Shorter wins SA presidency in first online elections

Internalizing improves access, attracts 40% of electorate

Felice Yang

A student views the kiosks with college computer representatives who can go to computer centers and vote online.

Italian professor recognized

The Italian Association of America honored Professor Anna Caflisch with the distinguished Light O'Dellho Bolley Award at their annual meeting on Jan. 9. The IAA recognized Caflisch with this one-time award for the work she has done in promoting the Italian language and culture both within and outside Rice.

The award is named after the founder of the Italian program at the University of Houston; as the words on the plaque read, the award is given "in honor of those teachers within our association whose work and inspiration has launched our community with the beauty of the Italian language, culture and people."

Caflisch said she wasn't expecting the award and was surprised to find that she, along with three other Italian teachers in the Houston area, would be recognized for her work.

“I was touched and very grateful upon receiving the award, and it will help inform people about Italian language and culture at Rice,” she said.

The French Studies Department Chair Bernard Arena said that Caflisch "embodies the very best of collegial commitment in the way she relates to her students and peers."

Also available from Caflisch is the Women's Resource Center award winners pose outside Sammy's Diner.

14 "Outstanding Rice Women" honored

The Women's Resource Center honored 14 female students and three faculty members as the "Outstanding Rice Women" award and celebrated its first anniversary in a reception last Friday.

The ceremony, held in Kellogg Lounge in the Student Center, featured speeches by Assistant Director for Programs and the Women's Resource Center Monika Hicks and Student Association President Maryana Iskander. "It was a great ceremony. The Women's Resource Center has come a long way since its inception," Hicks said.

The Women's Resource Center has worked to expand the student affairs and director of multicultural affairs, said Hicks. Hicks was also pleased with the ceremony. "I'm so happy with the job done and the support received from the Rice community, as well as the job done by the student coordinators — Jasmin Tiro, Melissa Jacobs and Stephanie Taylor — and our 30 volunteers," she said.

The center is also expanding into the Houston community and working closely with organizations such as the Houston LGBT Center and Planned Parenthood. It now has a library and is a reactor, and sponsors brown bag lunches about once a week. It also provides support for organizations that deal with women's issues, such as Students Organized Against Rape, Pride, the Society of Women Engineers, Rice for Choice and Rice for Choice.

The Outstanding Rice Women awards were given in categories for "Rice for Choice," "Rice for Choice," "Women's Resource Center," "Women's Resource Center" and "Women's Resource Center".

The student recipients of the Outstanding Rice Women award are Baker College Junior Tara Long, Baker College Senior Jessica Noah, and Rice College Senior Rachel Dortmuhlen, Hansen Senior Allison Ford, Rice Senior Stephanie LaRosa, Rice Senior Kathy Nolan, Loew College Senior Jasmin Tiro, and Rice College Senior Michelle O'Hara and Will Rice College Senior Michelle Wohlstrom.

Graduate student recipients for the Outstanding Rice Women award are Baker College Graduate Rachel Dumont, Baker College Graduate Sarah Forsyth, and Rice College Graduate Michelle Wohlstrom.

Petitions for spring elections will be available Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Student Organizations Office for Sammy the Owl. Honor Council members and petitioners are the only candidates at large positions. Rice Program Council qualifications and RPT treasurer. Petitions and ballots are due by noon, March 10.
Departments should encourage faculty to be involved with colleges.

Eating lunch with a professor you’ve never taken a class from, would be unheard of at most universities. But at Rice it’s routine. This sort of interaction can inspire students to take classes or choose majors. It forms a bond between a faculty member and a student. It also shows the students that anyone is approachable, a plus for intellectual discussions, we often hear the lack of it.

In general, students choose to take such an active role in the life of the colleges are scarcer, and colleges looking for active associates are fighting an uphill battle.

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**Online Voting**

Elections via the Web succeed where the old method failed.

The Student Association’s experiment in online voting entered a new phase just this past week as the SA conducted student elections via the World Wide Web for the first time.

This particular approach was created in part as a result of events of previous elections. Students were given much more time to vote than they have been given in the past, and they could vote anywhere and anytime of day or night. In addition, online voting eliminated many of the problems that were inherent in the paper ballot system. By putting the campaign statements of each candidate on the Web, SA enabled students to easily find out about the candidates instead of picking the first candidate for each position. Also, the fact that candidates were listed in different order on each person’s ballot reduced the chances of the first candidate winning purely because the student body could not decide on whom to vote.

Of course, there were a few problems with the online elections. When the election program’s server crashed last week, the personal identification numbers for all students had to be reset. This caused some confusion for students who had earlier changed their PINs to something other than the last four digits of their Social Security number. They had to reset, which caused some confusion for students who had earlier changed their PINs to something other than the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Perhaps the greatest problem of all was the turnout: Excluding offices for which there was one last year, the number of ballots cast this year for each position was down. Some members of the SA Senate had feared that using online would create this problem. They believed that students were more likely to vote if they saw friends filling out ballots at their dorms during lunch. Also, many wondered if some students would not vote simply because they are not familiar with Web browsers. Perhaps this concern can be addressed better in the future through even more publicity.

Despite the lower turnout, the general elections proved that online voting does work. With the Web, ballots are much easier to tabulate and tabulation mistakes—which have occasionally affected election results—are much less likely. Congratulations to the SA for a job well done.

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These people, in conjunction with the Baker Institute, make the events that we have on campus happen. Without their leadership and monetary contributions, events of this sort would never be held at our university.

The allotment of 250 seats for students only allowed all of us who arrived early to have an opportunity to listen to the secretary.

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All of this happened because the secretary of the United States and Ambassador Edward Djerejian, director of the Baker Institute, were both committed to involving the students in this very important official address.

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THIS WEEK marks the celebration of Unity Through Diversity Week. It provides an opportunity to reflect upon differences, to realize the obstacles that separate us, and to determine the most effective ways to live in harmony as individuals and as a society.

I would like each person to realize the need for unity and coordination of effort. These ideals will be important to race, gender and — for the purpose of this column — sexual orientation.

I want to be clear that I write this column from the perspective of a young gay man. I wish to address the topic of unity through diversity as it applies to gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The Rice community as a whole is certainly diverse. However, it is the absence of unity — on campus and off — that we must confront before we all know a time of resolution.

In my opinion, the motivation in expounding my thoughts and opinions in this way and my response is simple. I, along with all gay and lesbian students, have the right to live and love with honesty, dignity and as a true sense of humanity which must not be impeded by hatred or bigotry.

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It was the year Edgar Odell Lovett died and the year ground was broken on the "Rice Memorial Student Center" across the street from the almost completed building building. A survey found that 40 percent of students felt that the Rice Institute should never be totally integrated. A Student Council president was removed from office for being caught drinking beer on campus; he wrote a letter to the "Thresher" to apologize. Meanwhile, the brand new Rally Club held a dance.

The physical plant for the new colleges was simple. The existing male dormitories (now Wies College as well as the old parts of Hanszen College, Will Rice College and Baker College) were enlarged with new wings and all but Baker provided with new common rooms. Across campus, Jones College, the first women's dormitory on campus, was completed.

Socially, though, the transition was difficult. While the "Thresher" seemed to welcome the changes ("Almost everyone was pleased with his College assignment and his College mates.") it said cheerily a week later, there was more than a tinge of uncertainty. Students were concerned about just what colleges would mean and about staying in contact with old friends. The "Thresher" noted a general resistance to change while worrying itself that the "chaos system" was not getting enough guidance from masters and administrators.

Students were allowed to state college preferences (or a group of four they wanted to stay with), but decisions were made by the masters, trying to spread majors and geographical origins among the colleges. Students moved out of their own rooms and into the new colleges during the spring semester. WRC moved in on March 16, Hanszen on March 30, Wies, then Baker, followed.

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The new Inter College Council dealt with issues like electricity consumption (no refrigerators or air conditioners and no continuous use of radios or fans), women visiting the men's colleges (a more lax policy of visits on Saturday and Sunday only, during hours approved by the college), and food storage in rooms (only in colleges confirmed to be the case). Controversy arose when the Campus newspaper decided to print individual photos by college rather than the "ship system" that resulted led to Student Council intervention. The vandalism of the Hanszen Christmas tree, presumably by students from another college, sparked more letters.

The following April, the "Thresher" published a one year review of the college system. It noted a number of successes: Better housing, increased fellowship, improved social life (by putting women on campus), more contact with faculty members and new opportunities for student leadership. Overall, it concluded, "the college system has been successful."

But the same article also saw problems: the inclusion (or lack thereof) of "townies" (off-campus students) in college activities, the ambition of the master's role and an "unhealthy rivalry" among the colleges.

Fifty years later, many of those issues are still with us. So we're asking the questions again. What's good about the college system? What should be changed? Next week, we ask students, administrators and faculty. If you want your voice heard, write us a letter. We won't run more than three paragraphs of it, so keep it brief and to the point, and send it to us at thresher@rice.edu or by campus mail to the "Thresher."
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MAES hosts Austin HS students

Mary Summers
Staff Writer

Just as it is impossible to explain to someone who has never tasted chocolate, tea tastes, so it is impossible to explain to somebody what life at a university is like.

"This was the reasoning of the Rice students, " said Professor Edward Williams has for many years been known by those who work with him in the Business School of Administration as one of the best teachers within the institution. Now, however, he is known as one of the best teachers in the country.

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For a few years, Williams has been teaching entrepreneurship at Rice University and has been known as one of the best teachers in the country. His students have won several awards. "I've seen how I can use that in the real world," he said. "Black Cuisine," sponsored by the Black Student Organization, is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Rice's Academic Building. Prizes include pillowcases, Rocketstix, and some of the time we might just talk or play cards," he said. But Vasquez-Harris was serious about the importance of the shadow day. "The coolest part was that we got to show them something they had never seen before," he said. "We wanted to show them that even though they have to work hard, if they come to college, the road there is great benefits," he said.

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Rice grads ‘Teach for America’

Vikil Otolo / Student Editor

Rice does not offer an undergraduate major in Education, but Rice students interested in teaching have an opportunity to do so through the national program called Teach for America. Teach for America is a national organization that places recent college graduates in under-schooled schools across the nation. Participants commit to two years in the classroom. And there are a lot of battles that if you try to fight, you’ll lose.”

But for Wood, being a teacher is not without its rewards. “There are a couple of different things, and nothing really came together. But I saw the Teacher AmeriCorps, and they gave me an interview, and it worked out,” said Wood.

“Three quired a bind experiences. It’s not changed my perception about a lot of things in a way,” Chen said. “I’m from Houston, but I’m from the suburbs, and there are problems with [the Houston Independent School District], especially in what would be called the inner city, and we just don’t see. Even at Rice, where we have great diversity, it’s academic. We don’t see it.”

Wood had more to say. “The biggest frustration is that only 90 percent of the problems you’re faced with can be solved,” he said. “The problems go much deeper than the classroom, and there are a lot of battles that if you try to fight, you’ll lose.”

Wood for America again? “The opportunity to work with motivated people.”

There is a lot of initiative among the members and the program has a lasting impact, even if you don’t go on, she said. Chen herself plans to attend medical school this fall when she finishes her two-year commitment to the program.

Wood knows that he does not want to continue teaching a permanent career, but he may not leave the program after he completes his two-year commitment. “I have started a few projects that I don’t complete in two years, so I may stay a third or even a fourth year,” he said.

Teach for America is accepting applications for this summer through March 5. For more information call (800) 832-1330 or visit http://www.teachforamerica.org.
Students influence Houston policy toward HIV
Michelle Guchereau
and Shawn Jackson
Staff Writers

As the number of college-age people who contract HIV has grown, college students have become an increasingly important part of the battle against HIV. Last month, 11 current and former Rice students had the opportunity to help shape Houston policy toward HIV and AIDS prevention.

Michael Migura, an HIV educator at the Montrose Counseling Center, is in the process of interviewing Rice students to contribute to the center's research. By understanding the students' needs and opinions, Migura hopes to help formulate HIV prevention programs. "Once we compile all this information, we will be able to make suggestions for reducing the spread of HIV," Migura said.

Migura held an open discussion in the Miner Lounge in the Student Center involving 70 Rice students. "Basically, we're going out into the community and asking people to contribute their ideas for reducing the spread of AIDS," Migura said.

A quick stroll to the Student Center from the Rice Student Health Services is the Greater Houston AIDS Coalition. "AIDS is a problem for us all," Rice Health Services director Eric Perry said. "Everyone needs to become involved in the fight against AIDS." Perry hopes that students will contribute to his efforts.

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**Opening Friday**

**THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**

The Empire Strikes Back, which opens today, offers fewer and less-dramatic changes than the re-released Star Wars. Nevertheless, the movie is a must-see on the big screen. It is now as polished as George Lucas wanted. Watch for changes to the Wampa monster, which made us look much more menacing.

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On the day that Nirvana's Kurt Cobain died, lead singer Shannon Hoon of Blind Melon appeared on the "Late Show" with a question mark painted on his head to symbolize the uncertainty of life. A little over a year later, in a cruelly ironic example of that uncertainty, Shannon Hoon died from a heroin overdose.

Hoon's death marked the end of Blind Melon, a band that was at the zenith of its success. It had a No. 1 single, "No Rain." Its first album had just gone triple platinum. It opened for bands including Soundgarden, Smashing Pumpkins, Neil Young, the Rolling Stones, and Lenny Kravitz. Blinding Soundgarden, Smashing Pumpkins, Neil Young, the Rolling Stones, and Lenny Kravitz.

The last track, "Letters from a Porcupine," was one of the experimental tracks that didn't make the album. The other tracks that didn't make the album are "I Think I Do," "Thinking of You," "Run," "No Rain," and "Shannon." The album also includes a cover version of "Ugella," a song by the German band clones.

The album features music with an unusual range of moods: from a har monica to a tribal beat with flutes in the background. The experimentation provides enough variety to keep one's interest piqued, but never becomes overly bizarre.

Blind Melon's biggest hit, "No Rain," appears in a new mix featuring a very sad and whining tone — much more fitting to the lyrics than the original version. The first track, "The Pusher," features a simple, yet typical grunge backbeat. The sixth track, "John Sinclair," has a hint of jazz guitar in a classic rock setting. In short, this album has a track for everyone.

Very few bands can utilize five members and still make cohesive music. In this case, though, instead of getting two octaves of the same harmony, Blind Melon finds many creative ways to trick chords into making complex backgrounds that do not subtract from the lead guitar and its solos. This text is improved further with tempos changes and dramatic pauses that create rock music with style.

The tracks do have rough edges, however. Since they were recorded in hotel rooms and on buses, a few of the tracks are filled with noise (which is fun for tuning honking horns in the background). The last track, "Letters from a Paraplegic," was left on an uninteresting machine by Hoon. The beat that ends the song, mid-verse, provides an eerie, yet fitting end to an album with such a purpose.

Nice to give a great gift for Blind Melon fans and lay to rest the notion of Blind Melon as a band capable of only one good song.

**Shannon had things to say.**

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**Absolute Power** has every element it should have to be a terrific movie: great actors, a compelling story (David Baldacci’s novel-turned-screenplay by William Goldman) and superb direction. Yet somehow, the movie falls markedly short of what it aspires to be: an artistic thriller. 


### 'Absolute Power' thrills, but lacks artistic perfection

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***Peter Debruge***

The previews echo Alain de Tocqueville with "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." The hint at conspiracy causes viewers to turn down one’s spine. There is something about corrupt politicians, bad cops and sinister cover-ups that promises to result in an interesting movie.

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*Peter Debruge*
Men finish fourth in tournament

Mary Summers

The Rice men's tennis team finished in fourth place at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Men's Invitational last weekend at the Fortini Tennis Complex in Las Vegas.

The Owls started strong in first-round action, beating WeReturn State University 6-1, and then went on to lose to No. 31 UNLV in the second round by a score of 5-1. In the third round, the Owls lost to the University of Tulsa by a score of 4-0. UNLV went on to win the tournament, earning themselves a trip to the 1998 Sports Illustrated cli photo-shoot in the Bahamas.

Rice's主页, WeReturn State, UNLV and Tulsa, the other teams participating in the tournament were the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, the University of Houston, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Softball splits with TSU

Mary Summers

The women's fast pitch softball team traveled to Memorial Park last Saturday and split a doubleheader against Texas Southern University 13-6; 8-12. Rice, with a 1-3 record, came out strongly especially in the second game, but slumped in the fourth inning of the second game. Otherwise, they were strong.

Men's rugby plays HRFC

Alice is created by southwestern Texas State University that boosted the men's rugby club's record to 6-1 in the Texas Union, the team took on a team composed of members of the Houston Rugby Football Club and other Rice players at Cullen Park last Saturday.

Rice responded in the second half with a triumphant comeback in the second. The Houston team capitalized on poor tackling by the Owls to lead 7-0 at halftime.

Rice responded in the second half with a late, game-winning touchdown by John Bold to tie 7-7. The Owls fell to Tulsa in third-round matchplay, although they were forced to withstand a late rally from four matches due to fumble.

The Owls were optimistic about their performance.

"We learned a lot about our opposition," said No. 2 singles player Nguoi Anh. "We competed well with two of the best teams in the country, so we really came out hopeful about our season."
On Monday night at 11 p.m., the fifth-ranked University of Utah team will invade Autry Court to take on the Owls. Somewhere around that time, the metamorphosis will begin - the walls of Autry will begin to shake, the blue curtain will rise, the air conditioning will mysteriously malfunction, and presto — Autry Court will magically transform itself into the Jungle Gym of yesteryear.

The environment for college basketball will be second to none. The occasion is being dubbed "The Pasadena Pajama Palooza" due to the late-night occasion is being dubbed "The Pasadena Pajama Palooza" due to the late-night viewing.

Johnson also said that a win would pay huge dividends to the team, who he beat a fifth-ranked team, that's not good. You get a lot of exposure for the team, and it also goes a long way toward getting the fourth seed in the [WAC] tournament.

Johnson is not intimidated by Jammy Jam "due to the late-night viewing. He is also coming off of a pick Keith Van Horn. Not since Chris "Baby" Williams has three free throws late in the game. UTEP began to put the Owls on the floor, three free throws late in the game. Rice was forced to convert their "one-and-one" free throw chance to hold onto their victory. Garcia hit six straight from the stripe late in the game to put away the Miners. Joining Garcia in their last home game for Rice were center Chris Williams and guard Lisa Masche. Williams had three points, three rebounds, and one block in limited playing time. It appeared early in the game that the bigger Rice frontcourt would have their way with their smaller opponents.

Everyone has to play at the top of their game, and one person just has to break out of the mold and do something we haven't seen before," Johnson said.

Johnson added that the game was huge, and the team was "like any other game. Right now, we don't know who is going to play, so it is hard to get into offensive sync if you don't know who is going to play. We've got a lot of guys on this team who are capable of going in and night out," he said.

On Feb. 11, the team suffered an 81-64 loss at the hands of the No. 13 New Mexico Lobos. Despite the loss, Wilson was complimentary of his team. "I thought for the first time this year on the road, we did a good job of playing through the seasons. Unfortunately, you don't win that in a Top Ten loss," Wilson said.

On Monday's game against, Utah, the Owls face the injury-ridden Lobos of Brigham Young University at Autry Court tomorrow night.

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Basketball
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UTEP opponents. But early foul trouble on Williams, sophomore center Jennifer Hamilton and freshman forward Kim Jordan, and the absence of sophomore forward Argentina Smith forced the Owl backcourt to pick up the scoring load. Freshman Maria Brumfield also contributed, as she collected 17 points and nine rebounds.

On Feb. 13 the Owls averaged an early-season overtime loss to the University of New Mexico by sending the Lobos back to Albuquerque with a 74-70 defeat. Jordan was unstoppable in the second half, scoring 21 points, and then to the University of Utah for overtime again. The Owls lost both of these games in their first meetings.

The following week they travel to Fresno State University for their last game of the regular season.

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First there were sports, then movies, and now Rice has introduced the first of a series of faculty trading cards. As part of the marketing blitz surrounding the new card, the Backpage is giving you a sneak preview. Soon to follow will be other cards including S.N.C running back Frankie Wood, S. N.C. goalkeeper David Chandler, and S.N.C. offensive tackle Kevin Bryant.

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