Prank lands student in jail

by Mark Berenson
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At the game, a group of about 25 Baker students, including De La Peña, along with Baker Master Mickey Quijones were sitting on the third base line. Quijones had purchased tickets to the game and given them to Baker students.

According to Quijones, some students started during La Peña, to run from his seat to the flagpole in the middle of center field.

The students collected $125 as incentive for De La Peña to run. Quijones did not contribute to the pot.

Baker freshman Maheb Shah said he gave money because he thought it would be entertaining.

"I thought it would be fun to see him do it," Shah said. "It's good to contribute to a good cause."

When Rice was in the field in the top of the eighth, De La Peña hopped the fence and started running toward center field.

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One class period before their first test, students in Economics 375 were greeted Monday morning by a box of chocolate rolls and a new professor.

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Cheering ourselves hoarse

We hate to discourage intelligent discourse about the contentious issue of college cheers. But we’re tired of talking about it.

With all of the forums and discussions going on these days, we seem to have lost sight of some basic issues. First, cheers are the best form of civic participation. They’re organized, efficient and effective. Second, inappropriate cheers can be changed. Orientation Week advisers and coordinators shouldn’t teach cheers that involve sexual acts. Once they’re a part of golden G-Week memories, they won’t have sentimental value and will fade away.

Third, getting paranoid about what’s acceptable and what’s not is a waste of time. We don’t need a list of “dirty words.” We can’t say, but we do need to show some common sense.

Furthermore, we’re dismayed by the idea of sitting the freshmen down to scare them about the sexual harassment policy during Orientation Week. Confronting and being sensitive to those around you probably means that students won’t inadvertently violate the policy.

We also want to reiterate the distinction between profane and sexual cheers. We don’t believe that adding a curse word in here and there is harmful — and we don’t think that saying “Team Wiess sucks” is sexual in nature.

We condemn a college that tries to restrict the comfort level of our fellow students — are important. But we’re not sure that two-card days are the right way to deal with them.

Lines of accountability

We’re appalled that at Monday’s Student Association meeting, no one objected to the idea SA officials shouldn’t be publicly accountable for things they do as part of their office. University Court Chair Alisa De Luna talked about proposed changes to the Election Code. At previous meeting, a debate about accountability led to an agreement: If a student running for office were to violate the Election Code, say, by campaigning early, the details and result of his or her hearing before U. Court would be made public. Likewise, according to the previous agreement, if SA officers were to misbehave in office, the details and results of any trial would be made public.

De Luna made it clear that U. Court felt that it could not make such a trial public unless the SA, the accused student and the U. Court chair agreed.

This is a very important step to understanding what it means to be a public official. Being a public official means that the undergraduate students at Rice have charged you with their trust. It means the student body thinks you should have a certain amount of power and influence. It means that in difficult, situations, you negotiate for the best interests of the students.

It means that you can handle our money.

It means you should do the right thing when you’re acting in your public capacity — both in office and in off-campus campaigning.

The reason that U. Court cases are confidential is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which says schools that get federal money, including Rice, can’t release students’ educational records — including disciplinary records. That’s why whenever the Thresher writes a story about someone who is being suspended or expelled, an unread and unsigned administration will comment. They’re not being intentionally cagery — they’re just trying to stay out of trouble.

However, a student can waive his or her FERPA rights at any time, and we think that for the specific case of candidates for office and elected leaders misbehaving in their campaigns or offices, students should be required to waive their rights. For example, if somebody gets in trouble for underage drinking and goes to U. Court while she’s serving on the SA executive council, there’s no reason to make that offense public — it has nothing to do with her job.

But if the trespass to misunderstanding money, the public has a right to know. Likewise, if a candidate sends out an illegal campaign e-mail, shredding that in confidentiality is absurd.

Because the student official must mean being subject to scrutiny. What our officials do while serving in their jobs is everybody’s business.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay at my decision to publish an advertisement in the student section of the paper asking for an egg donor of specific racial features and of acceptable IQ range.

I hope that the Thresher does not accept ads of this sort, and is offensive to the rest of us who imagine that children and people (for that matter, are to be valued regardless of their racial markers and scores on intelligence). For my part, the paper must exercise judgment about accepting such an ad. It seems to me that the Thresher made a poor decision to publish an ad that excuses disturbingly of the egregious movement.

Jae Chung

Abortion letter ignores rights of unborn child

To the editor:

Kristin Necessary’s letter (“Abortion column contains faulty logic,” Feb. 27) hit the central question of the abortion debate — why we should not allow abortion in some situations and not in others. There are many statements I disagree with in her letter. However, I must express myself to the issue I feel is most important.

Necessary states that “We don’t allow children legal choice in contracts, unions, etc.” under age 18. The choice being protected is the mother’s. It is true that children enjoy rights in deciding whether to live or die, but simply because they don’t have legal rights “in contracts, unions, etc.” then we have to turn to our calling as a humanist nation. What kind of nation don’t protect its weakest citizens?

Necessary has reached the unfortunate conclusion of the pro-choice movement, which is to propose that, as a people, we should have the choice to take our minds to violations, whether those be human or not. We see evidence of our nation’s desire for such a horizonless freedom not only in the case of abortion, but also in the increasing instances of infanticide, legal executions, and the push for euthanasia, not to mention other atrocities which should be illegal for the same reason.

These include the rejection of the elderly to nursing homes, the marginalization of the mentally disabled and, perhaps most obviously, the unborn. While I appreciate the pro-choice movement’s work in humanization standard for women’s rights, I challenge those within it to consider abortion in the light of global humanism rather than as an exclusively woman’s issue. As a society, we absolutely must protect those whom we cannot protect themselves.

Thus, the central question — the only question the abortion debate can truly be divided on — is “Is the fetus a human being?” If so, a humanitarian society must protect that life as the most vulnerable of all. I am convinced that both science and the common sense of a three-year-old demonstrate that the fetus is indeed a human being. By not protecting our children, we prove the error of that conviction. I will gladly fight for the rights of my women to choose an abortion.

Julia Elmer

Harrison ’98

Drilling in Alaska will not solve oil problems

To the editor:

Many years ago, when I was still teaching Geology 101, a student asked me: “Dieter, give me good reasons why this is right, and I’ll answer you.” Because you will then be able to understand when policy-makers are trying to trick you with general resources,” she then preface administrative, etc. “Banana. We thus develop a policy that is not exploitive and drilling will alleviate our dependence on foreign crude.

I remember that this was the same answer, the only oil in the Alaska began, yet all of the oil from that state has not stopped our dependence on foreign crude. I have carefully the only way to erase our dependence on foreign trade, at least temporarily, to stop against national oil, or 90% of what we don’t pump and export these oil supplies. Of course, I don’t advocate that policy.

Dr. Heidamin Professor emeritus Geography and Geophysics

Registrar discusses future goals, changes

To the Editor:

Thank you for the interview this past week with Olivia Allison and the opportunity to discuss some of the important issues and ideas with members of the Rice community. I received several comments indicated to my ideas and suggestions for enhancement of the registration process. While I do think priority registration is a good idea to help the registration procedure at Rice, I want to think about continuing registration and add more. These are ideas I would like the university to consider in future long-range planning. Much input is needed from students, faculty and staff to determine if there is a right course for me to pursue this on behalf of the university.

The current procedures for pre-registration for the following semesters is for students to drop off their registration forms in the Registrar’s Office at any time during a one-week period. It is a first-come, first-served type of procedure.

One of my ideas for improvement is to increase the number of days to pre-register from six weeks to "continuously up" until the deadline for adding courses is currently at the end of the second week of the semester. This will give the students more time to think about the courses they want to take, have adequate time to meet with their advisers and make changes, additions, deletions, etc., if necessary.

The current system does not provide that capability. Once you submit your registration forms to the Registrar’s Office, you cannot make any changes until the first week of registration.

I am writing to express my dis-
While I want to work and she certainly didn’t want to listen to me, and the quintessential image of white privilege. I went to a prestigious girls’ school I had attended since I was five. I didn’t see anything wrong with it. My parents, I suppose, had no idea what was going on. I myself didn’t realize I was an outcast until I was in college. When I went to a prep school, I ate with the quintessential image of white privilege. I went to a prep school, I ate with the quintessential image of white privilege.

Lizzie Taishoff

Former Brown treasurer should be prosecuted

Lizzie Taishoff is features editor and a Rice College senior.

While I was thrilled to see the new presidential administration raising the subject of school violence, I was heartened by the voucher movement. I had an experience working with a group of prep schools pulling money out of public schools for our children. We all agreed that the voucher movement was a step in the right direction.

But my experience gave me pause. I went to the right prep school, with the right friends, and with the knowledge that I was given a new form of patience and a new appreciation for the world around me. People have in trying to understand

Michael Nalpa

Vouchers will not improve education

Vouchers will not improve education. We have had a long history of voucher schemes, and they have not worked. In the 1980s, the federal government offered vouchers to students in order to improve the quality of education. However, the results were mixed. In some cases, students did improve, but in others, the results were not as positive as expected.

Lizzie Taishoff

Growing up in Illinois, we had tornado drills every spring. A special alarm would go off and kids would get under desks and line up along cement walls, crouched in their feet with their hands clasped over their heads for protection from fictional falling debris. We took these precautions, but I knew it was all a show. In reality, we were not in any real danger. But that’s what school violence is all about. It’s a way to instill fear and control.

Michael Nalpa

Are they laughing with me or at me?

Daltion Tomlin

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 escaped school violence

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This might sound strange coming from someone who’s never belonged to any organized religion, but I honestly think Christians are among the most unreasonably marginalized people at Rice. Don’t get me wrong; some of them do cross lines I believe shouldn’t be crossed. When someone uses religion as an excuse to harm others, criminalize or discriminate against others on the basis of race or sexuality, for instance, I consider that arrogate, not to mention cowardly. When someone carrying a Bible and a sign-up sheet tries to push his way into my apartment, I consider that rude and more than a little creepy.

However, if easy to forget that such pushy, insensitive people comprise only a minority of Christians, as is true of most other groups. And when we forget about the others, we don’t often say so. We should.

A more subtle misconception, which is primarily what I want to address, is that Christians invariably approach life with an attitude of religious exclusivity. I once believed this, but the Christians I’ve met at Rice have been anything but. It isn’t fair to say that no one has had such positive experiences, and I’m not saying anyone’s religion necessarily love Christians just because I have Christian friends. What I am saying is that we can’t treat them with indifference, either.

I first realized this during my freshman year, when I developed a strong friendship with a Christian woman at Westex College who was, quite honestly, one of the most sincere people I knew. The friendship was solid not because we chose to ignore our differences but because we valued what we learned from them.

Particularly memorable was the night I confessed to her that I wanted to believe in a loving God but felt I couldn’t. Instead of simply telling me I’d get over it, her first response was to admit that she had once experienced similar confusion herself, and that she had stuck with her beliefs only after seriously questioning them. That she shouldn’t have dismissed me, but that the time I still fought the idea that Christians just accept their faith without really thinking about it.

Later, after we had finished a long and heartfelt conversation, she asked if I would feel comfortable praying with her. Though I almost never pray, I immediately said yes. I didn’t accept her offer out of politeness; I accepted because her concern was clearly genuine, and, I suppose, because part of me hoped there was a God she would hear.

Her offer to pray with me, not just for me, indicated she not only wanted me to feel better but was also willing to help shoulder some of the burden. It also showed that, for her, my healing was a more important priority than my acceptance of Christian beliefs, though it’s not for me to say that she didn’t care about the latter. These conclusions aren’t only based on the semantics of her offer to pray with me; she was demonstratively crossing the bridge that couldn’t be taken.

This story isn’t about “tolerance.” It’s about how, in the formation of our friendship, our different religious viewpoints were anything but incidental. In fact, they were pivotal, instead of sweeping religion under the rug to remain friends, we benefited from sharing our beliefs, fears and questions with one another.

We didn’t believe in the same God, but each of us believed in something real in the world. For us, the fact that we were different, for which we both voted, was what made religion a bridge between us rather than a barrier. That won’t always happen, but it is possible.

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Sober since the age of one

Many Christians at Rice take a similar approach to spiritual fellowship. Instead of banishing without permission into your spiritual life, they will invite you to enter into it and to share yours with them. It is an invitation to change friendship and ideas, not to change conversion for friendship. Whether you accept or decline is unimportant; what matters is that the invitation is friendly.

Today, I’m not sure I believe in God. Most of my Christian friends have encouraged me to sort this out by my own pace and forming my own conclusions. They’ve also restored my faith in human good and human goodness at those times when I’ve come closest to losing it. I have nothing but respect for a person who can do that.

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This past year, enhancements were made to the registration process. Fall 2003 preregistration results were mailed to their home addresses two weeks before the start of the semester. Spring 2003 preregistration results were mailed just before the Christmas holidays. Traditionally, Rice students would not receive a copy of their schedule until they returned to campus. Whenever students with this schedule in advance of the start of the semester assured the students of their requested courses and identified potential changes to their attention; they were able to rectify the situation and make the appropriate changes before the start of the semester.

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I am only suggesting ideas for improvement of the “overall” registration and scheduling processes. I am not seeking to alienate or circumvent the support of the students, faculty and administration. Rather, I am planning to meet with students and staff in the Registrar’s office to these meetings to let me know your views.

And I am pleased to announce that once we get to online registration this year or as soon as possible. We would like to have campus housing, private tutors, special facilities and special services from the Athletics Department not offered to other students. Many Rice students have expressed the desire to divide their athletics and study schedules and want to direct their loyalties to their colleges before the univer-

sports as supporting their friends, but the same can not as easily be said about varsity athletics. Most athletes and club, are a few inches shy of violating Rice’s policy against the distribution of external fraternal organizations. Varsity athletes from several sports enjoy private dining rights, rather than sharing dinner with the rest of their friends. The athletes often get off-campus houses to host weekly team gatherings. Sometimes, varsity athletes and football team players socialize at companies, like The University Arms or The Office at Sammy’s rather than inside the colleges. They rarely participate in college life. Most athletes are skilled at attracting the attention of the opposite sex. Students see supporting college athletics as supporting their friends, but the same can not as easily be said about varsity athletics.

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Changes in academic calendar considered

by Elizabeth Decker

President Malcolm Gilliss ap- pointed Speaker of the Faculty Bob- ert Patton and Registrar Jerry Montag to work with changes to the academic calendar.

They are considering moving university holidays to overlap with national observances. This fall recess came one week after Columbus Day and Yom Kippur, but this could be altered the recess would overlap with the holidays.

Midterm recess may also be moved. Patton, an English profes- sor, said. Currently, the spring mid- term recess is the week before Hun- ton Independent School District's spring break, causing problems for faculty and staff with children.

One drawback to moving the midterm recess is that the semester would not be divided equally. If mid- term recess is moved one week later, there would be six weeks left in the semester after the break. Patton said this could cause a crunch for stu- dents, especially seniors.

In the fall semester, students have the same number of class meetings no matter what day of the week the class meets in once-a-week classes. Patton and Montag are try- ing to make the spring semester the same way.

Patton and Montag might also try to equalize the total number of class days in both semesters. Cur- rently, the fall semester has 70 class days and the spring has 67. This discussion probably won't begin until the 2000-2001 calendar is finished.

Patton said that he and Montag want to balance convenience with ef- fectiveness in the academic calendar. The calendar for the academic year 2000-01 is already set, so the earliest any changes could take ef- fect would be 2003-04. Depending on circumstances, the changes could wait until 2002-03. Patton said.

Patton and Montag also hope to establish a concrete deadline for which requirements must be met, especially for graduating students, and by which forms must be filed for things like adding and dropping courses.

This problem, Patton said, is ag- gravating for people seeking a de- gree in January, because often dead- lines are not as clearly defined as they should be.

Patton said one concern is that some deadlines are listed differently in the course schedule, on the registrar's Web site and in the mate- rials given to the academic advisers.

Changes suggested by Patton and Montag will have to be approved by the faculty as well as the University Standing Committee on Undergra- duate Curriculum, which has three un- dergraduate representatives.

Conference features Sierra Club speaker

By Elizabeth Decker and Rachel Krause

About 90 people — including about 30 students — attended last Saturday's Environmental Confer- ence, sponsored by the Rice Envi- ronmental Club.

The conference featured a key- note speech by Ken Kramer, direc- tor of the Lake-Harbor Institute, and a Sierra Club speaker. Kramer, a professor of political science and the President's Programming Fund. Kramer spoke on bayou ecology and the inside; and Alex Bain (Brown 00), an entreprenuer.

The conference included displays at Kelley Lounge by the Houston Audubon Society, International Right to Know, the Galveston Bay Foundation, Rice Geographic Information System and the Rice Recycling Club.

Kramer started the addressed the chal- lenges of environmental problems such as acid rain which there are no simple solutions.

However, he said, individuals have the power to force change, es- pecially if they join together in a grassroots movement focused on a specific issue, like the Sierra Club.

"A key thing is that if individuals can organize together and join to- gether, then they can multiply the effects of individual actions," he said. Kramer then said there are reasons to be optimistic about our ability to deal with environmental problems.

Kramer also discussed the im- pact of technological advances in the environmental sphere. He pointed out that while technology neither solves nor causes all envi- ronmental problems, it can have positive effects.

Following a vegetarian lunch, a forum entitled "A Sense of Places" began with Charlie Masch, Green Party candidate for the U.S. Senate. March cautioned against the growing dominance of large corpor- ations in American public and pri- vate life. "I think that this big cor- poration basically control whole societies," including the government, our livelihoods and the media, he said.

Forum participants explored how Americans lost their sense of place and came up with suggestions to return it, such as walking instead of driving or getting to know your neighborhood and neighbors.

After the first forum, the 11 stu- dents who substituted in the conference this year discussed the Plan- ning the conference last year. Kramer said this year's planning will focus on the environment since graduation. Panel members were James Hurd (Baker 96), who works with the Environmental Coalition in Houston; Rob McMillan (Baker 98), Rice's Recycling Coordinator; Kirk Vergulsdorf (Baker 98) with the Massa- chanusetts Community Water Watch; Michael Green (Sid Richardson 00), a consult- ant working with oil and gas compa- nies who knows to clean up dangerous pollution to the inside; and Alex Bain (Brown 00), an entrepreneur.

The conference concluded with displays at Kelley Lounge by the Houston Audubon Society, International Right to Know, the Galveston Bay Foundation, Rice Geographic Information System and the Rice Recycling Club.

Kramer and Pietrzakowski, Jones College seniors, said they began planning the conference last year. Pietrzakowski said about 75 people were present at any point in the con- ference, and it was pleased with the turnout.

"I thought it went great — it was nice to see a good turnout," Pietrzakowski said. "I'd say that we achieved our goals for the day.

"In particular, Pietrzakowski said he thought students enjoyed the at- tention forums because they gave students a chance to discuss the issues. "I think they see the oppor- tunity to participate as something really positive," he said.

The conference ended with "It's the End of the World as We Know it, and I Feel Fine: A Sense of Place in the New Millennium," was the ninth an-

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Students forced to wait outside at 100 Days party

by Briana Cook

Hundreds of students were literally left out in the cold the night of Feb. 1 during the 100 Days party at Tonic, a dance club that holds only about 100 people.

By 11:30 p.m., the line outside Tonic was warping to the point of ending and not moving. Bouncers and other security officials told rice students they would not get into the club that night. Even after this announcement, students still arrived by the busload. Students who arrived earlier in the night and female students were given priority at the entrance. Some students reported being allowed to get in the club, and others waited outside for more than an hour and a half.

West College senior Karolina Zelinka said there were also problems inside the club. “It was just too crowded,” she said. “You could hardly move.”

For the past three years, the party has been at the Roxy, a bar that holds about 600 people. The 100 Days party traditionally marks the final 100 days before graduation for seniors, although underclassmen also attend.

Members of the Senior Committee said Tonic is more high-class and trendy. Monica Verdugo, co-chair of the Senior Committee, said the Roxy was “getting too ghetto.”

Senior Committee Treasurer José De La Pefia said the problems were caused by miscommunication with Tonic management. “We were told we could fit 400 people, when obviously that wasn’t the case,” De La Pefia said.

“We knew it was going to be small, but figured it wouldn’t be that crowded,” he added.

The Senior Committee regrets the error and has plans to look into an “50 Days party” or to make Senior Gala, a party after seniors’ last day of finals, bigger than usual to make up for the mistake.

Student faces possible jail time, fine for trespassing

Quilotes also thought the punishment was overly harsh.

“Sure, it was a dumb thing to do, but I think the level of [possible] punishment is not commensurate with the crime here,” said Quilotes. “I am not encouraging people to go out and run around the campus doing anything, but don’t understand, how harsh they are coming down.”

Shah said he felt bad for what happened to De La Pefia.

Quilotes said he hoped Baker, and especially the students who paid De La Pefia to run across the field, would help him pay the fine.

“it’s a good laugh about it at his expense, but while he’s in jail,” said Quilotes.

De La Pefia said he’s more worried about getting a job than the fine. “I don’t care so much about the fine,” he said. “I care so much that they get charged with anything, it is going to go on my record, and especially now, since I am looking for jobs.”

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The following is a summary of the major changes that have been proposed to the Student Association Constitution. The proposed constitution will be voted on at the SA meeting Monday. If the senate votes the constitution, the referendum must be approved by the student body in the General Elections for the constitution to go into effect.

Elections Code changes

- The application spending limit has been increased from $25 to $35 to compensate for inflation.
- The new constitution provides information about electronic elections, which did not exist when the old constitution was written. It specifies how votes will be counted, such as banning candidates from sending unsolicited mass e-mails.

Changes to blanket tax organizations

- All blanket tax organizations will have leaders elected by the student body. Organizations must comply with the General Elections next year.
- The creation of new blanket tax organizations must be approved by the student body in the General Elections.
- Organizations that previously elected their leaders will continue to do so in the same manner. Therefore, Rice Student Volunteer Program will continue to elect all of its officers in the General Elections.
- Individual blanket tax organizations' constitutions, which were part of the old constitution, will be separate from the SA constitution.

Descriptions of roles of SA officers and senators

- The secretary will no longer run elections. The technical aspect of running elections will be handled by the director of technology, a new position.
- The secretary will keep records of how senators voted on all votes during senate meetings.
- The Elections Committee has been changed. The new committee will consist of the SA parliamentarian, the elections chair, who will be elected by the SA Senate; the SA internal vice president; and the SA director of technology as a non-voting member.
- No blanket tax organizations, who were not mentioned in the old constitution, were included and their positions defined.

- Previously, if voting members of the senate missed more than two consecutive meetings or four meetings over the course of their term, the other members had to call a vote in order to remove them. In the new constitution, a vote must be taken to retain the senator. This change will ensure that a vote will be taken.
- In the future, changes to the constitution will go to a referendum vote instead of requiring a two-thirds vote of the senate.

- The proposed constitution clarifies that SA members must be undergraduate students.

Rice Student Association News

Candidsate must approve public trials

Although the Student Association Senate agreed Jan. 22 that trials of Elections Code violations should be public, University Court Chair Ada De Luna told the senate Monday that these trials can be public only if the defendant and the SA agree to make them public.

De Luna, a Hanszen College senior, said that Elections Code trials are violations of the Code of Student Conduct because the Elections Code is produced by the SA and is therefore included in university policy. Therefore, for trials of Code of Student Conduct violations, the trials would normally be private.

However, she said U. Court officials agreed to follow Elections Code violation hearings to be public because they involve candidates who run for a public office.

"If everyone so strongly agrees about the issue of having a public hearing, and these are people who have once run in the election, we will agree to hold the public hearings," De Luna said.

De Luna said she thought someone accused of an Elections Code violation would be pressured by the student body to agree to a public trial.

"I think it gets into a real sticky situation — knowing people are running already and then trying to take action to prevent that," Botsford said.

"If we don't agree to hold the public hearings," she added. "We wouldn't like to see them any different, and that's why we would like to keep it confidential."

A person's decision to agree to a public trial is mixed.

If a candidate for an office violates any part of the Code of Student Conduct, the trial would, as usual, not be public, De Luna said.

De Luna said the U. Court trial process usually lasts two to three months, but U. Court will deal with high-profile cases more quickly. Within a day after an Elections Code violation trial ends, U. Court has handed trial is binding. In the proceedings, whether the trial is open or closed.

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Wiius College students woke up last Thursday to the sound of some one fiddling with their locks. It wasn't robbers, though— it was Food and Housing systematically replacing all the locks in the college.

The re-keying at Wiess follows identical procedures at Hassanein College and Sid Richardson College and a maintenance worker lost a set of keys late last semester. Anyone who found the keys would have had unlimited access to all three colleges.

"We won't take any risks with your personal safety willingly," F&H Director Mark Dinman said.

The replacement procedure involves replacing the core of each lock with a new one, which can no longer be opened by the lost keys. Because F&H keeps only about a dozen extra cores on hand per college, replacing an entire set of locks takes time. The task proved too large for the staff last semester. F&H finished re-keying the locks at Sid in mid-November and at Hassanein early during finals week.

"The students were happy," Interior Director of Housing Operations Frank Rodriguez said. "It would have been chaotic if we had tried at that point."

Rodriguez, who was recently appointed to his position, also pointed out that F&H is going to be "much more aggressive in how it manages locks."

Normal lock maintenance involves replacement of individual locks on a case-by-case basis when students lose keys, for example—as well as periodic complete re-keyings every three to five years. - Asiel Mekha

Next year's tuition to increase only $100

Tuition increases for next fall's incoming class will only amount to $100 after adjusting this year's tuition for inflation. The tuition increase from year to year for each incoming class has been diminishing, from over $1,000 six years ago to $200 for this year's freshmen.

The current class of incoming students paid $15,850 for their 2000-01 tuition. That amount is $15,650 after adjustment for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index of 2000. Next year's class will pay $16,060 in tuition.

"One reason why Rice has been able to keep tuition so much lower than other schools and ... rates of increase low from year to year is because the endowment is a much larger factor for us in terms of supporting the overall budget than other schools," Budget Director Ruby Collins said. "We've made a conscious effort to keep the rate of increase low."

President Malcolm Gillis said he and Provost John H. Maron compress inflation in the rate of increase as a "conscious effort to keep the rate of increase within 4 percent."

"We're doing our best to make sure that Rice education remains affordable," he said. "So by keeping tuition increases low and keeping down the amount of debt Rice students have, we think we're doing that."

— Esther Sung

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Residential Colleges
Wiess College
Jan. 31
Officer reports disturbance on floor and requests additional patrols.

Hanszen College
Feb. 1
Missing wallet reported.

Baker College
Feb. 2
Student reported he returned her room, and found the door open.

Lovett College
Feb. 4
Assault reported.

Academic Buildings
Alice Pratt Brown Hall
Jan. 29
Theft discovered in progress. A man was observed fleeing, with a stolen purse. Subject described as blond, about 20 years old, 6 feet, 3 inches tall. Subject was wearing a brown bomber jacket and dark jeans. Last seen fleeing toward Entrance 15.

Other Buildings
Subway/Convenience Store
Feb. 3
Report that door had been tampered with.

Packing Lots
Allen Center/Cohen House
Feb. 4
Traffic stop. Driver arrested for DWI.

Mechanical Laboratory
Feb. 1
Theft discovered. Subject released to Houston Police Department intoxication ward.

Main Street Lot
Feb. 4
Officer received complaint from student about a suspicious man standing between cars in the parking lot. Subject was checked and had an outstanding warrant for parole violation and was in possession of a screwdriver (considered a burglary tool). Subject was arrested for the outstanding warrant and transported to Harris County Jail.

Other Areas
Entrance 3
Feb. 2
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College cabinets to discuss altering offensive cheers

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By Ed King

Will Rice College president

"We want to continue [using] our old cheers with different language and make some new ones. I like college cheers and I think they are a really important part of orientation and college unity."

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Mona Hicks, director of Student Activities for a Harrisson College resident associate, moderated a discussion about the issue. "I was pleasantly surprised that people were willing to see the other side and willing to take action and make changes and they were happy about it," Jones College senior Michelle Brand, one of the students who filed the complaint, said. A variety of concerns were brought up by those who support the cheers and by those who feel they create a sexually harassing environment.

"Cheers are great," Harrisson senior D sind Mack said about her experience with cheers during Orientation Week. "They foster school spirit. They are a great way to blow off steam, they are a great way to express yourself. But I have a huge problem with the cheers as we know them. ... There were certain activi- ties that I didn't feel comfortable participating in because I didn't know what people would be saying or doing, not necessarily at me, but in my presence."

Harrisson College junior Josh Ginsberg said he does not feel that the cheers should be changed, let alone removed.

"I say 'Will Rice sucks my dick,' I'm not actually condoning anyone engaging in the act of oral sex with me," Ginsberg said.

Ginsberg added that this does not suggest a position of power. "I don't see how it's misogynistic because there's nothing that says there's a woman going down on somebody. Additionally, I don't see that as a position of power because I know a lot of both men and women that actually find that a position of power — to go down on somebody."

Brand said she is happy the issue is being discussed after years of students feeling silenced because they felt offended by the cheers.

"This is not a free speech thing," Brand said. "I think you can compare this with hate speech."

Brand has also urged students to move beyond discussion and to come up with solutions.

"Opinions aren't important any- more because we already know that change has to happen. Now we need to see what ideas the students will put forward."

"I hope we can continue [using] our old cheers with different language and make some new ones," King, a senior, said. "I like college cheers and I think they are a really important part of orientation and college unity in general."

A cheer-writing contest is sched- uled to begin in two weeks. It will end the week before Beer-Ifde, when the new cheers will be taught in the colleges. Each college, includ- ing Martel, will get $133.33 from an Equalization Grant to encourage writ- ing new cheers.

Many students at the forum felt that actions speak louder than words. "I don't see that as a pro- pose about a violation of the sexual ha- rassment policy, the institution must receive a complaint from an individual responsibility of ensuring that our conduct does not violate policies. According to Garcia, when an institution receives a complaint about a violation of the sexual har- rassment policy, the institution must provide a response that is "reasonable, effective and prompt." In this instance, the administration is relying on the SA and colleges to pro- vide this response.

Garcia noted that although the sexual contents of some college cheers are tolerated on campus, they would not be viewed in the same light under the policy and definitions of words in the policy and asked about responsibility beyond the headlines.

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- Josh Ginsberg

Wiess College junior

"I totally believe that change made by students will end up lasting — they'll own it more. Change won't stay if it doesn't come from us," Brand said.

In four years, "I don't think it will be a problem," she said. "As far as people saying they want the language or they don't want the language, in four years nobody is going to know the difference."

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If you’re a skeptic who’s been worrying whether or not Hannibal, the sequel to 1991’s The Silence of the Lambs, could possibly be as good as its disturbing predecessor, you can stop wringing your hands. Don’t mean to terrify anyone’s hopes too high, but Hannibal is in every way as good as its immediate predecessor (or as an improvement on) the original.

Director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Blade Runner, Alien) has crafted a visually stimulating, psychologically engaging film adaptation of Thomas Harris’ book. In it, Anthony Hopkins reprises the role of sadistic cannibalistic serial killer Hannibal Lecter to a role that won him the 1991 Academy Award for Best Actor. Ten years after his escape from custody in Silence of the Lambs, he’s living an increasingly boring life in hiding in Florence, Italy. Aside from fine art, clothes and cuisine, the one thing that professionally moves him is his last act of affection for FBI Special Agent Clarice Starling, the then-student investigator whom he came to admire 10 years earlier.

Incomprehensibly filling the role of Starling in Julianne Moore’s (Magnolia, Short Cuts) shoes, she gives the role a different spin than Jodie Foster did in the original, but then again, Starling is a very different person after 10 years of fighting drug lords and serial killers. She’s hardened, scarred and weary of the politics that come along with the job. As the film opens, Starling takes the fall for an FBI debacle and her ad

**FBI Special Agent Claries Starling (Julianne Moore) faces evil in the form of Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins)** in Hannibal, the latest success from director Ridley Scott.

**TALES OF THE MONGOOSE**

Disney and the devil come together in Alley’s ‘Synergy’

Megan Smith

**COMMUNITY STAFF**

Synergy, a play by Keith Reddin premiered Wednesday at the Alley Theatre’s Neuhaus Arena Stage. The play’s setting is a bastardized version of the office of the same name in the film, but the story is entirely original.

The plot begins when Deb’s (Jenny Maguire) dental appointment turns out to be a meeting with the devil (Delmond Genest). Deb buys time by promising to claim souls for the underworld and kicks off her search for scales by seducing a jahat at the Walt Disney Corp. A series of events given Deb her boss’ job, and as a high-level executive, she carries out a special project at Disney: to make Tim Burton’s films more profitable.

Synergy is humorous and deftly entertaining. Reddin’s flamboyant writing forces the audience to expect the unexpected, but the playfulness almost makes one forget that there is supposed to be a message in display. One example of its contradictory nature is when Deb, a selfish, scheming bitch, is given an extreme punishment for doing the right thing for once in her life. Another example is when the only good character in the play, Roland (Christopher Duray), is repeatedly thrown out of 20th-floor windows.

The play tries to say that being good doesn’t pay, but being bad isn’t a good alternative. It is unclear what Reddin wants the audience to take from the play. Meanwhile, a Florentine detective is beginning to suspect that the mysterious new art historian in town is not who he claims to be. One well-meaning cop, Rinaldo Rizzi (Giancarlo Giannini), becomes involved in the mystery of Hannibal Lecter, it’s clear that he’s in over his head, and it’s up to Starling to catch the cannibal once and for all.

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**That’s not the devil, that’s the devil Deb (Jenny Maguire) has a run-in with Satan himself (Ed Genest) In the world premiere of Keith Reddin’s comedy Synergy**
V-Day tradition continues with upcoming ‘Monologues’

Elizabeth Jardina

Blakcie Barker is a Rice Senior and was part of the V-Day production. She described the event as “the best experience of my life.”

The Vagina Monologues were performed at the 225 universities around the world, with the Rice University’s production being the third most popular on the list.

The production was directed by senior director Dana McGrath, a Lovett College Resident. She explained that the production was a way to raise awareness about gender equality and to encourage people to speak out against violence.

The Rice Thresher

The show came to Rice University as part of the V-Day initiative in February 1998. The production was directed by senior Dana McGrath, and it was a huge success.

The Vagina Monologues is a play that was written by Eve Ensler. The play is a collection of monologues that portray the experiences of women with their vaginas. The play was first performed at the University of Pennsylvania in 1996, and it has since become an international phenomenon.

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A BETTER VERSION OF ME
Wisconsin-based Rainer Maria makes its sophomore album, A Better Version of Me (PolyVest), sound like the trio writes poetry and then sets it to music. In fact, two-thirds of the band's songs are poetry, including "Why must this technology
to the dictionary. But then, a line like, "We are peering pretentious and in love with
inside the body."" From a track like "The Content of Lincoln's Pocket-
which starts all with Fucker cataloging the terms Lincoln had on his person when he was assas-
inated. The female vocals interject and intertwine as he and De Marrais
sing beautifully about, of all things, the death of a president.
Rainer Maria performs at 9 p.m. at Nosh (414 Main St.) with Mike Kirselle on Feb. 16.

THE AWFUL TRUTH
This technique sometimes fal-
ters, falling overly into the words. In "Creepin,'" a slow rock anthem over
a disconcerting music — that is,
until the guitars get turned up in the chorus and Caleb "De Marie" Vance
soars into the line "Maybe there's a ceremony written down inside the body."

It also makes Rainer Maria ap-
pear pretentious and in love with
their words. The chorus of "Artifici-
cial Hair," sounding like they are scrum-
ing to the dictionary. But then, a line like, "Why must this technology
be an anathema to me?" has a beau-
tiful rhythm that would be lost with anything like the far more Luddite "Curse this technology? And it's a relief that we
still have the songs that Rainer Maria is inaccessible. silkily — so the occasionally high-
lighted lyrics are anchored by ear-
liest vocals that are refreshingly ca-
uld De Marrais, who shuffles box, is in no chauvinist. In fact, her slightly
slowed down, her rhythm is the only thing that even I could sing well. And
because of Caleb "De Marie" Vance's
bass, a hint of a boisterous Midwestern heart.

But weave those voices together
over powerful guitar and drum work
by William Kuehn, and Rainer Maria
is more than poetry thrown into over
eno rock.

There is a track or two on a track like "The Content of Lincoln's Pocket-"
which starts all with Fucker cataloging the terms Lincoln had on his person when he was assas-
inated. The female vocals interject and intertwine as he and De Marrais
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Aspects of 'Synergy' fail
to work hand-in-hand

GEMODERIE

Self pulls off its fourth album with
a remarkable amount of confidence
remarkable because the Tennessee
hand recorded Gemoderie (Spongebath Records) entirely with
toy instruments. The group's sound is
musically similar to the music between a wannabe rocker and a harder-
ness. They may lack the precision and
power, however. As a mockery of sappy ro-
manic bands from the '60s, it might elicit a laugh or two, though the
smartest it gets is in the pop cul-
ture references in a line, "Maybe we can safety dance."
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If you haven't had chicken and waffles, you aren't really from the South. So, I've lived here all my life and have only known about the marriage of fried chicken and waffles. Lately, I have applauded the Fusion Cafe for bringing the dish to life, along with a slew of other scruptious menu items.

**Who really mixes Belgian waffles and fried chicken? A better question should be, why doesn't everyone?**

But I'm getting a little ahead of myself. The Village version of the Fusion Cafe is much the same as the one on Main Street downtown. The owner has taken the same ideas and scaled them down to fit into a corner spot on Times Boulevard within walking distance from campus.

Fusion food blends different influences to create new dishes with distinctive styles. Unfortunately, the Fusion Cafe doesn't ring true up to its name. There are no real fusion dishes on the menu. Everything is divided into some of basic food categories: Southern, Creole or Jamaican, but every category is done well.

The ambiance is overrun with the menu's Jamaican influences. There's a folkly mural on one wall depicting islanders eating at none other than the Fusion Cafe. The glow from tea lights on the tables illuminates the dark wood of the tables and chairs. A small and dim but adequately stocked bar stands opposite the round.

The first thing that struck me about the menu is the prices. There's nothing on the menu over $15. In fact, most entrees under $8. I had a full dinner with appetizer, entree and dessert for less than $15—that's as close as you'll find food this good.

My first pleasant surprise was the fusion cakes. The added flavor was the reason to pick from the others. Filling or not, whatever had been added—maybe maraschino, maybe passion fruit—enhanced the experience greatly.

I highly recommend the fried plantain appetizer. The plantains themselves are nothing, but the pineapple salsa they're served with spices up a bit and adds creativity, making this dish stand out from the others.

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Love and war: Why we celebrate Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day is long and convoluted. In fact, it's impossible to extract any concrete evidence of the origins of this holiday. It appears definite, however, that the beginnings of the celebrations of love is to be found in the Christian faith. Of all the stories, this one seems most likely.

As early as the fourth century B.C., the Romans engaged in an annual ceremony to ensure fertility. It was a rite of passage for many young women to be in a box and drawn at random by young men. Thus, a man was assigned a woman companion for the duration of the year, after which the betrothal was staged.

After 600 years of this cruel practice, the early church fathers sought to end the tradition. They searched for a way to make marriage important again and found their answer in Valentine, a bishop who had been martyred some two hundred years earlier.

According to church tradition, St. Valentine was a priest near Rome about the year 270 A.D. Around this time, the heyday of the Roman empire had come to an end. A lack of quality administrators led to frequent civil strife. Learning colored and taxes increased and trade slumped to precarious low levels. Islanders from Northern Europe and Asia increased the pressure on the empire's boundaries. It had grown large enough to be shielded from external aggression and internal chaos. Thus, more and more civilians were required to be recruited as soldiers and officers.

When Claudius became emperor, he felt that married men were more emotionally attached to their families than to the state, and thus would not make good soldiers. So to ensure quality soldiers, he banned marriage.

Valentine, a priest, saw the trauma of young lovers, met them in a secret place and joined them in marriage. When the Christian emperor learned of this, he decided and closed the cafe. A.D. Valentine was executed.

Valentine asked for a pen and paper from his jailer and signed a farewell message to her "from your Valentine," a phrase that lived ever after.

While Valentine was in prison awaiting execution, he learned that his jailer, Asterius, had a blind daughter. Valentine healed her daughter. Through his faith, he miraculously restored the sight of Asterius' daughter. Just before his execution, Valentine asked for a pen and paper from his jailer and signed a farewell message to her. "From your Valentine," a phrase that lived ever after.

Valentine then became a patron saint and spiritual counselor of an annual festival. The festival involved offering sacrifices to the god of love, but it was also admired, and wished in court. The festival greeted the holiday on February 14. The greeting cards arrived.

The Valentine's Day card spread with Christianity, and now celebrates all around the world. One of the earliest cards was sent in 1414 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. The card is now preserved in the British Museum.

Valentine emerged, and is, in fact, largely unbelievable, but most accounts point to a celebration in honor of Valentine who performed marriages against the will of Emperor Claudius. Whether or not the miraculous healing of the jailer's daughter ever took place is entirely speculative.

In the 15th century, cards proliferated in the courts and foreign areas. Cuvid, the husband who married his wife's father in quick succession, became a popular Valentine image. He was associated with the holiday because Romans mythologized he was the son of Venus, goddess of love and beauty.
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"The vultures ate my dead ass up." — Wesley Willis

"Back that ass up." — Juvenile

"I'm just a girl." — No Doubt

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Barkers lead unbeaten Owls to win over UTA

by Eric Raub

Coaches, players and fans had anticipated the dual match debut of freshmen men's tennis players Richard and William Barker through-out the fall season.

They had no wait even longer when the coaching staff decided to sit the brothers out against two inferior opponents Jan. 26.

But the wait was well worth it. The brothers took the court Sunday at Jake How Tennis Stadium against the University of Texas at Arlington as the duo led Rice to an easy 6-1 victory.

Richard Barker, playing in the top spot, was never seriously challenged in a 6-3, 6-2 win over 44th-ranked Andy Leber.

The win was Richard's second in a row over Leber, but it took Barker three sets to get past him in the Rice Indoor Invitational in mid-January.

"Richard gave him an absolute lesson," assistant coach Shaheen Ladhani said. "To hold him to three and two was great. Richard lost to Leber in the fall and has beaten him twice in the spring, which says a lot for Richard's form."

Richard said the form of the win was not an important as getting the win itself. He saw it as a must-win situation and played accordingly.

"I was really scrappy in the first set," he said. "If I didn't play very well, I played well enough to win. It was one of those games where I knew I had to win."

William Barker led out on the upset at 96-3, 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 2 spot, establishing that the brothers will force at the top of Rice's lineup for years.

But the Barkers weren't the only ones playing well. Rice dominated play from top to bottom, sweeping all three doubles matches, including an 8-1 rout by the Barker brothers at the No. 1 spot.

"We've had close matches with them in the last two years," Ladhani said. "But this year it was different. We came out completely focused and never really let them get the game."

Sophomore Mathieu Matias, who spent most of his time at the top spot, capitalized on his drop to No. 3 and overwhelmed Ola Bentzen 6-4, 6-2. Juniors Michael Partin and Fabien Giraud wrapped up the win at the five and six spots, beating their opponents in straight sets as well.

"It could have been a real dogfight if we had let it, but our concentration never wavered," Ladhani said. "Here and there were ebbs and flows, but on the whole we never wavered."

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IN FOCUS:
MEN'S TENNIS

Record: 3-0

Last week: The Owls have yet to be seriously challenged as they took an easy 6-1 win over the University of Texas at Arlington.

What made the difference: Freshman Richard and William Barker won their dual match debuts at the top two singles spots for the Owls. Richard captured a straight-set win over 42nd ranked Andy Leber of UTA.

Up next: The Owls host the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas at San Antonio before facing their biggest test of the year in a trip to No.1 ranked University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Cougars no match for swim team

by John C. Chiu

Talk about a blowout.

In the swim team's 162-93 win over the University of Houston Saturday, an Owl hit the wall first in 12 out of 14 events.

Rice took both first and second place in seven of the 14 races, and won one-two-three in three events. And some of the margins of victory bordered on ridiculous. Both junior Beth Williams and freshman Tom Ciffolilli were more than 11 seconds ahead of the two UH swimmers in the 400-yard individual medley.

"We didn't win as fast as this meet we won last year against ACM," head coach Doug Floyd said. "But just to leave the field of 1,000 feet with Tom in the 400 IM, we were probably our best performances of the weekend."

Ciffolilli's performance was especially impressive because she had battled injuries earlier this year that did not allow her to compete at some meets.

"I know Jackie must have been frustrated with her ankle and shoulder injuries this year," Ciffolilli said. "That I'm really glad that she swam her best times."

Ciffolilli has been perhaps one of the most consistent swimmers on the team this year. She kept up her strong performance this weekend, finishing second behind an inspired Sanders in the 100-yard breastback and second behind Williams in the 200-yard breaststroke.

"I wasn't too happy with my times this weekend," Ciffolilli said. "But I think the way I swam my race on the weekend was good."

Owls a solid second at UH meet

UndeFeated women's relays qualify for NCAA Championships

by Chris Larson

Both of Rice's women's indoor track relays are still undefeated after scoring wins in last weekend's University of Houston indoor invitational.

Judging by the tough competition, they might stay that way for a long time.

The relay wins put Rice in a second-place tie in a loaded 14-team field. Second-ranked University of Texas, which defeated the Owls in the Southwest Classic Jan. 26, remains the only team that has beaten Rice this season, winning with 117 points.

The Owls, who finished with 63 points, beat out the nation's top-ranked team, University of Arkansas, which finished third with 52 points, but Arkansas didn't send its whole team. Western Athletic Conference rival Texas Christian University was fourth with 49 points, and 12th-ranked UH finished distant ninth with 38 points.

Texas almost handed Rice's 3,000-meter relay its first defeat. Sophomore Allison Beckford began the anchor leg trailing the Longhorn runner but gradually closed the gap.

Down to the stretch, the Texas runner began to drift out in front of Beckford. Beckford missed catching her by a eighth-second, but Texas was disqualified for interference.

"It was very encouraging in the performance this week because we rarely have qualified both the mile relay and the medley," Rice's NCAA provisional qualifying time of 3 minutes, 40.92 seconds was more than three seconds faster than the group had run the previous weekend at the Southwest Classic.

IN FOCUS: WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Last week: The Owls scored 63 points to grab the runner-up spot behind the University of Texas, which beat the Owls 403-275.

What made the difference: Junior Amelia Tetens was named the Western Athletic Conference Runner of the Week for winning the 800-meter run and running the third leg of Rice's 1,600-meter relay, which posted the second-fastest time in the nation for this season.

Up next: The 25th-ranked Owls face many of the nation's top squads at the Golden Spikes Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. tomorrow.

Senior Beneche Newhouse sprints to victory Saturday in her heat of the 400-meter dash at the University of Houston indoor invitational. A Rice team loaded with talent in the 400 hopes to put together a 1,600-meter relay team that will challenge for the national title.
Unbeaten Rice set to host nation's best at Reckling

Top-ranked Georgia Tech, No. 4 Nebraska highlight field at Crowne Plaza Invitational

by Jose Luis Cubria

It might just be the best early-season tournament in all of college baseball. And it's taking place at Reckling Field.

Starting today, the Rice baseball team hosts three non-conference opponents, including the nation's best. The Owls have regularly hosted such tournaments in the past few years, but this one will undoubtedly be different.

Look at this way. Rice is ranked as high as No. 7 in the nation but is the tournament's third seed.

The top seed is Georgia Tech University, the consensus No. 1 team in the nation. Right behind the Yellow Jackets is fourth-ranked University of Nebraska, the defending Big 12 champions. And then there's Lamar University, which enters the weekend unranked but always seems to give the Owls fits.

As head coach Wayne Graham puts it, you'll have to wait until the College World Series to find such a prestigious field. And Rice wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's going to be awesome," junior closer Philip Barzilla said. "It's amazing to get the chance this early in the season to see how we are and what talent we can compete with. It'll be a great tournament and a great challenge."

The Owls battled through a devasting 1-4 start last year and struggled early against ranked opponents, so they understand how important it will be to play well against the nation's best.

"We need to play these guys," junior shortstop Erik Arnold said. "We need to beat these guys so we can show ourselves how good we really can be. We know we're a good team and we know we're going to be a great team, but we need to prove it early on."

Rice kicks things off against the Cornhuskers, a team the Owls have beaten the last two years, today at 4:30 p.m. But this Nebraska team is likely better than before, and Rice will face all-American Shane Komine, who hit .414 with a .422 earned run average last year.

"Things only get tougher tomorrow as the Owls face top-ranked Georgia Tech at 1 p.m. The Yellow Jackets are led by third baseman Mark Teixeira, the reigning national Player of the Year and the likely No. 1 pick in the upcoming draft. Georgia Tech is anything but a one-man team — at least seven Yellow Jackets have been named preseason all-Americans, including today's probable starter, right-handed pitcher Blaine Parrott."

In fact, the Yellow Jackets are so deep that they've actually had two batters — Ryan Prince and Tyler Parrott — selected as preseason all-Americans. "It's a tremendous opportunity to watch great baseball," head coach Wayne Graham said. "You've got not only the No. 1 team but the guy that's supposed to be the No. 1 player in college baseball. Plus, Georgia Tech is supposed to have 12 guys drafted. And Nebraska's just about as good. It could be a great tournament."

The two teams will play some of the most different styles, with Georgia Tech relying more on its hitting and Nebraska depending more on pitching and team speed.

And don't forget Lamar. Rice won all three meetings between the two teams last year, but the Cardinals have always given the Owls problems.

The most memorable game in the series' recent history came in 1999, when Rice traveled to Beaumont on the heels of being ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time in school history. The Cardinals took a 5-1 victory in a game that wasn't that close.

Put it all together and it's easy to see why the Owls could feel intimidated heading into this weekend. "But they're not," Barzilla said. "We feel like we can go out there and compete with any team in the country."

Bullpen paces Owls to sweep of former conference rivals

by Jose Luis Cubria

Let's play a game. We'll call it "Guess the year."

The year in question, the Rice baseball team played in a prestigious six-team tournament against the nation's best. With a pitching staff stacked with solid returners and a lineup full of new faces, the Owls headed to a ballpark more used to hosting major leaguers.

Once there, Rice faced three quality opponents — all from the same conference. Two of the games were nail-biters, and one got ugly down the stretch. The Owls came up with the same result in all three games.

Gave up? It's a trick question. So let's end the suspense. The correct answer is 2000.

April 2001.

That's right, the Owls have started the last two seasons in exactly the same way, except for one major difference: Last year's season-opening tournament was an 0-3 disaster. This year's was a resounding 3-0 success.

"We're playing with a whole lot of confidence right now," junior shortstop Erik Arnold said. "It's a completely different atmosphere in the locker room right now compared to last year at this point. We expect to win every game. We're not just there to play against people, and we're not just there to show how we can play. We expect to win every game we play."

After going winless in last year's ACC/Disney Baseball Blast and dropping their home opener to fall to 0-4, the Owls were well aware of just how wrong things could have gone during the first four games of the 2001 season.

But after an impressive sweep of last weekend's Astros College Classic and an 8-3 win at Sam Houston State University Tuesday, the Owls are ready for another home game.

"We're a lot more synchronized coming into this at what happened last year," head coach Wayne Graham said. "We came ready and we knew we'd face quality teams. It's a good feeling."

Much like in last year's season-opening tournament, Rice got stellar starting pitching and inconsistent hitting at Enron. The biggest difference — besides the wins — was the bullpen.

Last year, Rice's bullpen combined to pitch 32 innings and gave up 10 hits and six runs. Two relievers combined to pitch 20 innings and gave up 10 hits and six runs. Two relievers combined to pitch 20 innings and gave up 10 hits and six runs.

With the Owls digesting an 8-3 lead in the sixth, Herce entered the game with two outs and two runners on. A hit and two strikeouts later, Rice was out of the jam.

"It's a little bit uneasy coming in because of what happened last year," head coach Wayne Graham said. "But this team is ready and we know we'd face quality teams. It's a good feeling."

Much like in last year's season-opening tournament, Rice got stellar starting pitching and inconsistent hitting at Enron. The biggest difference — besides the wins — was the bullpen. 

But last weekend, the bullpen threw 10.2 innings and gave up just nine hits and one run. Rice relievers posted a 0.44 ERA and were credited with three wins in three games.

"We're a lot more synchronized coming into this at what happened last year."
Freshmen William and Richard Barker took an easy 8-3 win at the No. 1 doubles spot over the University of Texas at Arlington's Andy Lober and Per-Erik Karlsson. Both brothers also won their singles matches in Rice's 6-1 win.

Owls face first true test on Tuesday

Linemen, quarterbacks among 13 Rice signees

by Jose Luis Cabria

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just months after watching injuries decimate its stable of linemen and defensive linemen, head football coach Ken Hatfield has ensured that the Owls should not have to face the same problem again anytime soon.

Thirty student athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend Rice beginning this fall, Hatfield announced Wednesday. Highlighting the class are four defensive linemen and six high school quarterbacks, the two positions where the Owls were hit hardest by injuries in 2000.

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Hatfield said three of the signee quarterbacks will switch positions while the other three will get a shot at either spot.

Regardless of position, Rice will be in good position for its quarterbacks.

"That's kind of what we're doing in the past," Hatfield said. "That's how we ended up with Travis Ortega who did a great job for us for four years as defensive back. Andy guy is trying to find who's already had a book of a career here and still has another year to go. They were both high school quarterbacks, Andy's kind of what we ended with here in regards to recruiting. After a class like this it's very low, if any, of these players will see significant playing time this fall. With Rice returning 20 seniors, it's likely that most of the class will be redshirted.

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Injuries force young players into key roles

by Ryan Keedy

When forward Erik Cooper and guard Shawn Tyndell went down with injuries during the 1999-'00 campaign, the men’s basketball team was faced with questions about the squad’s youth and inexperience.

Now, with two starters — sophomore point guard Omar-Seli Mance and junior center Mike Wilks — out with injuries for the remainder of the season, the Owls are faced with the same questions.

Since McKenzie was hurt Jan. 25 in a win over the University of Hawaii, the Owls have suffered three straight losses by double-digit margins. At 3-5 in Western Athletic Conference play, Rice runs the risk of losing touch with the top teams in the conference standings.

"The dynamic of the team has changed over the course of the season," head coach Will Wilson said. "We’ve gone from having some youthful energy and burst to being a very youthful team counting on some young guys to come through for us. They’re getting a lot of good experience.

"The sophomores got a lot of good experience last year. The freshmen are still getting experience, and they’re getting a good experience of losing, too.

"The Owls couldn’t be carried by Marcus Johnson, who had 27 points in a loss to Texas Tech, and Tyndell, a junior, moved in from small forward to guard. Freshman guard Mike Wilson also has played well, center Brandon Evans has potential, grabbing 16 rebounds in a win over TCU, while senior guard Mike Wilks is the only player who has seen extensive action over the past two seasons.

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In Focus: Women’s Tennis

Record: 3-2

Last week:

Opened the weekend with a 6-1 loss against 50th-ranked University of Central Florida; but came back to handily defeat Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

What made the difference:

Freshman Yasmin Fisher and Karen Chen both came back from losing their first set to win their matches and secure the Owls’ team win over UTA.

Up next: At the University of Houston today.

Freshmen win push Owls to win over UTA

by Eric Raub

The women’s tennis team bounced back from a lopsided loss to the University of Central Florida to post wins against Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas at Arlington in an away match last weekend.

The Owls, ranked 52nd in the nation, found out they were not as closely matched with 50th-ranked Central Florida as their similar rankings might have implied. The Golden Knights swept the doubles matches and held Rice to only one singles win Saturday.

“We thought they’d be pretty good,” assistant coach Roger White said. “But they were much stronger than we had anticipated. We played well and we played tough, but they just outplayed us. They’re ranked 50th but they should be in the top 30 at the end of the season.”

In her match against the Golden Knights, senior Erin Waters battled hard at the No. 1 spot before finally falling to Ann-Jeanette Stancesson 2-6, 7-5, 7-6. No other singles loss went to three sets.

“We were not prepared for a battle,” junior Natalie Briaud said. “We came out there without any expectations and without any real determination. They were also just really tough players.”

The Owls had an easier time on Sunday against Southwest Texas State. Rice easily won all three doubles matches, and the Owl’s lone loss came at the No. 4 spot when freshman Annie Goodrich defaulted due to illness.

“They were a little bit weaker team,” Briaud said. “But they did an excellent job of preparing us for our next match. It got you a little warmed up and got you ready.”

Later in the afternoon, the Owls faced a bigger challenge against UTA. Despite losing the top two doubles matches, the Owls came back to win five out of six singles matches and left with a 5-2 victory.

“It was kind of an exciting match,” White said. “We lost the doubles point but we were really close. We played really well in the singles. After Waters fell at the top spot and the Owls won at the two, three and four positions, it was up to two Owl freshmen to decide the outcome of the match. Chao and fellow freshmen Yasmin Fisher came back from first-set losses to win their respective matches in the third set.

“They [Chao and Fisher] wanted it equally as badly as the whole team did,” Briaud said. “After they lost the first set, they hung in there and kept plugging away. They [UTA] are a team that is known for being very consistent and grinding it out, and to beat them like that, by grinding it out, is just awesome.”

The Owls now stand at 3-1 in dual match play, but they have yet to beat a higher-ranked opponent.

“We’re really growing by leaps and bounds,” White said. “For each round we’re getting better and better and that is how we’re going to get it done. Each match represents a learning curve and we’re getting better and better.”

Senior Erin Waters serves Sunday against the University of Texas at Arlington’s Lisa Jackson. Waters lost the match but the Owls pulled out a 5-2 team win.
Lady Owls out to slay a giant
Win over conference leader TCU would be just the boost Rice needs

The women’s basketball team needs something to turn its season around — and nothing would do the trick like a road victory at Western Athletic Conference leader Texas Christian University on Sunday.

Lady Owls are looking to get revenge against the Horned Frogs, who stymied Rice’s offense in a 58-50 loss over Rice at Autry Court last month. If the Lady Owls are successful, they would hand TCU its first conference loss of the season after eight consecutive victories against WAC opponents.

“I think the whole team wants revenge on them,” senior Kenya Turtle said. “We got blown out by TCU last time and they’ve been playing good all year. We have to go out there and show them that we are as good as they are. We have to go out there and win.”

In their meeting last month, the Lady Owls fell to TCU, 58-45. Those second-lowest total in a game all season. They shut down TCU’s long-range attack which leads the WAC, with 7.58 three-pointers per game to just 25-34 shooting from behind the arc.

Although Rice’s defense has been generally strong throughout WAC play, the offense has struggled. The Lady Owls have held their opponents to under 60 points in four conference games — but Rice has failed to hit the 60-point mark in three conference games and has endured several scoring droughts.

Although their defense has kept them competitive in nearly every game, the Lady Owls know they must force some consistency on offense if they hope to begin and sustain a winning streak.

“Our offense has been struggling all season long,” Turtle said. “We’ve seen our intensity up. Our defense has been really good all season long,” senior Kara Liggett said. “At this time in the season, we’re not going to make major changes. We’ve just got to work. Defensively, we’re struggling a lot with consistency. We’ve got to go out there and show them that we’re as good as they are.”

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“We need to go play to our capabilities in this one,” head coach Cindy McKinney said. “At SMU, we didn’t get away. Can’t tell you why for 30 minutes we were as good as we were and then we fell apart. I know we didn’t do what we need to do that happens to us. We’ve just got to learn how to finish things up.”

The Owls continued their cold-shooting streak with 4 for 18 shooting from the floor and 35 points for the game, the lowest point total scored by Rice since joining the NCAA in 1982.

The Lady Owls feel that they can pull off the upset if they can get their shots in fall.

"Healthier. We did a great job against TCU last time," head coach Cindy McKinney said. "At this time in the season, we’re not going to make major changes. We’ve just got to work. Defensively, we’re struggling a lot with consistency. We’ve got to go out there and show them that we’re as good as they are.”

If we were going to go down, we were going to go down fighting," Florus said. "We were just going to lay it up on the home court. In the second half, we stepped it up while their posts were in foul trouble. All the guards and the guards fought hard today. It was our day and we’re going to have our day. Until then, we’re going to struggle a little bit.”

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Sports Notebook

Soccer signs 13 to first recruiting class

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**A&M offense proves too much for lacrosse**

by Jake Robson

Despite two non-conference wins last week, the men's club lacrosse team ran out of steam Sunday, falling 22-7 to Texas A&M offense proves too much for Rice.

Rice, currently ranked in the top 10 in the nation, jumped to a 14-3 halftime lead. The Owls dominated play, racking up 21 shots on goal. The Owls ended up with 25 goals for the game, 17 of which came in the first half. Rice's defense held strong, only allowing one goal in the second half.

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**UT gets past rugby 27-5**

by Paul Aronson

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**Owls take another step ahead**

It's all about picking your battles. The men's track team finished sixth in a 14-team field at last weekend's University of Houston Indoor Invitational with 32 points, far behind champion Texas Christian University, which totaled 49.

But the middle-of-the-pack finish wasn't at all discouraging for the Owls because they weren't there to win. Head coach Ray Davidson gave several of his distance runners a break last weekend.

He also elected to run all of his middle-distance athletes in the 800-meter run so he could see their performances to decide how to set up the team's distance medley relay.

The Owls are looking to pick up some one-step closer to winning the battles that really count — the Western Athletic Conference Championships Feb. 22-24 and the NCAA Championships March 9-10.

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**TRIPLE THREAT**

**THE RICE THRESHER**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2001**

**SPORTS**

**BASEBALL**

**SAM HOUSTON ST. 3 RICE 8**

**SCORE BY INNINGS**

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**ALL THOSE THINGS RUMORED**

If what they’re saying is true, you could use BALANCE GOLD. It has a 40-30-30 ratio of carbs, protein and dietary fat which provides your body with energy. And who knew there are 23 vitamins and minerals in all those peanuts, caramel and rich chocolate flavor. To learn more, log on to Balance.com.
Friday FEB 9

Celebrate the Year of the Snake at the LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL from noon to 4 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. Six Asian student groups are sponsoring the free event with food and entertainment.

The BASEBALL team takes on the University of Nebraska at 4:30 p.m., Georgia Tech University tomorrow at 1 p.m., Lamar University on Sunday at 3:30 p.m., and Purdue University at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. All games are at Reckling Park.

Play It real cool, man. The opening of "An Evening of Art and Jazz," an ART EXHIBITION by Charles and Phyllis Washington, is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Humanities Building. To attend the Black Student Association event, send e-mail to Evan Parkley at eparkley@rice.edu.

The Rice Program Council CRUSH PARTY is from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Willy’s Pub and includes free snacks. Pick up your Hugs dating compatibility results and look for love.

Saturday FEB 10

The MEN’S TENNIS team plays Nebraska State University at 10:30 a.m. before taking on the University of Texas at San Antonio at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, the team will also play Arizona at 10:30 a.m. and the University of Texas-Pan American at 2:30 p.m. All matches are at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

The WOMEN’S TENNIS team playsSingham Young University at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, the team takes on Lamar University at 10 a.m. and Sam Houston State University at 2 p.m., and on Feb. 16 the Owls also play the University of Texas Pan American at 1 p.m. Friday. All matches are at Jake Hess Stadium.

The MEN’S BASKETBALL team takes on Texas Christian University at 7:35 p.m. in Autry Court.

It’s no parting of the Red Sea, but a INSTALLFEST sponsored by the Rice Linux User Group, lets you close Friday. All games are at Reckling Park.

It's VALENTINE’S DAY. Whoop-de-doo. Ironically, it’s also Sexual Responsibility Week. Get change for the Poson vending machine.

Monday FEB 12

The Student Center, the artifice club and the Women’s Resource Center will host a juried STUDENT ART EXHIBIT in March for Women’s History Month. The theme of the exhibit is "Angles and Attitudes: An Exploration of Women," and the submission deadline is today. If you are interested, contact Rebecca Bagpuss at rebecca@rice.edu, or sign up at the Coffeehouse for information.

Clara Jung-fong Shin presents a PIANO LECTURE RECITAL at 6 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

The NAMES Project AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT goes on display today. The opening ceremony is at 8 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. The quilt is on display through Thursday.

Tuesday FEB 13

The SENIOR RING PARTY is from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Willy’s Pub.

Wednesday FEB 14

It’s VALENTINE’S DAY. Whoopee-dee. Ironically, it’s also Sexual Responsibility Week. Get change for the Poson vending machine.

Thursday FEB 15

The Rice Counseling Center, the Health Education Office and the College AssistancePeer Program sponsor “LOVELINE,” a mock episode of the MTV show, to discuss issues related to sexuality. A panel of experts (including Backpage Editor Mark Lewis) provide feedback from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Sewall Hall, Room 301. Call RCC at (713) 348-4867 for information.

You may know about taking classes, but now learn about teaching them. The Graduate Student Association presents a TEACHING WORKSHOP on required courses with large enrollment in Duncan Hall, Room 1070, from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. For information, send e-mail to Alejandro Chauv at alejandro@rice.edu.

Learn to be a better drunk sitter at the Alcohol Information and Management CAREGIVER TRAINING session from 9 to 10 p.m. in Mier Lounge of the Student Center. If you’re interested contact Andi Toner at andi@rice.edu.

Go ahead, talk dirty. The VAGINA MONOLOGUES, a post-production of Wooster College, Lowell College and the Women’s Resource Center, opens tonight in Lyte’s in the Lovett College basement at 8 p.m. The show runs at the same time and place tomorrow and Saturday.

If you’re out for blood and musical entertainment, BLOOD BROTHERS opens tonight in the Sid Richardson College Commons at 8 p.m. The show also runs Friday at 10 p.m. Tickets are $4 for students and $6 for others. For reservations, call (713) 348-PLAY or send email to SidRichardson@rice.edu.

Friday FEB 16

ADVANCE wraps up Unity in Diversity Week with a CULTURE FAIR, running from noon to 3:30 p.m., a $6 buffet dinner at 5 p.m. and a multicultural talent show and fashion show at 6 p.m. in the Grand Hall in the Rice Memorial Center. For more information, send an email to advance@rice.edu.

At 7 p.m., the WOMEN’S BASKETBALL team plays San Jose State University in Autry Court.
Customized Valentines!

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illmark may try to cater to every demographic, but there's one niche they're definitely overlooking: the incest social world of Rice. The Rice student group has decided to fulfill your need for prepackaged sentiment by creating Rice-flavored valentines. We've told you about ideal places on campus to create your own love note, but now you have to take the initiative and ask out one of those eight Brad Pitt look-alikes in your Chem Lab (now may also be the time to make an appointment with your uropin exter

We know it's tough to make your move, so just cut them out and spread the love!

A Valentine's Day Coupon!

Redeemable for the loss of 10 purity points.*

To: Love: 

XOXOXO The Administration

Want to nurture your soul, Valentine!

Well, we hooked up at Bacchana. And I hoped that you would call. But your memory seemed to fail ya, so now I'm screwing your roommate Paul.

Bite Me, Valentine!

From: 

To: Love:

O lovely freshman girl, so pretty and so sweet. How I longed for your embrace, but you hooked up with Dan Street. As your adviser during O-Week, my love was so taboo. But spring means I can justly take advantage of you.

You and me, we've got great chemistry. Like diatomic oxygen, we've meant to be. But perhaps we could add a third atom to our pair because everyone knows that three oxygen atoms equal ozone, creating a protective layer around the earth that prevents us from being exposed in deadly ultraviolet radiation. And that can't be bad.

Let's have a very ménage à trois, Valentine!

To:

The ‘Addictive chemical that makes you crave it fortnightly’ classifies

HOUSING ARE YOU TIRED of the noisy dorms? Do you need a place to study? ArborChamp: Brummond Court has large 1-1s and 2-2s ready for move-in, or you can get our pretty writing loft for next semester. Gated community, on-site convenience store, covered park-

MISCELLANEOUS

1990 HONDA CDX - 2 door hatchback, blue, manual transmission, excellent condition. AC, AM/FM radio. Only 49k miles. $4900 or best offer. (713) 345-3353.

SIX FLAGS ASTROWORLD Artist Group is seeking talented face painters. Non-smoker. References required. Call (713) 788-1229 or dejennings@entouchonline.com.

ADORABLE ONE YEAR old needs reliable, baby sitter. 3 hours one weekday plus occasional weekend evenings. Bearwood neighborhood. 30/hr, references required. Call Harriet at (713) 680-8957.

RESPONSIBLE NEEDED for pickup from pre-school and aftercare for 4-year-old girl. Reliable area. 15-20 hours weekly. Must have some reliable transportation, good judgment and references. Salary negotiable. (602) 230-0945.

EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC BUSINES - Established Houston band seeks creative and bright individuals to help with promotion and publicity. Must be highly organized, have great people skills, and enjoy music. Computer competency preferable. Call (713) 521-2171 immediately.

MISSING: virginity. Last seen in Ryon HallWave Pool. If found, page me at (713) 605-5940.

MISSING: Wimpy, overpriced six-inch sub at that other place? Eat lunch at the Pub. Better food, lower prices, a no stinky bread smell.

Why wait in line for a six-inch sub at that other place? 12" Blimpie subs now just $4! Get lunch at the Pub. Better food, lower prices, a no stinky bread smell.