education than they used to," Griffith said. "A bachelor's degree is now equivalent to a high school diploma."

Source: The University Daily, Texas Tech University, Sept. 26.

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Bike theft suspect caught

On Sept. 17, the Campus Police apprehended a suspect who fit the description of a bike thief seen outside Lovett College. The man was not charged by the District Attorney’s Office.

According to Campus Police Chief Mary Voswinkel, the man was described as a white male, approximately 32 years old. He is 5' 6" tall, weighs about 170 pounds and has bluish-brown hair. He was wearing a white striped shirt.

The police officer who called to Lovett College said the suspect was standing next to a blue bike, which was chained to a hand rail. The officer observed the man reaching into his right front pants pocket and approached him.

The officer asked the suspect what he was doing. The man replied that the bike was his, and that he was "just messing with it." When asked to return to the scene, the suspect said he was coming from Laboratory/Physics Laboratory to Physics Laboratory and going in the direction of Lovett Hall. He then admitted going in the opposite direction, from between Lovett Hall and the Physics Laboratory.

The suspect was detained and taken into the Campus Police station. The Campus Police called the DA’s Office, who said that they would accept the charge of attempted bike theft. The DA’s Office subsequently dropped the charge.

The suspect was released after serving his sentenced time.

Crime on Campus

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The suspect was affiliated with Rice, according to Chief of Police Mary Voswinkel.

Bishop Spong courageously explores key theological issues and their social impact. In his books, he has examined scriptural interpretation and authority, human sexuality, and the oppression of women in the Christian tradition. In an environment of fear and misinformation furthered by the “Radical Religious Right,” Bishop Spong exemplifies understanding and intellectual integrity.

Episcopal Bishop John S. Spong

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And to make the whole thing easier, here are a few suggestions from the Thresher staff.

Galveston

(50 miles south on I-45)

Most people know Galveston merely for its beaches, which is unfortunate since the beaches aren't particularly nice. Furthermore, those beaches, being so close to Houston, also tend to be crowded. If you're going for sand, go west, as far as the highway allows as possible.

There is much more to Galveston than its beaches. It was once the leading commercial center of the Texas Gulf Coast before it was leveled by the great hurricane of 1900. Afterward, its citizens rebuilt in grand style, oblivious to the fact that Houston was leaving their city behind.

The decades of stagnation which followed preserved the city's turn-of-the-century architecture. Unlike Houston, Galveston has decided to honor its past, not demolish it.

The result is a gorgeous historical district along the Strand. The old brick storefronts are now filled with antique shops, restaurants and the like. There's even a great military surplus store. There's also a pair of museums, one devoted to maritime history (there's a tall ship in the harbor), also a great panorama of the port and one devoted to railroad history, which has a specialty collection of old equipment.

The Galveston historic district is reachable by car or by boat for a day. You can always drop by the lakes and swamps where birds, alligators, armadillos and plenty of other wildlife thrive in the lush vegetation.

Many different trails crisscross the floodplain of the Brazos River. Some are designated foot travel only while others allow biking. Be sure to take one of the trails that go around a lake — there's a lot more wildlife to see.

Watch for gators. Brazos Bend isn't big, but there's plenty to see. On a sunny day, it's beautiful; on a rainy winter afternoon, it's strangely haunting. Go for an afternoon, a day or a weekend. 50 per car.

Huntsville State Park

(20 miles, I-45 north, exit 109)

This is a beautiful park, with several trails. The best one makes a loop around Lake Raven through stands of hardwoods. Again, there is wildlife to see, and unlike most areas in East Texas, the developed campgrounds are great for overnight stays: it's a great quick weekend getaway.

Austin

(245 miles north on I-35)

If you're journeying to Dallas this weekend, you're in luck. The State Fair of Texas is currently open, complete with Big Tex, a huge figure of a Texas cowboy who seems to greet fairgoers with, "Howdy y'all!"

Deep Ellum is the club district — the equivalent of our Montrose. The area is filled with stores, concerts, tattoo and body piercing parlors and almost anything else that counter-culture lovers. Another great club is the Constellation Ballroom located on Lower Greenville. A reliable source recommends Arcadia, Lizard Lounge, Javana Miro, Club Blue Planner (21 and over) and Caravan of Dreams, a jazz club.

The Hard Rock Cafe is downtown on McKinney Avenue.

The West End Marketplace is a group of old buildings that have been converted into a fun shopping district full of specialty stores and a Planet Hollywood, no Gap, Express, Limited or Victoria's Secret here. There are curio shops, nightclubs, nuightclubs and outdoor entertainment.

On the way up I-45, admire the night view of The Wood, Texas, its giant yellow silo-like structure.

San Antonio

(90 miles I-10 E)

Tourism in San Antonio is about one thing the Riverwalk. Half promenade, half shopping mall, it winds its way along the river and under downtown streets. During the day, families shop, eat and just walk around. At night, it's a younger scene, and the bars, restaurants and clubs fill up. It's touristy, but it's a great walk with no nassy motorists to deal with.

What about the Alamo?" you might be wondering. Well, probably not, but it's there. In fact, 290 west to Fredericksburg (some of the best German food in Texas — specifically the Best pictured down on Sixth Street, Magnolia Cafe is open 24 hours a day and has some of the best foot travel only while others allow biking. Be sure to take one of the trails that go around a lake — there's a lot more wildlife to see.

An extension to the Riverwalk leads into the area that was the 1969 World's Fair. The highlight, literally and figuratively, is the Tower of Americas, giving a great view of the city and the Alamodome — but more than Antoine, but never mind. San Antonio also has Schlitterbahn and Fiesta Texas, a big amusement park.

Bastrop State Park

(140 miles I-10 to Columbus, then southwest on TX 21 to TX Loop 150)

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Banderas, Stallone pose in action-packed 'Assassins'


When one thinks of Stallone, one normally thinks "action." And when the name of the latest wonder Antonino Banderas on the big screen, they normally think "sexy." So there you have it - the whole shebang: Stallone + Banderas + sexy. So there you have the whole wonder Antonio Banderas on the sin who wants out of the killing business. The film begins as Rath (Banderas), a fellow agent, is taken to a secluded, wooded area. The scene is set, and everything leading up to the main action is laid out. The basic plot of Get Shorty is predictable and too formulaic to merit much discussion.

The film begins: A multitude of people is gathered in a park. Suddenly, a gun is fired, and the crowd散开. As the smoke clears, we see a man lying on the ground, dead in front of Rath's eyes. Being a professional, he remains calm and assesses the situation. In Stallone's character, the audience receives a glimpse of the man he is. His calmness and authority are palpable.

The groundwork gets underway as the film picks up speed. The film is full of action, suspense, and excitement. The characters are well-developed, and the plot is engaging. The film is a classic example of how to make a great action film. The action scenes are thrilling, and the dialogue is witty and clever.

However, the film has its flaws. The pacing is slow at times, and some of the dialogue is forced. The film also lacks depth in terms of character development. Nevertheless, Get Shorty is a great action film that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

Get Shorty is now playing in theaters nationwide. Don't miss out on one of the best action films of the year.
Energetic BlackHawk performs headliner-quality country music

Brian Wahlet Staff Writer

Houston is home to a lot of great music of all styles, but one genre that has not been neglected is country music, of which Houston is a significant home. Practically every weekend, two or three major bands perform at night clubs and concert venues in the area, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is one of the country's biggest concert events outside of Nashville. Also, the Houston Municipal Coliseum recently played host to a one-of-a-kind performance when BlackHawk performed at KINK-FM radio's 15th Annual Free Country Concert at the Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park last winter.

Who is BlackHawk? They're the TNN/Music City News new band of the year and one of five nominees for the prestigious Country Music Association's vocal group of the year award.

And they're one hell of a live band. Despite the fact that their first single was released less than two years ago, they already have the stage and lighting of a headlining act. As soon as they walked around the audience at the beginning of the show, the fans who filled the pavilion and the hill behind came to their feet and began to scream and applaud, with an energy that never abated throughout the entire show.

The fans only grew louder as the curtains parted to allow the first glimpse of the six-man band standing on stage with their backs to the crowd. They quickly ripped into "Goodbye Says It All," their first single, as many in the crowd sang along. The band plays a perfect rock break through their "Every Once in a While" and their high-energy, turn-it-up-into-your-face song "Down in Flames." The place was packed, and the fans roared.

The back-to-back black songs near the middle of the show -- including the hit "That's About Right" and "Kangaroo of The World," doubtless a future hit -- gave the audience a chance to dance as they contemplated BlackHawk's musical talent. The group's energy is evident in this collection of 13 songs: nice acoustic guitar, keyboard work, plus singing with every word, and rock guitars make their fans stand out on the dance floor.

Furthermore, they always come up with great songs. Two of the band's previous concert events outside of Nashville's Fan Fair have been memorable nights of music, and the group has the opportunity to hear live country music in the form of a live radio broadcast.

As good as their recorded music is, it's magnified in concert. Dale Oliver plays a mean lead guitar, and Stephenson's lead vocals weren't too shabby either, especially in the early lead he played while he was waiting for his guitar to be repaired.

Perhaps Paul's strong presence as a frontman, although sometimes obscured by the line and background music, is what makes this band so good. He leaves the listener with an overall feeling of pride and hope. Songs like "Our/More Heartache," "Bad Love Gone Good" and "Take There Ain't No Yesterday" are about trading a lost love for something far better. Other songs, like the lone Jeff Black songs and "Down in Flames" aren't always full of songs about independence. As good as their recorded music is, it's a stark contrast to their performances.

The CD title, What's Inside, answers its own question: virtually nothing.
Bad referees lead to a shifting of priorities

As we moved onto 21st St. to see the football game, I was artifacting the argument of why the Rice Owls were on the sidelines. As I walked into the competition, I noticed that the Rice football team was not on the field. The reason was that the Owls had been ruled off the field due to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

As I sat in the stands, I was surprised to see the number of Rice students who were actually at the game. I thought that the Owls would have a much larger crowd than they actually had.

The game was a close one, with the Owls leading by a point at halftime. However, in the second half, the Rice offense struggled, and the defense was unable to stop the Texas Longhorns. When the final whistle blew, the Longhorns had won 21-14, and the Rice Owls were left to rue the missed opportunities.

The Owls are a team that is used to playing in front of a large crowd, and the absence of their fans this week was felt. I hope that they can regroup and come back stronger in the next game.
Tony Tran vs. Alexis Smith

Texas Christian at Rice

The football team is stag- ging right now, but there's a different kind of team, the Rice ladies, who head into town. With the Rice offense finally clicking and the TCU defense struggling, the Owls have a good chance to put up 300 yards of offense and beat the Frogs on a two-point conversion.

Drake at Rice (women's volleyball)

Once these ladies start playing, they don't know when to stop. I guess they're sick of losing, and who can blame them? Saturday was another close match, with plenty of backup from Carverhills and Case. The Owls triumphed in three.

Women's cross country at Penn St.

The women stream into Penn State to take on the beasts of the East. They run Club 13 on Friday night, then run through the competition on Saturday morning. With Katy Eklof leading, the Owls pull a double shot: beating Georgetown to win the title, earning a spot at Nationals.

Men's cross country at Texas A&M

The men head up to College Station for the Aggie Invitational. They take samples from their successful season and run the competition by running away with the title. The Scots, who are always in the competition, placed all eight of their runners in the top 25.

Texas, the University of North Texas, the University of Oklahoma, Weber State University, Steven F. Austin State University, the University of Houston, the University of Alabama, Rice University, and Texas Christian University.

The next meet represents the next step in the Owls' season. Eklof finished fourth for the Owls.

"If we could finish in the middle of the field, it could help us get to Nationals later in the season."

— Jim Bevans
Cross country coach

Women's cross country wins its second meet of season at N. Texas Invitational

Alex Chapman
Staff Writer

The Rice women's cross country team ran to its second straight victory of the season, using strategic running to dominate the North Texas Invitational.

"The key to this meet was our new strategy," junior Katy Eklof said. "We attempted to run an even split time — we figured out how fast we wanted to finish the race and finished the first of the three miles in about a third of the time. By the end of the first mile, Rice was probably in last place, but we came back."

Eklof thought that the team victory would lead to the strategy being used again this season.

"The success of the strategy probably means that we'll attempt it again in the future," she said.

"We have a much younger team than our chief competitors for the Southwest Conference title, so running conservatively could help us compensate for that fact."

Assistant track and field coach Jim Bevans praised the team's performance.

"Our ladies performed exceptionally well," he said. "We did as well as we could have hoped for. We dominated the field."

Rice, which is currently the fourth-ranked team in the district in which they compete (TV), placed eight of their competitors runners within the top 25.

The total field included 76 women.

Senior Stacy Swank led the Owls with a second-place finish, 11 seconds behind Frida Rosenberg of the University of Texas.

Eklof finished fourth for the Owls, junior Alex Gagowski finished sixth, freshman Shaeandra Robinson finished ninth and sophomore什oria Madigan finished 12th.

Also running but not included in the official scoring were freshmen Karl Vigerstad (17th), Heather Howard (19th) and sophomore Alexis Smith (22nd).

Eklof, one of the team's veteran leaders who is attempting to come back from an injury, was pleased with her progress.

"We ran this course two years ago, which was probably my best cross country season," she said. "I ran 15 seconds faster Friday than I did then."

In order of descending finish behind the Owls were the University of Texas, the University of North Texas, the University of Oklahoma, Weber State University, Steven F. Austin University, the University of Houston, Louisiana State University and Texas Christian University.

The next meet represents the Owls' biggest challenge of the season.

At the Penn State Invitational, the Owls will face several strong teams.

"It's a loaded field as three of the top 25 teams will be there," Bevans said. "Seven or eight of the best teams will be there. If we could finish in the middle of the field, it could help us get to Nationals later in the season."

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Men's soccer still in post-season race despite a winless weekend

Chuck Whitten
Staff Writer

The men's club soccer team preserved their post-season chances even after going winless last weekend.

The Owls lost to Southwest Texas State University 2-0 but tied Baylor 1-1 on Sunday, preserving a tie in the rankings with Baylor for a spot in the post-season regional tournament.

The 0-1-1 weekend left the Owls 3-3-1 overall in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League. The Owls went winless last weekend.

Rice's defense contained the Bobcats in the first half but broke down in the second half to allow the deciding goal. The first goal came about 15 minutes into the second half on a long cross-field pass.

Three open Southwest forwards converged on the ball, forcing junior goalkeeper Todd Kostek to remain in the goal and not challenge the oncoming forwards.

"There were about three or four open guys," Kostek said. "I couldn't really tell who was going to get the pass.

The second goal came with about 30 minutes left in regulation on a similar breakdown. A deflected ball found an open Robb Smith who shot the ball from about 20 yards out. Rice attempted to increase pressure on the defense and had a few chances, including a one-on-one breakaway with the goalie that missed by only a few inches.

The team traveled to Waco on Sunday to play a game against a Baylor squad linked with the Owls in the TCSL standings. The Owls played a solid game, shutting out the Bears' offense but once again struggling to produce any offense. "Our defense had really quick defenders," Ruben Rodriquez said. "Our strikers had a really difficult time getting good shots off."

Although it finished the weekend without a victory, the team left confident that they were going to secure a post-season spot.

"We can have everyone healthy for this weekend," said Kostek. "We'll beat Texas A&M University." Defender Jeremy Gibson said, "It does look promising against A&M because last weekend, even though we didn't win, it was far by our best game as a team."

Rice plays Sunday at Louisiana State University and returns home next weekend to play A&M at home.

Rugby defeats Longhorns

Neel Deal
Staff Writer

After the football team's loss to the University of Texas Longhorns, the rugby club regained the loss by demolishing UT 47-0.

The team secured an early first-try lead with junior Wes Varecke scoring the first of his three tries on the day. The Longhorns kept close early with a try of their own to make the score 19-5. After Rice added another try, senior Mike Dowling put the ball into the corner of the try zone to set up the first of junior Chris Blache's three tries just before halftime, which made the score 29-5.

At halftime, senior captain Blake Hutchinson said, "The game's over, they [Texas] still think that they are in it. We need to reach 50 points this half."

The Owls scored by scoring 20 points in the second half and allowing zero.

Senior Shonny Katz scored two tries while senior Marshall Pounds, junior Stephen Gallagher and sophomore Tim Olsen also added tries.

Swimming hosts SCWs

Matthew Christensen
Staff Writer

Last Friday the men's and women's swim teams fell to Texas A&M University in their first meet of the year. It was a double distance meet and did not count in the conference standings.

The Aggies' men's team swept all nine events and won with a 106-58 score. The women's was won by Jamie Carie Covington who easily won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:46.44. She beat her nearest Aggie competitor by three seconds. It was not Covington's best time in the event. "She said, "I have swim better and was surprised that I won easily." A&M's women's team took the other eight events and won 104-56. Last year A&M finished third, just about fifteen six years ago.

Tournament, which promised to be a better measure of the team's ability.

The Owls will likely face perennial rugby powerhouse Houston, the United States Air Force Academy and last year's spoiler, Colorado State University, who defeated the Owls in last year's Western Regionals.

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Men's tennis falls short two times

By Greg Davis

The men's tennis team split up this past weekend to travel to College Station and Lafayette, La., where the Aggie Six-Way Invitational and the Rolex/University of Southern Louisiana Tennis Classic were held, respectively.

"The competition was tough; some of the best players in the country were there," Head Coach Larry Turville said.

Assistant men's coach Greg Davis believes the Owls played less aggressively than they should have.

"Our problem was that we had the other guys down, we expected them to give us the match, we let them back in control and take control of the play," he said. At the Rolex/USL Tennis Classic, the Flight B doubles team of juniors Ben Pritchett and Naasolin Arfa had the best showing for the team.

After skating through their first-round match (8-2) against a team from the University of Alabama, Pritchett and Arfa found themselves struggling to a 9-7 win over Oscar Subratis and Bernd Henze of USL. In the semifinal match against the team of Blake Rue and Eric Allen from the University of Texas at Austin, Pritchett and Arfa fought back from being down 4-1.

While serving for a tie-breaker at 7-6, they lost the game and the match 7-9.

In the A Flight, the team of Rico

Volleyball

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"We have a well-rounded team," he said. "Every night, we have two or three hitters pounding the ball. They can't stop us by trying to nullify one person."

Last year only one Owl, Waldron, was selected as Player of the Week. This year's team has matched the most SWC wins Rice teams have had since 1988, when they were 4-6. Rice's improvement is recognized in many ways.

Its ranking in the district jumped from seventh to fourth. Just this week, the Owls even garnered votes nationally.

Crowd support also continued on Saturday as attendance surpassed 1,000 for the second straight home game.

Coach Chen expressed his appreciation for the support when he said, "We love the big crowd. It's great. We respond well to attention."

Tomorrow night, Drake University curator of Austin Court to battle the Owls. "Drake is in a solid team, second in Missouri Valley Conference," Chen said.

"They are a scrappy team also; they dig a lot of balls. It'll be a good game. It'll be the last time to see us before we go off the road for two weeks," he said.

Turville attributes this lackluster performance in the semifinals to Texas Tech University's Mattis Rohlin, the second-seeded player in the tournament.

"Overall, I don't think that our performance at these two tournaments was all that stable," Davis said.

"I mean, last year at this time we weren't even in the position to compete at this level, and this year we were actually able to give these nationally-ranked players something to reck on with."

The men will travel this weekend to Austin to participate in the ITA All-American Tournament.

Tennis beat Rice

"Even though I kept going back to gay bars, I knew God loved me. He was there with me, waiting."

"I know others who left homosexuality behind, so I knew I could, too. I had a hunger for a better relationship with God but was frustrated with Him. So, one day I asked God, 'Why can't I be happy? Why can't a man meet my needs?' Then it all came back to God and Alan. Listen up, man wasn't created to meet another man's need, only God can do that. You know, I knew God loved me, even though I kept going back to the bars. He may not have liked what I was doing, but He still loved me. That's when I realized. My commitment to me was what I had been looking for in everyday life, and that He had been there, waiting for me to turn to Him. That's how I was able to walk away, and not want to even go back again."

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**Women’s soccer falls to SWT**

The women’s club soccer team suffered another loss, losing to Southwest Texas State University. Although they dominated the first half, they could not hold the momentum throughout the game.

Sophomore Megan Mow said, “We were fed up until Southwest scored their first goal, and then after the goal our intensity died.”

The lone Owl goal was scored by Allison Frazer on a pass from Morgan late in the first half.

The team next travels to Baton Rouge, La., for a match against Louisiana State University.

**Women’s rugby dominates**

Coming off of a 15-5 win against Texas A&M University on Sept. 23, the women’s rugby team triumphed over Baylor last Saturday 14-0.

President Heather-Michelle Stewart scored with a diving try to start off the game. Kim Mantooth added two tries and two conversions.

Flyhalf Interactive Deshler said, “We were able to implement some new back plays that we had been working on, and they were very effective.”

The team will play Baylor University at home at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 22.

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The Backpage of the century

We care about your health in these days of AIDS miscalls

Life is just too good. Nuts to all silly people who said that we "hate women" just because we run all of that dirty miscall. This week miscall begins with another poetry corner classic:

This little number was submitted by a Rice (males) woman — on the back of a Victoria's Secret Flyer. She must be a sell out, eh? What better place to sell oneself out than to the Backpage?

Now we must say that at the Backpage encouragement (and practice) abstinerence as the best form of contraception. But because not everyone subscribes to this theory, we must remind you that this poem is purely factual. In order to help stop the spread of AIDS and a host of other diseases, keep the condom on it.

If you know your partner won't wear one, hold out. These Sanders dare not get the 513 millions signing houses. There are other free agents in the sea willing to respect those safe sex wishes.

Ode to a Condom

What use art thou?
I think I know —
I'd rather go without you though,
And Plunge into an un-lined bed
Without a Harness on my hands.
How else can it be proved to me
She loves me unconditionally?
To be a man of honor pure
Is not to doubt, but thrust in her —
I mean — "trust.

This is an Aye-Aye, and he's probing my apparatus.

— ANTH 231 Guest Lecturer

Are we disturbing you?

No, I'm just masturbating.

That damn guy who won't shut up (during cabinet meetings)
— Dr. Spike Gildea, trying to explain syntax. LING 100.

What's up with the Aye-Aye?

—  Rosh Hashanah at EmanuEl

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