Comp Sci majors have B.S. degree option next year

**Professional degree proposal reflects changing trends, pleases students and faculty**

According to Vardi’s proposal, the current B.A. allows the computer science department to exercise discretion in awarding degrees. The new proposal would create a B.S. degree that would require students to complete a core curriculum of mathematics and science courses, as well as a number of upper-division courses in computer science. This would make the degree more attractive to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the computer science industry.

The new proposal would also give students the opportunity to specialize in areas of interest, such as software engineering, computer systems, or computer networks. This would allow students to tailor their degree to their specific interests and career goals.

The proposal was proposed by the Computer Science Department and has been approved by the University Senate. It is expected to be implemented in the fall of the next academic year.

**Food & Housing to approve card reader for Willy’s Pub**

Willy’s Pub may soon go paperless with the addition of a card reader. The pub is considering implementing a system where customers can pay with a card, eliminating the need for cash. The system would be similar to those used in other college dining halls and restaurants.

The system would allow customers to load money onto a card, which they could then use to pay for their meals. The card reader would be installed in the pub, and customers would be able to swipe their cards to pay for their meals.

The system would also allow the pub to keep track of sales and inventory, making it easier to manage the kitchens and dining areas.

The card reader system is expected to be installed within the next few months, and customers will be able to use the system as soon as it is operational.
Incorporated "Thresher":
A secret Student Affairs committee's plan to incorporate The Rice Thresher as a legal entity separate from the university found its way into the public eye on Monday when Student Association President Daryl Shorter introduced it to a meeting of the SA Senate, with the interaction of bringing required SA constitutional amendments to a quick vote.

The Thresher, which was available only in draft form, has since been finalized. At first glance it seems worth pursuing, although it also seems a somewhat consolided effort to basically print out legal relationships. The plan to bring with 82 years of tradition and incorporate the Thresher outside the university must be a student decision, not an administrative one. It is an idea that deserves contemplation by every student at Rice.

President for Student Affairs Zeraphastu Calcutt created the Ad Hoc Committee on the Relationship of the Thresher to the Rice Community last summer and, while several students were invited to become members of the committee, students were outnumbered be an approximately 2:1 ratio by faculty and staff. The committee's first act was to declare its proceedings confidential, over the objection of Thresher editor in chief Joel Joel, to the "only current Thresher-staff to sit on the committee. The Thresher decries the change of any administration control over the newspaper. It is the official newspaper of the Student Association, not the university, and any change to the paper's constitution should be proposed and debated by an SA committee, composed of students. All students serve not as the paper's readership, but as its publisher.

As a result of the committee's actions, the Thresher is now available in draft form. It is its disclaimer, its "Editorial Policies" are not defined. The board is appropriately weighted with students, containing four elected student representatives and one SA delegate, but the four representatives of their student representatives seems too lengthy. Students already wonder why they are asked to regularly be unrepresented, virtually anonymous candidates for offices as specialized positions. The board is appropriately weighted with students, containing four elected student representatives and one SA delegate, but the four representatives of their student representatives seems too lengthy. Students already wonder why they are asked to regularly be unrepresented, virtually anonymous candidates for offices as specialized positions. The board is appropriately weighted with students, containing four elected student representatives and one SA delegate, but the four representatives of their student representatives seems too lengthy. Students already wonder why they are asked to regularly be unrepresented, virtually anonymous candidates for offices as specialized positions.

Furthermore, the proposal is alarmingly vague, especially about the "Editorial Policies" section of the Thresher. The proposal is that the "Editorial Policies" will vanish. You may think that I am being overly dramatic — even more comical — and wonder what is going to happen to these fields that will be torn down and rebuilt; rather, the policy will remain. It does not say that A.L. Court will be torn down and rebuilt, rather, that there will be an entirely new system.

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We all know the arguments that are put forth by a small group of those there's nowhere else we can build. I am objecting to these arguments; I am simply asking, how best what building on our athletic fields is going to do the culture of the college system, and, on a greater level, to the university.

Our college system is strong. Why? We eat together, we study together and we play games together: peaceful, powerful, fresh, fun, full, Beer-Bike, and even pickup games of Frisbee. Our fields are at the crux of the culture of Rice, while the good health and good health are bred in these green expanses. We don't need more buildings to encourage sports at our school; we need more green space. Professor of Sociology Stephen Kimbolski said in his recent house to the University 309 class, that the fields are the heart of our community, the economy, ethnic diversity, and environment. Preservation of our athletic fields is which does not put saving green space on its list of priorities. In order to make new colleges, yes, we need better athletic facilities. We are not asking for a field, but rather a solution to attain those things while preserving our precious fields.

Think about it the next time you are hanging Frisbee with your friends.

Green space and new buildings can coexist

Letters to the editor:

To the editor:

While visiting a football game with some friends last week in the Arobold (the east Rice College complex), I was suddenly taken by the green space of our campus. In other urban schools, for instance New York University, there do not have the lush, green playing fields that we Rice students seem to take for granted.

Our complicity has to stop. Those fields are precious and, unless we act to preserve them, they will vanish. You may think that I am being overly dramatic — even more comical — and wonder what is going to happen to these fields that will be torn down and rebuilt.

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Organ donation column was inaccurate

Letters to the editor:

I'd like to respond to Anne Kimbolski's column in the Jan. 23 issue of the Thresher and offer some insight on mandatory organ donation. "The Al's Kimbolski's column was to be in the right place, the foundation of her argument is quite irrelevant. Kimbolski's motivation for recommending a legally codified policy implementation is just that "we Americans are a lazy bunch."

Due to our inherent laziness, Kimbolski suggests, Americans will not take time at the Department of Motor Vehicles to declare themselves organ donors. People need to understand that a bill passed last summer discontinued the practice of declaring organ donor status on driver's licenses in Texas, effective Jan. 1. With that out of the way, the remainder of Kimbolski's article is baseless and quite sensational.

Kimbolski had only minimally comprehended as University Council member, Rice Student Volunteer Program chair, or Rice Programs Council internal vice president.

Kimbolski has been inappropriately pressured, was a legal nonissue, and the content of 1997-98 Thresher articles is irrelevant to that research. We might mention that as the current relationship stands, the university is a legal entity separate from the university and reserve judgment on constitutional changes until legal definitions are complete, or nearly so. •
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A question: If you drive to a party and drink some alcohol, how do you get yourself home? I've seen choices: call a cab, get someone else to drive you, sleep at the place of the party or drive home intoxicated.

In my realistic, idealistic world, I'd like to believe that everyone would be intelligent enough to not even consider option No. 4 — but since I know that's not the case, that some people — maybe even a few Rice students — drive while intoxicated, let’s explore the idea further.

Say you’re the way home from the party and you suddenly see flashing lights in your rear-view mirror. You pull over and the cop asks, “What should you say? What should you do? If you were as lucky as me and found the bright yellow card stuffed in the Jan. 29 Houston Press, you’d have a simple list of instructions. The card — put out by the Law Office of Ned Barnett — gives seven points to follow if “you are stopped by the police and questioning goes beyond a request for your driver’s license and insurance card.”

Now, I’m not going to analyze the accuracy of the statements the card suggests you employ — though some of them seem iffy/bad. I must say, however, that Item No. 7 humorously instructs me to “request that I be allowed to call Attorney Ned Barnett.” All kidding aside, I thought that this “Driver’s Rights Card” was just a public service.

To me, this card demonstrates the disgusting pervasiveness of driving under the influence in our culture. DUI is so common that many lawyers specialize in defending accused drunk drivers and place ads like this one, giving tips on how to avoid questioning and marketing their services.

There even exists a “National College for DUI Defense” — as if college were an accurate word — of which this particular lawyer is a “Fouding Member.” I researched the Web and found NCDI’s homepage. It contained articles that made exaggerated claims about the inaccuracies of blood alcohol tests and the unfairness of the justice system’s handling of DUI cases.

Many people in the country seem to view DUI as a game. The object of the game is not to get caught — because if you don’t get caught, did you do anything wrong? This idea suggests that there’s really nothing wrong with drunk driving, except that it’s illegal. I’m never going to try to reclaim this point — I shouldn’t have it, it’s too obvious.

The final “Notice and Disclaimer” is really pathetic. In its small font, it makes the claim that the card “is not intended to aid drunk drivers in evading punishment.” Yeah, right. Usually when an ad says that it’s not intended to do something, you can be sure that it’s exactly the opposite.

Brian Stoler is opinion editor and a Houston College freshman.

### The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

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### U.N. sanctions hurt Iraq

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Pay attention to prevent avoidable prejudice

None of us knew what to expect when we took our seats at the cultural diversity workshop during Orientation Week. Imagined a dry lecture on why we shouldn't be racists. I couldn't have been more wrong.

A group of students stood up and gave a presentation that made me so uncomfortable I squirmed in my seat. They rattled off a string of racial, ethnic and gender stereotypes as if they were fact.

What hit me hardest was that most of these stereotypes weren't terribly inflammatory. I recalled hearing some of them in ordinary conversation. I even recognized some of the stereotypes as things I might think about someone upon meeting him, before common sense and reason prevailed. But in the context of the workshop, the stereotypes became obviously false and hurtful.

I always thought I was too smart, too informed and no reasonable to be prejudiced. Looking back, the problem was that I was too lazy. I scoured at the amount of time and attention required to form genuine opinions of people and instead fell back on generalizations.

I can think of specific instances where my ingrained, unthinking prejudice caused problems. In the weeks before my high school graduation, a common question around school was, "Where are you going next year?" It was polite but expressed interest in the person's future. You weren't even required to remember what the answer was, because no one could keep it all straight. Yet I was mortified when, once or twice, the person I was talking to would look down, shift her feet and reply quietly, "I'm going to try to find a job.

In my mind, I stereotyped my fellow students as college bound, going to college was what you did when you graduated. It never occurred to me that that was not always the case. This minor generalization about a peer soured the conversation. My ingrained causation of unnecessary embarrassment.

This small example of everyday generalization is not as serious as the slurs I heard during the workshop, but the premise is the same. Otherwise intelligent people may know what stereotypes are, and why they are wrong, but may not always take the time to examine their own behavior.

Now, I don't suggest that everyone become a model of political correctness. Face it, nowadays we say insult some-out there. We just need to be aware of the effect of our own words. Attention won't solve all the problems of prejudice, but it will be a good start.

Jennifer Frazer is copy editor and a Harvard College trainsman.

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Well, we're still checking the logs on that, but I would deny having an improper relationship.

We'll have to check the logs on that, but I would deny having an improper relationship.

Mr. President, do you categorically deny having any kind of relationship with Ms. Lewinsky?

Well, there are nonetheless, to avoid any possible impropriety, I am now seeing a therapist, Dr. Ellen, about my alleged compulsive behavior.

The next thing I know, I'm being rousted by the legal humiliation of the family. I love it.

Her looks like that.

WELL! MRS. LEWINSKY!

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Student lights a fatty to protest marijuana law

Police arrested a Southwest Texas State University student who smoked a marijuana cigarette on campus to protest the university’s zero-tolerance policy.

The student faces possible expulsion from school.

Police said Brian Anderson read a brief statement and smoked the marijuana cigarette about 15 minutes after the student was arrested.

Anderson had been and charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

"Zero tolerance is intolerable, and must be based on ignorance," Anderson said. "Each single student who smokes marijuana is a danger to the sanctity of the college system."

Schmella said, "Our top priority is to keep students eating their college."

"It gives students another option to detract from college food service."

Two semesters is the usual suspension for controlled substance violations, but Anderson could be tossed off campus permanently.

University Police Chief John Megerson said he made sure officers were on site after news media asked him about the planned protest.

"The case will be turned over to the Student Justice Board, and he will probably be dismissed from school," Megerson said.

John Garrison, the university's dean of students, said an average of 12 to 15 students a year are disciplined for controlled substance violations. Southwest Texas State's policy is about 10 years old.

Source: Daily Texan Online, Jan. 20

College students prefer money to philosophy

An annual nationwide survey of freshmen compiled by the Higher Education Research Institute at University of California at Los Angeles found that students are increasingly more interested in the pursuit of money.

Almost three-quarters of respondents to the poll deemed being "very well-off financially" a worthy goal, while only 41 percent considered developing a "meaningful philosophy of life" to be essential. Thirty years ago the numbers were reversed. Only 40.8 percent of freshmen in 1966 picked being well-off as an important, while 62.5 percent selected the philosophical option.

"The academicians who conducted the survey said the data indicate that students today are less idealistic and more consumer-oriented than their predecessors in the 1960s," President of the University of Michigan Lee Bolinger disagreed with that interpretation.

"I come to the conclusion that this is a quieter and safer generation of students, but one no less dedicated toward their own education and public affairs," he said.

Source: The Dartmouth Review, Jan 21

Pub hopes to increase, diversify sales

Pub, iron Frost, increasing the residential
college system.

However, Lowell College sophomore Eric Johnson said a card reader in the Pub would substantially detract from college food service. "People who routinely eat in their colleges are going to keep eating there," he said. "I think a card reader in the Pub is definitely a good idea, because it gives students another option for meals when they do decide to eat somewhere outside of their college."

The Pub will have a card reader between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. during March and April. At the end of the year, the committee will look at the Pub's sales and assess the effect on the college system. Schmella said, "This is a nice compromise."

With the card reader, the Pub would be charged an obligatory 2.7 percent transaction fee. Additionally, because of the expected rise in sales, the university would charge the Pub for higher distributive fees, basic utility and lease less business, including Sammy's and the Campus Store.

Many felt that the committee's original terms for a card reader agreement were part of a general movement by F&H toward protecting student-run businesses, such as the Coffeehouse and the Pub.

However, the administration said the proposal was a student-run business on campus. College Food Service Manager Mark Ditman said, "Frankly, I think the Coffeehouse is a great thing. I'm glad students have taken responsibility for it. But some people at Food Service managers asked Sammy's to take over, I wouldn't think it would be a good idea."

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Residential Colleges

Wess College

Jan. 26

Wess College

Jan. 31

Non-Rice female transported to Hermann Hospital for alcohol poisoning. She was issued a municipal citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Academic Buildings

Dell Butcher Hall

Jan. 29

Two VCRs stolen from Room 270.

Fonden Library

Jan. 29

Non-Rice subject arrested for possession of cocaine.

Fonden Library

Jan. 27

Suspicious home owns subject issued criminal trespass warning.

Geology Lab

Jan. 31

Laundry computer stolen from Rooms 207 and 208.

Parking Lots

Jan. 29

Motorcycle stolen.

East Stadium Lot

Jan. 31

Two subjects arrested for public intoxication. Both had attended the Chik Cook-off.

Other Areas

Stadium

Jan. 25

Two juveniles and one adult taken into custody for trespassing in the closed stadium. The juveniles were released into their parents' custody; the adult was issued a municipal citation for criminal trespass.

Police Station

Jan. 27

Non-Rice subject remanded check from a closed account to pay for outstanding citations and fees owed.

Graduate House

Jan. 29

Student hospitalized after striking head and falling down the stairs. Student was attempting to jump from fourth floor stairwell landing to third floor landing.

Rice Book

Jan. 31

Homeless subject arrested for criminal trespass (name not available Jan. 27). Suspect was seen defecating in the hedges.

CHEMICAL WASTE REPORT

Jan. 27

Aerosol can released.

Jan. 28

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Jan. 29

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Jan. 30

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Police will use radar to monitor speed limits

The Rice University Police Department will begin using radar to enforce the campus speed limit of 25 mph, Assistant Chief Tomickers said. The RUPOP will deploy its newly acquired radar gun primarily to catch excessive speeding at campus entrances and 12 locations. To determine the extent of speeding, RUPOP used a computer system that lies flat on the ground to monitor excessive speeding on campus.

In one 24-hour period, the radar gun system recorded that 26,100 cars exceeded the speed limit when entering or leaving campus at entrances.

Rice police have also been trained to use radar devices that are portable and can be used at any location.

"We don't want to say that we wouldn't use the radar gun on the inner loop, but we also want to be great on the loop. It's a great concern on the loop. People are walking and biking back there, and it's dangerous," Lovejoy College sophomore Jeff Kline said. "But for the rest of campus, I don't think a radar gun is necessary."

Rice officers hope the sight of a police officer pointing a radar gun at traffic, along with warnings, will dissuade drivers who are stretching the limit.

"We don't want to intimidate the students. We want to get the information out so that everyone will have advance warning about the radar gun," Kline said.

Kathy Kelly to speak at Amnesty Intl. event

Human rights activist and past Kathy Kelly will speak at an Amnesty International-sponsored event Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Student Center. Kelly, who will address the effects of U.S. sanctions on Iraq, is a major organizer of the Voices in the Wilderness group, which supplied Iraq with food and medicine.

The SA recommends that students fill out evaluations early in the semester. Medicker said they should be completed by the end of the second week of classes, so that professors will have the rest of the semester to improve their courses.

"Mid-semester evaluations provide professors an easy way to get feedback from the dialogue between students and professors," SA internal Vice President and Hanszen College sophomore Anne Cross said. "These evaluations also allow students to inter and think critically about the importance of quality teaching within the campus."

Countiss said that course evaluations at the end of the semester will help students take the course and plan work for the following semester.

"Mid-course evaluations debuted last spring, with 45 courses participating. Last semester, 50 courses participated. Countiss said, "This semester, the provost's office and the SA are informing to both stu- dents and faculty that voluntary, mid- semester evaluations exist. The SA is encouraging students to ask their professors to participate."

Rice hosts community service event Feb. 6-8

Rice will host the Inaugural Southern Regional Conference on Student Community Service Feb. 6-8. Rice students in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin and Rice students will attend — including all students and the SA will discuss the issue of community service and social action in the South," the event.

"The significance of having a conference centered around community service, it is to lay a foundation for the promotion of community service and social action in the South," said...
Mexico City sinking due to insatiable thirst

Mexico City continues to sink because of the demand for drinking water. The city, which has seen a 18% increase over the past few years, is struggling to meet the demand for drinking water. The city's 18 million residents rely on a vast network of underground aquifers, which are being depleted at a rapid rate. The city's wastewater treatment systems are also struggling to keep up with the demand, leading to water shortages and environmental problems.

In an effort to alleviate the problem, the city has implemented a number of measures, including the construction of new water reservoirs and the installation of new water distribution systems. However, these efforts have been met with mixed success, and the city is still struggling to meet the demands of its residents.

The city's water crisis is not just a matter of quantity, but also of quality. The city's wastewater treatment systems are under stress, leading to contamination of the city's water supply. The city is also facing challenges in ensuring the safety of its water distribution systems.

These problems are not unique to Mexico City. Many cities around the world are facing similar challenges as they struggle to meet the demands of their rapidly growing populations. The key to solving these problems is to adopt sustainable water management practices and to invest in infrastructure that can meet the demands of the future.
Time for a fresh new outlook (or not?) for February

Cancer (June 22-July 22) While your mood swings are kept in check by added gravitational pull from Venus this month, the gives your planet's pull will cause an unforeseen side effect. You will suddenly begin to believe that your ideas are universally accepted as a whole, and find yourself compelled to dance at every Wies night as they play the "I Like Big Butts" song. This is OK and will subside in the next couple of weeks, given that you don't start referring to your posterior as your beloved ret de boue.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Resist the urge to buy your significant other a bar of Lever soap or some southwestern shoot in the red. It's just not elegant. It's not as if you have a lot of money, and you need to save your money for something more tasteful. Say, a matching set of Gucci and Prada salt and pepper shakers at a personal gift. You should be more practical and realistic. Not to mention that you should stop talking with that ridiculous nasal infatuation. You may think it makes you sound like Bob Dylan, but the rest of us just keep wanting to hand you a bon of ultra thick Kleenex. Embrace your spontaneity by putting away your day planner on the 12th and dishes a self portrait of yourself in a boisterous least revealing manner.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Though your sign is in a state of confusion, January may have left you feeling a little unbalanced and wobbly, sort of like Jeff L. This month, however, you will be more like Jeff L with a less completely self assured, but somewhat more stabilized, not to mention more chewy. Your added texture will most likely come from a conversation with someone you admire very much, like Rick Moranis.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Despite your mood swings, you have driven away all of your low interests this month, you will console yourself by having a big dancing bear deliver the last packet of sweet and sour sauce in the cafeteria.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) We told you last month to stop talking. Our advice is the same this month. With Saturn in your love quadrant next month, you will meet someone much like this planet— fascinating and beautiful, but surrounded by tonnes of gas. After you have been distracted by them, you will be struck by a sudden urge to buy a lot of dry erase boards.
The Lady Owls moved closer toward a chance of winning the division title and an NCAA tournament berth by beating three division rivals. The Owls began the week ranked third in the Southland Conference standings, but fell to fourth behind Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas Southern. The Owls then dropped back to fifth place after losing to Lamar and Sam Houston Saturday.

On Wednesday night the Owls defeated fourth-place Texas Christian University, 84-60. The game started slowly, going back and forth for five minutes. But when TCU (8-15, 2-7) ran its lead to four points, junior Charonda Wilson led the Owls with a pressure defense that overwhelmed TCU, as she has done throughout the year. This game, however, Wilson added something extra — a hot shooting hand. She put in several baskets on the Owls’ main run, a 20-10 spurt, and scored a total of 13 in the first half. By halftime, Rice had run up the score to 43-30.

TCU tried to get back in the game by playing a 2-3 zone on the second half, but the Owls’ shooters were too much for the Horned Frogs. Sophomore Kelly Ludwig and junior Sara Ludwigm came in and knocked the Horned Frogs out of their zone, hitting three of six from the three-point arc. From that point on the Owls controlled the game.

Saturday brought second-place Southern Methodist University to Autry Court. Seniors Stephen Bess and Josh Gentry each scored 13 off the bench. Crawford and junior Robert Johnson, TCU’s leading scorers, respectively, were held to 11 points, well below their average of 15-15 (2-5)

The Owls led the SMU basketball team, 84-60. The game output in Rice’s previous two games.

The Owls held the SMU offense to 25 points, compared to 38 in the first round. The Owls’ defense was atrocious. Our effort was nonexistent,” he said. “We came out and dictated the tempo of the game,” Michaelis said. “They threw that defense at us, and we just didn’t adjust.”

Advisors did not act. The Horned Frogs extended their halftime lead to 40-31 in the first five minutes of the second half, behind the scoring of starters Dule Stallings and Jared Miles.

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Okay, so it’s not Christmas...I must have a beer anyway...
Tennis splits meet against Baylor

by Leslie Anne Carter

The Rice men’s and women’s tennis teams squared off against tough competition Saturday with mixed results.

The men hosted Baylor University at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium, where the Owls fell to the Bears 6-2. The Rice women, however, fared better on competition Saturday with mixed results.

Saturday, sweeping Stephen F. Austin at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium, 4-0.

Junior Sasha Silver returns a serve during a match against Baylor Saturday.

The Owls had an opportunity to close the gap in singles at the No. 5 spot, but junior Sasha Silver fell to Mark Williams in three sets, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. The loss to Baylor dropped the Owls to 21-5 on the year.

Also Saturday, the Rice women came out swinging against Stephen F. Austin, winning three matches dual match debut 6-3.

Sophomore Ellie Lewis, playing in the No. 1 singles spot, defeated the Ladyjacks’ Sarah Osborne 6-2, 7-5 and set the tone for the Owls’ straight-set romp in singles.

In doubles action, true freshman Sarah Bowers teamed up with sophomore Vessie Ivanova for an 8-2 win over SFA’s No. 1 team of Osborne and Sean Friedman. Bowers followed her doubles win with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Friedman at the No. 2 singles position. Rice’s No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams also cruised to easy victories over the Ladyjacks.

Sunday, Rice came out in full force as they hosted Baylor University in College Station Thursday. The Owls had an opportunity to win their No. 1 and No. 2 matches, but junior Kenie Ustundag, playing in the No. 1 position for the Owls, defeated Baylor’s Maria Paridou 7-6, 6-2, while Bowers pulled out a three-set win over Arkansas’ No. 1 Jaime Dulling, defeating her 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The 1-1 Lady Owls travel to Las Cruces, N.M. to face New Mexico State University Saturday. The Owls need to improve their 2-1 record when they take on Texas A&M University in College Station Thursday.

Men’s track and field finishes sixth at UH

by Monica Verduzo

The men’s track and field team ran their way to a sixth place finish overall among eight teams in its first meet of the Track and Field Indoor season, at the Couger Indoor in the University of Houston Alumni Center.

The men’s team scored a total of 41 points, with the help of a first place finish in the mile, a third place finish, and the Owls in the triple jump. Men’s track and field Head Coach B.J. Davidson said, “If there’s a leap of 50 feet, it’s worth more than double.”

Junior Vessie Ivanova for an 8-2 win

Experience paid off for seniors Adam Reiser and Andrew Burrow in the 3,000-meter and 800-meter, respectively. Reiser claimed victory in the 3,000-meter in 8:16, 6-06. Burrow was second in the 800-meter in 1:50.86.

“I wanted to run a good time at point of my career,” Reiser said. As for his chances for nationals, Reiser said, “I think my chances are good but running an 8:00, it felt in the right gear.”

The 33-member team included a large contingent of young track and field athletes. Davidson said, “We have good freshmen and sophomores, I expect them to grow throughout the year.”

Underclassmen who contributed to the team were freshmen Lachland Stubblefield, who placed second in the mile with a time of 4:19.01, freshman Tasen Hendrickson, who placed sixth in the 5,000-meter in 15:34.17, and freshman Reed Balfe, who placed sixth in the high jump with 6’09”.

Sophomore Rashad Stafford placed in three events; fifth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.28), sixth in the high jump (6’09) and eighth in the long jump (20-04). The men’s distance medley, consisting of senior Josh Hardy, junior Jamie Price and sophomore Scott Palmer and Justin Burrow placed fourth in 8:34:01.

The men’s track team will compete at Iowa State University this weekend.
Women's track takes fourth at UH Cougar Indoor Meet

by Monica Verduzco
9/19/98

Women's track and field placed fourth in an eight-team field Saturday at the Cougar Indoors Track and Field Meet at the University of Houston's Alumni Center.

Head Coach Victor Lopez said the goal for the season's first meet was to "give a chance to the new people to get their nervousness out and compete at a collegiate level."

This year's team includes 19 new runners, 15 of whom are freshmen. Prior to this event, some of the runners had never competed in an indoor facility.

Lopez praised the newcomers. "This is the best freshmen class ever," he said. "They are a great group of hard workers."

Freshman Jessica Sommerfield helped the women capture fourth place, as she took first place in the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 8 1/2 inches. Junior Shizuqua Robertson took first place in the women's 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 12.80 seconds. Robertson also ran the mile in 5:53.87, placing second.

Robertson's ultimate goal is to compete at the National Indoor Championships, so she was elated about her performance. "The [qualifying] times for nationals are only seconds away in both events I competed in," she said.

Junior Heather Howard also contributed to the women's success, earning second place in the 3,000-meter run in 10:27.85. Sophomore Kim Smedstad finished fifth in the 800-meter hurdles in 2:52, placing fifth.

Among the freshmen runners, Lakeshia Robertson placed right behind in the 200-meter dash in 25.42. Kim Brand placed fifth in the 500-meter run in 5:05.77, and Konnee Myers finished fifth in the triple jump at 14.1/4 and seventh in the long jump (16.1/4).

The women's team will travel this weekend to Madison, Wis., to test its talent at the University of Wisconsin Invitational.

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Pedestrian Peeves

Walking should be a safe activity on the Rice campus. Because of the low speeds involved, there is little danger of injuring yourself. If you were to veer out of control while walking and crash into a tree, you would probably be able to walk away from the accident with only minor pain and suffering. Sounded silly to you? It is. What isn’t facile is the gross lack of courtesy between pedestrians on campus. So I have compiled a list of five pedestrian peeves common at Rice.

1. The spontaneous stop. Have you ever walked behind someone only to have them turn around suddenly, change direction and bump into you? This is possibly the most frequent of walking faux pas. In places like the Student Center and the hallways of academic buildings, we are funneled down the center of the walking space. During peak walking traffic times (before and after classes and during lunchtime) these areas are congested. Unfortunately, they are congested with people strolling in a single direction. Walkers cut and stop, then they collide with you. This is probably the easiest problem to fix. If everyone would just look over a shoulder first, then to the left and the right, stop-and-cut collisions would be kept to a minimum.

2. Devices of distraction: Rice people get bored when they walk. Just watch people walking and talking, walking and listening to music, walking and staring at the architecture, etc. — and then they bump into you. I’m not saying that any of these things are inappropriate, but some equate to a good reason for not paying attention.

3. Sweeping pedestrians: oat for a run on the inner loop sidewalk. Notice how many people attempt walking a reasonably straight line. For some unknown reason, pedestrians like to weave down the sidewalk. This doesn’t occur until you need to pass them and cannot figure which is the best angle to take. Run into a sweeping person, and chances are, they will blam you. This problem is compounded by umbrellas. If you are in a hurry to get somewhere, and it is raining, pray you do not get stuck behind a meandering person with an umbrella. First, few people hold an umbrella in the correct manner — vertical and perpendicular to the ground. Instead they lean it on a shoulder, blocking out the world behind them (and making the umbrella a “device of distraction”). See peeve one. Second, a person carrying an open umbrella is considerably wider than other pedestrians. When it is just sprinkling light rain, the antennas who can’t take a post a spot of water come out with their umbrellas. Any opportunity to pass them, other than stepping off the paths and onto soggy ground, is blocked — especially if they are sweeping. Notice this next time you are in a hurry and there is light rain.

4. Passing or crossing without looking: Some of us have forgotten the lesson “look both ways before crossing the street.” Jumping into the inner loop without checking for traffic is a losing bet. While the municipal law says that pedestrians have right of way, Mr. Newton and his laws disagree. Don’t just look one side, either. Look both ways. Vistors like to drive the wrong way around the loop.

5. Diagonal crossing: An easily remedied problem. Do not cross the inner loop (or any street) in a diagonal fashion. It lengthens your exposure to traffic. It may seem like no big deal, but just cross the dammed street in a straight line. Pay attention when you walk please.

— Patrick "Rocky" Sundeen

Editor’s note: This column is dedicated to S&F Treasurer Louise Palombaro, who didn’t take me seriously when I brought up dangerous pedestrians at last week’s S&F Senate meeting.
friday  FEB 6

Time's up! Today is the DEADLINE FOR ADDING COURSES to your schedule.

Baker College plays the "PLAY BALL," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the commons. Come on out and party!

Take me out to the ball game... The BASEBALL TEAM hosts its first home game of the season, against New Mexico, at Cameron Field at 2 p.m.

The Shepherd School SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, under the direction of Larry Rachteff, presents a concert of brass music at 8 p.m. in Studio Concert Hall.

The Center for the Study of Cultures presents its fall lecture series. "First of Four: the Career Services Center," by professor of humanities at Elizabethtown College. The lecture is entitled "POLONOPHobia AND OTHER PHOBias" and begins at 7 p.m. in Reeve Hall, Room 110.

HELP WANTED  TUTORS WANTED - Children's Tutoring Services is seeking qualified individuals to tutor an outstanding Grade school student. Meet 1-2 hours per week, Tuesday-Friday to meet the student's needs. Must have a clean background check. Call Mr. Baker at (713) 308-8980. Part-time positions available.


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sunday  FEB 8

Get your bean bags, oranges, scarves, and knives... the Rice JUGGLING CLUB meets today at 3 p.m. in front of Foundry. New members are welcome regardless of your experience. For more information, contact Alex Kahn at akahn@rice.edu.

The Shepherd School CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, under the direction of Larry Rachteff, presents a concert featuring the works of Beethoven at 8 p.m. in Stidte Concert Hall. Admission is free.

The BASEBALL TEAM plays New Mexico again at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.

The MEN'S TENNIS team plays on the men of Nevada at 11 a.m. in Lake Hens Tennis Stadium.

monday  FEB 9

Trash yourself... get trained. Beginning today, the Rice Environmental Club challenges students to carry a trash bag around with them at work, placing in the bag every bit of trash that they do not reuse or recycle. This activity is part of GET TRASHED and is designed to raise our awareness of the amount of garbage we produce every week. The event concludes with a TG on Friday.

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Today kicks off AIDS AWARENESS WEEK. Watch for the appearance of the AIDS Walk.

Tuesday  FEB 10

The Houston Friends of Music present the AMERICAN STRING QUARTET at 8 p.m. in Stidte Concert Hall. Admission is $10 for the general public and $23 for students. For tickets, call (713) 285-5400.

Frederick Holmes, intern, presents his MASTER'S RECITAL at 6 p.m. in Dorcas Recital Hall. He will select songs from the works of Rossini, Finzi and Michael Headman. Admission is free.

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friday  FEB 13

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