Board approves new $130 million library

by Leslie Liu

The executive architect for the plan is Geoffrey Freeman of Sh replcy Bohlin Richardson and Abbott, a Boston-based firm. Freeman, who has been working with Rice for three years on the library renovation project, specializes in educational facilities and has worked on library renovations at Columbia, Princeton and Yale universities.

The new pre-designs show a 256,000-square-foot library with two linear wings, about the length and width consistent with other buildings in the academic quad, built east to west, between the wings will be a courtyard.

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At the west end of the wings is the "reading room," which will be higher than the rest of the building. The building will have four floors above ground and one basement level.

Jones’ reimbursement request denied

by Mark Bertelson and Elizabeth Decker

Jones College students’ request for a reimbursement on their room fees was denied by President Malcolm Gillis on March 13.

The Jones College Compensation Committee is now looking at alternate forms of compensation and solutions to the problems that construction at Jones has caused.

Earlier this week, the committee requested that the residents of the college be reimbursed for about half their room fees last year and that future fees be reduced as long as construction continues.

Gillis said that additional money to compensate Jones would have to come from other sources.

Tearin’ down the house

The old masters’ house of Jones College was demolished Monday to make way for construction of the new wing of Brown College. Jones Masters Enrique and Maribel Barrera moved into the new Jones House last month.

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If students decide to turn Willy’s Statue around again in five years, he might be able to see the Baker Hall fountain. Once Fondren Library is demolished and a new $130 million library takes its place, the view from Willy’s Statue facing west will extend to the Baker fountain. The library will be built on the site of a central walkway the width of the Sallyport connecting the academic quad and the informal courtyard south of the Student Center.

The new building may be completed as soon as 2005. President Malcolm Gillis announced March 12 after the Board of Trustees approved pre-design plans. The university had planned on spending about $80-90 million on the renovation of Fondren, but plans for renovation were scrapped.

“We are not going with the lower-priced plan because it did not serve,” Gillis said. “It did not serve architecturally and it did not serve academically, so we’re taking a big bite out of the apple.”

The board also approved the construction of two temporary book storage facilities, one on campus and one off campus. Architects will now begin the design phase of all three buildings.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Dean Currie said the earliest that construction could begin on the new library would be in fall 2002, but most likely, it will not start until spring 2003. Also, the university must raise half of the funds for the building before ground can be broken.

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"The whole concept now is to design a library around the activity of doing research, the activity of learning," Freeman said.

Sid balconies closed after items thrown

by Matt Cuddihy

As Sid Richardson College Night wound to an end around 6:30 a.m. Saturday, an individual or several individuals finished the celebration by throwing numerous objects from the sixth- and seventh-floor balconies, including a couch, a recliner, a large container, a recycling bin, a skateboard and several pillows.

No one was injured by the falling objects, and the people involved are still unknown. The couch was destroyed and the front banister of the main entrance was damaged.

Because throwing anything other than free-floating water of the balconies violates the Sid Constitution, Sid requested that the University Police close the balconies until March 31. The constitution requires a minimum five-day lock-down of all balconies after such an incident.

“In light of the seriousness of last night’s incident, the balconies will be locked today and will remain closed until 6:00 a.m. on the day of Beer Bike, March 31. Someone could have been killed,” read an e-mail written by Sid President Laura Rees and Chief Justice Myrna Salinas to the Sid faculty.

Sid President-elect Amanda Fitch said that a similar event, the throwing of a couch and chair from the Sid balconies, had taken place on March 11.
Living without a library

We’re excited about the new library. The campus needs the versatile, beautiful and functional central building that the rebuilt library will eventually be. But as we’ve learned with the recent burst of construction on campus, tearing up buildings can be disruptive to the lives of students, faculty and staff who have to live and work at Rice. There are a number of quiet, safe and useful spaces that will be reduced sharply. At night, keeping academic buildings and the Student Center open 24 hours a day would be helpful, but quiet places to work during the day will be few and far between. One possibility might be to use the old Fondren College building, which will then be empty. The former dorms could be used as study rooms until the evening hours when academic buildings clear out.

Currently, about 70 computer workstations are available and frequently in use at Fondren. They should be distributed to new labs, perhaps in Fawley Hall, or added to old labs so students who want to get away from their rooms or who don’t have computers have a place to work. Furthermore, access to e-mail near study spaces is a convenience we’re not sure students can do without.

Part of the appeal of the library as a study space lies in the number of people around, even in the middle of the night. Some students are hesitant about pulling all-nighters in an empty academic building, especially since some of these buildings lack accessible phones. This problem might be solved by having an attendant in academic buildings at night and installing more phones.

Or a purely technical level, Fondren is central to camps A in a way that the temporary library will not be. To reduce the number of extraneous trips across campus, we would like to see drop boxes for returning books in each of the colleges.

Or to traffic relief in the temporary library, we think a Web-based book retrieval system is a great idea. However, if it takes more than 20 or 30 minutes to get a book, it will inconvenience students a great deal. We also believe the option to have books delivered by campus mail if a student or faculty member requests it.

There are but a few of the logistical problems that will result from tearing down Fondren and building a new library. We suggest creating a committee composed of students, faculty members, and members of the library, Information Technology and University Police staffs to discuss the problems that will arise — whether with study spaces, security or computer access — from the construction project. A group like this would be able to think about solutions from all angles and hopefully head off problems before they arise.

Keeping IM sports alive

College guidebook talks about Rice’s high level of student participation in intramural sports. While not in danger of extinction, Rice’s IM sports program has troubles, and we think increasing the student fee by $10 to $15 per year could be a way to fix them. The program has been working at a budget deficit since its beginning eight years ago, which has required the staff to cut corners.

Especially in the women’s sports, the fee increase and cutout, but we don’t think that’s where the real problem with IM sports lies. The problem lies in the officiating program. Because of low wages for game officials, the program’s budget is very tight. The program has difficulty finding people who are willing to be officials. A sparse budget also means less training for officials, especially because many come and go frequently. Many officials have little to no training. We’d also like to see the option to have books delivered by campus mail if a student or faculty member requests it.

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Jordan's return too good to be true

Last week, "Sports Illustrated" columnist Michael Nalepa wrote an interesting theory—that Michael Jordan may be returning to the game of basketball. Many people laughed at the suggestion, thinking it was third coming. Narraganset, sportswriters and even Jordan's agent dismissed it as impossible. Jordan is usually not the kind of thing you should be used to this kind of treatment.

He faced the same type of skepticism as the Bulls to six titles, topping his previous perormance. The previous skepticism surrounded Jordan for granted. Almost. Watching Jordan's return too good to be true.

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Even if Jordan does return for a time, I must believe it's all a part of some New York Bulls. But that wasn't true. My favorite player is still playing being at the greatest player ever.

There are many who don't think Jordan will ever comeback would be a real big deal. He didn't care. He's a non-nuclear physicist, a teacher, a medical student or even a professor. He's a basketball player who makes $2000000 in money.

And while all of that is true, millions of people still enjoyed watching him perform. Jordan has inspired countless children and many adults to work hard and dream big. It is that kind of escape from the everyday for a few hours. That has to be worth something.

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GSA Awards

Call for Nominations

It is time once again to recognize those outstanding graduate students, faculty and staff who do their utmost to enrich the lives of Rice graduate students by nominating them for the 2001 Graduate Student Association Awards. The GSA annually confers five awards:

* FACULTY TEACHING/MENTORING AWARD: Recipients are selected based on demonstrated commitment to graduate education on teaching graduate students at Rice. The award consists of $1,500, funded through the Office of the President, and a plaque. Up to four awards may be conferred each year.

* FACULTY/STAFF SERVICE AWARD: Recipients are selected in recognition of efforts beyond the call of duty to improve the quality of life for graduate students at Rice. The award consists of a plaque. Up to two awards may be conferred each year.

* ROBERT LOWRY PATTEN AWARD (for graduate students): The award is named in honor of the GSA's esteemed faculty advisor and attempts to recognize graduate students who may not otherwise have been honored for their service and achievements on behalf of graduate students. The award consists of $250, funded by the President's Office. A plaque. Up to four awards may be conferred each year.

* GSA SERVICE AWARD (for graduate students): Recipients are selected based on contribution of time, effort, and devoted service to the cause of improving graduate student life and education at Rice. The award consists of $250, funded by the GSA, and a plaque. Up to two awards may be conferred each year.

* FRIEND OF RICE GRADUATE STUDENTS AWARD: Recipients are selected in recognition of significantly enhancing the lives of graduate students at Rice University in some way. This award is a token of appreciation to honor people within and beyond the Rice community who may not otherwise be recognized for their service to graduate students. Candidates for the award may or may not be members of the Rice community, but they should not be eligible for the other four awards. The award consists of a plaque.

The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2001. Letters describing why the individual is deserving of such recognition should be submitted to the GSA at MS-526 or, preferably, via email, to the GSA Internal VP (Auleen Ghosh at aghosh@rice.edu). Nominations may be submitted by faculty, staff, graduate students, and graduate student alumni.

For more information consult the GSA webpage at: http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~gsa

Author distinguishes science from nonsense

by J. Cameron Cooper

Although Lawrence M. Krauss is best known for his work in bringing a scientific perspective to the "Star Trek" universe, he rarely touched on the 23rd century at a lecture Monday, focusing instead on the challenges of distinguishing nonsensical science from today's science.

Krauss gave the Physics and Astronomy Department's sixth annual Rorschach Memorial Lecture, "Science, Non-Science and Nonsense: From Aliens to Creationism." The lecture focused on the public's lack of scientific literacy in today's society.

"There is the view that science is divorced from our culture, that scientific illiteracy is not only acceptable but expected," Krauss said.

Although Krauss is the author of several books, including "The Physics of 'Star Trek' and Beyond Star Trek," and serves as the physics department chair at Case Western Reserve University, Krauss' research interests lie in theoretical physics topics including the early universe, the nature of dark matter, general relativity and neutrino astrophysics.

At the lecture, Krauss said that Carl Sagan, a noted physicist and author, once told him that half the students in his beginning astronomy class didn't know that the sun was a star. Krauss also quoted a 1990 National Science Foundation survey that found that about 40 percent of American adults do not know that the earth orbits the sun and takes 365 days to do so.

"People are extremely unlikely, Krauss said, if only for the simple reason that interstellar travel is simply not possible to alter the Earth only to perform trained experiments. He estimated that, even given nuclear fusion, the process that powers stars, a ship would require 7,000 times its weight in fuel in order to travel here at half the speed of light.

"If I believe that there is any god-like figure somewhere in the universe," he said, "I don't believe it's coming here.

Krauss also said the continuing pseudo-scientific interest in crop circles is nonsensical, especially because two Englishmen contradicted several years ago that they were responsible for most of them.

But how do we know what is nonsense, and what is science? "The only authority is experiment," Krauss said. He explained that experiments and evidence are the basis of the scientific method.

"Democratic society depends on informed populaces to make informed decisions," Krauss said. "But the authority to determine nonsense? We all do.

"If we are unwilling to hear scientific nonsense as just that, no matter whose sensibilities we offend, we begin to blur the line."

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Physicist Lawrence M. Krauss discussed how difficult it is to determine and distinguish scientific facts from nonsense at the sixth annual Harold E. Rorschach Memorial Lecture in Herzstein Hall Monday.
Holly Hall agreement provides Martel rooms, special Rice rate

by Elizabeth Jardina

Rice has entered into an agreement with a local apartment complex that will create a temporary home for Martel College students and a special rate for Rice community members.

The complex, Twenty-One Eleven Holly Hall, is located near the Astrodome.

"We got their proposal last week and they've agreed to provide 57 student beds," Food and Housing Director Mark Ditman said. "We can't get them to commit to more beds because it's a pretty significant commitment on their part."

Martelians, who cannot move into the Martel building until it is finished in January, can choose to live in one of 19 three-bedroom, three-bathroom apartments from mid-August to the end of December.

Martel Housing Representative Mindy Tyson, a Brown College junior, said that three-bedroom apartments are good because students will be able to keep the same roommates in the spring. Many of the rooms in the Martel building will be organized in six-person suites.

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Tyson said the Martel Foundation Committee thought of getting an agreement with Holly Hall because three of the committee members, including herself, already lived at the complex.

"We were familiar with its benefits and bad already been through the ordeal of finding an apartment," she said.

"As we have more Martel events, I think there will be more interest in living here and living as a community."

— Mindy Tyson
Martel College housing representative

Students from Martel will pay either $425 or $350 for their room, depending on its size, in addition to a half-refundable $150 deposit and a $25 application fee. Contracts will be made individually, so no student will be responsible for her roommate's rent.

Martel students who are unsure about who they will live with next year can fill out a roommate questionnaire from the Martel Web page (http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~martel) to help match them with a suitable roommate.

Ditman said students will send their checks directly to apartment management. If some students decide to stay at Holly Hall after Martel opens, Rice has agreed to pay a penalty to the complex because Holly Hall will not be able to rent the apartment to someone else.

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Ditman said Rice is concerned about the safety of the area. "We're also doing a security audit over there," she said. "We're trying to be diligent that it's an appropriate property."

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Ditman said Rice will distribute promotional materials for the complex describing special benefits for Rice community members at Holly Hall. Benefits will include a reduced application fee, priority apartment selection and 10% off each month's rent.

"Essentially, what it does is create a special rate to the Rice community—not just limited to undergrads, but anyone with a Rice ID," Ditman said. "Primarily it would serve Rice undergrads and grad students."

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I saw the banner recognizing women's contribution to history.

Observing herstory

Will Rice College senior Alexis Wiesenfeld writes a female role model's name on a banner recognizing women's contribution to history. Decorations of the banner were organized by her College senior Alexis Wiesenfeld to raise awareness of women's history.
Luck o' the graduate students
Antropology Department graduate students Trish Stringer, Timothy Wood and Ana Wandless take advantage of the pleasant weather to socialize outside during the Graduate Student Association's St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Three weeks into his new job as Baker College managing chef, Charles Jenkins says he will continue to diversify the food service for Baker students, especially concerning vegetarian options. Jenkins replaced Jason Molloy, who was fired after spray-painting for Baker students, especially concerning vegetarian options. Jenkins said he is looking forward to improving the quality to improve dramatically. "We’ve really been expecting the food to get better," Ditman said. "The thing that we are looking for most here at Baker is the aggressive development of vegetarian or meatless items."

Jenkins began at Rice in 1986 after serving as a cook in the military for almost four years. He has held positions on the Sid Richardson College, Hicks Kitchen and Rice Catering kitchen staffs.

Ditman said he noticed the success of Rice Catering while Jenkins was employed there. During that period, Rice Catering began offering a range of more sophisticated foods, and he attributes much of the change to Jenkins.

Jenkins said he is bringing changes based on feedback from students. "I try to feed a trend of what the people want," Jenkins said. "I try to collect a lot of feedback about what the customer prefers. In fact, I try to survey the students and find out what they want.

Baker will continue to serve many of the foods it already offers, but Jenkins said he is looking forward to introducing some new choices as well as expanding existing dishes. Jenkins created his own weekly menu for Baker, which is posted online at The Freerice website (http://www.freerice.com). All of the foods he creates are prepared onsite at the Baker facilities. Other dishes served at Baker are cooked at Hicks Kitchen.

Jenkins said he also hopes to do more "on-the-spot" cooking. "I think that when you prepare food in front of them, it opens up a whole new ballpark, so people have an idea of what goes on," he said. "I like to think that we will try to be more creative as possible.

Jenkins said he is enjoying the opportunity to return to the college environment and interact with students. "I always want to be familiar with their needs," he said. Dymon said he is pleased with Jenkins' positive impact in the college's environment.

"He’s been at the university long enough that he really understands how to interact with students, faculty and associates," Ditman said. "I think it’s very important in this situation that not only do you have culinary talent, but that you know how to support college programs and make decisions based on what best serves the students."

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One of the major changes that Jenkins will be involved in at Baker is the transition from central food preparation and distribution to onsite food preparation.

"The objective is that by the end of the school year, Baker will run like a free-standing restaurant," Ditman said. Ditman said the Brown College kitchen is already 90 percent independent from Hicks Kitchen due to the addition of Chef Roger Echolts earlier this year. The Sid kitchen is also slated to operate independently from Hicks Kitchen by the end of this semester.

Ditman said there will eventually be a chef in each servery preparing all food onsite. However, the current facilities in most of the servery ranges are inadequate. Baker’s kitchen is the largest kitchen to support the most food preparation.

Jenkins will also be involved in upcoming physical modifications of the Baker servery.

"The objective for the (Brown) kitchen is responsible for or is assisting in design, development or remodeling the Baker kitchen/serving areas," Ditman said. "So he has a responsibility to design and implement pieces of equipment and menu items."

The remodel project is still in the planning stages. Funding has been secured, but all future construction would begin late next spring and continue through the summer, Ditman said.

Jenkins has been responsible for about eight entrees a week, which might explain why the change has been evident to many students.

"I hope that what we’re going to start getting our own food like we got at the beginning of the semester, but it seems like we’re still getting CK," Baker senior Kevin Lynch said. Baker junior Natalia Holmes said he noticed an improvement when Molloy was hired at the beginning of last semester, but he hadn’t noticed a significant difference between Molloy’s cooking and Jenkins’ food.

"We’ve had a chef since the beginning of the semester, and I’ve noticed that since then the food is fresher ... and more original," Holmes said.
**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Outstanding lecturer teaching award created**

A new award established by and for the School of Humanities will recognize outstanding teaching by lecturers. Interim Dean of Humanities Gale Stokes said this is one of several steps he is taking to "professionalize" the position of lecturer. Lecturers, unlike professors, are not required to conduct research and are not eligible for tenure. They make up one-third of the humanities faculty. About 80 percent of first- and second-year language courses are taught by lecturers.

"We probably couldn't offer all the language courses we do, even without a language requirement, without lecturers," Stokes said.

Department chairs will nominate lecturers for the award by submitting a recommendation and one year's worth of the most recent student evaluations to a committee of humanities faculty members. The recipient of the Sarofim Award for Teaching Excellence will be selected by Stokes after he receives a recommendation from the committee. The award is named after Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

**A different perspective**

Students, faculty and staff looked at art that explores different perspectives of women in a student art show that opened March 15 in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.
Dinner forums evaluate racial diversity problem

Diversity discussions moved to the residential colleges this week, where students debated reasons some choose to move off campus and the effects of Orientation Week.

The dinner forums, held in every college except Rice, are part of O-Week, which students posted questions similar to those discussed at last week's forum.

Said senior Joni Gee, who facilitated Martel's discussion Wednesday during the college's weekly lunch meeting in the Ray Courtyard, she thought Martel's were responsible because many people transferred to Martel due to frustration with the college system.

"Right off the bat, people said, 'Yes, there is an issue,'" Gee said. "And then conversations flowed the entire time about solutions." Students at the other forums spoke about the self-segregation that occurs when minority students move off campus.

Jones College freshman Leslie Sage said this problem is not confined to ethnic and racial minorities.

"If you had statistics for architecture or music students, I believe the results would be the same," Sage said. "The word 'minority' or 'diversity' is not well defined here.

"We have six or seven colleges of white students, but at most of the colleges are white... So if you have six or seven degrees of white students and one of black or Hispanic, there is a significant difference from what it is now..."" Jones senior Tanya Harvey said.

The dinner forums, which were arranged by Gee and Bancroft College junior Mustafa Dohabwala, were led by facilitators who posed questions similar to those discussed at last week's forum.

"I just feel really helpless," Rigg said. "I don't think you can make people sit down and learn about cultural differences, Brown College senior Tanya Harvey said.

Jones sophomore Rachael Rigg said she thought it was important to recognize that minorities move off campus in large percentages, but she wasn't sure why.

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"I really didn't have a lot to say," Rigg said. "I feel like there was a lot of emotional stuff that we talked about, but I don't really know how to implement anything into what we talked about." Gee said she was happy with how the discussions went.

"I think that people are starting to talk in a positive and in a right direction," Gee said.

Said senior Tasha Thomas, who led the discussion at Sid, she thought the forum was a success.

"It was a little hard to get started, but once we got started, there was some great discussion about race issues," Thomas said.

Wes will host its forum on Monday at 7 p.m. after dinner. Former Rice College President Josh Katz said the college did not hold its forum on Wednesday because it would be against the spirit of family style.

"Family style is an environment for people to go relax and have dinner with their friends," Katz, a senior, said.
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Kennedy discussed the relationship between the government and environmental law. He highlighted the need for strong, locally based democracies where people can stand up against corporations who pollute. He explained that the battle to save the planet lies in fighting back, and the group decided to do so in a true free market system.

Kennedy also discussed the importance of education and the role of engineers in protecting the environment. He encouraged students to complete language classes in 10 months and to learn about international internship programs and study abroad options.

The group learned that the Riverkeepers, a river protection group formed by citizens in 1966 living along the Hudson River, began to fight back against pollution. They found an old law stating that the Hudson River from pollution became contaminated. The law received part of the fine. Kennedy explained that the Riverkeepers' prosperity and loading it onto the backs of our children. He added that nature enriches people through a variety of means aesthetically, recreationally, culturally, spiritually and historically.

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INFORMATION SESSION FOR FRESHMEN ENGINEERS!

GERMAN/ FRENCH/ SPANISH CLASSES FOR ENGINEERS

When: Tuesday, March 27th at 4:00pm
Where: Miner Lounge (RMC)

- Engineers can complete 2 years of language classes in 10 months by enrolling in Germ/Fren/Span 113-214
- Learn more about studying a language and gaining valuable international experience!
- Hear information about the International Internship Program and study abroad options for engineers

Questions? Contact Career Services at plac@rice.edu for details
JONES: Committee forms list of compensation requests

**JONES, Page 1**

From books containing moving off campus next year to avoid construction-related problems, the college has addressed the issue. Next year, Wilbur said the north colleges will have 26 slots available, which will be given to the junior class in the fall. If students move into the slots, they will be enrolled in the fall. Jones College seniors may be available to the college to use as an extra dormitory area. The college is considering increasing student enrollment to 200 students next year to avoid construction-related problems. The college is also considering increasing student enrollment to 200 students next year to avoid construction-related problems. The college is also considering increasing student enrollment to 200 students next year to avoid construction-related problems.

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**JONES, Page 6**

The JONES College Compensation Committee held a meeting on Monday to discuss the committee's progress on the compensation requests for the current year. The committee discussed several issues, including: the possibility of reducing the number of new students in the fall, the request for a written guarantee of limitations on construction during the fall, and the possibility of reducing the number of new students in the fall.

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**JONES, Page 11**

The committee requested letters of apology from the entire college to the committee for the construction and planning problems. The committee also requested that the university provide an acceptable living environment for the students' safety. The committee is currently looking into Minne-Dederick If the company does not perform such checks, the committee will not remove the college's main common areas. The committee requested that the college's main common areas be doubled and that the college be provided with access to the college's main common areas. If the company does not perform such checks, the committee will not remove the college's main common areas.

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Two temporary buildings will house books during construction

LIBRARY, from Page 1
said. "And so that means taking a library, and rather than designing it around storage, which is a critical part of a library, we're really talking about the active use of information in all formats, whether it's audio, video, or anywhere else in the world, and forwarding that information and reformulating and publishing that information. It's an entirely different idea of what a library is about."

Michael Smith, the design architect on the project from Michael Wilford & Associates, said the room symbolizes the importance of literature at the heart of campus.

The location of the reading room is at the intersection of the two main campus axes, and Wilford hopes that the lighted building will attract people.

"This space needed, first of all, to be one that could allow for intensive collaboration," Vice President for Information Technology and University Librarian Chuck Henry said. "People like to be isolated, like their space there is for books," Ramirez reviewed exactly how much space one knows how many books will not get any bigger than 75-76,000. The temporary storage facility on campus will be about 295,000 square feet. However, she said no one could go there and then sit down and be able to see it there," she said.

Currie said there may be some sort of book retrieval service provided that would deliver requested books to campus within one or two days.

Ramirez said finding 24-hour study spaces for when Fondren is demolished is a top priority. Some spaces may be provided in the temporary facility, but a space planning committee is looking into other places on campus also.

Students and faculty react

Current and former presidents, other student government representatives, deans and faculty council members were invited to hear the announcement of the plans.

Many had a positive reaction to the new model for the library. It will be nice when it's up in par with the rest of Rice," Student Association President Jamie Lisagor said.

Interim Dean of Humanities Gale Stokes said he likes the way the plan centers the library on campus.

"And I like the fact that the design of the library is going to be a vast improvement on the blocky kind of architecture of Fondren Library," Stokes said.

"The plan centers the library on campus. So in that sense I think it's really great that we go to a university where when there's a problem, we're willing to spend money to address it, we're willing to not just make due with a building that's just OK. I think that shows leadership and vision for the university."

However, Katz said there are serious problems with how the university prioritizes funding for things undergraduate students need or want (see Columns, Page 3).="Some projects are allowed basically a blank check for however much they want, such as this library, whereas other projects, such as building a new college, are neither the same priority, because they're not allowed to be completed with the same level of autonomy, and that's really disappointing to me," Katz said.

Last spring, Wiess requested funding for a new masters house in addition to the funds going to the new college. After campus-wide debate, the request for funding was denied by the Board of Trustees because of insufficient funds. For the next several years, Wiess and Lovett Colleges will switch masters houses.

Balconies to reopen on Beer-Bike

SECOND FLOOR BALCONY, from Page 1
second-floor balcony, occurred last spring. The balconies were locked down for five days as a result.

The constitution also states that Food and Housing can charge a $500 fine for each item thrown from a balcony. Patel agreed that last weekend's incident could not be taken lightly.

"Somebody could have been seriously injured, a junior said. "That is why we have the balcony policy in the first place."

In their email, Rees, a senior, and Salinas, a sophomore, blamed the events on an overall lack of responsibility.

"I go out there on a regular basis, so I'm a little annoyed that they're closed, but I'll survive," Wheeler said.

"I think it sucks that they closed the balconies," Williams said. "I'd like to be outside in the nice weather. My friends have to go downstairs to smoke. However, I think it's a reasonable thing to do."
BY G.B. TRUDEAU

THE RICF THRESHER
DOONESBURY
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2001

THAT'S THE MONITOR.
WILL, BE HERE, AND
OVER THERE IS THE
CASH BAR?

THANKS FOR
THE CASH
BAR.

WHAT CAN
I DO FOR
YOU?

NICE TO
SEE YOU.

WHAT HAPPENED TO
YOUR DRIVER'S
LICENSE?

THE WEBSITE...?

WELL, GREAT.
THE SCREEN... NOW
I'M JUST... OKAY.

YOU ARE GATHERING HERE
TODAY IN REAL TIME
ON ZEKE AND JOAN'S
WEB SITE.

MAYBE YOUR
EX-FOSTER
BROTHER?

WHAT IS
THE PRICE?

ACTUALLY, THIS IS
WORTH $29.95.

ANYONE KNOWS ANY
REASON...?

THAT IS A LOT OF
PRAYER... PRAYING
ON THE WEB.

DON'T GIVE ME
STORIES...

AND NO ONE
WANTS THAT?

AND ONCE, WHEN
JOAN TO BE YOUR
HUSBAND IN IT, AND
YOU'RE NOT.

ARE YOU STILL
WEARING YOUR
RING?

WHAT?

THE "FUTURE".
NO OUTCRY...

THEY'RE SPOONS
NOW.

WANT YOU TO YOUR...

WALK AGENT...

S0 YOU WANTED...?

WHAT?

WE'VE GONE TO
DO THE
DINNER VOUCHER.

DON'T YOU
THINK THAT'S
FUNNY?

NO PRIZE.
YOU CAN
WAIT.

MY CRUSH...
ZEKE'S
MOTHER?

YOUR
HUSBAND?

THAT'S OKAY.

UM... I
FROZE.

AND NOW,
IF ANYONE
KNOWS ANY
REASON...

I'M JUST
MARRIED.

WHAT A
SHAME, N
CALL YOUR
ZEKE.

IS HE
HERE?

AND YOU
WANT TO...

ARE YOU
HERE?

WANT TO...

THE BEE.

WELL, GREAT
NOW I'M
MARRIED
AND YOU'RE
NOT?

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

PLEASE.

THAT'S
WHAT? BOOYAH!

THEY'RE
LOOKING

THAT'S
YOUR EX
PROBLEMS.

ACTUALLY,
THIS IS
WORTH
$29.95?

NO

DON'T
FORGET

WHAT'S
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WHERE WE'RE
GOING TO
THE MONITOR.

YOU'D USE IT?

OVER THERE IS THE
CASH BAR.

TWO PRINCE.
MINIMUM
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SA SPRING ELECTIONS 2001

Voting begins today at noon and runs through Wednesday, March 28, at 1 p.m. Names appear in alphabetical order. They were provided by the Student Association secretary. Blurs appear without photos for candidates who submitted a blurb but did not have the photo taken. The names of candidates who did not submit blurbs but did have a photo taken are accompanied by a photo only. The names of candidates who neither submitted a blurb nor had a photo taken appear alone. Blurbs were edited for formatting purposes only. Except for minor style changes, blurbs appear exactly as submitted.

IM SPORTS FEE REFERENDUM

Currently, the Intramural Sports Program budget is working at a 24% deficit since its inception in 1993, under-funded in training and salaries for sports officials and depreciated equipment. The Intramural Sports Program is proposing a $5.00 student fee increase from $10.00 to $15.00 to upgrade the level of safety and service to students.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (choose 1)

Amada Armenta

Hi, My name is Amada Armenta and I'm running for University Council Undergraduate Rep. I'm very interested in seeing how Rice works. As students, we should never have to feel that the administration is unresponsive to us. I think it's very important that the administration and student body talk to have open lines of communication, and I'd love the possibility of facilitating this goal. Thanks.

Jonathan Behr

As a rising senior, I have contributed to the Rice student community in many ways. I already have served as an undergraduate representative on the University Standing Committee on Teaching, and I have also served on the Martel College Founding Committee. I am enthusiastic about continuing to serve, and I feel qualified to be your representative on the University Council.

Jonathan Behr

Joshua Barron

Hi, I am Joshua Barron and I am a freshman from li.inszcui Cc'Hge. I believe the Honor Council is important in maintaining the moral fiber of Rice students. I have always been very interested in public service, and I think the student body should be able to choose the people who represent them on the Honor Council. I would love to have the opportunity to serve the student body on the Honor Council when you vote for Honor Council At-Large Representative.

Randy Meissen

Evan Van Ness

HONOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE REP. (CHOOSE 3)

SAMMY THE OWL

Jo Rees, Julia Buergler and Tiffany Bludau

It is our life long dream. To be Sammy the Owl. Although it is not yet a reality, we like to smell bad. And years to be.

Wet, sweaty and hot (work, work) Covered in feathers and whatnot. Tiffany Bludau, yeah, you're probably seen. How she acts when she's not on the ground. A fine spectacle she would be Making Sammy a hot, sexy owl.

Jo, Boss, a crazy redheaded to most. She would intentionally cause a scene. Definitely has the best sex appeal to boast. This girl could definitely support our team.

Julia Buergler, a laughing, dancing fool Could also become some new moves While she makes everyone laugh. She could introduce some brand new grooves. (Ok, that's corny)

See how many talents we've got. How could you not want us for your mascot? If you're not convinced that we're the greatest, Then, whatever, everyone else is.

Vote Tiffany, Jo, and Julia. A punny, fire blood crew Ready to be Sammy for you.

SA DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Applications are available for the position of SA DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

- Newcomer's Guide
- SA Silver Saver Card
- SA Books of Clubs
- OC Housing Guide

This year-long position offers COMPENSATION for the summer work (director is required to work on campus for ten weeks, 40 hours a week).

Applications are available in the Office of Student Media in the IMC clusters of the Student Center or online at www.ruf.rice.edu/~smmedialsaadp.htm.

Email keeper@rice.edu for more information.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28. INTERVIEWS WILL BE THE NEXT WEEK.
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Finding Off-Campus Housing

Corey E. Devine

When conducting a search for an apartment, don’t limit yourself. You don’t have to live in a dormitory or a single apartment. Some of your favorite one-bedroom apartments are garage apartments. At the edge of Montrose (just minutes from campus), you can find apartments ranging in price from $300 to $500 per month. It’s possible to live in an apartment complex where you can’t find parking! Instead, you could be living in your own apartment with your own parking space and additional privacy.

If small garage apartment doesn’t appeal to you, round up a group of friends and start house-hunting. Nothing could be nicer than having a fully-sized house to share with a few close friends. Reserving neighborhoods on the edge of Montrose offers some very generous bargains if you look closely.

In addition to our seafood and pasta specialties, here is a sample of our burger menu:

- Turkey Burger: 4.25
- Hamburger: 3.95
- Steak Submarine: 4.25
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich: 3.95
- Crabcake Burger: 4.75
- Cheesesteak Submarine: 4.75
- Turkey Burger: 4.25

The usual suspects

2001 University
2nd Level Village Arcade
Across From Two Rows
(713) 520-1945

Boiled Crawfish: $4.25 lb

DRAFT BEER

$1.25 Pints / $4.00 Pitchers
All Day!
**Hanszen’s St. Patrick’s Day Party**

Hanszen College hosted its annual St. Patrick’s Day bash on Saturday. Everyone dressed up in a little green, but most were still hoping to get pinched.

Below: Mashed potato, anyone?

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**RICE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM (RUSP)** *(HONS470/471)*

RUSP is designed for juniors or seniors from any department who are considering graduate school and/or academic careers. Students who are accepted into the program undertake independent research projects mentored by a faculty member identified by the student. Research grants in the range $250-$1,700 per year are awarded to help pay the costs of RUSP projects. Many students attend a professional conference and present a paper.

During the first semester (3 credits), each student writes a funding proposal, prepares oral and written progress reports and begins work on the research project. Weekly class meetings deal with a variety of topics related to research and scholarship.

In the second semester, (variable credit, usually 3-6 credits), students focus on research/writing and present their results orally and in the form of a scholarly manuscript.

The RUSP faculty coordinators for 2001-2002 are:

Don Johnson  
ECE  
(johnson@rice.edu)  x4956

James L. Kinsey  
Chemistry  
(jkinsey@rice.edu)  x4937

James Pomranitz  
Psychology  
(pomranitz@rice.edu)  x3419

For further information, consult the RUSP web page:

http://www.owlnet.rice.edu/~hons470/  
(or look up the HONS470 page from the Rice University home page).

This web site includes information about applying for the 2001-2002 program. Applications can be filed either electronically (the method suggested) or by hard copy. The web site also contains a FAQ list and the names and email addresses of current RUSP students. Please feel free to contact any of the faculty coordinators or current students.

**Application deadline:** April 6, 2001.

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**Rice Student Specials**

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$6.46  
One Medium One-Topping Pizza and One Drink

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Above: Hanszen College senior Jayee Goswami and Wiess College freshman Rohan Wagle walk down the 'catwalk' to the sights and sounds of South Asian Cinema.

Right: Brown College freshman Chris McGraw performs Bhangra, a popular folk dance that dates back to the 1400's when it was used to celebrate the harvest festival Bhaisakhi.

Below: Wiess College junior Marco Campos performs in "Soni Soni," a traditional song celebrating Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Holi marks the first day of spring.

Above: Wiess College freshman Rohan Wagle takes his turn at Antakshari, a musical game typically played between two groups. The first group begins with a song; the letter ending this song must be the first letter of the song the second sings.

Right: Hanszen College freshman Amit Patel as Rahul in "I Wish I Was As Fortunate as Me," a skit about the conflicting forces that affect South Asian youth growing up in America.

feature by Renata Escobar and Katie Streit, photos by Katie Streit
South Asia Night entertains while raising money for earthquake victims

Almost 600 people packed Hamman Hall to experience a night of music, dancing, and dining last Friday evening.

South Asia Night 2001 showcased various aspects of South Asian culture. Approximately 90 performers participated in musical performances, dances, a fashion show and skits. After the performance, the audience and performers proceeded to Grand Hall where they sampled Indian cuisine.

The theme for South Asia Night 2001 was SAS Wars, which organizers integrated into the program through short skits that parodied Star Wars. Throughout the evening, Luke Skywala worked to rescue Princess Lota and battle Master Vader and his evil Starbucks Empire that threatened to Americanize all cultures.

The acts covered a wide variety of entertainment that ranged from traditional Indian dances to a percussive fusion of “Stomp” and “Taal,” meaning beat or rhythm.

This year’s South Asia Night was a huge success, selling out in only 2 days. Like Diwali night in the fall, South Asia Night was put on by Rice’s South Asian Society, which works to spread awareness about South Asian cultures both on campus and in the community.

Hanszen College senior Joyee Goswami and Sid Richardson College senior Tojo Thomas, co-presidents of South Asian Society, organized the event. All proceeds went to the earthquake victims in India through the Adopt-a-Village program.
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   Mac manager   Photo Ads/business   Online   Calendar
   Graphics/illustrations   The one and only Backpage

2. Briefly describe or list relevant experience.

3. Why do you want to work for the Thresher? (In 30 words or less.)

4. What kind of weekly time commitment are you willing to make?

5. What’s your favorite section in the Thresher?
thresher@rice.edu
The Rice Thresher's Recommendations for Events Around Houston, Starting March 29, 2001

Today through Sunday

Bayou City Art Festival

Three hundred artists from around the world will be displaying and selling their paintings, sculptures, photographs and other works. The festival also includes music by Liu Chen, Watson & Co. and Fat Surfaces, as well as plenty of food and beverages.

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Memorial Park on Memorial Drive. For more info, call (713) 522-0133.

Tomorrow

On-Campus Grovesty Music Fest

Port Yale National Splits and Electro Groove present Grovesty 2001 in the Lovett College basement in a concert hosted by Rice's own KTRU 91.7 FM. Free for Rice students, $3 for others, 10 p.m.

Sunday

Academy Awards Viewing Party

For the third year in a row, the Barse Club Landmark Theatre is hosting an Oscar party with the show projected onto a big screen. The event includes food, a cash bar, door prizes, contests and much more. Black tie attire encouraged. Part of the proceeds will go toward the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. $10.70 p.m. 2009 West Gray. For more info, call (713) 850-0217.

Hanszen's 'Free Will and Wanton Lust' seduces audience

Julia Schwent

The walls are a rich purple. The furniture and carpet are a luscious red. There are toilets of alcoholic ink upon a corner. The light is low. Jazz music is playing softly. A man is sprawled out on a red couch, and a woman wearing a slinky, mid-length standing center stage, looking quite intoxicated. Enter 20-year-old son Tom (Baker College freshman Joe Davis) to buy a Bitsy Big-Boy Bommeroo. The event includes plenty of food and beverages.

Tree will and wanton lust

Rice College

Tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. $4 students, $6 non-students.

Robert Reichle

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

When auditions for Will Rice College's The Butter Battle were announced some months ago, you couldn't have found a bigger skeptic than me. As a student-created opera set on the story of Dr. Seuss' The Butter Battle Book, using the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan, I didn't think anyone could ever come up with a stronger combination, or one that could have so many potential problems.

Did they ever prove me wrong.

Director/lyricist Jonathan Ichikawa, a Will Rice sophomore, and the rest of his enormous cast and crew have taught me never to judge a Butter Battle Book by its cover.

The Butter Battle is a Cold War-inspired cautionary tale about the dangers of an escalating arms race.

Just like in the book, the neighbor- yooks and zooks are identical societies except for one dehumanizing exception that makes them dangerous. The yook enemies eat the zooks with the broadside up, and the zooks eat it with theBroadside side down.

The story begins with Miso Yook-Ann Sue (Baker College freshman Harley Brown) defending the rest of the yooks in celebration of her father's (Will Rice senior Alex Hemsath) election to the position of Chief Yooker. Yook-Ann is en- gaged to Arneal Chief Yook (Ichikawa), the leader of the yook army, but they can only wed after winning the butter-down zook for has been conquered.

Frederick brings the yooks one step closer to victory when his sol- diers capture the zooks General Vanlitch (Will Rice freshman Jason Longoria). While intoxicated, Vanlitch strikes panic in the heart of every yook when he describes the latest zook weapon—the Triple-Shot Yag- ger. Soon Chief Yookeroo is bearing Jagger-Rock Smoothness, the latest in defensive technology. The butterfly armed科学ナバYookeroo (Baker College freshman John Bybee) wins the Butter Battle, and the zook nuclear warheads are disarmed. The event includes music by Levi Chen, Watson & Co. and Fat Surfaces, as well as plenty of food and beverages.

ART FESTIVAL HOUSTON THROUGH BAYOU CITY

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An exercise of ‘Free Will’

WANTON, from Page 19
were going to be singing and bi-
larious portrait of Vivian as a kind
of finomine Steve Urkel.

Director Alexandra Herrera (Brown '99) and producer/administrative director Fred Konter (a physics and an-
tronomy graduate student) have done a remarkable job in bringing the show to life. The blocking is clever and
searchable, the performances are smooth, the lighting is right on time,
and the sets and costumes are suitable for the pain they are going through.

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FOR THE THRESHER

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LARS FREDERIKSEN AND THE BASTARDS

Lars Frederiksen, guitarist and vocalist for top-notch punk group Rancid, had a tough childhood growing up in Campbell, Calif. It's clear because he's frequently mentioned his personal history on Rancid's Web site, in a handful of Rancid songs and now on the new self-titled debut album from his side project Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards. While it's clear that Frederiksen poured a lot of himself into making these personal songs, musically the album comes up short despite his hard work.

The biggest problem with the album is that few of the 13 other songs feel overloaded and musically the album was much more into the lyrics than the music. Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards is much better than the average punk product nowadays, but it's disappointing compared to Frederiksen's work with Rancid.

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About Here." Too bad his melodies, even when they're not tripe singer/songwriter fare, are usually bogged down by too many synthesized trills. It's an otherwise promising debut. Let's just hope Math and Science loses the primitive Radio God's-style production in the future.

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Palm Pilots, Peeps and Satanic cheerleaders

Ali Cohen

South by Southwest interactive suffers from a mild case of SSNW Musicitis. What is that again, music and the SSNW Film Festival seems equally self-explanatory. But what exactly constitutes "interactive"?

Is the Internet interactive? Are all of these sites talking simple stories about engaging and complex people? Hardly interactive, though.

Just two years ago, an interactive conference would have been expected to focus on e-commerce. But the recent downturn in the Internet economy combined with the independent spirit of the festival meant that Internet corporations were fair game for jobs of all sorts — even with "website" spelled out in purple marshmallow Peeps on a table outside the Convention Center.

For example, this rogue antiaffiliation corporation sentiment popped up in a panel discussion on user-based commerce, where one panel member asked, "Well, how is using user input different from what market researchers do to design ads?"

Meter Methola, a Web pundit leading the discussion, blurted out, "Because they are evil! Marketers are trying to play off your worst fears. It's well documented. That's not what we are trying to do at all."

The SSNW Web Awards ceremony was the culmination of the weekend. Hundreds of people crammed into a hotel ballroom patiently waiting to see if their blogs' Web sites would win. John Baldry, Syn of Prehensiletales.com and Fishbowl.com, did a commendable job hosting the tough crowd of post punk hipsters, managing to play all their shared culture, which is comprised of both the constant threat of downsizing and the Web craze over Turkish accordion player Malar.

In Styx's hands, otherwise jazzy music seemed refreshed, and the band managed to deflect even the worst set ups. At one point, an award winner made the audience repeat, "I promise never to use the words 'all your base are belong to us.' Styx smoothly followed up with aready-made montage of past SSNW photos illustrating that same sentiment.

Still, the award ceremony spotlighted a few facts to peruse during those rare moments of procrastination. Of particular note was Satanbitha.com, which won for Best E-commerce Site. Sadly, representatives from the site were not around to accept their award, though the staff of Satanbitches.com (nominated in the "Weird/Extreme" category) were present in abundance, spotting rubber skirts and black jodhpurs.

The winner for Best Web Log was Whoreweb.com, a site that combines two of the sweetest fruits of new media technology — eBay and the Web log format. Who would have thought it? Funky items for sale online, and it's either a clever comment on the deceptions consumers can sink to or a one-stop shopping list for the pink flamingo set.

After the Web Awards, Derek Poswack of Fishbowl.com held a forum called the Fish Cafe at a nearby coffeehouse. Fishbowl.com compiles diverse narratives about life, work and the daily grind. In the tradition of the site, audience members were invited to get up and tell their own stories. Lance Arthur, an independent author and creator of Glassgad.com, told one of the best stories, about being young and broke in Los Angeles. Reading out of a Palm V, Arthur was a verbal rock star. His story was personal, sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and aside from the newfangled technology for his words, timeless.

Which is maybe the true meaning of "interactive." It's not about computers so much as a return to community. The Internet of SSNW is a D.I.Y. assortment of people creating stories. They aren't set to music and they aren't projected on a screen, but anyone is free to join in.

Each spring, hordes of musicians, filmmakers, industry types, designers, artists and just plain fans descend upon humble little Austin for South by Southwest, a music, film and interactive conference. Everyone's hoping to be branded as the Next Big Thing — or at least take credit for discovering them. Here's what we found.

Photos and design by Mariel Tam
Take a detour around Hollywood for real-life stories

Marian Levy
THIEF"

The first time I went to SXSW, I was a scared sophomore, armed only with my camera and a press badge reading "Rice University." Though I had no idea what the festival was about, I was completely intimidated. But then, the lyrics aren't from M. whose "Pop Musik" was a new sound for "masterminds," and Iaved to pop stars because the music was too popular...I agree...But Clem Snide's sound is hardly...I have never felt more uncomfortable in a movie screening than at this SXSW show. The audience's passion..."The Sweetest Sound"...The director, Alain Berliner, is best known for his film "Me vs. The Gnome", a charming coming-of-age film about..."Johnny, what are you doing?"...I've always despised...I am supporting..."Everytime I X-Ray"..."SXSW showcases the diverse future of rock and pop..."Two of them wear underpants..."I made my own Best of Outkast record which I call..."Ex Talking Head David Byrne, speaking on binding his own CAs, at the SXSW fest..."over R.B. who the hell gave Kathv Lee Gifford..."Of course, I realize this doesn't..."If you have any interest in the...""I made my own Best of Outkast record which I call...""Ex Talking Head David Byrne, speaking on binding his own CAs, at the SXSW fest...""SXSW showcases the diverse future of rock and pop...""Two of them wear underpants...""I made my own Best of Outkast record which I called...""Ex Talking Head David Byrne, speaking on binding his own CAs, at the SXSW fest..."
There's a Cinderella story here at Rice, too

by Rassul Zarinfar

Chris Larson is sports editor and a Baker College junior.

This has got to be my favorite time of the year.

I don't say this because right now is probably the biggest win of the year for Rice. Of course, weather or even because Beer-Bike and Roodelet are just around the corner.

It's because we're right in the middle of March Madness, the NCAA basketball tournament that, in many ways, mightily over every other sporting event known to man. It's the time of year when brackets abound in virtually every office and dorm room around the nation and I have my annual opportunity to talk trash to my dad about our yearly tournament handicapping contest.

My favorite part of the tournament happened last weekend when two little-known schools from all over the country put their names on the map by conquering some of the top basketball programs in the country. The No. 16 Towson University-Saints, who knocked off Oklahoma, Utah State handed Ohio State, Kent State took out mighty Indiana and Gonzaga is dancing into the Sweet 16. My dad mumbled about how Virginia, Hampton, seeded 15th, fell second-seeded LSU in a game featuring the most poignant moment of the tournament, when a Hampton player grabbed head coach Steve Merfeld's legs manically in unbridled jubilation after the victory.

What is it in me, the 30 minutes of the game I watched, made me feel like I was the biggest Virginia fan? Like I was a member of the Hampton's team. I think it's because I want to hear their story. Next weekend, the Final Four round, I'll probably join with four big-name schools who will dominate a lot of the press.

But beginning last weekend, Rice gears up for hectic road ahead

by José Luis Cubra

Baseball

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IN FOCUS: BASEBALL

Recent: 22-6

WAC record: 13-3 (14)

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Junior Eric Arnold hit a double off Baylor ace closer Dunk Carlson in the 10th inning to give the Owls the win. Wednesday, however, a string of six WAC pitchers held the Owls to just two hits.

Up next: The Owls begin three-game series against Pepperdine (12-10, 6 Western Athletic Conference), which shared the regular season title.

Junior center fielder Armando Murillo is pitched for the pitcher in Rice's 15-7 win over San Jose State University Sunday. The Owls open a three-game series against Fresno State University tonight at 7 p.m. at Reckling Park.

Sounds imposing, doesn't it? But the Owls aren't worried.

"I think the more you play, the better you get," junior third baseman Hunter Brown said. "It's like the coaches say, it's better to play than to practice. Playing those good teams, it's just going to prepare us better for the end, which is hopefully the College World Series."
Born winner

With Rice baseball already among the nation’s elite, Wayne Graham makes school history with his 400th win.

Story by José Luis Cubria
Photos by Renata Escobar

For Rice and college baseball fans around the country, it was an image they may never forget.

And chances are that not one person saw it happen live.

The day was June 16, 1999, and Wayne Graham’s Rice Owls were in the College World Series. Rice trailed the University of Alabama 4-2 late in a game that would decide the fabled “victory for the summer.”

Damon Thomas, Rice’s all-American shortstop, was at the plate with two runners on. After falling behind 0-2, he fouled off four or five pitches before ripping a line drive down the left field line. The ball was ever-so-slightly hooking foul.

As Thomas did his best Carlton Fisk impression, the players on the left field line, all eyes were on the catcher that, just moments after a left Thomas’ bat, hit the foul pole screen for a home run, giving Rice a late 5-4 lead in the biggest game in school history.

It was Wayne Graham letting go in a rare moment of visible elation, allowing his emotions to take over while in the heat of battle.

It was Wayne Graham enjoying the game that has been his hallmark for more than 50 years.

As Graham, whose list of accomplishments is already a mile long, reached yet another milestone Sunday when he won his 400th game as Rice’s head coach.

Graham’s record at Rice is now an impressive 401-184, giving him a school-record .685 winning percentage.

It’s not nearly as glamorous as his 500th win will be two or three seasons from now. But the achievement, which was honored by commemorative T-shirts featuring a drawing of Graham, is still important, if only because he accomplished it less than midway through his 10th season.

“It took me by surprise,” said Graham, who took over the program prior to the 1992 season. “I wasn’t even keeping count. It’s important to me, but the more significance is the fact that we’re averaging over 40 wins per year. I think that’s significant, particularly when you look at the first three years.”

In Graham’s first three seasons, Rice managed 59-36 and 54 wins. Since then, the Owls have not won fewer than 42 and set a school-record total of 65 wins in 1999 with 59.

“It brings this program here just short of how good it’s been,” added a fifth-year senior pitcher, Jeff Mitchell. “I don’t know if they’d ever thought we were good enough to win 40-50 wins—ever, and now he’s averaging 40. He’s turned the program around.”

Actually, Rice had one 40-win season before Graham’s arrival, a 41-14 campaign in 1974. Now the program has managed six straight, and a seventh is well on its way for the top-ranked Owls.

“It’s hard toathom how a school like Rice, with its notoriously weak athletic department and stringent emphasis on academics, can consistently field an elite team in any sport,” said Graham always knew it could be done. “I wouldn’t have come to Rice if I didn’t think someone could do it,” he said. “It would have gone into a situation where I didn’t think that type of thing was possible.”

Success is nothing new for the Houston native. He played high school baseball at Reagan High School before going to the University of Texas for two years, where he played under legendary UT coach Bibb Falk.

Then came an 11-year professional career, most of which he spent in the minor leagues. He did break into the big leagues on two occasions, including a 10-game stint with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1992 and 20 games with the New York Mets the following year.

Following his days as a ballplayer, Graham returned to UT to finish his education, receiving B.S. in physical education in 1970. He added a master’s degree in education from the University of Houston in 1973.

A round this time, he began coaching high school baseball, first at Scarborough High School for nine seasons, then at Spring Branch High School for one. In those 10 years, Graham won nearly 70 percent of his district games, but he says he came very close to getting out of coaching.

“I would’ve taught for a number of years and then gone into school administration,” Graham said. “In fact, I almost did. At Spring Branch, they offered me a grade level principalship.

“I thought about it because I didn’t want to continue coaching high school baseball forever. And it looked like I was going to. It was tempting, but then right after I turned that job down, that year I got the San Jacinto job.”

Graham took the reins of San Jacinto Junior College’s baseball program in 1981 and immediately made it the premier program in the nation. In 11 seasons at San Jac, Graham’s teams won 11 conference championships, five national championships and nearly 84 percent of their games.

Graham’s list of honors at San Jac— including being named the junior college coach of the century by Collegiate Baseball—is endless. But he wasn’t finished. Following the 1991 season, Graham decided to move on once again, this time taking his dream job as head coach of the Rice baseball team.

The man who hired him, Rice Athletics Director Bobby May, said the hire was a perfect fit.

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Men's lacrosse scores two wins, prepares for playoff run

by Jake Robson

No one can say that the men's club lacrosse team can't deal with adversity. Last weekend, the Owls overcame several key injuries, including three games in two days and terrible weather to defeat Baylor University and Texas A&M University, dropping only one decision in a row to a strong University of Missouri club.

Rice took on Baylor on Friday afternoon in the weekend's only conference match, making it the must-win game of the weekend. Rice jumped out to an early lead on goals from sophomore Paul Amonson, McGurk and senior Phil McDaniel. Amonson's goal marked his return from a broken collarbone suffered at the beginning of the season.

Rice dominated on the offensive end and during set plays, but Baylor used the transition game, scoring several unce- tioned, breakaway goals to keep the game close. Though Rice trailed at points in the second half, a goal by junior James Graham looking back as if it would be the game-winner, a Baylor goal in the next minute sent the game to sudden death overtime.

In the extra period, junior Ben Amis stepped up, taking the ball hard to his face. Several defenders before breaking the half past the Baylor goal to give Rice the 9-8 win. After the win, the Owls drove to New Orleans to stand for Saturday's round of non-conference tournament. McGurk, Amis, junior Chris Glass and freshman Mark Watabe all sat out Saturday's games due to bruises and injuries. Though none of the injuries are expected to be serious, Rice took the opportunity to give some of the team's role players some game experience without putting its conference record on the line.

In Saturday morning's game, Rice's inexperience was evi- dent, as the Owls fell 12-1 to a more experienced, less fatigued Missouri club. The night game, the first in Rice history, ended better, as Rice defeated host Tulane 9-7. Senior captain Brian Nash recorded a hat trick, junior Matt Ludwig added two goals and sophomore Josh McDaniel got his first Rice goal. Reserve goalie Bill Lavelle and the Rice defense held strong in the night game, holding off a second-half surge from Tulane.

"We got a little hung up this weekend, but there were a ton of positives as well," coach Joey Olivier said. "It was great that we could play well enough to be into the tournament." The mid-season stretch has gone relatively smoothly so far. First, the Owls swept three games from San Jose State, which shared last year's WAC championship with Rice, last weekend. Then they edged 300-ranked Baylor University in a wild 8-7 game on Tuesday before falling to the University of Houston 4-3 on Wednesday.

The Owls have made an error in 14 straight games, including a sea- son's worst five losses against Baylor and Tulane.

"We've got to believe that the next game is better than that," Olivier said. "It's unbelievable. But I know we're a better defensive team than we've got guys that have been skilled, always. We're not rock bottom now. It's bound to swing their pride, so we've got to keep them together.

Injuries are also a slight con- cern for Rice. Freshman second baseman Jose Enrique Cruz (sprained ankle) and senior pitcher Joe Rocco (generalized abdominal muscle) are bothered by minor in- juryes, but both should play this weekend.

The status of senior infielder Matt Cox (concussion) is still up in the air.

Meanwhile, senior Jeff Nichols will start tomorrow's game, which is the Owls' first conference match, making it the must-win game of the weekend. Nichols has been the Owls' third-starter spot all year, but is currently re- side by junior Annie Huang helped the Owls build a 7-5 halftime lead.

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Women's lacrosse falls to Baylor 13-9

by Jake Robson

The women's club lacrosse team just can't seem to get over the hump against Baylor University. For the third time in two seasons, Rice lost to Baylor in overtime, this time by a 13-9 final score.

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Relay earns all-America honors

By John C. Chao
THE RICE THRESHER

Rice more than doubled its lifetime of all-American swimmers last weekend at the 2001 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Long Island, N.Y. Sophomores Monty Mularz, juniors Rachel Armstrong and Katie Hermann and senior Kim Maher each qualified for the NCAA Championships when they came in eighth place in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Prior to this season, only three Owl swimmers had earned all-American status.

"Relatively few swimmers are all-Americans, but it's hard to believe I actually earned it," Armstrong said. "All the work paid off at a national level and it's something unexpected for this year.

It was the first time a Rice relay had ever advanced to the national meet. The Owls finished with a total of 22 points at the meet to finish 29th, capping off the most successful season in school history. The team's previous best was a six-point, 29th, capping off the most successful season in school history. The team's previous best was a six-point, 29th, capping off the most successful season in school history. The team's previous best was a six-point, 29th, capping off the most successful season in school history. The team's previous best was a six-point, 29th, capping off the most successful season in school history.

The relay was ranked 29th nationally before the meet, so the Owls knew they would likely have to shave off some time to be among the eight teams qualifying for the final. "Our times were a collective effort," Armstrong said. "Kim swam a lot faster and we all pretty much had to have the swim of our lives and we pretty much did." Armstrong said. "We were all holding our breath and hoping to make finals," The Owls finished a time of 1:31.53 in the event final. The Owls' preliminary qualifying time of 1:31.52, sixth-fastest in the field, set a new school record. The Owls won 1:31.53 in the event final.

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"It feels pretty cool to be all-American," Armstrong said. "All the work we've put into it, but it's hard to believe I actually earned it," Armstrong said. "All the work we've put into it.

The University of Georgia won the team title with 389 points. Rice earned the third-highest total of 300 points. Southern Methodist University finished with 212 points, while the University of Hawaii was 28th with a total of 202 points.

Entering the meet, the Owls were ranked 25th by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, the first-ever national rankings for the program, and the Owls goal was to finish the year in the rankings. Armstrong said. "We were all holding our breath and hoping to make finals," The Owls finished a time of 1:31.53 in the event final. The Owls' preliminary qualifying time of 1:31.52, sixth-fastest in the field, set a new school record.

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The members of the tight-knit relay team say their close relationships with each other were an important key to their success. "When you're in a relay, you have to be close and to think about the team," Armstrong said. "We had to spend a lot of time together the last month. I wish the whole team could have been on the relay so we could have the same bond." Mularz, Armstrong and Hermann all swam in individual events as well but none advanced to the finals or consolation finals in their events. Mularz registered Rice's top individual finish with a 21st-place performance in the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 23.06.

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Unbeaten streak comes to an end

by Eric Raub

The bubble finally burst. After opening the season with 34 straight wins, the men’s tennis team dropped its first loss last weekend when it went 3-2 at the Rice-Grey Championships-Montgomery, Ala. Both losses came to top-20 teams.

The weekend started off well as the unranked Owls downed No. 57 Boise State University 4-3 in a qualifying match. Rice then pulled off its biggest upset of the season against No. 31 Wake Forest University. The Owls split the singles matches and the first two doubles matches with the Demon Deacons, and the entire match rested on the No. 3 doubles spot. For the second time in less than a week, the Owls pulled out a come-from-behind victory as sophomores Matthias Mathes and Cody Jackson, trailing 7-4 in the match, fought back to force a tiebreaker to play 22nd-ranked University of North Carolina at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. A win against A&M. A loss is expected — a win would possibly be the biggest victory in Rice tennis history.

Rice’s former head coach, Ron Smarr, said. “It could have been 4-3,” Smarr said. “We were right on the edge of taking them to the wire. I really think we could have beaten VCU.”

The Owls spend a lot of time training for long weekends of tournaments, and they say that physical fatigue was not as big a factor as the mental fatigue from playing so many high-caliber opponents, and so many close matches, in a row. “The most difficult thing was being able to relax,” Giraud said. “The first day we played over there was still very draining emotionally. Each match we played was very draining emotionally, and I think that’s what cost us the match against Notre Dame and VCU.”

The Owls saw several missed opportunities slip through their fingers last weekend. Although they’re proud of the solid wins over Boise State and Wake Forest, they feel that they did not play as well as they could have and should have left Alabama 160, or at least 151 with a win over VCU. It was a tough tournament,” freshman Richard Barker said. “There were some sad teams there. We didn’t play well at all. We could’ve gone up 4-3. VCU showed us we could play with the top teams. But we should’ve won against VCU in all four sets.”

This weekend, the Owls get a quick breather as they face three unranked teams in the Rice Invitational, but bouncing over their heads is a showdown with 47th-ranked Texas A&M University at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in College Station.

The Owls know that Thursday’s victory has all season to mark themselves as a national tennis power. They also understand that there is no room for error against A&M, a team that recently dowed No. 3 Duke University.

If we play well we could win,” Richard Barker said. “But if we play badly we’ll get annihilated. A&M is a tennis-playing school. It should be a lot of fun.”

The most important thing for the Owls to keep in mind is that they have nothing to lose. It would also improve our ranking. We’re pretty sad about having dropped out of the rankings.”

Women’s tennis pounds overmatched opponents

by Eric Raub

Simay was a bad day to be a University of North Texas women’s tennis player.

The Lady Eagles entered Jake Hess Tennis Stadium as invited underdogs, with neither the skill nor the tradition to match up with Rice. To compound matters, they faced a Rice team hungry for a win — and an opportunity to vent its frustration — after the Owls struggled and dropped two matches the previous weekend.

The results were predictable. Rice ran away with a 7-6 shutout of the Lady Eagles. The Owls won all three doubles matches 8-2. All but one singles match was over in straight sets, and sophomore Natalie Brandt blanked her opponent 60, 60.

We haven’t really played well when we’ve needed to this year.”

— Roger White Assistant coach

The team hopes this win will get things moving in the right direction as it approaches the Western Athletic Conference and NCAA Championships.

“It was a really satisfying win,” sophomore Jeri Gonzales said. “We’ve taken some tough losses to teams we shouldn’t have lost to, so we got pumped up for the match. Even though we should’ve won, it was still a confidence booster.”

The Owls continued their strong play with a 6-1 win Wednesday over Stephen F. Austin State University to move to 8-6 on the season. In the bigger picture, however, last week was not as important to the team’s season as the next two weekends will be. Over the next two weeks, the unranked Owls will play No. 47 Tulane University and No. 31 Texas Christian University. Wins would help the Owls vault back into the national rankings and give them leverage to be considered for an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

“It would definitely inspire our post-season position and confidence a lot,” assistant coach Roger White said. “It would also improve our standing. We’re pretty sad about having dropped out of the rankings.”

A win against Tulane or TCU would also go a long way in establishing a ‘we-can-beat-dominating-teams’ trend for the Owls — they’ve completely dominated in past matches but have played very inconsistently against ranked opponents.

“We’re working hard,” White said. “We’re improving our game, and we hope to really play well before we need to win six of seven singles matches against North Texas in straight sets.

Up next: The Owls face No. 47 Tulane tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

— Roger White Assistant coach

The team hopes their domination of North Texas and Stephen F. Austin means that they’ll be ready for the tougher opponents.

“This whole season we’ve known we have good talent and can beat the really good teams like TCU,” Gonzales said. “The problem is we haven’t been hitting on all cylinders. But we did better against North Texas, I think we were all playing well and things are looking up.”

The team lists itself as not being counted out yet, and that there are both opportunities and time remaining for the Owls to earn a shot at post-season play. After Tulane and TCU, the Owls will have a shot at three more ranked teams. Another opportunity for the team is the WAC Tournament April 22-24. The winner of the tournament earns an automatic invitation to the NCAA tournament.

“That’s the good thing about tennis,” Gonzales said. “You can make the NCAA tournament one of two ways, either with your ranking or your post-season play, so we will play well, we can win our conference. Our goal is not to finish strong and get some good wins and hopefully get that post-season play.”
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Texas Instruments
Never one to give up easily, Wayne Graham gives an earful to umpire ninth inning of Wednesday's loss at the University of Houston.

David Rogers, who called Tuesday's game behind the plate. Though he usually leaves the ejections to his assistants, Graham got tossed in the

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Rice a perfect fit for Rice

From Page 25

"Wayne wanted to be at Rice," May said. "He feels very comfortable here and it's been a tremendous fit. He's had tremendous success in every aspect of the game. There wasn't a lot of tradition to build on, but he's taken a program that hadn't won a conference championship and made it into a national power."

Graham says there is no place he would rather be.

"When I grew up, the most prestigious thing in the city of Houston was Rice University," Graham said. "It was the classiest thing in Houston. And that really hasn't changed. Over the years, I don't think there's any single entity that is more respected than Rice University. So it's great to be associated with something that you basically revered growing up."

More importantly, Graham said he loves being around Rice's players.

"We've got great guys," he said. "Nobody walks around like they're hot stuff. And some programs are not like that. But these guys are the real deal. That's why it's so enjoyable coaching here. It never worries you. When you get your teeth and guts into combat, the boot is going to rock once in a while. But they make it worth it, no matter what. That's why I couldn't be coaching at a better place."

Like most great coaches, Graham emphasizes the microcosm of society because this is the information age, and that sense, baseball is a microcosm of our society," Graham said. "Every player comes in here flooded with misinformation. Flooded with it. So we have to simplify it for him and get him to thinking about a few simple things that will work. Simplifying is very difficult, but it's a must."

To prove his point, Graham quotes William Ockham, a 14th-century English philosopher.

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He also quotes Winston Churchill and discusses his theories on time travel and the universe in the same way that he recalls anecdotes about former players.

"We're always going to have the goal of winning the national championship," Graham said. "If you're anybody, you aspire to make your program the best in college baseball."

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"I want to keep coaching until all my enemies have retired, until all the ones that questioned my age and my longevity have retired," he said. "And then coach some more."

"How can you be a coach if you're not demanding?" Graham said. "If you don't set the standards, who's going to do it for them? People tell me, 'We hear you're very demanding.' Well what do you want me to be? Do you want me to make the rules?"

"Demanding coach, that's redundant. Every good coach knows this. People try to justify that, but if they don't want a demanding coach, then they don't really want a coach."

Besides asking a lot from his players, Graham says there is another secret to coaching: the art of simplicity.

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The Black Student Association hosts Soul Night in the Grand Hall in the Student Center. Enjoy SOUL FOOD and hear live jazz music starting at 6:30 p.m. for $1, or catch just the cultural show at 7:30 for $2. Purchase tickets from BSA college representatives or make reservations by sending an e-mail to jamil@rice.edu or attreu@rice.edu.

The BASEBALL team competes against Fresno State University at Reckling Park at 7 p.m.

FREE WILL AND WANTON LUST has the stage in the Hanszen College Commons tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are $4 with a Rice ID and $5 without. For reservations, contact Fred Kontur at fredy@rice.edu or call (713) 348-PLAY.

The Night Owl Swing Band sponsors the Night Owl Jam. The free event features swing music and snacks from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Wiess College Commons.

You better believe it’s butter. The Will Rice College musical BUTTER BATTLE runs tonight at 10 p.m. in the Will Rice Commons. The show closes tomorrow at 7 p.m. Tickets are $4 for students and faculty and $6 for others. For reservations, call (713) 348-PLAY or send an e-mail to Jonathan Ichikawa at youmom@rice.edu.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
At 2 p.m. the BASEBALL team takes on Fresno State University at Reckling Park.

Violent Emma Philips presents her senior RECITAL today at 2:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

At 4 p.m. the WOMEN’S TENNIS team plays Tulane University at Jakes Hess Tennis Stadium.

RONDELET kicks off at 10 p.m. at the Texas Children’s Museum at 1500 Binz St. in the Museum District. The theme, “Love Snack,” draws inspiration from a song from the ‘80s by a band that got its start in the ‘70s by making music from the ‘50s and ‘60s. Purchase tickets to the formal event for $20 in advance from your college’s Rice Program Council representative or pay $25 at the door. Shuttle runs from the Sallvport beginning at 10 a.m.

The BASEBALL team battles Fresno State University one last time at Reckling Park at 1 p.m.

It’s WILLY WEEK and it begins today with Wily’s Birthday Party, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Academic Quad.

Where’s Willy? Week 2001
Schedule of Events
Monday, March 26th
Willy’s Birthday Party
Celebrate Willy’s Birthday with cake, beverages, and games! Your first opportunity to get a free Willy Week t-shirt! Please note that this is not a campus-wide picnic this year, and dinner will NOT be served.

Tuesday, March 27th
Beer Debates
Ever wanted to know what your profs are like after a few beers? Come see Hutch, Steve Cox, Kristine Wallace, and others. Free pizza, coke, t-shirts, and $1 pitchers.

Wednesday, March 28th
Take me out to the Ball Game
Come out to the Ball Park, get dinner, sing karaoke, and play games! Prizes will be given away every 10 minutes. The colleges will be CLOSED for dinner, so get tickets (straight off your meal plan) from your college. Stick around for the baseball game versus U of H at 7 p.m. and more free stuff!

Thursday, March 29th
International Beer Night
Come get started early at 9 and try beers from all around the world for only $1. Free pizzas, fountain drinks, and t-shirts included!

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Three-word urban legend:

What time is it?

Miss Cleo: 2, 4, 6, 8!

Dr. Rice: 2000.

What time is it?


What time is it?


Dr. Rice: 2001. Your eyes are very sore.

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