Athletics asks for more time on KTRU
by Olivia Allison and Elizabeth Jardina

In 1996, President Malcolm Gillis created a committee to evaluate "the current KTRU structure, programming, equipment and facilities, the station's position relative to the University's other educational assets, including electronic media, and the present pattern of audience it serves," according to the committee's report.

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Police name two new lieutenants
By Brian Stoler

Two veteran University Police officers were promoted to the rank of lieutenant this week, which will manage investigations as well as community relations.

Randy Marshall is the police department's new lieutenant, which completely violates the spirit of a big concern is that the university is saying. "My biggest concern is that the university is completely focused on its programming, which is in line with Rice's programming goals," said Smith. "They're not considering what's best for the students and the university." Smith said he thinks broadcasting sports fits into this goal because it would broaden the programming offerings that are currently available on KTRU. "I look at KTRU as a tremendous resource that could really be utilized to a much greater extent to the betterment of the whole Rice community," Smith said.

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Battling for possession
By: Kelly Colter

Hassell, both of whom were previously second grade teachers, have a broader experience and to provide opportunities for career advancement.

Hassell came to Rice in 1990 as an officer on the midnight shift after spending eight years as an officer at the Fresno-Rice football game. He was released shortly thereafter and was not charged.

Brown College junior Matt Ludwig, who said the conflict was "something to do with somebody in the student section of the stands," said the game was going on at Rice or to share what's being done at Rice through the station.

"Officers I've Martinez went over and it looked like he asked for the ball, but the football player ignored him," said Ludwig.

According to Ludwig, Martinez picked up the ball anyway, and as he walked away, the football player spit on his back.

Brown senior Brian Nash also saw the incident. "I looked at [the player] walked over to Officer Martinez and punched him," Nash, the See KTRU, Page 6

A more colorful future for The Rice Thresher?
This week's issue features four pages in full color, for only the third time in The Rice Thresher history. (See Pages B2, B3, B6 and B7.) Does this mark the beginning of a full-color future at The Rice Thresher? In short, no.

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Thanks to their efforts, a large amount of stolen property — belonging to both students and the university — has been recovered.

This particularly high-profile case puts the spotlight on a lot of work that University Police do behind the scenes. The police Operation Identification and Campus Watch, help deter crime, and securing the campus. Their crime prevention programs, such as

Selling students 'honors'
Rice should stop participating in the Who's Who "honors program," a for-profit system that exploits students' desire to feel recognized.

Randall Publishing Co. operates the program and publishes Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges as a commercial venture. It's a relatively low-cost money-maker. A community school selects a number of nominees, and the company publishes profiles of the "winners" in the annual book. The search process and the profiles don't cost the company anything because the colleges and honors volunteer the information.

At Rice, the nominations are handled by the Awards Committee using processes outlined in the Student Association By-Laws. The company makes claims about how winners are not obligated to purchase the expensive book, a plaque or a silver key, but the system is designed to turn a profit from these vanity purchases. The award isn't taken seriously in the academic community because of the program's profit motive.

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Taxation without notification
Although we agree that stalled elevators in the colleges inconvenience Food and Housing, which must arrange and pay for repairs, we disagree with the manner in which two students were threatened with a fine for allegedly causing an elevator to stall last week.

We agree with F&H that levying a fine against people whose horseplay causes elevator malfunctions would be a good deterrent.

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**Poster girl with no poster**

**Taking care of your breast friends**

All around me, was a sea of pink shirts and visors worn by women who ran the Race for the Cure. The 4,124 runners I encountered along the first mile were, I estimated, from twelve to twenty-one years old. They were from all walks of life but were united by a common cause.

Lizzie Taishoff

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**Are they laughing with me or at me?**

LPAR does not enrich the lives of varsity athletes

I went to the Registrar's Office this morning, just to make sure that I was actually going to graduate next semester. As I ran my finger down the requirement column on the transcript, everything appeared to be in order. Then I flipped to the bottom. The LPAR section had a big "FAIL" mark there.

So next semester, I get to take two Life Time Physical Activity Program courses.

Michael Nalepu

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**Guest column**

Registrar and financial aid event actually fix glitches

I just finished reading Joan Shrefler's guest column in last week's Thresher ("Rice experience negates..." Sept. 29), and I loved it. I am not a transfer student myself, but the Registrar's Office experience was much like an HP event in my former life.

Jessica Dunn

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Rice should welcome its transfers with housing

Guest column

Last semester, the Transfer Student Club worked to provide transfer-oriented support during Orientation Week. Since I participated in each workshop, I heard Shreffler’s column, “Rice experience solicits transfer students,” Sept. 20, left me disheartened.

But I reminded myself of a recent conversation with TSC members in which we identified what we believe to be the real cause of struggle for transfers: housing. I didn’t mean to discount Shreffler’s other complaints, but I think these problems fade in comparison to the loneliness and isolation transfers feel when they are forced to live off campuses their first year at Rice.

Still, the underlying problem has not been addressed.

Rice is aware that transfers face an uphill struggle when they first arrive on campus their first year. Consider Pam Carlson’s words in a 1996 Thresher article about transfers: “My first year at Rice sucked. I lived off campus and didn’t get to know anyone.” The whole thing was just tough.” (DTSS, transfers adjust to Rice life,” Apr. 26, 1996).

Shreffler echoed these sentiments in her column, pointing out that when living off campus “there are no people knocking on my door to say hi, no spontaneous parties and no classmates to ask for help with work.”

In 1996, transfers worked to address the housing issue. Last semester, members of TSC spoke informally with college masters about housing, and they are aware of the need for a solution. The Jones College constitution even requires that four spaces be held for transfer students during room draw. Still, the underlying problem has not been addressed.

The underlying problem is that there is a hierarchy for consideration of housing first-year Rice students, and non-athlete transfer students are accommodated last. In contrast to new incoming freshmen and transfer athletes, non-athlete transfers are not guaranteed on-campus housing. There is a hierarchy for admission and actually enrolled 461.” The next sentence is key. It says, “The number of transfer students similarly exceeded the target of 500 by one.” In other words, transfer students were not included in the target number of new students guaranteed housing.

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A recent Thresher article, “Fly the numbers, this freshman class is right on target,” Aug. 25, stated that this year, “Rice aimed to enroll 461 new students guaranteed housing and actually enrolled 464.” The next sentence is key. It says, “The number of transfer students similarly exceeded the target of 500 by one.” In other words, transfer students were not included in the target number of new students guaranteed housing.

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The current system needs to be changed so that transfers, rather than being confined to the bottom rung of the first-year housing hierarchy, are included in the target number of new students guaranteed housing.

Nancy Elliott is a Brown College junior.
Students to bike 325 miles to benefit AIDS research

by Elizabeth Decker

Two Rice students biked out of the Astrodome yesterday morning at 5 a.m., expecting to be in Dallas, 325 miles away, by Sunday.

Loyce and Will Rice College senior Erik Garza are participating in the third annual Texas AIDS Ride, a benefit to support AIDS research and treatment in Texas. Each rider must raise $2,300 to participate in the event. To meet this goal, Blaine and Garza have each done extensive fund-raising since participating in the event. To meet this goal, Blaine and Garza have each done extensive fund-raising since participating in the event. To meet this goal, Blaine and Garza have each done extensive fund-raising since participating in the event.

Blaine, made out to Tanqueray Texas DSRide 3,‘ and Garza at 5:30 a.m., expecting to be in Dallas, at the same time,” Garza said.

Blaine began cycling her sophomore year with the Loyce Rice Bike team and has continued biking for Loyce and also on her own. She has participated in Nebraska’s MS 150 ride this summer.

Training has been difficult for both, especially trying to schedule biking time around school and other commitments. Blaine has also had to work around her 30-hour-a-week job to train for the event. Neither biker knows that it will be the first time training for the AIDS Ride until less than a month ago. Since then, Blaine and Garza have trained together and plan to ride side-by-side the whole way.

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Both Blaine and Garza are still job-seeking, and they are each about $500 short of the amount needed. Students can donate extra points at residential colleges. Checks for Blaine can be made out to ‘Fowley Texas DSRide 3,” can be mailed to the campus mail to Loyce with ‘Rider No. 550” written on the memo line. Checks for Garza can be sent to Garza at Rice College with ‘Rider No. 619” written on the memo line.

Blaine and Garza have biked for their respective colleges’ Bike teams. Garza discovered the sport as a freshman and has been biking both with Will Rice’s Bike team and on her own since then. He quickly discovered how much shorter distances, and the 30-hour-a-week job to train for the event. Neither biker knows that it will be the first time training for the AIDS Ride until less than a month ago. Since then, Blaine and Garza have trained together and plan to ride side-by-side the whole way.

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Students may be fined for stalled elevators

Two students were warned that they may be fined for elevator repair costs after they were stuck in an elevator for about two hours Saturday night.

Food and Housing Business Manager Frank Rodriguez said students who cause an elevator to stall by jumping may face fines from $10 to $500 repair cost.

The students were the first stallings of elevators at Brown and Sid Richardson Colleges, including two incidents in the last two weeks.

Rodriguez emphasized that each case will be evaluated individually, and if it is decided that the students were not jumping or were not otherwise responsible for the elevator’s malfunction, they will not be fined.

The repairmen are paid $12-$15 per hour, Rodriguez said, and costs above $500 to have repairmen reset the elevators.

On Saturday, Sid seniors Kyle Vosman and Bill Steiger entered the elevator from the ground floor at about 4:30 p.m. They pushed the sixth-floor button and began moving upward. Shortly thereafter, the elevator stopped and the control panel lights went out.

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—Frank Rodriguez F&H Business Manager

When they realized that they were stuck, they pressed the “emergency” button on the panel that is call for assistance. Eventually, a repairman arrived and talked with them down through the elevator shaft. According to Bala and Vosman, the repairman twice went up to the sixth floor and did not try to get them working.

Esperanza planned with 1950s theme

Esperanza 2000 is to kick around the clock at 10 p.m. in 2 a.m. with a ’50s theme.

The annual pick-up game formal dance will be held Nov. 4 at the senior home of A's 10 floors of the Crown Plaza Hotel in the Texas Medical Center at 1 Main St.

As always, the dance is sponsored by the Rice Program Council. TheFabulous B-Sides, a Houston cover band, will play upstairs, and a DJ will be spinning downstairs.

“[We] do not want to be like The! (Wedding Singer).” The Rice Prom Committee chair Kurt Southall, a Lovett College sophomore said. Dance music will be popular club music that people like.

For the duration of the event, shuttles will make a continuous loop from the Roy C. Lee Pavilion to the Crowne Plaza.

This year, soda fountain glasses will be distributed to students who go to the dance.

Light snacks will be served, most likely desserts, fruits and vegetables.

The formal is estimated to cost $22,000, a portion of which is funded by the blanket tax paid by undergraduate students.

Tickets will be $20 per person in advance and $25 per person at the door for the estimated 1,500 guests expected to attend the event.

Southall, Will Rice College sophomore Carey Devine and Brown College junior Anjie Jan are the RNC formal chair and chairs and are in charge of the event.

—Mark La

Preparations begin for NeverNeverNOD

Wixx College has begun preparations for the 28th annual Night of Decadence party, themed “NeverNeverNOD.”

NOD decorations will be held at the Wixx Commons and will depict areas of London and “Neverland” in accordance with the party’s Peter Pan based theme.

We wanted a lot of+decadent and old-fashioned things we could make interesting and fun to look at,” Wixx Social Vice President Greta Lavallie, a junior, said.

The party will be held on Oct. 27 and will follow the chairmen’s recommendations of last year’s committee to re-examine NOD by incorporating increased security measures.

“We can’t be having this sort of thing,” she said. “We don’t want to end up subsidizing people’s vandalism.”

The elevators at Sid were re-modernized in 1999 for $220,000 modernization project.

Mechanical Repairs Supervisor Ronnie Cox said the new elevators incorporate more safety features and are “more sensitive than in the old elevators, which is as tall as a 14-story building. If you stall in an elevator, the safety equipment is much more sensitive than in the old elevators.”

Jumping in the elevators can trigger these sensors and cause the elevator to stop, Cox said.

“You can’t keep charging students hundreds of dollars for riding in an elevator when it decides to break.”

—Letter from Kyle Vosman, Sid Richardson senior, to Food and Housing

“A lot of elevator cable is involved here,” Cox said, noting that Sid is tall enough that if there is jumping occurring in the car, this causes the cable to stretch, and also causes slack which the elevator reads as a problem with the elevator.

A governor is a safety device that shuts down the elevator if the mechanism produced is used. Cox said Facilities and Engineering has and will continue to look for adjustments in the elevator sensors to make them less sensitive.

He and other workers have tried to make the elevator less sensitive by duplicating what students may do, and they determined that it would take “a pretty vigorous jumping” to stall the elevator.

Cox also said there is a computer that records data, including error codes, from the elevator when it gets stuck so that technicians can determine the cause.

The elevator malfunction at Sid was Sept. 30, when five students were trapped inside for about an hour.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two years ago, months of controversy questioning the party’s sexual explicitness and the sexual nature of the party’s existence, a committee of the college presidents and the Student Association was formed to examine increased security and a ban on sexually explicit decorations from the party. The recommendations were first followed by organizers of the 1999 NOD.

This year, party organizers have not received any negative feedback from the administration, according to Leballe.

“Whether we won or lost remains to be seen. We’re moving forward from being sad about the changes we’ve had to make,” she said.

Students can purchase advanced tickets starting Oct. 2 at Wixx. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the party.

Non-Rice guests must purchase tickets at graduation prices. Students must be accompanied by a party with Rice host. Tickets cost $20.
**Coach blames outburst on fans**

FRESNO, from Page 1

"Those fans behind us were relentlessly. It probably had something to do with somebody in the stands."
— Pat Hill

Fresno State head coach

Hill did not respond to requests for an interview with the Thresher.

I'm sure the only reason (Armstrong) would do something as stupid as to shove a uniformed police officer was because the Rally Club was successful at getting inside his head," Ludwig, a member of Rally Club, said.

The Rally Club is a student run spirit group that sits near the playing field and cheers at sporting events. Rally Club Vice President Michael Dailey said the group drinks alcohol before the game and then cheers for Rice athletes and teams against opponents. The Rally Club is not an official Rice student organization.

"We're providing a service to the Athletic Department by cheering on the teams and by getting the other people to cheer for the team," Dailey said.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

The following incidents were reported by the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 3-19:

- **Residential colleges**
  - Lovett College: Oct. 7 Bicycle stolen outside dorm.
  - Set Richardson College: Oct. 10 Bicycle stolen.

- **Academic buildings**
  - Fondren Library: Oct. 5 Wallet stolen from study cubicle on fourth floor.

- **Parking lots**
  - Allen Center Lot: Oct. 3 Faculty member reported motorcycle stolen. Houston Police Department recovered vehicle.
  - East Stadium Lot: Oct. 3 Failure to stop and give information after accident.
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  - West Stadium Lot: Oct. 4 Staff member reported an attempted burglary of a motor vehicle.
  - Cohen House Parking Lot: Oct. 8 Minor two-car accident reported.

- **Other areas**
  - Entrance 4: Oct. 5 Contractor reported vandalism to vending machine.
  - Laboratory Road: Oct. 6 Parked motorcycle struck by contractor's vehicle.

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**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

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

- The SA is making 500 T-shirts for the homecoming game against Southern Methodist University. The game is Nov. 4.
- Hanszen College Junior Jamie Lusakor has arranged for the SA to rent a Winne the Pooh moonwalk for Project Pumpkin, which will be held Oct. 28 from 1-4 p.m. in the Houston quad. The event, sponsored by the Rice Student Volunteer Program, brings about 500 underprivileged children to campus for a Halloween carnival. If any other student organizations want to sponsor a booth, they can contact RSVP at rsv@rice.edu.
- Petitions for the positions of SA treasurer and homecoming king and queen are due at noon today.
- Three members of the university standing committee on parking came to gather student opinion about parking on campus. They announced that the underground parking being built under the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management will most likely be for playing customers. They also said that University Police are working on color-coded signs to tell students, faculty and staff where they can park in the Stadium Lot. The holes in the Stadium Lot are being fixed. In addition, an unofficial shuffle stop has been added at the end of the Inner Loop by Rice Pratt Brown Hall. Lovett College President Phil Alexander brought up problems with parking in the south colleges residential lot because students are parking there without parking passes. Officer Lisa Heiden said that if students find a full lot to be a problem, they should call the University Police, which can issue tickets to illegally parked students.
- Hanszen senior and SA Parliamentarian Rudy Fink reported on the University Standing Committee on the Library. The Board of Trustees was not "inspired" by the design for the remodeling of Fondren submitted by the design architect, so they are going back to the drawing board. Fink said, Hanszen President and senior Lindsey Germano supervised concern about sufficient study space for Rice students in the library.
- Germano, a member of the University Standing Committee on Athletics, reported that there are plans underway to beautify the entrance to Rice Stadium and possibly to add two more tennis courts to Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. She also reported that a locker room for the women's soccer team will be created by turning the current women's swimming locker room in half.

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Bobby May
Athletic Director

The advisory committee includes Binford; Wiess College Resident Associate and Electrical Engineering Professor Bill Wilson; Dean of Continuing Studies Mary McInerney, who chaired the 1997 president’s committee; and members of KTRU’s staff, including So and Smith.

However, neither So nor Smith seemed clear about what the committee’s role or responsibility is. “It’s really hard to say what power we have at all on the committee,” So said.

KTRU Social Director Abi Cohen, who in her fourth year of filling for the radio station, said she is concerned about how well suited the station is for sports broadcast.

“It’s a waste of an FM signal to broadcast sports, which is talk, talk, talk,” Cohen, a Hanszen College senior, said. “It’s better suited to AM, which is a cheaper medium. FM is almost exclusively, in general, for music… A bat hitting a ball in FM doesn’t sound any better than a bat hitting a ball in AM.”

So said he is worried that allowing an increased amount of athletics on the air will encourage more athletics broadcasts on the station in the future.

“Part of the problem is that if you give them a little, they keep asking for more and more and more,” So said. “It’s a little frustrating to think of that possibility.”

A memo that Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing Michael Pelle sent to May, dated Tuesday, confirmed this possibility. The memo says that before this year, AM stations KPRC, KTRH and KBME broadcast Rice football games and men’s basketball games.

However, a merger between KPRC, KTRO and KBME was finalized Aug. 26. These stations have contracts with the Astros, Rockets, Cougars, Thunderbears and Texas A&M football, and so the chances that Rice will have a contract with those stations in the future are slim, the memo states.

“At this point, barring some unforeseen events, we should not need to have men’s basketball on KTRU this season, but next season is a real possibility,” the memo stated.

The Athletic Department currently pays between $58,000 and $90,000 for broadcast games, but that cost is offset by advertising during the games. May said. He said the Athletic Department would be willing to compensate KTRU for increasing airtime for athletics.

“I certainly am open to helping any way we can, it’s some dollar amount or it’s some help with equipment that would help make their operation better and also improve our broadcast and other broadcasts that they might have,” May said.

“We want it to be a win-win situation. We’re not trying to get something for nothing.”

May said the department will continue to try to find commercial stations to air athletic events. “We just think that it may not work out in the future, but we may see a situation where only football is able to get on a commercial station,” he said.
MR. PUKE, ONE FINAL QUESTION. SOME PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE, WELL, UNSTABLE.

OH, NO!

DONT TRY TO PUT ME ON THE COUCH LIKE YOU USED TO. WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET, PUKE!

AREN'T YOU PEOPLE GOING TO ACCEPT THAT SOMETIMES A CIGAR IS JUST A CIGAR? NOT IN CLINTON'S CASE OBVIOUSLY, BUT I THINK '93 WAS A BIT OF A BLIP.

GREAT.

OKAY, LET'S MOVE ON.

THINK THIS WILL WORK?

I DON'T KNOW. SEEMS A LITTLE RISKY.

MAYBE, BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BIG TO GET BACK ON THE MEDIA RADAR SCREEN. TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

GOOD MORNING, PEOPLE. I'M HERE TO CONFIRM THE X RUMORS... HERE ARE THE READERS... TODY I'M CHALLENGING GOVERNOR SUSH TO A RENNUMATION DEBATE.

PAY-PER-VOTE?

TODAY, I AM CHALLENGING GOVERNOR SUSH TO A RENNUMATION DEBATE.

PAY-PER-VOTE, RIGHT?

ANY PER VOTE, RIGHT?

PAY-PER-VOTE, RIGHT?
LET ME REPEAT THAT TODAY I AM FORMALTLY CHALLENGING GOVERNOR OUSH TO A PRONUNCIATION BEE!

I BELIEVE SUCH A CONTEST WOULD SHOWCASE MY SUPERIOR COMMAND OF OUR NATIVE TONGUE.

...ESPECIALLY IN THE "COMPLETE SENTENCES" SECTION OF THE PETITION. WHERE I HAVE AN OBVIOUS EDGE.

WOULDN'T SCARE BE ACCUSED FOR ACCENT?

YES, BUT NOT FOR TALENT, AS WE WILL SHOWCASE MY SUPERIOR CONTROL OF OUR NATIVE TONGUE.

HERES HOW I SEE THE PROCLAMATION BEE WITH BEE. I WILL BE HOSTED BY NORM AND THE NETWORK.

THERE WOULD BE A ROUND OF INDIVIDUAL WORDS, FOLLOWED BY INFINITIES AND COMPLETE SENTENCES.

THE EVENT WOULD BE COVERED BY AN 350-JURY, A JURY OF NORM CLAR AND RED COMMUNICATIONS MAJORS.

A JURY OF NORM CLAR. ITS ALL ABOUT MARKET, MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER.

THE CONTEST WOULD THEN BE VOTED ON BY THE JURY OF SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS MAJORS. OH GOD, I WILL BE ASKED QUESTIONS NOW.

MR. CHAIR, ANY ONE VOICE PRESENT? I AM NOT INVOLVED. UM... WE ARE CONSIDERING IT, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.

SOUNDS GREAT! WE SHOULD BE REACTING MORE.

GOOD IDEA.

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WILL YES, MOTHER, MOTHER.
A weekend of fun with the mamas and the papas

A look back at Families' Weekend

Despite the rain and chilly weather this past weekend, Rice students welcomed their families to campus. Each year, Families' Weekend gives relatives a chance to share in their students' college experience for a weekend. Families eager to see their intelligent youths (and their tuition dollars) at work participated in a myriad of activities. Highlights included guest lectures by distinguished faculty, a chance for families to attend classes with their students, Baker College's Blues party Friday night and a catered barbecue lunch on Saturday.

Parents enjoyed the chance to attend classes with their students. However, as the father above shows, COMP 210 is harder than it looks.

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Haunted houses: even scarier than midterms

David Morse sheds light on ‘Dancer in the Dark’

Dalton Tolman

THRESHER STAFF

David Morse is one of the most limited men in Hollywood these days. His recent films include The Talented Mr. ripoff, The Prestige and the brand new, The Prestige. He is probably most recognizable to filmgoers for his role as prison guard in the critically acclaimed The Shawshank Redemption.

While I have never watched one of his films, I have heard that he is an actor of great talent. His voice is deep and rich, and he has a way of conveying emotion that is both powerful and nuanced. I am looking forward to watching his performance in this film and seeing how he brings his unique style to the character of the title.

For fans of Killer Klowns from Outer Space: Scary demented clowns run amok in the haunted house, A 30 haunted house open through Oct. 31.

WHERE IS OPERA HOUSE?

I AM WARLORD

Pity the fool who misses ‘Dr. T and the Women’

Garret Merriam

THRESHER STAFF

In one respect, it is the story of a man desperately trying to understand the women in his life. In another, it is the story of the loves of those women as seen through a man’s eyes. The film, set in upper-class Dallas, consists of numerous interesting characters, Dr. T and the Women; each with their own special story to tell.

In his office, Dr. T is surrounded by women and their problems, and the film seems to lack focus. I found it difficult to follow the plot, and I was left wondering what the point of it all was. The performances were average, and the dialogue was often stilted. Overall, I would not recommend this film to anyone.

Linda Lavin gives a fine performance as the title character, but the rest of the cast is less successful. The film is weak in terms of pacing and structure, and it lacks any real emotional depth or resonance. I was not impressed by this movie, and I do not recommend it.
The theme of this issue is on the music of The Sea and Cake. Their album "The Menu" is described as having "lilting, plucky guitars and pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The album also features "a lazy, country-western" song called "Afternoon Speaker," which "weaves together lilting, plucky guitars and pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The album is described as "an invigorating, standard lyric and truly intimate" experience. The reviewer notes that the Sea and Cake are "still rage against familiar genres," with "new wave guitars" and "new wave vocals." The album is described as "a lazy, country-western" experience, with "pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The reviewer notes that the album is "full of the dark humor and newly restrained panache that would one expect from the Blue Meanies." Unfortunately, the sticker that proclaims "Featuring the singles on the front of the album focuses on the Blue Meanies' album." The reviewer also notes that "the band's change in direction" is "a lazy, country-western" experience, with "pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The reviewer notes that the Sea and Cake are "still rage against familiar genres," with "new wave guitars" and "new wave vocals." The album is described as "a lazy, country-western" experience, with "pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The reviewer notes that the album is "full of the dark humor and newly restrained panache that would one expect from the Blue Meanies." Unfortunately, the sticker that proclaims "Featuring the singles on the front of the album focuses on the Blue Meanies' album." The reviewer also notes that "the band's change in direction" is "a lazy, country-western" experience, with "pretty, gentle synths with light percussion." The reviewer notes that the Sea and Cake are "still rage against familiar genres," with "new wave guitars" and "new wave vocals." The album is described as "a lazy, country-western" experience, with "pretty, gentle synths with light percussion."
Morse has decided to go and see it. If somebody’s going to do that, I’ve heard they’re maybe a little more lead roles than supporting roles, no, I don’t think that something you’re comfortable with or aim for, or do you want to try more lead roles?

Morse: That’s right, it’s coming out at Christmas. Thresher: How did that go? Morse: It’s potentially an arthouse film. It was a very different one to make for a lot of different reasons, but it was another one that had a really good script. I don’t play a bad guy in this one. I play a different character, which I was glad to do.

Thresher: Anything else on the horizon?

Morse: No, there’s nothing else on the horizon at the moment.

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New Radiohead almost ‘OK’

Dalton Tomlin
THRESHER STAFF

You may very well be disappoint-
icted by Radiohead’s new album, Kid A. But, after all, if that’s the case, you’re no Radiohead fan. True fans learned with the magnificent Kid A, released three years ago that it takes several, even dozens, of repeated listenings to understand and appreciate the unique quality. There’s no easy shying away from hard rock since its debut album, The Bends. There are no lows. There’s a lot of technology and its dehumanizing effects. But is that really so much of a surprise? Radiohead has been gen-
tly blurring the line between rock, mainstream rock, and electroni-
c devices, giving its tracks a marked feel of isolation and disillusionment with a more ethereal quality.

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Friday  OCT 13.
The Shepherd School of Music sponsors a Faculty Recital by the Fischer Duo, comprised of cellist Norman Fischer and pianist Jeanna Kierman. Their 8 p.m. performance in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall is free and includes the music of Ravel and Schumann.

Saturday  OCT 14.
MEN'S RUGBY plays on the University of Texas today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the rugby pitch from Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Monday  OCT 16.
MIDTERM RECESS is today and tomorrow! Two days should allow sufficient time for some “liquid therapy” to relieve the stress of midterms.

The Goethe Center for Central European Studies sponsors a three-day film series “The 20th Century” at 8 p.m. in Studе Concert Hall of Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Admission is free. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available for faculty, staff and students by calling (713) 348-5400.

Tuesday  OCT 17.
The Rice chapter of the Society of Women Engineers meets at 5:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Commons.

Wednesday  OCT 18.
CLASSES RESUME today! Remember, though, that according to the academic calendar it is now a Monday. This means you go to Monday classes on Wednesday. Don’t ask, just accept — the registrar’s on crack.

The School of Humanities dedicates the new Humanities Building with OPEN BOOK/OPEN HOUSE — a site-specific dance performance by Stephen Kopolovitz and Company. Tonight’s 8 p.m. performance is free for students. The performances continue Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with admission prices of $5 for the Rice community and $10 for the public. A limited amount of free tickets are available for undergraduates at each college.

Thursday  OCT 19.
The Rice chapter of the Society of Women Engineers meets at 5:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

Friday  OCT 20.
Tonight’s VOLLEYBALL GAME sets the Owls against the University of Nevada. Game time is 7 p.m. at Assembly Court.

The Rice Environmental Club holds a SMOG JOG today at 4 p.m. to raise awareness about air pollution. The jog will commence at 4 p.m. from Founder’s Court.

Baker College invites Willy’s Pub in the basement of the Rice Student Center for their Pub Night.

The Shepherd School Brass Ensemble, under the direction of conductor David Kirk, performs “Music of the Renaissance and the 20th Century” at 8 p.m. in Studе Concert Hall of Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Admission is free.

The joint campus ministries host a study break from 9 to 11 p.m. in Kerley Lounge in the Student Center.

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Houston Friends of Music sponsors the Mist String Quartet with guest clarinetist David Shifrin at 8 p.m. in Studе Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available for faculty, staff and students by calling (713) 348-5400.

Saturday  OCT 21.
Athlаl Owls FOOTBALL plays against the University of Hawaii at 2:30 p.m. at Rice Stadium.

Wear your beach (and your bra) tonight at Hanszen College MARDI GRAS party. Flashing is from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Hanszen Commons.

The Rice Student Volunteer Program hosts OUTREACH DAY all day today. Various service activities are available throughout the Houston community. For a complete list of activities and to sign up, visit http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~rsvp/signup.html or contact your RSVP representative.

Women’s Soccer plays today against the Lamar University Cardinals. Game time is 3 p.m. on the intramural fields across from Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Sunday  OCT 22.
The Rice SYMPHONIC BAND and Holocaust Concert Band perform a free concert together at 7 p.m. in Studе Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

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Owls’ troubles linked to injuries, chemistry

The question is very simple. The answer isn’t.

What the heck has happened to the football team? They went 0-3 last year, and now this year’s season is different. After such poor performances, they’re on the verge of losing another game this weekend.

Well, at least I did. I mean, with so much talent and chemistry, how could they lose?

Sophomore Tom Ring has a back strain, junior Justin Barrow has a stress fracture in his foot and senior Sean O’Brien has patellar tendinitis. The status of all of the injured players and whether they will return to action remains unknown.

We don’t have a bunch of leaders, junior John Jura said. ’The younger kids do look up to the older kids because of their experience, but even our freshmen are showing leadership.

Our ability to compete on the same level as highly ranked opponents has given them a refreshing change of perspective from last season, when they often found themselves at the bottom of the pack.

Connolly places fifth overall to lead golfers

The golf team carded a season-best score on Friday, October 13, 2000.
Volleyball salvages weekend split, looks for road wins

by Chris Larson

IN FOCUS: VOLLEYBALL

Rice head to Metroplex in search of critical wins over Texas Christian, Southern Methodist

The Owls open the season with a pair of matches at Texas Christian University and the University of Southern Methodist. If Rice is to fill the gap left by last year's strong Western Athletic Conference, the Owls must find ways to win those matches.

The Owls need to find a way to beat Texas Christian, which swept the Owls last season, and SMU, which swept the Owls in the conference title game last season.

"We need to pick up the intensity from Saturday night," said Rice head coach Joelle Morales. "We need to do a better job of blocking and defending against their attacks. We need to find a way to beat Texas Christian and SMU."
Football gets new start, new season

by Joseph Gernsman

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The goal attempt Oct. 5. The kick, a 43-yarder, gave the Bulldogs a 27-24 win and dropped Rice to just 1-5 on the year.

He shoots, he scores

Junior linebacker Dan Dawson and sophomore nose guard Lance Redmon try to block a Fresno State University field goal attempt Oct. 5. The kick, a 42-yarder, gave the Bulldogs a 27-24 win and dropped Rice to just 1-5 on the year.

by Jose Luis Cubria

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Bon chic, bon genre: Fashion fades for winter

Corey E. Devine

I can’t think of one thing about winter. It’s terribly cold. It rains. The sky is always gray. Oh, well. Cashmere is good. In fact, wool is good too. Terribly cold. It rains. The sky is always gray. Oh, of the Rice community, so the Lifestyles section has put together a handy guide this year’s winter garb. It’s sure to win you kudos from everyone — even the Old Navy lady.

I sometimes wonder if designers revisited previous fashion eras simply because they are out of ideas. I’ve never come to a conclusive answer, but enlightened or not, big names have a full selection of boot-cut jeans along with small-wale black are always popular. Prada designers love the squashy look — it’s just wrong (think polyester), but I guess it does some- thing for some people. Prada designers love the squashy look. It’s so in this year.

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It seems that brown and black are always fighting in the realm of fashion. Designers invariably choose one or the other as the ba sis for their fall wardrobe. Even urban fashion mainstay Banana Republic has added “coffee bean” to its winter line up. Historically, brown has been considered a very popular color, but dark brown wasn’t appropriate for job interviews or other important events, but that’s all over now. Men and women should think seriously about investing in some nice brown garb for winter. Even if we can’t all take weekends in the British countryside, we should at least look like we do.

For college students, fall fashion is all about looking like a college student. Don’t mean an urban, modern college student either. We’re talking New England, Ivy league college grades. Stick to brands like Abercrombie and Fitch, J. Crew, Tommy Hilfiger and Ralph Lauren for the looks you crave. Take a look under sweaters and brown, dark green and red. You can pick one up at Old Navy, or if you have the cash, at Neiman Marcus.

Women’s leather skirts in green and maroon. It’s also selling for men and women have been selling well. The Gap offers women’s leather skirts in greens and maroon. Donna Karan’s more affordable line, DKNY, and Kenneth Cole have included leather skirts in their lines. Even bastion of conservative style Ralph Lauren has a suede skirt hanging on his racks. If all this seems too cutting-edge for you, get a leather coat. Not a bomber or something equally bulky — leather coats this year are all about minimalist, sleek styling.

The shoe to have this winter is the boot. What kind of boot, you ask? Frankly, it doesn’t matter. Boot stores are suggesting ankle boots, but Kenneth Cole has updated the classic cowboy boot into something a city slicker can wear. (Name: Madina’s cowbow-personal-fish.) For women, tall “gogo” boots seem to be the thing. Armani has a few boots in her collection but it’s all taking place in Navarro Ferguson has a scene from the Angels. I personally think the whole thing is silly. The 70s were one of fashion (except for the cool aviator sunglasses).

MI LUNA TAPAS RESTAURANT & BAR
2441 University Blvd.
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Joann aceptable. Veggie friendly. Mixed: Jill has brown brassy food on foot

MI LUNA is a tapas restaurant. For those of you who haven’t consulted your Dictionary of Hipness lately (or ever, for some first students), tapas is a way of eating that originated in Spain — drinks were traditionally served on a small plate, so that one could order many different drinks and dishes. MI LUNA is the only place to do it in the immediate vicinity of Rice.

The first thing that will strike you about MI LUNA is the music. It’s a very loud restaurant. Then, you find your way over to the host, you'll be greeted and seated.

I always sit at the bar and enjoy the dishes.

The drinks are also quite good. They’re most evident by the pack of people free appetizers crowding around the bar every night of the week. Try the sangria and margarita. It combines the sweetness of sangria with tart margarita flavor for an end product that’s truly heavenly.

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Lifestyles spent lunch in the Student Center investigating what students are wearing to look cool while staying warm this fall. These are our notes on campus fashion.

Emily Kirkland
Hanszen senior
- Describes her style as: comfortable
- Buys her garb at: Urban Outfitters
- Favorite label: Banana Republic

Charlie Vaughters
Lovett sophomore
- Describes his style as: conservative
- Buys his garb at: Neiman Marcus
- Favorite label: Polo

Jake Charkey
Lovett junior
- Describes his style as: comfortable
- Buys his garb at: thrift shops
- Favorite label: whatever he happens to find

Catherine Yu
Sid sophomore
- Describes her style as: comfortable and practical
- Buys her garb at: Macy’s, specialty stores
- Favorite labels: Banana Republic, J.Crew, Gap

From the Fashion File
compiled by Corey E. Devine
photos by Lauren Bartel

WIG PARTY? The witty staff at the Coffeehouse —Will Ricers Juliette Guarniello and Lauren Bartel —would love to serve you (and business school student Kevin Lynn) a chai tea. They'll throw in a good laugh at no extra charge.
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Patriot BPE declares war on ‘comrades’

There’s few things I hate more than communists. And Sarah Pitre and Mark Lewis are communists.

They’re also witches who sacrifice goats in the yard by the full moon and chase small children around with empty rifles. Once I saw them in McDonald’s kicking that big purple guy Grimace repeatedly in the Jimmy — and boy, did he grimace. Next time, Pitre and Lewis plan to use the Grimace as a forum for the most evil, tainted, anti-capitalist socialist propaganda this side of the wall.

Last week, these two hooligans tried to distance themselves from my beloved and well-known Camacho-related antiques. Negative feedback has not been an issue; all of my e-mails are from devoted fans; who shower me with sweet praises of admiration and affection. I’ve never received more hugs from admirers than I did last week. And yet these two communities had the audacity to emphasize their work with a big S&M symbol. Well, clearly this S&M symbol stands for Stalin and Marx.

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