by Joel Hardi

Rice students of 2003 will see 10 colleges, a new Humanities building, and an expanded Fondren Library, smaller annual tuition increases, greater international and research opportunities and better teachers if the university’s strategic plan is implemented.

The Board of Governors voted Dec. 11 to endorse the landmark plan called "Rice: The Next Century." It was developed by the administration and based heavily on the first final report of the Strategic Planning Committee, which met from 1995 until last spring, including students, faculty, staff members.

Implementation of the plan will require a massive $500 million fundraising goal for the next 5-10 years.

"It's going to be a very, very difficult year," President Malcolm Gillis said. Even over 10 years, the plan will require about $2 million a week in new funds, which would be an unprecedented level of fundraising for Rice.

The plan is designed to improve every aspect of the Rice experience-for undergraduates, graduate students, and the Rice community at large, while holding to Rice's traditional strengths. Process David Hedges, who chaired the planning committee, cautioned that details of the plan will change as it is implemented.

"It represents our best estimate of what can be done," Hedges said. "We should go forward in an improved and bold spirit in the campus." The committee included a draft report last year which was attacked as vague and because it proposed a one percent annual increase in the student body.

This time around, the administration has simplified its process by cutting the number of students, and Vice President for Administration Dean Currie called the plan "specific and powerful." The university expects the two new colleges to be completed and open to students in one year.

Thresher advertisement stirs up debate on campus, in local media

Insiders

HOLOCAUST DEPARTMENT STUDY

A Holocaust denial advertisement in the Nov. 21 issue of the Rice Thresher provoked controversy and debate within both the Rice community and the greater Houston area. The ad was sponsored by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, a provisional group that questions the validity of the Holocaust.

The group is well known for targeting campus newspapers and reaching out to university students. In the Thresher ad, COHDOH offered a $5,000 reward to anyone who could convince a national television network to air a documentary suggesting there were no gas chambers at Auschwitz.

Responses came from many sources, including Rice students and faculty and members of the Houston community. Rice President Malcolm Gillis said his office has been inundated with telephone calls and letters concerning this issue, none in support of the Thresher's decision to run the ad.

Following such criticism, Gillis wrote a letter to all university students and an opinion piece in the Houston Chronicle condemning COHDOH and any other group that would question the historical existence of the Holocaust.

The Thresher had earlier responded with an editorial in its Dec. 5 issue that apologize for any hurt caused by the advertisement, promised not to run similar ads in the future and offered all revenues generated from the ad to the Holocaust Museum Houston.

However, the museum's executive director, Abraham J. Peck, said the museum would not accept any such donation, claiming that the money is "tainted, and represents anti-Semitic and anti-human" views.

"There are hurt and outraged that in 1997 this kind of denial persists," Peck said. Although he commended Gillis for "doing the right thing," Peck said "Thresher editors should have been more sensitive." He invited the editors to visit the Holocaust Museum and hear another side to the story.

Peck said, "You have responsible students at the Thresher and an issue in that is so one-sided and not debatable, such as the Holocaust, comes up. Let the other side be represented. Otherwise there is no intellectual debate." Peck said.

Hillel Association President Dan Erlich said the letter was very pleased with Gillis' letter and that it answered most of the questions caused by the ad. Erlich said "Organizations have rights, too, by the freedom of press, and so, while not denying slanderous organizations the right to print, one must remain clear that despite what they say, the Holocaust did happen and involved the slaughter of millions of Jews and was the most important event of World War II," Erlich said.

Hansrus College Hillel Founding Hillel Chaplain said he did not think the Thresher should consistently deny the right to speak on the basis of such orchestrated campaigns.

"It did not disturb me a bit, but I don't think the Thresher should be held 100 percent to blame," the President does not have that opinion on the issue," he said.

Local television stations and newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, covered the debate over the Thresher ad. Higher education writer for the Chronicle Lydia Luns said she was interested because of previous controversy concerning COHDOH at the University of Texas in Austin and because of the strong student and faculty response. The story was also written on the AP wire service, Luns said.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

"Implementing Rice: The Next Century," which was endorsed by the Board of Governors Dec. 11, is divided into three parts, each of equal priority. Within lowest to highest priority.

"Enhance the Quality and Value of Education and Scholarship at Rice"

• Make Rice more attractive to students by increasing financial aid, reducing tuition increases and increasing student opportunities.

• Build ninth and 10th colleges and rebuild Weiss College.

• Expand and renovate Fondren Library, and move the music collection to a new library in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

• Pursue new areas of information technology.

• Increase Rice's international ties and study-abroad opportunities.

• Upgrade athletic facilities (athletic, intramural and varsity levels), including a new convocation and conference center.

"Strengthen the Faculty"

• Hire additional faculty at a rate of one percent per year, increase faculty turnover through retirement incentives, offer faculty more competitive salaries and support, and improve their teaching skills, and establish visiting scholars program.

• Strengthen graduate programs by recruiting superior faculty, compiling a new graduate handbook, providing better stipends and offering training and professional development.

• Build new humanities building, renovate Fondren, the library, holding, Houston Hall and Anderson Hall.

• Further internationalize academic programs and possibly establish a campus abroad.

• Build a convocation center to host conferences, special events in drama and the arts and intercollegiate athletic opportunities.

"Expand and Strengthen Our Interactions Beyond The Hedges"

• Expand partnerships with other institutions, such as other universities, businesses, the medical center and local museums.

• Expand the programs of the School of Continuing Studies.

• Strengthen the outreach program for elementary (K-12) education.

• Create a "virtual Rice" network of faculty, students, alumni and friends.

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Lookin' for love?

Welcome back! With the start of the new semester, the Thresher has lost several key staff members to personal commitments. Why don't you consider working for the Thresher?

We're looking for new writers, photographers, editors, page designers and people to fill a couple of other random positions. With the introduction of the new Style section (turn to page 15, carefully), we're also looking for a new BPE for BPEX.

Whether you're interested in journalism, in learning about the inner workings of the university, or in a specific area like sports, arts & entertainment, graphic design or photography, working for the Thresher can give you valuable experience. It also means a part-time job with flexible hours and as much mass-market pizza as you feel you should safely consume.

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Criticism of CODOH ad lacks valid logic

To the editor

I missed the Nov. 21 Thresher, but I familiar with the sort of ads that generated complaints in letters last week, and I do believe such ads. I'm sure no reader of the Thresher would wish to have read: "The Holocaust happened. I point that out because someone is bound to deplete the rest of my opinion.

The writers of these letters seem to be bullies who are too lazy to make a good argument when layers of fact and homework will do. "Bullies" because more than one point out that they contacted Thresher staff or had meetings with Thresher staff to express outrage. When someone merely writes a letter of disagreement, that's fine.

When a professor or dean with authority over a student calls her in to tell about their minds. And they have good reason to be pleased. While strengths: low tuition, small size and emphasis on undergraduate education are forgotten: there's hate and stupidity in the world, You can go fight it. Or some of us if we do not, from time to time, revisit its reality by examining at least a portion of it in some detail.

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 epidemic. It is certainly more powerful

When the student body increased by about 200 from the early 1970s to the late 1980s while the number of students remains lower than its 1970s peak.

the raté of increase of tuition for incoming students, while adding to income, is a strong statement for preserving Rice as an affordable choice in higher education. It is particularly welcome following tuition increases of $4000 over the past four years. Since Rice is forbidden by its charter to accumulate any debt, President Gillis might have chosen to finance capital projects instead of using tuition dollars, but he chose the opposite.

At the same time, many of the other proposals remain vague formulizations to be revised in recognition that hiring top research faculty and hiring the best teachers are two goals which seem to be incompatible. Indeed, much of the plan might be written off as an unsubstantiated institutional daydreaming if it were not for one thing: the administration's commitment to raising sums of money at a speed unheard of at Rice. The university's boldness on

L. Lewis, former Thresher staff writer, and a Norwegian exchange student, comes to the conclusion that working for a newspaper is a valuable experience. It also means a part-time job with flexible hours and as much mass-market pizza as you feel you should safely consume.


dicted, but expressed doubts that the Holocaust really did happen or that it was an event of horrifying proportions. I would be unfair to Israelis if I fail to recognize a result of this widely publicized controversy, someone got to the impression that there are people at Rice who question the Holocaust happened.

The fact of the Holocaust, however, may lose its significance to some of us if we do not, from time to time, revisit its reality by examin- ing at least a portion of it in some detail.

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"It makes me happy."

I decided to leave the house after walking through Duncan Hall for the first time. I was amazed by the description of the building I'd heard.

It also makes me think of how many buildings you can find on campus.

Not many. And that's good. We spend most of our time in at least one of those buildings even if we're not there.

Javier

Just another fool with a radical view

Cultural evolution, an unstoppable force

The fellow next to me on the plane had written the whole half of our journey. Only when we hit some turbulence did he begin to make inquiries. I found myself charmed by his passion for the Hebrew language. Not only his language was his passion, but his attitude, becomes part of us and will affect our future generations.

For most of us, it would be hard to imagine a world where people speak English and Indian judges wear 18th century wigs and robes in law courts with little success. Races and nationalities will become in congruent with time. At the same time, breakthroughs in the field of biotechnology at somewhere in the biological hybridity just because it might suit our purposes.

While such a vast topic can never be exhausted, there is a constant flow of ideas and discussions about hybridity. The practical benefits of one biological principle are greater than the genetic values attached to the trait of hybridity, making it undesirable. But one must lose some things in order to get other things. For 260 million Americans to enjoy the foods they do, the native American must be driven to eradication.

For most of us... school became simply a vehicle, a tool, and not an important part of life and living.

Anne Kimbol

Advertising Manager

A delicate balance of bitterness

Education has intrinsic value beyond future jobs

President Bill Clinton was in town last week to talk about ways to improve America's educational system. He prepared for spending increases, including an increase in the number of teachers. But only a few of speakers understood that it was necessary to be more educated.

Most people I know took it for granted that it would go to college and thereby become simply a vehicle, a tool, and not an important part of education.

This is the problem which needs to be addressed. We spend most of our time at universities across the nation. Colleges and universities can offer as much data as they want about the wage gap between high school graduates and college graduates. While that might encourage more people to go further in school, it should also encourage more people to go further in school.

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Rice to build 9th, 10th colleges

PLAN, from Page 1

SI External Vice President Travis Hopp praised the administration for its boldness and said he hopes the board remains committed to keeping tuition at about $5,400 percent of what Rice’s chief competitors and to building enrollment consistently. "Having more students on campus will definitely create a more competitive student body, but I do wish there had been more of a public debate before that was decided," he said.

James College—supervising librarian Mclean and Wees College junior Julian Deitl said that interaction "beyond the hedges" both internationally and locally, should be a key priority. Mclean said Rice must needed to raise the quality of its liberal arts programs to that of its engineering school.

Loretto College senior Peter Marno agreed that the Humanities building should be top priority, but said that the goals of research and teaching often conflict. "Rice is really the most successful school in the nation, because it tries to lead this dual life as a liberal arts college and as a research university. Those goals don't have to be at odds with each other, but they can," Marno offered nothing but praise for the expansion ofondrome. "The library is a priority. Every professor I've ever had has bitched about the library. It's organized like a museum. The TFA and I can quote me on that, too. It just needs more space—more space, more books. I mean, apart from any qualitative changes it just needs to be bigger."

Three NCAA wrestlers drop weight, drop dead

The recent deaths of three college wrestlers sparked investigations by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Billy Jack Seyer of Campbell College in North Carolina, Joseph Lilia of the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse and Jeff Reese of the University of Michigan all died after burning workouts designed to help wrestlers lose weight for competition.

Reese, 21, died of kidney failure on Dec. 9 after exercising for two hours while wearing a rubber suit.

Seyer, 15, died a heart attack on Nov. 9 after riding a stationary bicycle in a room filled with hot air while wearing a rubber suit.

Baylor University officials have adopted a new, bilingual slogan. The bear mascot is designed to be more ferocious while the logo is printed in friendly to students.

President's Lecture Series

Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture

"AN EVENING WITH HARRY WU"

Harry Wu

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Harry Wu, founder and executive director of the Lao Legal Research Foundation, was incarcerated by the Chinese government for fourteen years as a political prisoner. His book, Better Win! is a powerful account of his imprisonment and survival in the "Bamboo Gulag." Left for dead in a nightmarish solitary confinement, he fought back from the brink of insanity and survived to testify before the U.S. Congress in 1985 on the human rights abuses he witnessed. Since then, he has repeatedly risked his life by returning to China to secretly visit prison camps and document on film the slavery and human rights abuses occurring there. In 1995 he was awarded in China, sound guilty of "stealing state secrets" convicted to fifteen years in prison and expelled. Wu's efforts have been recognized with the prestigious Martin Luther King Human Rights Award and the AFL-CIO Award for outstanding public service and leadership in issues affecting all working men and women.

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CRIME ON CAMPUS

Academic Buildings

Robertson Library

Dec. 17 Wallet stolen.

Anderson Lab

Jan. 2 Citation issued for assault to subject barred from premises.

Mudd Lab

Jan. 7 Subject observed crawling through window. 30 and 20 warrants in Pasadena.

Abercrombie Lab

Jan. 7 Pictures stolen from halfway.

Hermans Brown

Jan. 8* Pictures stolen from second floor.

Geology Lab

Jan. 9 Laptop computer and rock chisel stolen.

Other Buildings

Stadium Dec. 15 Two "Young Kummi" banners taken from tent.

Parking Lots


Cohen House Lot MV Dec. 17 Subject attempted to steal vehicle.

Herring Hall Lot H Dec. 18 Vehicle stolen.

East Stadium Lot Jan. 8 Non-Rice subject arrested for outstanding warrants in Pasadena.

Other Areas

Entrance 19 Dec. 14 Non-Rice subject arrested for public intoxication.

Graduate House Jan. 3 Two subjects arrested; one for public intoxication, one to HPD Juvenile for questioning. Both are possible suspects in a robbery.

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Boarding Grand Hall in the Student Center, as part of the Presidential Lecture occasions to research the conditions rest and detention for two months. Since his release in 1979, Wu returned to China on four separate occasions to research the conditions of prisoners and map the extent of the larger system. His trip in the summer of 1995 revealed in his arrest and detention for two months, following intense pressure from high-ranking officials from around the world. Wu was released again. He has led research teams from 60 Minutes and NBC, and is the recipient of numerous human rights awards. Seating for the lecture begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call (713) 527-4990.

Lisa McCormick

McCormick receives Rhodes Scholarship

A Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee awarded Sid Richardson College senior Lisa McCormick a scholarship Dec. 6. The committee, made up of past Rhodes scholars, named McCormick one of Canada's 11 Rhodes Scholars.

McCormick, the only Rhodes scholar from a Texas university, will graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and a bachelor of music degree. Rhodes scholars matriculate at Oxford University and select their own field of study. Scholars may choose to earn a bachelor of arts degree or continue for higher degrees. Scholars receive full tuition and fees plus maintenance allowances for two years.

At Oxford, McCormick plans to study towards a master's degree in philosophy in sociological theory. Canadian citizens applying for Rhodes Scholarships in 1998 must be University of Toronto graduates. Universities are eligible for the Canadian Rhodes scholar competition, according to the Canadian selection committee. McCormick applied for the scholarship in her Canadian constitutionality on the basis of her Rhodes degree.

After Rice's Committee on Scholarships and Awards chose McCormick as a representative, she graduated through a two-stage interview process in Canada before being named a Rhodes scholar. McCormick is Rice's ninth Rhodes scholar, the second in two years. Maryanska Iskander (Wex '97) won a Rhodes scholarship last year and is now pursing a master's degree in politics at Oxford.

Oxford Fellow delivers speech in Duncan Hall

Gerald A. Cohen, Chichele professor of social and political theory and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford University, will come to Rice next Thursday at 4 p.m. to deliver a lecture entitled, "If you're an egalitarian, how can you be so rich?" in McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall. Cohen has published several articles as well as three books: Karl Marx's Theory of History; A Defense; History, Labour, and Freedom; Thomas, More, and Self-Ownership, Freedom, and Equality.

Cohen is a Fellow of the British Academy and an influential political philosopher. He will speak as part of the Lecture Series on Ethics, Politics, and Society, sponsored by the provost, the dean of the School of Humanities and the Department of Philosophy. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Miranda Robinson at (713) 527-4810 or at daweinstein@rice.edu.
Japanese economy fights to bounce back

Japan's financial headaches have dimmed as the yen strengthened last week amid expectations of greater central bank action and signs that HDF's absorption of Daini-Enshu is going smoothly.

The yen's rise against the dollar is seen as providing a boost to export-led growth. The central bank, which has held interest rates steady for six months, is expected to keep rates steady at its March 28 meeting.

The finance ministry on Tuesday said Japan's T-sectory has enjoyed a recovery in recent weeks. The ministry also said the current account surplus for January was ¥447bn, up 82% from a year earlier.

The recovery has been supported by a rally in the yen against the dollar, which has helped to boost export prices and reduce the cost of imports. The ministry said the yen's rise has contributed to a 12% increase in the current account surplus for January.
SeveralDancersCorehasorganizedafestivalofnewand
performanceart.December22-January19.

The most identifiable of the signs, you are theCENTREOFENERGY.

The acting is simply sublime. The dialogue is
touching and fun. The film is full of pathos and pathos
and moral flexibility like a warm knife through butter.

The true credit for The Dog, however, should go to Barry
Levinson and writers David Mamet and Mary Henkon.
The story is a gold mine: a beautiful idea which is
packed a punch. Behind the scenes and behind images of
a manufactured war, Wag the Dog attacks modern political quality and
ignorance.

To tell the truth, your big mouth has the potential to get you into
trouble. In all likelihood, you will make someone feel bad.
This month, you may be seeking new directions in life: you should watch the
movie Spanking the Monkey with a Libra. If you do laundry on the 17th,
remember to fold the clothes from the dryer.

Wag the Dog offers more entertainment than real politics
The White Receiver: Don Beebe vs. Ed McCaffrey

The Coach: Mike Holmgren vs. Mike Shanahan

The Uniform: Packer Green and Yellow vs. Bronco Orange and Blue

ride in the Pack short of a Green Bay victory. Let's take a look at the tale of the tape

The City: Green Bay vs. Denver

About the only two things these two cities have in common is (1) very few black people live in them, and (2) it snows a lot. Wisconsin is home to some of the most obscure and humbly unimportant and who cares much to offer. The fat as playing quarterback was out for the season after being cut that precipitous Wisconsin air, and, when it's blown, it is beaten with an ugly stick. Colorado has trendy people who ski at resorts in nearby mountain towns and cheer for expansion teams.

Advantage Pack — Football thrills on agliness.

The Fans: Cheeseheads vs. Skinheads

The Coach: Mike Holmgren vs. Mike Shanahan

Both men are former 49ers offensive coordinators with the first name Mike and have teams with similar offensive and defensive strategies and talent, but Holmgren has a mustard and would pick mustard at the peak of his athletic ability while Beebe is on his last legs and has the "grille" of Mr. Big. While the last year's Super Bowl despite being drunk and addicted to painkillers, and this year he's substance free.

Advantage Pack — They air socks.

The Uniform: Packer Green and Yellow vs. Bronco Orange and Blue

Though not aesthetically pleasing, Beebe unit's have not montage the regulars yet the last couple weeks. The Brs have seen their colors, logo, helmet and threads updated, but, unfortunately, they can't change their luck by changing their look.

Advantage Pack — Don't you guys wear Packers green.

The Defensive Specialist: Reggie White vs. Neil Smith

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The Running Back: Dorsey Levens vs. Terrell Davis

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The White Receiver: Don Beebe vs. Mike McCaffrey

Both men have perfect the white receiver thing of going across the middle and getting whacked, but Beebe is faster than McCaffrey and has better hands.

Advantage Pack — Never underestimate the white receiver factor.

The Defensive Specialist: Reggie White vs. Neil Smith

Both men are former defensive coordinators with the first name Mike and have teams with similar offensive and defensive strategies and talent, but Holmgren has a mustard and would pick mustard at the peak of his athletic ability while Beebe is on his last legs and has the "grille" of Mr. Big. While the last year's Super Bowl despite being drunk and addicted to painkillers, and this year he's substance free.

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Owls drop first two WAC games, hope to recover against Fresno St.

by Timothy Werner

The women's basketball team is on a two-game losing streak after a double-overtime loss to the University of Tulsa Jan. 10. The Owls dropped the closely-fought game 84-78, on the heels of a relatively successful stringing of play for the Owls.

After a close loss to the then-ranked No. 16 Colorado Lady Buffaloes in the Coors Classic Final Nov. 30, the team ranked an impressive 62-record. Among the Owls' victories was the final of the Gene Hackman Rice Classic Tournament.

The past month has been tough for the Owls. However, while the Owls have convincing victories, such as their 65-29 trouncing of Mercer on Dec. 5, they also experienced their worst defeat — a 7-point loss to West ern Athletic Conference rival Southwestern Louisiana University Jan. 4.

Overall, the team's performance in late December and early January reflected their play earlier in the season. The Owls with the exception of the Hackerman final against the University of Santa Clara and the Dec. 10 exhibition against Houston Flight, were able to put away opponents early when they win. But they tended to allow halftime leads to disappear, as in their 67-65 loss to the University of Mississippi.

After closing out non-confer ence play with a 81-Structure over Southwestern Louisiana University and the loss to Mississippi, the Owls opened WAC play against Texas Christian University Jan. 3. Highlights of the 76-73 TCU win include junior Jennifer Hamilton's double-double at the season and junior Chaundra Wilson's 20 points, six assists and four steals.

Right after the TCU victory, the Owls stumbled badly against SMU. The only bright spot for the Owls in the 65-50 loss was sophomore Moreira Jordans' play. She was the only Rice player to score in double digits.

The Owls faced San Jose State University at UC Santa Cruz last night.
Swimmers prepare for Air Force, Wyoming

by Kathleen Corr

The swimming team kept busy over the winter break, competing in two meets while training rigorously to prepare for the rest of the season.

Last Saturday, the Owls hosted Northeast Louisiana University. The Owls women’s team won by a score of 117-73, while the NLU men defeated the Owls men’s team 59-144. The women improved their record to 4-3 for the season, and the men fell to 0-4.

The Owls women came out strong against NLU, monopolizing the first-place finishes. The women placed first in every race in which they competed. Sophomore Stacey Corneliuson finished first with a time of 1:06.31 in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:25.44. Senior Julie Birch finished first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.47.

Draper, Germano and freshman Jennifer Lushbs achieved the Owls 200-yard individual medley with times of 2:12.14, 2:11.26 and 2:14.76, respectively. Lushbs placed first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 22.08.

The men’s team, however, did not have the kind of day that the women did in their loss to NLU. The loss, however, did not reflect the men’s level of effort, as the Owls swam well and that helps us.” Germano said. “Everyone swam well and that helps us.”

The men’s stiff competition is the reason cited by sophomore Deb Draper, Germano and freshman Jenifer Lushbs for their winless record. "Last year at the WAC Championship, we were pretty close. With training over the last few weeks, people are in pretty good shape." Wingenroth said.

Women’s head coach Kris Wingenroth attributed Rice’s strong finish in both a good effort by the Owls women and a less powerful NLU team. NLU’s women’s swimming program had been on hiatus for a few seasons, and this was the first year of its return.

With the weaker competition, the Rice women excelled. Caldwell placed first in the men’s 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:47.47. Draper, Germano and freshman Jennifer Lushbs swept the 200-yard individual medley with times of 2:12.14, 2:11.26 and 2:14.76, respectively. Lushbs placed first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 22.08.

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BY THE NUMBERS

dec. 5-Jan. 14

TULSA 63 RICE 76
Total 28 35  63
Rice 11 12  23  32  35  41  76
Tulsa 11 12  23  32  35  41  76
Score 76 (21), Tulsa 35 (20), Rice 32 (20), Tulsa 35 (20), Rice 41 (20), Tulsa 76 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11)

TULSA 79 RICE 61
Rice 39  39  70
Tulsa 70  70  70
Score 79 (20), Tulsa 61 (20), Rice 61 (20), Tulsa 79 (20), Rice 70 (20), Tulsa 70 (20), Rice 70 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
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RICE 90 SMU 68
Rice 25  25  50
SMU 21  21  48
Score 90 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 90 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

TULSA 63 RICE 76
Tulsa Rice
9  12 35  32 35 41 76
Score 76 (21), Tulsa 35 (20), Rice 32 (20), Tulsa 35 (20), Rice 41 (20), Tulsa 76 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), Tulsa 11 (11), Rice 11 (11)

TULSA 79 RICE 61
Rice Tulsa
39  39  70
Score 79 (20), Tulsa 61 (20), Rice 61 (20), Tulsa 79 (20), Rice 70 (20), Tulsa 70 (20), Rice 70 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
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25  25  50
Score 90 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 90 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11)

MIAMI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RICE 90 SMU 68
SMU Rice
21  21  48
Score 90 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 90 (20), SMU 68 (20), Rice 68 (20), SMU 68 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11), SMU 11 (11), Rice 11 (11)

SANTCCLA 67 RICE 70
Rice Santa Clara
28  27  55
Score 70 (20), Rice 68 (20), Santa Clara 68 (20), Rice 70 (20), Santa Clara 68 (20), Rice 68 (20), Santa Clara 68 (20)
Fouls 21 21  21  21  21  21  21
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Week One: What's this?

It's Style. New for 1998, the Thresher presents its Style section. Style will be a twelve week series of biased perspective from one person's media. You'll be able to read a little bit of my bull and maybe see your picture printed. Phonos will be the primary feature. In December, I started carrying a camera most of the time — a digital Kodak that takes mediocre images...

The commentary in Style will always be brief and the font always larger than the rest of the paper. The point of my comments will be clear, too. A quick read.

It's 12:30 a.m. ... time to go out.

Last semester, a group of seniors was talking. The topic was the new trend at Rice of going out later and later. Just two or three years ago, any sort of social gathering at Rice started around 10 p.m. Especially events where people drank. If you were to show up at 11 p.m. you will hear them referring to "Rice time." This means 10 p.m., the time when the Rice night life used to get started.

Today, you only need to show up at the Pub at 11:30 p.m. on a Thursday night to notice a near-empty bar. One hour later, there will be a line to get in running up the stairs. When did being fashionably late at Rice go from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.? It seems like pure stupidity to me. What's worse is that some people come to the doors of the Pub before the after-midnight rush, and then they look in to see few people inside. These timid ones then walk away to live the next 90 minutes of their lives dependent on the behavior of others.

Buzz-bzzz.

Last year I remember going to a Wiess party, then to a Baker party, to a Lovett party and back to Wiess. This hasn't happened once this year. When people go out, they go out at midnight. Two hundred people hit the same party at the same time. It's too crowded, but not for long. With an enormous crowd, the alcohol runs out in a hurry. Then people start jonesing for a cigarette or hitting on a less-than significant other.

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What are you doing awake at this hour, honey... and why is your flashliglit on?

— Patrick "Bucky" Saunders

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Oh, it's probably just that faulty "human head that refuses to die," I put it to these when I cleaned out the attic running

—I'm spooked. Must something is moving around in my closet.

—Thanks, that explains it. I was afraid it might be a squirrel or something.}

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JAN 19

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