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West College junior Maryana Iskander swept Tuesday’s Student Association presidential elections race. Out of a total of 1,362 votes cast in the race, Iskander obtained 899, which corresponded to 66 percent of the vote. She was followed by Baker College’s sophomore, Hrindshesh Loksikar, with 19.8 percent of the vote.

“I think the entire campaign was never framed as re-election, but for the job next year and not just what I’ve done in the past,” Iskander said. “I feel really good winning with that personal understanding. I think a lot of people spoke out and supported me, and I really appreciate that. I think the SA made improvements this year, and not everybody knows that. But I still think we have work to do. One thing I’m trying to make sure as many people as possible know what’s going on for everybody’s information. SA meetings were held at 10 p.m. in Kelley Lounge,” Iskander said.

Iskander’s plans for next year include better energy conservation and lighting, facilitating the rollover of meal plans and improving aspects of the curriculum such as redesigning course foundations and broadening the view of environmental education. She also hopes to work with the other candidates on the good ideas they had.

“I think the people who know how dedicated I’ve been this last year. It’s been hard work, but I wouldn’t do it again if I didn’t think I could do a better job next year,” Iskander said.

Cammie Gallagher, the other candidate for president, said that origination had security concerns about the vote counting and counters’ efficient work. We were done in record time,” current SA Secretary Laura Mosley said.

**Wiess explores ways to save, rebuild college**

George R. Nathan  
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Wiess College held an open meeting Wednesday evening to discuss renovation plans and money for new dormatories.

Photos showing cracked walls and doors and demanding showing some parts of the building had work by several parties displayed.

The Oversight Committee Chair Chris Letoumesu said that the renovation findings may mean that it may not be feasible to renovate the college.

The two other options being considered are rebuilding Wiess College and raising a small college by Brown College. If the raising is possible, the college would look to rebuild a Wiess in the West location.

The college’s current charge that the cost of renovation is available in the Spring. Letoumesu said that original renovation plans for Wiess College and Administration Data Center would have been released a second report to the Board of Governors at their March 11 and 12 meetings, but the new information has forced Currie to delay the report.

Currie is out of the country, and could not be reached for comment.

In the meeting, Wiess members are trying to increase awareness of a 不行燥 situation. So far, letters have been sent to parents encouraging them to write to the administration about the renovation problems. Approximately 300 people wrote letters in response.

A reservation homepage has been established for Wiess college members.

Food and Housing considers year-to-year meal plan rollover

Plan could lead to increase in college room and board fees

Jeff Gavornik  
Staff Writer

Food and Housing is considering a change in the policy concerning money left in student meal plans at the end of spring semesters.

Under current policy, any money unspent at the end of that semester is appropriated by F&H.

An oversight committee is now looking into a proposal which would allow students to roll over their meal balances to their next year’s meal plan.

Director of F&H Marion Hicks said that the college is excited about the possibility of a rollover plan.

A rollover plan is to get the income and outcome to come out of the bag. Any decrease in funds will mean some income that we must earn elsewhere,” Hicks said.

While there are always problems to point to, any revenue lost by F&H. Hicks says that it is possible that room and board costs might have to be increased to compensate.

Not all students see the need for such a policy change. student Of residence, Ali Lotlikar said that the change is important for F&H.

Hicks said that it is important for F&H to do what is best for the students and the college.

This issue should be decided at the next RVMC meeting.

**Election Notes**

Petitions and ballots for spring elections are due at 3:30 p.m. on March 11 in the Student Organizations Office. Student organizations will be elected in April.

**Sports**

Baseball streak hits 11
Anti-abortion insert claims to educate but cites dubious facts

To the editor:

The recent and long awaited proposal in the Thresher by the Human Life Alliance is extremely unnecessary. It is to be expected that a group which is known for, and specializes in, demagoguery would use such a controversial and sensitive issue for their own purposes. Furthermore, the group's attempts to draw parallels and make comparisons to the history of abortion, in order to sound more plausible, are only adding to the confusion and inciting the general public to rebel against the group's agenda. As an intelligent and open-minded person, I must say that I find it disturbing to see such behavior from an organization that claims to be the voice of the voiceless.

Anne Kimboli
Baker '98
Lipscomb and Hansen '96

Letters miss crux of cultural education

To the editor:

I myself am not opposed to making abortion illegal or to teaching about it in schools, but if one takes into account the current political climate and the views of the group that wishes to promote their own agenda, it becomes evident that their actions are not justified. The group's attempts to draw parallels and make comparisons to the history of abortion, in order to sound more plausible, are only adding to the confusion and inciting the general public to rebel against the group's agenda.

Michael Thompson
Jones '98
Alexander has best vision, direction to lead America

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said that only a certain number of students will appear on the November general election ballot. Alexander's campaign is about ending "one-size-fits-all" government and returning the freedoms and responsibilities to the states and to the people.

The most publicized race is of course that for the Republican nomination for president. As of this writing, the race has narrowed to three candidates, each of whom offers distinctly different visions of America.

The one candidate who projects a vision of a strong and united America is Lamar Alexander, unlike Dole.

At least it can be said about Lamar Alexander that he is running on the same party as the candidate who has run the most out of its options. A former Tennessee Governor, Alexander's style is that of a race car driver, with his need to get elected, more importantly, to be an effective leader in the most powerful nation on Earth.

The senator lacks this vision, and is too decadent a man to fake one. On the other hand, the television commentator Pat Buchanan himself has high standards, and his campaign suggests that universities have not been the rallying cry of the Republi-
can Party since the turn of the century.

It is true, his economic policy is possibly further left than Bill Clinton's. But his views of high tariffs and protectionism are the three overlying themes of Alexander's campaign.

Alexander advocates sending welfare and education back to the states, destroying the senseless Washington bureaucracies that now try to run things. If you are interested more in specifics, or just want to read more about Lamar Alexander, you can use a program bar Nappa to go to the site: http://www.nashville.net/ dam/.

Then, at about 6:30 a.m., as it was still dark, I heard the voices of people outside my window, and realized that it is possible to be pro-

Lamar Alexander, unlike Dole, has a vision for America, and unlike Buchanan, has the right ideas about America's direction.

Another, we know what to do. You do not have to be a student to have a student visa application. He let me in while about 200 other people tried yelling and waving at the bus.

While Senator Dole has served two hours, in the middle of the night, with approximately 200 other people trying to enter the country as a student.

Finally, a guard showed up and said that if I kept yelling, I would be used to do it.

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As governor of Tennessee, herowed the field down to three men: Bill Clinton, a vision.
**Leadership Rice program seeks potential leader for internships**

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to inform Rice students about the fall of a new opportunity at Rice called Leadership Rice.

Leadership Rice is a program envisioned by Vice President for Student Affairs Ernesto Camacho and developed by Leverett House Master Burke, Wiese Master John Hutchinson and Director of Academic Advising Mark Schenfeld in conjunction with Rice’s faculty and administration.

The program has two goals.

First, it will provide Rice students with the opportunity to develop the vision and initiative to find an aspect of modern society needing change.

Second, participants in the program will gain the knowledge, tools and skills which enable them to effect such change.

The program begins this summer with 15 paid internships at both the for-profit and non-profit sectors which involve leadership.

The internships will run from June 3 to August 10. The deadline to apply will be on June 24. The program was funded by a grant from the Student Trust Fund and supported in part by the Chancellor’s Office, for 3 hours credit.

The classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Details for the course are yet to be finalized.

The program, internships and course are intended to more fully fulfill the mission of Leadership Rice.

Please contact Connie Burke (burke@rice.edu or x4060) or Mark Schenfield (schenfeld@rice.edu or x4060) with questions.

Connie Burke
Director Leadership Rice

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**Medieval studies not such a bad major**

**The headline:**

medieval's not a bad major and once again this year, the occasion is marked with hoards of college arrivals, the culmination of a long and hard period for all. 

So let's put the apostrophe back with Rice's faculty and administration and Director of Academic Advising Wiess Master John Hutchinson and President & First Lady Lovett Master Connie Burke.

The program has two goals.

1. To provide a new opportunity at Rice for students interested in the study of medieval studies.
2. To offer internships in various departments that deal with medieval studies.

The program is open to all majors as long as they have completed at least one course in medieval studies. 

As a medievalist, you can start learning new things and have the opportunity to work with people from different disciplines.

There will be no big advances made in medieval studies, but there will be a steady growth in the field. 

The program will begin this summer and will run until the end of the semester. 

For more information, please contact Connie Burke at burke@rice.edu or x4060.

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**The program of research in medieval studies**

Medieval studies is one of the most interesting and challenging fields of study at Rice University. It involves the study of the culture, religion, politics, and society of the Middle Ages, a period that spanned from the 5th to the 15th century.

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Honor Council candidate disqualified for campaigning

Chris McKenzie

Brown College freshman Jeff Gavornik was disqualified from the Honor Council elections on Sunday night, according to Ruthfield, who said that the restrictions on campaigning were put in place "to set some kind of campaigning." 

According to Moodey and Ruthfield, the restrictions on campaigning were most likely put in place "to set some kind of campaigning." 

The restrictions on campaigning in the SA Election Code do not prohibit Gavornik's action. In fact, according to Ruthfield, it is a candidate for the SA Senate that would be completely legal. Gavornik's e-mail message was only prohibited by the Honor Council's additional resolutions.

Gavornik said that he had read both the SA Constitution and the Honor Council Constitution before declaring his candidacy, but that he had not read the Honor Council By-Laws. He said that he was not aware that they contained additional restrictions on campaigning.

Two of Gavornik's former opponents in the Tuesday election, Sid Richardson College freshman Evan McKenzie and Willy Rice College freshman Derek Geels, both agreed that the disqualification was just. Geels felt that Gavornik had his campaign with his message, rather than helping it.

"It is an increase of privacy to send a message like that to every freshman," Geels said.

McCay said, saying that "people were just put off by the message."
Internet

"Web pages already had made their
decision — they only reinforced people’s opinions and had only a marginal impact," Saunders said.

He added, though, that they will probably have a greater impact next year, especially if elections are conducted electronically, as the SA has been considering. "By next year, all people will be using it," he said.

Saunders also noted that Web pages bring new issues for the SA to deal with, probably in the next year...

"It’s a sort of trial year for campaign pages. I think they’ll become more of a part of campaigns. I really hope they will," Holland said.

Jeff Halladay disagreed. "Don’t think this will ever be a big deal as far as campaigning goes. A lot of people don’t use the Web at all. Some people said to me, ‘It’s a big waste of time.’"

Some voters, though, say that the Web pages are already making a difference. Yuki Ose, for example, said that she voted against one person she knew simply because they didn’t have a Web page. "I think the Web is an important part of communication and anyone who’s going to hold an office should be familiar with its uses."

For now, the Web remains a peripheral, not central, part of Rice campaigns. "The best way to do it is still probably mass fliers — you get people to see your name every moment of the day, so when they see it on the ballot, they’ll notice."

The Web, though, allows candidates more flexibility and could bring more substance and less flash to the election, a change most students would probably find welcome. Only time will tell if its role will be next year or technology and Rice life continue to evolve.

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Ruthfeld agreed. "I will say that the elections ran very smoothly this year; we were not involved in any serious problems, and there were no serious problems in counting," Ruthfeld said. Ruthfeld was impressed by the turnout, which was approximately 54.2 percent.

"That’s significantly higher than almost any other university in the nation," Ruthfeld said of the number of ballots. Figures on the number of undergraduates for the spring semester were not available from the Registrar’s Office, but 2,706 students were registered for the fall semester.

She cited the importance of Winner, Aschboul and Barabolt’s efforts.

Islander also said that letter writing campaigns generally served to anger people and that the campaign of letters to parents was not a high priority, in the communications committee’s efforts.

CHALLENGESimmerman

There were several challenges to the election...
**One Student at a Time**

MMUP's way of alleviating the problem is through providing academic and financial aid to minority students. It allows two years of mentoring from a faculty member in their area of interest. The work students do with their mentors varies greatly: helping plan a professional conference, doing research for a book or article that is presenting or simply reading and discussing selected texts of mutual interest. Whatever work, its purpose is to foster a close relationship between mentor and fellow.

Each year, fellows receive $1,000 from the program, intended to free them for three years to focus on their studies instead of working to pay for their education. In addition, if any fellow wants to attend a professional conference, there is $4,000 available each year to pay for travel and expenses.

Each summer, fellows are eligible for a stipend of $2,000 if they choose to intern or engage in research. In the past, students have used the opportunity to work with professors at other universities and travel overseas to study.

Money is a major component of the program. "Minority students tend to delay going into grad school because of the enormous amount of money they have accumulated as an undergraduate," Cox said. For that reason, MMUP Fellows who choose to return to graduate study repay their undergraduate study loans through providing academic and financial aid for 4 years instead of 5. Fellows are eligible for one year of loan repayment assistance.

**Building a Community**

At Rice this year, the program has 11 fellows: six blacks, four Hispanics and one Native American. The group meets every other week to promote a sense of community amongst the fellows.

The meetings are held informally, usually over lunch at one of the colleges. There they give the students an opportunity to discuss their work and experiences. The fellows are interested in hearing about the others' doing, even if it isn't in their major. They have established "meaningful ties" with one's peers is an important skill to those who plan to go into the academic community.

Guests are invited to speak to the group about topics related to graduate school and academics. Fellows and society individuals who not only support the program's goals, but also model the achievement that we envision for our students," Kossie said. He also wants to invite speakers based on a different theme each year. A couple of years ago, the program highlighted immigration and application to graduate schools. This year, speakers have included minority professors from around the country who have worked for the students on a academic life as a minority. The speakers have branched out, encouraging high school students to go into college in the same way the fellows are being encouraged to consider graduate school. Fellows have visited high schools and other programs to speak to students about life at the university level.

At the end of each year, the fellows have a formal banquet and will select a mentor to become the newly selected fellow.

**HISTORIAN IN THE MAKING**

Hansard College senior Tiffany Player, a history major, has been able to use MMUP to broaden her knowledge in her field and to pursue her professional career in academia.

Player, who has studied extensively with Cox and Matthews, has been able to do so because of the Mellon program. "In an intensive positive research environment," she said. The program helped her more about the subject of great interest to her and exposed her to the larger history profession.

One of Matthews' favorite events was the trip to Atlanta which has blossomed. "We have become great friends as we walked and worked at the university level," she said.

"Many of the women have expressed interest in going to college, but few of them have specific knowledge as to what they wanted to do to get there," she said. Also, she said that the students seemed encouraged to see black and Hispanic students who were succeeding in college.

"MMUP was very important in my decision to enter graduate school," Player said. "Because of the Mellon program, grad school is no longer an alien, daunting idea," she said.

**AN EX-PREMED SUCCESS STORY**

Chris McKenzie

On the face of the situation, it appeared that ex-premed is no longer an alien, daunting idea. "MMUP not only offered me the opportunity to go to graduate school, but also the chance to work at the university level," Player said. "It was an immensely positive experience," she said. The Mellon program was one of the best fellowships that the program which has blossomed. "We have become great friends as we walked and worked at the university level," she said.

"I realize that I am in a program like MMUP precisely because I want to bring more of a minority presence to academics," she said.

And she intends to carry through on that wish. After graduation, Player plans to obtain her Ph.D. in history with emphasis on Southern and black women's history. "The support and encouragement I have received from everyone in the program has made me believe I can be a great historian someday and that I can make a difference in the field of education," she said.

**MENTORS AND FRIENDS**

Chris McKenzie

The work that Matthews has done with McLean has drawn interest from the Mellon program. "McLeran's program means a lot to the student," she said. The program assisted her in her decision to enter graduate school. "McLeran Fellowships mean a lot to the student," she said. She considered the fellowship a "great opportunity to work at the university level."
The Alley Theatre's current play, The Young Man from Atlanta, makes jokes about "disappointment clubs." Unfortunately, it could've been worse.

The Young Man from Atlanta, set in the high standards, the acting, direction and technical work don't disappoint.

Benton Foster's play itself, however, does. The play may have won the 1950 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, but a tryingly vitriolic shrt to the Alley's watch. Most of the play takes place in the same living room, there's little physical action and even most of the conversations offer little of interest. The minimalistic sets and 1950s costumes surn to a waste of the Alley's impressive capabilities in that department.

In moments, The Young Man from Atlanta manages to be a compassionate and occasionally humorous portrayal of an affluent family's transformation as they come to terms with the loss of their son. The rest of the time, it's an anachronistic, upper-middle-class, Houston in 1950, it's an unengaging picture of the family's transformation as they come to terms with the death of their son. The rest of the play makes for a long hour and 15 minutes.

The Young Man from Atlanta

Waiting for Godot:

The Kidders' bedrock belief in the forehead to murder all the Bride's friends.

The Young Man from Atlanta is that it

DANCING ZOMBIES

Cruel Garden is the ultimate disillu-

Off the New York Times: "It's a danse macabre in the style of le Corps des Freres Gris and the ballet de cirque of the late 19th century— one of the most amazing works of modern dance. This is an American ballet in its own right."

There are some of the images portrayed through the dancers of the ballet that are shown, the film of the ballet. The dance is not a dry biography of Lorca's life but instead, a series of symbolic images.

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The piece begins as a blood splattered bull ring in Spain where the bull is killed, "who was killed but not as oneself," then there is a giant pale-faced Inquistor (Trey Milner) and a dance marathon complete with a disco ball and the living dead.

Next we find Lorca in New York, where he transforms before our eyes into Buster Keaton. He is now in one of his poems where we see a cock¬erel, a giel with the head of a head¬ningle, American ladies and a Negro. The most unerving role in this scene is that of the Negro (Stanley Brown) who dances to illustrate the oppression of blacks which Lorca found so disillusioning. Kelly does an excellent job in his portrayal of the character.

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We see Lorca's ultimate disillusionment in the climax of the Americas section, where he wanders through a marathon dance contest, completed with a disco ball and the living dead.

Returning to Spain, the Poet meets up with the Inquisition next. This time, the Poet has brought his friends.

RUSSIAN BLUE

Odessa: no redemption

The Young Man from Atlanta runs at the Alley Theatre through March 16. Call 228-9341 for info.
Dear Reader,

I have been following your issues and I was wondering if you could provide me with some information.

You mentioned that there is something mysterious about a whisper. I've been curious about that as well. Is there any additional information you could provide on that topic?

Additionally, you mentioned a movie called "Rumble in the Bronx." Could you give me a brief summary of the plot and the main character, Jackie Chan, in that movie?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Frank Black's (aka Black Francis) strong personality and need for artistic control brought him away from the Pixies to begin a solo career. In the three solo albums he has released since then, the only constant element has been the strong infusion of Black's personality into his music.

When Black visited a sold-out Urban Art Bar last Saturday, it was with a fresh set of songs culled from his latest album, The Call of Ray. But Black made sure to mix in a lot of material from his 1993 self-titled release and especially 1994's prolific Teenager of the Year.

Perhaps as a response to critics' complaints that Teenager of the Year's 22 songs were too sprawling to pack a complete album, Black brought in both synthesizers at home and came to Boston in the fall with a tight five-piece guitar band. New lifetime Kenny Polonsky was in tow and delivered a strong opening performance, while local opener Secret Sunday showed flashes of inspiration and rock solid start. Both of those musicians may well show up in his respective circles.

"The Music" kicked off Black's set, as it begins The Call of Ray's 12 tracks. But while the album continues with similar pieces of power-popper narrative at the FAB, Black's performance deepened into an ambitious run sprinkled with older gems such as "Trees and a Block," "Los Angeles," and "Adda Lee." The 25-song set was long but never suffered from a lack of interest. On the contrary, it was exactly what Black's fans probably expected after three years without a tour.

"You Ain't Me" and "Dance War" from The Call of Ray evidenced Black's return to his punk popouts. Both feature hard-driving melodies; drummer Scott Boutier pushed the backbeats hard on "Dance War," while児anguishing guitar flashes alternated the song's power chord-based core.

"You Ain't Me" was already a crowd favorite. It was the wild one-two combo of "What Ever Happened to Pong?" and "Delays of Cocaine" from Teenager that tested the band's chops and freenied the crowd more than anything. Black's lyrics to "Pong" were unpalatable: of course, one can question whether phrases like "Padlee the paddle the side to the side" meant to be or ever even had underlying meaning.

With Black's re-energized rock 'n roll ethos, slower songs didn't work as well, the band adjusted for tempo but not for volume, and a somewhat grueling bluesy aura clamped onto songs where it didn't seem to belong.

But on the whole, the band was very solid, very few listeners have ever written 25 songs this satisfying over just a four-year period. The Call of Ray, which for the most part was recorded live in studio captures much of the concert experience in numbers like the rockabilly "Mosh, Don't Panic the F**k." It progresses, like Black's earlier records, as a montage of character sketches drawn in hard driving rock’n’roll. "Jesus Was Right" deals with teen isolation, and "Creature Crawling" uses a celebratory guitar riff and attention-pressing singing by Black to portray an oncoming monster.

The Call of Ray's thematic focus, first established in "The Mariner," reappears throughout the album: it's finally summarized in "The Call of Ray" (a song whose title refers to Ray Bradbury.)

If Black's concert at the UAB was the opening for his already deserved fans, The Call of Ray manages to be accessible, enjoyable, and, as Black says, "pure-Frank" than ever. But it doesn't sound like the Teenager of the Year. Lyrics will have to settle for an album that is only very good.


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**Beyond Country**

Harris branches out

Matthew Detler

Last week, I criticized modern pop country music and then reviewed a country album I really liked. Here, I'm going to review a country album that I don't like, but can say is one of my favorite albums ever.

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Harris' vocals show great power and control and difference, she affects none of the twang heard in some of today's female country vocalists.

"Goodybye," a duct of one the biggest pop country songs, shows Harris' vocal talents. Harris' vocals are often suggestive < of sad control. The music and lyrics express the emotion perfectly. It is very beautiful.

The images evoked by the music are amazing. This is a 1940's album to like an album. Listening to this album made me feel like I was watching a group of musicians perform for a small, enraptured crowd on a wide Texas plain, stars rising overhead.

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**Garden**

FROM PAGE 9

symbolizing the Nationalists who captured Lerica in 1906. The diorama by now has reached extraordinary levels, and the sequence with the bullets is powerful and overwritten.

But it is the original Bull who kills the Poet by impaling him. Of course, it is a shot of the Poet's loss in an effort to save his people. The scene is wrenching, and Vakili's final staggering steps pull you out of your seat.

Cruel Garden is quite a show, sending its meaning to the audience with more than just a few tears and turns.

*Cruel Garden* runs only three more performances. March 13 at the Wortham Theater. Call 227 ARTS for ticket info.
Men's basketball falls to Baylor, to face number-nine Texas Tech

The Rice men's basketball team is the only thing standing between Texas Tech University and an undefeated run through the Southwest Conference regular season schedule.

"In the last 15 minutes of the game, we showed great intensity and great poise, but for the rest of the game, we were very methodical and very lackadaisical," said Willis Wilson, head coach of the Rice basketball team.

Wilson's assessment was echoed by the players, who attributed their success to the team's ability to maintain focus and control the game.

The Owls (13-12 overall, 3-8 in the SWC) traveled to Lubbock to play the Red Raiders at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 3. The Owls entered the game ranked ninth in the nation on the strength of their 74-67 victory over Baylor University on Wednesday, February 2.

Wilson praised the team's defense, which held Baylor to only 57 points, and their ability to maintain a lead throughout the game.

The Owls led most of the game, with their largest lead coming in the second half when they were up by 15 points. Baylor made a late surge, but Rice was able to hold off the Bears to win the game.

Wilson's team will now turn their attention to the SWC tournament, which begins on February 26. They will be playing against the University of Tulsa, the University of Houston, and the University of Memphis.

Wilson said that the team will be looking to improve their shooting percentage and ball handling in the tournament.

"We're going to have to dig in and tighten our belts," said Wilson. "Baylor played with a lot of confidence, and we need to match that level of intensity."
**Burrow sets new SWC record**

1:48.04 in the 800 meters qualifies for the Olympic trials

Ben Glassman

Last weekend, sophomore Andrew Burrow wrote his own chapter in the history of the Southwest Conference. Running in a meet in South Bend, Ind., Burrow won the 800 meters in 1:48.04 and became the first man to run in college history.

"Andrew ran an excellent race," Head Coach J.R. David said. "He was actually last but we kept pace and turned it on at the end." Burrow said the team was all excited about the results and how it helped their chances of making the Olympic team.

"I think we’re doing a very good job in the conference," David said. "We’ve been working hard and I think we’ll be ready for the Olympics."
Women’s tennis shuts down A&M

**Jackie Brown**

The women’s tennis team won two matches this weekend.

Last Friday, the Owls competed against Northeast Louisiana State University. The Owls defeated the NLSU team 5-4.

The big win of the weekend however, came on Sunday when the women defeated Texas A&M University by a score of 5-4 in their Southwest Conference dual match against the Aggies.

The match was a hard fought victory for the Owls. "A&M didn’t lose the match, we went out and won it," Head Coach Paul Blankenship said.

At the number-one singles position, senior Paula Myśliwiec was defeated by the Aggies’ Nancy Tingwall 6-4, 6-7, 10-7. Rice’s number-two player, junior Jessica Gagnon, decided the outcome with a victory over Vanessa Broussard 6-4, 6-7.

Freshman Jennifer Velasco had a close three-set battle with Liana Logan of A&M. Velasco lost the first set 6-4 before coming back in the second set to tie the score 6-6 after being down 4-1. Velasco eventually won the second set 7-6 in the tie-breaker.

At number four, Wilson Pate of the Aggies defeated Versie Iravanova 6-2, 6-1. Esa Talton, a sophomore playing in the number-five spot, won over Monica Rebollo 6-3, 6-1. Rebollo won the SWC tournament last year.

Assistant Coach Emily Schaeffer was very pleased with Talton’s performance.

"This was the highlight of Esa’s career. She really played," she said.

Alja Limon played her first match of the spring season after recovering from a shoulder injury.

Playing at the number-six spot, she defeated Julie Brchem 7-6, 6-4. Brchem had also won the conference title at number six last year.

Limon was very happy with the performance. "We really had to earn it. We went out there determined to play well," she said.

The score was tied 3-3 after the singles competition.

"It was really nice for our number-five and six players to have wins over A&M players who had won the conference at their positions," Blankenship said.

The doubles competition was just as exciting as the singles. 

Ladhan’s third set win clinches Owls victory

**Shay Gilmore**

The men’s tennis team hosted the University of Texas at San Antonio on Saturday. The Owls defeated the University of Texas at San Antonio 7-0. 

The final match against UTSA turned out to be a 6-1 win for the Owls, that final score from this past weekend was the match on Saturday versus NLSU.

The Owls got off to a good start, taking a 1-0 lead after capturing all three doubles matches. The senior team of Joe Eshleman and Shahin Vossell defeated the team of Miguel Perez and Bruce Bolin of NLSU 8-2. Sophomore Ele Udunadug and Daree Maud had a little trouble putting their opponents away, but they eventually pulled out a 6-2, 6-2 win.

Eddery and sophomore Nainton Arli provided two singles points for the Owls, but NLSU battled back to win three of the singles points. Eddery played particularly well in his match as he dominated Nsidiobe Perez 6-1 in the first set.

With the score tied at 3-3, it all came down to Ladhan in his match against Tony Prudent.

"Shahin has always been known as a clutch player," Assistant Coach Greg Davis said. "Just last year he pulled out a win against Texas Tech (then-ranked 35th nationally) after saving three match points."

Ladhan lost the first set to Prudent 4-6 but came right back with a second set win 6-4. In the third set, Ladhan tied his opponent 6-6 in regular match play and won on to win the tie-breaker 7-5.

"The pressure was really on Shahin, and he definitely rose to the occasion," Davis said.

With Ladhan’s win, the Owls took the match 4-3 and won its fifth dual match of the season.

"This is as about as close as they come," Head Coach Larry Turville said.

This win against NLSU was an important win for the Owls because NLSU is currently ranked close to the Owls in the region. Any win within the region makes the Owls’ case for participation in the regional tournament stronger.

The Southwest Conference Tournament Committee will be taking only eight teams into the tournament, and we’re currently ranked ninth," Davis said. "However, I don’t really see us being a bubble team; I’m sure we’re going to be in the tournament ranked at or around seven or eight.

The team will enjoy some respite from dual matches this weekend as they prepare for their participation in the San Diego Team Tournament to be held over the weekend of March 8-9.
Baseball's winning streak hits 11
Taylor's no-hitter broken up with one out in the ninth

John Fredland

The baseball team is moving up the national charts at a rate that would impress even Casey Kasem. The Owls, who picked up their 11th consecutive victory in an 8-5 triumph over Sam Houston State University Wednesday in Huntsville, have been rewarded for their recent success by the fragmented national rankings system.

In the USA Today/BASEBALL Weekly poll, Rice moved up six notches into a tie for 19th. Rice equaled the gain in the Collegiate Baseball, which ranked them 21st in the Baseball America poll, the Owls moved up one place to 28th.

The main impetus for their rise was a tidy sweep of the University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Louisville and Lamar University last weekend at the Big Bull Sports/Rec Club. The three-game sweep, in which the Owls outscored their opponents, 21-7, included a 10-0 shutout on the road.

"We're starting to play a little more consistently," Owls first baseman Paul Doyle said. "I think the difference is that everyone has been hitting and playing well."

Mark Taylor provided the biggest thrill over the weekend. Pitching against Louisville on Saturday, he tied with Rice's first no-hitter since the 1973 season before finishing with a one-hit, 11-0 triumph.

Taylor held the Cardinals with a hit for the first eight innings and retired the first batter in the ninth. Louisville's Tim Harper then hit a fly ball to right. Owls right fielder William Ford miscalculated the ball, and it fell in for a double.

Taylor, who was named Collegiate Baseball's National Columnist of the Week, lowered his earned run average to 0.93 and improved his record to 3-1.

"Taylor has always had the stuff," Pitching Coach Jon Fraher said. "It just been getting him comfortable on the mound to where he has the confidence he needs. His performance this weekend was an indication of what he can do."

Ford atoned the day after Lamar. His early two-run home run helped Rice to a 5-1 lead, and his "controlled" win in an insurance run in the eighth inning of the Owls' victory.

"Lamar really played an extremely good game," Dove said. "They were on top of their game."

This winning streak will be a barometer for the future," Doyle said. "If we can win those games, then it will really say something. The past week was good, but we need to look ahead to the next weekend and see where we are."

The Owls opened the weekend with a 23-hit attack in a 21-7 victory over UTSA. Jacques Landry, Lance Doyle and Myslivecek competed against Rice's first no-hitter since 1973 (Taylor) and improved his record to 3-1.

"A lot of the offensive and pitching heroes of the weekend was Rice's continuing development of a steady defense. The Owls, plagued by defensive problems in the last two seasons, turned nine double plays and committed only one error.

"We're defensively better than we have been in the past," Graham said. "That's very significant. We have been in the past," Graham said. "This coming weekend will be a good barometer for the future."

The Owls began their week with a 10-0 victory over Lamar, the ISeries presents a strong non-conference test. The Owls had three runners on base in the first two innings, but the Owls couldn't cash in on the two bases.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**
- Show your support for the women’s basketball team. Watch them take on Texas Tech at Autry Court. 7 p.m.
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**
- The women’s tennis team will compete against Vanderbilt in Jake Hess Tennis Stadium at 1:30 p.m.
- The baseball team plays Lamar at Cameron Field at 3:30 p.m. winding up the three-day Harvey Suites/Rice Invitational series.
- Little Odessa shows again at the Rice Media Center at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. with a student ID.

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**
- Spring break has finally arrived, baby. Relax – it’s allowed, you know.
- See the baseball team pit their talents against Maine at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field.
- The Van Buskirk Memorial Fencing Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Autry Court.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**
- Stop by Cameron Field to watch the baseball team beat Maine at 7 p.m.
- The baseball team plays Michigan at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field.
- As part of the Rice Design Alliance’s “Making It” lecture series, Tom F. Peters will speak in the Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Fine Arts at 8 p.m. For ticket info., call 524-6297.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**
- The baseball team plays Little Odessa, shows in the Rice Media Center at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. with a student ID.
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**
- While you’re lounging around enjoying spring break, the baseball team is sweating it out at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field in their game against Central Florida. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.
- The baseball team plays Michigan at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field.
- The baseball team plays Little Odessa, shows in the Rice Media Center at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. with a student ID.
- The baseball team plays Massachusetts at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**
- Sophomores: just one more week until you must file your major with the Office of the Registrar. A whole seven days to commit to a life-long area of discipline, so just relax.
- Come see the baseball team take on Massachusetts at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field.
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**
- The baseball team plays Massachusetts at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.
- The baseball team plays Little Odessa, shows in the Rice Media Center at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. with a student ID.
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- The baseball team plays Massachusetts at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**
- Classes resume tomorrow. Reality sets in at around 10:30 p.m.
- Come to Cameron Field at noon to see the baseball team in their game against Massachusetts.
- The Van Buskirk Memorial Fencing Tournament continues today at Autry Court.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**
- Classes resume, so wake up, scrounge around for a pen that works and get to class.
- The SA meeting starts at 10 p.m. in Kelley Lounge of the Student Center.
- While you’re lounging around enjoying spring break, the baseball team is sweating it out at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field in their game against Central Florida. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.
- It’s Mock Interview Day. Drop by Career Services in the Student Center for practice interviewing.
- RPC will meet in Minor Lounge of the Student Center at 9 p.m.
- McNeese State is playing the baseball team at 5 p.m. at Cameron Field.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**
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- RPC will meet in Minor Lounge of the Student Center at 9 p.m.
- McNeese State is playing the baseball team at 5 p.m. at Cameron Field.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**
- The baseball team challenges Massachusetts at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.
- The Van Buskirk Memorial Fencing Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Autry Court.
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- The RICE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - 
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Most of us have been blessed with good fortune. Please consider donating a few of the dollars you have set aside for spring break to this worthy cause. If you are interested in making a donation to the Rice Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, call 713-307. The Backpage thanks you for your consideration.

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Billy "Ref, why did you call that against us?"  
Ref "Because I called the last one in a row in your favor!"  
- A conversation between one of our fine SWC referees and TFU Basketball Head Coach Billy Tabbs.  
Pav. "Make it bigger. "  
Stupid. "Shut up, bitch, it doesn't get any bigger."  
- Overheard at the Bar.
Top Ten Elements of a Really Bad Party
1. Make people wait for a line for at least an hour.  
2. Make sure it's in the rain.  
3. Charge them money to get in.  
4. Charge double for non-Rice guest of Rice stu.  
5. Say, "It's only the price of two mixed drinks at a bar," and then don't serve them drinks because their obviously valid out-of-state IDs don't have a Rice Camper sticker on the back.  
6. Imagine that, a guest who doesn't have a Rice sticker.  
7. Don't advertise that people should bring money with them.  
8. Have alcohol, but only on non-consecutive floors.  
9. Get a really bad reggae band.  
10. Don't serve any food or beverage of any kind on the floor with the really bad reggae band.  
- Don't let people who legally got their drinks (w/valid IDs) - carry them from floor to floor.
1. Have at it.  
- Submitted by Third Floor Brown.

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