Registration to go on-line

by Susan Egeland

It's 4:50 p.m. on the last day to register for classes, thus you might be standing in line at the Registrar's Office waiting to hand over your class schedule. By the spring of 2000, however, the long line of procrastinators could disappear. In its place will be Internet-based scheduling and financial information and registration.

"We're in the process of implementing a whole new student system," Vice President for Information Technology Tony Garry said.

Part of this new system involves moving the registration and financial functions currently handled in the Allen Center for Business Activities on-line.

The first effect of this trend is that this semester, the Registrar's Office bypassed the traditional last day exam schedule and print schedule of courses offered in favor of on-line alternatives.

In previous years, these documents were printed once and then supplemented with on-line updates.

The provost started the on-line project a couple of years ago, which involved, among other things, the universaly buying a major piece of software. "We're in the process of installing and testing this process this year," Registrar Jim Williamson said.

"In the future, the vision is that there will be no stop shopping for the students," Former Dean of Admissions and Records Barry McFarland, project manager for this new student system, said. "Students will be able to see their room, to register on line and review their student billing accounts online - including financial aid packages. You could also check what classes you are wanting to take when you talk.

Williamson said the university also plans to include the ability to add or drop courses and designate courses pass/fail on-line.

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Experts discuss U.S. defense policy

by Eunice Song

Distinguished politicians and U.S. defense policy experts discussed varying views of U.S. military strategy in Baker Hall Wednesday night.


Vail Morning News columnist Lee Cullum moderated the discussion.

Baker Institute Director and former U.S. Ambassador to Syria, Israel and Edward Djerejian began the evening by recapping past events the institute hosted in conjunction with the Council on Foreign Relations, such as panel discussions of oil issues.

After brief introductions, each speaker was assigned one of three positions, "innovative," "pursuing a "co-operative"  the United States might pursue as a potential military strategy. Boyd discussed the "innovative" plan and said it involved maintaining spending but distributing it more effectively to other possible sources. "Our present plan is not sustainable," he said. "[Il] needs to be rethought," he said.

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Lawrence J. Korb, former assistant secretary of defense, makes a point during the U.S. defense policy discussion Wed. night.

Korb spoke next about the "co-operative" approach for U.S. defense policy.

This approach entails dealing with issues such as terrorism and ethnic conflicts with the help of international allies, in conjunction with a 15 to 20 percent reduction in spending.

In opposition to the view that the military is in need of funding, Korb said, "The Defense" Page 4

Pub pizza gone for now

Draft beer sales stop at 1 a.m., bottles only

by Usman Baber

Patrons of Willy's Pub will have to wait until at least January to enjoy the Pub's pizza and late night draft beers again.

Until then, alcohol code violation and a legal technicality will bar the Pub from selling pizza or serving draft beer past 1 a.m. to its customers.

A health inspection by the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services Nov. 3 revealed that the Pub's two ovens are currently not equipped with vent hoods, making it impossible to properly ventilate. Pub Manager Christopher Calliout said he will not serve pizza as long as there is a potential health code violation.

Calliout said that if the architecture does not have a new

Pub student attacks small village

Loweit College senior Jason Wehling prepares to film the promotional trailer for Losmey Lamm's, his first feature-length film.

Education amendments alter alcohol violation notification

by Esther Sung

Rice students might soon feel the effects of amendments to the Higher Education Act that deal with issues ranging from releasing private academic records to curtailing drug and alcohol use on campus. President Clinton approved the changes to the bill, which went into effect Oct. 7.

One of the most significant amendments stipulates that "any individual student convicted under federal or state law of any offense involving possession or sale of a controlled substance" will be ineligible for federal financial aid such as grants, loans or work assistance.

"The student is the one, it seems to me, who has the obligation to apply for financial aid if they're ineligible," says General Counsel Shirley Redwine. "The student would be the one to know for sure about their status, whether they've been convicted or not. That's going to place

more burdens on the student."

The duration of ineligibility depends on the number of offenses and can last for one or two years for the first offense or indefinite for any later offenses.

"I don't know if the federal government should take away federal funding," says Sid Richardson, chairman of the Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. "It seems odd that the government would, by re- voking funding, take people away dealing and using drugs out of the educational system. But I do think that students should realize the danger of drug use and that they should realize possible effects that drug use and/or drug dealing can have on their lives and opportunities.

The amendments also include a "Sense of Congress" resolution on alcohol- and drug-related problems on university campuses. This resolution requires schools appoint a task force to research and develop policies to help reduce these problems.

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An immediate reaction to an immediate need

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Requiring signatures discourages real advice

Requiring signatures from advisers for registration and adding or dropping classes needlessly harasses both students and advisers. Students should be held responsible to seek out advice when they need it, rather than being forced to see their adviser every semester just to get his or her signature.

Many students plan their schedules prior to meeting with their adviser, making the meeting only a request for a signature and a rubber stamp. As English Professor and Hanszen College divisional adviser Alan Grob put it, “Too much of advising now is me sitting in the college to eat lunch and having students shove pieces of paper in my face to sign.” No one gains from meetings like those.

There are many resources for students with questions about classes. Often helpful are talking to other students and looking at the book of course evaluation statistics. And it’s great that many professors at Rice are willing to help students figure out which courses to take; they often give valuable advice. But Rice students should be past the point of needing an adviser’s permission to register for classes.

Requiring signatures also strains the advisers themselves. Some divisional advisers must sign forms of nearly 100 freshmen and undeclared sophomores each semester. Rather than requiring them to meet with every student, advisers could better spend their time actually talking to the students who genuinely need advice.

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Guest column

Starving yourself doesn’t help the world’s hungry

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Most well-intentioned political and social action organized by students falls apart either because too much work gets put in the hands of one person or because the burden of the effort are so poorly distributed that projects become organizational nightmares. The Rice Honduras Relief Effort’s organizers successfully managed both their time and themselves to rally students behind a worthwhile cause.

They also demonstrated that such outreach need not be planned months in advance. The project’s organizers had to rally their efforts quickly, yet they were able to quickly and adeptly set the workings of the project in action. Their impromptu operation will lessen the suffering of at least some of the people left destitute by Hurricane Mitch. This was an immediate reaction to an immediate need — something many Rice students could learn from.

We commend the organizers of the Rice Honduras Relief Effort and hope their success will be an example to all student efforts.

The self-hatred and masochism of some on the left never cease to amaze me. Most often, these traits have been demonstrated financially, like when rich liberals such as the Hearst in sist on insane levels of taxation for themselves and other rich people.

Perhaps I am being unfair to those who horse traded in 1998, during the “I feel your pain” administration of President Bill Clinton. We are now willing to use physical masochism to make a symbolic political statement. That is the only proper description for Monday and Tuesday’s Hunger Fast coordinated by the Rice Student Volunteer Program. The fast was a 24-hour period during which students did not eat in order to bring attention to world hunger.

According to the notice I read, it took weeks of prayer and fasting and other participants could be able to “realize how hungry people can become” and “realize how Earth’s resources are so unequally shared.” The proper way to come to this understanding, according to the notice, was to starve yourself for 24 hours and then go to hear speakers discuss hunger.

I do not dispute the claim that hunger is a serious problem throughout the world, but imitating the suffering of the hungry is the wrong way to call attention to such a problem. Do we need to realize exactly how it feels to be tortured to become more aware of the existence of oppressive governments throughout the world? And speaking of oppressive governments, the main cause of hunger in the world is not famine by dictatorial regimes. The two countries with starving citizens most often in the news today are Iraq and North Korea, ruled by two of the most brutal dictatorships in the world. No action on a college campus in Texas is going to stop the hunger in those countries; only a toppling of those governments will alleviate the suffering.

If the people who are starving knew rich American college students were starving themselves to make a point, they would probably consider such actions idiocy. They would view such an action with the same skepticism with which we view President Clinton saying, “I feel your pain.”

The real agenda behind the Hunger Fast, of course, is evident in the second goal I mentioned. RSVP invited speakers to discuss the axiomatic fact that resources are unequally shared, people who did not propose some global socialist solution to that problem.

What concerns me however, is the idea that students would be willing to defy human instinct by starving themselves. It is one thing when fasting is done in a religious context, where one is trying to achieve ends within his personal faith, but in this case there is no parallel.

This fast is purely symbolic — it could do no good for people who are truly hungry and could only harm to the participants. Thus, I do not hesitate to call it an act of masochism, as opposed to one of altruism.

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I sincerely hope that is the future. RSVP will choose more constructive means of making a statement about world hunger. Instead of filling student’s minds with Marxist economics and encouraging them not to fill their own stomachs. I would suggest a more traditional form of information dissemination: Write a column.

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Today has undergone a big change, by), are especially nice about rewrite it, someday. But I don’t know. I’m talking school politics now. Bill Van Tuinen is a good guy and a competent leader. I guess. (This whole issue has brought up one more question: What exactly is the student union (the student union?)? But I’ll surmise later on in this same sentence unless I was describing a new cologne he’d used.)

I made a crude mistake thinking about the Bill issue in my head that issues of right and wrong of right from me. I absently irritated at the cars that pit up in the left lane if they’re going straight, then flip on their left-turn signal just when the light turns green. By then, it’s too late. So the cars properly waiting in the left lane have to make a right turn to get around them. I’m going to have to pay attention to this intersection. End of story.

As for driving itself — what’s left? Normally, humans spend about 3 to 5 miles per hour. Put in the time, though, and we can easily manage to break the law by speed- ing. And when the roads are good, passing through Texas hill country or the Pacific Coast Highway in California, I promissory that my windows are open. In fact, the wind noise is probably so loud that I can’t hear anything but the faintest hint of the radio.

Moving fast through beautiful country shows out all the thoughts of the suicidal idiots who drive in silver cars in the rain with no lights on.

No reservations: A drive will get you going

LUNPGM Accident there is no such thing as a small death

In the summer of 1977, I killed a dog.

I was on the tail end of a 2,000-mile road trip, my first long drive. I didn’t get a car until I graduated, but I was ready. I departed on public transportation. I started by getting into a tense argument. In the summer of 1977, six days earlier, crossing the road just sightseeing a bit in Colorado before heading through Santa Fe, NM, and into the endless plains of Texas. It was mid-afternoon, an hour or two out of Amarillo on a two-lane highway.

Ahead of me, I saw a dog. I was going 70. I slowed down. He walked off the road. Then, as I approached, he suddenly ran in front of me. I braked a lump and felt a sickening feeling in my stomach. He pulleyed over and walked over to him. I didn’t see any blood, but he was obviously in bad shape. I didn’t really know what to do. He was out of the way of traffic. I couldn’t pull over because there wasn’t anything else. I drove the car a while always ended empty. So I drove back to a gas station and called the police. They told me to keep driving and leave him there. I didn’t see the right thing to do. So I returned to the dog and petted him. He was dying I couldn’t do anything about it.

But taking life shouldn’t be taken lightly, even if it is the right thing to do.

A pair of women appeared. One, probably in her early 20s, started crying when she recognized the dog. He wasn’t here, she said, but she was good friends with the owner. He had been hit by a driver. She said, “I didn’t, I apologized.” Tried for his point of view. A line more, “A Richard College senior. She can be reached at alfie@rice.edu.

Angelique Siy is a Lowell College senior."

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The following incidents were reported by the Campus Police for the period Nov. 7 through Nov. 18.

Residential Colleges
Brown College
Nov. 7: Calter complained of loud music, requested the resident associate to open door. R.A. told of intoxicated student passed out. Student taken to emergency room.

Jones College
Nov. 8: Suspicious vehicle with multiple passengers, upon investigation, a stolen key was found in their possession. First subject ticketed for minor in consumption, second subject for theft under $50 and minor in consumption.

Lowell College
Nov. 8: Calter reports people climbing up the west side of Lovett from floor to floor. Subjects gone when Campus Police arrived.

Baker College
Nov. 13: Bicycle thefts. Two juveniles arrested and transported to Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

Other Areas
Central Plant
Nov. 14: Theft of motor vehicle, student charged with public intoxication and released to master.

Packing Lots
East Stadium Lot
Nov. 8: Stopped vehicle on traffic violation. One male subject taken to Campus Police for outstanding Houston warrants, subject released to Houston Police.

East Stadium Lot
Nov. 14: Subject caught urinating in a public, arrested, released with citation and referred to University Court.

East Stadium Lot
Nov. 14: Two subjects arrested on municipal court citation and later released.

Other Areas
Entrance 12
Nov. 7: Report of a suspicious male on Rice Blvd. - a couple of joggers. Issued written citation.

Entrance 8
Nov. 8: Suspicious vehicle with driver and four juveniles. Adult ticketed and released. Juveniles transported to RUPD where they were ticketed and released to parents.

2200 Block of University
Nov. 13: Subject arrested for public intoxication, transported to Harris County Jail.

Entrance 4
Nov. 18: Subject arrested on HPD warrants, released to HPD.

Four items were omitted for space.

**Registrar:** From Page 1 we have several things that you normally have to wait in line for online. That's a noble effort. I just worry that we're losing the personal touch for efficiency.

**Lowell College assistant Joe Potvin:** Yes, this would be convenient. But wouldn't it also be convenient for me to attend classes on line? Then I'd never have to walk anywhere.

**It seems that online registration would be more convenient for the things you don't need adviser signatures for anyway, like exams.** Wests College sophomore Javanaica Nelson said. "So this will be good on a way. All it is, it used to be much more organized, too. Even though people will find ways to get around to talking to their academic advisors if they want to. The online system would just be personal if the administration could come up with a compromise where you would have to talk to your advisor before you register online," she said.

**English Professor Alan Grob:** who is in his 37th year as a Harasen College associate and academic advisor, noted that while getting preregistration online will alleviate problems, the loss of communication will be detrimental.

"One of the worst things about advising here at Rice is not being able to sit down and have a real face-to-face conversation. I try to have an exchange with students. I ask them to come up to my office for visits," Grob said.

"But McFarland said, "Our goal is to make talking to your academic advisor a more meaningful experience. In talking to them you can discuss things that classes take to complete a major."" Grob said. "This online system is centered around the notion that we already know how to get in touch with current students and we want to establish the same kind of communication with prospective students. We want a single source that can answer all of their questions, and we want that source to be the good for both the students and the administration," McFarland said.

**Students ask defense policy panel about Iraq**

**DEFENSE:** From Page 1 the lack of money is not the problem for the U.S. defense department, said Army major general Lewis. He compared the nation's budget of $280 billion to the combined budgets of $100 billion of Russia, China and other states.

"The United States could not stop worrying as if the Cold War was still continuing and reduce the amount of continuous spending for nuclear weapons, Korb said. The nation should only maintain the number of troops necessary to fight those major wars, he added, even though there may be some minor wars.

The three speeches were followed by a short question and answer period. One audience member asked why the United States cared about Iraq and whether it was mainly for concerns. "No, not at all. We were worried that they would use this as an excuse to attack our neighboring countries," Hutchinson said.

Most of the other questions dealt with the lack of money. "I think it's very obvious that we're very decided to talk about our military plans for the future because this is a great disappointment in our country right now," Hutchinson said. Regarding the importance of the panel discussion, Cullum said, "Texas has developed a national voice in public policy, as the second largest state.

"We have a specific foreign policy interests which need to be consolidated and heard on a national level, and gatherings like these allow this to happen," he added.
Rice reacts to regulations

EDUCATION, from Page 1
"Rice is fortunate that it already has the Alcoholic Beverage Policy Advisory Committee," Patricia Bass, assistant dean for Student Judicial Programs, said.

However, ABPAC has not met this semester yet, and as a result, they currently have no opinion to express about the resolution, ABPAC Chair John Bennett said.

The amendments to the Higher Education Act also involve changes to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. "These changes are not too complicated, but the direction is clear — greater access to student disciplinary records, both to the parents and the general public," Bass said.

Universities and other higher education institutions can now release information about students alcohol or drug violations to their parents without students' consent if they can be classified as a "dependent" under federal tax laws.

Rice has not decided what position they will take on this issue, whether to disclose such information, and to what extent and in what manner.

"Basicly, they have been in response to the many parents who say they have a right to be alerted to their children's life-threatening habits," Bass said.

The amendments also increase the amount of financial aid available through Pell Grants. Those grants, which were previously worth $3,000, will now be worth $5,000, by the school year 2003-04.

The Higher Education Act also now has a "Senser of Congress" provision requiring the protection of speech and association rights of students under Title IV. The amendment presumed the idea that universities should not punish students for expressing their ideas and that the university also has to enforce certain rules," Redwine says. "Congress is just expressing its agreement with the general values that are shared in the Rice community for academic freedom."

Stolen margarita machine returned

A rented margarita machine that was reported stolen from Willy's Pub was returned last Monday after the Pub offered a $50 reward.

The Rice Program Council originally rented the machine for $170 to make nonalcoholic frozen margaritas for the Health Education Office's Alcohol Awareness Week. The Pub then borrowed it to make and serve nonalcoholic margaritas.

When the Thresher and Campus AIR unboiled the machine from the RFC for Oct. 21 TG, it was not clean. The TG organizers spent so much time cleaning it that there was no time left for the margaritas to freeze, and their margaritas went mostly to waste. They returned the machine newly dirty to the RFC office.

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day, someone returned the machine to the RFC office.

New associate dean for graduate students

Susan Lurie became the first associate dean for graduate studies Nov. 9. Lurie was formerly the director of graduate studies at the English Department and in an associate professor of English.

She has served on the Graduate Council for the past two years. Her new responsibilities include adjudicating graduate student petitions to the Graduate Office, advising graduate students in specific situations, and working to improve the graduate program.

"I will be doing whatever it takes to see graduate program at Rice enjoy the same importance and status that undergraduate programs possess," Lurie said. "I will be working to improve our programs and to help departments to become more responsible for and retain top-notch graduate students," she said. A project she will begin immediately involves forming a task force concerned with the role of and support for graduate student teaching in various programs.

The Student Association Senate met Monday. The following were introduced:

■ There will be a panel discussion between Rice and Hobby Airport Tuesday and Wednesday, meet the shuttle in front of the Rice Memorial Center at one of its six pick-up times, beginning at 9 a.m., and continuing every hour and a half.

■ UNLV shirts are now $10 for long-sleeved and $5 for short-sleeved.

■ Application for the leadership retreat, due Nov. 23, is available online at http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/retreat_application.html and in the Office of Student Activities.

■ RUPD recovered two bicycles stolen from near Baker College last week. Contact the Campus Police to claim your bike and press charges.

Next meeting: Monday at 10 p.m. in Kelley Lounge in the Student Center.

Erratum

In the article "EXAS discusses suspension policy" in the Nov. 13 issue of The Thresher, Brown College senior J.W. Ferguson was mistakenly referred to as "the," The Thresher regrets the error.

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Film sets new standard for filmmaking

Jett McElhir
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If you've ever seen a Lars von Trier movie, such as 1996's Breaking the Waves, you're already at least somewhat familiar with Dogme 95—a group of filmmakers, following a manifesto, the "Vow of Chastity," who try to return film to its purest form as art. Dogme directors don't use music or special effects in their films, there are no props, the cameras must be hand-held, and there can be no special lighting. The latest domestic release of a Dogme 95 movie is Thomas Vinterberg's Celebration, the official Dutch submission for the 1998 Best Foreign Film Oscar. Vinterberg's manifesto's outline of cinematic form is very restrictive for filmmakers, and because of its restrictions, all Dogme movies tend to look the same. But a good director, such as von Trier or Vinterberg, can still manage to infuse his movies with individuality. Vinterberg has done this in Celebration, making a movie refreshingly different from the dense and gritty Breaking the Waves. Celebration covers about a 24-hour period centered around the 60th birthday celebration of Helge (Henning Morington), a patriarch of a large upper-class Dutch family. His three surviving children (his fourth, Linda, committed suicide a year earlier) have returned to the family-run hotel for the party, along with a gaggle of friends and relatives. The children are a daughter, Helene (Paprika Steen), the "good son" Christian (Ulrich Thomsen) and the not-so-good son Michael (Thomas H. Larsen), who is alienated from the rest of the family for falling to show up at his sister's funeral. Helge asks Christian to say a few words about Linda. Helge is afraid he will break down if he has to speak in front of a group about her. Luckily, Christian

Rating: 4* (out of 5)

Currently in theaters. In Dutch with English subtitles.

A new American film, History X, fails to find meaning in hate

by Marisa Levy

The story begins when student Danny Vineyard (Edward Norton), has been sent to the principal's office for writing a paper explaining Meir Kampf's influence on the civil rights movement. The principal, Dr. Sweeny (Avery Brooks), decides to take an all-too-personal interest in the self-professed skinhead and requires him to write a new essay describing his older brother Derek's overreaction at the day of his release from prison. As this lame plot device begins to work its way, Derek (Norton) has been the leader of the Nazi youth movement in America. Though controversy plagued the film's production along with constant and very public disagreements between director Tony Kaye and his star Edward Norton, the film seems cohesive and fluid.

The film's concluding scenes reminded me of Philadelphia with its nostalgic music and home video footage. But unlike Philadelphia, American History X lacks the poignancy and audience empathy to carry such a scene. Norton has a good chance at garnering an Oscar nod for his performance, but even his mastery of the character (and all fine acting) cannot carry the script. I left American History X feeling cheated of what could have been a great film.

Rating: 4* (out of 5)

Currently in theaters. In English.

Edward Norton exposes more than his hate in American History X.
Oasis treks on with new release

Mark Lewis

"We are bigger than Jesus; we are the big brothers in the world, we will be the biggest band in Britain of all time," said Gallagher as he proclamed in 1996, when Oasis slaughtered the reigning kings Radiohead and the Verve, groups whose intellectual, eloquently melancholic songs have long been staged as a successful group of d'etat against Oasis' decadent, brash songcraft. Indeed, even though their musical dominance has waned, Oasis remain capable of producing a commercially viable and entertainingly listenable album by assembling the scraps of the cutting-room floor. Perhaps the group's hubris is justified after all.

Their latest release, The Masterplan, does not contain original songs per se, but instead a compilation of 14 b-sides previously only available in the United States. It is a richly rewarding release. The term b-side typically implies a song that simply couldn't fit on Oasis' first three albums. The album oscillates between electrifyingly overwhelming walls of sound (the opening juggernaut "Acquaintance"). the instrumental coda of "Swamp Song" and more sparse, sincere arrangements in which Noel discards his concealed, cocaine fueled rock-star facade to expose a more sympathetic and vulnerable core (the plaintive "Talk Tonight"). Indeed, even though their musical dominance has waned, Oasis remain capable of producing a commercially viable and entertainingly listenable album by assembling the scraps of the cutting-room floor. Perhaps the group's hubris is justified after all.

Oasis' unusually prolific muse has produced a vast surplus of terrific songs that simply couldn't fit into Oasis' first three albums. The fact that the songs on this release were recorded piecemeal to swallow it straight up, no chaser. Noel Gallagher's lyrics are rarely erutic, as evidenced by the disappointing frequency of ridiculous star-name like "I could do with a motor car/ Maybe a Jaguar." But does this unproven prophet really-debut is no. A resounding no, because the band's new inarticulateness becomes negligible in the context of their mesmerizing, mesmorizing songs: "(It's Good) To Be Free," "Half the World Away." A piece's capacity to work within the gallery space where it is presented is very important. Granted, not every exhibit in the Rice Gallery is site-specific, but the space is a magnet for artists to work with it for many artists, the Rice Gallery is an opportunity to adapt their work to a unique and interesting space. Even in the intimate space provided by the university's gallery, their small exhibit is aesthetically sublime. The bare white walls only distract from the small cluster of art objects presented. It is almost like a "best of" collection of a series of related exhibits all thrown together. Don't get me wrong; I'm all for feminist art. But I think in 1998 we have moved past the era of mind-bashing art that tries to beat its message into the viewer. One student said the themes in Eisenman's work "have all the subtlety of a tap-dancing rhinoceros."

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and GLBT@Rice present: "Recovering the Past: A Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual History," by Warren J. Blumenfeld

"Recovering the Past: A Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual History" is a unique and informative slide presentation resurrecting a history that has been hidden for so long. Warren Blumenfeld chronicled the epic story beginning in ancient times before the construction of sexual identity as we now know it, to the beginning of an emancipation movement in the 19th century, and into the 20th century with the "Homophile" and "Gay Liberation" movements, and examines the impact of AIDS on the gay community.

Warren J. Blumenfeld is founder and first director of the National Gay Student Center. He is co-author of the book Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life, editor of the book Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price, author of AIDS and your Religious Community, and editor of the Journal of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Identity. He is also co-producer of the documentary film "Pink Triangle," on the topic of homophobia.
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Celebrity Folks

Celebrity follows Lee and Robin Snun (Kenneth Branagh and Judy Davis), a recently divorced couple trying to build new lives for themselves. Lee is a celebrity journalist aspiring to become a famous novelist and screenwriter. He spends much of the movie mourning celebrities he used to read about in his latest script. Lee also has great romantic ambitions, attempting affairs with three beautiful women.

Robin, on the other hand, is a schoolteacher with no intention of becoming famous or of finding love again. She loses one of her family to her new relationship and explores her relationship with one another. Lee and Robin are especially well-developed characters who play as a foil for one another in the movie. While Lee epitomizes ambition, always trying to wheel and deal his way into bed with a beautiful woman or into the life of a star, Robin is almost a Cinderella, a down-to-earth soul turned into a wholesome, stable relationship and the glitzy world of entertainment.

Branagh, along with the stunting reporter, fills out his character with all of his egoisms and insecurities, coming across as very natural. It's hard to imagine that he is the same actor who recently played Hamlet.

Davis, in her fourth film made with Allen, is also very believable in her role, transforming Robin from a serious woman into a confident and bold television personality.

Rater also turns a noteworthy performance, evoking the witty dreams and ephemeral "issues" that go along with a fledgling acting career. DiCaprio, unfortunately, is somewhat stoic in his depiction of a young movie star prone to violence. The only performance that doesn't measure up to the script, DiCaprio's part is small, luckily, so he doesn't detract from the movie too much.

Celebrity is not Woody Allen's greatest film, but it's not his worst either. It is, however, deeply into the main characters as Allen's recent Deconstructing Harry, but it is much funnier. It's also thoughtprovoking and well-written and of course, typical of Allen, well-directed. Since it's not too over-the-top, there's a good chance you'll like the movie even if you're not an Allen fan, and it won't disappoint you if you are. Celebrity, though not brilliant, is at least intelligent, and if not hysterical, at least entertaining.

*A&E stars: worth more than they were used to be

Recently, there has been a lot of misconception concerning the methods that the Arts and Entertainment section uses to rate the pieces it reviews. We felt it was time for a clarification.

This year, the beginning of a new era with the A&E star rating system. After a great deal of input from students following last year's college play season and Sammy Awards, we chose to revamp the system. Initially, we did this by assigning specific values to each star rating. A five-star rating signifies "perfect," four stars "excellent," three stars "good," two stars "fair," and one star "poor." This prevents a kind of "star inflation" that has occurred in the past; good productions are rated "excellent" and "good" productions are rated "fair." This does not necessarily happen every year.

Secondly, we monitor very closely the ratings that writers give to the following scale:

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In the Nov. 6 issue of the Thresher, Troy Schaezler's review of the movie "Che" was misidentified. They are name mistakes in the film are not as severe as a woman. He is male. Also in the Nov. 3 issue, the actors in the photographs from Wessex Tabletop Theater's presentation of "The Crucible" were misidentified. They are not on the right for the film. Nick North is on the right. The Thresher regrets the errors.
From the Pipe

The Surfers, Kelly Slater, Peter King and Rob Machado, are also the name of the band fool the project. Burnett), does not do much to keep twangy guitars, pessimistic lyrics and vocal distortions. The two Dutch 'Celebration' Family feuds in the hotel's concierge (Lars Brygmann) has already prepared a few remarks. CELEBRATION, from Page 6

Meanwhile, Helene and the hotel's concierge (Lars Brygmann) search the room where Helene is staying — coincidentally, the same room where Linda committed suicide. Helene, remaining, tells the concierge of a game Linda used to play, in which she would hide something and he would find it by the "getting warmer, getting colder" method. The end result of the search is a small letter hidden in a light fixture. Helene, upon reading it, buries it into tears, but does not reveal its contents.

From here on we can tell that the three children all have serious problems. It's implied that Linda's suicide was brought on by the same thing that causes the issues among the three surviving children. Christian seems very uncomfortable at times; Helene, after finding the note, takes a bath and imagines herself in paradise. We also see that Michael violently abuses his wife. Then comes dinner.

When Christian begins to talk, the secret audience begins to come out, propelling the movie to its conclusion. The plot of Celebration is contained in the screenplay by Vinterberg and Mogens Rukov, in collaboration with Halskov. The characters' interactions with each other are tightly written with attention paid to all the subtleties of social discourse.

However, even with the care given to the plot, there are things in the movie that stand out of place and just don't make sense. For example, the staff at the hotel seem to want the big secret to come out during the dinner. It's nice that they want the truth to be told, but it's not nice that we don't know why they want the truth to be told.

All the actors in Celebration function well in its reductionist milieu. Thomsen and Larsen are especially powerful. As Christian grapples with the horror of his family's past, Thomsen's depiction grows stronger and stronger. Larsen, as well, encompasses both the quiet brooding and the harsh violence of his character.

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By the time the big secret was let out and the movie had reached its denouement, the film had left me profoundly affected and definitely exhausted. Like Breaking the Waves, Celebration is not easy to watch. Its pared-down style is very trying, especially if you enter it expecting a more aggressive guitar line coupled with sharp percussion, in contrast to the more brooding, slower sounds of other tracks.

Swell makes use of several bizarre synthesized noises — to good effect. "Make Up Your Mind" and "Something To Do" both include a noise that sounds like a squeaky door being swung back and forth. The latter segues into an unusual track called "Pink Pink Rain," which consists of a chorus of crickets and distant peals of thunder, intermittently punctuated with a single piano note and background crowd noises. This might have been evil and experimental 10 years ago, but since the production quality of Mike Oldfield is moody, mellow and sarcastic. It's good, depressing music, if you're asking yourself those hard questions: "What do I want to be? ... an Astronaut? President?"

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**Greedy BCS not the answer to college football’s problem**

Taking cheap shots at the new Bowl Championship Series has become national pastime. Since the second week of November, when the so-called authoritative ranking system was first introduced, everybody with an opinion and an outlet has voiced some sort of content. Most of the complaints are valid.

So now, as an admitted proponent of a playoff, I, too am willing to add my criticisms to the heap of BCS Gripes.

The BCS planners had obviously overlooked the obvious problems with the BCS, let’s step back and take a look at what it promised at the beginning of the season. First, and most importantly, the BCS guaranteed a meeting of the nation’s top two teams in the Fiesta Bowl to determine a national champion.

Second, to avoid controversy about which team played in the Rose Bowl, one that makes up the Rose Bowl Alliance, the BCS promised a fair and sound ranking formula that would pit the true top teams in the nation against each other.

And finally, the BCS promised to consider highly ranked teams from non-automatic qualifying conferences, something the Rose Bowl Alliance didn’t do when it snubbed a 12-1 Brigham Young University team.

But as with all products promising great things, you have to read the fine print to understand the technicalities. And here you notice the BCS does not offer the real deal. Really now, could you expect the BCS to offer a bunch of greedy conference presidents driven by the scent of television dollars?

For starters, look into the most basic promise BCS makes — the inclusion of all the teams in Division IA for consideration in the prestigious bowls. Does it really take a blind eye toward the population and its interest to make the BCS rankings? Not really, if you read how the teams will be selected for the bowls. In a move to satisfy the big money conferences, the BCS promised automatic berth formulas for the champions of the ACC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, SEC and Pac 10. Left out of the mix are conferences such as the WAC and Conference USA, along with independent schools.

Saturday, there usually aren’t very many bona fide national championship contenders in the lesser conferences. But then again, why should the first six conferences get any sort of special treatment over the other conferences? Let’s remind you that one of the four remaining undefeated teams in the nation is Tulane, a C-USA member. In addition, Air Force, a WAC member, has run to a 9-1 record. But the BCS planners thought ahead to avoid bowl placement controversy.

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By Ben Weston

"Individual success has come to the volleyball team in a number of ways this year. Senior middle blocker Tiffany Carothers was named National Player of the Week earlier this year. Tuesday, she and junior outside hitter Karolina Zielinska were named to the Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division first team, and sophomore setter Eilis Falegreh and senior middle blocker Libra Taylor made the second team. But as the Owls look toward the postseason, their most important achievement is that they are no longer considered an average team in a hot streak. They actually look, act and play like a good team."

Senior defensive and Terrence Melton celebrates Saturday’s 38-16 blowout victory over UNLV.

**Owls blow by Tulsa, enter home stretch**

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Senior outside hitter Klara Zielinska spikes the ball in practice Wednesday. The Owls faced TCU last night in their next-to-last WAC match.

But not this time. The Owls scored seven more points behind a strong effort by Moore, who closed out her last home game with 18 aces.

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Team rides Broncos to blowout victory in home opener, but streak short-lived as Navy sinks Rice

by Chris Larson

For eight months, the men's basketball team has dealt with the stigma of last year's 2-22 record. In their season opener Friday night at Astry Court, the Owls demonstrated an eagerness to wipe the slate clean as they overwhelmed the University of Texas-Pan American 80-40.

"It's a new season, and we're trying to put last year's record to rest," sophomore center Alex Bougaieff, who posted career highs of 19 points and 11 rebounds, said. "We want to show everybody that we've been working hard and that we're ready for a good season."

"We need to work on our maturity and poise and come out every day to work and to play. This team has a lot of potential. If they stay focused and recognize the signs of success, this can be a great year."

— Willis Wilson — Head coach

Early in the first half, it appeared as if the game would be competitive.

Both teams got off to a slow start, until some offensive rebounds let Rice jump to a 12-3 lead. UTPA responded with a half-court press that forced Rice turnovers and enabled the Owls to close the gap to 24-15.

But the Owls managed to defeat the press and create easy transition scoring opportunities. Repeated dunks and layups by Bougaieff and senior shooting guard Robert Johnson, the game's top scorer with 21 points, broke open a close game in the second half. The Owls shot just 38 percent for the half and sat out most of the rest of the game.

"Our defense was overwhelmed by Derek Michaelis each grabbed 12 rebounds and Bougaieff continued his domination inside and out every day to work and to play," Wilson said. "His work ethic and toughness have been very good, and he's doing the things the team needs him to do well.

But the UTPA game was not an accurate measure of the Owls' progress. The Broncos, who posted a 32-4 record last year, missed several easy scoring opportunities, had several defensive lapses and simply did not provide opposition even slightly comparable to what Rice will face in Western Athletic Conference play. Six of UTPA's 11 players are freshmen, and the Broncos' only consistent scoring threat, freshman forward Larry Gibbs, was charged with his fourth foul in the first half and sat out most of the rest of the game.

"There were areas where I was improved, and there were a lot of areas I saw we needed to make improvements," Wilson said. "With the score being what it was, it was hard to find fault Monday night's game against the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., further proved the Owls' progress. Navy posted a 19-11 record last year, was co-champion of the Patriot League and advanced to the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Midshipmen were more than a challenge for the Owls, and they defeated Rice 76-51."

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Freshman guard Keenan Holmes hits a free throw in Rice's 80-40 win over UTPA Nov. 13

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Men end on high note with sixth-place finish

by Alex Hafler

Fighting through a muni and windy conditions, the Owls men's cross country team competed at the 2000-01 Southwestern Athletic Conference meet in Denton Saturday. Rice, ranked seventh going into the race, placed sixth among the 33 SWAC schools in the region. Leading the Owls were sophomores Jeff Willis Wilson and senior David Nalepa.

Wilson said, "It was a great way to finish the season. We ran well, and we finished well," Wilson said.

"Heck, no, it didn't look like it for me," he said. "You're asking me as a coach who just saw a guy run 105 yards if I thought so. Of course, it was!"

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"It was definitely the play of the game," he continued. "But the Owls think their recent success will translate into a win. They haven't beaten them since I've been here, so we're due for a win," senior running back Michael Perry said.

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The Numbers

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"We played good enough to keep it close," McKinney said of the 73-67 game. "But when you're shooting that poorly you have to be perfect everywhere else. And we didn't stop them defensively in overtime."

Even more telling of the Lady Owls' shooting woes are the statistics for Friday's game against Lamar. Through Rice forced 39 Lady Cardinals turnovers, no players scored in double digits. Senior point guard Charonda Wilson (eight points, two assists) and the other by Leslie Anne Carter

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Lady Owls soar past SHSU in home opener

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"We ran really well, and a lot better than we did at WAC," Brand added.

The Owls have had some trouble this year. Senior Shindsay Vincent, a four-year starter, injured her knee in the season opener against Nicholls State.

"I was a good race for all of us," Vigerstedt said. "But we were not afraid to compete, and I think we closed up a position.

Despite the setback at the WAC Championship, the race finishes off a successful season. This year, the Owls earned the first-place finish and one second-place finish, in addition to their fifth place at District. "We had a good year, and we still have one person with one more race to go," Bevan said.

The Lady Owls hope to reach 500 wins Sunday in their last game of the season at Louisiana State University.
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NOV 20

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to me!

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1998

MEN’S BASKETBALL team plays the University of Missouri at Rolla at 7:30 p.m. in Autry Court. Itching to see wretched pirates and maidens in distress? Shepherd School Opera presents Gilbert and Sullivan’s "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" at 7:30 p.m. in Wortham Opera Theatre. Tickets are $7. For tickets, call (713) 527-4933.

SUNDAY NOV 22

The Black Student Association presents BSAPALOZA, an artistic celebration of African-American culture, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Grand Hall in the Student Center. Admission is free and the first 100 guests will receive free food.

The Center for the Study of Cultures presents another fun-filled day of Hildergarten, as the "CONSTRUCTING HILDEGARD" convention continues from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Sewall Hall, Room 301.

The Rice Media Center presents the German film "THE LEGEND OF PAUL AND PAULA", a love story, at 7 p.m. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Media Center. After the show, guest speaker Barton Big from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst will discuss the film as an East German cult film where pop culture was taboo. Admission is $5.

The Rice Media Center presents a recital at 8 p.m. in the Harvey Studio in Autry Court. Tickets are $5 for students and $7 for the general public.

What sound does a bass trombone make? Come find out, as C. Michael Palmer presents a "BASS TROMBONE RECITAL" at 5 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. He will play the music of Pernu, Tetter and Bruckner.

THURSDAY NOV 26

THANKSGIVING! Eat everything — turkey, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce ... No classes, either, silly. Watch some football instead.

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